

# LIFE IN EDEN

Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Munising, Michigan

June 2025

*All are welcome. Come as you are!*

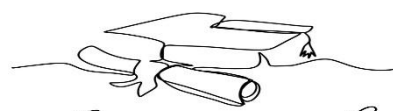


MAY has passed so quickly! We've had a month of celebrations! We celebrated Mother's Day by recognizing the women who are mothers of all types - birth, adopted, step, foster, godmother, or of the heart. We honored our own moms, those with us and those in heaven. Special thanks to Eden's WELCA group for the lovely carnations and cake, and to Deb Perttula for making it possible.



Eden also celebrated our graduates - Kate Mattson, Lauren Nelson and Tessa Salo. The girls each received a gift from Eden as well as a quilt made by our own quilters, plus there was cake for fellowship. Kate, daughter of Dawn Mattson and Matt Mattson, will be attending the University of Michigan to pursue a degree in nursing. Lauren, daughter of Connie and Troy Nelson, will be attending Ferris State University to pursue a degree in radiology. Tessa, daughter of Christi and Kevin Salo, will be attending Michigan State University to pursue a degree in business. Please keep these young women and their families in your prayers as they prepare for college and their future.



  
class of  
**2025**

## Father's Day Prayer

St. James Lutheran Church, Limerick, Pennsylvania

<https://www.stjameslimerick.org/daily-devotions/2022/6/15/5regon4wjhbqw67mp8a48t1hl8a2ik>

**I will be a father to him, and he'll be a son to me. When he does wrong, I'll discipline him in the usual ways, the pitfalls and obstacles of this mortal life. But I'll never remove my gracious love from him.** 2 Samuel 7:14-15



Heavenly Father,

You entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness, and patience; support them in the work You call them to do.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways-both large and small--they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach. Give all fathers the guidance they need to raise happy children, grounded in Your love.

We give thanks for all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent - grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors, and coaches.

We pray for those who are missing their fathers today. We give thanks that through Your Son, our Savior we will one day be reunited in Your heavenly kingdom.

In Your Holy name, O God, we pray. Amen.

## Scripture Readings for June

<b>June 1</b>	Acts 16:16-34	Psalm 97	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26
<i>Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous.</i>				
<b>June 8</b>	Acts 21:21	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:14-17	John 14:8-18 [25-27]
<i>Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.</i>				
<b>June 15</b>	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	Psalm 8	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
<i>Your glory is chanted above the heavens.</i>				
<b>June 22</b>	Isaiah 65:1-9	Psalm 22:19-28	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
<i>In the midst of the assembly I will praise you.</i>				
<b>June 29</b>	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21	Psalm 16	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62
<i>I have set the Lord always before me.</i>				

## What is Pentecost All About?

<https://steadfastlutherans.org/blog/2013/06/what-is-pentecost-all-about/>

by [Pastor Sam Schuldheisz](#)



The Protestant reformer, Martin Luther, once said, “The Christian Church is a mouth-house of God.” So, whose words will the Church speak? Jesus’ words to be exact. Words like the ones Jesus gave his church at ascension.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20).

But how do Jesus’ words come to us? Enter the Holy Spirit and Pentecost. The name “Pentecost” comes from the Greek word for “fiftieth.” In the Old Testament, Pentecost was a harvest festival, the ingathering of winter wheat (known as Shavuot or the Feast of Weeks). It began on the fiftieth day after Passover. It was also a day to celebrate Moses receiving the Law and God’s Covenant on Mt. Sinai amidst wind and fire.

In the New Testament, Acts 2 records the first Pentecost after Jesus’ death, resurrection, and ascension. Once again there was a mighty rushing wind, fire, God’s word, and a harvest. Only, this time, the fire came in flaming tongues over the disciples’ heads. God’s word was declared by St. Peter to thousands gathered in Jerusalem from around the Mediterranean. Each person heard in their own language that Jesus had died and rose for them. It was a joyous harvest – not of wheat for winter – but of people, from all nations for eternal salvation! After all, God shows no partiality or racism. Jesus died for all nations. These were the signs that the Holy Spirit had been sent to the Church as Jesus promised (John 14:15-26 and 16:12-14).

