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Hill & Valley Parish News

Svea and Eidsvold Lutheran Churches

A Note from Pastor Al:

The Pierce County Fair quickly approaches! As many of you know, this year, our Parish has been given a booth in the round barn. This is a wonderful outreach opportunity as the Fair attracts thousands of visitors from our area—a.k.a. our mission field. We will likely not have this opportunity again next year, as the booth we are in has already been reserved by another. God provides us opportunities, but they are often brief and unique. We must take them when they appear as soon as they appear, for we cannot say when or if they will *reappear*.

As part of this tabling, we will be handing out bottles of water to those that pass by. In doing so, we answer the challenge given to us by Jesus Christ:

... I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me... Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee... thirsty and give thee drink?... And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' (Matthew 25:35-40)

And whoever gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he shall not lose his reward." (Matthew 10:42)

Two-thousand water bottles have been ordered, Parish labels to go on them, as well as other promotional items. Please watch for our "Stickoree" when we will apply our labels to the bottles. A sign-up sheet will be at the Eidsvold Office during the week and will follow me to each worship service. I will remind those that sign up that the two congregations are not in competition with each other—we will give thanks if a single visitor attends either church. Speak positively about the other congregation and the ministries that they provide for everyone in the parish. If you do not know the answer to a question about Eidsvold or Svea, direct the questioner to a member of that congregation. Making individual connections is often key to community growth.

Blessings, Al Aakre

Al Aakre



BIRTHDAYS

May you have a special day and a blessed year!

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| 1 – Andy Esterby | 18 – Danial Langer |
| 2 – Jada Potts | 19 – Brian Girdeen |
| 4 – Domenick Donley | 20 – Andrea Helseth |
| 5 – Chris Peterson | 21 – TriChelle Smaller |
| 5 - Cedrec LaFave | 21 - Paisley Lewison |
| 6 - Fiona Andrews | 21– Austin Manore |
| 7 – Marlyce Bayer | 22– Darlene Anderson |
| 10 – Kathy Sears | 22 – Martin Johnson- |
| 10 - Megan Bignell | Cass |
| 12 – Frank Peterson | 24 – Spencer Peterson |
| 12 - Mark Girdeen | 25 – Miles Pritchard |
| 13 – Marc Sears | 26 – Emily Gregory |
| 15 – Mason Regenscheid | 27 -Sue Manore |
| 17 – Geraldine Hoffman | 27 – Mikael Andrews |
| | 31 – LeRoy Langer |
| | 31 - Rich Lofgren |

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, September 10th Rally Sunday!

Sunday school and blessing of backpacks. 8:45am

Sunday, September 17th 2:00pm

Celebration of the Life and Ministry of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Pastor Carol Peterson will lead the service.



Love. Grow. Serve.

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 August

Bethlehem

Altar Guild: Ann Whipple

Church cleaning: Jim and Cindy Anderson

Reader: Phyllis Beastrom

Eidsvold

Church Cleaning: (Note: you clean for the worship held on the date by which you signed

August 6 - Worship at Bethlehem

August 13 - available for you

August 20 - available for you

August 27 - Worship at the Esdaile Park

Ushers 2 each week

distribute bulletins, count & write attendance on calendar, receive offering

August 6- Worship at Bethlehem

August 13 - Karen Brostrom & Bev Peterson

August 20 - Rita Anderson & Brenda/Tim Singer

August 27 - Lee and Tana Langer

Altar Committee—

Set up communion for altar distribution as well as prepared chalices on platter, and clean up.

Altar Paraments: green until October 30th

Beverages will be served at Eidsvold before church. Enjoy a hot cup of coffee or a cold glass of lemonade. The table can be found by the stairs. All are welcome to enjoy this treat.

SVEA:

As usual



SCHOOL SUPPLIES ARE ON SALE!

NOW is the time to purchase school supplies for students in our community or for Lutheran World Relief school kits.

Local schools always appreciate donations of school supplies and are grateful to receive notebooks, glue, pencils, pens, erasers, crayons, colored pencils and markers, paper towels, Kleenex, cleansing and sanitary wipes, etc.

Lutheran World Relief School Kits provide hope and future to Children around the world.

A listing of supplies for a Lutheran World Relief school Kits and other kits is in this newsletter.

The backpack bags are available at Eidsvold, Svea & Bethlehem. There are four bags in a bag for a total of five. If you don't want that many, remove bags.

Small rubber bands to band the pencils and pens are also available at each congregation.



Below are 2 stories of how LWR kits are helping families and children.

1 Did you know LWR quilts also help children grow up to be strong and healthy?

Stunting is caused by chronic malnutrition in a child's early years. Children who are stunted are more likely to get sick, take longer to get better and they often experience developmental delays and have trouble learning. Stunting is more than just being short – it prevents a child from reaching their potential.

Researchers looked into the cause of stunting in Tanzania and discovered that children were not only hungry – they were cold. Instead of using every last calorie to grow, they were burning significant energy just to keep their bodies warm.

So thanks to all the quilters and the works of their hands – children in Tanzania have quilts to keep them warm and help them grow up strong and healthy!

2 In times of disaster, LWR quilts and kits are an answer to prayer

The violent earthquake that struck several times in February killed tens of thousands of our neighbors in Turkey.

