

August 2025

HILL AND VALLEY PARISH NEWS

Svea and Eidsvold Lutheran Churches

Passing Thoughts on Hope

Greetings from the Parsonage,

Viktor Frankl, an Austrian Psychologist and survivor of the Holocaust, wrote a book called Man's Search for Meaning. The work recounts Frankl's time in four different concentration camps and what he thought made the difference between survival and death in them. The Nazi's were experts at extinguishing Hope, but Frankl argues that those who were spared the Gas Chambers and other mechanized murder and who held on to Hope were those who survived and one day adjusted back into society. How do you live in a place of death? How do you live after a place of death?

Choose to have Hope. So much of Christianity is not a choice. Faith is not a choice.

Salvation is not a choice. Who our savior is and who He asks us to be is not a choice. These are gifts plain and simple. Hope is a choice. Hope is our faith applied to the world around us—not in ignorance of the darkness we see, but in defiance to the darkness. When we remember our Savior and Redeemer, the God who calls us yet, the God who defeated death on our behalf, and then act by His empowerment—we will then know Hope.

Because we live in a fallen world, a broken world, a sin-stricken world—the source of Hope must enter in. Hope must be born. God must come from the great unknown into our world to be known as our Hope. The good news about this entrance is that God comes into our real world, our real life—not the life we wish we had, not the one we may even pretend to have, but the life we actually have. If you have days when you feel hopeless, when this world lets you down, know that that is the exact moment God entered our world to address.

Only Hope placed in God, only Hope placed the Risen Lord will do us any good in this hopeless, hope-eating world—because it does not yield to brokenness, Sin, darkness, or death—it is defiant for our sake. From the Grave, as from the Manger, God rose to find His People, those who locked themselves away, those who were hopeless and He was with them—just as He is with you always. Open your ears and hear the Good News God brings you. Not just in the moments you earn, the ones you strive for, but in all moments, in your real broken, frustrating life. And then Live with that news in mind. Choose to have Hope. Amen.

Al Aakre

Eidsvold-Svea Lutheran Parish

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Facebook

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<https://www.eidsvoldsvea.com>

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LEAVE A MESSAGE

August Birthdays

Eidsvold

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



Svea

6 - Jim Bostrom
7 - Judy Bostrom

CHURCH SERVICE INFO

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

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

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

Ann Blue, Sandy Place, Dave Betthauser, Bob Soden, Wendell Manore, Kelly Snyder, Dave Ericson, Maisley Maxwell, Elwyn Manore

Prayers for Sustained Strength and Comfort

Melody Perrin, Larry Gerdes, Terrence Emery, Chris Larson, Rose Ann Powers, Gerry Hoffman, Connie Rieck, Mavis Flack, Julie Patterson, Jim Swenson, 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-deployed to Jordon, Nathan Solomon



SVEA CHURCH HAPPENINGS

The Svea Family Pot Luck

Where? at Kathy Schuh's house
Hager City

When? Wednesday, August 27th.

Arrive 5:30 and eating at 6PM

Please bring dish to pass.

Plates and silverware are furnished.



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

With the grass growing so fast now, any contributions to the cemetery fund to cover the cost of mowing would be greatly appreciated.



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



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.



EIDSVOLD HAPPENINGS

Thank you for your Time and Talents

Readers

Eidsvold

August 3 Tana Langer

August 10 Karen Brostrom

August 17 Mandy Jepson

August 24 Michelle Plote - Joint Service
at the Esdaile Park

August 31 Carol / Angie Peterson

Ushers

August 3 Frank and Carol Peterson

August 10 Bev Peterson and Mary Williams

August 17 Karen Brostrom and Fay Albarado

August 24 Joint Service at the Esdaile Park

Tracie Esterby and Rita Anderson

August 31 Mary Williams and _____

August

Altar Committee

Bev Peterson



Bake Communion Bread

Phyllis

August 3 & 17

Wash Communion Glasses

August 3 _____

August 17 Fay Albarado

Church Cleaning

Eidsvold

August 3 _____

August 10 _____

August 17 Mandy Jepson

August 24 Joint Service

at the Esdaile Park

August 31 _____



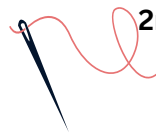
Thank you!

Community Events

Ruby's Pantry
First Saturday of the Month
August 2
10-11:30 at
Pierce Pepin Co-op



Svea Quilters



2nd and 4th Tuesday
August 12th
August 19th
9 am-noon

No experience is needed. All are welcome.

EUCHRE

NO Euchre for the summer.
We will start up again in October

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

Joint Service in the Esdaile Park Sunday, August 24

10:00 am



A potluck lunch will follow service.

Bring a chair, a dish to share, and your eating
utensils.

WORSHIP Everywhere 2025

Wed. August 6
St Paul's Pharm Property
Pastor: Julie Communion: Pastor
Amy
Text: Matthew 28
Music: Jonah Scott (piano)!!

