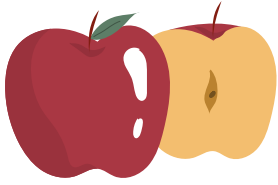
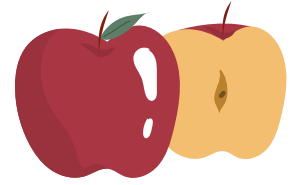


September 2024



HILL AND VALLEY PARISH NEWS
Svea and Eidsvold Lutheran Churches



Greetings from the Parsonage!

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Our program year begins again on September 8! If you have been away for the summer or just a few days, I hope to see you on Rally Sunday.

As I said in my August newsletter article, we are looking for your event and ministry ideas. There is now a box in the back of each sanctuary for you to drop the parish a note. I take these ideas very seriously and have been following up on them as best as I can. I plan to collect the suggestions, type them up, and hang them in the back of our two sanctuaries. The hope is that, through conversation, interest may grow around a few of them. We are large enough as a parish to be a formidable force in this community—and we have a mandate from God to be so. “And Jesus answered them, ‘Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ it will happen.’”

As individuals, it is easy to look at the problems of the world and be completely overwhelmed by them. We can think, “Well what can I do about that!? The problem is just too big!” It is true, our society and in fact our entire globe is plagued with the shadowy effects of Sin. Forces that come to disrupt our lives and our faith in Christ Jesus appear as disease, famine, war, hatred, division, greed, lust, but all stem from the Sin that entered our reality at Creation’s Fall. I say this—not to rub it in—but to acknowledge the daunting task facing us. But I tell you that we are not meant to face the task alone. We are called into communities of faith so we might look at Sin and think, “Well together, we can do something about it! Together with and by God’s Strength and Wisdom, we can do battle against the foe that challenges us. Have faith in the God that calls us into dark places, have faith that the Light He shines through us can never be overcome by Sin. Have faith to speak the words that God whispers to you—the urges He places in your heart to act—for in a community of faith, you may be surprised to whom He speaks the same words.

Al Aakre

Confirmation

6th Grade Confirmation will start on Wednesday, September 11. The meal will be served at 5:30 pm. Pizza, fruit/veggies, dessert, and drinks provided. The class will be from 6-7 pm. At least one adult needs to attend with their student. Emails/mailings have been sent to families. If you know of someone who would like to attend, reach out to Pastor Al or Tracie. 6th Grade Confirmation will be five weeks.



September Birthday

- 2- Francis Halverson
- 3-Thomas Helseth
- 7-Norma Hanson
Joan Odden
- 9-Katie Borchardt
- 10-John Willenbring
- 11-Eric Johnson
- 12-Chris Larson
- 14-Susan Gerdes
- 15- Ruth Ann Brown
Alexis Flett
- 16-Dale Anderson
Jaclyn Gerdes
Lucille Langer
Ashley Kuesel
- 17-Tracy Sears
- 20-Bristol Plote
- 23-Lorna Eidem
- 24-Rachel Lewison
- 25-Berkley Brenner
- 26-Pam Johnson
- 26-Carsyn O'Reilly
- 27-Janice Kearns
Jackson O'Reilly
- 28-Greg Andrews
- 29-Lola Johnson
- 30-Wyatt Mark



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

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

CHURCH SERVICE INFO:

**EIDSVOLD LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
W6111 COUNTY RD EE
BAY CITY WI 54723
SUMMER SERVICES AT 9AM

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

Parish Social Media

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

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MESSAGE
NEWSLETTER INFO;
TRACIE.ESTERBY@GMAIL.COM
651-380-2212



JUNE- JULY- AUGUST- SEPTEMBER
WORSHIP TIMES
9 AM AT EIDSVOLD
10:30 AM AT SVEA
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.

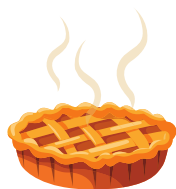
Anniversary

There are now several proposed colors for painting the Svea sanctuary but those with differing hues are encouraged to bring in samples and/or painted boards. This is part of an ongoing "sprucing up" before Svea's 150th in 2025.

