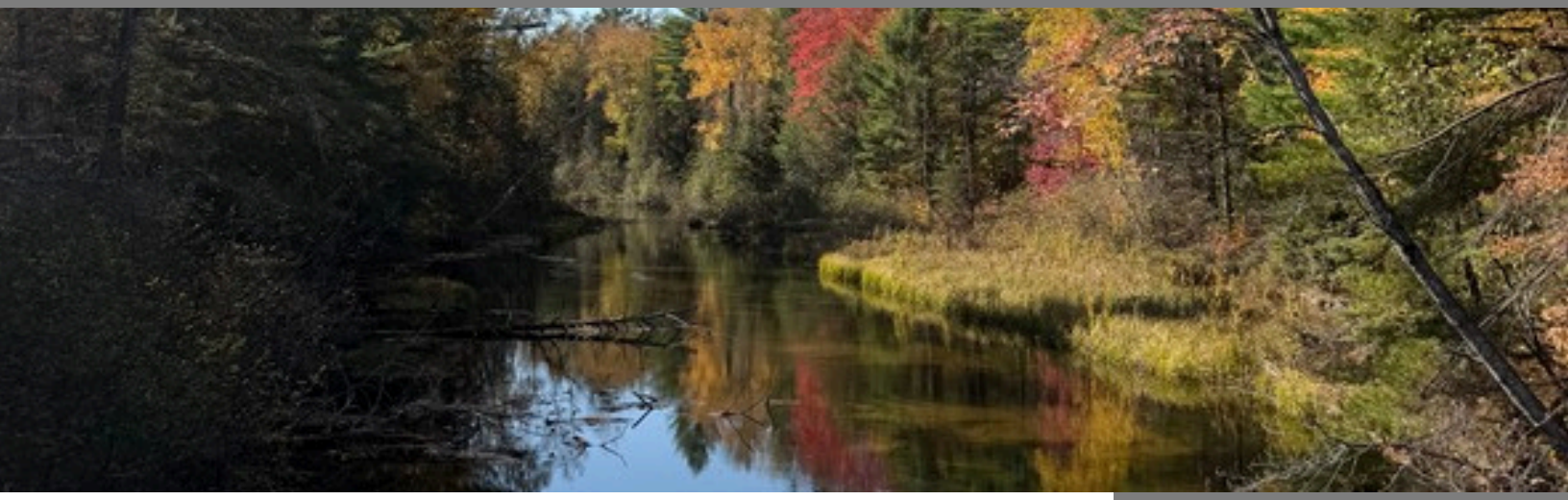
EDEN LUTHERAN CHURCH // NOVEMBER 2026

LIFE IN EDEN



A Letter From The Vicar

Dear Church Family,

November will be a very busy month at Eden. November 1st, we have our All Saints' Day worship service. Please bring in a photo or other item from your loved one. If you have lost a loved one since the last All Saints' Day, please contact the church office by phone or email so we can include their name in our remembrance.

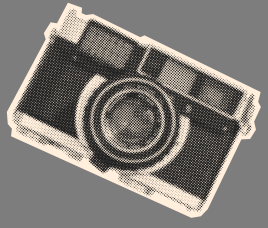
On November 5th, we will host Conferences 7 and 8 of the Northern Great Lakes Synod as they participate in Boundaries Training. This is a collaborative training event for Region 5, which includes synods from Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Michigan. People will attend at sites throughout the region and meet online. Boundaries Training is an annual training requirement for Rostered Ministers, Retired Ministers on pulpit supply, and Licensed Lay Ministers. As the site host, Eden will provide coffee and a morning bite, lunch, and beverages. We will also need people to serve the morning and lunchtime food, clean up, and keep the coffee ready.This will be my first time attending the training. I am thankful that the ELCA and our synod provide it.

I am very excited that November 8th is “Come As You Are”. This event invites people back to church and welcomes those without a home church to see how God is working at Eden. We pray that the invitation, warm welcome, and Word of God will help people discover or deepen their relationship with God. Many

We went digital!

We’re reducing paper use and resources by offering our newsletter digitally. If you would still like to receive a paper copy, please let us know!

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



people feel nervous about returning to church or attending for the first time. We hope this event will ease that anxiety.

We will have a potluck luncheon after worship, and we hope for meaningful fellowship.

November 15th, we will recognize Transgender Day of Remembrance. Even in a community where we might not encounter much diversity, we are still called to be aware of the injustice and violence being done to people. Transgender Day of Remembrance is a day when we will pray for the safety and fair treatment of transgender people, learn more about this community, and hear ways our actions can help protect them.

Eden will again host the ecumenical Thanksgiving worship service. The service is Tuesday the 24th at 6:30 pm. We will have time for fellowship afterward. It is a blessing to gather with our ecumenical partners. Please mark your calendar and join us for worship.

The first Sunday of Advent is November 29th. Attending all Advent services is a beautiful way to move toward Christmas, keeping Christ at our center during a season that can be overscheduled, overstimulating, and overly secularized.