Today, Pentecost is a day for hearing that Jesus died and rose again – for you! It’s also a day for speaking this good news to others. If the Christian Church is to speak God’s word, breath is needed. No breath, no words. At Pentecost Jesus sends, or rather breathes, the Holy Spirit upon his Church.

The Holy Spirit’s job is pointing people to Jesus’ death and resurrection, calling people to faith in this gospel, and breathing faith in Jesus into your hearts. In other words, the Holy Spirit makes *you* holy by giving you the forgiveness of sins Jesus won for you on the cross. Pentecost is a yearly reminder that the Holy Spirit gives you ears to hear God’s word and mouths to pray, praise, and give thanks. God speaks and we hear the word of God, each in our own language: Jesus died, rose, ascended, and sends the Holy Spirit for you!

## Eden Lutheran Church Council Meeting Apr 13, 2025

### Council Members Present:

Vicar - Elaine Robbins, President - Ryan Graves, Vice President - Norma Dick, Secretary - Jennifer Wood, Treasurer - Brandalyn Decet, Kaye Methot

Ryan Graves called the meeting to order at 12:10pm

### Opening devotion:

Devotion from, "Seed Sowers Devotions for Congregational Meeting in the Northern Great Lakes Synod" given by Elaine Robbins, followed by discussion.

### Additions to the Agenda:

OLD: Correction in February minutes

NEW: Pride, water fountain

### Review and Approval of Previous Meeting

Minutes: Norma Dick makes a motion, Kaye Methot seconds - approved.

### Review and Approval of Financial Report:

Jennifer Wood makes a motion, Norma seconds - approved

### Vicar's Report:

Lenten services are going well. Regular visitations. Elaine discussed possibly starting a Mourning Basket outreach.

### Upcoming Church Events:

Easter. May 18 graduate Sunday - Jean is getting a cake. May 11, mothers day. June 8 is the fish fry.

### Old Business:

Change February minutes- "Eden Youth Fund" changed to "Eden Help Fund" in February's minutes under New Business.

### New Business:

- Job Description for Website Manager - Council reviewed. Norma makes a motion to approve, Kaye seconds - approved.

- Pride - June 14. Elaine would like to make a \$100 donation to UP Pride Festival this year and possibly pass out popsicles.

Council discussed. Kaye makes a motion to allow Elaine to spend up to \$150 out of the Youth Ministry Fund for Pride, Norma seconds - approved.

- Water fountain - Council discussed removing the water fountain. Ryan Graves will discuss it further with George Balko. Council will revisit.

### Significant Church Events:

Helen Mattson - April 5, 2025.

Paul Goodburn - April 12, 2025.

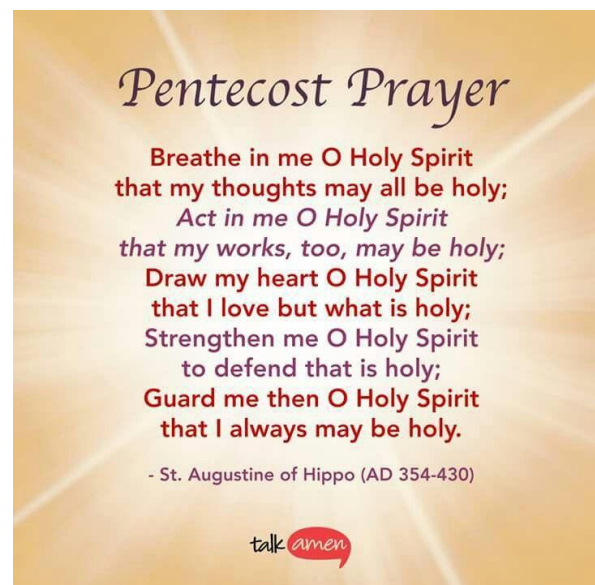
Next Council Meeting: May 4

Meeting adjourned at 12:53pm

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Wood, Council Secretary



Pentecost is June 8



### Financial Snapshot *as of 4/30/2025*

Income:	\$9,684.84
Year to date	\$30,096.64
Expenses:	\$9,538.48
YTD	\$37,274.88

**Please note: Year-to-date income is not keeping up with expenses.**

### Revolving Fund Balances

*As of 4/30/2025*

Free Store	\$1,211.70
Worship & Music Fund	\$2,529.42
Scholarship Fund	\$23,829.19
Seminary Fund	\$2,756.33
Help Fund	\$1,311.44
Memorial Fund	\$15,322.71
Youth Ministry Fund	\$2,674.61

