

Sundays and Beyond

January 2025
East Koshkonong Lutheran Church
ELCA



Friends in Christ,
Wow it's 2025! Is it just me or did it seem as if 2024 went by in the blink of an eye? The start of 2025 marks many different things; people are getting started on their new year's resolutions, football season is coming to a close, and another midwestern winter is just beginning. Something else that 2024 marks though is that this will be my third year of ministry here with you all! As I look back over this time that we've spent in ministry together, I feel eternally grateful for all the ways you've stepped up to do God's work during this time and I'm also grateful for all that God has done for us over this time. I hope you all know what an honor it is for me to serve as your pastor! As I look ahead to 2025 and beyond, I feel excited to see what God has in store for East Koshkonong and I hope you all do too!

Shalom to you in Christ,
Pastor Eric



This year's Christmas pageant was **CHOSEN TOO** - a take from the biblical series *The Chosen* and Disney's *Frozen*. It was delightful! Thank you to all involved: musicians, teachers, directors and all of those behind the scenes in support.



EKLC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 18, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm by President, Denise Rockney

Attendance: Denise Rockney, Hal Schuh, Oren Hammes, Amy Hensel, Peggy Luther, Pastor Eric, Linda Hanson, Ron Knapwurst. Financial secretary: Judy Lund

Agenda: Approved

Devotions: Pastor Eric: Plaque presented for Upper Church Ramp and addition dedication.

Financials:

Review and approval of financials.

Discussion: 4% of offerings go to synod payments. This does not include special offerings, only regular giving. There is \$962.72 in the Ukraine fund. Oren moved to disburse the funds to Natasha Amundson who will in turn send the amount to her family in the Ukraine for them to use as needed. 2nd by Peggy. Motion carried.

Budget: Discussion of various items in the proposed budget.

Missions and Benevolence: This is a one-time payment. We reviewed who this supports. ½ goes to local missions and ½ to national and global missions. Discussion was held on how to fund Missions and Benevolence.

Linda moved to approve financials: 2nd by Ron. Motion carried.

Review of committee reports:

Reports received: Pastors report, Education committee report, Worship committee report.

Pastor reported membership requests from Diane Ash and Kreg Gruben.

Peggy made a motion to accept these new members. 2nd by Oren. Carried.

Amy moved to approve the committee reports.

2nd by Peggy. Discussion. Motion carried.

Review and approval of minutes from last council meeting:

Amy moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. 2nd by Peggy. Motion carried.

Thank you's: Peggy will follow-up with many thank you's for events on and leading up to the ribbon cutting on the 17th of November.

Camera system update: A new I-Pad was purchased to control the camera. A "cheat" sheet is being developed for operation of audio and video. Several people have shown interest in being responsible for the operation of the system.

Ribbon cutting and dedication was held on November 17th for the ramp and improvements at the upper church. It was a wonderful service with approximately 125 people in attendance.

We are requesting a quote from a second company for the repair of the bell tower louvers and repairs on the lower church.

NCI has been contracted for repair and painting of windows on the lower church. Due to the timing, this work will be done in the spring.

A parking area light has been installed on the back west side of the church and another will be installed on the east side parking area.

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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.

January Council Meeting:
Tuesday, January 21 at 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.

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.



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 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

November 2024 Income:	\$28,412.10
Expense:	\$25,001.20
November 2023 Income:	\$39,416.24
Expense:	\$18,689.74
YTD 2024 Income:	\$356,221.63
Expense:	\$390,518.71
YTD 2023 Income:	\$253,852.79
Expense:	\$264,344.36

*please note, 2024 numbers reflect information related to the Upper Church Restoration Project in addition to normal offerings and expense.

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!

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We currently have many members stepping up and assisting with office duties.

The annual meeting has been set for February 16, 2025.

Legge Professional cleaning has been hired to do a deep cleaning of the lower church. 2/3 will be completed before 12/15/2024, and the remainder completed early 2025.

Discussion was held regarding church insurance renewal. We are pursuing quotes.

December 3rd, 6pm is set for decorating the narthex and sanctuary. December 8th the tree in the sanctuary will be decorated during service with the Chrismsons.

“Blue” Christmas service on December 18th in the Upper Church.

Adjourn: Oren moved to adjourn. 2nd by Hal. Motion carried. 9:05 pm

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer

Next meeting: Monday, December 16th, 6pm

EKLC Homebound Members

Melissa Anderson
279 Hwy A, Cambridge, WI 53523

Bea Householder ~ 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

Joan Volenberg
2315 Hwy W Cambridge, WI 53523

Edward & Linda Melton
400 N Morris St , Stoughton, WI 53589

Maxine Porter
1221 E Main St, 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.

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• Worship with us Wednesday nights or Sunday
• mornings in-person or on YouTube.
• Remember to like the videos and subscribe to the
• channel! <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUv6MDQV54yCWz60IGWezw>
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The Chosen Bible Study
Tuesdays at 10 am, weather
permitting.

No worship
committee
meeting in
January.

We are still in the process
of searching for a church
office administrator.

