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Newsletter of the Bethlehem — Eidsvold Parish

*Began reading the Bible through
on 10-30-27.*

THE FIRST BOOK OF MOSES,

COMMONLY CALLED

GENESIS

Earlier this year I was looking through my Grandfathers Bible. I must've seen before what he had written at the beginning and the end of it but this time I realized what an accomplishment he had achieved. On October 30, 1927 he started reading the Bible and on December 5, 1927 he finished it. I did a little computation and it looks like he read the Bible in 37 days which, in his Bible, meant 32 1/2 pages per day while he was taking classes at Luther seminary. I know he didn't skip class because I have all his class notes from this time!

I have decided to follow in my Grandfathers footsteps. I challenge myself to read the entire Bible between October 30 and December 5. He read the American standard version which is a little rougher than the King James Version. I'm going to use a more contemporary Bible, a faithful translation of the original languages the Bible was written in, but easier to catch the meaning. It's called "The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language" a popular translation by Eugene Peterson. He was a conservative in some ways and a very free spirit in others.

If you join me and take the "Pastor Kraabel's 37 day Challenge", I offer this suggestion: each day read from the Old Testament, the Psalms and the New Testament. Otherwise, it's more likely you'll bog down if you read it straight through.

Let me know if you accept the challenge. We can encourage each other to keep going!

*Finished Reading the Bible
12-5-27*

Peace friends...

Pastor Mike



May you have a special day
and a blessed year!

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| 1 – Leonard Gilbertson | 16 – Fay Albarado |
| 6 – Isabelle Peterson | 19 – Laura Peterson |
| 11 – James Pritchard | 19 – Heather Mark |
| 11 - Reese Mandelkow | 26 – Mary Finkelson |
| 11 - Karen Fuller | 28 - Judy Lacroix |
| 13 – Chad Peterson | |

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

LOOKING AHEAD

- Oct 10 Women's Thankoffering Service,**
Blessing of Kits and Quilts (if any)
- Oct 31 10:00 a.m. Joint Reformation service**
at Eidsvold, SS sings, brunch after
- Nov 12-14 Godstock High School Youth**
Gathering—Metropolis, EC
- Dec 24 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve - Eidsvold**
- Dec 26 10:00 a.m. Joint worship at Bethlehem**
- Mar 2, 2022 Ash Wednesday**
- Apr 17, 2022 Easter**



Food Pantry Needs

The Pierce County
food pantry can
use any food
items— canned
fruit, vegetables,
soups, tuna, etc;
snack items, pre-
packed foods.
Please bring to
church—it will get delivered to the food pantry.

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 October.

Bethlehem

- Altar Guild:** Pam Johnson
- Church cleaning:** Jim and Cindy Anderson

Eidsvold

Church Cleaning:

- Oct. 3 - Anne Girdeen and family
- Oct. 10 - Kathy Sears
- Oct. 17 - Mary Williams
- Oct. 24 - Kathy Hanson and family
- Oct. 31 - Kathy Hanson and family

Indoor Registration/Ushers

- Oct. 3 - Fay Albarado
- Oct. 10 - Mary Williams
- Oct. 17 - Mary Williams
- Oct. 24 - Dennis Potts
- Oct. 31 - DeLoris Bloomstrand

Parking Lot FM Transmission Registration

- Oct., 3 - Anne Girdeen and family
- Oct. 10 - Megan Franklin and family
- Oct. 17 - Rita Anderson
- Oct. 24 - Tricia Lofgren
- Oct. 31 - Michelle Plote

Altar Committee— Mary Williams
put unused communion cups in refrigerator after
worship, discard used cups in garbage and wash
cup containers

OCTOBER READERS:

Bethlehem

- Oct. 3 - Jan Kearns
- Oct. 10 - Pam Johnson
- Oct. 17 - Judy Anderson
- Oct. 24 - John Beastro
- Oct 31 - Joint Service at Eidsvold

Eidsvold

- Oct. 3 – Judy Lacroix
- Oct. 10 - Dodee Bloomstrand
- Oct. 17 - Fay Albarado
- Oct. 24 - Brenda Singer
- Oct. 31 - Rita Anderson

PUBLIC HEALTH COVID TESTING UPDATE

Ellsworth COVID-19 Drive Up Community Testing Site at Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services is open Monday and Thursday mornings from 9 a.m.—11 a.m. (note change in times).

As cases of COVID-19 rise, the demand for WI National Guard community testing sites has been increasing. To accommodate additional testing locations, the Guard is adjusting times. “We are grateful to have the support of the Wisconsin National Guard to provide testing to our community. Many communities have recently requested this help, so we will need to be flexible in order to share this resource with other counties” said AZ Snyder, Pierce County Health Officer.