### Scholarship Fund *as of 4/30/2025*

Savings 3/1/2025	\$301.35
Receipts	\$0.19
<i>Savings Balance</i>	<i>\$301.54</i>
Cert. of Deposit 3/1/2025	\$23,098.07
Receipts (interest)	\$429.58
<i>CD Balance</i>	<i>\$23,527.65</i>
<b><i>Combined Balance</i></b>	<b><i>\$23,829.19</i></b>

### Updating the Prayer Chain

If you would like to be on the prayer chain, there is a sign-up form on the bulletin board. It is pink.

There are two ways to receive prayer requests, the phone call list or the text list. Both lists will be activated when a prayer request is received.

With this prayer chain update, please watch your email and/or pick up the new list at the church after June 1.

Questions? Please speak with Elaine.

### Annual Fish Fry Pentecost Sunday, June 8

Eden's annual fish fry will follow the Sunday service. Please plan to bring an item to share; a sign-up sheet is available.

***Minimum suggested donation is \$10 each.*** We need to cover the cost of the fish, breeding, oil, and propane. Thanks to everyone for helping make this event a success.

### Weekly Tuesday prayer group, 10 a.m.

All are welcome. We take time to talk about what is going on in our lives and those who are on our prayer list. We use a brief Morning Prayer service to pray for everyone on our prayer list by name.

### Quilting Bee, September 11

The Quilters meet at 10 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month, except in summer. All are welcome.

### Book club will resume in autumn.

Meets third Wednesday, 12-1 p.m. If you have suggestions for book club readings, please let Lynn DeRoche or Joanie Hinsa know. Everyone is welcome to join.

### Free Store, Thursday, June 19

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

### Sunday, June 22, 2 p.m.

On the fourth Sunday of each month, join Vicar Elaine and Harry to worship with the residents of Medilodge.

April 23, 2025

Dear Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the families in need who benefit by the food pantry, we would like to thank you for your generous donation to the Alger Community Food Pantry. The Alger Community Food Pantry is community run and supported to allow neighbors to help neighbors in need.

Thank you for helping us to assist those families throughout Alger County who are temporarily struggling to feed their families. The need for assistance from area food pantries is increasing and many who have never had to ask for help before are now in need of the food pantry and keeping it stocked is even more of a challenge.

We appreciate your donation Thank you for helping us in our effort to help families in need and being a part of the community food pantry.

Your support is greatly appreciated, and your donation will be put to good work!

*Alger Community Food Pantry Board*



Trinity Sunday is June 15

**Friends and family at Eden,**

Thank you so much for the lovely flowers for my birthday! I really appreciated them.

*Margaret Gosselin*

## **Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly 2025**

On May 15-17, Jennifer Wood, Lynn Deroche and Vicar Elaine Robbins attended the NGLS Synod Assembly. This year's assembly did not disappoint.

Opening worship was at Bethel Lutheran Church in Ishpeming. The music was amazing! Everyone should experience the sound of the choir, band and over 200 people praising God through song. A variety of workshops were available. All were very interesting and shared great information.

Rev. Jon Anderson was the keynote speaker who spoke about rural ministry. At a time when we hear so much about the decline of church in America, Rev. Anderson's presentation proved to be very encouraging. Yes, church is changing but change brings new opportunities. We will continue to answer Jesus' command to love each other as Jesus loves us.

The 2026 Synod Assembly will be held in one day hybrid format and will return to in person in 2027.

## Alger Baby Closet Collection

*During June, there will be a basket in the narthex to collect items for the Alger Baby Closet. Here are excerpts from their request letter.*



The LMAS District Health Department, in partnership with the Great Start Collaborative (GSC), Early On, Community Action Alger and Marquette (CAAM), and Early Head Start, is sustaining an Alger Baby Closet (ABC), located at the LMAS Alger Office.

ABC assists expectant and new families with children from birth to age 3 with prenatal services, community education programs, and essential care items.

The ABC program utilizes an “earn as you learn” process for obtaining ‘baby bucks’ that can be redeemed for diapers, pack-n-plays, blankets, safety items and other essential care items. While baby bucks can be earned by any community member, the ABC aims to serve families with the highest need.

