

LIFE IN EDEN



A Letter From The Vicar

Hello Church Family,

July flew by so quickly, and I fear that August might even move faster as we all try to soak up the last bits of summer.

I will spend much of August preparing for my internship, which will be done right here at Eden. Internship is a one year process, during which I will focus on my individual learning goals. This is an opportunity to strengthen my weak areas and explore areas of ministry which interest me. Internship is not only a busy time for me, but also for you. You will be asked to take an active role in my education by completing sermon evaluation

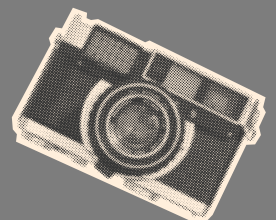
forms and providing feedback about my work as your minister. During this time, I will have a mentor at Eden and a committee to help guide my growth. I still have lots of questions about the process, but look forward to this next step in the candidacy process.

Registration is now open for the synod's fall Lifelong Faith Formations classes. The class listing, schedule, and registration can be found at to a tablecloth to help identify our church. Our presence at Pride makes a difference that we might never know, yet it is still God's work of loving our neighbor.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Annual Fish Fry! It was a great success! This event continues a long-standing tradition and takes

The cover for this month's newsletter is a photo that was taken in our community garden down by the lake. See page. Catch the story on the inside!

Please send any photos you think would be great for the newsletter to eden@jamadots.com!

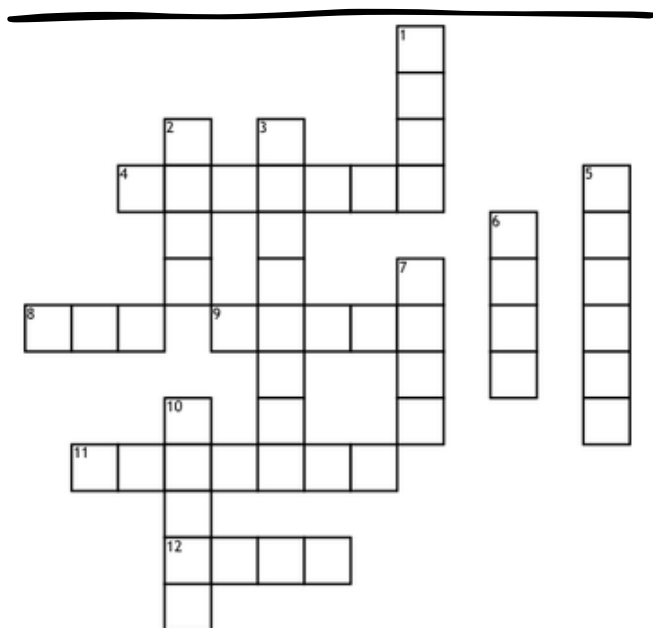


many hands! I won't name people because I would certainly miss someone. Instead, thank you to the men who purchased, filleted, and cooked the fish; to the people who moved and set up tables and chairs; to those who made or brought side dishes and desserts; and to those who washed dishes, cleaned up, and put everything back into place. An extra special thank you to the person who left me lemon cake in the refrigerator! . These classes are always well done and very informative.

As you may know, Emily Cook and Braylin have moved to Milwaukee so that Braylin has access to more competitive basketball programs.

Emily and Braylin have been very active members of Eden and will be missed. Please be sure to attend worship on Sunday, August 16th. Emily and Braylin will be at church and we plan to send them off with love, prayers, and full bellies –there will be a potluck after service. We fully expect that one day we will all be saying, “Braylin Calhoun? I knew him when he was just a little boy at Eden.”

God's peace,
Vicar Elaine



Across

4. What is the tallest mammel on earth
8. Late night bird
9. They stop the traffic

11. These birds can pandemonium
12. A real howler
Down

1. How many lives?
2. A dogs kiss
3. Comes from down under

5. A set of these
6. A really happy sound
7. Plays to the tune of the piper
10. A murder without a body



Scripture Readings for August 2026

August 2
Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 9
1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 16
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:
[10-20]21-28

August 30
Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

For what shall we pray?

