

# Sundays and Beyond

April 2024  
East Koshkonong Lutheran Church  
ELCA



Friends in Christ,

One of my favorite parts of serving as a pastor is listening to the questions people have. Questions are great. While I can't always fully answer every one of the questions I get, sorry I'm not smart or talented enough for that, I do enjoy processing questions with people. One of the most common questions that I've gotten during my call as Pastor has been people asking about what's happened to loved ones who have died. Losing a loved one is always tragic, and nothing which I'm about to write is meant to undermine or demean those losses and the ways we mourn. When our loved ones die, we constantly miss

them. However, we also want to know that they are going to be ok and that we'll see them again. Our faith teaches that Jesus was raised to life from the death that he suffered from his execution. Further scripture proclaims that the very body he died with was resurrected, reanimated, revived, or whatever word best suits you; still bearing the scars from his crucifixion (John 20:27). In other words, death wasn't the end because Jesus lived on after his death! The bible tells us that we too shall be raised from death in a similar manner. St. Paul writes in Romans that "if we have been united with [Jesus] in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:5). Further, we also confess this same promise every time we recite the Apostle's Creed and say we believe, "in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting". This means that we all share in the promise of being raised from death to new life. I can't explain exactly how that will happen, like I said

earlier I'm not that smart or talented 😊 . But what I can say is that this is the promise which our faith teaches and which we will celebrate throughout this upcoming season of Easter.

Shalom to you in Christ,  
Pastor Eric

There will be no Wednesday worship April 24 due to the youth trip to Mount Horeb for the youth alive night.



Pastor Eric will be on vacation April 1-7; there will be no Wednesday worship April 3.



Congratulations to the family of Blaire Hubred, who was baptized February 25.

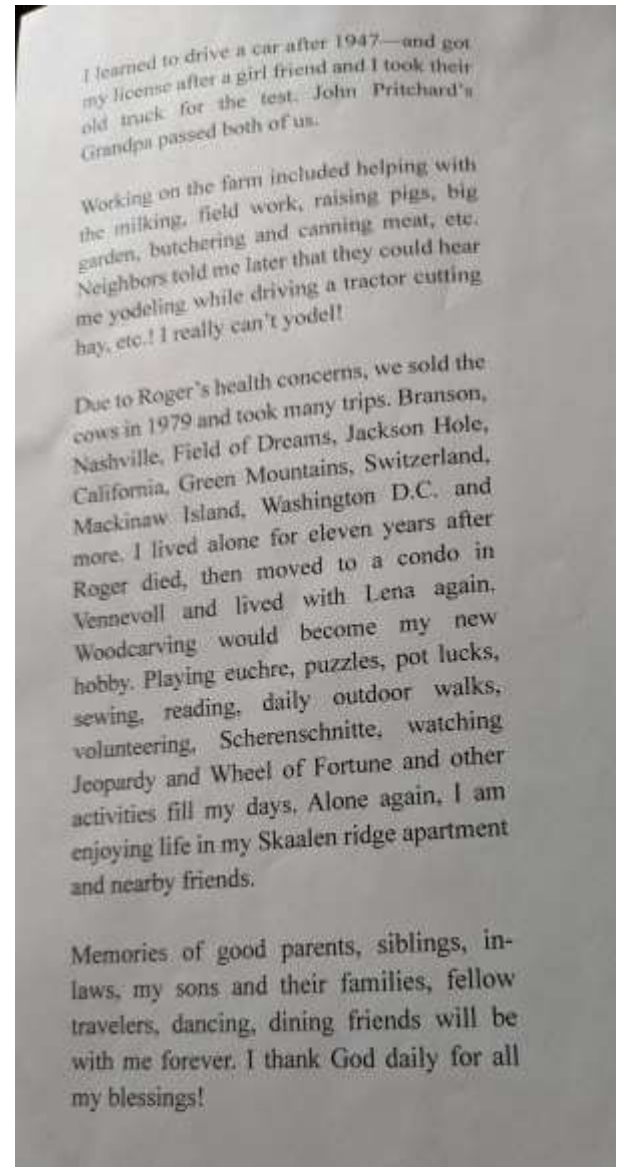
## Ramping Update

The plans for providing ramping to access the Upper Church are moving forward. The next steps involve finalizing plans and having our construction company put the workforce in place and obtaining the proper permitting, etc.

