

LIFE IN EDEN



A Letter From The Vicar

Hello Church Family,

I begin by thanking everyone who attended our annual meeting. This meeting requires a quorum to pass votes, so your presence truly matters. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the meeting. It was smooth, productive, and a wonderful example of our shared commitment to this congregation. In an effort to show Christ's love in action, we have held special collections for the last several months. The funds and items collected help our local neighbors and those around the world. In November, we collected items

for the Alger Community Food Pantry, helping to ensure that families in our area had food on their table. During Advent and Christmas, we purchased gifts to help provide food, livestock, education, and health support for people worldwide through the ELCA Good Gifts program. Your generosity has made a meaningful difference in the lives of many people.

This Lent, focus our energy on supporting our Free Store. Our Free Store helps assist our community members by providing cleaning supplies, hygiene products, and diapers to anyone in need. We are collecting both items and monetary donations. A collection bin will be in the Narthex for items that you purchase. Monetary

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Serving through
2026:

- Norma Dick
- Jean Hayes
- Kaye Methot
- Bruce Dausey

Serving through
2027:

- Ryan Graves
- Donna LeRoy
- Lynn DeRoche

If Saturday or Sunday worship will be cancelled due to inclement weather, a notice will be posted on Eden's Facebook page and TV6 news.

donations can be made through the offering plate or the church office. Please make checks out to Eden and write "Free Store" in the memo line.

If you have not yet visited the Free Store, I encourage you to stop in and see it in action. You are also invited to serve during store days alongside the dedicated volunteers who keep Free Store running smoothly. A list of needed items will be in this newsletter.

Thank you for being a church that lives out its faith through generosity and service.

Grace and Peace,

Vicar Elaine



Looking ahead:

- Daylight Savings Time is **March 8th**
- Palm Sunday is **March 29th**
- Easter is **April 5th**



Discounts:

- Register by **February 5** for a FREE t-shirt
- Register by **March 5** for \$15-\$40 discount!
- **Scholarships** are available from your home congregation and from Fortune Lake. Everybody is welcome at camp, regardless of ability to pay!

Scripture Readings for March 2026

February 28 & March 1

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

March 7 & 8

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

March 14 & 15

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalms 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

March 21 & March 22

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

March 28 & March 29

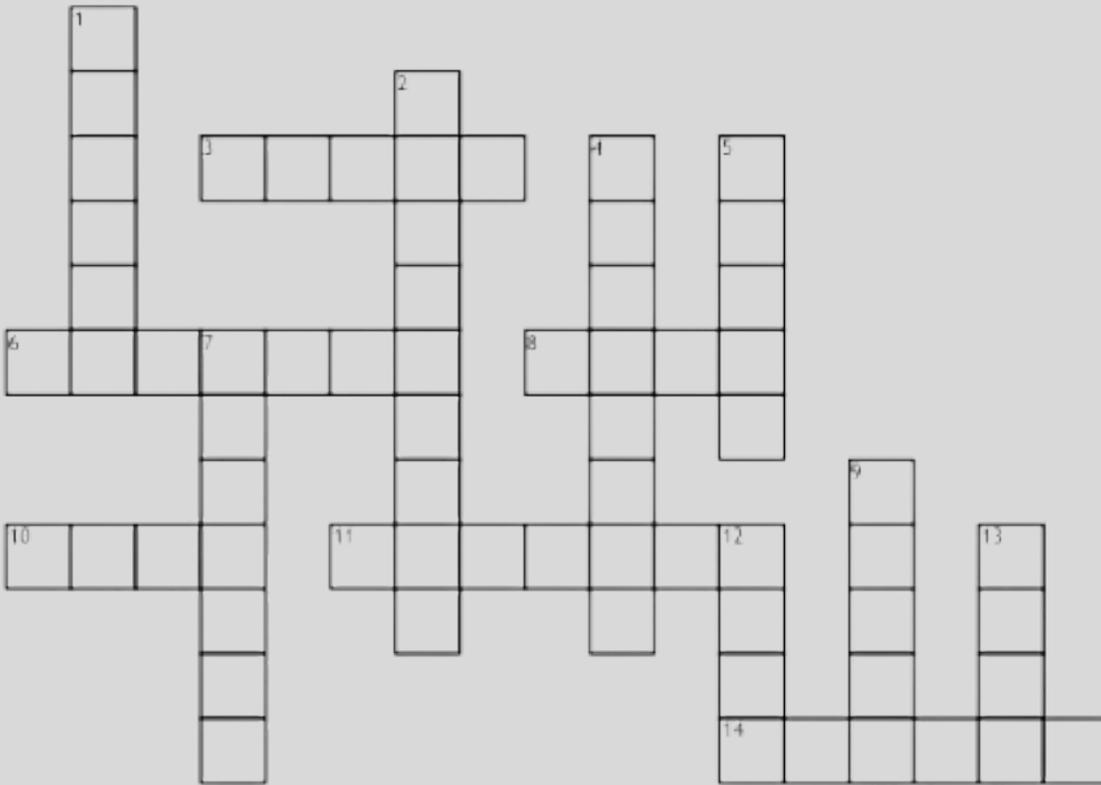
Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Lenten Crossword



Across

3. _____ are made from blessed palms from the previous year.
6. The act of doing a good deed to make up for past wrongs.
8. _____ is the time that we prepare for Jesus's death and resurrection.
10. Catholics don't eat this on Fridays during Lent.
11. Go without food.

14. Jesus prayed for 40 days here.

Down

1. The liturgical color for Lent is _____.
2. Lent begins on Ash _____.
4. We don't say or sing this during Lent in the Church.
5. The Church gives us _____ days of Lent to prepare for Easter.