“For what shall we pray?” is a weekly post inviting individuals, groups, and congregations to lift up our world in prayer. This resource is prepared by a variety of leaders in the ELCA and includes prayer prompts, upcoming events and observances, and prayer suggestions from existing denominational worship materials.

For peace and reconciliation among the nations, especially in Iran, Lebanon, Gaza, Mali, South Sudan, The Democratic Republic of Congo, Mexico, Ukraine, Myanmar, and Venezuela...

For those in the path of Tropical Storm Bertha...

For relief from flooding in Texas and New York and wildfires in Canada, Minnesota, and California, and for rescue teams supporting recovery...

For those living in areas with dangerous air quality...

For the families of American service members and civilians killed in US-Iran escalations...

For wisdom and integrity for world leaders making critical geopolitical decisions...

For global health and for those continuing to navigate ebola and cyclospora outbreaks...

For safety and resolution to mass protests in India...

A prayer for those in the armed forces (ELW p.77).

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that surround them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

A prayer for peace (ELW p.76).

Gracious and holy God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

To check out these weekly posts, head to <https://blogs.elca.org/worship/>

FAREWELL EMILY & BRAYLIN!

On Sunday, August 16, we will be celebrating Emily and Braylin as they begin an exciting new chapter in Milwaukee. Following the worship service, please join us for a potluck meal as we gather to wish them well and let them know how much they mean to our church family.

Their move will provide Braylin with new opportunities to pursue his passion for basketball, and we are excited to see where his talent and hard work will take him. While we will certainly miss having them with us, we send them with our love, prayers, and best wishes as they begin this new adventure.

Please plan to stay after worship on August 16 to share a meal, fellowship, and a special send-off for Emily and Braylin.



New Opportunities...

Register Now
for the Fall
Lifelong Faith Formation Classes
The Northern Great Lakes Synod

We look forward to welcoming you to our classes!

The Church's Role in a Divided Society: Public Deliberative Dialog

Rev. Sharolyn Swenson and Rev. J. Michael Mills – One Session on September 24. Held in-person at Bethany, Ishpeming, MI with Zoom curated space also available.

Encountering God in the Modern Middle East

Todd Holmstrom – Mondays, September 21, 28, and October 5, 12

Lutheranism 101: Lens, God's Grace, and Essentials

Bishop Katherine Finegan, Rev. Tim Johnston, and Rev. J. Michael Mills – October 29, November 4&11

The Pollinator Garden

Members of the NE MN Synod Pollinator Plot Steering Committee and Good Shepherd, Peshtigo, WI – One Session on September 17

The Prophets: Their Voice, Context, and Significance

Rev. Philip Johnson – October 20, 27, and November 3, 10

Walking through Mark: Preparing for Year B

Rev. Nicole Hanson-Lynn – September 20 – November 15

For more detailed information
and to register,
visit the synod website or use
the QR code:
<https://nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation/>



Birthstone for August is
Peridot.

The flower is Poppy

08/02: Karlee Decet

08/03: Kelsey Brock

08/03: Karianna Virta

08/04: Brittany Brock

08/07: John Nelson

08/10: Matthew

Lindquist

08/11: Riley Murk

08/12: Lynn DeRoche

08/17: Noel Mahoski

08/19: Oliver LeVeque

08/24: Ian Albright

08/28: Connor Nelson

08/28: Jack Nelson

08/28: Doris Ritter



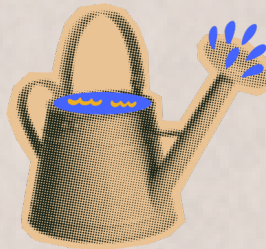
A Garden Grown With Care...



Scan to give!

Through your gifts, we are able to continue the work God has called us to—welcoming all, growing in faith, and caring for those in need.

Thank you for being part of what God is doing through Eden.



If you've noticed our church community garden looking especially beautiful lately, you have Steve Borowski to thank!