As we move through November and into Advent, I pray that we will continue to find ways to share God's love with one another and with our neighbors. Whether we are remembering those we have lost, welcoming someone new, standing with those who experience injustice, or gathering in worship, we are living out our calling as followers of Jesus Christ. May we keep Christ at the center of all that we do, and may we remember that we are never alone on this journey of faith. I look forward to walking through November and Advent with you.

Blessings,



Vicar Elaine Robbins

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love."

1 John 4:7-8 (ESV)

Scripture Readings for November 2026

November 1
Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

November 8
Amos 5:18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

November 15
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

November 22
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

November 29
Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

Financial snapshot:

MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory Of
JOSEPH (Pepper) VANLANDSCHOOT
Claudia VanLandschoot

In Memory Of
WILLARD (Bud) & ALICE DOVER
Elaine Robbins
Balance - $14,708.39

YOUTH MINISTRY

Balance $2,750.27

September income: $6,232.71
September expenses: $8,092.02
YTD income: $77,160.88
YTD expenses: $88,888.88



November's birthstone is Topaz and the flower is the Chrysanthemum.

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11/05 - Sean Sutherland

11/12 - Jason Lindquist

11/13: Jean Mattson

11/14: Deb Perttula

11/17: Bette Immel

11/17: Jacob Mahoski

11/22: Pauline Knuttila

11/22: Lori Stein

11/22: Stephanie LeVeque

11/23: Karen Derwin

11/24: Scott Lindquist

11/30: Michelene Dausey



Thank you to everyone who helped with this year's Fall Fest - from setup to cleanup!

It was a successful day with lots of thrifting, baked goods, and friends!





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.

Online Giving through VANCO FAITH

Have something you would like featured in a newsletter?

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



When Death Comes

by Mary Oliver

When death comes
like the hungry bear in autumn;
when death comes and takes all the bright coins from his purse

to buy me, and snaps the purse shut;
when death comes
like the measle-pox

when death comes
like an iceberg between the shoulder blades,

I want to step through the door full of curiosity, wondering:
what is it going to be like, that cottage of darkness?
And therefore I look upon everything
as a brotherhood and a sisterhood,
and I look upon time as no more than an idea,
and I consider eternity as another possibility,

and I think of each life as a flower, as common
as a field daisy, and as singular,

and each name a comfortable music in the mouth,
tending, as all music does, toward silence,

and each body a lion of courage, and something
precious to the earth.

When it's over, I want to say all my life
I was a bride married to amazement.
I was the bridegroom, taking the world into my arms.

When it's over, I don't want to wonder
if I have made of my life something particular, and real.

I don't want to find myself sighing and frightened,
or full of argument.

I don't want to end up simply having visited this world.

Eden Congregational Council Minutes

September 13, 2026

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

Meeting was called to order by president Ryan Graves.

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

Norma made a motion to accept the July financial reports as presented Donna 2nd, motion carried.

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

Norma commented on the fact that the financial reports are easier to read now that Brandalyn revised them.

Vicar's Report

The August 16th send-off blessing and potluck for Braylin & Emily went well.

Upcoming Church Events:

September 27th – Blessing of the quilts to be sent to Lutheran World Relief.

October 4th – Blessing of the Animals.

October 10th – Fall Fest Bazaar.

October 18th -"Homecoming".

October 25th – Reformation Sunday.

November 1st – All Saints Day.

November 5th – Hosting Boundaries Training.

Old Business:

Lynn & Brandalyn shared recommendations from the Synod on Financial Affairs.

Brandalyn will be on all accounts.

Norma made a motion that Brandalyn will be on all accounts Lynn 2nd, motion carried this will be taken care of and presented again at the October meeting.

Also C.D.s will be taken care of.

The copy machine was discussed and it was decided that we cannot afford one at this time

Next Meeting October 11th, 2026

Council Secretary

Jean Hayes

Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 10:30 a.m. Worship All Saints Day	2	3	4 Vicar Elaine in office 10-2 **Office closed**	5 Boundaries training **Office open 9-1**	6 **Office open 9-1**	7 4 p.m. Worship
8 10:30 a.m. Worship Come As You Are	9	10	11 **Office open 9-1** Vicar Elaine in office 10-2	12 10 a.m. quilting	13 **Office open 9-1**	14 4 p.m. Worship
15 10:30 a.m. Worship	16	17	18 **Office open 9-1** Vicar Elaine in office 10-2	19 1-3 p.m. & 4-6 p.m. Free Store	20 **Office open 9-1**	21 4 p.m. Worship
22 10:30 a.m. Worship Council meeting	23	**Ecumenical 24 Thanksgiving at Eden @ 6:30**	25 **Office open 9-1** Vicar Elaine in office 10-2	26 **Thanksgiving**	27 **Office open 9-1**	28
29 10:30 a.m. Worship	30		**Office open 9-1** Vicar Elaine in office 10-2		**Office open 9-1**	4 p.m. Worship

Free Store (third Thursday):
November 19th
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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Treasurer and Financial Secretary: Brandalyn Decet

Maintenance: John Cromell

Custodian: Malcolm Jones

Website Administrator: Lyon Wood

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Council:

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.

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“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.” — Psalm 107:1 💛

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