

LIFE IN EDEN

Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church, Munising, MI



April 2024

WELCOME Pastor Lon Hider!

Many of you may remember Pastor Lon Hider. Pastor Lon previously has attended and led worship at Eden. After years of being an Episcopalian pastor, Pastor Lon did a year of Lutheran study prior to becoming an ELCA ordained pastor. Pastor Lon was ordained and installed at Christ the King of Escanaba and installed at Faith in Rock, in January 2023.

A recent retiree, Pastor Lon has graciously taken on the role of administrative interim for Eden. Pastor Lon stated that he intends to regularly lead worship.

A big thank you to Pastor Lon for accepting the interim position to help us through the call process.

For pastoral care, Pastor Lon can be reached at:
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REMINDER-SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Following worship April 28th there will a vote for approval
of the updated church constitution.

April 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Office open 9-2	2	3 Office open 9-2 12-2 Feeding America	4	5 Office open 9-2	6 5:00pm Worship
7 10:30 Worship	8 Office open 9-2	9	10 Office open 9-2	11	12 Office open 9-2	13 5:00pm Worship
14 10:30 Worship Church Council	15 Office open 9-2	16	17 Office open 9-2	18 Free Store Open 1-3 & 4-6	19 Office open 9-2	20 5:00pm Worship
21 10:30 Worship	22 Office open 9-2	23	24 Office open 9-2	25	25 Office open 9-2	5:00pm Worship
27 10:30 Worship	28 Office open 9-2	29	30 Office open 9-2			

Please check the assisting minister, usher and fellowship host schedules which are available at church. The schedule was not available, but I have been told there are several vacancies.

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Council President: Nathaniel Wood

Happy Birthday



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April Birthdays:

4/02 Melissa Nelson

4/04 Kris Madigan

4/04 Carly Lindquist

4/05 Dale Immel

4/06 Karen Schmidtman

4/13 Joe Paquette

4/15 Lauren Nelson

4/19 Eric Brock

4/20 Debi Fulcher

4/21 Paula Ackerman

4/23 Margaret Gosselin

4/27 Lisa Cromell

ANNUAL FISH FRY!!!!

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**JULY 4TH BONFIRE &
FIREWORKS VIEWING**

FEED THE PIG! The 2nd quarter funds will be used to purchase fish for the **ANNUAL FISH FRY** and to purchase items to host our **JULY 4TH BONFIRE & FIREWORKS VIEWING!!!!**

The **FISH FRY** is an opportunity to welcome our ecumenical partners to join us for a delicious meal.

The **JULY 4TH BONFIRE & FIREWORKS VIEWING** is a family friendly even open to all. This is a fun field way to share our beautiful lakefront yard.

**Our PIG is hungry!
Please feed them.**



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EDEN LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS, 3/10/24

Present: Pastor Terra Kossow, Nathaniel Wood, Jean Hayes, Jennifer Wood, Ruth Lindquist, Lynn DeRoche, Brenda St. Martin, Ryan Graves, Elaine Robbins

The meeting was called to order at Noon and opened with a Dwelling in the Word devotion from 1 Corinthians, discussion followed.

Additions to the Agenda: Old Business: Free Store news, questions Matt Tula has about his wedding. New Business: New council member to replace one that is absent, Brenda St. Martin has a concern.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes and Financial Report: Motion made by Lynn DeRoche, Seconded by Ryan Graves, motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Tera is in the process of updating the membership roster. Using the current membership guidelines we have 180 active members. She is working on cleaning out a file cabinet with unused documents.

Old Business: A congregational meeting, to approve the revised bylaws, was set for Sunday April 28th at the 10:30am service. A short meeting will be held at the end of the service to approve the revised bylaws. A council member (council president) will make an announcement at the Saturday service stating if any church member would like to attend this meeting on the 28th they are welcome.

Free Store update - the store received a sizable donation from Bethany Lutheran in Escanaba and will be using those funds to buy more supplies over the next few months. Ideas were discussed about future funds and fundraising to continue this outreach program.

Matt Tula requested to be able to use alcohol for communion at his wedding (which will be held at the church this spring). After referencing the Wedding and Building Use Policy the council members decided that it is allowed. Jennifer Wood will contact Matt and send him a copy of that policy.

New Business: It was brought to the council's attention that a council member's attendance at council meetings has been lacking and per bylaws can be replaced. Elaine Robbins volunteered to finish the final year of council term. Brenda St. Martin made a motion, Lynn DeRoche seconded, motion carried.

Approval of Braylin Calhoun, Trey Mattson and Lena Wood for affirmation of baptism and confirmation - all were in favor / none opposed.

Jennifer Wood will write Bethany Lutheran a thank you letter for their generous donation to the Free Store at Eden.

Feed the Pig - Ryan Graves volunteered to make a new donation box for quarterly donations. New name to follow. The spring quarter donations will be for the fish fry and the 4th of July bonfire.

Farewell potluck for Pastor Tera will be held on Sunday March 24th after the 10:30am service. Bacon, deviled eggs and olives are welcome.

The delegation of Pastor Tera's administrative tasks- email: we will ask if Terry will take this on. Newsletter and monthly Beacon article - Elaine Robbins. Pastor Tera informed the council that Lyon Wood has expressed interest in managing the Google calendar, website, bulletin pdf. The council discussed payment and duty options. Elaine made a motion to pay Lyon Wood \$100 per month for the upkeep of the Google calendar, the website, posting the pdf of the bulletin and embedding the Facebook live video. Ryan Graves seconded. Motion carried. (Other than the new position that Lyon will fill, the monthly tasks will be handled by the interim pastor once that position has been filled.)

Donation request for Senior All Night Party Committee at the high school Lynn DeRoche made a motion to donate \$150, Elaine Robbins seconded - motion carried.

Brenda St. Martin brought a concern about wording in the last minutes and those concerns were addressed by the council. Brenda also wanted to suggest that the Free Store turn in a quarterly report. Jennifer Wood made note to add that to the Free Store to-do list.

Elaine Robbins brought up that she is willing to be available for the church when Pastor Tera leaves. The council discussed options that will be brought up with the bishop at our meeting on Monday, March 11.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm and was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Wood, Council Secretary