Baby bucks can be earned by participating and attending WIC appointments, immunization appointments, breast feeding classes, nurse and doctor visits (child and mom), Early On and/or Maternal Infant Health Program referral and visit, Families First home visiting, Early Head Start, play groups at Great Start Collaborative literacy programs, and health promotion

activities and education (including smoking cessation assistance).

We know that when families struggle, children suffer. The ABC was created by neighbors like you, who care enough to help young parents in our community.

We invite you to visit the ABC at the LMAS District Health Department (E9526 Prospect Street, Munising) any time during business hours (Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

Please join us in helping every infant in Alger County have the essentials for care and safety.

For more information on the Alger Baby Closet, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/districthealthdepartmentmunising>

### ***Happy Birthday!***

*Birthstones for June are pearl and alexandrite. Flower is rose.*

6-03 Connie Nelson  
6-04 Sam Sutherland  
6-07 Duray Murk  
6-09 Bonnie Bernard  
6-09 MacKenzie Masters  
6-11 Noah Ackerman  
6-13 Natalie Brock  
6-17 Doug Lare  
6-18 Cassius Lindquist  
6-19 Van Ouellette-Ballas  
6-21 Gloria Artibee  
6-23 Abigail Brown  
6-23 Kristine Dausey  
6-29 Eric Artress  
6-30 Robert Cornish

## Serving in June 2025

Date	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Fellowship Hosts
<b>Sunday, June 1</b>	Joanie Hinsa		Jim and Deb Perttula
Saturday, June 7	George Balko		
<b>Sunday, June 8</b>			Everyone – Fish Fry Sunday
Saturday, June 14	George Balko		
<b>Sunday, June 15</b>	Joanie Hinsa		Joanie Hinsa
Saturday, June 21	George Balko		
<b>Sunday, June 22</b>			
Saturday, June 28	George Balko		
<b>Sunday, June 29</b>			
<b>Altar Guild for June – Patsy LaCombe</b>			
<b>Flower sponsor for June – needed</b>			

Date	Musician	Offering Counters
June 1	Candace Dennis	Jean Hayes and Karen Derwin
June 8	Kimi Schierschmidt	Lynn DeRoche and Donna LeRoy
June 15	Kimi Schierschmidt	Helen Scheuneman and Patsy LaCombe
June 22		Norma Dick and Joanie Hinsa
June 29		Jean Hayes and Karen Derwin

### Serving the congregation during worship

Please consider volunteering on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings to usher, read lessons and prayers, assist with communion, or host fellowship.

Please support our **Youth Ministry Fund** by dropping off returnable cans and bottles at the church.

### Where were you in 1965?

See page 9 for a glimpse at *Life in Eden* from years past.

**Flower Sponsors** Are always appreciated. Flower sponsorship is \$30 a month. Your gift may be placed in the offering with a notation for flowers and your selected month.

Flowers from your home garden are also welcome, as well as from a church garden.

### Volunteer Help Needed

Your newsletter editor is looking to retire. The current newsletter is prepared in Word. Please speak with Vicar Elaine if you can help. Thank you.



CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

- Voted to give pastor access to bank safety deposit box.
- Discussed the type of Sunday envelope we use now with 2 compartments.
- Voted to call Scow Seglund to be lay advisor to the Luther League.
- Sold old organ to Evald Johnsons.
- Sent letters of appreciation to Darrell Frogness and the Anton Louis'.
- Adopted reports from following committees: Christian education, worship and music, social ministry, property, evangelism.

HOSPITALIZED IN JUNE

Margaret Koskela, Christina Peterson, Mary Sidbeck, Saara Kumpu, Mrs. Nundahl, Sylvia Moe, Imogene Johnson. There were undoubtedly also others.

Let us remember to pray for those from our fellowship who are afflicted by name.

HOW'S YOUR HEBREW?

A goodly part of our Sunday worship heritage comes from the Hebrew tradition. Here are some words you'd need to know:

1. Alleluia (Hallelujah) - a) word meaning "Praise the Lord" b) doxology used after some Psalms c) name of a prayer room in early churches.
2. Sabaoth - a) Another spelling of the word "Sabbath"; b) Hosts c) a word used in the Old Testament to describe God d) Armies.
3. Hosanna - a) a word meaning "Save now, we pray" b) Sometimes used as the name of the bunch of tree branches which waved at the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles c) a word used several times in our Communion liturgy.
4. Amen - a) A word which must be sung at the close of each hymn b) a word meaning "So be it" or "truly."
5. Zion - a) an ancient Jewish musical instrument, b) the hill on which the Jewish Temple stood, c) a word meaning "stronghold." d) Christian church.

