

May 2025

HILL AND VALLEY PARISH NEWS

Svea and Eidsvold Lutheran Churches



Warm Greetings from the Parsonage!

Reflection Psalm 98

(I would encourage you to read the 98th Psalm before reading this article)

“Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!”

What I love about the 98th Psalm is just how pushy the author is. I think that’s fair to say. The Psalmist—whoever it is, the 98th is anonymous—doesn’t accept the bare minimum, a polite smile at the end of our prayers. No! Because our Lord is so great and mighty, the Psalmist orders us to make a joyful noise; and not just the people here in the room but everyone on earth. Not satisfied, with that, the Psalmist demands that the sea get involved, and that fills it—fish, squids, crustaceans, mermaids, submariners are to roar to God. Then the rivers, and the hills are commanded to join in. (How does a hill sing for joy?) But it’s not just any old song that the Psalmist demands. They write: “Oh sing to the LORD a new song,”

The Psalmist doesn’t say “sing a new song” because they don’t like the Oldies channel on the radio, they want you to sing with newness. Or better yet, the Psalmist asks that you allow newness to sing through you, allow the source of everything New to create in and through you. Our God is a creator first and foremost; even His love and redemption are acts of creation. He died on the Cross in order to extinguish the end of creation, and prove to us that there is no past nor darkness nor old musty thing that He cannot make New.

Our God is the source of newness in this life, the source of everything truly new and pure in this world. To Sing a New Song, truly, is to allow God to sing through you. As people of faith, we are not called to imitation but rather vocation. We are not called to simply imitate who Jesus was but answer where He is calling us to be right now. Imitation becomes a checklist, it becomes a matter of clinging to the past, attempting to recycle a moment, trying to make ourselves into who we are not. Vocation is God’s way of tying us to the present moment.

God wants to move through you to create this world anew. He gives you His own love, grace, and forgiveness—that which recreates your relationship with Him—so you might extend the same into the world—and allow God to recreate the relationships that define your life. We just have to move our musty old selves out of His way. In death, we get out of God’s way entirely and let Him go to work. Everything old is left at the grave, and in us, and through us, God sings a new song, a song of new creation, a song of salvation.

“Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!”

Blessings,
Al Aakre

Parish Social Media

Facebook

Church Website

<https://www.eidsvoldsvea.com>



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LEAVE A MESSAGE

May Birthdays

Eidsvold

4 - Jerome Johnson
4 - Jebediah Johnson
7 - Jackson Brenner
7 - Karen Brostom
7 - Darrell Potts
7 - Paige Scharpen
8 - Riley Plote
9 - Cassie Lofgren
10 - Kristen Albarado
10 - Alex Gerdes
13 - Haley Kaeder
14 - Diane Hohmann
16 - Jessi Willenbring
16 - Miles Kuesel
17 - Seth Johnson
18 - Barbara Christensen
22 - Bev Bierbrauer
22 - Lucy Munsen
22 - Averie Soden
23 - Lynda Rieck
24 - Thelma Hartman
25 - Aaliyah Huppert
31 - Macey Alms
31 - Judy Anderson

Svea

5 - Don Manore
7 - Max Grand
11 - Tate Albarado
14 - Denise Witgert
16 - Ray Carlson
17 - Misty Schwarzhoff
25 - Al Schwarzhoff
28 - Yvonne Manore
31 - Sue Enberg
31 - Dennis Rieck
31 - Joanne McCoy



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



Svea

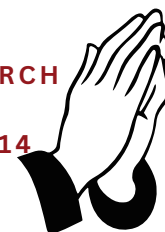


CHURCH SERVICE INFO

EIDSVOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH
W6111 COUNTY RD EE
BAY CITY WI 54723

MAY SERVICES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:00 AM

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



PRAYER LIST

Prayers for Healing

Dave Betthausen, Bob Soden, Jim Bostrom, Bruce Powers, Adeline Florness, Tracy Eidem, Wendell Manore, Kelly Snyder, Dave Ericson, Maisley Maxwell, Elwyn Manore

Prayers for Sustained Strength and Comfort

Larry Gerdes, Terrence Emery, Chris Larson, Rose Ann Powers, Gerry Hoffman, Connie Rieck, Mavis Flack, Julie Patterson, Jim Swenson, all caregivers in our parish, and those who mourn Jim Larson,

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

Svea Church Happenings

150th Anniversary
Celebration will be in June, 2025.

