

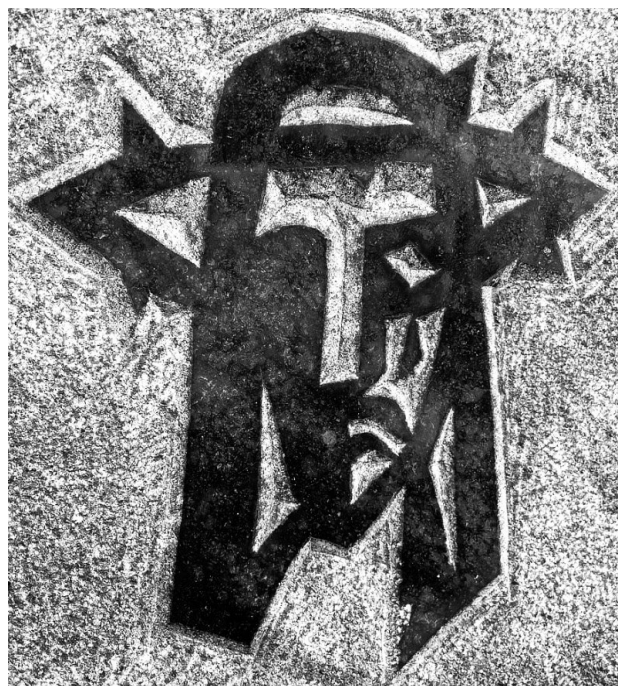
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# B - E Friends

*Newsletter of the Bethlehem — Eidsvold Parish*



We humans are amazingly visual creatures capable of catching very subtle shades of meaning and emotion from what we see. Knowing this, artists through the centuries have done their part to assist in the telling, the passing forward, of the faith.

Wednesday worship services this Lent will, through photographs, highlight many of the artworks which have enchanted and stunned people with the story of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The sermon series is called, “The Greatest Story Ever Told... In Art!” We will again be using the popular Holden Evening Prayer liturgy. I hope you and yours will come out to worship each week as we alternate between our two sanctuaries. Do you have a friend who just might enjoy it too?

**Ash Wednesday is March 2, an excellent way to begin Lent.** (service 7:00 p.m. at Bethlehem).

We Celebrate! We Serve!  
Pastor Mike

A note of thanks: I want to thank those of you who gave gifts and greetings this past Nativity season. Once again I had good intentions to send personal notes but didn't. You all are so kind to us. Thank you too to the friends who donated to Special Olympics for my Polar Plunge Saturday Feb 26! As I write I have 48 hours before I leap into the icy waters!

Note: On Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. beginning March 9th at Eidsvold, come and enjoy a light meal and conversation prior to our Lenten worship. Yes we will have a meal as long as the covid numbers remain low—this week is 70 (hasn't been this low since August 2021).



### BIRTHDAYS

May you have a special day and a blessed year!

- 1 – Parker Bierbrauer      18 – Barb Lacroix
- 11 – Elaine Greenfield    18 - Michelle Plote
- 12 – Katelyn Donley      18 - Mary Williams
- 12 – Elijah Freden        26 - Trevor Alms
- 14 – Samantha Sears      26 - Tricia Lofgren
- 14 – Jason Helseth        28 - RoseAnn Powers
- 17 – Clint Hoyer

If your birthday doesn't appear on our monthly birthday calendars, please let Phyllis know so she can add it.

### LOOKING AHEAD ....

- Mar 2 Ash Wednesday
- Mar 26 Virtual Walking Together and Epic
- Apr 10, Palm Sunday— 5th Grade Communion
- Apr 13 9th graders resume confirmation
- Apr 14 Maundy Thursday worship - Bethlehem
- Apr 17 Easter
- Apr 30 Synod Assembly—in person/zoom  
"Taking it to the Streets - A Public Church"
- Oct 9, 2022 Eidsvold 150th Anniversary

### Ellsworth Senior Center Events



Tuesday Mar. 8 11 a.m. Discovering Together Tuesday presents "Getting Started on your Genealogical Journey". Lunch served after presentation.

Wednesday Mar 30 1:30 p.m. Celebrating Seniors Gathering. Presentation on Identity Theft. Cake and ice cream served after presentation.

### CARING FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Giving of our time and talents is one way of serving our faith community. Thank you to the following individuals who will serve this faith community during March.

#### Bethlehem

- Altar Guild: Phyllis Beastrom
- Church cleaning: Jerome and Loni Johnson

#### Eidsvold

- Church Cleaning: (Note: you clean for the worship held on the date by which you signed)
  - Mar. 6 - Tana Langer
  - Mar. 13- DeLoris Bloomstrand
  - Mar. 20 - Tracie Esterby and family
  - Mar. 27 - Hanson family—Kathy, Kendra, Ryan

#### Indoor Registration/Ushers

- Mar. 6 - Tana Langer
- Mar. 13 - Fay Albarado
- Mar. 20 - Rita Anderson
- Mar. 27 - Dennis Potts

Parking Lot 93.1 FM Transmission  
Sign-in sheet, bulletin, communion, offering container, are available at a self serve station in the parking lot.

