



Cambridge Lutheran Church ELCA
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Cambridge, IL 61238

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Summer Worship begins at 8:00am

Ministers	The whole congregation!
Pastor	Pr. Matt Kamprath
Council Vice President	Jason Gustafson
Council Secretary	Heather Usrey
Parish Secretary	Emily Galle
Director of Music	Susie VanWynsberghe

CAMBRIDGE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

We are ordinary people who come together to share our joys and burdens, grow in faith, serve our world and have fun as a community, by making Christ known.

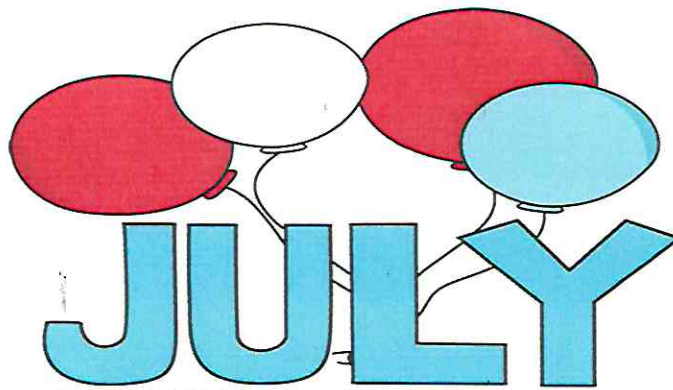
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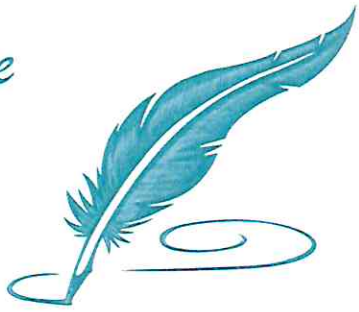
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 11:00am Worship	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 11:00am Worship	14	15	16	17 5:00 – 7:00pm Ice cream Social in the Park	18	19
20 11:00am Worship	21	22	23	24 6:00pm Council Mtg	25	26
27 11:00am Worship	28	29	30	31		

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



Farewell Faithful Servants

This has been a difficult newsletter article to write. As I am called away to serve in another place, I have mixed emotions. I am saddened to go. For the last 3 and a half years I have been truly blessed to be a part of this church family, the wider community, and the relationships God has formed

here. I have been gifted by; your experience, your willingness to risk, your desire to serve, and your love for God and God's people. I have been blessed by you all. Thank you for showing my family and me such loving kindness. I will miss you all dearly. I thank God for our fruitful ministry together and I trust in God to continue working in you all.

Next to my sadness, is anticipation and excitement about this new adventure. I am excited to be serving in a new place. Life is like this. It certainly is an odd mix of emotions, of ups and downs, of ends and beginnings, of sadness and excitement. In midst of it all is God who is the beginning and end of it all. In the midst of it all is God's goodness, whom we know in Christ Jesus. But wait, this is really good news for you and I.

God in Christ, through the presence of the Holy Spirit will be with me as I leave, and with you all as you continue here. Jesus is calling us to trust in this promise. Amid the changes, challenges, and the never-ending rollercoaster of life, is God who continues loving, guiding, preparing, and blessing the whole lot of us. Our faith is an awareness that in the very midst of life, in the hard and difficult emotions, and hard and difficult circumstances, God remains holding us all together and at the same time calling us to newness and life.

As I leave this place, I will certainly remember Cambridge Lutheran and its people in my prayers. I will continue to be blessed by you all as I think about the relationships that I have had and will continue to treasure. Finally, I will continue serving God in this new place. Most of all, God will continue holding us all close, inviting us always to fall into the newness which is Him. Amen.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Matt Kamprath

Cambridge Lutheran Church Council Special Meeting Highlights June 5th

A special meeting of the Cambridge Lutheran church council was conducted on Thursday, June 5th. Present were Jason Gustafson, Charlene Wells, Johnna Olson, Kyle Markey, and Heather Usrey. Absent was Pr. Matt Kamprath.

The council met to review a letter received by the council from Pr. Matt stating that he has accepted a new call and was resigning his position at Cambridge Lutheran Church, effective June 30, 2025. The council voted to accept the resignation of Pastor Matt.

Council also discussed next steps Pr. Matt's replacement. Jason has initiated contact with the Synod to begin the process of identifying a supply/interim pastor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Usrey

Call Committee

With Pastor Matt leaving our congregation, the congregation council will be putting together a Call Committee soon to support selecting our new pastor. If you have interest in this process and being part of the Call Committee, reach out to a council member to share your interest, or contact the church office.

What's next?

The congregation council is currently working with the Synod to identify an interim pastor for our church. In the coming weeks, the plan will be finalized for interim pastoral support for our congregation. We ask for your support as the council navigates our pastoral transition.



Farewell Pastor Matt

Thank you to Pastor Matt for your service to Cambridge Lutheran Church. Our congregation wishes you all the best in your next call to serve.

Summer Worship Schedule

This year we will not be adjusting our worship schedule for the summer months. We will continue to worship at 11:00 am on Sunday mornings throughout the summer. The last Sunday of the month during the summer (June, July, and August) will be a Contemporary Service featuring our Praise Band.

Ice Cream Social

The 150th Committee is holding an Ice Cream Social to share our joy of 150 years of ministry.