The office will be
closed January 1

This past year was such an incredible year of generosity from all of you here at EKLC! You continually show such great support for our communities in need. Thank you to each of you for supporting Food Pantry efforts throughout this past year as helpers, packers as well as food and monetary donations. You can all be so very proud of yourselves! Happy 2025!

Barb

I want to express my deepest thanks for the recent celebration of my birthday. I was speechless and so very surprised! The fact that the Council put in such effort to plan something for me is humbling. I truly appreciate the Christmas centerpiece, the coffee hour and yummy cakes. The best part was the camaraderie and love shown to me from all of you. Thank you for making me feel so special. I send that love back out to all of you! - Judy Rusch



Thank you to Pastor, everyone who helped with the luncheon for Greg's funeral and to our EKLC church family. We are grateful for the kind words, hugs and support we have received. When going through a difficult time, the support and prayers from everyone has been very much appreciated.

The Family of Greg Schroeder

Thank You Lane and Johnnie
You may have noticed that there was some peeling paint in the sanctuary of the Upper Church. Johnnie and Lane noticed it too. So in their usual way, without delay, they got to work and sanded and repainted the areas that needed repair. So, if you see them, tell them thanks! We appreciate their good work.
- Marilyn Gunderson



Our Food Pantry Christmas baskets collection as well as numerous other needed donations have been taken. EKLC managed to fill the back of the van as well as the passenger side of the front seat. Nice work EKLC!

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be February 16th after worship

News from the church basement

Happy New Year! Thanks to all for the work completed in 2024. We start with a clean slate for 2025. Thank you to Light Circle for serving duties in December, and to Peace Circle for January. We do not have a regular scheduled meeting for Pin and Sew on the first Thursday of January, as we are never sure about the weather, and have already cancelled a couple of sewing mornings because of the cold weather. We usually meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month, and we try to contact our regular folks if a day is being cancelled. Thank you to all who helped with the 151 quilts we shipped last fall. Thank you to Cheryl N who is working on the schedule book for next year.

I just received the Meals on Wheels delivery schedule for the year. I'll print it here, and if you want to get your schedule set up for this, please give me a call 608 669 4249, or email speedystoutknitter@gmail.com. We do weekdays, on the following: January 27 to February 7, April 21 to May 2, July 14 to 25, October 8 to 17, and December 29 to January 9. I'll need to get this set up for the first set of days right away, so thanks for your help.

Have a wonderful year.
Communicator Carolyn

Worship Helpers for January 2025

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

Assisting Ministers~ (Contact Person: Joy Graffin)

1/5 ~ Trudy Spike
1/12 ~ Holly Loomis
1/19 ~ Vicki Schuh
1/26 ~ Kyle Durkee

Lay Readers~ (Contact Person: Holly Loomis)

1/5 ~ Carolyn Lien
1/12 ~ Vicki Schuh
1/19 ~ Beverly Lien
1/26 ~ Kristin Lien

Acolytes ~ (Contact: Pastor Eric)

1/5 ~ Elyn Wierzba
1/12 ~ Casey Travis
1/19 ~ Paige Reinstad
1/26 ~ Hank Wierzba

Greeters~ (Contact Person: Judy Rusch)

1/5 ~ Peggy Luther
1/12 ~ Marilyn Gunderson
1/19 ~ Holly Loomis
1/26 ~ The Terland Family

Ushers~ (Contact Person: Vicki Schuh)

1/5 ~ Tom & Trudy Spike
1/12 ~ Diane Luginbuhl & Brenda Schroeder
1/19 ~ Judy & Lane Taylor
1/26 ~ Peggy Luther & Jane Furseth

Communion Set-up/Take-down~

(Contact Person: Marge Stach)
Altar Guild

Offering Counters~

(Contact Person: Joy Graffin)
1/5 ~ Jean Lehr & Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel
1/12 ~ Joy Graffin & Gloria Fruit
1/19 ~ Brenda Schroeder & Leila Carl & Diane Luginbuhl
1/26 ~ Jean Lehr & Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel

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

1/5 ~
1/12 ~
1/19 ~
1/26 ~

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Happy New Year!</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	2	3	4
5 9:00am <i>Worship</i> 9:40 coffee <i>Fellowship</i>	6 6:30 p.m. <i>Education Meeting</i>	7 10:00 a.m. <i>The Chosen Bible Study</i>	8 5:30 p.m. <i>Worship</i> 6:30 p.m. <i>Confirmation</i>	9	10	12
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WORSHIP WITH US

AT 9:00AM

SUNDAY MORNINGS

⇒ IN-PERSON

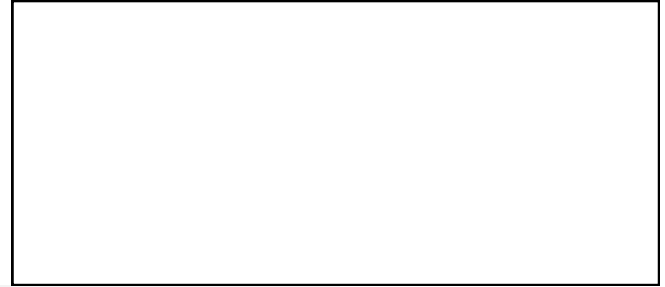
⇒ YOUTUBE

⇒ FACEBOOK

In person at 5:30pm Wednesdays

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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