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms or who has been in close contact with someone who tested positive for the virus is eligible for testing. Please note the following:

- All testing is drive-up without appointments. Pre-registration on the day of your test is recommended to speed up the testing process: <https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov/>
- PPCS is located at the corner of Hwy 10 and Hwy 63 in Ellsworth (enter the testing site on Hwy 63).
- The test is free and no insurance is needed.
- Parents/guardians must be present to consent for testing minors aged 1 to 17. Children under 12 months old are not eligible for testing at this site.

To get the most current information on testing, vaccinations, quarantine and isolation guidelines, and number of cases visit:

<https://covid-piercecounty-wi.hub.arcgis.com/>

The covid 19 dashboard is updated on Mondays only. Scroll down to the CDC screen which is updated daily. Click on county view. Enter state and county. Scroll down a little and you will find the number of cases in the last 7 days as well as hospitalizations. You can use this CDC screen to check on cases in any state and county, to get state and national covid information, and graphs showing comparisons of number of cases a year ago and now.

Current Pierce County data is 154 cases in the last 7 days and 3 hospitalizations. Goodhue County is 115 cases and also 3 hospitalizations.

Continue to be vigilant about wearing masks to protect yourself, social distancing, washing hands and sanitizing common areas,

Stay safe!

WOMEN'S NOTES

The Thankoffering service will be Sunday, October 10th at each worship. The Thankoffering is a tradition of faithful women joyfully giving thanks and praise for what God has done and continues to do in our life. Thankoffering envelopes will be distributed on October 3rd.



Also on October 10th, **we'll bless the school kits and any other kits** that have been made for Lutheran World Relief. Please have all these items at church by October 10th.

As of now, Eidsvold has 48 school kits and Bethlehem 52 school kits.

We did not schedule a Bible Study for October — if covid numbers drop, we will schedule Bible Study and continue our discussion on how the Holy Spirit continues to reform us. In September, the first of three sessions, we discussed the giving or gift of the Holy Spirit.

JOINT COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY August 15, 2021 7 p.m. Via Zoom

1—**Sunday School** - Megan Franklin, SS Superintendent is going to try using Roku on the TV in the basement to make it smarter for streaming from the internet. Have 12-19 students in SS.

SS will sing for worship on October 31st and will plan to serve brunch, subject to covid

2— **God's Work, Our Hands**—looking for volunteer opportunities in which adults, Sunday School and youth can participate—such as yard work for members of congregation or community, cleaning up cemetery, cleaning up at the park. Contact Megan or Pastor Mike if anyone has suggestions.

3. **Parsonage**—furnace has been replaced, septic pumped. Trying to find someone to inspect the shingles but haven't received any responses. Received insurance payment for shingle repair so should try to get this done. Appraisal on house was \$200,000-\$210,000. Will keep the house for potential use for next pastor when Pastor Mike leaves in couple of years.

4. **Covid Update**—Will continue indoor worship at both churches at this time with FM transmission at Eidsvold. Masks are encouraged and will be available at both churches, social distance as much as possible, music played via CD.

Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services has re-opened testing site at PPCS on Monday and Thursday mornings from 9—11 a.m. Test is free.

5. Looking Ahead:

Oct 31 - Reformation Sunday - Joint service at Eidsvold, 10:00 a.m. hopefully with brunch after

Christmas Eve (Friday this year) - Joint service at Eidsvold, pencil in for 4:30, light up the church and parking lot

NO Christmas Day Service (Christmas Day falls on Saturday)

Dec 26 - Joint service at Bethlehem

6. Motion by Phyllis Beaström and seconded by Jan Kearns to keep **Pastor Mike's benefit** level at Poritco the same. Motion carried.

7. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:00 PM.

Anne Girdeen, note taker

OCTOBER WORSHIP

Worship for October 2, 10, 17, and 24:

9:00 a.m. at Bethlehem

10:30 a.m. at Eidsvold with Sunday School and 93.1 FM Transmission to the parking lot

October 10th will include the Women's Thankoffering service and blessing of LWR kits.

Sunday October 31st

10:00 a.m. Joint

Reformation Day

worship at Eidsvold.

Sunday School students

will sing for worship.

Brunch is planned for after worship but it will depend on covid.



7th Grade Confirmation

1—Classes begin Wednesday, October 6th at 6 p.m. Pastor will let you know if it will be in person or by zoom.

2—Please send Pastor the e-mail address for the computer, or phone number you will be using in case you will use a Zoom meeting

3—Please pick up your workbook on the front pew at Eidsvold.

4—the Confirmation letter and schedule were e-mailed to you on August 31st. I will re-send by September 30th.

OFFERINGS MAY BE MAILED TO:

Eidsvold:

Eidsvold Lutheran
Church
W6111 County Rd EE
Bay City WI 54723

Bethlehem

Judy Anderson
W2062 U S Highway 10
Maiden Rock WI
54750

Check out our parish website & Facebook

Worship times will also be posted on these.

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

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