

B - E Friends

Hello Bethlehem and Eidsvold Members:

While this page is left for a note or letter from our Pastor at our church- and since are in limbo for a bit I thought I would write this note for all of you. I am 100 percent sure Pastor Mike is glad to have this task completed. He was usually late and either I or Phyllis would have to make a call or two to get this job done. This week this task has come to my mind a few different times. What should go out to all of you?

When Covid hit I was listening/watching the morning daytime talk shows (because morning time was so different) and they talked about a word that they are using to help them get through this world shutting down time. Well three years ago my word was **PIVOT**. Almost everything had to change in how we did things- and I might of watched the show FRIENDS a few times. If you have seen the episode of where they use the word **PIIVOT** it is so funny. And now that we are past a lot of the changes that were made during this time- some of those pivot moments are just as funny to think back at. I mean the arrows on how to walk in the grocery store for one- I don't know how many times I messed that up.

The following year my word was **PURPOSE**. I felt that I was lost in my **PURPOSE**. Too many things had changed, things didn't seem in control, people were gone, places were gone, and people lost sight of what was really important. So I had to set my mind and heart to find my **PURPOSE**. I am still working on this but not as lost as I once was.

This year my word changed to **POSITIVE**. FIND THE **POSITIVE** IN ALL OF THIS. Too many negatives were happening and I just couldn't cope well. So I told my self we need a plan B and that was to find the **POSITIVES**. So if you hear me say plan B when things get tough or ugly you know what I am talking about.

While I didn't really set out to have my words all start with the letter P- sure seems like my key words are tending that way. I haven't stopped **PIVOTING**, or finding my **PURPOSE**, or looking for the **POSITIVES**- I find it easier to do when I come to church with all of you. You are my family, the ones that show me each time I'm with you. Your special gifts inspire me to continue with these words. So that leads me to maybe my word for next year of being **PRAYERS**. Time will tell.

So while we are in limbo here at church - know that you are with family, in prayers, and so very loved.

Blessings to you-Tracie



BIRTHDAYS

2 – Monte Gilbertson	21 – June Gilbertson
4 - Ava Scharpen	21 - Jon Anderson
11 – Paul Riegelman	25 – Deloris Bloomstrand
14 - Phyllis Beastrom	26 – Kaitlin Girdeen
14 - Sydney Benck	28 – Dennis Potts
16 – Nathan Beastrom	29 – Philip Halverson
16 - Allie Doose	29 - Jesse Hohmann
16 - Tayler Whipple	30 – Albert Marklevits

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

LOOKING AHEAD

July and August worship times will be discussed sometime after the ministry agreement vote being held on Sunday June 11th.

We have pulpit supply coming for the month of June. June 4th and 11th will be Seminary Students -no communion on those Sunday's. June 18th is Joanne Sorenson.

Joint worship in the Esdaile Park on July 23rd and August 27th, 2023

Bethlehem vote results

On May 14th, the Bethlehem members discussed the resolution regarding closing and that the church council will oversee the complete process. The vote was 17 yes and 1 no. The tentative date for everything to be completed is May 31, 2024.

The tentative date for Celebration of Life and Ministry is September 17th.

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 June.

Bethlehem

Altar Guild: Phyllis Beastrom

Church cleaning: Trevor Alms and Jan Kearns

Eidsvold

Church Cleaning: (Note: you clean for the worship held on the date by which you signed
June 4 - Worship at Bethlehem
June 11- available
June 18- available
June 25 - Worship at Svea in the Tree Groves

Ushers 2 each week

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

June 4 - At Bethlehem
June 11 - available to you
June 18- available to you
June 25 - at Svea

Altar Committee— Bev Peterson

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

Altar Colors this month: June 4– white June 11 - green and stays green until October 29

JUNE READERS:

Bethlehem

June 4- Leah Johnson or Barb LaCroix

Eidsvold

June 4 – At Bethlehem
June 11 - Justin Mandelkow
June 18 - Judy Lacroix
June 25 - at Svea



Community Events for June

Thursday Evenings in the East End Park will be Farmer's Market, Music, Food Trucks, and Activities from 4-7

Our Savior's Church Ball on Sunday and Thursday evenings at 4 pm.

Concerts in the park in Red Wing on Wednesday nights at 7pm Food trucks are open at 6 pm



WORSHIP THIS MONTH

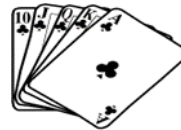
We are having 9:30 a.m. joint worship services in the month of June.

June 4—At Bethlehem with a seminary student preaching

June 11—At Eidsvold with a seminary student preaching, Vote on the ministry agreement with Svea.

June 18—At Eidsvold with Pastor Joanne Sorenson. We've had her for pulpit supply in the past.

June 25—at Svea in the grove of trees at 10:00 a.m. BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS.



EUCHRE

Euchre - June 2nd at Eidsvold Lutheran Church. You are invited to come for fun and fellowship - to play euchre (no experience required) or just visit. Bring a snack to share and if you'd like, your own beverage. Coffee will be provided.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Church e-mail: beluther@bevcomm.net

Office: 715-594-3182 leave a message

Newsletter & bulletin items by Tuesday to

Tracie.esterby@gmail.com 651-380-2212

If a need comes up and you need pastoral care please contact Tracie at 651-380-2212 or Phyllis at 715-821-5847



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 June 3rd from 10:00—11:30** Pierce-Pepin Corp Services Hwy 10 and 63 Ellsworth, WI

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF EIDSVOLD



If you are interested in becoming a member at Eidsvold please reach out to Tracie at

651-380-2212. We hope to have a new member date coming this fall.

OFFERINGS MAY BE MAILED TO:

Eidsvold:

Eidsvold Lutheran Church

W6111 County Rd EE
Bay City WI 54723

Bethlehem

Janice Kearns
PO Box 724

Ellsworth WI 54011

Check out our parish website & Facebook

Worship times will also be posted on these.

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

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