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

SVEA'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY IS QUICKLY APPROACHING. ON JUNE 22, WE WILL HAVE A CATERED MEAL FOLLOWING THE 10:00 SERVICE SO WE NEED FOLKS TO RSVP. IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE SENT AN INVITATION, PLEASE SUBMIT THEIR ADDRESS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE, A MEMBER OF COUNCIL, OR PASTOR AL.

Svea council members are:

President: Dennis Rieck

Vice President: Kelly Knutson

Secretary: Wade Strain

MONDAY, MAY 5 - SVEA'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE WILL MEET - 10 AM AT SVEA



A Minnesota artist donated his water color of Svea. If you would like to buy a print, coffee mug, shower curtain, or greeting card with the print on it, please visit : fineartamerica.com and search "Svea Lutheran Church," or type in :

<https://fineartamerica.com/art/svea+lutheran+church>

All proceeds will go towards the lift and painting projects at Svea. Pastor Al requested that the artist also paint a picture of Eidsvold. The artist agreed and so we can look forward to that sometime in the future.

May 11 will be Confirmation Sunday at Svea as Nevaeh Peters affirms her baptism!



May 25 - Memorial Weekend - will be a Joint Service at Svea at 10:00 am.

A big **thank you** to those who helped clean out the Sunday School rooms.

Several boxes were taken to Red Wing for the Hope coalition group and lots were donated to Bethel for their site.

THANK YOU!

EIDSVOLD HAPPENINGS

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Thank you to those that have continuously signed up for the duties that keep our church going strong! There are blank spots on our sign up sheet, **more members are needed to help with these tasks**. If you are able, please consider helping in an area of your choice. **You are needed!** If you are unsure of what the task involves, please ask any council member!

Thank you for your Time and Talents

Readers

Eidsvold

May 4 Kari Aakre
May 11 Karen Brostrom
May 18 Tana Langer
May 25 Joint Service at Svea

Ushers

Eidsvold

May 4 Kathy Sears and _____
May 11 DeLoris and Bev Peterson
May 18 Dennis Potts & Tricia Lofgren
May 25 Joint Service at Svea

May

Altar Committee

Phyllis Beastrom

Bake Communion Bread

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May 4 & 11



Wash Communion Glasses

May 4 _____
May 11 _____

Church Cleaning

Eidsvold

May 4 Faith Edwards
May 11 ????
May 18 ????
May 25 Joint Service at Svea



*Thank
you!*

Eidsvold Sunday School News!!

May 4th - Last Day of Sunday School.

A Huge Thank You to **Megan Franklin** for all her years of being the Sunday School Superintendent. Thank you for dedicating your time in helping the children learn about God and the importance he plays in their lives.

Thank you **Sunday School teachers, Melody** for the music, and **parents** for bringing your children, and of course the **children** for participating!

Thank you, **Bree Lund**, for committing
to be the Sunday School
Superintendent starting this fall!



Next Eidsvold Council Meeting is scheduled for
Thursday, May 1 at 6:00 pm

Next Joint Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday
May 15 at 6:00 at Eidsvold

Please contact your council members for questions or
concerns that you would like discussed at the meetings.

PRESIDENT: Mandy Jepson

VICE PRESIDENT: Lee Langer

COUNCIL SECRETARY: Kendra Hanson

TREASURER: Phyllis Beastrom

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Laura Peterson

Recognition of Graduates!

Sunday, May 1st

Service led by graduates

Sermon given by Andrea Esterby



Community Events

Ruby's Pantry

First Saturday of the Month
May 3

10-11:30 at

Pierce Pepin Co-op



EUCHRE

NO Euchre for the summer.