The women of Svea are invited to church on Wed., Sept 4th at 7 PM for the annual planning of the coming year. All women are invited and encouraged to attend.

EIDSVOLD HAPPENINGS

PIE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Wednesday, September 25th

Eidsvold Lutheran Church

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Sandwiches, pie, ice cream

Come, enjoy a refreshing meal and conversation with your neighbors!

All Eidsvold Women are asked to furnish a pie

Please call Dodee at 715-594-3172 if you can help in the kitchen.

All the bags have been taken to be filled with school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. Thank you. Phyllis will try to find a few more if you need one! Please return them by September 29th.

Also on Sunday, September 29th we'll fill and pack the Personal Care Kits. Supplies will be provided – just come to the basement to help pack them.

Thank you.



Women of the Parish Bible Study will be on Monday, September 16 at 1:30 at Eidsvold. This fall our study will focus on the book of Ephesians. Join us.

Joint Council Meeting-August 15, 2024 at 6 pm

In Attendance: Pastor Al, Tracie E., Anne G., Jason H., Kendra H., Wade, Dennis, Jerry, Yvonne, Mary, Mandy, Phyllis, Tana, Kathy

Pastor Al led with a prayer.

Tracie read the minutes of the last meeting. Anne motioned to accept, all in favor. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

At the next Joint Council meeting we are to have our numbers of memberships. We will review it at that time. That date is Nov 20th at 6 pm at Eidsvold.

Fall Service times will change in October, Svea will be at 9 am and Eidsvold will be at 10:30 am.

NEW BUSINESS:

Christmas services: Christmas Eve 4 pm at Svea, and 7 pm at Eidsvold, Christmas Day Service 10 am at Eidsvold. This is following our rotating schedule. Svea will continue doing Advent Services on Dec 4, 11, and 18.

Music was discussed. Phyllis will work with Jonah. The council will meet again to talk about it.

FINANCIALS

Both Churches stated that they are doing well.

Pastor Notes: Kelly K donated a laptop to Pastor to use. Both churches are discussing a welcoming committee. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer and adjourned.

Eidsvold



Svea



We are excited to announce electronic giving through Vanco!

Your generosity will help us impact our community with the good news of the gospel.

You can select between a one-time or a recurring donation (set to the frequency of your choice), and through credit card or your bank account.

There are also different funds that you can select from to allocate your donation. We can even set up different links for various collections throughout the year!

Community Events

Ruby's Pantry

First Saturday of the Month
September 7
10-11:30 at
Pierce Pepin Co-op



Women's Bible Study

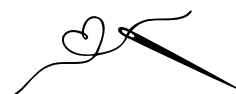
Monday, Sept 16 2024 at 1:30 pm
At Eidsvold



Svea Quilters

2nd & 4th
Tuesdays 9 am-noon

No experience is needed. All are welcome.



Times and Talents:

September

Readers:

Eidsvold

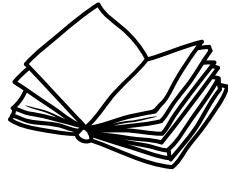
Sept 1 Karen B

Sept 8 Tana

Sept 15 Mandy

Sept 22 Michelle

Sept 29 Carol/Angie
Peterson



Ushers:

Eidsvold

Sept 1 DeLoris B and Karen B

Sept 8 Kathy Sears and Kathy Hanso

Sept 15 Open for you

Sept 22 Tricia Lofgren and Dennis Pots

Sept 29 Brenda and Tim Singer



Altar Committee: Fay Albarado
Communion Bread: Sept 1 and Sept 15
Phyllis



Church Cleaning:

Eidsvold

Sept 1 Phyllis

Sept 8 Open for you

Sept 15 Tana Langer

Sept 22 Open for you

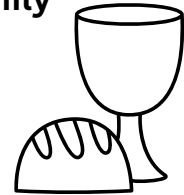
Sept 29 Open for you



Washing Communion Cups:

Sept 1 Mark Family

Sept 15 Mark Family



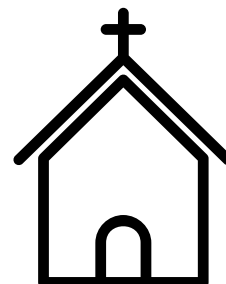
Eidsvold Sunday School News!!

