

Sundays and Beyond

June 2025
East Koshkonong Lutheran Church
ELCA



Friends in Christ,

One of my seminary professors, named Gwen, told a story from back before she started teaching and was actually still serving in congregational ministry. One particular time when she gave a children's message in which she described how she had something living in her backyard with brown fur that collected lots of nuts and had a big bushy tail. Gwen then asked, "Who can tell me what it is in my back yard?" One of the kids immediately answered, "Jesus." Gwen was confused and said, "No, I was talking about a squirrel. What made you answer Jesus?" Without hesitation the child responded, "Because every time you ask us a question, the answer is always Jesus." The reason why Jesus is the answer for the church is because Jesus is good news for our world. It's not just a meaningless cliché, it's

hope that we all need. Jesus comes to save us, and we all need saving right now just as much as we ever have! In June, we'll begin the longest season of the church year, the season of Pentecost. While the day of Pentecost itself is about when the Holy Spirit fell upon the church, the rest of the season is actually more about us as the Church following Jesus, who is the answer to so much that we're facing, through the power of the Spirit. So with that in mind, let us all follow Jesus boldly now and forevermore.

Shalom to you in Christ,
Pastor Eric

We had another successful Cambridge Community Cafe. Our church members served members of the Cambridge community. The meal was delicious with chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy with salads and desserts.



Welcome to summer! We have some interesting things planned for the next few months, so don't take a vacation from church! There will be a special Father's Day service at the Upper Church, many opportunities for sewing in the basement, and a trip to the Christian Concert at the Fireside on August 6. We have a good group signed up, and we are all looking forward to it. Thanks to Sue for organizing this for us. Thanks to all those who helped with the most recent funeral. This can go smoothly when there is plenty of willing help. Special thanks to the fellow who came along and volunteered to be a host and guide the visiting folks to the right place in the basement.

Our regular Pin and Sew morning with business meeting will take place on Thursday, June 5 beginning at 8 with business meeting at 9:30. Light Circle is in charge of servant duties for June, so thanks to them, and to Joy Circle for May. Our circles quietly keep things going, along with the Altar Guild, so thanks to all of these folks. We regularly meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings, and sometimes we add another just for fun! We normally don't meet on the first Thursday in July, as it is the week of the 4th, as well as the Stoughton Fair.

Our Tea Party in April involved two Clusters of the South Central Synod Women of the ELCA, and was well attended by around 50 women. Half of the offering, which amounted to about \$280 was gifted to the Cambridge Food Pantry, as well as a whole box of in kind gifts for the Pantry. We gave away a Fun and Done Quilt, won by Linda Mathison, with the ticket sales going to help pay quilt shipping with Lutheran World Relief. We all had a fun morning, thanks to lots of great help from women of East.

Our next Meals on Wheels gig will begin on July 14, on weekdays through the 25th. I'll need to get that schedule in my next message to you, so contact me, or you'll hear from me to get dates set. Already the first four days have been spoken for.

Have a great summer.

God Bless you.
Communicator Carolyn

Treasurer's Report

April 2025 Income \$45,747.06
Expense \$34,955.26

April 2024 Income \$38,656.48
Expense \$30,086.68

YTD 2025 Income \$123,176.96
Expense \$178,860.77

YTD 2024 Income \$130,289.25
Expense \$138,281.20

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.



Cambridge Area Resource Team
a non-profit helping Cambridge residents in need

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CART is in need of volunteer drivers.
Rides are needed to help Cambridge residents get to appointments, the grocery store, pharmacy, and errands.

Rides are provided based on your availability.
Never drive more than you want to

If you are interested in providing this meaningful and needed service, contact CART to learn more or to complete an application

CART:
cartforhelp@gmail.com
(608) 423-1423 call/voicemail
(608) 213-5819 text
223 Jefferson Street Cambridge (near Dollar General)

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Present: Kurt Klemp, Amy Hensel, Linda Hanson, Kreg Gruben, Anders Amundson, Pastor Eric, Financial Secretary Judy Lund, Peggy Luther. Denise Rockney arrived at 6:04. Bryar Veley arrived at 7:00.

Devotions by Pastor Eric: He gave all of us a small informal calendar so that we could “walk with Jesus” during Holy Week. Fittingly, the devotional prayer was to remember Jesus’ journey to the cross.

Review & Approval of Financials: Judy provided clarification that heavy expenses in March, 2025 were because of numerous updates required by State Farm Insurance, but will balance out in a 12-month cycle. The Ukraine Fund has a balance over \$1,000; motion was made by Denise, seconded by Linda, and carried to disburse these funds to Natasha. Motion made by Kreg to approve financial reports, seconded by Denise, and carried.

Committee Reports:

Pastor’s Report--Pastor Eric reported that mid-week Lenten services and soup suppers went well, although attendance seemed down; the youth will lead the service on May 4th and another fun inter-generational bingo event will follow in Fellowship Hall; Wednesday night Confirmation classes have concluded for the year; and one student (Owen R.) participated in First Communion class.

