

October 2026



HILL AND VALLEY PARISH NEWS Svea and Eidsvold Lutheran Churches

CHURCH SERVICE INFO



EIDSVOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH
W6111 COUNTY RD EE
BAY CITY WI 54723
OCT SERVICES
10:30 AM

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH
N2610 770TH ST
HAGER CITY WI 54014
OCT SERVICES
9:00 AM

We are now in a transitional period as Pastor Al has moved on and we anticipate getting our next pastor. This is a process that takes time and of course some paperwork.

1. The joint council will meet with Karen Behling (a possible interim pastor to serve and help us through the transition) on Tuesday, Sept 29 at Svea.
2. **Form a Call Committee:** There should be 3 members and an alternate from each congregation.
 - a. Please consider being a part of the group
 - b. Everyone's opinion matters
 - c. The council will try to keep ALL informed
 - d. Contact a council member if you have suggestions or ideas
3. Fill out a PROFILE The one we used a few years ago just needs to be updated (this should not be a huge process)

EIDSVOLD Council Members

Mandy Rikli 651-212-1679
Lee Langer 715-222-8006
Tracie Esterby 651-380-2212
Phyllis Beasom 715-821-5847
Laura Peterson 715-307-2670

SVEA Council Members

Dennis Rieck 715-307-3547
Kelly Knutson 715-594-3838
Wade Strain 715-821-2704
Dianne Albarado 715-222-8648
Dan Maxwell 715-410-5818

If there is a pastoral emergency, contact Pastor Pete of English Lutheran Church in Ellsworth 715-273-4617 (church office)

CONTACT INFORMATION

CHURCH: BELUTHER@BEVCOMM.NET
OFFICE 715-594-3182
LEAVE A MESSAGE

TANA LANGER
PARISH SECRETARY
715-222-4058

We are excited to announce **electronic** giving through **Vanco!**
Your generosity will help us impact our community with the good news of the gospel.

Try the QR codes printed below.

Eidsvold



Parish Social Media

Facebook
Church Website
<https://www.eidsvoldsvea.com>

Did you know Svea's worship service is on **YouTube** each week?
Check it out at
<https://www.youtube.com/@SveaLutheranChurch>
or simply google Svea Lutheran Church, Hager City WI
Once you're there, click on YouTube.

October Birthdays

Eidsvold

1 - Leonard Gilbertson
6 - Isabelle Peterson
11 - Reese Mandelkow
11 - Karen Fuller
13 - Chad Peterson
16 - Fay Albarado
16 - Faith Edwards
19 - Laura Peterson
19 - Heather Mark
25 - Carson Richardson
26 - Mary Finkelson
28 - Judy Lacroix
30 - Fletcher Owen



Blessing of the Backpacks
was Rally Sunday ~ Sept 13



Svea

12 - Dan Maxwell
19 - Rick Phillips
22 - Tammy Strain
28 - Sheryl Fritz
30 - Deb Carlton



Please let me know if I missed a birthday or need to make any corrections.

PRAYER LIST

Prayers for Healing

Jeff Jonas
Jason Anderson
Roger Knudsen
Elwyn Manore
Herb Enberg
Ken Huffman
Diana Gilbertson
Denice Girdeen
Sam Stockwell
Heather Ritchie
Jon Swedien
Karl Groop
Jim Bostrom

Prayers for Sustained Strength and Comfort

Chris Larson
Terry Emery
Margaret Groop
Johnnie Albarado
Norma Hanson
Larry Gerdes
Gerry Hoffman
Jim Swenson,
all caregivers in our parish

Prayers for those serving in the military

Tyler Ballman
Nathan Solomon



Those who mourn

Rose Ann Powers
Thelma Hartman
Darrell Schuster

Community Events



Svea Quilters

2nd and 4th Tuesday

Oct 8

Oct 22

9 am-noon

No experience is needed.
All are welcome!

BETHEL'S BASEMENT BLESSINGS

New Community Outreach
FREE Monthly Shopping
at Bethel Covenant Church
W8405 Cty Rd KK, Ellsworth WI
715-792-2397

Shopping will be held each month on the
3rd Monday Oct 19 11 am - 7 pm
and Tuesday Oct 20 11 am - 5 pm



EUCHRE

Euchre will resume in November.
It will be the 1st Friday of the
month (Nov 6)



*Thank you to everyone who made the Pie & Ice Cream Social at Eidsvold
a success.*

*About \$1000 will be donated towards the
Feed My Starving Children Event*



Community Events



LWR School Kits and Personal Care Kits

- Phyllis will take a load to the warehouse on Monday, Sept 28th.
- Continue bringing school kits and personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief through October 18th.
- **On October 18th**, if you are able, please stay a few minutes after worship and **help assemble Personal Care Kits**.
- Phyllis has all the items needed for 30-35 kits and we will assemble them on tables in the basement at Eidsvold after worship.