We will start up again in October

Svea Quilters

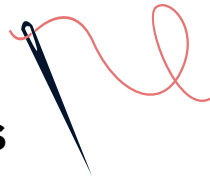
2nd and 4th Tuesday

May 13th

May 27th

9 am-noon

No experience is needed. All are welcome.



New Community Outreach

FREE Monthly Shopping

at Bethel Covenant Church's Basement

W8405 Cty Rd KK, Ellsworth WI

715-792-2397

Shopping will be held each month on the

3rd Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

2 PM - 7 PM

Knot Alone: next meeting is scheduled for

Saturday, May 10th at 10am

at El Paso Bar and Grill.

Let's meet for breakfast or brunch.

All who are single are invited to join in the fun.



No one wants to talk about funerals, but pre-planning takes a lot off of a family while they are grieving.

I have looked through the planning guide in the past, and it is very helpful; it covers music, pallbearers, readings, etc.

- Pastor Al

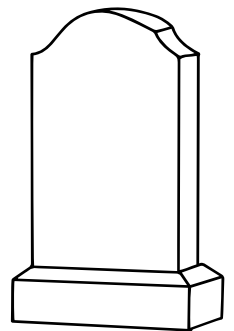
We have two options available if you are interested:

Mahn Funeral Home will host a "pre-planning event" at Eidsvold.

This will be Wednesday, May 14, at 6 pm.

Mahn's would cater a small meal and then present about funeral planning.

"This is not a sales pitch, but rather a presentation on options." This is what Pastor Al has heard. Attendees and the church will get a physical planning guide.



O'Connell's will be hosting a seminar on the advantages of pre-planning and funding funerals.

The seminars will be held at the **Ellsworth chapel** on

Thursday, May 1st at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

Those interested can call O'Connell's to sign up. (715) 273-4421



Luther Point Bible Camp

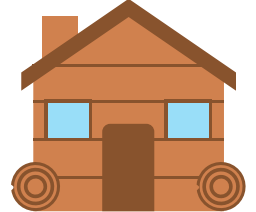
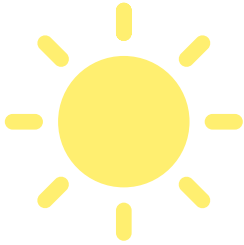
ELLSWORTH AREA LUTHERAN CHURCHES ARE ENCOURAGING THOSE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING **LUTHER POINT BIBLE CAMP** TO REGISTER FOR THE WEEK OF **JULY 13-18**.

THERE ARE FULL WEEK AND HALF WEEK OPTIONS.

WE ARE HOPING TO MAKE THIS AN UNOFFICIAL "ELLSWORTH SCHOOLS WEEK." AS A PARISH WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING THIS

OPPORTUNITY FOR **EVERY CHILD/STUDENT**.

IF YOU NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MAKE CAMP A REALITY, PLEASE CONNECT WITH PASTOR AL.



Vacation Bible School

When? Monday, June 16 thru Thursday, June 19th

Noonish - 3:30 pm (after Summer School is done for the day, like in years past)

Where? English Lutheran Church

Luther Point Bible Camp will be sending a team of counselors to help us lead our VBS program this summer...

- **this will take a lot of the work from our plates**
- **we'll just need to provide helpers, meals, and snacks for VBS**
- **We will also need to provide housing, breakfast, and dinner for the counselors.**

Pastor Al at Eidsvold-Svea has been the contact person for LPBC so the contract and details will be going thru him.

Once we have the contract and details in hand, we should have a meeting to divvy up the duties. I'm looking forward to another amazing week of VBS in Ellsworth!!

Pastor Pete Warren

English Lutheran Church



High School Graduates



1. **My favorite High School Class is:** Principles of Engineering (POE). I loved designing and building machines for the classes.
2. **My fondest memory is:** Catapult Day in AP Physics Class.
3. **The people that influenced me the most are:** My Mom, Dad, and Sissys.
4. **If I could interview anyone it would be:** Dan Povenmire and Jeff Swamy Marsh
5. **After High School,** I plan to attend ISU-Iowa State University Ames, Iowa, for Aero Space Engineering.