DID YOU KNOW THAT - - - - ? ? ?

- The Zaluds are soon moving to Bay City, where Trooper Zalud has been transferred?
- That about 80 attended the June 30 Family Night Program at the church at which two films on Christian education were shown?
- That your pastor has been appointed to newly formed Alger-Marquette Community Action Board executive committee and is presently acting secretary? This anti-poverty program will manage a \$174,000 attack on poverty in the two counties.
- That the Les Kouris recently returned from a vacation to the east coast?
- That Nancy Hammond and children are vacationing near Pittsburgh?
- That Allan Seglund, who recently has spent time near Vietnam is home for a month?
- That Lutheran Welfare in '65 will need to place 170 babies of unwed mothers into much-needed homes, as compared to last year's 141?
- That in Moscow during the Russian Orthodox Easter, hundreds of Communist youth jeered and whistled as worshippers thronged to Yelokhovskiy Cathedral. "God is a fraud! Go back to the dark ages!" they shouted. Others chanted: "We are atheists and proud of it." More than 100 policemen came to the rescue. The same thing happened at some of the other 40 churches in Moscow
- That the Lutheran missionary endeavor in New Guinea with 250,000 members is the world's largest Lutheran single missionary endeavor? Many of its converts have come from cannibalism.
- That John & Dorene Sidbeck of Milw. became on 6/5 became parents of son John Edwin Sidbeck?
- That Rev. Janis Dombrovskis has accepted the call of the Eben-Trenary parish, and will arrive on August 1? Hiawatha will have 25 pastors, upon the arrival of Rev. Haack in Champion, also.

**Celebrating 60 years! *Life in Eden* has been a regular monthly publication of  
Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church since 1965.**

## **Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Worship Services**

**5 p.m. Saturday**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday**

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Treasurer and Financial Secretary: Brandalynn Decet

Maintenance: John Cromell

Custodian: Emily Cook

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

Serving through 2026: Bruce Dausey, Norma Dick, Jean Hayes, Kaye Methot

Serving through 2025: Ryan Graves, Brenda St. Martin, Jennifer Wood

Does Eden have your current contact info (mailing address, email, phone)?

Please complete the directory update form in the narthex or  
contact the church office to update your information.



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# June 2025


## Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>10:30 a.m. Worship</b>	2 <i>9-2 Office Open</i>	3 10 a.m. Prayer Group	4 <i>9-2 Office Open</i> Vicar Elaine 10 a.m.. - 2 p.m.	5	6 <i>9-2 Office Open</i>	7 <b>5 p.m. Worship</b>
8 <b>10:30 a.m. Worship</b> <i>Pentecost</i> <i>Fish Fry</i>	9 <i>9-2 Office Open</i>	10 10 a.m. Prayer Group	11 <i>9-2 Office Open</i> Vicar Elaine 10 a.m.. - 2 p.m.	12	13 <i>9-2 Office Open</i>	14 <b>5 p.m. Worship</b> <i>Flag Day</i>
15 <b>10:30 a.m. Worship</b> <i>Father's Day</i> <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	16 <i>9-2 Office Open</i>	17 10 a.m. Prayer Group	18 <i>9-2 Office Open</i> Vicar Elaine 10 a.m.. - 2 p.m.	19 Free Store 1-3, 4-6 p.m. <i>Juneteenth</i>	20 <i>9-2 Office Open</i> <i>Summer Solstice</i>	21 <b>5 p.m. Worship</b> <u>Life In Eden</u> <u>Deadline</u>
22 <b>10:30 a.m. Worship</b> 11:45 a.m. Council mtg 2 p.m. Medilodge	23 <i>9-2 Office Open</i>	24 10 a.m. Prayer Group	25 <i>9-2 Office Open</i> Vicar Elaine 10 a.m.. - 2 p.m.	26	27 <i>9-2 Office Open</i>	28 <b>5 p.m. Worship</b>
29 <b>10:30 a.m. Worship</b>	30 <i>9-2 Office Open</i>					




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