

June 2025



HILL AND VALLEY PARISH NEWS

Svea and Eidsvold Lutheran Churches



Warm Greetings from the Parsonage!

After forty years in the wilderness, God's people arrived at the land promised to their fathers. The Ark of the Covenant—the sign of the promise—split the Jordan and delivered God's People to the Promised Land. At the Red Sea, God's people walked from Bondage to Wilderness on dry land, and at the Jordan, they walked from Wilderness to Freedom on dry land. After they were through, Joshua ordered twelve large stones to be picked up from the river bed and stacked on the shore as a memorial to this event.

He told the People:

When your children ask their fathers in time to come, 'What do these stones mean?' you shall let your children know, 'Israel passed over this Jordan on dry ground.'

We are surrounded by stones in our lives—reminders of God's deliverance in this world. I encountered one such stone in Svea's old church roll. Stuffed between the pages was a letter written to Svea's pastor by a Minnesota woman in 1953. The woman explained that in the 1890s, a fever struck the community, and she lost both of her parents. Faced with the realities of orphanhood in that age, members of the congregation adopted her and her siblings. The woman was taken in by Rev. Harold Ardahl and his wife, Hilma. When Rev. Ardahl took a new call in Minnesota, she went with them but never forgot the presence of the congregation during that chapter of her life. She wrote the letter so we might remember how, through a community, God's deliverance arrived in her life.

We often short sell our congregations' potential to transform this world, but if God has truly called us together, then He has called us to act in this world together, and He has given us the collective ability to act in ways beyond our imagination. It is easy to approach a congregation with an "on demand" mentality—where we get what we want, when we want it—but being a citizen of God's Kingdom on Earth (a member of a congregation) is deeper than that. Being a citizen of any nation requires both give and take. In a congregation, God unites us with the people around us—so our strengths meet another's needs and vice versa. If we are present in the life of a community, then we will hear the needs of others just as they will hear our own, and when we hear as a community, we can act as a community.

It is a blessing that someone wrote down exactly how her childhood congregation helped her, and reminded them of that. So many moments of God's deliverance are lost to time.

What stones do you carry in your life? What reminds you of God's deliverance in this world? Maybe it's a letter written by someone that you did not realize you impacted, maybe it's a scar, maybe it's an actual stone. What would it mean to let that memory live? What would it look like to let that memory impact your actions today?

When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' Then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord... These stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever.

Al Aakre

Eidsvold-Svea Lutheran Parish

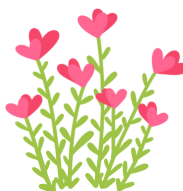
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Parish Social Media

Facebook

Church Website

<https://www.eidsvoldsvea.com>



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LEAVE A MESSAGE

June Birthdays

Eidsvold

2 - Monte Gilbertson
4 - Ava Scharpen
14 - Phyllis Beastrom
14 - Sydney Benck
16 - Nathan Beastrom
16 - Allie Doose
16 - Tayler Whipple
21 - June Gilbertson
21 - Jon Anderson
25 - DeLoris Bloomstrand
26 - Kaitlin Girdeen
28 - Dennis Potts
29 - Philip Halverson
29 - Jesse Hohmann
30 - Albert Marklevits



Svea

7 - Olivia Anway
13 - Russ Oberg
26 - Kaila Anway
28 - Addison Peters
29 - Michelle Girdeen

CHURCH SERVICE INFO

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

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH
N2610 770TH ST
HAGER CITY WI 54014
JUNE 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

Virgil Hinrichs, Judy Lacroix, Dave Betthausen, Bob Soden, Jim Bostrom, Adeline Florness, Tracy Eidem, 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, those who mourn Donna Christiansen

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, Nathan Solomon



Svea Church Happenings

150th Anniversary
Celebration will be June 22, 2025!!

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

Svea council members:

President: Dennis Rieck

Vice President: Kelly Knutson

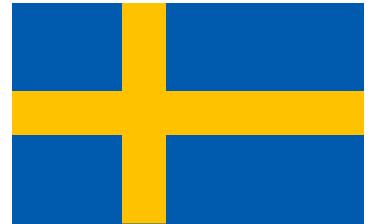
Secretary: Wade Strain

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 COUNCIL MEMBER, OR PASTOR AL.

For the planning of Svea's 150th anniversary, if anyone has any old or current **pictures or printed articles** of events that were held at Svea, please bring them to church as we would like to use them on the memory board.

