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# B - E Friends

Ever lost your cell phone?

I did, and I don't recommend it.

I needed help! I drove to the store where I bought my phone. They said, "Cant help you, go to your phone service provider store". I drove there. They said, "Cant help you, go to the phone manufacturer store". I drove there. They said, "Cant help you, go to your phone service provider store". I said, "I already did". They said, "No, go to their main store at the Mall of America". I drove there. They said, "Cant help you, go to your phone service provider store". I said, "I did". They said, "Not that one, go to their main store at the other end of the mall". Once there, they said, "Go back to the phone manufacturer store back across the mall". I did and finally, a patient phone store salesman took the time to help me fill out and send in a Lost or Stolen claim to see IF my phone insurance would cover the loss. Three days later, minutes ago, I received news that a replacement phone will be shipped to me. Happy happy joy joy!



Gentle reader, thank you for patiently reading my tedious tale of woe. It's what I think could be called a "Passing the Buck" story; kind of like Jesus' "Good Samaritan" story. In that story, Jesus moves us from asking, "Who deserves my help?" to asking ourselves "How can I be a good neighbor in this situation?"

My phone story boiled down to this; I didn't need to hear all the reasons a given store couldn't/wouldn't help (but they all gave their reasons)... I needed help! May the Holy Spirit help us be Good Neighbors as we meet people who need help. It can be tricky knowing how best to serve others, human lives are complicated, and some problems are long standing. With Gods help we will do our best, remembering all the people we meet are loved by God as much as we are loved. ❤️

Celebrate God! Serve Others!

Pastor Mike



## BIRTHDAYS

May you have a special day  
and a blessed year!

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 – Andy Esterby*      | 18 – Danial Langer     |
| 2 – Jada Potts         | 19 – Brian Girdeen     |
| 4 – Domenick Donley    | 20 – Andrea Helseth    |
| 5 – Chris Peterson     | 21 – TriChelle Smaller |
| 5 - Cedrec LaFave      | 21 - Paisley Lewison   |
| 6 - Fiona Andrews      | 22 – Martin Johnson-   |
| 7 – Marlyce Bayer      | Cass                   |
| 10 – Kathy Sears       | 24 – Spencer Peterson  |
| 10 - Megan Bignell     | 25 – Miles Pritchard   |
| 12 – Frank Peterson    | 26 – Emily Gregory     |
| 12 - Mark Girdeen      | 27 – Mikael Andrews    |
| 13 – Marc Sears        | 29 – Marta Friedrich   |
| 15 – Mason Regenscheid | 31 – LeRoy Langer      |
| 17 – Geraldine Hoffman | 31 - Rich Lofgren      |

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

## LOOKING AHEAD ....

- 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.
- Sept 17** - St. Croix Valley Women's Retreat at Joy Lutheran, Prescott
- Sept 25** - have completed LWR kits at church  
**Only 70 days away!**
- Oct 9, 2022** Eidsvold 150th Anniversary



**Love. Grow. Serve.**

## 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 August

### Bethlehem

**Altar Guild:** Jan Kearns

**Church cleaning:** Judy and Dale Anderson

### Eidsvold

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

August 7 - Alvin and Lorna Eidem

August 14 - Fay Albarado

August 21 - none—worship in Esdaile Park

August 28 - none worship at Bethlehem

### **Ushers 2 each week**

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

August 7 - Brenda & Tim Singer

August 14 - Dennis Potts; Tricia Lofgren

August 21 - Andrea and Tracie Esterby (park)

August 28 - none worship at Bethlehem

### Parking Lot 93.1 FM Transmission

The FM transmission is not working so this has been discontinued for the summer.

### **Altar Committee— Bev Peterson**

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

Altar Paraments: green until October 30th

### **AUGUST READERS:**

#### Bethlehem

**August 28** - Pam Johnson

#### Eidsvold

August 7 – Judy Lacroix

August 14 - Dodee Bloomstrand

August 21 - Fay Albarado (at park)

August 28 - Worship at Bethlehem

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES ARE ON SALE!