Your help is appreciated!



2026-2027 Confirmation Schedule English Lutheran Church

16-Sep Orientation
 23-Sep Lesson 1 – Creation
 30-Sep Lesson 2 – Sin & the Fall – Adam & Eve

7-Oct Lesson 3 – Re-Creation – Noah & the Flood
 14-Oct Lesson 4 – Divine Covenant – Abraham & Sarah
 21-Oct Fun Night - Bring a board game or cards
 28-Oct Lesson 5 – Wrestling with God - Jacob

4-Nov Lesson 6 – Moses & the Exodus
 11-Nov Basket Flyer Drop-Off
 18-Nov Basket Donation Pickup
 25-Nov No Class Thanksgiving
 2-Dec Lesson 7 – Joshua & Judges
 9-Dec Lesson 8 – David
 16-Dec Christmas Party
 23-Dec No Class - Christmas Break
 30-Dec No Class - Christmas Break
 6-Jan Review Session
 13-Jan Lesson 9 – Ruth & Naomi

Daily Devotional

Word & Season is now available
 at both churches for
 Oct-Nov- Dec



Each night of confirmation will have supper served at 5:30-6:30, then class for an hour following dinner.

All students can come right after school as they will have the youth room open for them to hang out in.

Kingdom Kids October 7

from 3:15–5:30 PM

English Lutheran church has
The Kingdom Kids program.

It is offered to 4k through 5th grade students. They can join us on the **first Wednesday of each month** after school from 3:30 to 5:00 pm starting in October.

We will have a bus bring the EES kids right after school.

We will have a snack, sing songs, play games, and learn about God!

Families are invited to join us for a meal at 5:00 p.m.

Eidsvold-Svea and Our Savior's Lutheran Churches are without a pastor and will be joining English Lutheran for Confirmation classes this year.

What is confirmation? Confirmation in the Lutheran Church is a public profession of faith prepared for by long and careful instruction. **It is also called the affirmation of baptism.** Confirmation is a place where young people learn about the promises God has made, why he made them, and how they impact our lives today.

Confirmation goals

- Learn about the Bible-Old Testament and New Testament
- Learn about the Ten Commandments
- Learn about the Apostles' Creed
- Learn about the Lord's Prayer
- Learn about the major Christian Holy Days, Holidays, and Seasons
- Learn about the sacrament of Holy Baptism and Confirmation
- Service Learning within our community.

"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." Deuteronomy 6:6-7

If you are willing to help volunteer in the confirmation program, please reach out to Tracie or Pastor Pete.



Fundraising is now in progress so **"Feed My Starving Children"** can come to **Ellsworth in March, 2027**. Industries, businesses, churches and individuals are asked to help raise the \$30,000 needed to make this happen. It's a huge endeavor to bring all the equipment needed to pack and seal the meals, as well as all the products to fill the individual meal bags.



They have sponsorship levels of:
\$500 = Hopeful Impact
\$1000 = Community Champion
\$2500 = Feed the Future

The Eidsvold-Svea joint council met last week and decided each of our congregations would participate and ask members to donate to "Feed My Starving Children" and each congregation will match the funds up to \$2500. So if you're donating cash, put it in an envelope and mark it "Feed My Starving Children". If writing a check, put "Feed My Starving Children" on the memo line.

Set up will happen on March 18, 2027 at the high school and the students will be packing the meal bags at the school on Friday. There will be opportunities for adults to assemble bags Friday evening and Saturday morning so put these dates on your calendar so you can participate.

***Feed My Starving Children says: "We want to reach everyone, until ALL are fed."
Because no one deserves to go hungry, especially when we can do something about it.***

SVEA CHURCH HAPPENINGS

****Note****

Contact Bonnie Hasenberg if you have information you want included in the newsletter **612-720-7411**.

Communion will be offered at worship on October 4th and 18th as

Pastor Melba Smith will be leading service



'No - Bake' Bake Sale!!

It's that time of year again.