**Altar Committee— Kathy Hanson**  
put unused communion cups in refrigerator after worship, discard used cups in garbage and wash cup containers

#### MARCH READERS:

##### Bethlehem

- Mar. 6 - Ann Whipple
- Mar. 13 - Lora Drenth
- Mar. 20 - Leah Johnson
- Mar. 27 - Phyllis Beastrom

##### Eidsvold

- Mar. 6 – Judy Lacroix
- Mar. 13 - DeLoris Bloomstrand
- Mar. 20 - Fay Albarado
- Mar. 27 - Brenda Singer

# Lenten Schedule

Mar. 2 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday worship at Bethlehem

## Weekly Schedule March 9-April 6

5:30 p.m. 5th Grade First Communion Class (March 16th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th)

6:00 p.m. Meal

7:00 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer along with "masterpiece art presentation"

March 9—Eidsvold

March 16—Bethlehem

March 23—Eidsvold

March 30—Bethlehem

April 6—Eidsvold

April 10—Palm Sunday with Fifth grade First Communion

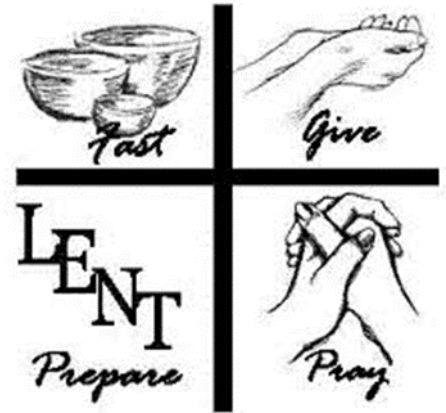
April 13—9th grade confirmation class

April 14 7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship

April 17 —Easter Sunday

You are invited to **Pray, Fast, Reflect,** and **Give** during the ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving – for families, our neighbors and communities around the world.

As the world has reeled from the effects of a deadly pandemic for nearly three years, we have seen the number of hungry people around the world rise, watched as food pantries and soup kitchens expanded to serve an ever-growing number of guests, and longed together for the time when



we "will hunger no more, and thirst no more ... and God will wipe away every tear from [our] eyes" (Revelation 7:16-17). This yearning is at the heart of who we are as church together. We are an Easter people, ever journeying toward the cross and ever mindful of helping our neighbors.

**Resources for our 40 day Journey and learning about World Hunger.**

Each family receives a 40 Day Lenten Calendar



This calendar will provide inspirational ideas for daily reflection and action as well as prayers, relevant Bible passages, and more to guide us on our 40 days of Giving Journey for World Hunger.



Each child (adults too if they wish) will receive a Coin Bank in which to place offerings for World Hunger. At worship each week we'll hear a story about how World Hunger funds are helping families or individuals throughout the world and in the United States.



## Easter Baskets/Pails

Pails will be available for pick up at Eidsvold, on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Fill them with age-appropriate toys, candy, crafts, filled plastic eggs, etc. Each pail will have a tag attached - circle on the tag if they are for a boy, girl or either, and the approximate age group. **Please return all pails by Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>** so they can be delivered to the Pierce County Food Pantry. A completed sample pail will be on display.



## Eidsvold Council Meeting Summary Wednesday, February 23, 2022

**Sanctuary painting** is complete—new glass for lights to be installed by end of week and then scaffolding can be removed. Front entrance should be done this week; kitchen and bathrooms, upstairs room yet to be painted.

Motion seconded and carried to remove one row of pews from each side to increase space between pews.

Set Sunday, Feb 27th at 5PM to start reinstalling pews, contingent upon scaffolding removed.

**Well pump** at church has been running a lot. Hoyer checked it and options are to wait until it goes or replace it. Motion made and seconded to get a quote for replacing.

### Anniversary notes:

- Need to kick off fundraising efforts (bake sale, generational/memorial/in honor of donations/engraved brick pavers to be used in landscaping)
- Plan programming (letters were mailed this week to all former pastors informing of date)
- Landscape after exterior has been painted

## ATTENTION CAMPERS! SUMMER IS COMING!

Bible Camp for Grades 1-12, fishing camp, horse camp, grandparent-grandchild camp —check out the brochures for Luther Point Bible Camp on the table in the back of the church. The church and Women of the ELCA provide assistance. Early bird discount ends May 1st.

## IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME!

Around 50 years ago, a hay field was converted to a softball field that is still used today and is known as the Our Savior's Lutheran Ball field. Many church teams have played ball here throughout the years (including Bethlehem-Eidsvold ball teams).

They currently have 8 teams for this coming season and want at least 2 more teams. Donna Constant says, "It is rewarding to hear players come up and tell us what being involved has done for them and how it has changed them to become better people." Improvements made throughout the years include bleachers, scoreboard, safety nets, new lights and light poles, playground equipment and more.

Now they want to make it better. The next project is to add a real bathroom with running water. It will double as a storm shelter. This means drilling a well, installation of a septic system, and erecting a building to reach this goal. Running water will also be a big asset to the concession stand. The park is used by people on bikes and motorcycles, runners, family gatherings, and more. This addition will benefit the community and make the park a better place for everyone.

Goal: \$ 50,000. Donations can be sent to:  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
W5431 County Rd N  
Beldenville WI 54003

Thank you for your consideration.

Donna Constant, Fundraising Committee

## OFFERINGS MAY BE MAILED TO:

Eidsvold:	Bethlehem
Eidsvold Lutheran Church	Janice Kearns
W6111 County Rd EE	PO Box 724
Bay City WI 54723	Ellsworth WI 54011

## Check out our parish website & Facebook

Worship times will also be posted on these.

<https://www.bethlehemeidsvoldchurches.com/>

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