EAST LEMONWEIR'S

FALL LUNCHEON,
BAKE SALE, & MORE
(Norwegian Pastries for sale too)

Saturday, November 01, 2025

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

at

EAST LEMONWEIR LUTHERAN CHURCH

4 miles south of New Lisbon on Hwy. 80

Lunch $9.00 for adults $3.00 under 12
Delicious Bakery items
Raffle items
Craft items
Napkins & Cards

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

Sponsored by the East Lemonweir W-ELCA

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship 9 am Bethany 10:30 am East Lemonweir		AA Meeting @ 6:30 pm Tue – East Lemonweir Thu - Bethany	12/3 Advent Worship @ 6:30	12/5 Annual Potluck Breakfast @ Bethany	12/7 Assemble fruit baskets after Bethany Worship	1 East Lemonweir Fall Lunch 1030-130
2 2am Time change 12pm Bethany Council All Saints Day	3	4 4 PM Rachel Circle	5 9 am Quilting	6 9 am Bible Study	7	8
9 BINGO After Bethany Worship 3pm Family Sunday School	10 Tomorrow is Veterans Day – Thank you.	11 Sharing Supper @ Bethany 4:30-6:30pm Free Will Offering Please Bring a Food Pantry Item	12 9 am Quilting	13 9 am Bible Study	14	15
16 Bethany Thank Offering Pies and Pie Plus Auction @ Bethany PM - Pastor leaves for 1st call Theological	17 Pastor at 1st call Theological	18 Pastor will be attending 1st call Theological	19 Beacon due 9 am Quilting	20 9 am Bible Study	21	22
23 Pastor Lisa Shank will lead worship. 30	24	25	26 9 am Quilting	27	28	29

NEW LISBON Community SHARING SUPPER

Nov 11, 2025
4:30 pm until **gone**
or 6:30 pm

Bethany Lutheran Church
of New Lisbon
618 W. River Street

FREE

Sharing is Caring!

Join us for our first Community Sharing Supper on Tuesday November 11th in our Fellowship/Community Room. Come and enjoy a warm homemade meal with your community

All are Welcome
Doors Open at 4:30

Bring a Food Pantry item if you are able

- Canned Food Items
- Cereal or Bread
- Peanut Butter
- Pasta & Sauce

ELCA

November 2025 Worship Assistants

Pastor Lisa Shank will be with us November 23rd.

East Lemonweir Readers

11/2 – Dawn Nelson

11/9 – Billie Jo Haschke

11/16 – Kathryn Pitcel

11/23 – Connie Wolfgram

11/27 – Audrey Scholl

11/30 – Diane Clark

Bethany

11/2

Assist Minister – Mark Hansen

Reader – Debby Hansen

Communion Asst – Mark Hansen

Ushers – Larry & Kathy Thome

11/9

Assist Minister – Beth Preuss

Reader – Betty Krotzman

Communion Asst -Michaele Korbein, Barb Parker, Betty Krotzman

Ushers – Karl Katuin and Tim Parker

11/16 – Bethany Thank Offering

Assist Minister – Michaele Korbein

Reader – Ross Hardie

Communion Asst – Michaele Korbein

Ushers – Shane Gesler & Beth Preuss

East Lemonweir Greeters

11/2 – Henry & Margarete Hummelbeck

11/9 – Jennifer Sarnow

11/16- Roger & Kathryn Pitcel

11/23 – Gayle Hempel

11/27 – Connie Wolfgram

11/30 – Roger & Dawn Nelson

Bethany

11/23 –

Assist Minister – Larry Thome

Reader – Sheila Stark

Communion Asst – Larry Thome, Betty Krotzman, Inger Kirkwood

Ushers – Mark & Debby Hansen

11/30

Assist Minister – Galen Lingl

Reader – Barb Parker

Communion Asst – Galen Lingl, Barb Parker, Mark Hansen

Ushers – Beth Preuss & Collette Schultz

****Time Change 11/2 – Remember to fall back.****

Please help me update your records.
I need your information for the celebration list and the contact list. If no changes, please return with your name and indicate no changes. Thank you.

