

LIFE IN EDEN

Eden Evangelical Lutheran
Church, Munising, MI



August 2022

Tidings from Pastor Tera



Grace and peace to you! I'm so excited to be writing to you as your new pastor. While I was with you to lead worship on July 30 and 31, I officially started as your called pastor on August 1st, which was also the day that my housing became available, and my belongings were moved in.

The process of unpacking my household items has been more important than the unpacking of my office, However, I have unpacked my communion sets, of which I have three.

The most recent communion set was purchased after it was used at the South Dakota Synod's 2017 Reformation 500 celebration. The second set was a gift from the people of Bethesda Lutheran Church, Clarinda, IA, which was one of my internship congregations. The first set I received is from First Lutheran, Gladstone, and was a gift when I left in 2005 to go to the Milwaukee Synod. Then I have two travel communion kits.

Each set tells a story, and as time passes, we will use these sets as we celebrate Holy Communion together. As we use them, I will share with you the stories of what these sets mean to me. We will together receive the grace of God through Christ using them.

In that way, you will become a part of the story I tell about how God's grace through Christ gathers us together.

Blessings, Pastor Tera Kossow

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“Direct Your Dollars” Fundraising

Here’s how this fundraising works:

1. Collect receipts from Family Fare and bring them to Eden Lutheran Church
2. Eden will add up the Direct Your Dollars amount on all receipt
3. When our total reaches \$150,000.00, we

turn them in to Family Fare and they donate \$1,000.00 to Eden!

To date we have collected a total of \$75,521 – we are halfway there! Please continue to turn in receipts; every receipt matters.

Thank you to everyone who has participated thus far. WAY TO GO!!



July Financial Snapshot

Income: July \$11,735.00	YTD \$70,275.61
Expenses: July \$ 4,101.83	YTD \$39,242.63

Ways to Practice Stewardship:

Giving your time, talents, and treasures

1. Be present!
2. Sign up to help during worship as ushers, assisting ministers, musicians, and fellowship hosts.
3. Join bible studies, book discussions, other learning opportunities, and fellowship events.
4. Help lead education for people of all ages.
5. Agree to serve on council, attend conference events, Fortune Lake Camp events, Northern Great Lakes Synod events, and other volunteer opportunities.
6. Share your ideas and dreams for Eden Lutheran with the pastor and council.
7. Submit your offering during worship, by mail, or using electronic giving.



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for the beauty of the earth



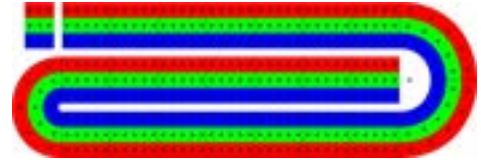
The Easter lilies from church were replanted by Brenda St Martin and Debbie Perttula and now in full bloom.



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LET'S PLAY CRIBBAGE!

Pastor Tera would love to get together for a few games. You can meet at church, your place, or somewhere in town. If you'd like to play a few hands, contact her to set up a time and place.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/02 Karlee Decet
8/02 Bonnie Mercier
8/03 Kelsey Brock
8/03 Karianna Virta
8/04 Brittany Brock
8/04 Via Ouellette-Ballas
8/06 Leanne Nebel
8/07 John Nelson
8/10 Kelsea Ackerman
8/10 Marissa Ackerman
8/10 Matthew Lindquist
8/11 Riley Murk
8/12 Lynn DeRoche
8/17 Noel Mahoski
8/21 John Murk
8/22 Eli Artress
8/22 Patrice Evans
8/22 Kris Tidd
8/23 Alec LeVeque
8/24 Ian Albright
8/25 Tom Simonen
8/26 Helen Mattson
8/28 Connor Nelson
8/28 Jack Nelson
8/28 Doris Ritter
8/31 John Evans

*God bless you
today and always!*

WORDS OF THANKS

Thank you for such a wonderful place to rest! We're so thankful for your kindness in sharing this space and helping connect us to the internet. Thank you for helping in the mission of eliminating poverty housing. Thank you for a great time here!

Fuller Center Bike Adventure
Seaside to Sebago 2022

So, faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead
But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you, my faith.

-James 2:17-18

Dear People of Eden Lutheran in Munising,

Thank you so much for your financial support of the work of Christ that we do together. While our Lutheran accent is that we are saved by grace through faith, the words from James also ring true. Faith inspires action which in turn nurtures faith.

I am grateful that the work we do, we do together, putting our faith into action for the sake of the church, our communities, and meeting the needs of our neighbors – locally and globally. Thank you for your special gifts received by the Synod through June 2022.