**NOW** is the time to purchase school supplies for students in our community or for Lutheran World Relief school kits.

Local schools always appreciate donations of school supplies and are grateful to receive notebooks, glue, pencils, pens, erasers, crayons, colored pencils and markers, paper towels, Kleenex, cleansing and sanitary wipes, etc.

**Lutheran World Relief School Kits provide hope and future to Children around the world.**

Education is one of the strongest tools for breaking poverty, and educating girls has even stronger results. School kit supplies help children—and adults—learn which leads to a better life for them, their families, and their communities.



- A listing of supplies for a Lutheran World Relief school kit (and other kits) can be found in this newsletter.
- The backpack bags are available at each congregation.
- In the back pew rack and on the piano at each congregation are small envelopes with small rubber bands for you to use to band the pencils and pens for LWR kits.

**Personal Care Kits** provide much needed self-care, critical germ fighting, and the chance to regain dignity amidst fear and uncertainty when families are forced to leave their homes and arrive at refugee camps or other places of safety. Stretch your hearts and hands to help people in need.



## 70 days to Eidsvold's 150th Anniversary

- Has your committee met to finalize your plans for the anniversary?
- Has your committee reported to Michelle Plote  
651-380-0884 (call or text) or e-mail [mplote08@gmail.com](mailto:mplote08@gmail.com)
- Have you invited family members and friends to Eidsvold's 150th Anniversary Celebration on **October 9th**?



have a heart, inc.

*Trustworthy. Knowledgeable. Compassionate.*

Have you ever heard of Have A Heart in River Falls? They provide services for families with physically and/or developmentally disabled loved ones.

Have a Heart opened its doors in 1994 to provide children's respite services. Since then, they have expanded their services to include an adult family home, an adult day program, and adult respite for weekends. They provide specialized care for each of their clients.

They currently have a goal of buying a wheelchair accessible van to provide transportation and community outings for their clients. Their current adults day care program provides engaging and person centered activities for five individuals from Pierce and St. Croix Counties and with a new van, they hope to enroll eight more clients into their program. The adult day care program includes transportation to and from the center, meals, and personal care.

Have A. Heart, Inc. is licensed by the State of Wisconsin to serve children and adults. They are a Wisconsin 501 (3)(c) charitable organization, governed by a Board of Directors. When they get a new van, they will sell their current vehicles which don't meet the needs of all clients.

You can check their Facebook page or website [www.haveaheartinc.org](http://www.haveaheartinc.org) for more information. They are located at W10356 State Rd 29, River Falls 54022.



## AUGUST WORSHIP

9:30 A.M.

If the weather is inclement on August 21st when scheduled for the park, worship will be held at Eidsvold at 9:30 a.m.

Worship schedule can also be found on our website and facebook:

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

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

Aug 7 - 9:30 a.m. Eidsvold (with Holy Communion)

Aug 14 - 9:30 a.m. Eidsvold

Aug 21- 9:30 a.m. **Esdale Park with Holy Communion**

Aug 28 - 9:30 a.m. Bethlehem

Sept 4 - 10:00 a.m. Eidsvold (with Holy Communion) Anderson family reunion will be held at Eidsvold that day and several of them plan to worship before their reunion.

## HOLY COMMUNION

**Sunday August 7th**, communion elements will be picked up at the entrance table and communion will be offered in the pew.

**Sunday August 21st** at the park, you will pick up your communion chalice and communion will be at your seat in the park.

**In September**, we will return to communion offered at the communion rail with bread and individual cups as served pre-covid. If you are not comfortable coming to the altar rail, you are welcome to pick up the prepared cups of juice and wine on the entrance table and commune in your seat.