7. To go without.

9. The priest puts the ashes on your forehead in the shape of a _____.
12. Lent ends on _____ Friday.
13. Almsgiving means giving to the _____.



JANUARY FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Income: \$7,709.52
YTD: \$7,709.52
Expenses: \$7,662.45
YTD: \$7,662.45

REVOLVING FUND BALANCES

MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of

Douglas (Dougie) Scheuneman Jr.

-Jim & Debbie Perttula

-Joanie Hinsa

-Jean Hayes

Balance - \$13,927.34

YOUTH MINISTRY

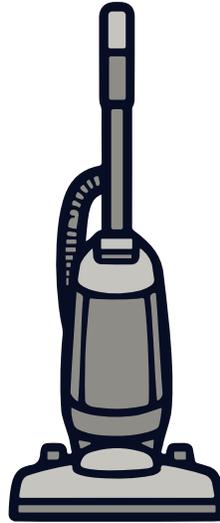
Balance - \$2,596.02

SEMINARY FUND

Balance - \$3,061.56

CUSTODIAN
POSITION
OPEN!

APPLICATIONS
AVAILABLE IN
OFFICE.



Easter Lilies



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DEDICATE EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF, IN THANKSGIVING FOR, OR IN CELEBRATION OF A LOVED ONE, PLEASE COMPLETE A FORM AND SUBMIT IT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. ALL FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY GOOD FRIDAY. FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

THIS IS A MEANINGFUL WAY TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE THOSE WHO ARE DEAR TO US AS WE REJOICE IN THE RESURRECTION.

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

Birthstone for March
is amethyst.

The flower is violet.

3/01 Stephen Dausey

3/02 Brandalyn Decet

3/05 Brent Brock

3/06 Rochelle Cotey

3/06 Gordon "Duke"

Snyder

3/09 Jane Guyott

3/12 Derek Lewis

3/22 Elizabeth Decet

3/23 Laura Lewis

3/26 Bailey Masters

3/27 Morgan Sontag

3/28 Nick Sontag

3/30 Bobbie Foster

3/31 George Balko



March Focus: Return & Renew

March invites us to slow down and return to what matters most.

In Joel 2:12, we're reminded:

“Return to Me with all your heart.”

As the season begins to shift and signs of spring appear, may this be a time of renewal for our hearts as well. Not striving. Not perfection. Just a simple, sincere turning back toward God.

This month, consider choosing one small daily rhythm:

- **5 minutes of prayer**
- **One Scripture before your phone**
- **A written gratitude each day**

Small faithfulness grows deep roots.

Let March be a month of returning... and renewing. 

Help Wanted!

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

Thank you.



Our Free Store continues to serve many families in our community, and we need your help to keep our shelves stocked.

We are currently in need of:

Toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, bar soap, tampons, liquid dish soap, disinfecting wipes, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and lotion.

Your donations make a real difference and are a tangible way to share Christ's love. Thank you for your generosity!

It's a girl!



Congratulations to David, Brandalyn & Elizabeth on welcoming their newest family member, Charlotte Grace Decet. She was born 2/8/26 at 4:32 a.m. 8 lbs 11 oz and 20" long.

What a beautiful gift from God. Our church family is celebrating with you and praying over this precious new life!

Have something you would like featured in a newsletter?

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



2026

Lenten Schedule

Wednesday Soup & Bread Supper

Meal: 6:00 p.m. Worship: 7:00 p.m.

~~February 25th St. John's Episcopal Church~~

March 4th First Presbyterian Church

March 11th United Methodist Church

March 18th Eden Lutheran Church

March 25th United Methodist Church

Good Friday, April 3rd Eden Lutheran Church-service only,
12:15 p.m.

Easter Vigil, April 4th St. John's Episcopal Church

Eden Evangelical Church

March 2026

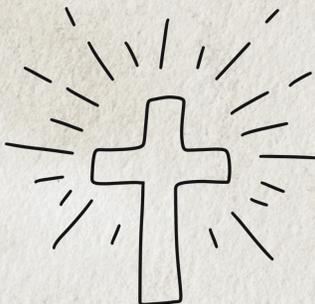
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 10:30 a.m. Worship	2	3 10 a.m. prayer group	4 Office open 9-1 Vicar Elaine in office 10-2	5 11:00 a.m. Bible study	6 Office open 9-1	7 4 p.m. Worship <i>Bruce to lead</i>
8 10:30 a.m. Worship <i>Bruce to lead</i>	9	10 10 a.m. prayer group	11 Office open 9-1 Vicar Elaine in office 10-2	12 10 a.m. quilting	13 Office open 9-1	14 4 p.m. Worship
15 10:30 a.m. Worship	16	17 10 a.m. prayer group	18 Office open 9-1 Vicar Elaine in office 10-2	19 1-3 p.m. & 4-6 p.m. Free Store 11:00 a.m. Bible Study	20 Office open 9-1	21 4 p.m. Worship
22 10:30 a.m. Worship with musician Council mtg	23	24 10 a.m. prayer group	25 Office open 9-1 Vicar Elaine in office 10-2	26 11:00 a.m. Bible study	27 Office open 9-1	28 4 p.m. Worship
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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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Administrative Assistant and Accounts Payable Clerk: Stephanie LaFoilie

Treasurer and Financial Secretary: Brandalyn Decet

Maintenance: John Cromell

Custodian: Emily Cook

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.

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**“But those who hope in the
Lord will renew their
strength. They will soar on
wings like eagles; they will
run and not grow weary, they
will walk and not be faint.”
Isaiah 40:31**

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