Lutheran World Relief along with other partners immediately:

- airlifted tents, tarps, winter clothing & solar lights

- distributed ready to eat food and hot meals, sleeping bags and sleeping mats

- delivered Lutheran World Relief quilts, Baby Care Kits, and Personal Care Kits to our neighbors during the hardest time of their lives, when they are exhausted, homeless, grieving, and terrified.

Today LWR and other partners are constructing a container city with 500 homes in one of the hardest hit communities. Each family's container will have 2 rooms – a bathroom with a flushing toilet, and a kitchen. The container city includes clean running water. Each container home has a private garden area to call their own.

Thank you for being an answer to prayer and being a loving neighbor as LWR continues the recovery in Turkey for years to come.



AUGUST WORSHIP

If the weather is inclement on August 27th when scheduled for the park, worship will be at Eidsvold.

Worship schedule can also be found on our website and facebook:

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

<https://www.facebook.com/Bethlehem.Eidsvold>

Aug 6 - 8:45 am Svea 10:30 am Eidsvold

Aug 13 - 8:45 am Svea 10:30 am Eidsvold

Aug 20- 8:45 am Svea 10:30 am Eidsvold

Aug 27 - 10:00 a.m. Esdaile Park-Joint Service
Potluck following the service

Bible Study: At Svea on Tuesdays at 7pm

Quilting: At Svea on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays
9-12am

Euchre: First Friday of the month at Eidsvold
7pm

Pierce County Fair Booth:

August 10-13

Yuka Ladies and Lads Practices:

Watch for dates Contact Melody if interested.

Sunday School News:

2023/2024 Sunday School

Ages:3-5th grade

Reach out to Megan Franklin at

651-815-9172 or

meganfranklin@yahoo.com

She would like to get your information ready and
Supplies for the upcoming year.

First day of Sunday School at Eidsvold is
September 10th!

Our Church News letter comes from the Hills of Svea and the Valleys of Eidsvold. Each month our newsletters are a works in progress. This is the first edition of our new yoking of churches. Please give us grace as we start this process. The purpose of our church news letter is to inform our church families of all the ins and outs of our church lives and community. You are encouraged to read and inform us of information. July started out very slow in the church and has boomed by 100 since the first. I hope you are all loved worshiping together once a month in our outdoor services, excited about the upcoming directory, interested in VBS day at Svea, promoting our two churches at the Fair, Yuka Ladies and Lads, and looking forward to fall. Many things happen each day, be thankful for your blessings.

Tracie

Summer Retreat

St Croix Valley Conference

Saturday, August 26, 2023

Redeemer Lutheran Church

1097 Scott Rd, Burkhardt, WI

\$15 Admission Fee (includes program and lunch)

8:30am-11:30 am

Event

Lunch to follow

Meet our speaker, Deb Wyss (pen name Ann Wyse), who served as a missionary in Tibet for 7 years. She will share her living experiences and faith journey.

Eidsvold Council Meeting 7/19/22

Present: Jason, Anne, Kathy, Mandy,

Tana, Tracie, and Heather

Treasurer's Report by Anne:

General: \$69,581.04

Memorial: \$24,385.26

Youth: \$2,840.34

Building: \$23,860.63

Parsonage: \$22,766.77

Technology: \$397.19

Accepted as reported.

New Business:

Take bids on mowing for next year, Rental costs of church for members and nonmembers. All celebrations are the same. Members are no charge, non members will have 100 dollar deposit to secure the date and is refundable security deposit as long as the building is left in the same condition as it was before the event. Cost of building was set for \$200.

Update on Church Directory given by Tracie.

Will work on article for September newsletter on member status and what that means.

Fall schedule-Sept-December for Eidsvold will be 8:45 worship with Svea being 10:30.

New name for newsletter: Hill & Valley Parish News

Musical services will increase wages from \$55 to \$100, change was made to to match Svea.

Pierce Coutny Dare asked for donation: \$100

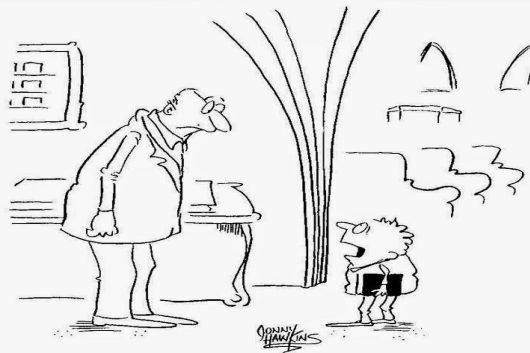
August 2nd for Joint Council Meeting at 6:30pm

Meeting Closed by Jason with Lords Prayer

Ruby's
PANTRY

Ruby's Pantry is open to **ANY-ONE** who needs

help extending their monthly grocery budget. For \$25 CASH donation per share, you will receive an abundance of food. **Next distribution is Saturday August 5th from 10:00—11:30** at Pierce Pepin Co-op



"I slept in church because I'm striving to be more like God, and on the seventh day He rested."



Are you interested in becoming a member at Eidsvold or Svea? We'd love to talk with you about joining and answer your ques-

tions. Have a conversation with Pastor Al, Phyllis, or Tracie

Please feel free to join in any of our activities that are of interest to you.

New members will be received on October

CONTACT INFORMATION

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OFFERINGS MAY BE MAILED TO:

Eidsvold:

Eidsvold Lutheran Church

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Bay City WI 54723

Svea

Svea Lutheran Church
N2610 770th St

Hager City WI 54014

Check out our parish website & Facebook

Worship times will also be posted on these.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/Bethlehem.Eidsvold>