

# LIFE IN EDEN



## *A Letter From The Vicar*

Hello Church Family,

I am happy to say that I am making steady progress toward ordination. After meeting the requirements to apply for endorsement, I was interviewed via Zoom by my candidacy coordinator from the synod and the Director of TEEM and Certificate Programs at Wartburg. I was asked questions about my Clinical Pastoral Experience and the essays I had written. We discussed areas where I am strong and places where I would like to grow. The candidacy committee then met to determine if I am ready for endorsement. I am excited to share that my

endorsement was approved! This is not only an affirmation that I am on the right path, but also an important step forward in the process. Moving forward, I will begin my internship year. As a TEEM student, I am already serving in the church. As an intern, I will continue my classes and work at Eden. During the internship, I will set individual learning goals that address my specific needs and interests. One goal will be to learn from Pastor Jim Rodgers how to minister during and after losses and traumatic situations. I believe I can enter intense situations and be a supportive presence. I hope to learn how to navigate difficult scenes, provide immediate and ongoing care, and entrust the weight of these experiences to

*Have something you would like featured in a newsletter?*

*Reach out to Stephanie by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month with info!*



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*Join us for Pride Fest!*

*Jun 13, 2026, 12:00 PM  
Ellwood Mattson  
Lower Harbor Park,  
200 N Lakeshore Blvd,  
Marquette, MI 49855*

*Please let Vicar Elaine know if you will be attending.*



God. This is all beginning to feel very real. I am growing in confidence and thank Eden for giving me a place to grow and learn.

We've reached the time of year when life moves fast as we soak up each day of beautiful weather. The council has been looking ahead to the summer months, so here are some dates to note. June 13th UP Pride Fest, Mattson Lower Harbor Park, Marquette We attend Pride Fest to remind people who may have felt unwelcome in churches that there is a place for them in God's house and that they are God's beloved children. June 21st The Annual Fish Fry will be held on Father's Day this year. There will be a sign-up sheet at the church for bringing food or helping with serving and clean-up. July 4th No Saturday service. Please attend worship on Sunday, July 5th. Medilodge worship services will not be held on the fourth Saturday this summer due to scheduling conflicts. From May through August, services will instead be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 2:00 pm. This ministry is dear to my heart. My mom worked at the nursing home from the time I was in fourth grade until her retirement.

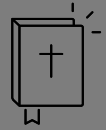
I spent many days there reading, calling bingo, and visiting residents. Many people are lonely, and they love the attention and companionship. Please join us anytime.

Pastor Ellie has encouraged me to invite more people to help during the worship service. If you think you might like to be an usher or an assisting minister, please talk to me or choose a date on the sign-up sheet. Serving during worship is a beautiful way to give glory to God. Please note that if you respond to this immediately and try something new, you will make me look awesome in the eyes of my synod and seminary supervisors. One last thing, if your church attendance will be spotty this summer, please consider using our online giving program, Vanco, or setting up recurring gifts through your bank account to support the ongoing ministry of Eden.

God's peace,

Vicar Elaine

*Vicar Elaine*



## Scripture Readings for June 2026

June 6 & 7

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Psalms 50:7-15

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 13 & 14

Exodus 19:2-8a

Psalms 100

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew

9:35-10:8[9-23]

June 20 & 21

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalms 69:7-10[11-15]

