

Sundays and Beyond

July 2025
East Koshkonong Lutheran Church
ELCA



Friends in Christ,

It has been said that “a picture is worth a thousand words.” With that in mind, I guess this month’s newsletter article will be one of the longest that I’ve ever written, equating to thousands of words because I wanted to share with you all some pictures of our Confirmation class’s trip out to Lutherdale’s Confirmation Camp last month. There is a sign in Lutherdale’s main office which shares that statistical studies suggest that kids who attend church camp are five times more likely to stay involved in church as adults than those who don’t. Our trip to

Lutherdale was made possible thanks to a generous camp scholarship program from the congregation, and I hope these pictures convey our class’s gratitude for supporting this wonderful ministry!

Shalom to you in Christ,
Pastor Eric



Treasurer's Report

May 2025 Income \$21,770.32
Expense \$23,791.64

May 2024 Income \$20,968.89
Expense \$33,868.87

YTD 2025 Income \$145,465.70
Expense \$193,945.41

YTD 2024 Income \$151,258.14
Expense \$171,091.77



There will be No
Worship or Education
Committee meetings
in July.



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)

NOTES/MINUTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING ON MAY 20, 2025

Meeting called to order by President Kurt Klemp at 6:03 p.m.

Present: Anders Amundson, Kreg Gruben, Linda Hanson, Amy Hensel, Kurt Klemp, Peggy Luther, Denise Rockney, Pastor Eric Hanson, Financial Secretary Judy Lund, and guests Trudy Spike and Bryar Veley.

Devotions: Pastor Eric told the group that he opens up a church directory and prays for each of us by name. To that end, Pastor put all our names in a hat and asked that we each draw a name and lift up that council person in prayer throughout the year.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS:

Discussion: Judy reminded us that Undesignated Memorials not used by 12/31/25 go into the Trust Fund; transfer of money from Money Market for benevolence obligations; noisy offering; use of memorials. Giving is robust at this time, and for that we are grateful! Motion made by Denise to approve financial reports, seconded by Kreg, carried.

Pastor's Report: Holy Week services went well. Community Dinner was a success! Church yard clean-up went well. Two graduates will be recognized on June 1. Pastor Eric and Carina will do a "pulpit swap" again this year in June. Pastor Eric will give the invocation prayer and benediction for the Memorial Day Parade at Veteran's Park in Cambridge on May 26.

April Council Minutes: Accepted.

Motion made by Linda to approve Pastor's Report and April Minutes, seconded by Amy, carried.

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OLD & NEW BUSINESS:

AED (*Automated External Defibrillator, a portable medical device used to restore normal heart rhythm*):

Trudy Spike of the Health Ministry Team explained that our AED was donated anonymously in 2012, and its replacement pads and batteries will be discontinued in 6-12 months. Currently, the AED serves both our churches via foot transport, which is far from ideal in an emergency. Is this the time to buy a new, fully-automated device and relocate the current AED in the Upper Church, which is now being used with greater frequency by worshipers, Pin & Sew quilters, and touring guests? Council was in full agreement of what we would like to do, but like everything, it all comes down to \$\$\$.

Electrical: Bryar Veley will soon remove pendent lights in the sanctuary before more electrical work begins. Improvements in the recessed display (for Rev. Dietrichson's tunic) near the church office are almost done.

Sidewalks to be repaired 1st week in June, weather permitting.

Balcony: "fence" improvements to be made in the vicinity of the organ.

Narthex Windows: We expected the work to be started by now. Denise will follow-up. *(5/22/25 update, per Denise's inquiry: We have been pushed back to July-ish.)*

Office Assistant: Nothing to report yet.

State Farm Insurance: We are chipping away at required repairs, but State Farm continues to add to the To-Do list, which we don't understand. Linda will make an in-person inquiry. *(5/23/25 update: Linda visited the State Farm agent and found out they cancelled our policy 2 weeks ago, and we were not even aware of it. Very unprofessional. Need to find a new carrier.)*

Lutherdale Camp in June: Seven Confirmation students have registered thus far. Pastor Eric plans to be at camp, too, but will drive home daily.

Koshkonong Prairie Historical Society: Richard Moen approached Kurt about area churches possibly organizing a future event to promote Norwegian heritage. Is EKLC interested in participating?

Church Council Installation on September 7, which is Rally Sunday.

Other miscellaneous: Brief discussions about the bell tower, roadside landscaping, ongoing issues with mold (because of the north side driveway), and looking ahead to parsonage needs/repairs.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 17 @ 6 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 7:47 made by Denise, seconded by Amy. Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Luther, Recording Secretary

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.

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.



Our deepest sympathies to the family of Shirley Rucks.

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

We will be worshipping in the Upper Church Sanctuary on the 3rd Sunday during summer months; July 20 and August 17.

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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/UChUv6MDQV54yCWz60IGWezw>
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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.

Noisy Offering has totaled \$2,286.76 for the year so far.