Worship Committee—Vicki Schuh reported that all is in order for Palm Sunday and Holy Week; May 4th is Youth Sunday; June 1st will likely be the date to recognize graduates; and a repairman is working on the organ in the Upper Church because organ performance suffers when there is not an adequate, *consistent* temperature.

Minutes from last council meeting—Motion made by Amy, seconded by Linda, to approve March council minutes. Discussion: a correction to those Minutes was made to acknowledge the new roster of representatives who were recently authorized to represent EKLC on the Investment Trust Committees at Edward Jones and Bank First (both of Cambridge). Motion made by Kreg, seconded by Denise, to approve the resolutions to reflect the new authorized EKLC reps, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Thank yous: Peggy will send out.

Electrical: Ready Electric finishing up in the Upper Church; the majority of electrical work in the Lower Church will commence after Holy Week. The recessed display near the church office has an ancient, inadequate florescent light fixture that, for safety reasons, needs to be replaced before Rev. Dietrichson’s chasuble (tunic vest) from the mid-1880s can be returned to that display case. Bryar may be able to do this.

New members: None

Update on Office Assistant: Denise to follow-up in early May with potential applicant.

Cambridge Community Meal on May 1st: Brenda Schroeder is organizing this. This will be the only meal hosted by EKLC in 2025.

Church yard clean-up on May 3rd, weather permitting. Volunteers needed! Please bring your yard tools and equipment to spiff up church grounds.

Septic at the parsonage has been pumped.

Insurance: We have opted for quarterly payments to State Farm Insurance.

Lutherdale Camp for 10 Confirmation students: Although council remains very supportive, the consensus was that this 2-day camp seems expensive. Pastor Eric agreed, but also said that the *week-long* camp is really pricey, plus it does not work for our kids, so we will proceed with a lower-tier, 2-day camp experience. There are no funds available through Thrivent.

NEW BUSINESS:

Live-streaming of worship services: a loss of connection to the live-stream feed is being looked into.

Sidewalk repair: Bryar explained the concrete work that must be done in several areas to improve safety. The west entrance of the education wing is in particularly rough shape, and the shrubs that are actually growing *into* the brick wall also need to be removed to prevent future problems. Denise to look into the removal of concrete debris.

Narthex windows will be repaired mid-late May (weather dependent).

Shingles: both churches lost some roof shingles during last month’s strong winds. Current shingles in the Lower Church have significant life left in them, so patch work needs to be done. The Upper Church lost some wooden shaker-type shingles. Bryar stressed the need for using lifts and safety harnesses, and he will call around to speak with roofers.

AC unit on the east side of the Lower Church is out. Al Beyers will be here after Easter to quote a new unit.

Cracked church pews: Three pews on the left side of the sanctuary are cracked, likely caused by low humidity. When Al Beyers is here (see above), Bryar will also ask them to quote a humidifier (that won’t affect the performance of the balcony organ).

Other: Bryar will “smooth out” tops of new handrails.

Next Meeting: Tues., May 20 @ 6 p.m.

Motion made by Peggy to adjourn at 7:39, seconded by Linda. Closed with The Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Luther, Recording Secretary



Our deepest sympathies to the family of Lisa Teske.



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

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.



Pastor Carina and Pastor Eric will be doing another pulpit swap this summer during the week of June 22. Pastor Eric will lead worship with Immanuel on Sunday, June 22 and Monday, June 23 while Pastor Carina will lead worship at East Wednesday, June 18 and Sunday, June 22.

The Confirmation Class will be participating in Lutherdale's Confirmation Camp June 16-17.

EKLC Homebound Members

Melissa Anderson

279 Hwy A, Cambridge, WI 53523

Bea Householder ~ Home Again

308 England St., Cambridge, WI 53523

Mickey Farrar ~ Home Again

308 England St., Cambridge, WI 53523

Betty Gunnelson ~ 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

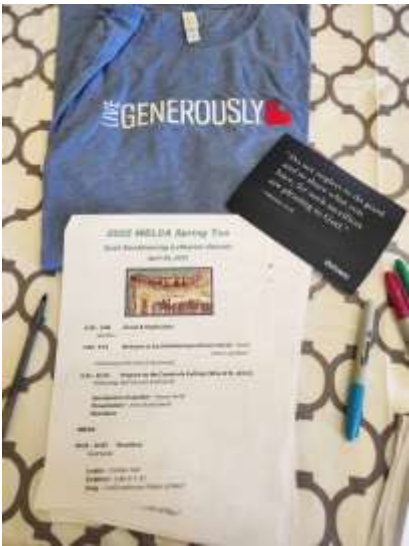
2315 Hwy W Cambridge, WI 53523

Edward & Linda Melton

400 N Morris St , Stoughton, WI 53589

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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/UCuUv6MDQV54yCWz60IGWezw>
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Our Spring Gathering turned out wonderful! We asked ladies to bring food pantry donations. They filled the pantry box. We also had a free will donation. Half to Cambridge food pantry and other half to Synod Board. \$560 total ...so \$280 to each. Joan Deusterbeck spoke about her 5 week walk across Spain, Camino de Santiago. Caroline Lein read a devotion Luke 5:1-11. Janna Smith had a trivia. UPAVIM products were brought by Kay Falk.



