



November 2025

HILL AND VALLEY PARISH NEWS

Svea and Eidsvold Lutheran Churches



Greetings from the Parsonage,

November is a busy month in the Church. We start with All Saints Sunday and end with the First Sunday of Advent, with Christ the King Sunday in between. It is easy to lose track of all of these holidays—ones not even banks recognize—but they have a purpose. The Church Calendar—seasons, feasts, and all—teaches us how to see the world through a Christian lens.

In some ways, the Liturgical Year (the \$10 term for the Church Calendar—sure to impress others) is like a workout regimen through which the Holy Spirit strengthens us. Some holidays may seem strange, perhaps not what we would choose, but they offer something to our lives—they build the muscles we may have not yet needed. Here are two that will greet us in November.

All Saints Sunday (Nov. 2) is the day we mourn as a congregation. In an age with more “Celebrations of Life” or no service at all, All Saints ensures Jesus enters our grief and guides us onward to hope. Although we read the all names from the parish of those who went before us this year, we sometimes do not share our individual losses with others. This is why we invite anyone who wishes to light a candle in silence to do so. I light one every year for my father. In Christ, all the faithful are made saints and are worthy to be remembered. On this day, we do not pray to these saints, but rather join their prayers in Heaven.

Christ the King Sunday (Nov. 23) is a reminder that although we have differing political opinions—which is a sign of a healthy community—Jesus remains the King of our lives. It is a holiday celebrated across the world: under authoritarian regimes, constitutional monarchies, and democratic republics. It is the Church’s protest against those who attempt to silence Christ’s rule, and it remind us all of the King we will one day answer to. On this Sunday, the student-pastor at United Lutheran will be sharing the message.

Something to look forward to...

On Wednesday, December 3, we will have our **First Annual Parish Chili Cookoff**. This year, the cookoff will be at Eidsvold—next year it will be at Svea. Together, our parish can do some marvelous things—both in service and in fellowship. However, if that is not enough of a motivator, Pastor Al has a “Golden Crockpot” trophy for the winner. The winning cook will get their name written on the back, and their parish will have the honor of displaying the “Golden Crockpot” until next year. Following the cookoff, we will have our first of three Advent services. Like Lent, these will rotate between the churches. The Chili Cookoff is not in the Liturgical Year, but it will surely be a delicious blessing.

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CHURCH SERVICE INFO

EIDSVOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH
W6111 COUNTY RD EE
BAY CITY WI 54723
OCTOBER SERVICES
AND SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:00 AM

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH
N2610 770TH ST
HAGER CITY WI 54014
OCTOBER SERVICES
10:30 AM

Parish Social Media

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



November Birthdays

Eidsvold

1 - Ellie Mae Alms
2 - Gerald Anderson
4 - Alvin Eidem
5 - Kayleen Jakes
6 - Tyler Soden
7 - Andrea Benck
7 - Brantley Huppert
9 - Darren Bloomstrand
11 - Christina Donley Hains
13 - Linnea Soden
13 - Ryan Hanson
13 - Dayne Whipple
14 - Maschall Bloomstrand
14 - Cynthia Anderson
17 - Gene Benck
17 - Reese Franklin
20 - Emily Lofgren
20 - Diana Gilbertson
21 - Lee Franklin
23 - Emeree Munsen
23 - Robert Soden
25 - Rylie Schroeder
26 - Amanda Jepson
29 - Dennis Finstad

Svea

5 - Connie Rieck
13 - Donna Fick
20 - Mary Dailey Shaver
24 - Bettie Swedien
25 - John (Butch) Sebion
29 - Diane Albarado



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

Eidsvold



Try the QR codes printed below.



Svea



PRAYER LIST

Prayers for Healing

Leonard Gilbertson, Kathy Huppert, Beth Johnston, Gail Gusa, Lilah Larson, Diane Hines, Virgil Hinrichs, Tammy Price, John (Butch) Sebion, Jim Bostrom, Mick Borst, Jerry Lacroix, Ann Blue, Sandy Place, Dave Betthausen, Bob Soden, Wendell Manore, Kelly Snyder, Dave Ericson, Elwyn Manore

Prayers for Sustained Strength and Comfort

Verlene Benck, Laura Anderson, Larry Gerdes, Terrence Emery, Chris Larson, Rose Ann Powers, Gerry Hoffman, Connie Rieck, Mavis Flack, Julie Patterson, Jim Swenson, and all caregivers in our parish

Prayers for our Ministry Partners

Bishop Martin Halom, the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, Debi Emery (CRU), Isaac and Isabella Thrill, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi

Prayers for those serving in the military

Carson Anway, Tyler Ballman, Nathan Solomon, Andy Smith



Eidsvold-Svea Joint Council Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2025 Svea Church - 6 pm

Pres. Dennis Rieck called the meeting to order

Attendees: Kelly K, Kendra H, Lee L, Phyllis B, Amada J, Pastor Al, Dennis R, Jerry H, Wade S

- Previous minutes read by Kendra H and approved
- New Business: 1st Advent service is a Chili cookoff Dec 3 @ Eidsvold (meal at 6pm, service at 7pm). 2nd Advent service Dec 10 at Svea; 3rd Advent service Dec 17 @Eidsvold, both with 6pm meal followed by 7 pm service.
- Service time changes on Oct 5th
- Congregation numbers should be brought to the November 13 Joint Council Meeting
- Christmas Eve Services set 2 pm and 8pm at Svea, 4pm at Eidsvold NO SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS DAY.
- Compensation review for Pastor: Phyllis researched pay and healthcare. Discussed and agreed on a 4% increase and the Copay 2000 healthcaer option.
- Old Business: Pastor's hospital mileage budget brought up. He is to turn in mileage for reimbursement. None reported yet for this year.