Svea Cookbooks for sale!
THEY MAKE GREAT GIFTS.
~~\$20.00 EACH FOR 2 FOR \$30.00~~
REDUCED PRICE

The hot summer is over and it's time to put those baking pans away.

We are about to **'fall'** into our charitable **"No Bake - Bake Sale"** event sponsored by the Svea WELCA. Our only charitable event throughout the year.

You don't have to purchase any baking supplies, which are very expensive nowadays, and your electric bill won't increase either! So, maybe you can support our group for an affordable donation so we can support our charities.

The fun starts on **Oct 1st and runs through Oct 31st!**



There will be a drawing for a beautiful quilt donated by the Svea quilters for those who make a donation!

**Thank you,
Svea WELCA**

Sunday October 11

Blessing of the **QUILTS** before they are taken to LWR and other outlets.

Svea needs **readers** for the church service and also to help on the **Altar committee**. Anyone - male or female - can help with this. Thanks to Sue and Myrt for all that you do!



Thanks to everyone that brings food for the food pantry! Now, we need a **volunteer to transport it to the food pantry in Ellsworth.**

This can be done whenever it is convenient for you; weekly, bimonthly, or however it fits in your schedule!

EIDSVOLD HAPPENINGS

****Note**** Communion will be offered at worship on October 4th and 18th as
Pastor Melba Smith will be leading service

Thank you for your Time and Talents

Readers

Oct 4 Carol/Angie Peterson
Oct 11 Justin Mandelkow
Oct 18 Judy Lacroix
Oct 25 Phyllis Beastrom

October

Altar Committee

Mary Williams
Oct 4 & 18

Bake Communion

Bread
Phyllis Beastrom

Ushers

Oct 4 Kari Schroeder & Lynda Rieck
Oct 11 DeLoris & Darren Bloomstrand
Oct 18 Judy Lacroix and Mary Williams
Oct 25 Alvin & Lorna Eidem

Thank you for volunteering
and being in the rotation!

STRENGTHS

- active Sunday School
- family confirmation meals
- good friends
- loving one another
- children's message
- being kind to others
- welcoming congregation
- young families
- altar guild volunteers
- awesome communion bread
- fellowship
- great children's message and their participation

WEAKNESSES

- no church softball league
- Less than 10 Eidsvold members attended the Ecumenical Choir Concert.
- no community outreach
- offer wafers at communion
- use disposable wine cups
- need happier music for kids
- new ideas aren't welcomed
- no support for youth events
- showing up more
- need more upbeat music
- too much new music
- need modern upbeat music that is easier to sing (not too high)

SWOT

- STRENGTHS
- Weaknesses
- Opportunities
- Talents

Next....

OPPORTUNITIES

Areas we can get involved in!
Please add your ideas to the whiteboard in the entryway.



Sunday School News

Please contact our Superintendent, Bree Lund, if you have any questions or if you know of someone that would like to join Sunday School!

We are also looking for a few more people to help with teaching!

bree_lund@outlook.com or 651-764-2227



Sunday School Registration ~ Eidsvold Lutheran Church
Kids do NOT need to be registered to attend Sunday School. However, filling out this form will help us plan lessons and activities, and help communicate Sunday School news and announcements. Please fill out one form per child.

Click on the link below or the QR Code to the left.

<https://forms.gle/xgdsHGBCrGmWeRxxg6>

What we will be learning about....

Oct 4 Lesson: The Chief Priests

Oct 11 Lesson: Parable of the Vineyard

Oct 18 Halloween Activity

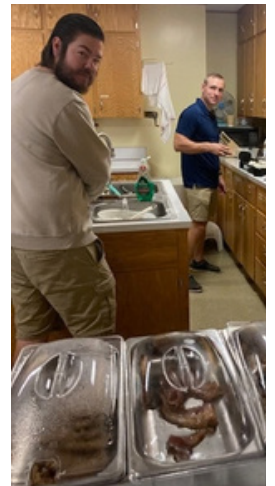
Oct 25 Reformation Sunday ~

Student sing in church

Brunch Following Church Service

Rally Sunday Pancake Breakfast was a hit!!

Thank You!!



Eidsvold Council Meeting

Thursday, Sept 10, 2026 6-7 pm



1) Mandy called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. Mandy, Lee, Tana, Phyllis, and Tracie were in attendance.

