

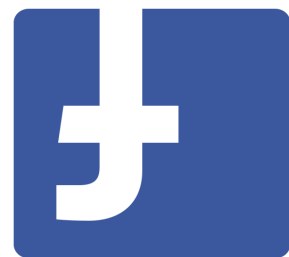


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The Voice

Welcoming All
Serving Others
Growing in Faith

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“When I think about my faith I am reminded of safety, hope, and of the love God represents, that His love is eternal as he walks with me in light and in darkness.”

“The Holy Spirit helps me believe, gives me strength when I struggle and guides me to do what is right. The Holy Spirit reminds me that I will never be alone, and helps me grow in relationship with God.”

These are just 2 quotes from the 11 faith statements that our 9th graders wrote this fall before being confirmed. They speak of young people who have a deeper, more hopeful perspective than much of their peers, and even society. They are a powerful testimony to me of the impact that our congregation makes in people’s lives... often without us ever fully realizing it.

This fall... through letters, bulletin inserts, temple talks in worship, and intent cards... we are lifting up the difference that you make in the lives of ours as you live your faith in this community. We have spoken about our church’s commitment to “Christ centered worship and action”, “welcoming more families and individuals”, and to “engaging our congregation and community”. These things are important to us, and they are worth supporting with our time, and our dollars. We are calling this, Moving Forward: Together in Faith.

Still, to accomplish this it takes all of us working together. I want to thank you for the ways you put your own faith in action through East Side Lutheran... for educating our young people, for the comfort you bring to grieving families, for helping to feed people who are hungry and welcoming the stranger. Your participation in the life of your church really matters, and it bears fruit.

This November, I am asking you to consider how you may increase your financial support to your church, and... to turn in an intent card on November 8 & 9. Doing this also matters, a lot, as we strive to connect with even more people, and grow in this amazing ministry at East Side Lutheran in the year to come. Remember we are in this...

Moving Forward, Together in Faith.



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Saturdays

5:30 pm

Sundays

8:00 am 10:00 am

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For 80 years we've received cards, letters, phone calls and e-mails from those who enjoy "being with you" in Sunday morning worship through our radio ministry.



"YOU make this possible! Your sponsorship allows this to happen AND can honor someone or something special in your life... anniversaries, birthdays, the memory of a loved one or simply gratitude of God's love.

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Sponsor a radio broadcast

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Online Sponsorships

Did you know that people in SD, ND, NV, WY, TX, OK, OH (and other states) regularly worship with us online... and then share the Good News in their local community. YOU make that possible!



Online Sponsorship—

\$50/Sunday!

November 2—In honor of Madeline Rygg's birthday by Lloyd & Peggy Nelson



As hearts simultaneously break and rejoice... please hold the following ESL families in prayer:

Robert "Bob" Koepke, Don Jensen

The following have been Honored this month to the glory of God through gifts given in their memory or honor to the work and ministry of East Side Lutheran.

Thank you for your generosity.

Phillip "Bart" Fauteck given by

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(gifts given as of October 27th)

Upcoming Events

Nov (TBD)	Rock Climbing (all ages)
Nov 9	Consecration Sunday
Nov 23, 11:15am	Thanks-for-Giving Meal
Dec (TBD)	Pavillion & Imax (MS/HS)
Dec 11	Caroling & Cheer (adults)

We celebrate with the following couples as they begin their life together. May God bless their marriage with peace and happiness, and may He guide their love.

- Kaylee Ness & Andrew Rosin
- Maxwell Peacock & Delaney Krogh
- Cameron Abbas & Rhea Greer
- DJ Ah Sam & Jennie Doeden

St. Lucia Festival St. Mark's Lutheran Church

St. Mark's 50th anniversary St. Lucia Festival will be held on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 AT 7:00 PM AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 AT 7:00 PM** at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 2001 S. Elmwood Ave, Sioux Falls. Doors will open one hour prior to the performances.

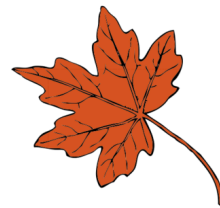
Please join us to enjoy Swedish treats, Swedish egg coffee, our own young dancers, and Lucia wearing her crown of candles. Our freewill offering this year will benefit Pueblo de Dios in Sioux Falls.

Please join us and invite your family and friends!