News from the church basement:

Happy Fourth of July! As my son said in his winning cartoon clip....my mom is already checking the sales for back-to-school stuff! Please do check out the sales on school supplies. There are some things we can get in bulk from the main shopping network, but we need money for that (to Marilyn who does the ordering for that, or to Jane, who takes care of stewardship expenses). We need to have you find 70 sheet spiral notebooks, rulers, blunt scissors, ballpoint pens, and #2 pencils unsharpened. I will have a box in the narthex to collect these things. We do appreciate your help with this project which helps kids across the world go to school. Some places will only take students with their own supplies, so this is important. We also send some personal care kits, which need a towel (52 by 27 or smaller in a dark color), soap, a toothbrush in original packaging, a comb with large teeth, and a nail clippers. Your help with these things is so much appreciated. As Beverly told us in a presentation in church the other day, we have been given or purchased at good prices fabrics to use for quilt tops, liners and backs, and if you hear someone say they have fabrics that they might throw away because they don't know what to do with them, grab them and run to our sewing room in the basement of the Upper Church. We were given lots of tops that are in interesting pieced patterns, and we will need help with these, volunteers to put them together, or money for fillers and backs, or both. These are mostly not the right size for sending to Lutheran World Relief, so will need to be sold for resources to continue our work, or for folks in need. We give lots of kids quilts away! See the Stewardship Report in the East Koshkonong Annual Report for specifics.

Sorry we couldn't go to the Christian Concert at the Fireside, but we will get on that for the next season, hopefully early enough to beat the rush!

Thanks to all who work so hard to keep our church looking great and moving ahead. We are proud of our properties and love it when we have visitors who are impressed with the facilities. And as Marilyn said the other day, thanks to all for your generosity.

Here is the Meals on Wheels delivery schedule for July:

Monday and Tuesday, July 14 and 15 Don and Eileen
Wednesday and Thursday, July 16 and 17 Sheryl
Friday, July 18 Barb and Kurt

Monday and Tuesday, July 21 and 22 Linda and Duane
Wednesday and Thursday, July 23 and 24 Ron and Shawn
Friday, July 25 Barb and Kurt

Thank you all so very much. The community appreciates your help.

God Bless you. Communicator Carolyn

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

Worship Helpers for July 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)

7/6~ Vicki Schuh

7/13~ Kyle Durkee

7/20~ Holly Loomis

7/27~ Carolyn Lien

Lay Readers~ (Contact Person: Holly Loomis)

7/6~ Elizabeth Kaashagen

7/13~ Trudy Spike

7/20~ Don Amundson

7/27~ Joy Graffin

Acolytes ~ (Contact: Pastor Eric)

7/6~ Lena Skjolaas

7/13~ Paige Reinstad

7/20~ Hank Wierzba

7/27~ Sammy Sable

Greeters~ (Contact Person: Judy Rusch)

7/6~ Carolyn Lien

7/13~ Holly Loomis

7/20~ Buddy & Beverly Lien

7/27~ Terland Family

Ushers~ (Contact Person: Vicki Schuh)

7/6~ Brenda Schroeder & Peggy Luther

7/13~ Tom & Trudy Spike

7/20~ Holly Loomis & Carolyn Lien

7/27~ Diane Luginbuhl & Jane Furseth

Offering Counters~

(Contact Person: Joy Graffin)

7/6~ Joy Graffin & Andy Christensen

7/13~ Jean Lehr & Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel

7/20~ Brenda Schroeder & Leila Carl

7/27~ Joy Graffin & Andy Christensen

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

7/6~

7/13~

7/20~ No Fellowship; Upper Church Service

7/27~



**July Council Meeting:
Tuesday, July 15 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.



**Congratulations to our
2025 Graduates!**



With summer here, school food programs for those experiencing food insecurity are not available. Listed below are items of greatest need during the summer. There is a collection box in the Narthex at church. Items in the box will be delivered to the Food Pantry regularly. Specifically needed for the summer: Individual meals for kids (microwave mac and cheese, etc.) meals that are easy for kiddos to make on their own. Also, there is a great need for KID FRIENDLY cereal (kinds of cereal that kids would like.)

Thank you in advance!

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:30 p.m. Worship	3 8:00 a.m. Pin & Sew 9:30 a.m. Coffee & meeting	4	5
6 9:00 a.m. Worship 9:40 coffee Fellowship	7	8	9 5:30 p.m. Worship	10	11	12
13 9:00am Worship 9:40am coffee fellowship	14	15 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting	16 5:30 p.m. Worship	17 8:00 a.m. Pin & Sew	18	19
20 9:00am Worship At Upper Church	21	22	23 5:30 p.m. Worship	24	25	26
27 9:00am Worship 9:40 coffee Fellowship	28	29	30 5:30 p.m. Worship	31		

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Cambridge, WI 53523

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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E-mail: eastkoshkononglutheranchurch@gmail.com

Website: www.eastkoshkonong.org

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:

YOUTUBE: Go to East Koshkonong Lutheran Church" or the email eastkoshkononglutheranchurch@gmail.com.

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday

YOUTUBE: Go to East Koshkonong Lutheran Church" or the email eastkoshkononglutheranchurch@gmail.com.

Remember to like the videos and subscribe to the channel! <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUv6MDQV54yCWz6oIGWezw>

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