

Sundays and Beyond

October 2025
East Koshkonong Lutheran Church
ELCA



Friends in Christ,

On October 31, 1517, Dr. Martin Luther posted his *95 Thesis*, which protested some of the unjust practices which the Roman Catholic Church was carrying out 500 years ago. Many theologians and historians consider this to be a pivotal event in the Reformation, which would eventually lead to the birth of our Lutheran denomination. That is why we observe Reformation Sunday at the end of each October. With that in mind, I feel it's important to clarify that **Lutheranism is not a club** where people who all look and sound the same get together. Rather, **Lutheranism is about the gospel of God's grace freely given to the world in Jesus Christ**. God's grace is freely given, we do not have to do anything to earn or deserve it, it is God's gift that we receive through our faith.

This gift frees us from sin and transforms us to worship God and participate in God's work by caring for our neighbors. Since God's grace is given to the whole world, there are Lutherans all across the globe, on every continent, except Antarctica. There are also numerous Lutheran charities that witness to the gospel by helping our neighbors around the world; i.e. Lutheran Services in America (LSA), Lutheran World Relief (LWF), ELCA World Hunger, and Global Refuge. Through your generous support, all of these organizations are helping to build the kind of world that God created us all to know and be a part of. Finally, it's important to understand that as ELCA Lutherans, we understand that the gospel does not reside exclusively with our expression of faith alone, and as a result we have full communion agreements with several other denominations. More recently, we have also repaired some of our relations with the Roman Catholic Church, which has actually repented from and changed many of the practices which Luther and the other reformers were protesting 500 years ago. I hope this provides some clarification as to what being Lutheran means as we observe Reformation Sunday this year.

Shalom to you in Christ,
Pastor Eric.



October is Pastor Appreciation
Month!

Thank you, Pastor Eric, for all you do for the
members of EKLC and the community! We are
blessed to have you share God's Word and
Grace with us!

NOTES/MINUTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING ON AUGUST 19, 2025

Meeting called to order by President Kurt Klemp at 6:00 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 Mark Veley and Bryar Veley.

Devotions: Be faithful. Our strength comes through Jesus.

Review & Approval of Financial Reports:

Judy reported that the significant expense of \$27,190 is for Ready Electric (through May) with lesser expenses still to come. Motion to approve financial reports made by Denise, seconded by Amy, and carried.

Report from Education Committee: Rally Sunday/Fun on the Prairie on Sept. 7; Bible distribution on Oct. 5; looking for volunteers to help with Sunday School; three Bingo events are scheduled this school year.

Report from Worship Committee: Summer Hymn Sings will continue next year; piano will be tuned in August; discussed frequency of worship services at Upper Church; October 19 is Reformation Sunday + Confirmation Sunday + Recognition of the Confirmation Class of 1975.

Pastor's Report: One student, Casey T, will be confirmed on Oct. 19. With Judy R's help, the church directory has been updated and copies are available in the Narthex; Pastor is attending the Cambridge area clergy group and Southcentral Wis. Synod's clergy cluster gatherings; he will be on vacation Aug. 25-31.

July's Council Meeting Minutes: Accepted.

Motion to approve all committee reports + July's Council Minutes made by Denise, seconded by Amy, and carried.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS:

Mark Veley said the Veley family will bring their food cart to Rally Sunday. (Yum yum!) Mark also spoke of the MASSIVE amount of water that rushed south from the cemetery, raising havoc, during the recent deluge. Rain water filled the window wells but thankfully didn't break window glass. The plan is to divert water as much as possible until there's a more permanent fix in the driveway on the north side of the education wing. (See Items 10 & 12.) Also, when time permits, the overgrown "mess" next to the road will be hacked down. There are no plans to address the landscaping at this time due to budget constraints. Discussed Lower Church signage.

AED (*Automated External Defibrillator*) Device: Although this was on last month's agenda, the council again wishes to express deep appreciation to anonymous donors who covered *the entire \$2,200 cost* of a new AED. EKLC is very fortunate to have AEDs in both churches now.

Sidewalks/concrete work: Although much has already been done, rain has caused delays. The Veleys are hoping to finish the work soon. (As an aside, council was told that Tom Hensel hauled out over 70 tons of old, busted-up cement sidewalk!)

We eagerly await sanctuary lights & new ceiling fans from Ready Electric.

Narthex Windows: After umpteen follow-ups from Denise, we are told that window repair/repainting is to commence tomorrow, Aug. 20.