There will be a box by the entrance. Please leave your name if you want them returned.

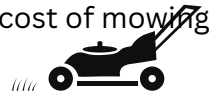
Also, if you have any **Swedish memorabilia** that could be used for table decorations, that would be appreciated!



ANYONE THAT COULD HELP WITH SOME **CHURCH CLEANING** BEFORE THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. **TUESDAY JUNE 17TH AROUND 9 AM.**

IF A DIFFERENT TIME IS NEEDED, CALL JOLLEEN @ 715-690-4104 OR BONNIE @ 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.



**Neveah Peters
confirmation**

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

**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. 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

June

Readers

Eidsvold

June 1 **Michelle Plote**
June 8 **Carol/Angie Peterson**
June 15 **Justin Mandelkow**
June 22 **Joint Service at Svea**
June 29 **Joint Service at Svea**

Altar Committee

Bev Peterson

Bake Communion Bread

Phyllis
June 1 & 8



Church Cleaning

Eidsvold

June 1 **Franklins**
June 8 **Faith Edwards**
June 15 **Bev Bierbrauer**
June 22 **Joint Service at Svea**
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Ushers

Eidsvold

June 1 **Lee Langer & Darren Bloomstrand**
June 8 **Dennis Finstad & Marilyn Drew**
June 15 **Tracie Esterby & _____**
June 22 **Joint Service at Svea**
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Wash Communion Glasses

June 1 **_____**
June 8 **_____**

*Thank
you!*

Thank you to the graduates for the special service on recognition Sunday!

Thank you Andrea for sharing "The Word" with us!

Coming again this summer....

**WORSHIP
EVERYWHERE**

WEDNESDAYS
JUNE, JULY, AUGUST
6:00 PM

June 11 - Goodhue
County Historical Society
June 18 - Colville Park
June 25 - Upper Quarry
July 2 - Break



Thank you for the special music!
Trumpeters: Thomas Helseth and Parker Bierbrauer
accompanied by Melody Perrin

Community Events

Ruby's Pantry

First Saturday of the Month
June 7

10-11:30 at
Pierce Pepin Co-op



Svea Quilters

2nd and 4th Tuesday

June 10th

June 24th

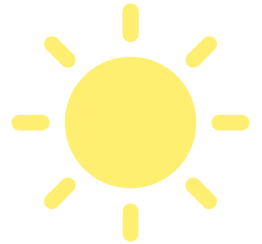
9 am-noon

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

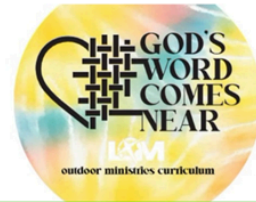
W8405 Cty Rd KK, Ellsworth WI

715-792-2397

Shopping will be held each month on the

3rd Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

2 PM - 7 PM



Ellsworth Community Vacation Bible School

at English Lutheran Church

A FREE EVENT WITH GOODWILL DONATIONS ACCEPTED.

Dates: Monday, June 16 - Thursday, June 19

Time: 12:00 PM to 3:30 PM.

Open to students in the Ellsworth community
who have completed **4YK-5th** grade.

Transportation to VBS from ECSD Summer
School is provided! VBS is **FREE** and includes
lunch and a snack. Use the QR code or website
to register. Adult and youth (grades 6-12)
volunteers are needed!

Led by counselors from Luther Point Bible Camp

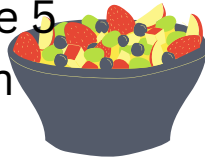
Register today! Scan the QR
code or visit:
[www.englishlutheranchurch.
org/children-s-ministry](http://www.englishlutheranchurch.org/children-s-ministry)



Hosted by English Lutheran Church,
Our Savior's Lutheran Church and
Eidsvold-Svea Lutheran Churches

**Eidsvold-Svea will be in charge of serving
lunch and a snack on Tuesday for VBS!**

Salad luncheon at St. Francis -
Thursday, June 5
11 am - 1 pm



CRAFT WORKSHOP

June 14, 2025
10 am - 12 pm



Planter box similar to this



Garden solar light
painted your way

This workshop is **FREE**.
There is no cost for materials and supplies.

All ages are welcome.

Children under 10 must be with an adult.

To ensure we have enough supplies,
RSVP by June 10
by email: churchoffice@spuccellsworth.org
or phone: 715-273-3118.

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