



AN EAST UNION EPISTLE

Worship—You are welcome to come **inside** the Sanctuary for worship, join us from the parking lot or through Facebook. This Sunday, **wear red!**

Roadside Clean-up—It is that time of year again! Roadside cleanup is this Sunday May 23rd! Meet at the church and we'll divide up into teams after worship and go out and clean up the roadside ditches. All ages welcome. Safety vests and garbage bags provided. Please bring your own work gloves and wear sturdy shoes. Hope to see you there!

Vacation Bible School—save these dates for a fun faith-filled fabulous adventure: July 12-15. Your friends, neighbors and besties are all welcome to join us, too! Our theme will be "Guided by the Light." This year's VBS will happen at our Sister church, West Union.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Worship Next Sunday, May 30th we will join with our Synod for worship on this Memorial Day weekend. Please note: this worship will only be available through our church's Facebook page.

CHURCH REQUESTS

Fellowship Folks It would be great to have some folks willing to serve coffee, lemonade and treats to worshippers. Beginning in June, we be re-starting fellowship. Is there a Sunday you could help?

Church Softball Team gearing up for another fun season. Our team plays each Monday evening in Chaska. Contact the church office or Ryan Bohn if you are interested.

Special Music We'd love to have your gifts of music enhance our worship. All ages and abilities are welcome.

Sunday School Teachers As we begin to look towards next Fall, we could use a couple new Sunday School teachers. Let Pastor know if you are interested.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Continued healing for **Marge Olson, Darcy Akerberg, and Tom Steers.**

Holy Comfort to the families of Kitty Seck and Kay Wieland.

For our members that live in Care Facilities: **Peter Sterbonic, Bev Anderson, Vangie Stai, Marilyn Loge, Don Atkins, Curt & Esther Lundquist.**

IF YOU HAVE A PRAYER CONCERN OR PERSONAL NEED – PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR AT ANYTIME.

(PLEASE SEE THE COUNCIL MINUTES ON THE REVERSE SIDE)

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CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES

April 2021 Meeting:

The remaining agenda from the annual meeting remains tabled at this time.

Church council is sad to announce the resignation of Charlotte Sandeen as our Youth Director. Charlotte has served in this role for many years and has done a wonderful job planning and driving participation in EULC youth programs. She will be dearly missed.

Plans for the youth director position have not been established at this time. If there are any willing members, please reach out to a member of the church council.

Coordination of the plant sale is being handled by team/committee from past events chaired by Lori Scott. Budgeted amount is OK. Scheduling for Mother's Day Saturday and expecting proceeds will be left in the general fund due to a considerable number of investments to the church property that were planned and approved in the church budget.

A discussion was held regarding our COVID-19 plans as our current church service plans ran through Easter. 41% of Minnesotans have received vaccine #1 and climbing, mask wearing is required and common practice, and it is expected that attendees will socially distance on their own since this has become a public standard. No contact tracing or registration is going to be conducted. Indoor services have begun under this mindset as of Sunday 4/18 and committees and leadership will monitor and adjust if needed. This is the first step towards regular operating procedures. There are likely to be some outdoor services as warmer weather returns. Feel free to contact the worship and music committee with any feedback as they work to restore other service needs and tasks as we move forward. The worship and music committee includes Carol Kolodejchuk, Kathy Schallberg, Barb Steers, Pastor Sarah, and Gordon Decker.

Church Council Meeting Minutes May 19, 2021 at 6:30pm in the Parish Center

Those present: Paul Lundquist, Alyssa Leisteko, Jason Wieland, Gordon Decker, Tom Strobel, Jane Mattheson, Tom Simonson along with Pastor Sarah and Gary Lokken

Devotions were shared by Pastor Sarah

Treasurer's Report was tabled as Barb was not present, but we did discuss account balances and a net income to the congregation from the plant sale of approximately \$2,500

Pastor's Report

- Attending a free virtual conference this week
- New copy machine was approved last month and installed recently
- Darcy is in the office 5/19m but then out with a surgery for an extended period of time. Rochelle Hasse is going to assist in the office in the meantime.
- Shut ins at the Lutheran Home were visited and it was wonderful.
- Graduates and a scholarship winner will be celebrated June 6th

- Memorial Day Sunday will be celebrated as a virtual service from the synod

Committee Reports

- Finance
 - Olander CD coming due 6/10, finance will find a new home for the funds with a decent interest rate
- Property
 - Cost for company to come out to estimate bat removal and cleanup was approved - Tim Simonson, Tom Strobel, AIF
 - Dave's burning process is considered a donation to the church
 - All fluorescent lights are updated in the parish center except the high ceiling areas
- Care for Creation
 - Ditch cleanup is this coming Sunday

New Business

- A request was submitted to re-establish the fellowship hour. Likely just coffee to begin. Starting June 6th. Signups will need to be coordinated.
- A newsletter mailing will be coming. A calendar of events will be included in a future mailing.
- Memorial Day honor guard will be present again at 7:30 am!
- Jeri Bowers has resigned from council. Vonda Gulden was the other candidate from the ballot at the annual meeting in January. Paul will reach out to her to see if she will fill in for Jeri for the remaining ~7 months of her term. Will announce this in a future newsletter once we confirm who is taking the spot.
- Restoration funds have been arriving. Paul and Gary both have letters and money to add to the fund. The property committee will use these funds for improvements at the church. Will follow up next month when Barb is present to see how we can establish a line item in our bookkeeping system to hold the balance until they are used.

Old Business

- Annual meeting is tentatively rescheduled for July 25th
 - Council will establish terms next month for current councilors for church approval as there has been some churn that may result in uneven terms.
 - Thank you for various committee/employees (Charlotte, Marvin, etc)
 - Any other business

Silent call-in auction will be conducted for the old church doors as there have been multiple parties who have expressed interest. Council recommends adding to newsletter and putting a deadline out ~2 weeks for the bidding process.

