

Sundays and Beyond

November 2025
East Koshkonong Lutheran Church
ELCA



Friends in Christ,

You may have noticed that we've been in the longest season of the church year for many months now, this season is known as Pentecost. Pentecost started all the way back in June but it will be coming to an end on Sunday November 23, which is also when the church year concludes as well. The season of Pentecost has many themes, one of the main ones is about following Jesus. As a congregation we live out this theme in so many ways throughout the whole church year. We follow Jesus through our involvement in and service to the surrounding community and world. We follow Jesus through our support of and donations to charities and organizations that help make this world better. We follow Jesus through the ways we teach and study our faith. We follow Jesus by coming together to worship God alongside each other each week. Even though the season of Pentecost will soon be over, we'll keep living this theme of following Jesus together for the sake of the world.

Shalom to you in Christ,
Pastor Eric.



The Sunday School
class will be singing
during worship
November 2.

thank you

Pastor Eric would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and well wishes both from Pastor's Appreciation month as well as his surgery last month!



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. Thanks to the overwhelming generous response, the quota for the

Thanksgiving baskets has already been filled!

Christmas Basket – Cake mixes, canned frosting, and candy (any flavor/brand). Collection bin is in the narthex and we will collect through November 30, 2025. Thank you in advance for your help!

Pastor Eric will be out of the office attending the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin-ELCA 2025 Region 5 Collaborative Boundaries Education Day on Thursday, November 6.

NOTES/MINUTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

Meeting called to order by President Kurt Klemp at 6:10 p.m.

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

Devotion: The Lord preserves His people—even those who go astray.

Review & Approval of Financial Reports:

Prior to tonight's meeting, Judy Lund, who was unable to attend, told Kurt that transactions were of the usual variety. Motion made by Kreg to approval financial reports as received, seconded by Denise, and carried.

Report from Worship Committee: Searching for more members to lector and assist; choir will resume singing on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of most months; Christmas Program will be on Dec. 14. Just a reminder: the *lectern* microphone is so good that informal chatting before the 9:00 service can be heard by the whole congregation. (!)

Pastor's Report: Outdoor worship & Rally Sunday's "Fun on the Prairie" went very well. Casey Travis will be confirmed on Oct. 19. That's also Reformation Sunday and recognition Sunday of the Confirmation Class of 1975. Sunday School and Confirmation classes have resumed. On Oct. 5, bibles will be handed out to kids due to receive them, and intergenerational Bingo will follow after church. Pastor Eric will attend our synod's Fall Conference in Madison in mid-Sept. and he continues to attend the Cambridge area clergy group cluster gatherings.

August's Council Meeting Minutes: Accepted.

Motion to approve all committee reports + August's Minutes made by Linda, seconded by Amy, and carried.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS:

Bryar Veley updated the council on MANY completed projects, including sanctuary lights and fans, and the balcony "cut-out" in the vicinity of the organ. Outside work that is now complete includes: shingle repair at the lower church and cedar shingle repair at the upper church; all drain lines are now buried; cement work is all done and looks impressive! Tons of river rock was put down for the new maintenance-free landscaping, and the overgrown, weedy mess by the road has been totally cleaned out. This outdoor work was accomplished with a tractor, skid loader, and lift, courtesy of Mid-State Equipment. (Thank you, Curt & Linda!!) Two trees by the LP tank + 1 tree in the cemetery have been taken down, and their stumps will be ground out this Fall. Bees have taken up residence in the bell towers and will have to be removed. Birds have also been spending time up there, so a replacement barrier is needed. The louvers will be getting a coat of paint. Council expressed sincere thanks to the Veley's and to Tom Hensel and Doug for the enormous amount of work they've done this year!

Narthex window repair is supposed to be completed by September 18.

A/C in the lower church: one of the a/c units broken. Discussed the pros and cons of repair vs replacement of the inoperable outdoor portion of the a/c, and it was decided that replacement would be a much better deal. Motion to purchase a Gibson 2-speed unit w/10 yr warranty from Al Beyers made by Linda, seconded by Denise, and carried. We need to pay half now (approx. \$2,250), and the unit will be installed next Spring.

Further landscaping will be a spring project.

Office Manager: *Still* looking for the right person. Maybe we need to consider a "hybrid" arrangement (someone who could work from both the church office and remotely from home)?

Confirmation Photo Display Stand for the Narthex: After discussing, it was decided to postpone a purchase.

Norwegian Heritage Days: This event will take place at Liberty Church on Oct. 12. Bonnie and Marilyn will represent EKLC. Event details to be included in the October newsletter.

Next meeting: October 21, 2025, 6:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn at 7:36 made by Linda, seconded by Amy, and carried. Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Luther, Recording Secretary

News from the church basement

We celebrate All Saints Day, as we remember loved ones who have gone before, and new saints taking their places in our church family.

We begin again now on our projects for Lutheran World Relief. I thought I'd highlight the kits we prepare, in case you're out shopping and would like to pick up some of these things. This is the **personal care kit**. It includes a dark colored bath towel, 52"by 27" or smaller, bath size bars of soap, a toothbrush, (if it is a package of several, we enclose them individually in an envelope) a sturdy comb, and a nail clipper. We have room to store these things, so we keep collecting them all year round. Thank you for all your help in making and sending the kits and quilts.