Office Manager: Still patiently looking for someone; we may have a good lead. A dedicated crew of office volunteers + Pastor Eric continue to pitch in with daily operations. (They'd probably like to "retire.")

Insurance: Linda gave an overview of coverage that we now have through Brotherhood. It's good to be insured!

Tax Parcels: Although not directly related to the tax parcels/Dane Co. Zoning discussion of last month, EKLC is now in receipt of a "Plat of Survey"--a legal document from Wisconsin Land Surveyor via David C. Riesop of Deerfield. This Plat of Survey encompasses *all church property*, including the cemetery and parsonage, and it is on file in the church office.

LP Contract: Before signing a fuel contract, Kurt was assured that we will pay for only the fuel we use, as long as we remain a customer. Three new furnaces with programmable thermostats will likely result in fuel savings.

Eventually the current projects will end, but we are already looking ahead to future expenses. The **educational wing needs a new roof** and the **asphalt driveway** that continues to cause problems needs a

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permanent fix. Lastly, there are no pressing **parsonage needs**, but several MAJOR expenses are on the horizon: the roof is 25 years old, the furnace is 23 years old, and the water heater is 13 years old. This congregation will need to decide if we want to continue parsonage upkeep or make the decision to sell the property and not be landlords.

Display unit needed for confirmation pictures. The current unit is filled up, and a new unit is needed.

Bryar Veley stopped by at 7:15 p.m. to tell us how he proposes to route water away from the Lower Church. A quick fix is only helpful in the short term, so correcting the asphalt driveway is becoming more imperative. He also told us he will pursue shingle repairs on the roof when there is enough work to warrant using a donated lift from the Hansons. Council asked Bryar to contact A1 tree service to cut down and remove several dead trees. If problems don't arise and the weather cooperates, Bryar hopes to complete concrete work by this Fri., the 22nd.

It's probably about time to test the well water. A \$15 test kit will likely be sufficient.

Benevolence Giving: Council will soon re-visit the organizations that receive our donations.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 15, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 8:07 made by Peggy, seconded by Denise, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Luther, Recording Secretary



Dear EKLC Members,

Thank you for giving me this wonderful opportunity to go to Lutherdale again! I love going there and always meet so many new friends. Thanks Again. I really appreciate it.

Thank You,

Mia Frodel



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.



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Women **ELCA**+

ELCL 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

- 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>

On Sunday, October 12th immediately following church services, the Health Ministry Committee will have an introduction for our new Zoll AED Plus device in Friendship Hall.

The new AED is located near the restrooms on the top floor of the education wing, as usual.

Our old Powerheart G3 AED is currently housed for use in the upper church near the restrooms in the new addition.

We encourage anyone to attend this meeting, as we never know when or where one of us may need it to save a life.

For any questions, contact Trudy Spike at 608-444-2224.
See you on October 12th!



News from the church basement:

Thanks are due to so many this month. Thanks to Light Circle for serving duties in September, and to Peace Circle for October. Thanks to the folks from Columbus who served milk and cookies after services at the Upper Church. Thanks to others who served coffee after services on other Sundays (please check out the sign-up sheet and pitch in for coming weeks). Thanks to everyone who helped with supplies for the kits for Lutheran World Relief, and the costs for shipping. Special thanks to the confirmation students, their parents, and even a younger sibling or two for helping to pack and load quilts and kits. And to Heidi and her crew for loading and delivering our contributions to the railroad yard. We sent 217 quilts, 133 school kits, 20 personal care kits, and 6 sewing kits. These quilts and kits are delivered to folks in need around the world. There have been so many disasters in this country this year that some of these things may be used here. There is a map on the bulletin board in the lower church basement showing the countries we have been helping. This takes the efforts of many, and all help is appreciated. We start over next year so if you are available, come and join us. We meet for Pin and Sew and business meeting on the first Thursday of most months, (October 2 is next), and again on the 3rd Thursday morning for sewing.

Thank you to our loyal Meals on Wheels delivery folks. Here is the schedule for October:

Monday and Tuesday, October 6 and 7	Hoehns
Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 8 and 9	Sheryl H
Friday Oct 10	Jeff N

Monday, October 13	Jeff N
Tuesday, Oct 14	Klemps
Wednesday and Thursday, Oct 15 and 16	Liens
Friday, Oct 17	Klemps

Enjoy the great fall weather (which really is great as I write this, who knows what comes next).

God Bless you Communicator Carolyn

Our Bible Study on
The Chosen TV series will
resume September 30th and
will continue to meet
Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.