Worship Helpers for June 2025

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)

6/1~ Vicki Schuh
6/8~ Kyle Durkee
6/15~ Holly Loomis
6/22~ Trudy Spike
6/29~ Carolyn Lien

Lay Readers~ (Contact Person: Holly Loomis)

6/1~ Anders Amundson
6/8~ Vicki Schuh
6/15~ Peggy Luther
6/22~ Joy Graffin
6/29~ Beverly Lien

Acolytes ~ (Contact: Pastor Eric)

6/1~ Caitlin Terland
6/8~ Mia Frodel
6/15~ Tess Marchant (upper sanctuary)
6/22~ Elyn Wierzba
6/29~ Hank Wierzba

Greeters~ (Contact Person: Judy Rusch)

6/1~ Kurt & Barb Klemp
6/8~ Marge Stach
6/15~ The Rosenthal Family
6/22~ Tom & Trudy Spike
6/29~ Vicki Schuh

Ushers~ (Contact Person: Vicki Schuh)

6/1~ Hal & Vicki Schuh
6/8~ Zahn Family
6/15~ Holly Loomis & Carolyn Lien
6/22~ Buddy & Beverly Lien
6/29~ Amundson Family

Offering Counters~

(Contact Person: Joy Graffin)

6/1~ Jean Lehr & Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel
6/8~ Brenda Schroeder & Leila Carl
6/15~ Joy Graffin & Diane Luginbuhl
6/22~ Jean Lehr & Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel
6/29~ Brenda Schroeder & Leila Carl

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

6/1~ Worship Committee
6/8~
6/15~ No fellowship— Upper Church Worship
6/22~ Light Circle
6/29~ Holly & Jeff Loomis

A Mini Quilt Show

There will be a special Summer Time worship service at the Upper Church on June 15th (Father's Day).

You are invited to enjoy this service yourself and invite friends and family too. If you haven't seen the new ramp entrance and vestibule addition, this will be a perfect opportunity to check it out. In addition to some wonderful music and a most meaningful message of worship and praise, we have something else to share.

The women who make our quilts for Lutheran World Relief will have some of their quilts on display. The group typically meets twice a month. It is a small group, but the number of quilts produced each year is usually well over 150.

Please plan to attend this special service on the 15th of June.



June Council Meeting: Tuesday, June 17 at 6 p.m.

2025 COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: Kurt Klemp

VICE-PRESIDENT: Denise Rockney

SECRETARY: Peggy Luther

TREASURER: Amy Hensel

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Anders Amundson, Kreg Gruben, Linda Hanson

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

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!

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 a.m. <i>Worship</i> 9:40 coffee <i>Fellowship</i>	2	3	4 5:30 p.m. <i>Worship</i>	5 8:00 a.m. <i>Pin & Sew</i> 9:30 a.m. <i>Coffee & meeting</i>	6	7
8 9:00 a.m. <i>Worship</i> 9:40 coffee <i>Fellowship</i>	9	10	11 5:30 p.m. <i>Worship</i> 6:00 p.m. <i>Education Committee meeting</i>	12	13	14
15 9:00am <i>Worship At Upper Church. No fellowship</i>	16	17 6:00 p.m. <i>Council Meeting</i>	18 5:30 p.m. <i>Worship</i>	19 8:00 a.m. <i>Pin & Sew</i>	20	21
22 9:00am <i>Worship</i> 9:40am coffee <i>Fellowship</i>	23	24	25 5:30 p.m. <i>Worship</i>	26	27	28
29 9:00am <i>Worship</i> 9:40 coffee <i>Fellowship</i>	30					

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SUNDAY MORNINGS

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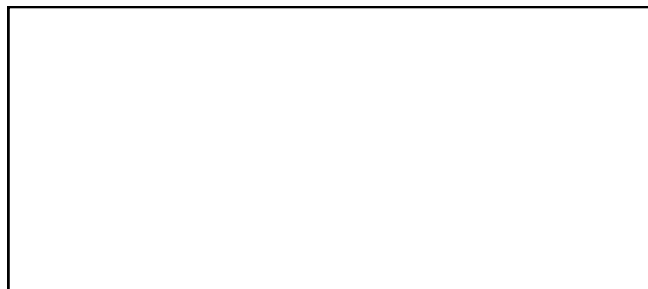
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In person at 5:30pm Wednesdays

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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