Adjourned

Submittted by: Svea Secretary, Wade Strain





Community Events



Svea Quilters

2nd and 4th Tuesday

November 11th

November 25th

9 am-noon

No experience is needed. All are welcome!

Ruby's Pantry

First Saturday of the Month

November 1

10-11:30 at

Pierce Pepin Co-op



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 Tuesday and Wednesday

11 AM - 6 PM

Parish Choir Schedule:

Rehearsals will be on

Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

Nov 5- Svea

Nov 12- Eidsvold

Nov 19- Svea

Nov 26- No rehearsal-

Happy Thanksgiving!

Dec. 3- Eidsvold

Dec. 10- Svea

Dec. 17- Eidsvold

Christmas Cantata: Dec. 21

9 a.m.- Eidsvold

10:30 a.m.- Svea

Only 6 practices, consider joining the choir! If you have any questions, contact Kari Aakre.



EUCHRE

Friday, November 7

Meet at 7:00 at Eidsvold

Bring a snack to share (optional).

Coffee will be provided.

Parish Chili Cookoff

Wednesday, December 3.

The winner will get their name on the "Golden Crockpot" and their parish will have the honor of displaying it until next year.

Following the cookoff, we will have our first of three Advent services. Like Lent, these will rotate between the churches.

More information to follow.....

Advent Services:

Wednesday, Dec 3

Wednesday Dec 10

Wednesday Dec 17

Volunteers Needed

At the Pierce County Food Pantry in Ellsworth.

Just a few hours a week will help. Clean, friendly environment.

Call Heidi at 715-821-7763 for more information.

HOLIDAY CRAFT SALE

Saturday, November 8th

9am - 3pm

Handmade Quilts & Crafts

Baked Goods

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

320 West Ave. Red Wing

SVEA CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Throughout the year ladies meet on Tuesday mornings from 9 till noon twice a month and make **QUILTS**. This year after having the blessing of the quilts in church,

*30 were taken up to **Lutheran World Relief** to be shipped where needed.

*TurningPoint in River Falls received **5 quilts**

*5 or 6 more will be delivered to the **high school** for **gifts at Christmas time**

*Several quilts are kept on hand to be given as needed for graduation, baptism or for some other benefit, such as the no bake bake sale.

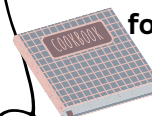
Plain colored full or queen size sheets are always needed by the quilting group!

Everyone and anyone is welcome.

Shop Early

SVEA Cookbooks are available for Christmas gifts and can be purchased for \$25.

Ornaments / Magnets are also for sale for \$12.



The No-Bake Bake Sale.....
Was held during the month of October! Only a few days left!!

All donations are welcome.
Your name will be entered into a drawing and a quilt will be given to a lucky winner!

On Oct. 5th, we had cake and coffee in honor of **Elaine Denzer**. She has been a loyal and dedicated servant to Svea Church. She moved to Alabama to be closer to family and we will all miss her. Her address is: 11294 Cloister Dr., Daphne, AL 36526. She will be enjoying a warmer winter this year.

Help is needed for setting up communion. Anyone who could help for a month or a couple of weeks, please let **Bonnie Hasenberg** know.
(612-720-7411) Thank you



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Svea cemetery fund.

The donations are appreciated. Thank you to **Joey Emery and his family** for the mowing this summer. You did a great job!

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

EIDSVOLD HAPPENINGS

Thank you for your Time and Talents

Readers

Eidsvold

Nov 2 Tana Langer
Nov 9 Mandy Jepson
Nov 16 Michelle Plote
Nov 23 Carol/Angie Peterson
Nov 30 Justin Mandelkow

Ushers

Nov 2 DeLoris B and Jan K
Nov 9 Mary W and Karen B
Nov 16 Joe L and Rita A
Nov 23 FKari
Nov 30 Kari S and Lynda R

November

Altar Committee

Karen Brostrom

Bake Communion Bread

Phyllis Beastrom

November 2, 16, 30



Wash Communion Glasses

November 2 DeLoris B

November 16 _____

November 30 _____

Church Cleaning

Eidsvold

Nov 2 DeLoris B

Nov 9 Phyllis B

Nov 16 _____

Nov 23 _____

Nov 30 _____



Thank you!



Sunday School News!

What we will be learning about:

November 2 - Christmas Program Practice

November 16 - Christmas Program Practice

November 23 - Christmas Program Practice

November 30 - No Sunday School

Looking Ahead - Christmas Program Performance:

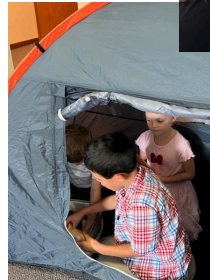
Sunday, December 14th at the 9:00 am Church Service

WE ARE EXCITED TO BE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL!

**PLEASE CONTACT BREE IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS OR IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE THAT
WOULD LIKE TO JOIN SUNDAY SCHOOL!**

**WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR EXTRA PEOPLE TO HELP
WITH OUR CHILDREN.**

BREE_LUND@OUTLOOK.COM OR 651-764-2227



Confirmation Schedule

7th Grade

Lutheran Living

November 5

November 12

November 19

Meet at 5:30 for a meal
Class will be 6:00 - 7:00



**Thank you to everyone that made the
PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL a success!**

Our profit was \$1047.00!



God's Work, Our Hands Project

Eidsvold Cemetery Clean-Up

Sunday, October 12, 2025



Thank you for your help!