

LIFE IN EDEN



A Letter From The Vicar

Dear Church Family,

What a long winter! That last storm-ugh. The only good thing about it for me was that I was able to read on my Kindle and enjoyed two books in the 30.5 hours without power. I am very thankful that we all remained safe.

As I write this, we are heading toward Holy Week. If you haven't ever experienced the full four-day experience, I encourage you to worship all four days. It makes Easter a very full experience. The services are beautiful and feel so sacred.

Emily Cook has submitted her resignation as our custodian.

Emily has worked very hard for Eden, and she will be missed. We welcome Malcolm Jones to the custodian position. If you are a fan of Toby's Dog House, you will certainly recognize Malcolm.

Malcolm begins at Eden on April first.

Looking ahead to summer, I would like to talk about UP Pride Fest. We have had a presence at Pride Fest for the last three years, and we will be there again this year. This is a really fun event, and I invite you to spend an hour or two at our table. The LGBTQ+ community has, for too long, experienced exclusion and condemnation from many churches. The ELCA strives to be a safe, inclusive, affirming space for all people. We have the power to further the ELCA's efforts by

NEXT COUNCIL
MEETING:
APRIL 19TH, 2026
FOLLOWING
WORSHIP SERVICE.



“DID YOU KNOW?”

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ONE SUNDAY?



actively embracing the LGBTQ+ community. Being present at UP Pride Fest is one important way to do this.

Bishop Curry recently addressed the issue of increased gender-based violence. "I understand that the trauma of sexual and gender-based violence goes deep. This church stands with you to say that all forms of sexual and gender-based violence are wrong. At their roots, these forms of violence are dehumanizing misuses of power." "No one deserves this evil. All people are made in God's own image. The abusive actions of others cannot change this truth." We, the people of Eden, stand against this violence and hate when we actively show love and support to the LGBTQ+ community.

UP Pride Fest is at Mattson Lower Harbor Park in Marquette, Saturday, June 13th. Gates open at noon. This is a family-friendly event during the day with mature content beginning at 8:00 pm.

The picture of Bruce Dausey shows the photo frame I made a few years ago. It is a little worse for wear now and in need of replacement. It has been suggested that we make a few frame options for this year.

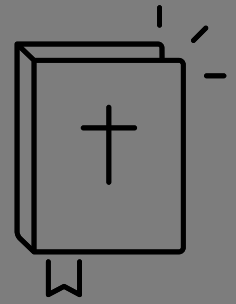
Watch for a craft party date!
If you would like to be part of the Pride Fest ministry, let me know!
Peace and grace,

Vicar Elaine



"We constantly change the world, even by our inaction. Therefore, let us change it responsibly."

-Benjamin Franklin



Scripture Readings for April 2026

April 5
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2,14-24
Corinthians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

April 11 & 12
Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

April 18 & 19
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

April 25 & 26
Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

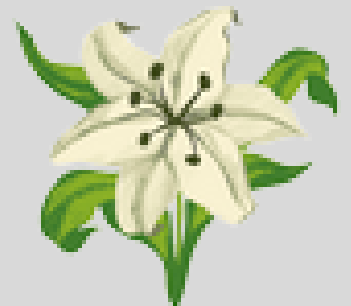


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He Has Risen

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Brandalyn!

How long have you been a part of Eden Lutheran Church?

My first service was Christmas Eve 2024 and I officially became a member February 23rd, 2025.

What do you love most about the church community?

I love how welcoming everyone has been to our family. Each member feels like extended family to us and especially to our girls!

Best part of coffee hour?

I love getting the time to sit and socialize and learn more about those who attend.

What is something that always makes you smile?

I can't help but smile knowing that our girls get to be raised worshipping at Eden!

Brandalyn, thank you for the many ways you serve our church - from fellowship to quilting to welcoming new members. Your care and dedication mean so much, and you are deeply loved at Eden.



Birthstone for April
is diamond.

The flower is Daisy.

04/02 - Melissa
Nelson

04/04 - Kris
Madigan

04/05 - Dale Immel

04/13 - Joe Paquette

04/15 - Lauren
Nelson

04/19 - Eric Brock

04/20 - Debi Fulcher

04/21 - Paula
Ackerman

04/23 - Margaret
Gosselin

04/27 - Lisa Cromell





April Focus: Rise & Rejoice

Just weeks ago, we walked through Lent—quiet reflection, repentance, and renewal. Now, everything changes.