5/02/22 Answer the Call - \$640.00

World Hunger - \$230.00

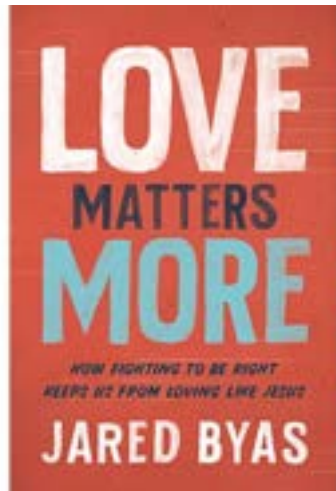
6/06/22 World Hunger - \$ 50.35

Thank you for your partnership!

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Katherine Finegan

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NEW BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP will meet the second Wednesday of the month beginning Wednesday, September 14th. There will be two meeting times available: 12-1pm (bring lunch) and 630-730pm (bring supper if you like.) both sessions could include Zoom attendance as well.



Our September read is "Love Matters More: How Fighting to Be Right Keeps Us from Loving Like Jesus" by Jared Byas. It is available on Amazon (use Smile Amazon to support the church), or Pastor Tera can order it for you.

Books discussed will help us grow as disciples of Christ Jesus in the midst of our complicated and ever-changing world. If you have a book suggestion, please speak to Pastor Tera.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR STUDENTS 5TH GRADE AND UP will begin with an information meeting for students and adults on Wednesday, September 7th from 630-730pm. Classes will be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, and students will be in two groups: grades 5, 6, and 7 in one group, and high school students in the other. Class time will determined at the information meeting on September 7th. **Adult volunteers are needed to help with small group discussion.** Please speak to Pastor Tera for more information.



ELC SUPPER CLUB

Tired of eating alone? Tired of having leftovers for days? Let's share our supper with others who eat alone, gathering at the church kitchen on the 4th

Wednesday of the month at 5pm starting August 31st. Pastor Tera loves breakfast, so she will host first, making egg bake. Sign up in the narthex or by calling the church office.

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Eden Lutheran Council Meeting Jul 17, 2022

In person Meeting Present: Bruce Dausey, Elaine Robbins, Norma Dick, Lynn DeRoche, George Mannisto III.

Absent: Ruth Lindquist, John Murk, Pastor Tommy Richter

President Bruce Dausey called the meeting to order at 11:25.

-Opening Devotion: Prayer by Elaine Robbins

-Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion by Norma D, seconded by George M to approve. Motion carried.

-Review and Approval of Financial Report: Motion made by Norma D, seconded by Lynn D to accept. Motion carried.

-Pastor's Report: Our new pastor was called, and the June newsletter was sent out.

New Business:

-Call committee update – We need to determine a date for Pastor Tera's apartment availability and schedule movers for her household goods. Because the apartment is on the second floor, we want to have professional movers for this phase.

-Hiawatha telephone will upgrade our internet service to fiber optic at no additional cost. This should result in better connectivity and a small savings in our monthly bill.

-The council accepts with regret the resignation of John Murk and will look to appoint a replacement.

-The lawn mower was recently serviced by Bergdahl's. They did some service that they were specifically told not to do, so this portion of the bill should not be paid when it is received.

-We need to contact GAD and have the dumpster removed. Even though we have stopped service, people are still putting things in the dumpster.

-Thank you notes were received from the youth choir and the Fuller Bike group that recently stayed overnight in our basement.

-The council wants to recognize the important contribution that Terry Kolbus has made while we have been without a pastor. Much of the continuity in our business is due to her and she has independently handled many issues as they came up.

Motion by George M, seconded by Lynn D, to authorize a monetary bonus of \$500. Motion carried.

-We received a notice from the synod that ELCA Domestic Hunger grants are available to congregations with feeding ministries. The council wants to pursue a grant to help Nifty Thrifty in Eben replace their fuel oil heat with a gas furnace. If

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they can't do this, they won't be able to stay open this winter. That would mean a loss of access to food resources for people in western Alger County. Lynn D will draft a grant proposal.

Old Business:

-We need to update our internet posting for custodian services. We would like to find a cleaning company to come in monthly and do more extensive cleaning tasks. We estimate that our budget will support 5-6 hours per month for things like window cleaning, complete vacuuming, floor mopping, etc. We appreciate the volunteer services of the Mannisto family and could use additional volunteers for routine light cleaning.

-Our highway clean-up project will start again in October. We will be doing a stretch of M28 from Connors Road to 1 mile east of KOA.

-Motion by Elaine R, seconded by Norma D, to adjourn. Motion carried.

-Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn DeRoche

Secretary

Worship at Eden on Saturday @ 5:00pm & Sunday @ 10:30am at 1150 West M-28, Munising, MI 49862

Caught in the net of God's grace, Eden Evangelical Church
will share the message of God's wondrous peace and reconciliation,
that all people may be welcome into God's harbor of hope.

Please send all correspondence to: PO Box 360, Munising MI 49862
(Post office will not deliver if physical address is used.)

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