We will be at the Cambridge Car Cruise'n Event at College Square Park

July 17th from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

Free will donation

(to go toward the restoration of our Altar Painting)

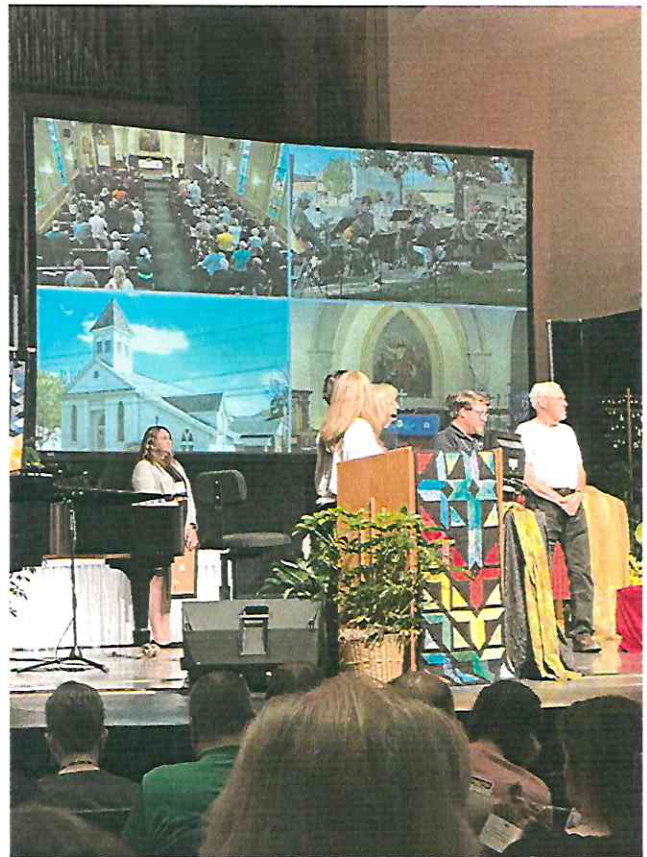
If you would like to volunteer to serve ice please contact the office or just show up! Thank you



WELCA enjoyed a wonderful visit with Gloria.

2025 Northern Illinois Synod Assembly

The Cambridge Lutheran Church received recognition for our 150th Anniversary during the Synod Assembly in June. Thank you to Pastor Matt, John and Linda Roehrs for representing our congregation this year.



2025 SYNOD ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

"Each of you has a call and gifts for living Jesus' work in the world. And you are given opportunities every day to live that out, to be the body of Jesus to someone else and to grow as a disciple. Because you, Beloved Child of God, have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. God is with you in the questions."
- Bishop Stacie Fidler



ACTIONS TAKEN

- Blessed new synod paraments, thanks to the 38 congregations who pieced together quilt blocks
- Heard from Deacon Jessica Noonan from LEAD Connects about learning from our neighbors
- Passed the Fiscal Year 2027 Northern Illinois Synod Budget
- Passed the 2026 Rostered Minister Compensation Guidelines
- Elected several members to serve on Synod Council and synod committees
- Heard from Bishop Fidler about discovering our why
- Heard from Ms. Becca Payne and Mrs. Rahel Mwitula Williams from the ELCA
- Blessed those who will be voting members at the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly
- Celebrated our Rostered Minister ordination anniversaries and remembered our Rostered Ministers who died in the last year

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed by the assembly:

- **R-1: Resolution for National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding School**
- **R-2: Northern Illinois Synod to Be a Reconciling in Christ Synod**

ELECTIONS

Synod Council

Trace Gallagher, Ms. Janice Forrest, Mr. Bill Wescott, The Rev. Shellie Knight, The Rev. Rob James

Congregational Life Committee

Mrs. Somar Bryson, Deacon Laura Gorton, The Rev. Tom Redig

Global Missions Committee

The Rev. Amy Michelson, The Rev. Ron Larson

Ministry Support Committee

Ms. Susan King, The Rev. Dr. Sharon Rogers

Outreach Committee

Ms. Cortney Breeden, Mr. Don Kinney, Mr. Dirk Hellinga, The Rev. Anthony Windau

Social Ministry Committee

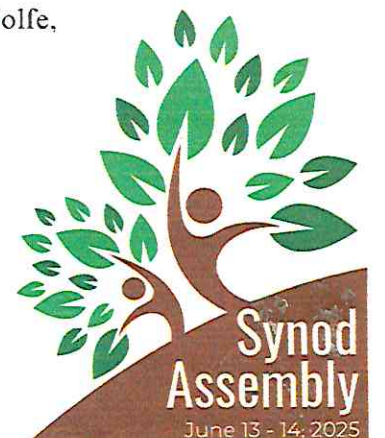
Mrs. Kim Halper, The Rev. Frank Langholf

Committee on Discipline

Ms. Marcia Clausen, Mr. Shawn Wolfe, The Rev. Elise Rothfusz, The Rev. Joel VanderWal

Consultation Committee

Ms. Bev Lindsay, Mr. Ray Bergles, The Rev. Jill Flynn, The Rev. Bill Callister,



Growing Disciples
Northern Illinois Synod 2025



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2026 Women of the ELCA **GATHERING**



july 16-19, 2026 | des moines, iowa

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ONLINE**
welcatg.org

OPENS JULY 16, 2025

more **INFO**

For more information, please contact
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Available for Presentations



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Rodney Beam	July 5 th
Chris Gustafson	July 7 th
Monica Johnson	July 7 th
Heather Usrey	July 11 th
Archer Fransene	July 18 th
Rodney Olson	July 21 st
Jeff Hutchinson	July 23 rd
Temperance Wells	July 24 th
Johnna Olson	July 29 th
Shelly Wexell	July 30 th

July Anniversaries

Al and Michelle Steider	July 1 st
Bob and Bonnie Hanson	July 4 th
Rusty and Claudia Olson	July 4 th
John and Linda Roehrs	July 14 th



Thank you, Diane Hasson, for the Artic Air Tower in the kitchen. It was a donation in memory of Butch Hasson.