

LIFE IN EDEN



A Letter From The Vicar

Hello Church Family,
August passed quickly and was filled with highs and lows. We sent Emily Cook and Braylin off to their next adventure in Milwaukee covered in prayer and blessings. While we will miss them greatly, we rejoice at the opportunities ahead. Braylin is attending the Milwaukee Academy of Science as an eighth-grade student. Braylin is an exceptional basketball player. In Milwaukee he will have access to training and competition which will prepare him to pursue his dream of the NBA.

I am happy to say that I officiated two weddings in August. The marriage of Stephanie LaFoil to

Zachary LeVeque was held at Eden on August 22nd. This was the first wedding that I have officiated at the church in my role as vicar, and it was so meaningful to me. The wedding day went perfectly and Stephanie was a beautiful bride. The second wedding was August 29th for Kaye Methot and Greg Cota. Their wedding was filled with so many personal touches, it was really special. Kaye looked amazing and incredibly happy. Such a great day!

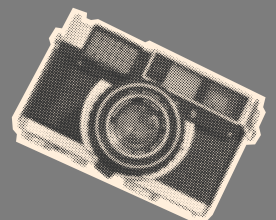
As we look ahead, I hope that we will have an active and vibrant fall.

We are planning the Fall Fest Bazaar for October 10th. Please start bringing items in. They may be brought to the basement kitchen. Bulky or heavy items that you might not be comfortable carrying down

Prefer a digital newsletter?

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!



the stairs may be left in the narthex. It has been several years since Eden has spent time focusing on stewardship. The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines stewardship as, “the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.” When related to the church, we often hear stewardship and think of the offering plate. That is only one part of stewardship. Stewardship relates to the care of our church, members, community, creation, and more. On September 20th we will have a special Creation in Christ worship service.

During the month of September we will look for ways that Eden can be a better steward of the beautiful

To help conserve paper and resources, we're shortening our bulletin and streamlining the information included each month.

We'll continue to share the important news, updates, and highlights you need—just in a more concise format. Thank you for helping us make a small change that makes a difference!



creation that God has given us. We will look at stewardship regarding the church finances later in the fall. At this time, I am forming a stewardship committee and the council is carefully looking at expenses to be certain that we are using our finances wisely. As the committee is formed and studies the stewardship resources, I ask that you pray for the upcoming conversations and work that will be done. We are not the caretakers of Eden and those who bring our mission into our community. We have been entrusted with sacred work.

As we begin this new season together, I am grateful for each of you and for the many ways you care for Eden and for our community. There is much work ahead, but there is also much to be thankful for. I look forward to seeing what God will do through us as we continue this ministry together. Blessings,

Vicar Elaine



Scripture **Readings for** **September 2026**

September 6
Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 13
Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:[1-7]8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 20
Jonah 3:10-4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

September 27
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

International Day of Peace

September 21 is the International Day of Peace, a day set aside around the world to reflect on the hope of peace among individuals, communities, and nations. As people of faith, we are reminded that peace is not simply the absence of conflict—it is a calling to love our neighbors, seek reconciliation, practice forgiveness, and work for justice.

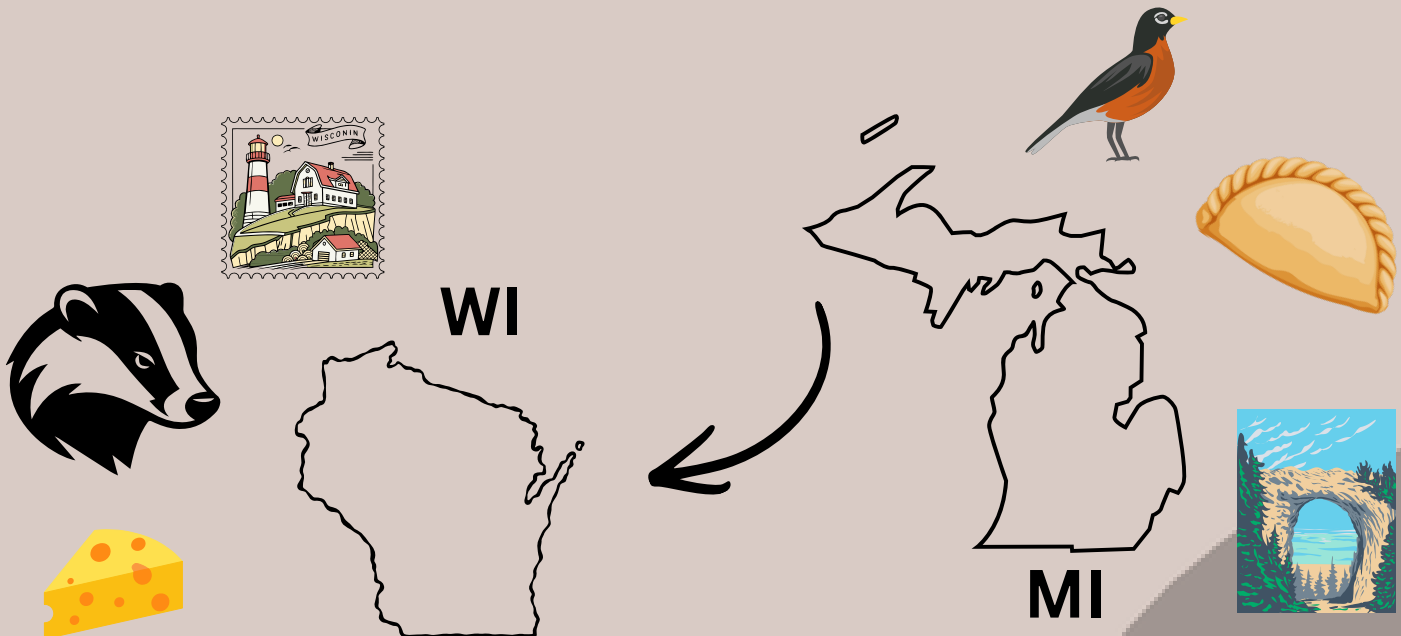
This day gives us an opportunity to pause and pray for those affected by violence and division, while also considering how we can be peacemakers in our own homes, workplaces, churches, and communities. Even small acts of kindness, compassion, listening, and understanding can help bring peace into the world around us.