16-18

Matthew 10:24-39

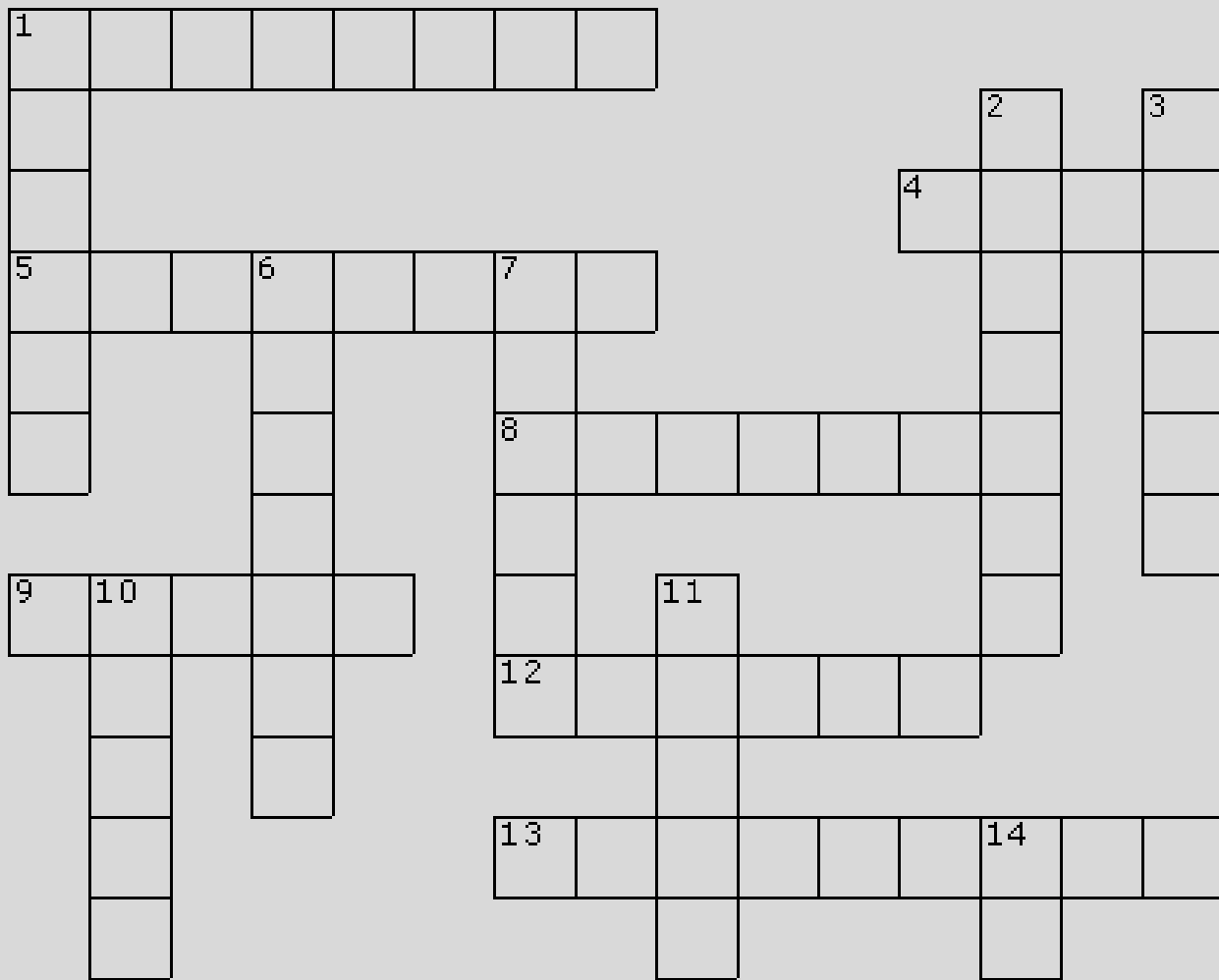
June 27 & 28

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42



**ACROSS**

- 1 Let the little \_\_\_ come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God
- 4 It is more blessed to \_\_\_ than to receive
- 5 The Lord is my \_\_\_, I shall not want
- 8 \_\_\_ is a lamp unto my feet
- 9 For God so \_\_\_ the world that he gave his one and only Son

- 2 Enter by the \_\_\_ gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction
- 13 He hath made every thing \_\_\_

**DOWN**

- 1 Many are called, but few are \_\_\_
- 2 Seek ye first the \_\_\_ of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you
- 3 To every thing there is a \_\_\_, and a time to every purpose under the heaven

- 6 Love is \_\_\_, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud
- 7 For dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou \_\_\_
- 10 I am alpha and \_\_\_, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord
- 11 Man shall not live by \_\_\_ alone
- 14 The spirit indeed is willing, but the \_\_\_ is weak

# Walk & Talk



**IN MAY, MEMBERS OF EDEN LUTHERAN CHURCH JOINED THE COMMUNITY IN BRINGING AWARENESS TO MENTAL HEALTH.**

**IT'S OKAY NOT TO FEEL OKAY!**



**BRINGING OUR PRESENCE TO THESE TYPE OF EVENTS LETS PEOPLE KNOW THEY ARE NOT ALONE.**



**Mental health matters**



HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

Birthstone for June is Emerald.

The flower is Lily of the Valley.

06/03: Connie Nelson

06/04: Sam Sutherland

06/07: Duray Murk

06/09: Bonnie Bernard

06/13: Natalie Brock

06/17: Doug Lare

06/21: Gloria Artibee

06/23: Abigail Brown

06/23: Kristine Dausey

06/29: Eric Artress

06/31: Robert Cornish



# Quilting For A Cause...

Eden's quilters meet monthly to prepare quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). The quilts are put together by individual members, and the group ties them before they are sent to the LWR collection in the fall. The quilts serve as bedcovers and room dividers for families in need anywhere in the world. Each fall, the quilts are displayed in the sanctuary for the "Blessing of the Quilts". Then the quilts are securely packed in cardboard boxes and brought to a boxcar (generally in Escanaba) for shipment to Lutheran World Relief.

Since 2003, the Eden Quilting Group has completed 559 quilts, including 48 assembled in 2025. Along with sending to Lutheran World Relief, quilts are also prayerfully presented to Eden's High School Graduates and to those in need locally.

The Country Circle of Eden got this started years ago, long before 2003. When they were all gone, Sylvia Moe kept it going. Donations such as cotton fabric, sheets (for quilt backing) and thread are always welcome.

Now there is a core group that keeps quilting going, including Karen Derwin, Lynn DeRoche, Judy Erickson, Margaret Gosselin, Jean Hayes, Joanie Hinsa, Billie Lindquist, Debbie Perttula, Helen Scheuneman, Candy Simonen and anyone who would like to join.