2) Prayer led by Mandy

3) Old Business

a. Mass Notification: Phyllis will reach back out to Pastor Al. Only Svea has used this twice.

b. SWOT-opportunities=Feed My Starving Children -Community Event Sign-up sheets were passed around the previous Sunday asking for help.

c. Pie and Ice Cream Social - Sept 23rd from 4-7. Sign-up sheets were passed around the previous Sunday asking for help.

d. Confirmation- Meeting for orientation will be on Wednesday, Sept 16th at Our Savior's Church. We will still have our students do 10 sermon notes; Tracie will collect them until a Pastor is on site. Students can sub out notes for doing church duties or helping with Sunday school.

e. Lee got a bid of over \$ 98,000 for windows for the church and parsonage.

We will talk with church members to see if they know of anyone who can do it for a more reasonable price.

We agreed to do the parsonage windows first, as it only has one working window.

4) New Business

a. **Feed My Starving Children**-Tracie attended a meeting at Zion regarding Mobile Feed My Starving Children. This will be held at the Ellsworth High School from March 18-March 20, 2027. They are in the beginning stages of planning. They need 30,000 dollars for this event. They want to do this event each year. Many businesses and local churches are participating. They will need 125-150 people to volunteer for each shift on the two days. They will have a morning shift and an afternoon shift, each about 2 hours long.

They have sponsorship levels of:

\$500 = Hopeful Impact

\$1000 = Community Champion

\$2500 = Feed the Future

If we are a sponsor, we will have our names listed. Next meeting is on Sept. 28th at 7 pm at Zion. Tracie plans to attend.

b. **Pastor Coverage**=We have coverage through Nov. 1st

c. Eidsvold/Svea agreement= Tana had these printed out. Each council member received one, and they are to review it.

d. Review Mission Statement=**Need to start the process of forming a call committee**

e. Finances as of 8-31-26

General Fund=\$71,321.41

Memorial Fund=\$28,490.26

Youth=\$1,714.02

Building=\$17,257.85

Parsonage=\$44,932.21

Total=\$163,715.75

5) Open Discussion

a. Next meeting date = Pick a date after Joint Council Meeting

b. What do we need for Joint Council Meeting: List was made by Mandy

6) Lord's Prayer

7) Adjourn at 8:10 pm

Notes Submitted by Tracie Esterby

Eidsvold Svea Joint Council Meeting

September 17, 2026

7pm Held at Eidsvold

Attended: Dennis, Lee, Tracie, Wade, Tana, Mandy, Phyllis, Dan

Opening Prayer: Mandy

New Business

Last meeting minutes were read, and no changes were needed.

1. Pulpit Supply- as of now, we are not having communion, as the Pastor must be ordained or be a SAM. This is temporary.

2. Interim Pastor Status = Pastor Karen Behling; Dennis will contact her to set up a time to meet. The Council suggested some dates and times. Dennis will let the joint council know. This meeting will be held at Svea.

3. Call Committee-must be a member of Eidsvold/Svea; we will have three from each

4. Ministry Profile- each council member was given a copy of both churches. All council members are to review this before our meeting with Pastor Karen.

5. We reminded the council that if any congregation member is interested in leaving the joint parish agreement, written communication to that congregation's council is required no later than October 1st. (This doesn't mean that we would take action, but it will be reviewed by the joint council). At this time, joint council members feel that we are willing to keep working with a clean slate moving forward.

6. The policy on engagement with the previous pastor. This Bishop has allowed this one time for Pastor Al to lead the funeral services for Roseann Powers. It is not the norm for a former pastor to return. The reason is to allow the past and upcoming pastors to form connections or break ties. Members are encouraged, if they have questions, to talk with a council member.

Other Business:

1. Holiday schedule. Councils have suggested Christmas Eve services at 2:30 and 4:30, with no service on Christmas Day. Christmas Day falls on a Friday this year. Once we know who will be the pastor for these dates, we will set a solid plan.

2. Feed My Starving Children-Mobile Packing. Zion Church is hosting, and it will be held at Ellsworth High School on March 18-20, 2027. Tracie will attend the meetings. Next is Sept. 28th at 7 pm at Zion. They need to raise 30,000 dollars. As a joint church, we have set a goal to match any funds raised up to the \$2,500 mark. Sponsorship Levels are \$500-Hopeful Impact, \$ 1,000- Community Champion, \$ 2,500- Feed The Future. More to come on this event.

3. Notification System-Mandy will reach out again to Pastor Al to get passwords and learn how this works.

4. Finances-both churches agree that all is well at this time.

5. Lord's Prayer

6. Next Meeting will depend on when we meet to talk with the interim pastor. 7. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Meeting Minutes Submitted by Tracie Esterby