*All are welcome to Andrea's graduation celebration
Sunday, June 1st, at Ridgetop. 1-3 pm*

Andrea Esterby



Aaliyah Huppert

1. **MY FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS IS:**
ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY BECAUSE I LEARNED A LOT ABOUT THE HUMAN BODY AND HOW IT WORKS.
2. **MY FONDEST MEMORY OF HIGH SCHOOL IS:**
WINNING THE CONFERENCE FOR SOFTBALL MY JUNIOR YEAR.
3. **THE PERSON THAT INFLUENCED ME THE MOST WAS:**
MY SOFTBALL COACH, TOM DIERCKS.
4. **IF I COULD INTERVIEW ANYONE IT WOULD BE:** MICHAELA EDENFIELD
SOFTBALL PLAYER FOR FLORIDA STATE.
5. **AFTER HIGH SCHOOL,** I PLAN TO GO TO THE UNIVERSITY OF LA CROSSE AND
MAJOR IN PHYSICAL THERAPY.





Parker Bierbrauer

1. **BAND IS MY FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS** BECAUSE I CAN EXPRESS MYSELF THROUGH MUSIC AND MY BEST FRIENDS ARE IN BAND WITH ME.

2. TAKING ON THE ROLE OF UNCLE FESTER IN THE ELLSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL HAS BEEN **MY FONDEST MEMORY**. THE EXPERIENCE IMPROVED MY SELF-CONFIDENCE FOR SINGING AND PERFORMING IN FRONT OF A CROWD, AND I WAS ABLE TO SHARE THIS EXPERIENCE WITH MY CLOSEST FRIENDS.

3. **THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE INFLUENCED ME THE MOST ARE** NANA AND PAPA BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALWAYS ENCOURAGED ME TO TRY NEW THINGS AND EXPAND MY COMFORT-ZONE, AND MY MOM AND DAD FOR SUPPORTING, LOVING AND ENCOURAGING ME ALONG THE WAY.

4. **IF YOU COULD INTERVIEW ANYONE, LIVING OR DEAD, WHO WOULD YOU CHOOSE?** NEIL ARMSTRONG, TO ASK HIM WHAT WAS GOING THROUGH HIS MIND AS HE TOOK HIS FIRST STEPS ON THE MOON.

5. **AFTER HIGH SCHOOL I PLAN TO** ATTEND SWENSON COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MN DULUTH IN FALL OF 2025 WITH A FOCUS ON ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE.

THIS SUMMER I WILL WORK IN MAINTENANCE AND GROUNDS FOR GOODHUE COUNTY IN RED WING, MN.

YOU ARE ALL WELCOME TO CELEBRATE WITH ME ON JUNE 1, 2025 FROM 1PM - 4PM AT THE PIERCE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS IN THE SEYFORTH BUILDING.



Samantha Sears

1. My favorite high school class is Algebra.

2. My fondest memory of high school is being in classes with my friends.

3. The person who influences me the most is my dad.

4. If I could interview anyone, I would choose my great grandpa Donald Sears because he was smart and always knew the answer to any problem.

5. After high school I just plan to work full time for now.

Clint Hoyer

1. **My favorite High School Class was:** Cabinetry I because I really enjoyed the process of building a big project from start to finish.
2. **My fondest memory is:** Meeting all of my friends and having a close knit group.
3. **The people that influenced me the most are:** All of my family and my friends.
4. **If I could interview anyone it would be** Keith Whitley
5. **After High School,** I am going to CVTC for welding.





Jebediah Johnson

- My favorite class is:** Fab lab. I like to make things.
- The person that influenced me the most is** Grandpa Jerome.
- A person that I would interview if I could is** Great Grandpa Huppert
- After High School** I plan on working.