Name(s)_____

Address _____ _____

Email _____ _____

Phone Numbers _____ _____

Birthdates with names and Anniversary dates_____

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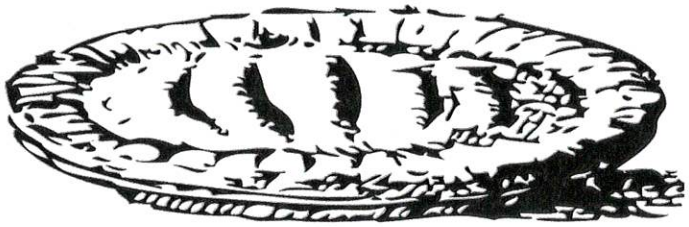
Would you consider volunteering to help with worship?

Would you consider reading, greet/usher, serving communion, assisting Pastor as an Assistant Minister, or helping to host coffee after church? Pastor or any of us, currently doing these jobs, will assist you.

If you are new to the church, that is great, we would love you to volunteer. Please consider, talk to us about what you would be comfortable doing, and thank you for considering.

Fall Fun for Funding

~ to replenish funds from summer projects (air conditioning/parking lot/windows, etc.) and/or for Pastor Lucy's discretionary needs



- Pies and Pie Plus Auction (November 16th) – members donate pies. Minimum bid is $10; $15 minimum bid for Pie Plus (pie plus another item like scratch off cards, wine, cookies, etc.)

What additional giving to
Building and Grounds can look like:

IF...

- 20 envelopes donate an extra $5 per month .....**$1,200** (20 X $5 X 12 months)
- 20 envelopes donate an extra $10 per month .....**$2,400** (20 X $10 X 12 months)
- 20 envelopes donate an extra $5 per week .....**$5,200** (20 X $5 X 52 weeks)
- 20 envelopes donate an extra $10 per week .....**$10, 400** (20 X $10 X 52 weeks)

BINGO at Bethany

November 9th

Hint for the big prize game: **Thankful**!

**You can donate prizes to the Bingo Basket, if you want.
Hope to see and hear you on the 9th!

Bethany Lutheran Church – New Lisbon, Wisconsin

Church Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Council Members Present:	Karl Katuin, Pastor Lucy Hardie, Mark Hansen, Debby Hansen, Inger Kirkwood, Glenda Swinehart, Michaele Korbein, Deanna Smith, Larry Thome
Council Members Absent:	None
Guests:	None

Agenda

Call to Order:	President Karl Katuin called the Council meeting to order at 11:58 AM
Agenda Approval:	Karl Katuin presented the agenda for approval. There was an additional item added to the agenda: Church Inventory. ***Mark Hansen made a motion to accept the meeting agenda as amended, seconded by Inger Kirkwood; motion passed 8-0.***
Devotion:	Mark Hansen shared a devotion based on the Gospel from October 5 – Luke 17:5-10 and how our acts of service can lead to spiritual growth.
Secretary's Report: *(Larry)*	Michaele Korbein presented the minutes from the September 2025 Council Meeting as Larry Thome was absent at that meeting. There were no questions on the report as presented. ***Debby Hansen made a motion to accept the September 2025 Council Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Michaele Korbein; motion passed 8-0.***
Treasurer's Report: *(Michaele)*	Michaele Korbein presented the General Fund Checking Register, the Statement of Financial Position, the Savings Summary Report, the Statement of Financial Income and Expense and the Bethany Memorial Summary Report as of September 30, 2025. There were no questions or comments on the reports as presented. ***Mark Hansen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's reports as presented, seconded by Inger Kirkwood; motion passed 8-0.***
Pastor's Report:	Pastor Lucy was asked by the New Lisbon PTC (Parents and Teachers for Children) organization is Bethany could help bake some treats for the teachers in appreciation for all they do. Glenda Swinehart will help with the baking. Pastor Lucy will speak with Sonja Preuss (New Lisbon School Nurse) on getting names of families for Gift Cards in lieu of Thanksgiving baskets. There will most likely be three baptisms at Bethany before the end of the year. There will be a Communion Class for those children who want to receive Holy Communion for the first time. It will also include a "refresher" class for those who already receive Communion but want to learn more about why Communion is important. Blessing of the Health/Baby kits and Quilts will take place on October 19.

