

# LIFE IN EDEN

Eden Evangelical Lutheran  
Church, Munising, MI



September 2022



## Tidings from Pastor Tera

Grace and peace to you! As I am writing this on August 25<sup>th</sup>, there are just four months until Christmas! How can it be? I look around and only a few select maple trees are showing their beautiful fall colors, and the weather is still really nice, if not a little too hot for me at times. Ok, so four months isn't like four days, but we are kicking the church calendar into overdrive very soon.

New ministries, book discussion and Supper Club, will start soon, and Confirmation is right around the corner. Then there are some programs from the past that will be showing up again: weekly Bible study, Morning prayer, and potentially Sunday School and Youth Groups could begin again soon.

All this in the midst of what I like to call "the Happy Holiday Season." We begin programming and then comes Reformation, All Saints, Christ the King, Thanksgiving, four weeks of Advent, Christmas Eve, the 12 Days of Christmas, Baptism of the Lord, and Epiphany. Whew! Take a deep breath before Lent begins!

I have leaned on this text for so many years: Commit to the Lord all that you do, and your plans will succeed (Proverbs 16:3). While success in ministry doesn't mean a huge group of people, it takes on a deeper meaning. In ministry, success is making a difference and changing lives by the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and honoring the call of the Holy Spirit. In all that we do together, let us see that success with our ministries!

Hope to see you as we get together!

Blessings, Pastor Tera Kossow

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## September Financial Snapshot

Income: Aug \$7,256.97      YTD \$77,532.58  
Expenses: Aug \$10,616.94      YTD \$49,859.57

## **Ways to Practice Stewardship:**

### Giving your time, talents, and treasures

1. Be present and step up to help with worship.
2. Collect baby items to donate for God's Work Our Hands (see article for details).
3. Help guide small group discussion for Confirmation.
4. Become a member of the prayer chain.
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.



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/05 Elaine Robbins  
9/09 Patsy LaCombe  
9/11 David Decet  
9/11 Joshua Houtari  
9/14 Vicki Ballas  
9/16 Connor Masters  
9/17 Pam Kuivanen  
9/18 Corey Perttula  
9/19 Ruth Lindquist  
9/21 Hattie Cota  
9/24 Brenda St. Martin  
9/27 Juanita (Kinky) Werner

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today and always!*

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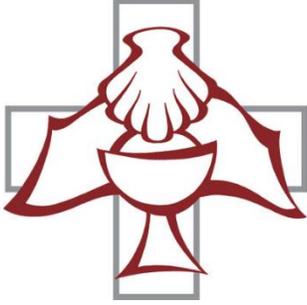
## WORDS OF THANKS

Dear Eden Church Family & Friends,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers sent to me for my birthday. They really brightened up the day!

Sincerely,  
Arlene Elavsky

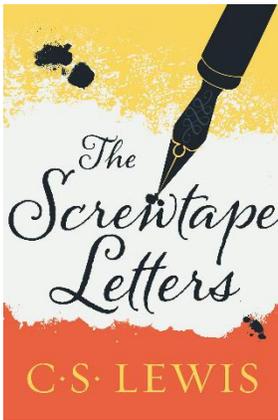
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It is with great joy that we, the Congregation Council of Eden Lutheran, invite you to the **Installation Service for Pastor Tera Kossow** at Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church, Munising, on Sunday, September 18, 2022, at 3pm, followed by a time of fellowship.

The Installation Service will be led by Reverend James Duehring, Assistant to the Bishop of the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the ELCA.

*BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP will meet Wednesday, September 14th. There will be two meeting times available: 12-1pm (bring lunch) and 630-730pm (bring supper if you like.) both sessions include Zoom upon request.*



*Our September read is "Love Matters More: How Fighting to Be Right Keeps Us from Loving Like Jesus" by Jared Byas.*

*Our October read is "The Screwtape Letters" by CS Lewis. We will meet at Noon and 630pm on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AND UP will begin with an information meeting for students and adults on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 630-730pm. Classes will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>.*

*Adult volunteers are needed to help with Confirmation small group discussion. Please speak to Pastor Tera for information.*

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# ELC SUPPER CLUB

Tired of eating alone? Tired of having leftovers for days? Let's share supper and fellowship, gathering at the church kitchen. A host is needed for September 28<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Sign up in the narthex or by calling the church office.