The work is scheduled to begin in June and be completed in the mid-fall time frame. There will be some variables pertaining to timing with weather and product availability always being factors, but the hope is that we will not have too many obstacles and our accessibility will be achieved according to plan.

There have been questions regarding the way to donate to this project. An account has been established and we have taken the acronym of ABCD (easy to remember) which stands for Aagot Borge Church Development. So when writing a check or other means of donating, using the EKLC -ABCD will help with directing it to the appropriate fund.

We will keep you posted on developments going forward.



**Bring in your Piggly Wiggly Receipts!**  
The CAMBRIDGE Piggly Wiggly donates a percentage of Piggly Wiggly dollars to EKLC from your receipts collected in the Church Narthex.

April Council Meeting:  
Monday, April 15, 6:00 p.m.

**2024 COUNCIL**

**PRESIDENT:** Denise Rockney

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Oren Hammes

**SECRETARY:** Linda Hanson

**TREASURER:** Ron Knapwurst

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Amy Hensel, Peggy Luther, Hal Schuh

*If you need to speak to a council member please call the church office to leave a message and they will return your call.*



You may make a secure offering/donation to EKLC by following the directions below. All donations are secured through Vanco. Thank you for your generous offering in this way! Online giving directions: With all of these options, you may set up recurring donations or make a one-time donation.

Option 1: Go to [www.eastkoshkonong.org](http://www.eastkoshkonong.org) and click on Donate. Create a profile through this secure website, if you haven't already, and complete the form on the website.

Option 2: Scan this QR code with your smartphone. Create a profile through this secure website, if you haven't already, and complete the form on the website.

Option 3: Download the GivePlus app on your smartphone for either Android or iOS. If needed, create an account with your email address. Sign into your account and search for "East Koshkonong Lutheran Church." Select the plus "+" sign and complete the form.

***If you don't have online access for this giving***

*option, you are welcome to fill out a form from the church office: 608-423-3017 or*

*eastkoshkononglutheranchurch@gmail.com*

OFFERINGS ARE ALSO ALWAYS APPRECIATED BY MAILING TO: EAST KOSHKONONG LUTHERAN CHURCH, 454 EAST CHURCH ROAD, CAMBRIDGE, WI 53523

***Treasurer's Report***

February 2024 Income: \$42,999.45

Expense: \$27,412.34

February 2023 Income: \$23,150.50

Expense: \$22,337.00

YTD 2024 Income: \$72,191.62

Expense: \$66,028.48

YTD 2023 Income: \$47,844.62

Expense: \$52,853.19

We have sound amplifying devices available in the usher stand in the narthex. Instructions for use are in the basket with the devices, as well as saniwipes for wiping off the ear bud after use. Please turn off the device after use to conserve the batteries. Thank you!

# EKLC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2024

**Attendance:** Denise Rockney, Hal Schuh, Linda Hanson (via phone), Oren Hammes, Amy Hensel, Peggy Luther, Pastor Eric. **Absent;** Ron Knapwurst

Meeting called to order by Pastor Eric at 11:45 am

## Election of Officers:

President: Hal nominated Denise. 2<sup>nd</sup>-Peggy. Nomination carried

Vice President: Peggy nominated Oren. 2<sup>nd</sup>-Hal. Nomination carried

Secretary: Peggy nominated Linda. 2<sup>nd</sup>-Amy. Nomination carried

Treasurer: Linda nominated Ron. 2<sup>nd</sup>-Amy. Nomination carried

## New Business

~Campus Improvement/Maintenance Group

~Discussion was held regarding the new group that Lane Taylor volunteered to lead during the annual meeting. This group will make recommendations to the council regarding upkeep and improvements around the East Koshkonong Campus. Hal will serve as the council liaison for the group.