If you can use a pair of scissors or tie a knot, there is something for you to do to help. All are welcome, even if you can only join occasionally. Along with being productive, it's a wonderful time of fellowship and of course (coffee).

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in a hurting world through your support of Lutheran World Relief!!!



# FISH FRY

Our Annual Fish Fry will be held on Father's Day, June 21. We invite everyone to join us for a wonderful time of food, fellowship, and community as we celebrate together. A sign-up sheet will be available at the church for those who would like to help by providing side dishes, rolls, butter, desserts, or other items for the meal. Your willingness to contribute is greatly appreciated and helps make this event enjoyable for all. We look forward to sharing this special day with everyone!

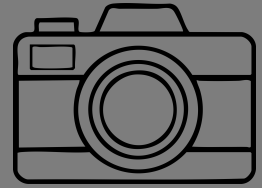
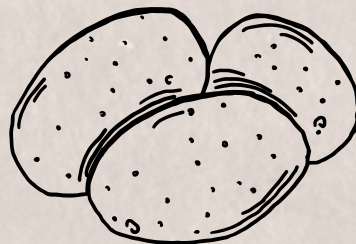
## A RECIPE FROM EDEN

### Potato Deluxe

2 lb. frozen hash browns, thawed for 30 minutes  
1 c. diced onion  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
16 oz. ctn. sour cream  
1/2 c. margarine, melted  
8 oz. grated sharp cheddar cheese  
Salt & pepper to taste

Mix all ingredients. Put into a 9x13-inch baking dish. Add 1 cup crushed potato chips. Bake, uncovered, at 375° for one hour.

*Nancy Gildner*



### 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.



**Please note that there will be no worship service on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Worship service will resume on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.**

# Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Meeting

### April 19, 2026

Members present: Vicar Elaine Robbins, Norma Dick, Ryan Graves, Donna LeRoy, Kaye Methot, Lynn DeRoche, 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 first part of this was discussed, we will do this in 3 different parts.

Lynn made a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan, motion carried.

Review and approval of Financial Reports was tabled until next meeting with a new format of the reports.

It was asked how our new custodian was doing? He is doing a great job.

Vicar Elaine's report was reviewed.

The synod offered a class on Equipping the Council: Donna LeRoy, Lynn DeRoche, Brandalyn Decet, Stephanie LaFolle, and Vicar Elaine attended by zoom.

Because of issues with cancellations being posted on TV6, Stephanie has enrolled us in their new online portal so we can post cancellations ourselves. Cancellations will also be posted on our website homepage.

Upcoming Church Events:

Fish Fry? Ryan will check on this and it will be decided at our May meeting.

'UP Pride Fest – June 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday – Kaye made a motion that we give \$150.00 Lynn 2<sup>nd</sup> this with monies coming out of the Evangelism & Hospitality line item. Norma will make a Banner and Tablecloth. We need more help with this on that day.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

# Eden Evangelical Church

## June 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
10:30 a.m. Worship <b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	10 a.m. prayer group <b>2</b>	<b>Office open 9-1</b> Vicar Elaine in office 10-2 <b>3</b>	11:00 a.m. Bible study <b>4</b>	<b>Office open 9-1</b> <b>5</b>	4 p.m. Worship <b>6</b>
10:30 a.m. Worship <b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	10 a.m. prayer group <b>9</b>	<b>Office open 9-1</b> Vicar Elaine in office 10-2 <b>10</b>	10 a.m. quilting <b>11</b>	<b>Office open 9-1</b> <b>12</b>	4 p.m. Worship Pride Fest <b>13</b>
10:30 a.m. Worship Council meeting <b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	10 a.m. prayer group <b>16</b>	<b>Office open 9-1</b> Vicar Elaine in office 10-2 <b>17</b>	1-3 p.m. & 4-6 p.m. Free Store 11:00 a.m. Bible Study <b>18</b>	<b>Office open 9-1</b> <b>19</b>	4 p.m. Worship <b>20</b>
10:30 a.m. Worship Fish fry <b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	10 a.m. prayer group <b>23</b>	<b>Office open 9-1</b> Vicar Elaine in office 10-2 <b>24</b>	11:00 a.m. Bible study <b>25</b>	<b>Office open 9-1</b> <b>26</b>	4 p.m. Worship <i>Bruce to lead</i> <b>27</b>
10:30 a.m. Worship <i>Bruce to lead</i> <b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	10 a.m. prayer group <b>30</b>	<b>Office open 9-1</b> Vicar Elaine in office 10-2 <b>1</b>	11:00 a.m. Bible study <b>2</b>	<b>Office open 9-1</b> <b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

### 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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**Elaine Robbins, Vicar**

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**Administrative Assistant and Accounts Payable Clerk:** Stephanie LaFoilie

**Treasurer and Financial Secretary:** Brandalyn Decet

**Maintenance:** John Cromell

**Custodian:** Malcolm Jones

**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.



Evangelical  
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in America

**“His mercies never come to  
an end; they are new every  
morning.”  
— Lamentations 3:22-23**

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