Our next Pin and Sew event will be on Thursday, November 6, from 8 to noon, breaking for coffee and business meeting at 9:30, come if you can. Joy Circle is in charge of the duties for November. Thanks to them, and also to Peace Circle for October duties. The circles chair our business meeting, provide altar flowers for the month, prepare and clean up communion on the first Sunday of the month, and take care of other chores around the buildings.

Congratulations to Diane L {she's short Diane, to distinguish her from tall Diane!!!} on being elected for Vice President of the Synodical Women's board. We're proud of her work representing the women of East and those in the Southeast Dane Cluster.

Thank you to our loyal people who delivered Meals on Wheels again last month. We, and the people who receive the meals, appreciate your work on our behalf. Our next schedule begins after Christmas. If any of you have family members who are earning chords for graduation, this might be a chance for them to participate, as it is during their break time. By the way, I think it is time for me to step aside from the scheduling for Meals on Wheels, so if there is someone who would like to step into my place, I would be grateful. It is not difficult, just a matter of getting folks on the schedule, sending it to the Newsletter by the 19th of the month previous as a reminder to the delivery folks, and emailing the schedule to the person who coordinates for the community.

Autumn Blessings to you all.
Communicator Carolyn

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



CAMBRIDGE SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM



Volunteers needed for the
Dane County Senior Nutrition
Program Site at the
Amundson Center in
Cambridge. Meals are
served to older adults on
Tuesdays and Fridays at
noon.

Volunteers help to provide a
welcoming space for seniors
to enjoy a delicious meal and
social time together.

Interested in volunteering?
Contact McFarland Senior
Outreach at 1-608-838-7117
to learn more!



Pastor Eric will be on vacation
November 24-30. There will be
NO Wednesday night service or
confirmation class on November 26.



Welcome to our newest member
Henny Lund

Thank you to you and everyone at East Koshkonong Lutheran Church for their prayers for those incarcerated in Dane County Jail and for the work of the Madison Area Jail Ministry.

A few days ago, the jail re-entry coordinator shared with me that there again is an immediate dire need for winter coats, winter wear and some personal items to provide for those who were booked into the Dane County jail during the summer months and will be released in the cold of fall and winter. If anyone would like to share the love of God with those in immediate need by donating items, the Madison Area Jail ministry is collecting the below items which we will deliver to the Dane County Jail for use by those being released from jail in the cold weather and have no winter apparel and normally are overlooked and forgotten.

The jail reentry coordinator ask you for a huge favor to reply to me no later than November 3rd to let me know if your congregation anticipates assisting with donations of any size for any of the above items as well as the name and email address of who will lead this effort for your church. This response request is so the reentry coordinator will have a general idea of what donations will be available to them to provide to those in need.

*If you have any questions about this winter apparel need or what the donation drop off address is, email phundt@madisonjailministry.org or call me at 608-225-0377. Also, I am happy to pick up donations from your church. **Donations dropped off to us or picked up from your church are requested to be no later than Monday, December 1st, 2025.***

IMMEDIATE NEEDS: new or gently used winter apparel that is clean, rip-free and stain-free:

- **Winter coats size L to 4X men's and women's**
- **Pants, sweatpants or athletic pants size medium to 3XL**
- **Shirts, sweaters and sweatshirts size medium to 3XL**
- **Hats, scarves and gloves,**
- **Shoes and boots of all sizes**

NEW ADDITIONAL REQUESTS THIS YEAR

- **Blankets**

IN THEIR ORIGINAL PACKAGING:

- **Socks**
- **Men's and women's underwear**
- **Toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs and shampoo**

The Madison Area Jail Ministry is an independent, non denominational, non-profit Christian ministry operated by unpaid volunteers and a couple of paid chaplains. If donations from your congregation for this winter apparel request are not possible, but there are those in your congregation who would like to help the Madison Area Jail Ministry purchase bibles and Christian materials that the jail ministry provides to those incarcerated in Dane County Jail who request them, or anyone would like to help support the Chaplains that minister to those incarcerated, as the jail ministry is totally dependent on donations to cover these two costs, anyone can donate financially in any amount by going to the Madison Area Jail Ministry website www.madisonjailministry.org and use the donate button located on the top right of the website page. If anyone would like to pray for specific requests made by individuals incarcerated in Dane County Jail who are requesting prayer, reply to this email and I will respond with a prayer request list that is updated weekly. Thank you again for your on-going prayers and support of those in need that often are overlooked and forgotten in the jail. God's continued blessing on you and your congregation.