## Tell the story in a new way |

Five hundred years ago, Martin Luther published his first translation of the New Testament into German making it accessible to the people. Luther shared the good news with the help of Gutenberg's printing press. 500 years later the call to make Jesus accessible to all still exists as we look to the future of the church. Check out Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton message in this 3 minute YouTube message.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GVzRA59QleY>

## THE CHURCH AT WORK . . .

- The 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the primary decision-making body of the church, convenes Aug. 8-12 in Columbus, Ohio. This year's theme is "Embody the Word," based on Luke 24:45. Voting members will participate in worship and discussions while acting on key legislative business and hearing reports and updates on the work of the church. To follow along with the assembly from home, livestream the proceedings at [ELCA.org/cwa](https://www.elca.org/cwa).
- Lutheran Social Services of WI reports nearly 200 refugees and Afghan evacuees have settled in WI and other parts of the US and now have peace and hope. Congregations and communities donated funds, gift cards, cell-phones, laptops as well as collected supplies, cleaned, painted, and readied apartments and walked along side their new neighbors, helping them navigate bus routes, grocery stores, pharmacies and other day-to-day activities. One Afghani man, quadriplegic, and in need of critical medical attention when he arrived is now serving as an interpreter on the LSS Refugee Resettlement team. Through our congregational support of LSS, God's love has been brought to each of these new arrivals.
- Lutheran Disaster Response is faithfully responding to humanitarian and refugee needs in Ukraine and accompanying churches and partners in neighboring countries. They are also responding to the many tornadoes, fires, and floods that have swept throughout the US. In 2021, Lutheran Disaster Response was present in 47 countries and 17 US states and territories following Christ's call to share hope and healing with our neighbors. In 2022 Lutheran Disaster Response is working in an additional 11 countries and 6 states and territories. Gifts to support people whose lives been upended by disaster may be sent to:  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
ELCA Gift Processing Center  
PO Box 1809,  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009  
(put in memo on check: Lutheran Disaster Relief)



## Eidsvold Council Meeting 7/6/22

7:30 via Zoom

Present: Justin Mandelkow, Pastor Mike Knudson, Anne Girdeen, Kathy Sears, Heather Brown

### Old Business:

- FM transmitter not working—will deal with it later
- Kathy Sears, Dodee, or Phyllis will put offerings in safe when Laura is not at worship
- Melody is doing fine with music

### New Business:

- Motion made & passed to replace entrance door (approx. cost \$3000) using anniversary funds.
- Council approved spending up to \$2500 for landscaping and remainder of bid will be covered by anniversary funds and donations.
- Carpet on the stairs is done, thanks to Kathy Hanson. Should we paint the bathroom floors? Repair church sign in boulevard?
- Need to reserve a tent for the celebration in October. Kathy Hanson said Basics for Local Kids has plenty of tables to use. Heather will call for underground utility marking so we know the best location for tent placement.
- What is the status on inviting former pastors?
- Should we continue with Communion cards? Council recommends those taking communion fill them out once a year. Membership requirement per constitution is communing and giving once a year.
- Will order more chalice communion cups and keep option open for using disposable or going to the rail for communion.
- Tracie is interested in church secretary duties. Pastor will meet with Tracie, Phyllis, and Melody.
- Eidsvold Worship in September will be 10:30.

Discussed meeting with Svea council sometime in future.

Adjourned 9 p.m.

Heather Brown, Secretary



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 August 6th from 10:00—11:30** at Bethel Covenant Church, located at W8405 County Road KK, Ellsworth, WI

## PARSONAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Parsonage committee met with Melody. Lee Langer has received bids for new roof, shingles, and gutters and the workers have been booked so the work is completed before the anniversary. There's plenty of funds in the Parsonage account to pay for these improvements. Lee also plans to power wash and paint the bricks on the back side of the house. The tree in front and several trees in back will be trimmed.



Are you interested in becoming a member at Eidsvold or Bethlehem? We'd love to talk with you about joining and answer

your questions. Have a conversation with Pastor Mike or Phyllis.

Please feel free to join in any of our activities that are of interest to you.

**New members will be received on September 11th.**

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**Newsletter & bulletin items by Wednesday to** [beastrom@redwing.net](mailto:beastrom@redwing.net) 715-821-5847

## 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.bethlehemeidsvoldchurches.com/>

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