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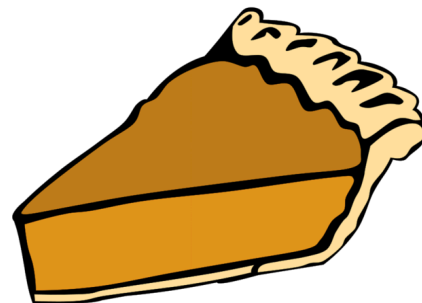
Thanksgiving "Pumpkin Pie"



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Word list:

CINNAMON	HEAT	RECIPE
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EGGS	MIX	TASTE
FILLING	OVEN	TREAT
FLAVOR	POUR	YUMMY



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT — RAY SCHUT



Counting Our Blessings

Thanksgiving is about a month away and that's the time when most folks gather around a table and give thanks for the blessings in their lives. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday of the year! What's not to like, turkey, gravy, stuffing, football and naps...need I say more?

I think it's important to remember to give thanks and count our blessings more than once a year. I include my thankfulness in my daily prayers because I have so much to be thankful for. So much that I'm not worthy of. So much that I never asked for or dreamed of having.

I'm thankful for God's forgiveness, for loving me even though I've given Him every reason not to. I'm thankful for a strong mind and a strong body, for my friends, my family and my church. I'm thankful for many things that I take for granted like a hot shower, food in the refrigerator and a soft bed.

I'm guilty of not giving thanks often enough. There are times during an ordinary day that I should give thanks for, what seem like, ordinary things. For not running that red light when I see the police pulling over the person that did, for not taking that job when I hear about the company laying off employees, the list goes on and on.

I learned at an early age that when you ask God for certain things, sometimes the answer is "No" and it's for good reason. He knows what's best for us, what we need and His answer is "No" not because he's tired of saying "Yes", it's because He has something better in store for us.

I would encourage you to count your blessings every day, give thanks for your life, your bounty and your loved ones. Say thank you to God. And this Thanksgiving share your blessings with those around the table. And, if you want to know how to make the best turkey and white wine gravy, give me a call. I may not come to the phone...I'll probably be watching football or taking a nap.



Are you a Thrivent Member? Have you applied for a grant in 2025? If you have not used your Thrivent dollars or if you are wanting more information about how to become a Thrivent Member contact Brad or Marsha Larson at 712-490-0136. They have a list of items that East Side Lutheran could use with the grant dollars. They also can answer any questions you may have about becoming a Thrivent Member and having access to a \$250 grant each and every year.

Thank you to all of you who have already applied for grants throughout the year which has helped to support many of the activities at East Side Lutheran.

COUNCIL MINUTES — WAYNE WOSJE

October 19, 2025

Present: Jon Cisar, Carla Midden, Danielle Champa, Gwen Oakland, Todd Brower, Brian Ensberg, Pastor Layne Nelson,
Guest secretary: Wayne Wosje

Vice President Cisar called the meeting to order at 11:25 am.

Motion to approve Agenda as presented by Carla Midden, seconded by Gwen Oakland, Motion carried.

Pastor Nelson gave devotions on the reformation followed by Luther's Morning Prayer.

Secretaries Report: Motion was made by Brian Ensberg, seconded by Gwen Oakland to approve the minutes from the September 14 meeting as presented, Motion Carried.

Vice President's Report: Vice President Cisar reported that it's a very busy time of year with everything that is going on.

Pastors' Reports: Pastor Nelson reported that we've had quite a few funerals and weddings. New members were received Oct 8th and 9th. Hiking event was attended by 12 people and was well received. "Beer and Theology" will be at 7:00 pm on the last Tuesday of each month at Monks. Confirmation Sunday is October 26th. Consecration Sunday is November 9th. Ninth grade Faith Statements have been taken place in worship and are well received by the congregation.

Financial Report: Brian Ensberg, Treasurer, and Wayne Wosje, Business Manager, presented the following financial report: Year to date through September our total net is (\$48,063) which is \$3,385 better than the budget. Offerings are up \$36,791, which is a 9.74% increase over last year. Rumage Sale proceeds of \$22,591 are now in the money market account. The balance of that account is \$84,745. The Finance Committee met on September 18. Discussion topics included the endowment fund, the switching of the capital money market account to Wells Fargo for a higher interest rate, and a possible 2026 campaign to pay off the mortgage. Mortgage balance is \$624,993. In late September we were victims of check fraud. One of our checks was intercepted in the mail and the person made duplicates and cashed five checks, was stopped on the sixth attempt. Police report was filed. Bank was contacted and processes are in place to prevent this from happening in the future. Carla Midden moved; Gwen Oakland seconded to approve the Treasurers report, Motion carried