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

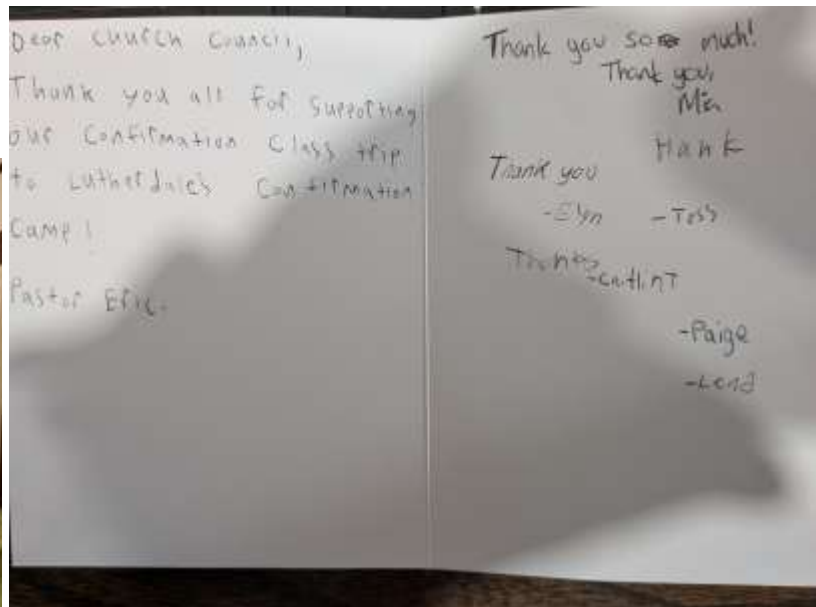
Joan Volenberg

2315 Hwy W Cambridge, WI 53523

Edward & Linda Melton

400 N Morris St , Stoughton, WI 53589

Congratulations to Casey Mae Travis who was
Confirmed on October 19!



Pastor Eric was able to spend a warm sunny autumn afternoon harvesting with one of our area farmers. Thank you to all Farmers everywhere!



We are thankful for the workers and equipment being used to work on the louvres. They look great!

Worship Helpers for November 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!

Assisting Ministers~ (Contact Person: Joy Graffin)

11/2 ~ Holly Loomis
11/9~ Carolyn Lien
11/16~ Trudy Spike
11/23~ Kyle Durkee
11/30~ Vicki Schuh

Lay Readers~ (Contact Person: Holly Loomis)

11/2 ~ Trudy Spike
11/9~ Barb Klemp
11/16~ Bobbie Rawinski
11/23~ Jane Furseth
11/30~ Anders Amundson

Acolytes ~ (Contact: Pastor Eric)

11/2 ~ Jameson Wagner
11/9~ Caitlin Terland
11/16~ Hank Wierzba
11/23~ Sammy Sable
11/30~ Lena Skjolaas

Greeters~ (Contact Person: Judy Rusch)

11/2 ~ Terland Family
11/9~ Janalee Wagner
11/16~ Carolyn Lien
11/23~ Lane & Judy Taylor
11/30~ Kurt & Barb Klemp

Ushers~ (Contact Person: Vicki Schuh)

11/2 ~ Carolyn Lien & Jane Furseth
11/9~ Ron & Nancy Knapwurst
11/16~ Frodel Family
11/23~ Buddy & Beverly Lien
11/30~ Kurt & Barb Klemp

Offering Counters~

(Contact Person: Joy Graffin)

11/2 ~ Brenda Schroeder & Leila Carl & Diane Ash
11/9~ Joy Graffin & Andy Christensen
11/16~ Joy Graffin & Cheryl & Eric Nuenthel
11/23~ Brenda Schroeder & Leila Carl & Diane Ash
11/30~ Joy Graffin & Andy Christensen

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

11/2 ~ Sunday School Kids
11/9~
11/16~ Jeff & Holly Loomis
11/23~ Joy Circle
11/30~



November Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 18th 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

September 25 Income \$21,835.22

September 25 Expense \$37,899.33

September 24 Income \$20,993.95

September 24 Expense \$32,483.24

YTD 25 Income \$307,442.68

YTD 25 Expense \$357,327.65



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**, 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: 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.

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

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 a.m. <i>Worship</i> 9:40am coffee <i>fellowship</i>	3 6:30 p.m. <i>Education Committee meeting</i>	4 10 :00 a.m. <i>The Chosen Bible Study</i> 6:00 p.m. <i>Worship Committee meeting</i>	5 5:30 p.m. <i>Worship</i> 6:30 p.m. <i>Confirmation</i>	6 8:00 a.m. <i>Pin & Sew</i>	7	8
9 9:00am <i>Worship</i> 9:40am coffee <i>fellowship</i>	10	11 10 :00 a.m. <i>The Chosen Bible Study</i>	12 5:30 p.m. <i>Worship</i> 6:30 p.m. <i>Confirmation</i>	13	14	15
16 9:00am <i>Worship</i> 9:40am coffee <i>Fellowship</i>	17	18 10 :00 a.m. <i>The Chosen Bible Study</i> 6:00 p.m. <i>Council meeting</i>	19 5:30 p.m. <i>Worship</i> 6:30 p.m. <i>Confirmation</i>	20	21	22
23 9:00am <i>Worship</i> 9:40 coffee <i>Fellowship</i>	24	25	26 <i>NO Worship or Confirmation</i>	27 <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>	28	29
30 9:00am <i>Worship</i> 9:40 coffee <i>Fellowship</i>						

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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