



September 2026

HILL AND VALLEY PARISH NEWS

Svea and Eidsvold Lutheran Churches



Greetings from the Parsonage,



Al Aakre
Eidsvold-Svea Lutheran Parish

CONTACT INFORMATION

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LEAVE A MESSAGE

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PARISH SECRETARY
715-222-4058

We are excited to announce **electronic** giving through **Vanco!**
Your generosity will help us impact our community with the good
news of the gospel.

Try the QR codes printed below.

Eidsvold



CHURCH SERVICE INFO

EIDSVOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH
W6111 COUNTY RD EE
BAY CITY WI 54723
SEPT SERVICES
9:00 AM

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH
N2610 770TH ST
HAGER CITY WI 54014
SEPT SERVICES
10:30 AM

Parish Social Media

Facebook
Church Website
<https://www.eidsvoldsvea.com>

Did you know Svea's worship service is on **YouTube** each week?

Check it out at

<https://www.youtube.com/@SveaLutheranChurch>
or simply google Svea Lutheran Church, Hager City WI
Once you're there, click on YouTube.

September Birthdays



Eidsvold

2 - Francis Halverson
3 - Thomas Helseth
7 - Norma Hanson
7 - Joan Odden
7 - Carla Schuster
9 - Katie Borchardt
10 - John Willenbring
11 - Eric Johnson
12 - Christopher Larson
14 - Susan Gerdes
15 - Alexis Flett
16 - Dale Anderson
16 - Jaclyn Gerdes
16 - Lucille Langer
16 - Ashley Kuesel
17 - Tracy Sears
20 - Bristol Plote
23 - Lorna Eidem
24 - Rachel Lewison
24 - Denice Girdeen
26 - Pam Johnson
26 - Carsyn O'Reilly
27 - Janice Kearns
27 - Jackson O'Reilly
30 - Wyatt Mark



Svea

1 - Neveah Peters
10 - Susan Sebion
11 - Jolleen Maxwell
15 - Dawson Peters
16 - Kathy Schuh
24 - Richard Flack

Please let me know if I missed a birthday or need to make any corrections.

PRAYER LIST

Prayers for Healing

Ken Huffman
Diana Gilbertson
Denice Girdeen
Sam Stockwell
Herb Enberg
Heather Ritchie
Jon Swedien
Bill Emery
Richard Scharpen
Nate Rieck
Margaret Groop
Karl Groop
Jim Bostrom
Liliah Larson
Gail Gusa
Virgil Hinrichs
John (Butch) Sebion
Sandy Place
Bob Soden
Wendell Manore
Dave Ericson
Elwyn Manore

Prayers for Sustained Strength and Comfort

Darrell Schuster
Johnnie Albarado
Norma Hanson
Laura Anderson
Larry Gerdes
Terrence Emery
Chris Larson
Rose Ann Powers
Gerry Hoffman
Julie Patterson
Jim Swenson,
all caregivers in our parish

Prayers for those serving in the military

Tyler Ballman
Nathan Solomon



Three of our youth gals competed in a softball tournament on an extremely hot weekend. They took 1st place!! Congratulations to the team including **Lexi Flett, Reese Mandelkow, and Reese Franklin**



Community Events



Svea Quilters

2nd and 4th Tuesday

Sept 8

Sept 22

9 am-noon

No experience is needed.

All are welcome!



EUCHRE

No euchre for the summer, we will resume in the fall.

BETHEL'S BASEMENT BLESSINGS

New Community Outreach

FREE Monthly Shopping

at Bethel Covenant Church

W8405 Cty Rd KK, Ellsworth WI

715-792-2397

Shopping will be held each month on the

3rd Monday Sep 21 11 am - 7 pm

and Tuesday Sep 22 11 am - 5 pm

Pie and Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Eidsvold Lutheran Church

4 - 7 pm



*****Ladies (men also welcome), please make a pie and bring to the church!**

If you are able to work, that would be appreciated.

This is one way we can be involved in our community!