The Sunday School class will
be singing during worship
October 5. There will be
another inter-generational
BINGO event to follow
during fellowship time.

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

A Celebration Of Norwegian Heritage On Koshkonong Prairie

Koshkonong Prairie Historical Society

Richard Moen, KPHS Representative

richardhmoen@gmail.com 608-335-5253

September 5, 2025

Koshkonong Prairie Historical Society invites your organization to "A Celebration Of Norwegian Heritage On Koshkonong Prairie" to bring together organizations that foster the legacy of Norwegian immigrant history. The intent is to deepen our appreciation for Norwegian heritage across Koshkonong Prairie. The Celebration will highlight the vitality of each group, many of which are proudly celebrating milestone anniversaries or planning to do so in the near future.

Koshkonong Prairie Historical Society has taken the lead in sponsoring the event, with support from Norwegian American Genealogical Center in Madison as co-sponsor. St. Paul's Liberty Lutheran Church is hosting the event in its Education Center on Oak Park Road outside Deerfield.

A little history: Koshkonong Prairie is a Norwegian settlement historically known as the primary destination for Norwegian immigration from the 1840s to 1900, and ultimately the premier Norwegian settlement in America. Koshkonong was the wealthiest of all Norwegian settlements, with its vast bounty of uniquely rich soils, plentiful timber and stone for building, good water, and a strong work ethic producing the initial wealth of Dane County. Koshkonong Prairie also is a geophysical area, roughly circular in shape, about 12 miles across, in six townships in southeastern Dane County and portions of three townships in southwestern Jefferson County.

Koshkonong Prairie features the first ordained Norwegian Lutheran Church in America, with congregations established at East Koshkonong in October 1844 and ten days later at West Koshkonong. Extending the parish across the Prairie gave rise to several more Norwegian Lutheran congregations between 1851 and 1914 (in order): Liberty Prairie (now St. Paul's in Deerfield township), McFarland, Central (in Edgerton), Christ (in Stoughton), Deerfield, Rockdale, Cambridge (now Grace), and Central (in Stoughton). The Prairie also features Willerup Methodist, the oldest Scandinavian Methodist church in the world, founded in 1851 in Cambridge.

In addition to the churches, also invited are Sons Of Norway, Mandt Lodge and Idunn Lodge; Livsreise, Stoughton Norwegian Heritage Center; Norwegian Singers Association Of America, Edvard Grieg Chorus; Wisconsin State Rosemalers Association; Madison Torskeklubben; Gudrid Reading Circle, and others.

The event takes place at St. Paul's Liberty Lutheran Church, roughly centered on the Prairie, on Sunday, October 12, 2025. The doors will open to the public at noon and will wrap up by 2:30. Each group will have a table for brochures, items of interest, informational display, and representatives for question-answer chats. The first half hour will be an open house-style opportunity for mingling. At 12:30 there will be a presentation on Norwegian immigration to Wisconsin, followed by informal discussion among participants. Coffee, water, pastries, and Norwegian goodies will be on hand throughout.

If you would like to participate, please (1) provide a summary for inclusion in a program (one-page, Word format) not later than October 5, emailed to danakelly@nagcnl.org; (2) invite your own members and communities; and (3) bring some sweet treats to share. There is no cost to participate in or attend this event.

For further information, contact KPHS representative Richard Moen (608-335-5253 or richardhmoen@gmail.com), KPHS President Gary Swain (608-444-0567 or swaindale@hotmail.com), or KPHS Secretary Dana Kelly (608-212-4377 or dmkelly1@yahoo.com).



Meet our featured speaker at our upcoming Biennial Gathering on October 4 at New Heights Lutheran Church in Mazomanie. We will have a workshop on how create the little hearts❤️❤️. There is still time to register, registration ends Sept 30! Registration Link <https://scsw-elca.org/welca/2025gathering/>



Congratulations to one of our wonderful musicians, Judy Rusch, for 65 years of service to EKLC! We are so blessed that you share your talents with us!



I want to express my sincere thank you to my church family for the time they spent planning such a special recognition for my years of service. I really appreciate the beautiful gift of the cutting board and will treasure it. (Wow, what talent) Thank you for the special cards and messages. The cakes were delicious and just so beautifully decorated! But what I appreciate the most was the time spent with all of you after the service. Thank you so much for the many kind words, they truly mean a lot to me. I'd also like to thank my family for being there to celebrate and support me. I love them all so much and feel very blessed! Thank you to everyone for making this such a special day!

- Judy Rusch

Confirmation youth and their parents assisted our quilters in packing quilts, school kits, personal care kits and fabric kits to be shipped to Lutheran World Relief.