Wed. August 13
Svea Parsonage Grove
Pastor: Quinlan Communion: Pastor Al
Text: Acts 9:10-19
Music: The Bells

Wed. August 20
Lower Quarry
Pastor: Amy Communion: Pastor Justin
Text Mark 16
Music: Todd Portinga (guitar)

Worship & Rock in Central Park

Sat., Aug. 23, 2025
4:00 pm

Brad Boice
(Elvis Tribute Artist)

Sponsored by St. Paul's Lutheran
Church

See flyer on bulletin board

WOMEN OF THE PARISH - YOU ARE INVITED

YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO THE **CONFERENCE WOMEN'S SUMMER RETREAT**
AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH IN HAMMOND ON **SATURDAY AUGUST 16TH**.

I'M INVITING YOU TO COME WITH ME. **PATI KACHEL, AN AMAZING SPEAKER AND SOLOIST**, THROUGH
HER COLLECTION OF SCRIPTURE, STORIES AND SONGS WILL ENCOURAGE YOU TO
PERSEVERE THROUGH THE DIFFICULT AND DISCOURAGING TIMES THAT WE ALL FACE AS SHE SPEAKS
ON THE **THEME: HANGING ON TO HOPE.**

COST IS \$15 AND INCLUDES NOON LUNCH. REGISTRATION AND COFFEE IS AT 8:30 AND THE PROGRAM
BEGINS AT 9:15. I'LL BE LEAVING AROUND 8:00. JUST LET ME KNOW YOU'D LIKE TO ATTEND!!

PHYLLIS 715-821-5847

See flyer on bulletin board

SCHOOL SUPPLIES ARE ON SALE!

NOW IS THE TIME TO PURCHASE SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR STUDENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY OR **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS**.

LOCAL SCHOOLS ALWAYS APPRECIATE DONATIONS OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND ARE GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE NOTEBOOKS, GLUE, PENS, ERASERS, CRAYONS, COLORED PENCILS, MARKERS, PAPER TOWELS, KLEENEX, SANITARY WIPES, ETC.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS PROVIDE HOPE AND FUTURE TO CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD. **THE BACKPACK BAGS ARE AVAILABLE AT BOTH CONGREGATIONS** AS A BUNDLE OF FIVE BAGS OR SINGLE BAGS. ALSO PROVIDED ARE SHEETS LISTING ALL ITEMS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS AND PROJECTS.

ITEMS FOR SCHOOL KITS: 4 SPIRAL-WIRE BOUND NOTEBOOKS (70-80 PAGES EACH),
ONE 30-CENTIMETER RULER(12 INCHES,
ONE PENCIL SHARPENER,
ONE BLUNT SCISSORS,
5 UNSHARPENED #2 PENCILS WITH ERASERS,
5 BLACK OR BLUE BALLPOINT PENS (NO GEL INK),
ONE BOX OF CRAYONS (16-24 COUNT)
ONE 2 1/2 INCH ERASER.

ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE NEW – REMOVE ALL EXCESS PACKAGING. SEND ONLY THE ITEMS LISTED--DO NOT ADD EXTRA.

PACKING INSTRUCTIONS: PLEASE DO NOT PUT NOTEBOOKS UPRIGHT IN THE BAG - PLACE THE 4 NOTEBOOKS DOWN IN THE BOTTOM OF THE BAG ALTERNATING THE SPIRAL EDGES SO THEY LIE FLAT. PUT THE RULER BETWEEN 2 NOTEBOOKS AT AN ANGLE. PLACE OTHER ITEMS TOWARD THE BOTTOM OF THE BAG AND CLOSE THE DRAWSTRING. SMALL RUBBER BANDS ARE AVAILABLE AT EACH CHURCH FOR BUNDLING PENCILS AND PENS.

COSTS FOR SHIPPING LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF HAVE DOUBLED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE COSTS FOR SHIPPING, PLACE YOUR DONATIONS IN A SEPARATE ENVELOPE AND LABEL IT FOR LWR SHIPPING OR WRITE LWR SHIPPING ON YOUR CHECK MEMO LINE. SHIPPING COST FOR EACH ITEM IS: QUILTS & BLANKETS \$2.80; SCHOOL KITS \$2.85; PERSONAL CARE KIT \$1.50; FABRIC KIT \$1.80; BABY CARE KIT \$3.10.

Put together a kit or two of your choice. You may have some of these supplies at home already!

Thank you, Phyllis, for providing school kit bags.
Bags (and lists of items) are at each church ready to be filled. LWR kits include:

- School Kit
- Personal Care Kit
- Baby Care Kit
- Fabric
- Quilts

Thank you so much!

The Pastor's parking sign at Eidsvold has been put up.
Thank you to Lee Langer for doing that.

Thank you to Lee Franklin for installing the window in the basement storage room.



Thank you to everyone that has helped with the water clean-up in the Eidsvold Church basement and preparing for the next step to prevent it from happening again!