Motion to adjourn by Peggy. 2<sup>nd</sup> Amy

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Adjourned 12:15 PM

Next meeting: March 18 at 6 PM



Congratulations to our First Communion Participants this year; Sammy and Alana Sable. Walter Skjolaas. Dalton Rockney. Rylan and Aleeah Veley.



Thank you to my East Koshkonong family for the prayers, cards, good wishes, and caring throughout the knee business. I appreciate every one of you. Blessings to you.

-Carolyn



May 4 ~ Church Clean Up from 9:00 a.m.-noon

May 5 ~ Installation of Council Members during worship



## *EKLC Homebound Members*

**Melissa Anderson**  
279 Hwy A, Cambridge, WI 53523

**Bea Householder** ~ Home Again  
308 England St., Cambridge, WI 53523

**Gary Johnson** ~ Home Again  
308 England St, Cambridge, WI 53523

**Arlen Lund**~ Home Again  
308 England St., Cambridge, WI 53523

**Wilma Furseth**  
1000 Ridge St 3B Stoughton, WI 53589

**Betsy Calhoun**  
10702 W Hwy 14 Evansville, WI 53536

**Belva Anderson**  
201 W Madison St Cambridge, WI 53523

**Joan Volenberg**  
2315 Hwy W Cambridge, WI 53523

**Edward & Linda Melton**  
1316 Vennevoll Dr Stoughton, WI  
53589

## **Recipe Books Still Available**

We had a very good response to our recipe book sale this year. We still have about 15 books left.

If you are interested in purchasing a book, please contact Marilyn Gunderson (423-3876). The cost is \$15.00. If you write a check for payment, please write it to WELCA.

From the church basement

Happy Easter to all. We had a little spring and then we went back into winter, so who knows what is coming next! All we know for sure is that God is with us, that we can depend upon. The next Pin and Sew is scheduled for Thursday, April 4 at 8 AM. We'll pause for coffee and meeting at 9:30. Peace Circle has the duties for April. Thanks to Light Circle for duties in March. Thanks as always to our dedicated Altar Guild, who always has us covered for worship. Thanks to our important Meals on Wheels delivery folks who take meals to shut-in folks in the area. Thanks to Marilyn, who has presented the videos of The Chosen series, and those who have been loyal attendees. This has been so very interesting and will continue at some point yet to be decided. Meeting in small groups for study is so important, and so very interesting.

I want to encourage anyone who is at all interested, to come and help with the quilt building on the 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings of each month. We may have to make some adjustments when the ramp project "ramps up", so we'll need to accomplish as much as possible when we can be in the basement to work. Thank you to everyone who comes to make this quilt project work. And believe me, it is fun work. Happy Spring.

Communicator Carolyn

The Church is looking for help on Sundays after worship to help count the offering money. If you are interested, please contact the church office or Joy Graffin.

# Worship Helpers for April 2024

**In-Person and Virtual Worship Every Sunday at 9:00am with communion**

*If you are unable to serve on a date you are scheduled please make every effort to find a replacement. If you have any questions or concerns please communicate with the appropriate contact person.*

