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“Yes! I have a noble heritage!”

Psalm 16:6

Long ago and far away, I heard a talk which kicked off an appeal for giving to an anniversary fund. I only remember one sentence, “Yea, I have a goodly heritage”, from the King James Bible. The word “goodly” was as a curiosity (a way of saying I didn’t understand exactly what it meant). So today, after a couple decades, I discovered it can mean “beautiful” or “noble” too. This is certainly true in our case. We have had a 150 year span of walking together in Blessing and Mercy and Celebration **WITH** the Lord. Can I get an Amen?!

On **Sunday October 9** we are going to have a reverent hoopla! There will be feasting, worship, old friends returning, and letting off 150 years of joyous steam. Getting the church spruced up is going very well and will continue until she looks

like new again. To support this effort we have created a **150th Anniversary Fund**. Gifts have already started coming in. There are two charts on the sanctuary back wall to keep us posted on how we are doing. Wouldn't it be great if every household participated!! Here are some different ways we can “throw our hat in the ring”:

An individual contribution

A family gift

Pull together your extended family and make a gift

Are you a “legacy family” from the founding or early years of the congregation?
Supporting the Fund is a way to say “thank you for generations of blessing.”

Buy some cookies when on sale to support the fund

For my part, I will be making a personal gift but also challenging former pastors to join me!

Recognition and thanks for gifts will be posted (unless you want to remain anonymous) but we are still discussing how to do it. Dollar amounts will not be posted, just the names of the contributors.

150 years is a long time to be a congregation but ...

WE ARE ALIVE AND CELEBRATING AND SERVING!

Lets celebrate together and serve together as we prepare for Oct 9!

Pastor Mike



BIRTHDAYS

May you have a special day
and a blessed year!

2 – Madonna Knudson	13 – Haley Kaeder
4 – Jerome Johnson	14 – Diane Hohmann
4 - Jebediah Johnson	16 – Jessi Willenbring
7 – Jackson Brenner	17 – Justin Anderson
7 - Karen Brostom	17- Seth Johnson
7 - Darrell Potts	18 – Barbara Christensen
7 - Paige Scharpen	18 – Keith Mark
8 – Riley Plote	22 – Bev Bierbrauer
8 - Polly Carlon	22—Averie Soden
9 – Cassie Lofgren	24 – Thelma Hartman
10 – Kristen Albarado	25 – Aaliyah Huppert
10 - Alex Gerdes	31 – Macey Alms
	31 - Judy Anderson

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Aug 6-7 Luther Point Summer Celebration-Auction

Sept. 4 10 a.m. Joint Parish Worship at Eidsvold

Sept 11 - Receive new members - Anyone desiring
to become a member of either congregation, please
let Phyllis know—call or text 715-821-5847.

Oct 9, 2022 Eidsvold 150th Anniversary

Women of the Parish Bible Study

Our next Bible Study session will be held
Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. We will
continue our study by Dr. Mark Allan Powell on
the Kingdom of God through the Gospel of
John. In glancing at this study, it seems
relevant to our every day life and should bring
some interesting discussion. Come and join us!

This study is session 3 in the March/April issue
of Gather—if you have it. If not, come anyway!

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 May.

Bethlehem

Altar Guild: Ann Whipple

Church cleaning: Linnea and Bob Soden

Eidsvold

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

May 1 - Kathy Sears

May 8- ??

May 15 - ??

May 22 - Hanson family—Kathy, Kendra, Ryan

May 29 - Joint Worship at Bethlehem

Ushers 2 each week

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

May 1 - Rita Anderson & ??

May 8 - Tricia Lofgren & Dennis Potts

May 15 - Karen Brostrom & ??

May 22 - Kathy Sears & ??