If you have any questions, contact Dodee at 75-594-3172



2026-2027 Confirmation Schedule English Lutheran Church

16-Sep

Orientation

23-Sep

OT Lesson 1 - Creation

30-Sep

OT Lesson 2 - Sin & the Fall - Adam & Eve

7-Oct

OT Lesson 3 - Re-Creation - Noah & the Flood

14-Oct

Fun Night

21-Oct

OT Lesson 4 - Divine Covenant - Abraham & Sarah

28-Oct

OT Lesson 5 - Wrestling with God - Jacob

4-Nov

OT Lesson 6 - Moses & the Exodus

11-Nov

Basket Flyer Drop-Off

18-Nov

Basket Donation Pickup

25-Nov

No Class Thanksgiving

2-Dec

OT Lesson 7 - Joshua & Judges

9-Dec

OT Lesson 8 - David

16-Dec

Christmas Party

23-Dec

No Class - Christmas Break

30-Dec

No Class - Christmas Break

6-Jan

Review Session

13-Jan

Lesson 9 - Ruth & Naomi

Students from Brickhouse Music Academy will be performing in the Fall Student Showcase on Sunday, September 13 at 1:00 PM. The Showcase will be held at Veterans' Park in River Falls.





It was a beautiful morning for the Joint Service in the Bay City Park with the Hot Flashes!
There was about 100 people in attendance.



SVEA CHURCH HAPPENINGS

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

****Note****

No communion at worship in September

as the Lutheran church requires an ordained pastor or someone authorized by the Bishop to preside for communion.

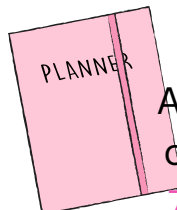
Svea Cookbooks for sale!

THEY MAKE GREAT
GRADUATION, WEDDING
SHOWER OR WEDDING GIFTS.
~~\$20.00 EACH FOR 2 FOR \$30.00.~~
REDUCED PRICE

Svea quilters are looking for clean double, queen, and king size flat sheets, preferably 100 percent cotton.

More help is needed also, so anyone is welcome to join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.

No experience with sewing is required as just cutting material is needed.



All women of Svea are invited to the church on **Wednesday, Sept. 2nd** at **7 PM** for a short planning meeting.



Svea needs **readers** for the church service and also to help on the **Altar committee**.

Anyone - male or female - can help with this.

Thanks to Sue and Myrt for all that you do!



EIDSVOLD HAPPENINGS



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Thank you for your Time and Talents

Readers

Sept 6 **Tana Langer**
Sept 13 **Karen Brostrom**
Sept 20 **Mandy Rikli**
Sept 27 **Michelle Plote**

thank you!

STRENGTHS

- active Sunday School
- family confirmation meals
- good friends
- loving one another
- children's message
- being kind to others
- welcoming congregation
- young families
- altar guild volunteers
- awesome communion bread
- fellowship
- great children's message and their participation

September

Altar Committee

Fay Albarado

Bake Communion

Bread

No Communion until further notice



WEAKNESSES

- no church softball league
- Less than 10 Eidsvold members attended the Ecumenical Choir Concert. Embarrassing not having a full church and empty front row pews. You missed a FABULOURS Concert
- no community outreach
- offer wafers at communion
- use disposable wine cups
- need happier music for kids
- new ideas aren't welcomed
- no support for youth events
- showing up more
- need more upbeat music
- too much new music
- need modern upbeat music that is easier to sing (not too high)

Ushers

Sept 6 **Lee Langer & Mary Williams**
Sept 13 **Tracie Esterby family**
Sept 20 **Mandi Rikli family**
Sept 27 **Kathy Hanson**

Thank you for volunteering and being in the rotation!

SWOT

- **STRENGTHS**
- **Weaknesses**
- **Opportunities**
- **Talents**

Next....

OPPORTUNITIES

Areas we can get involved in!
Please add your ideas to the whiteboard in the entryway.



Sunday School starts September 13th - RALLY SUNDAY!



Please contact our Superintendent, Bree Lund, if you have any questions or if you know of someone that would like to join Sunday School!

We are also looking for a few more people to help with teaching!

bree_lund@outlook.com or 651-764-2227

Sunday School Registration ~ Eidsvold Lutheran Church

Kids do NOT need to be registered to attend Sunday School. However, filling out this form will help us plan lessons and activities, and help communicate Sunday School news and announcements. Please fill out one form per child.

Click on the link below or the QR Code to the left.