Committee/Taskforce reports:

Stewardship - Jon Cisar reported bulletin inserts will be handed out the next three weeks. Also, there will be Temple Talks the next three weeks at the beginning of the services. The cover letter has been finalized and will be mailed out. The brochures have been finalized and will go out with letter number 2. Pledge cards will be collected on Consecration Sunday, November 9th. Annual Thanks for Giving meal will be November 23rd at 11:15 am.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS — JACKIE SWIDEN



Sunday School has been busy with the children using the curriculum most Sundays. Some classes have been using the movie room and craft room and by the sounds we are hearing echoing through the halls they are having a good time in their classrooms.

On Sunday, October 19th our 2nd & 5th grade students met in the Pre-K classroom and helped make treat bags for the 3rd & 4th grade classes.

November brings the time for us to begin practicing for the Sunday School Christmas program. We are doing things a bit different this year and will be presenting the program during the 10:00 AM Service on Sunday, December 21st. More information will be forthcoming.

There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, November 30th. Wishing everyone a blessed Thanksgiving.



Thanks For Giving Meal

Let us break bread together.....

You are invited to come to our congregation's "Thanks-for-Giving" meal on Sunday November 23rd in the fellowship hall. At this meal we will give thanks for our blessings, and celebrate the fruits of our 2026 stewardship appeal. We will also have an opportunity to receive an update on how we have stewarded the gifts of the congregation this past year. There is great ministry happening in our midst, and you are a part of that.

Lets us say "Thank you"... to you!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
2 8:00 & 10:00 Worship 11:30 Education Task Force <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	3 9:00 am Quilters—Lower Level	4 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship In the Barn	5 11:30 am WELCA Board Meeting 1:00 pm WELCA Bible Study 5:45 pm Bells 6:00 Supper—Ham & Cheese Sliders 6:45 Confirmation 7:00 pm Choir	6 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	7	8 5:30 pm Worship <i>All Saints Day</i>
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16 8:00 & 10:00 Worship 11:15 Council Meeting	17 <i>Newsletter Items Due</i>	18 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship In the Barn	19 5:45 pm Bells 6:00 Supper—Baked Spaghetti 6:45 Confirmation 7:00 pm Choir	20 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	21	22 5:30 pm Worship
23 8:00 & 10:00 Worship 11:00 am Giving Dinner 30 8:00 & 10:00 Worship No Sunday School	24 9:00 am Quilters—Lower Level	25 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship In the Barn 7:00 pm Beer & Theology	26 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service Followed by Pie and Fellowship		28 Church Office Closed	29 5:30 pm Worship

(Church Council Minutes continued...)

Education – Gwen Oakland reported the Christmas Program will be December 21st. Lock in had nine kids and they had a real good time. Probably do another in the spring. Trunk or Treat will be October 26th. Fire department is unable to come and still waiting to hear from the Police department. Confirmation will be going to Kids Against Hunger to prepare meals for those in need. We have jars out for donations as the cost is \$1,200. Shortage will be covered by the parking lot fundraiser.

Outreach – Danielle Champa reported that we fed 125 families when we partnered with Food to You and had a good group of volunteers. We have reached 1,395 followers on Facebook.

Evangelism – Please comment on Facebook on the Faith Statements that are on there.

Fellowship – Carla Midden reported that they will be handling the Confirmation Brunch on the 26th. Bingo date is to be determined. They will also be helping with the SS Easter Brunch and Eggstravaganza.

Property - Todd Brower reported Landscape Sprinkler has been secured for snow removal with minor increases in pricing. The new furnace is up and running with a new thermostat for the sanctuary. Our boiler was dinged with two violations on inspection. They are both being worked on. New ice machine has been installed. Thank you to Laird Raschke for doing that. Discussion of things that need to be done: New carpet in many areas, new flooring in the kitchen, stoves.

New Business: Select Planning Committee: November 15th Council Retreat to look at committee and staffing structure. Carla will work with Layne on an agenda for the retreat. Select Personnel Committee should have one Council member and two or more members. Please take 10 minutes to think about what we want to hire going forward.

Christmas Party date and location discussion. Have lunch at December 21st Council Meeting.