*Thank you!*

*Organist~* Judy Rusch

*Communion Set-up/Take-down~*

*(Contact Person: Marge Stach)*

Altar Guild

*Assisting Ministers~ (Contact Person: Joy Graffin)*

4/7 ~ Gloria Fruit

4/14 ~ Carolyn Lien

4/21 ~ Vicki Schuh

4/28 ~ Holly Loomis

*Offering Counters~ (Contact Person: Joy Graffin)*

4/7 ~ Brenda Schroeder, Leila Carl & Diane Luginbuhl

4/14 ~ Jean Lehr, Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel

4/21 ~ Joy Graffin & Gloria Fruit

4/28 ~ Brenda Schroeder, Leila Carl & Diane Luginbuhl

*Lay Readers~ (Contact Person: )*

4/7 ~ Trudy Spike

4/14 ~ Beverly Lien

4/21 ~ Kristen Lien

4/28 ~ Don Amundson

*Coffee Hour~ (Contact: Sign-up in Kitchen)*

4/7 ~

4/14 ~

4/21 ~

4/28 ~

*Acolytes ~ (Contact: Pastor Eric)*

4/7 ~ Tanner Furseth

4/14 ~ Zack Durkee

4/21 ~ Casey Travis

4/28 ~ Rylie Mancheski

*Greeters~ (Contact Person: Judy Rusch)*

4/7 ~ The Rosenthal Family

4/14 ~ Peggy Luther

4/21 ~ Carole Kenseth

4/28 ~ Marg Stach

*Ushers~ (Contact Person: Vicki Schuh)*

4/7 ~ Zahn Family

4/14 ~ Frodel Family

4/21 ~ Hal & Vicki Schuh

4/28 ~ Curt & Linda Hanson

# April 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

*Pastor Eric will  
be on vacation  
April 1-7*

1

2

*6:00 p.m.  
Worship  
Committee  
Meeting*

3

*No Worship  
6:30 p.m.  
Confirmation*

4

*8:00 a.m.  
Pin & Sew  
9:30 a.m.  
meeting*

5

6

7

*9:00am  
Worship*

*9:40 coffee  
Fellowship  
Steering  
Committee  
meeting*

8

9

10

*5:30 p.m.  
Worship  
6:30 p.m.  
Confirmation*

11

12

13

14

*9:00am  
Worship*

*9:40 coffee  
Fellowship  
**Befriender's**  
Committee  
Meeting*

15

*6:00 p.m.  
Council  
meeting*

16

*6:00 p.m.  
Education  
Committee  
meeting*

17

*5:30 p.m.  
Worship  
6:30 p.m.  
Confirmation*

18

*8:00 a.m.  
Pin & Sew*

19

*20  
West  
Koshkonong  
Salad  
Luncheon  
Noon*

21

*9:00am  
Worship*

*9:40 coffee  
Fellowship*

22

23

24

*No Worship*

25

26

27

28

*9:00am  
Worship*

*9:40 coffee  
Fellowship*

29

30

March 17, 2024 Steering Committee EKLC Church Building and Grounds Campus

In attendance: Johnnie Jacobson, Hal Schuh, Chris Frodel, Marilyn Gunderson, Buddy Lein, Kurt Klemp, Oren Hammes, Kenny Rockney, Taylor Lane, Ron Knapwurst, Gloria Fruit, Don Hoehn

MISSION STATEMENT: To ensure that the buildings and property/grounds on the EKLC Campus are maintained and updated in a timely and efficient manner for current members and for posterity.

Items discussed:

All members of the congregation are welcome to come to these meetings

All members are encouraged to submit needs and wants to anyone on the committee

Sunday School: Can walls be taken down and reconfigured? The hallway walls cannot come down. But the walls between rooms can.

Rooms needs to be cleaned out and purged

There is \$25K in church account from Covid payment. There is also budget line item for church repairs.

Landscaping – **look at having front of both churches' landscaped. Can look at getting low** maintenance contract with some company or have landscaping done and church members maintain.

Driveway: many different areas of driveway to be looked at:

Have quote for \$43K to redo lower parking lot; also asking for quote to have 1 ½ inch added to base of parking lot

Driveway to upper church

Driveway around education wing and lower church

Driveway into cemetery

Request info from Council on what has been discussed, any quotes or any items approved or tabled.

Orin and Ron will request at Monday night council meeting.

Louvres on lower church: have quote from architect Bernie. Also getting quote from Amish.

Allow access to community to use church. Will this affect church insurance? Lane will look into that.

Education Committee has emailed Sunday School families to ask for their input on utilization of Sunday School space.

Add to list of needs and wants list:

East entrance – add to entrance way so public can access a Kiosk for Cemetery information.