May we continue to follow Christ's example and be people who "seek peace and pursue it" (Psalm 34:14). Let us pray for peace in our world and ask God to use each of us as instruments of His peace.



FAREWELL EMILY & BRAYLIN!

On Sunday, August 16, we celebrated Emily and Braylin as they begin an exciting new chapter in Milwaukee.



A Secret To Share...

On August 22, Zac and Stephanie quietly tied the knot in a small, intimate ceremony surrounded by those closest to them.

We're so grateful to Eden for letting us get married here and for being part of such a special day. Here's to a lifetime of love, laughter, and happily ever after!



Birthstone for
September is Sapphire.
The flower is Morning
Glory

09/05: Vicar Elaine
Robbins

09/09: Patsy LaCombe

09/11: David Decet

09/14: Vicki Ballas

09/16: Connor Masters

09/17: Pam Kuivanen

09/21: Hattie Cota

09/24: Brenda St.
Martin



Congrats Kaye & Greg!



**Greg and Kaye made it official a week later on
August 29th at the American Legion in
Munising!**

**Thank you to Vicar Elaine for making both of
these wedding ceremonies in August so
special.**



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.



*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

July 19, 2026

Please note: These council minutes are unapproved and will be approved at September's council meeting due to no quorum at the August council meeting.

Eden Congregational Council Minutes

July 19, 2026

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

Meeting was called to order by president Ryan Graves.

Opening Devotions were from I Corinthians 12:4-7

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

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

Brandalyn presented a Running Fund Totals Report that will be included in our packet from now on.

Vicar's Report

She will be on vacation August 17th - 23rd.

She is going to check on and set-up Pulpit Supply.

She is going to check on the Jingle Jar Monies – should it be put in the Youth Ministry Account?

Upcoming Church Events:

August 16th Farewell Service for Emily & Braylin, with a pot-luck to follow.

Back To School Service.

Old Business:

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

New Business:

The copy machine was discussed, Steph & Brandalyn will review any proposals that are presented and then bring it to the Council.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting August 9th, 2026

Council Secretary

Jean Hayes

Eden Evangelical Church

September 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
10:30 a.m. Worship		1	2 Office open 9-1 Vicar Elaine in office 10-2	3	4 Office open 9-1	5 No service
10:30 a.m. 6 Worship	7	8	9 Office open 9-1 Vicar Elaine in office 10-2	10 10 a.m. quilting	11 Office open 9-1	12 4 p.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. 13 Worship Council meeting	14	15	16 Office open 9-1 Vicar Elaine in office 10-2	17 1-3 p.m. & 4-6 p.m. Free Store	18 Office open 9-1	19 4 p.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. 20 Worship	21	22	23 Office open 9-1 Vicar Elaine in office 10-2	24	25 Office open 9-1	26 4 p.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. 27 Worship	28	29	30 Office open 9-1 Vicar Elaine in office 10-2		Office open 9-1	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.



Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church

Worship Services:

4 p.m. Saturday

10:30 a.m. Sunday

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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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**“For everything there is a
season, and a time for every
matter under heaven.”
— Ecclesiastes 3:1**

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