During the month of September, we will collect donations for the Alger Baby Closet. Items such as diapers, and new or gently used baby clothing, blankets, bibs, etc, as well as monetary donations are needed. The Alger Baby Closet allows those caring for children to earn "Baby Bucks" with their involvement in programs and



learning opportunities. The Baby Bucks are used to "purchase" items from the Baby Pantry. If you or someone you know could benefit from the Baby Pantry, contact the LMAS Health Department at (906) 387-2297.

Your donated items can be placed in front of the altar, and monetary donations can be placed in the special offering basket.

We will recognize God's Work Our Hands in worship on September 11<sup>th</sup>, and donations will continue to be collected until Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

**ALGER BABY CLOSET**

**ABC**

**Baby Bucks** Earn As You Learn

- Diapers
- Books
- Clothing
- Safety Items
- Blankets
- Bathing Supplies
- Wipes
- Pack and Plays

...and so Much More!

**There are many ways to earn Baby Bucks. Just ask any of the following participating programs.**

LMAS District Health Department  
 Early On • CAAM • DHHS  
 Marquette-Alger Great Start Collaborative  
 Marquette-Alger RESA Early Head Start Program  
 Women's Center

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This fall, **our synod's Lifelong Faith Formation program** will focus on Bible studies, Lutheran traditions, youth ministry, and more. A theme running through the new schedule is our life together in the church: our congregations, the Northern Great Lakes Synod, the ELCA, and worldwide.



Beginning in September and October, the upcoming classes are:

- The Big Picture Bible Study
- Introduction to Biblical Hebrew
- Growing Younger: Sharing ideas to engage young people in our congregations
- Living Together as Church: Lutheran Structure and Function
- Romans: The Gospel According to Lutherans
- Taco, Cat, Goat, Bible, Pizza – Interpreting the Word as a Lutheran Today
- Why Do We Do That? Background on Liturgical Practices of Feast Days and Seasons.

All of the courses will be presented online via Zoom, with an added in-person option for “Living Together as Church: Lutheran Structure and Function.” The registration deadline is September 12. Contact Deacon Lori Ward at [lori.ward@nglsynod.org](mailto:lori.ward@nglsynod.org) or 615-519-1969 if you have questions or concerns.



1 John 5:14:

And this is the boldness we have in him [Jesus Christ], that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

**MORNING PRAYER** weekly on Tuesday mornings from 9-10:30am beginning September 13<sup>th</sup> those who are able to gather for Morning Prayer and fellowship.

**PRAYER CARDS** can be sent to anyone on our prayer list, or others in need of prayer. There are several cards that will be on the table in the back of the sanctuary for you to take and send out. If you would like to take charge of sending cards to people on the prayer list, please talk to Pastor Tera.

**PRAYER SQUARE MINISTRY** is a way for those who knit, crochet, or sew to create a small square with a cross in or on it. These squares can be given to those who are in need of prayer support. They will be prayed over during weekly Morning Prayer and can be delivered to anyone in need of prayer. They will be kept in the sanctuary on the altar, and you can deliver them as needed. Please see Prayer Square pattern below or find one online.

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### Knit Prayer Square with Cross in Center

Measures 3 3/4" x 4 3/4" using Size 7 Needles

CO 17

Row 1-4: knit across

Row 5: k2, p13, k2

Row 6: (ALL Remaining even rows, KNIT across)

Row's: (7, 9, 11, 13, 15): K2, p5, k3, p5, k2

Row's: (17, 19, & 21): k2, p2, k9, p2, k2

Row's: 23,25: Repeat row 7

Row 27: Repeat row 5

Row's 29-31: Knit across

Row 32: Bind off



### Crochet Prayer Square with Cross in Center

For 3 1/4" x 4 (without border) using Size F crochet hook and worsted weight yarn