RAMP PROJECT UPDATE

It has been almost a year since we celebrated completion of our ramp and new addition to the Upper church. We did have three summer services there and enjoyed the available ramp and new vestibule and restroom facility. We may schedule an October service, but that hasn't been finalized. We definitely will have our morning Christmas Eve service at the Upper church.

As you know, it was the responsibility of the Aagot Borge Committee to oversee the project. To say the generosity of supporting this endeavor was overwhelming would be an understatement. Everyone on the Committee has been so grateful for this support that it's hard to say enough thanks. We are closing in on the final costs and hope to have the debt retired by the end of the year.

The Committee would like to again express their appreciation to everyone who has played a part in this successful project.



Confirmation Sunday is October 19th. We'll also be celebrating the 50 year class reunion for the Confirmation Class of 1975 that morning. The liturgical color of the day will be **RED**. All are encouraged to wear red.

Pastor Eric will be out of the office on medical leave Monday, October 13th.



In past years, EKLC has always participated in Holiday Basket Food Drives in conjunction with other area churches and the Cambridge Food Pantry. This year, we will still be participating, however, it is going to work a little differently. We already have been able to sign up for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. The advantage to this is that those who desire to help out, will be able to watch for pre-holiday sales on the items in need.

Thanksgiving Basket – Canned corn and canned cranberry sauce (any brands). Collection bin will be in the narthex soon and we will collect through November 2, 2025.

Christmas Basket – Cake mixes and canned frosting (any flavor/brand). Collection bin will be in the narthex soon and we will collect through November 30, 2025.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Worship Helpers for October 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)

10/5 ~ Carolyn Lien
10/12 ~ Trudy Spike
10/19 ~ Vicki Schuh
10/26 ~ Kyle Durkee

Lay Readers~ (Contact Person: Holly Loomis)

10/5 ~ Vicki Schuh
10/12 ~ Elizabeth Kaashaagen
10/19 ~ Don Amundson
10/26 ~ Joy Graffin

Acolytes ~ (Contact: Pastor Eric)

10/5 ~ Mia Frodel
10/12 ~ Tess Marchant
10/19 ~ Paige Reinstad
10/26 ~ Elyn Wierzba

Greeters~ (Contact Person: Judy Rusch)

10/5 ~ Kory & Diane Luginbuhl
10/12 ~ Peggy Luther
10/19 ~ Tom & Trudy Spike
10/26 ~ Rosenthal Family

Ushers~ (Contact Person: Vicki Schuh)

10/5 ~ Lane & JudyTaylor
10/12 ~ Brenda Schroeder & Peggy Luther
10/19 ~ Tom & Trudy Spike
10/26 ~ Henry Furseth Family

Offering Counters~

(Contact Person: Joy Graffin)

10/5 ~ Jean Lehr & Cheryl & Eric Nuenthel
10/12 ~ Brenda Schroeder & Leila Carl & Diane Ash
10/19 ~ Joy Graffin & Andy Christensen
10/26 ~ Jean Lehr & Cheryl & Eric Nuenthel

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

10/5 ~ Sunday School Kids
10/12 ~
10/19 ~
10/26 ~ Peace Circle



**October Council Meeting:
Tuesday, October 21st 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.*

Treasurer's Report

August 2025 Income \$16,146.63

August 2025 Expense \$36,444.97

August 2024 Income \$28,831.43

August 2024 Expense \$22,980.47

YTD 2025 Income \$285,607.46

YTD 2025 Expense \$319,428.32

YTD 2024 Income \$283,008.41

YTD 2024 Expense \$310,311.49

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:30 p.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	2 8:00 a.m. Pin & Sew	3	4
5 9:00 a.m. Worship 9:40am inter- generational BINGO coffee fellowship	6	7 10:00 a.m. The Chosen Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Worship Committee meeting	8 5:30 p.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	9	10	11
12 9:00am Worship 9:40am coffee fellowship	13 Pastor Eric out of the of- fice on medi- cal leave	14 10:00 a.m. The Chosen Bible Study	15 5:30 p.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	16 8:00 a.m. Pin & Sew	17	18
19 9:00am Worship 9:40am coffee Fellowship Confirmation Sunday	20	21 10:00 a.m. The Chosen Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Council meeting	22 5:30 p.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	23	24	25
26 9:00am Worship 9:40 coffee Fellowship	27	28 10:00 a.m. The Chosen Bible Study	29 5:30 p.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	30	31	

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**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>

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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