May 29 - Joint Worship at Bethlehem

Parking Lot 93.1 FM Transmission

**Sign-in sheet, bulletin, communion, offering
container, are available at a self serve station in
the parking lot.**

Altar Committee— Mary Williams

put unused communion cups in refrigerator after
worship, discard used cups in garbage and wash
empty bowls

MAY READERS:

Bethlehem

May 1 - Ann Whipple

May 8 - Lora Drenth

May 15 - Joint worship at Eidsvold

May 22 - Leah Johnson

May 29 - Phyllis Beastron

Eidsvold

May 1 – Michelle Plote

May 8 - Carol/Angie Peterson

May 15 - Justin Mandelkow

May 22 - Judy Lacroix

May 29 - Joint worship at Bethlehem

Do you need to
extend your
grocery budget?



Ruby's Pantry is open to **ANYONE** who needs help extending their monthly grocery budget. For a \$22 CASH donation per share, you will receive an abundance of groceries. There is no income or residency requirement and you can attend as many Ruby's Pantry locations each month as you would like.

Ruby's Pantry will be hosted by Bethel Covenant Church the **1st Saturday** of each month from 10:00-11:30 a.m. **Next distribution is Saturday May 7th.** Bethel Covenant Church is located at W8405 County Road KK, Ellsworth, WI

Lutheran Social Services

This year Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan is celebrating it's 140th Anniversary of serving others. President Hector Colón, **thanks us for enhancing the lives and providing hope to all those LSS serves, especially the homeless, refugees, those experiencing addictions, and families with children of special needs.** Children, adults, and families in their care are breaking old patterns, gaining new skills and knowledge, and charting a course to a brighter future.



- Putting away winter gear or cleaning closets, donate "gently used winter outer-wear to Basics for Local Kids.
- They are always collecting kid's winter gear: coats, snowpants, boots, hats, mittens/gloves, scarves.
- Drop off new or gently used items at the drop box located at the former Pierce County Herald Office at 126 S Chestnut Street, Ellsworth.
- They have helped provide winter clothing for nearly 5000 in the past 12 years— infants through 18 year olds so ALL sizes are needed.



ELCA
World Hunger

THANK YOU!

Thank you for filling those piggy banks and your donations for World Hunger.

Eidsvold \$516.08

Bethlehem \$300.00

Thank you for your generosity to help break the cycle of hunger and poverty throughout the world.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING
A MEMBER OF EIDSVOLD
OR BETHLEHEM

Just as covid arrived in 2020, there were several who were planning to become members at Eidsvold. We are going to continue this process and receive new members on September 11th when everything begins again for fall. Call or text Phyllis at 715-821-5847 if you're interested in being a member in our parish.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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>

CONGRATULATIONS

To our two high school graduates:

Shayla Gilbertson &
Jada Potts.



They will be recognized at 9 a.m. worship on May 22nd at Eidsvold.

Please let me know if there are other graduates we should also recognize this spring—college or technical college.

Text or call Phyllis at 715-821-5847. Thanks.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Six students will be affirming their faith at the 9:00 a.m. Worship at Eidsvold on May 8th.

They are:

*Andrea Esterby
Alliyah Huppert
Clint Hoyer
Jeb Johnson
Riley Lacroix
Samantha Sears*



Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their confirmation day.

The 9th grade Confirmation banquet will be Wednesday, May 4th at Eidsvold.

Food, Fellowship, Faith Statements

pancake



breakfast

150th
Anniversary
Fundraiser

Sunday, May 15

**After 9 a.m. joint parish
Worship at Eidsvold**

Pancakes, sausages, juice, milk, coffee

Serving after worship to noon!

**Have a great breakfast and support the
150th Anniversary Improvements!**



- To all who helped clean during and after the painting
- To all who helped empty the church for painting and to all who helped put everything back in place
- For the new banners that grace the walls, the "Blessed" artwork in the balcony, the cross in the front of the sanctuary, new light in sacristy
- Alvin for taking care of the heat and daily stopping to check with the painting crew, for figuring out the placement of the pews, and always being available to help!
- To all who helped in any way

EIDSVOLD CEMETERY

ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 3rd 6 p.m. at Eidsvold

**Come, hear how the cemetery
operates**



Love. Grow. Serve.