It's that time of year again - summer is slowing down and time to return to school. Which also means Sunday School is starting! The first day of Sunday school will be September 8th at 9am. This will be Rally Sunday so the kids are encouraged to bring their backpacks to be blessed. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining Sunday school, please invite them! If you have a new child attending this year, please let me know if they have any allergies. Lastly, if anyone is interested in helping teach, let me know. We will have some spots to fill next year, so this year would be a great opportunity to come down and see all the fun we have in class!

See you soon,
Megan

Megan Franklin
meganmfranklin@yahoo.com

HAPPY
Sunday
SCHOOL





CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION
RENEW - REUSE - REPURPOSE
SEPTEMBER 27 - 28, 2024
2024 NORTHWEST SYNOD OF WISCONSIN
SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION CONVENTION
AT SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH,
1310 MAIN ST, EAU CLAIRE

RESERVE THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR. COME! BE INSPIRED AS TOGETHER WE SING,
PRAY, LAUGH, WORSHIP, AND LEARN FROM KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AND AWARENESS SESSION
LEADERS!

WE ALSO ASK YOU TO PARTICIPATE:

- ☒ DISPLAY WHAT YOUR CONGREGATION IS DOING FOR CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION - THIS
CAN BE
A DISPLAY BOARD SET ON A TABLE OR SIMPLY A HANDOUT DESCRIBING WHAT YOU'RE DOING
- ☒ IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW MAKES ITEMS BY REPURPOSING SOMETHING, YOU ARE
WELCOME TO BRING FOR DISPLAY
- ☒ SINCE WE ARE CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION, WE ASK THAT YOU BRING YOUR COFFEE MUG,
YOUR FAVORITE WATER BOTTLE, AND YOUR FAVORITE BAG OR TOTE FOR CARRYING YOUR
ITEMS
- ☒ BRING COLORFUL USED T-SHIRTS SIZES M, L, XL, XXL, AND LARGER TO BE MADE INTO RUGS
FRIDAY EVENING:

6:00 P.M. REGISTRATION, SNACKS AND BEVERAGES FOR VOTING MEMBERS

7:00 P.M. BUSINESS MEETING - EACH CHURCH UNIT IS ENTITLED TO SEND A VOTING MEMBER
FOR THE
BUSINESS MEETING WHICH WILL INCLUDE FINANCIAL REPORT, ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
CONFERENCE BOARD
MEMBERS, SWO BUDGET, AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE MEETING.
APPROXIMATELY 8:15 CLOSE WITH HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER.

SATURDAY:

8:00 A.M. REGISTRATION, COFFEE AND MORNING TREATS

9:00 A.M. WELCOME AND WORSHIP

AFTER WORSHIP, DR. JIM BOULTER WILL HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH US ABOUT CLIMATE
CHANGE, ITS
EFFECTS, HOW WE CAN MAKE AN IMPACT ON CLIMATE CHANGE AS INDIVIDUALS, AS A
CHURCH, AND

AT OUR WORKPLACE. COME WITH YOUR QUESTIONS FOR THE Q&A SESSION.
AFTER LUNCH THERE WILL BE 5 AWARENESS SESSIONS: HOW TO ESTABLISH A GREEN TEAM
IN YOUR
CONGREGATION, THE SYNOD CREATION TEAM WILL ADDRESS THEIR GOALS AND DISPLAY
ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE
ITEMS THAT WE CAN USE IN OUR DAILY ROUTINES; ONE ADDRESSING FOOD WASTE,
ANOTHER ON COMPOSTING
101 AND ONE THAT PROVIDES INFO ON THE CLIMATE AND EMPOWERS INDIVIDUALS TO WORK
TOGETHER ON
CLIMATE POLICY.

COST: \$30. SEE MAILING FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORM!
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