Other Business:

None

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm. Next meeting will be Sunday November 16, at 11:15 am

Respectfully submitted, Wayne Wosje, Guest Secretary



A Gift that keeps on giving. The St.Arbucks group that meets every Tuesday for fellowship at the Barn presented Pastor Layne Nelson with a new shirt for Pastor Appreciation Day. The Shirt reads

“ This Pastor Has An AWESOME CONGREGATION”

I am sure you would all agree we have an “AWESOME PASTOR” as well.

FELLOWSHIP HAPPENINGS — CARLA MIDDLEN



The Fellowship Committee prepared and served brunch for the eleven confirmands and their families on Sunday October 29th. May God bless you on your faith journey.

Plans are being made for BINGO which will be held on Sunday, February 22nd from 2-4pm in the Fellowship Hall at East Side Lutheran. We will be accepting donations for prizes after the first of the year. Prizes will be needed for all ages from children to adult.



TREASURER'S REPORT — BRIAN ENSBERG



Our church finance committee met on September 18, 2025. Representatives from Wells Fargo reviewed our endowment fund that has a balance of \$858,815. This November we will take a \$30,000 distribution as planned. The committee also discussed the switching of the capital money market account to a higher interest account and discussed a possible future campaign to pay off our mortgage balance of \$624,993.

Year-to-date as of September 30, 2025, our financial position is a deficit (48,063) which is \$3,385 better than budget. Offerings are up \$36,791, which is up 9.74% over last year. Thank you for your continued support of our church mission.

The St. Arbucks rummage sale proceeds of \$22,591 have been placed in our capital money market account to fund capital projects and other initiatives. This annual event has become a critical event in the financial life of our church! The total capital money market balance is \$84,745.

The complete year-to-date budget is posted on the church bulletin board.

Looking for Ways to HELP!



Purchase a HyVee, Franklin Food, Sunshine, Fareway, or Lewis gift card. Gift Cards/Debit Cards can be purchased in the amounts of \$25, \$50 and \$100 in the church office during the work week or in the narthex on Sundays.

Use them yourself or donate to the church to help pay for Wednesday night dinners.

Thank you for helping East Side Lutheran by purchasing a Debit Card for your shopping!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT - RANDY KOLDEN



While many wear different hats Randy Kolden wears many different robes/aprons. From Choir Robe to Lefse Apron to Dishwashing Apron you will find Randy Kolden busy volunteering around East Side Lutheran Church.

Randy grew up as an only child on a farm in Clark County with his Dad Arlo and Mom Dollie. His Grandparents were of Scandinavian Heritage. After graduating high school Randy attended Augustana College with a double major in Criminal Justice and Sociology. He worked as a police man, with the Child Support Office and at Hutchinson Technology. Working with people has always been important to Randy.

Randy has been a member of the ESL Choir for many years and enjoys singing. He has also been part of the Barber Shop Quartet for the past 20 years. The Quartet performs at many different venues and events. They have also been known to be singing-grams for birthdays, anniversaries and Valentines Day.

Growing up in a Scandinavian home there was plenty of home made lefse, sweat soup, Rommegrot, Krumkake, Rosettes and the list goes on and on. Randy learned how to make Lefse from his Mom Dollie. Eight years ago when he started making Lefse he shared some with Pastor Olaf and a few other members at ESL and that was the beginning of what is known as Randy's Lefse. It takes about 2 hours to make one batch of Lefse which equals 18 rounds. Randy estimates he makes 2500 to 3000 rounds of Lefse each year. Doing the math that is 166 batches of Lefse and around 333 hours in the kitchen. When I asked why he makes so much Lefse he stated "I love to see people smile". Three rounds of Lefse sell for \$5 and the proceeds are a fundraiser for ESL. Randy's Lefse also gets shipped out for orders from as far as Alaska, Florida, California and Arizona. Many people love Lefse but they do not have a grand-ma or mother to teach them so Randy has been asked by many groups to hold classes. Most recently he was asked to have a class for the Daughters of Norway. If you are interested in learning he has a U-Tube channel "Randy Making Lefse" where he not only shares the recipe but also tricks to making Lefse.



He trades in his Lefse apron for the Dishwashing apron whenever there is a need in the kitchen at East Side. From funeral, confirmation dinner or any event that dishes need to be washed you can find Randy at the dishwasher.

Randy is on the board for Food To You which is housed at East Side Lutheran. He volunteers each week picking up food for the distribution, setting up for the evening, serving those who are in need and cleaning up after the distribution.

Randy does all this because he loves to see people smile. Thank you Randy for all the smiles you put on many faces. God Bless You and the work that you do.