

June 2024

HILL AND VALLEY PARISH NEWS
Svea and Eidsvold Lutheran Churches

Greetings from the Parsonage!

June promises to be a busy month for us in the parish. I am not sure how that happened but so it did. The nice thing about sitting between two small cities (Yes, I consider Ellsworth a small city—it has two pizza places after all!) is that you can take part in what goes on in each one. With our fellow congregations in Ellsworth, we will be joining together for VBS in early June. I would encourage everyone who has a child in their life to enroll them immediately! In an ever-changing and challenging world—especially for children—it is so important to establish a relationship with Jesus as early as we can. We would not wait to throw a life preserver to a man overboard nor deny water to someone who thirsts on a hot day—why then do we often deny the Giver of Life itself?

With our fellow congregations in Red Wing, we will be joining together for “Church Everywhere!” This is a brief (20ish minutes) Wednesday night service (6:00 pm) that rotates locations but is never in a church building. Do not fear, the service will be done before Music in Central Park begins. *This* parish will host a service later in the summer—more on that in August. The idea is to connect the Christians of the Mississippi River valley and create an opportunity to invite non- or inactive Christians to worship outside of the Church building. My senior thesis was on the historical development of church architecture—I love our two sanctuaries but I know that some people aren’t comfortable worshipping in them. Our hope is to serve people where they are, not necessarily where we want them to be. A different Red Wing Area pastor will preach each week and provide communion—cookies will be served afterward. (That last part one me over!) The first service will be on June 5, 6:00 pm, behind the Goodhue County Historical Society.

On June 23, we will have our Midsummer Service in the Parsonage Grove at Svea. I dressed as a Swede last year; I am thinking of going as a Norwegian this year. A group of Hardanger Fiddle players will be offering special music during this service. This is the national instrument of Norway and has a sound that you can’t forget. Following the service, we will have a picnic. Midsummer is a traditional Scandinavian festival and honors the birth of John the Baptist—it is also six months to Christmas. The kids at Eidsvold always have me pray for the weather, I ask you to do the same—pray for no rain. Violins cannot get wet and picnics are better outside. If anyone has a Scandinavian costume, I would encourage you to wear it—I’ll be in mine.

Lastly, on June 30, we will hold the Mark Drama! This is an acted-out version of the Gospel of Mark which runs about an hour and a half. I am glad to announce that we have found a location to host the Drama—in the banquet hall at *The Bluff’s*. This is another way to invite someone you know to come to experience the Gospel. If you have not already, please sign up to participate—there are non-speaking roles for those just looking for the experience. I have the most fun when I take a chance and try something completely new. The sign-up sheet is in the back of both sanctuaries—otherwise, give me a call or text me at (608)799-9703.

Uff Da! Is that enough for one month? Even if you can only make one of these events—it will be a blessing to have you there. Pastor Al

June Birthday

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



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

HAPPY
Birthday

If a birthday was missed
please email Tracie at
tracie.esterby@gmail.com

Kindness
is free

Random Acts of Kindness
invites you to come as you
are for a meal free of
charge. June 18th Served
5-6:30 P.M.. at St Paul's
United Church of Christ
W5706 Hwy 72 Ellsworth

CHURCH SERVICE INFO: CONTACT INFORMATION

**EIDSVOLD LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
W6111 COUNTY RD EE
BAY CITY WI 54723
MAY SERVICES AT 10:30 WITH
SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING
THE SERVICE

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH
N2610 770TH ST
HAGER CITY WI 54014
MAY SERVICES AT 9:00 AM

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CHURCH: BELUTHER@BEVCOMM.NET
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MESSAGE**
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**JUNE- JULY- AUGUST- SEPTEMBER
WORSHIP TIMES**
9 AM AT EIDSVOLD
10:30 AM AT SVEA
**ANY JOINT SERVICES WILL BE AT 10
AM**

Svea Church Happenings

Svea is looking for a Treasurer. If you are interested or know of someone who would be a great fit for this important role please have them see Mary Schaver, Pastor Al, or another council member. Training would be provided.

Anniversary

Svea's 150th Anniversary will be in 2025! The Svea Council would like to form a committee to plan this celebration. If you are interested please see Yvonne Manore or Pastor Al

We are looking for several volunteers to help with the altar guild at Svea. Let Pastor Al or Bonnie Hasenberg know if you can help.

thank you

The Emery family is doing a nice job of mowing the cemetery, but any donations to the mowing cost and upkeep would be appreciated.



Mady Maxell with Pastor Al on her Confirmation Day!

EIDSVOLD HAPPENINGS



Carsyn O'Reilly and TriChelle
Smaller Senior Blessings to them as they graduate!

Be proud of your self



Andrea Esterby and Aaliya Huppert
Members of the National Honors Society
Congratulations Ladies!

Community Events

Ruby's Pantry

First Saturday of the Month
June 1
10-11:30 at
Pierce Pepin Co-op

Women's Bible Study

June 10th at 1:30 pm
At Eidsvold



Parish Social Media

Facebook

Church Website

<https://www.eidsvoldsvea.com>



HELL[☀]
Summer

Svea Quilters

2nd & 4th
Tuesdays 9 am-noon



No experience is needed. All are welcome.