<https://forms.gle/xgdsHGBCrGmWeRxxg6>



We will be learning about....

Sept 13 Rally Sunday - Blessing of the Backpacks

Sept 20 Lesson: Joseph Helps His Family

Sept 27 Lesson: The Vineyard Workers

Oct 4 Lesson: The Chief Priests

Oct 11 Lesson: Parable of the Vineyard

Oct 18 Halloween Activity

Oct 25 Reformation Sunday ~ Brunch Following Church Service

Eidsvold Council Meeting Wednesday, August 12th, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Mandy at 6:10 pm

Alvin, Phyllis, Melody, Mandy, Laura, Tana, Lee, and Tracie are in attendance

Opening Prayer: Mandy



Old Business: Last meeting notes read by Tana.

Lee and Tana will talk with Lindus to get an estimate regarding basement windows. Then will present to the congregation on the next steps.

Phyllis and Dennis will continue working on getting the cemetery deeds with correct names.

The mass notification system costs \$ 9 per use. Mandy will talk with Pastor Al to ensure a few people know how to use this before the end of August. We will use a test to remind churches about the service in the park.

SWOT- weakness sticky notes were read. We will move into the opportunities. Mandy will talk before church services regarding what opportunities mean. Lee made the first motion, Laura seconded, and we all approved.

New Business:

Lee will check on the parking lot for water retention concerns.

Pie and Ice Cream social for Wednesday, Sept 23rd. Tana will check whether anything else is needed and get posters made to promote. Recognized Reese Franklin and Lexi Flett for their great job of cleaning the church.

Council reviewed the financial report.

General \$72,377.63

Memorial \$28,490.26

Youth \$714.02

Building \$17,257.85

Parsonage \$43,132.21

Total: \$161,971.97 at the end of July

Updated Pastor Coverage: Maddie Patterson will cover in September. Will ask Jae Bates and Maddie Patterson for extended coverage due to Pastor Al's resignation.

Confirmation: Talks are underway with the English Lutheran Church to see whether community confirmation classes make sense. Tracie will continue talks and will reach out to the families of our current confirmation students. We have about 14-16 students in confirmation at Eidsvold, and none at SVEA.

Sunday School: Rally Sunday will be Sunday, Sept 13th.

Other News: Council discussed how to proceed with Pastor Al's resignation. Agreed to wait until the Joint Council meeting and to hear from Pastor Randy before going forward with any other planning needs. After the joint meeting, we will then schedule another council meeting with Eidsvold.

Ended Meeting with the Lord's Prayer

Notes Submitted by Tracie Esterby

Eidsvold – Svea joint Council meeting minutes August 19, 2026 @ 7pm (Svea Church)

Svea President Dennis Rieck called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

Attendees: Kelly K, Dennis R, Lee L, Phyllis B, Amanda R, Mary S, Jerry H, Wade S, Dan M, Dianne A, Tana L, Tracie E, Pastor Randy Olson (Synod).

Opening prayer by Pastor Randy

Next meeting date/time: September 17, 7pm @ Eidsvold

Financial Review: Updates provided by Dennis and Phyllis for both Churches.

General Account: Eidsvold \$162,000 Svea \$132,000

Average attendance numbers were also provided Svea around 30 and Eidsvold around 46. Zoom numbers for Svea have been around 25-30.

New business: Pastor Randy Olson discussed finding a new Pastor.

- Pulpit supply has been arranged through Sept (Maddie Patterson - Hovel from United Lutheran) and she may be able to go longer.
- We should arrange for Pulpit supply through October.
- Check with Pastor Pete Warren (English Lutheran) to have an on-call Pastor for emergencies
- We would like a full-time interim. Randy will assist with the interim search.
- He also suggested we work on our ministry site profiles and go over our Joint agreement.
- Have guided conversations so that they are constructive.
- Get expectations from the Churches regarding the yoke arrangement. A short discussion was had regarding un-yoking as Lee mentioned some members from Eidsvold brought it up to him.
- Transition teams were discussed.

Other/Round table discussion: Present for Pastor Al discussed and decided on a Picture of the two churches. This will be given to him at the Joint Outdoor Service on Sun Aug 23

Adjourn (Kelly, Wade)

Respectfully submitted, Svea Secretary Wade Strain