Tree removal on west end of Sunday School Building

Replace or repair windows in front of lower church entrance.

2 lights outside of front door entrance do not turn on

Gloria will put together a spreadsheet of needs and wants

Next meeting: April 7, 2024, after church in Fellowship Hall



The South-Central Synod of Wisconsin is excited to offer a new youth ministry program—“**Alive**” Youth Night, a series of youth-focused events for middle and high school students and youth leaders from synod congregations. All congregations are invited to join from 5:30 p.m. – ~7:30 p.m. for an evening of dinner, games, icebreakers, fun, worship

**and music. East's current Confirmation class will be attending the next event and we also hope to** have a group of our high school youth attend as well. Parents, please let Pastor Eric know if you have questions or if you have student interested in attending.

The next event will be Wednesday, April 24, 2024 @ Evangelical Lutheran (Mt. Horeb)



## BINGO with Friends



We are planning a fun multi-generational event for the final day of Sunday School this year. On Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday Schoolers will provide special music during worship and host coffee hour too!

Then, as part of coffee hour, you will be given an opportunity to purchase a Bingo card and then we will play "Bingo with Friends". The ABCD group will sponsor the Bingo party. The cost will be low and the prizes will be great! This will be a fundraising event for the accessibility project and a chance for a great time for all ages. There will be plenty of yummy treats to go along with your coffee and lots of fun Bingo too!

Please plan to come and enjoy some relaxing time with friends as we move towards summertime!

**Spring**

**WEST KOSHKONONG LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**SALAD LUNCHEON**  
**SATURDAY April 20, 2024**

**12:00 noon (doors open at 11 am)**  
Serving Salads, Pies, Beverages  
Tickets **\$15.00**  
*(Includes cookbook)*

Tickets sold at:  
Nordic Nook – Stoughton  
All In The Family Hair Care – Stoughton  
SCAA Resale - Stoughton  
West Koshkonong Church Office

*Drawings / Door Prizes*  
*Additional fundraiser for American Legion Post 59*

*Proceeds will go to benefit:*  
*UW Carbone Cancer Center – Dennis Swatek; CTCL Research Fund*  
*Stoughton Personal Essentials Pantry (PEP)*  
*Marilyn Kueng (Tornado Relief Assistance)*

**Church is Handicap Accessible**

**Tickets Limited to 180**

1911 Koshkonong Rd.  
Stoughton, WI 53589  
Phone: 608-873-9456  
Seed Money Provided by Thrivent

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Cambridge, WI 53523

## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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## WORSHIP WITH US

AT 9:00AM

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

⇒ IN-PERSON

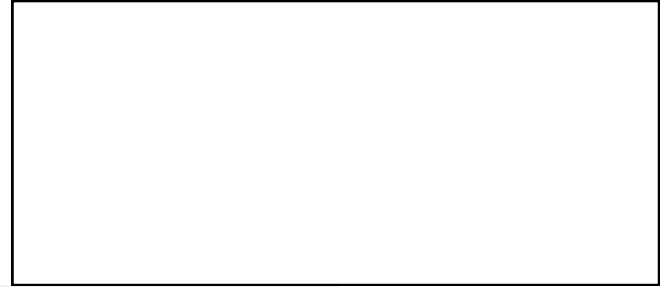
⇒ YOUTUBE

⇒ FACEBOOK

In person at 5:30pm Wednesdays

TO WATCH WORSHIP ON YOUTUBE or FACEBOOK:

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OFFICE HOURS  
Monday - Thursday

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Remember to like the videos and subscribe to the channel! <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChUv6MDQV54yCWz6oIGWezw>

**FACEBOOK PAGE** – Please "Like" us on East Koshkonong Lutheran Church Facebook!

In case of severe weather, you may contact the following resources to learn about cancellations at East Koshkonong

- church office @ 423-3017 (A message will be left on the office answering system as soon as a cancellation is made)
- web site, [www.eastkoshkonong.org](http://www.eastkoshkonong.org)