Chain 15

Row 1-dc in fourth chain from hook and in ea chain across. ch 2, turn. (14 dc)

Row 2-dc in ea of next 5 dc, ch 1, sk 1 dc, dc in ea of next 6 dc (including ch), ch 2, turn

Row 3-5-repeat row 2

Row 6-dc, (ch 1, sk 1, dc) five times, dc in ch, ch 2, turn

Row 7-(dc in next dc and in next ch-1 sp) twice, dc in next dc, ch 1, sk 1 chains, (dc in next dc and in next ch-1 sp) twice, dc in last two stitches, ch 2, turn.

Row 8-repeat row 2

Row 9-dc in each dc across and in ch-1 sp

Border (optional): ch 1, sc around, working (sc, hdc, sc) OR 3 sc in corners. Work 2 sc in post of each dc along the side and 1 sc in each stitch along top and bottom.



# Blessing of the ANIMALS

Sunday  
October 9<sup>th</sup>

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## Eden Lutheran Council Meeting August 14, 2022

In person Meeting Present: Pastor Tera Kossow, Bruce Dausey, Elaine Robbins, Ruth Lindquist, Norma Dick, Lynn DeRoche, Becky Kolbus Absent: George Mannisto III

Opening Devotion: Pastor Tera read a portion of our church constitution that summarized our declaration of faith, and offered a prayer.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion by Norma D, seconded by Elaine R, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

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

Pastor's Report: Pastor Tera shared a draft invitation letter for her installation Sept 18. She met with Pastor Dave Van Kley about Fortune Lake's process of becoming a Reconciling in Christ organization and talked about ways we can support the camp. She also met this month with our ecumenical partners in Munising.

### Old Business:

-A leader is needed for our highway clean-up in October. Ruth L will draft something that Terry can put in the bulletin.

-The GAD dumpster was removed but we want to see if weekly service are available for a smaller container. Lynn D will email Terry to find out what GAD can offer.

-We don't currently have a cleaner for the church. The existing task checklist is outdated for our current needs. Becky K will draft a revised list that would be reasonable for the 10-12 hours/month we budget so we can look for someone.

-The ELCA domestic hunger grant discussed at our July meeting had an application window of April/May so we can't use it this year to support the Nifty Thrifty furnace replacement. We will watch for these grants next year to support our hunger ministry.

-It is time to think about snow removal again. We need to advertise for snow plowing and we need someone to shovel. Bruce D will write an ad so we can get plowing bids.

### New Business:

-Pastor Tera's installation service will be Sept 18 at 3:00. Saturday worship will be as usual but there will be no Sunday morning service. There will be fellowship afterward with light refreshments (cake, cheese and meat tray, veggie tray) that Bruce D will order. The color of the day will be red.

-Our bulk mail permit (for mailings over 200 pieces) will expire soon. Now that we use electronic tools for most of our newsletter delivery, we don't think we need it. We will let it lapse and get the \$39 refund from the account.

-The council accepts with regret the resignation of George Mannisto III. Motion by Norma D, seconded by Lynn D, carried.

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- Motion by Elaine R, seconded by Lynn D, to appoint Becky Kolbus to one of the current council vacancies. Motion carried.
- 9/11 God's Work Our Hands is a program for an annual service day. We will collect donations for the Alger Baby Closet during the month of September. Items like new or gently used baby clothing, blankets, bibs, etc and cash are needed.
- The City of Munising notified Eden of a proposed expansion to the boat launch near our property. The letter was referred to the Property Committee for action.
- The prayer chain needs to be updated. We will include a newsletter item on how prayer requests can be made and see if new people are interested in being in the prayer chain.
- Christian Education – the meeting announcements for confirmation students have been published.
- The Feeding America truck will be at Eden Aug 31.
- The council received a thank you note from Terry Kolbus.

Motion by Lynn D, seconded by Norma D, to adjourn. Motion carried.  
Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn DeRoche  
Council Secretary

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***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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