Steve, who enjoys gardening, often walks his dog, Denver, along the path near the church. During those walks, he noticed that the garden had fallen into disrepair and decided to lend a helping hand. With generous care and hard work, Steve cleaned up the garden and planted new flowers to bring fresh color and life to the church grounds. His thoughtful efforts have created a welcoming space that everyone can enjoy.

We are grateful for Steve's (and Denver's!) willingness to share his time and talents in caring for our church property. Thank you, Steve, for helping make our church a more beautiful place for our congregation and community!



Have something you would like featured in a newsletter?

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



Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church

Meeting

June 14, 2026

Members present: Vicar Elaine Robbins, Norma Dick, Ryan Graves, Donna LeRoy, Lynn DeRoche, Kaye Methot, Brandalyn Decet, and Jean Hayes. Absent: Bruce Dausey

Meeting was called to order by president Ryan Graves.

Opening Devotions were from a workshop for Working Together while navigating a changing Ministry Landscape. The last part of this was discussed.

Kaye made a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes as presented, 2nd by Ryan, motion carried.

Kaye made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented Lynn 2nd, motion carried.

Brandalyn presented a new format of the Budget vs. Actuals and P&L.

Vicar Elaine's report was reviewed.:

Because of scheduling conflicts, monthly worship services at Medilodge will now take place on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 2:00p.m., she will reevaluate this change for the fall.

June 13, Booth at UP Pride, Marquette went well – Lynn and Bruce helped out with this and Norma made a table cloth and posters for this.

Vicar Elaine has scheduled the entire summer for pulpit supply, the weeks that Bruce will lead are June 27 & 28, July 11 & 12, August 22 & 23.

Vicar Elaine will be on vacation July 6th – 12th.

Elaine's internship has been approved, but she doesn't know when it will start.

Upcoming Church Events:

June 17, funeral for Carol Bennett

June 20, funeral for Ron Lattvala

June 21, Annual Fish Fry, Ryan will order the fish and head this up.

June 21 will be a Healing Service

July 11, Sharon Babbet (sp) asked about a hike.

Old Business:

New Business:

The copy machine was discussed, Steph is having a problem with it, we don't know if it something that is covered under the service contract or not, she is checking on this.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting July 19th, 2026

Council Secretary

Jean Hayes

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August 2026

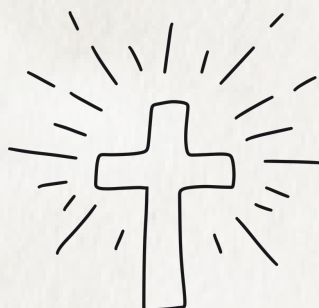
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10:30 a.m. Worship			Office open 9-1 Vicar Elaine in office 10-2		Office open 9-1	1 4 p.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. 2 Worship	3	4	Office open 9-1 Vicar Elaine out of office	6	7 Office open 9-1	8 4 p.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. 9 Worship Council meeting	10	11	Office open 9-1 Vicar Elaine in office 10-2	13 10 a.m. quilting	14 Office open 9-1	15 4 p.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. 16 Worship	17	18	Office open 9-1 Vicar Elaine in office 10-2	20 1-3 p.m. & 4-6 p.m. Free Store	21 Office open 9-1	22 4 p.m. Worship
Bruce to lead 23 10:30 a.m. 30 Worship	24 31	25	Office open 9-1 Vicar Elaine in office 10-2	27	28 Office open 9-1	29 4 p.m. Worship

Free Store (third Thursday):

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

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

Vicar Elaine is in on Wednesdays from 10 to 2.



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Worship Services:

4 p.m. Saturday

10:30 a.m. Sunday

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Website Administrator: Lyon Wood

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Vicar Elaine Robbins

President: Ryan Graves

Vice President: Norma Dick

Secretary: Jean Hayes

Treasurer: Brandalyn Decet

Council members:

Kaye Methot

Bruce Dausey

Donna LeRoy

Lynn DeRoche

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



Evangelical
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in America



**“But those who hope in the
Lord will renew their
strength. They will soar on
wings like eagles...”
— Isaiah 40:31**

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