June 7-8 Synod Assembly

Ukraine Hearts and Minds School Supply Fundraiser - EHS Students are working on a school SUPPLY DRIVE. THEY ARE CONNECTED WITH TWO UKRAINIAN SCHOOLS THAT HAVE COLLECTIVELY OVER 1000 STUDENTS. THESE STUDENTS DEAL WITH THE TRIALS OF LIVING IN A WAR ZONE, FREQUENTLY GOING INTO UNDERGROUND BUNKERS AND DEALING WITH SHORTAGES OF FOOD AND SUPPLIES. THE EHS HEARTS AND MIND UKRAINE ARE ASKING SUPPORTERS TO BUY ITEMS OFF THEIR AMAZON WISH LIST OR DONATIONS TO HELP WITH SHIPPING. IF YOU'D LIKE TO BUY SOMETHING OFF THE WISH LIST, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE ATTACHED. IF YOU'D LIKE TO DONATE FOR SHIPPING, CHECKS CAN BE MADE TO EHS HEARTS AND MIND UKRAINE.

Andrea Esterby is one of the members of this Capstone Project You can go to the Ellsworth High School Page for the QR code.


Sunday School News:

No Sunday School during the summer months. Thank you to our amazing teachers! Megan Franklin, Anne Girdeen, Heather Marks, Elsie Gregory, Molly Langer, Melody Perrin, and Andrea Esterby.

If you are interested in helping with VBS this year please reach out to Pastor Al, Tracie, Anne, or Megan. We are still looking for crew members. Eidsvold is responsible for the lunch on Wednesday.



**Ellsworth Community
VBS 2024**



For kids going into Kindergarten thru Fifth Grade

June 10-13, 2024
12:00-3:30 PM
at English Lutheran Church
co-hosted with: Our Savior's Lutheran Church and
Eidsvold-Svea Lutheran Churches
There will be a bus available to bring kids from Summer
School to English Lutheran Church

**Registration opens on May 1st at
www.vbspro.events/p/ellsworthvbs2024**



Sunday School 23/24 Class Music

Conformation News:

Thomas Helseth, Spencer Peterson, Carsyn Richardson, Jack O'Reilly from Eidsvold, and Madelyn Maxwell from Svea were all confirmed on Sunday, May 12, 2024



Feed My Starving Children

Saturday, May 4th a group from Eidsvold and Svea took a bus ride up to Eagan. We were able to pack 86 boxes! These 86 boxes mean that 18,576 meals are ready to feed 51 children for the next 365 days! That is so AWESOME! Our 1 1/2 hours of work equaled \$5,387.04. Each meal costs 29 cents . If you are able to donate 106 dollars a year that feeds one child for that year.



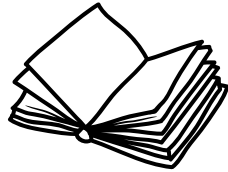
Times and Talents:

June

Readers:

Eidsvold

June 2 Kari Aakre
June 9 Karen Brostrom
June 16 Tana Langer
June 23 Svea
June 30 Mark Drama



Ushers:

Eidsvold

June 2 Mandy Jepson
June 9 Dennis Potts & Tricia Lofgren
June 16 DeLoris Bloomstand & Faith
Edwards
June 23 Svea
June 30 Mark Drama



Altar Committee: Bev Peterson
Communion Bread: Phyllis Beastrom



Church Cleaning:

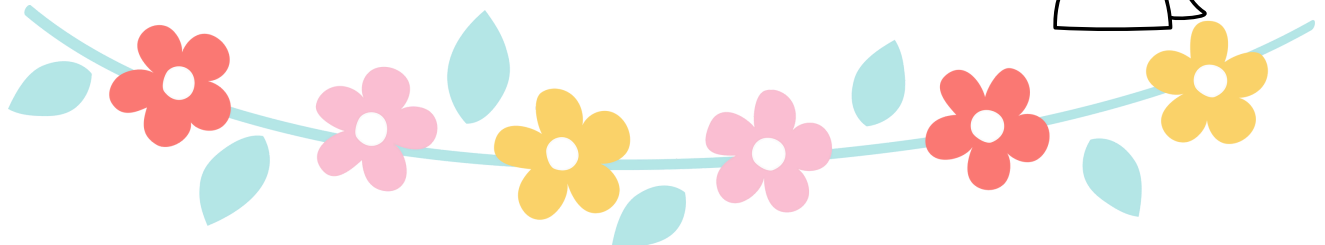
Eidsvold

June 2 Mandy Jepson
June 9 Open
June 16 DeLoris B
June 23 Svea Worship
June 30 Mark Drama



Washing Communion Cups:

June 2-Open
June 16 Deloris Bloomstrand



Summer Women's Bible Study

A global pandemic, political upheaval, a changing climate ... these days, the future is more uncertain than it ever has been. Or is it? For the people of the Bible, life was often shaped by deep uncertainty. Encounters with God sparked awe, confusion, or courage, but rarely certainty. God's people have always been called to follow God into the unknown, trusting in God's grace and love. This three-session summer Bible study explores God's invitation to the people of the Bible and to us, to take the holy journey beyond certainty to curiosity, community, and compassion, where we find abundant life in Christ.