Christ is risen.

And because of that, we are called to live differently—not weighed down by what was, but lifted by what is. Easter isn't just a single Sunday. It's a way of living.

It looks like:

- Choosing joy, even in ordinary days
- Holding onto hope when life feels uncertain
- Sharing kindness that reflects Christ's love
- Trusting that new life is always possible

We are Easter people. Resurrection people.
So this month, let's not rush past the miracle—
let's live it.

Christ is risen—He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Help Wanted!

Our ministries, events, and weekly worship life do not happen on their own. Right now, we are feeling the strain of too few hands doing too much. In order to continue the work God has called us to, we need more people willing to step in and serve.

This isn't about filling slots—it's about being the Church together.

There are many ways to help:

- Assisting during worship
- Helping with events or meals
- Supporting behind-the-scenes needs
- Volunteering for the Free Store

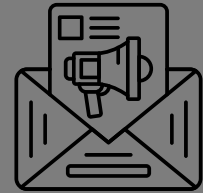
If you've been waiting for a sign to get involved—this is it.

We say this with both urgency and hope: the strength of our church depends on all of us.



Have something you would like featured in a newsletter?

Reach out to Stephanie by the 20th of the month with info!



Thank you!

Thank you so much to our church family for making Oliver's baptism such a special day. We felt so loved and supported as we celebrated this milestone.

A special thank you to everyone who helped serve coffee and cake - your kindness truly meant a lot to us. We are so grateful to be part of this church family, and we are so happy to all be 'official' members!

With love,
The LeVeque Family

Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church Meeting February 15, 2026

Council Officers - None selected prior to meeting

First Year Council Members - Ryan Graves, Lynn DeRoche, Donna LeRoy

Second Year Council Members - Jean Hayes, Bruce Dausey, Norma Dick, Kaye Methot

Present - Vicar Elaine Robbins,

Ryan Graves

Norma Dick

Jean Hayes

Lynn DeRoche

Donna LeRoy

Absent - Kaye Methot

Bruce Dausey

Minutes are recorded by Ryan Graves.

Meeting called to order by Ryan Graves on 15 February 2026 at 1215.

Meeting begins with voting of new Officer positions. Norma Dick motions Ryan Graves be nominated for President, seconded by Lynn DeRoche. Vote is 5 aye to 0 nay, 2 absent.

Lynn DeRoche nominates Norma Dick for the Vice President position, seconded by Donna LeRoy. Vote is 5 aye to 0 nay, 2 absent.

Jean Hayes volunteers to take vacant secretary position.

Council moves to new business; filling custodial position is discussed. Advertisements are run in the Munising Beacon as well as on Facebook.

Next meeting date set for 22 March 2026.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 1230.

Eden Evangelical Church

April 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
10:30 a.m. Worship		10 a.m. prayer group	Office open 9-1 Vicar Elaine in office 10-2	11:00 a.m. Bible study	Good Friday Office open 9-1	No church
10:30 a.m. Worship <i>Easter</i>		10 a.m. prayer group	Office open 9-1 Vicar Elaine in office 10-2	10 a.m. quilting	Office open 9-1	4 p.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Worship		10 a.m. prayer group	Office open 9-1 Vicar Elaine in office 10-2	1-3 p.m. & 4-6 p.m. Free Store 11:00 a.m. Bible Study	Office open 9-1	4 p.m. Worship
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Free Store (third Thursday):

Open 1-3 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. Volunteers are needed.

Bible study (every Thursday besides the second Thursday):

11:00 a.m.



Please note: Office hours are Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 to 1.

Vicar Elaine is in on Wednesdays from 10 to 2.

Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church

Worship Services:

4 p.m. Saturday

10:30 a.m. Sunday

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Treasurer and Financial Secretary: Brandalyn Decet

Maintenance: John Cromell

Custodian: Emily Cook

Website Administrator: Lyon Wood

The Congregational Council generally meets on the second Sunday of each month, after worship. All Eden members are welcome to attend.

Serving through 2026: Bruce Dausey, Norma Dick, Jean Hayes, Kaye Methot



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Galatians 6:9
– “we do not give up.” –
“Let us not become weary in
doing good, for at the proper
time we will reap a harvest if

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