Committee Reports

Education: *(Deanna)*	Family Sunday School is set for October 12 with the theme, "Noah". There seems to be a lot of interest in attending.
Discipleship: *(Glenda and Debby)*	Fundraising efforts are going well and we're starting to replenish funds spent on summer projects. Planning for decorations for Christmas in the Park (Riverside).
Social Concerns: *(Inger)*	Health and Baby Kits will be packed on October 12th after service and then blessed on October 19th before shipping off to those in need.
Property: *(Mark)*	Property updates will be covered as agenda items.
Worship: *(Larry)*	Supply Pastor Lisa Shank will lead worship on November 23rd. Larry mentioned how difficult it is to get Supply Pastors from the La Crosse area because of our location. Pastor Lucy suggested also looking at the Central Wisconsin Synod for Supply Pastors.

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Old Business

Online Giving:

Larry Thome presented a comparison of four different options for online giving (Vanco, Tithe.ly, Easytithe and Givelify). Each option has transaction fees (2.6% to 2.9%) of giving amount plus a flat rate for each transaction ($0.30 to $0.45). Generally, these fees would be deducted from the amount donated, but for Vanco and Tithe.ly, the donor can "cover the fees."

Easytithe has additional fees on top of the transaction fees.

Vanco, Tithe.ly and Easytithe allow for credit and debit cards and ACH/Bank transfers. Givelify does not allow ACH/Bank transfers.

Based on these and other comparisons, the Council would like to have a deeper review into Tithe.ly to better understand their capabilities.

Larry Thome will look into providing these details and possibly setting up a demo for the next meeting.

Pastor Annual Review:

The Executive Council is preparing an annual performance review for Pastor Lucy. Last year was the first time that this was done and the plan is to try and complete this by the end of October.

Church Storm Insurance:

In August, New Lisbon was struck by a summer storm with much rain, wind, and hail. There was widespread damage throughout the area, and Bethany experienced hail damage to the siding of the parsonage and part of the siding of the church building. There was insignificant impact to either roofs.

A claim was filed with State Farm, and after an adjustor reviewed the damage, a check was provided to Bethany in the amount of $22,000 (total claim was $28, 000, but depreciation and deductible were taken out of the total claim.

Two estimates were received for fixing the damage:

	Steadfast	E&S Construction
Parsonage	$14,350	$13,606
Church	$9,250	$5,361
Total	$23,600	$18,967

Before we could move forward with this work, the Council reviewed the Bethany Constitution:

- *Section C 12.05c: The Congregation Council may enter into contracts of up to $4,000 for items not included in the budget. Designated gifts are exempt from these requirements.*
- *Section C 12.05d: The Congregation Council shall prepare an annual budget for adoption by this congregation, shall supervise the expenditure of funds in accordance therewith following its adoption, and may incur obligations of more than $4,000 in excess of the anticipated receipts only after approval by a Congregation Meeting.*

As the cost for this work exceeds the $4,000 limit the Council has authorization to spend without a Congregational meeting, we consulted with one of our auditors and Bishop Malpica as to if we could move forward without calling a Congregational meeting.

The consensus was that as this insurance money was a designated amount for a specific purpose, and that the amount was being used to restore an asset to a previous/proper state, the Council could approve spending this amount without a Congregational meeting.

Mark Hansen made a motion to accept the $13,606 bid from E&S Construction to fix the parsonage damage, seconded by Deanna Smith; motion passed 8-0.

Mark Hansen made a motion to accept the $5,361 bid from E&S Construction to fix the church damage, seconded by Inger Kirkwood; motion passed 8-0.

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New Business	
Snow Plowing:	Bethany is looking to use the same company to plow the parking lot as we did last season. Michaele Korbein has reached out to them, but is waiting for a response back. This will be included in the November meeting.
Security During Worship:	Given some of the unfortunate violent occurrences happening in our world today, the Council discussed how we could worship a little "safer." There was a discussion about locking the doors during worship. ***Mark Hansen made a motion to have the ushers look the doors during worship 10 minutes after the start, and unlock the doors 5 minutes before the end of worship, seconded by Debby Hansen; motion passed 8-0.*** Larry Thome will update the usher procedures with this change, and Mark Hansen will also do some research on other safety procedures that we may want to implement.
Church Inventory:	Debby Hansen brought up that there were a number of larger items in the church that were not being used and just taking up space. Some of the items were a couple of pianos, filing cabinets, desks, percussion equipment. It was discussed that the congregation should be notified of these items to determine if somebody would like these, and if not, look to sell online (i.e. Marketplace).
Next Meeting:	The next Council meeting will be November 2, 2025 at 12:00 PM. Devotions and Announcements for November will be Larry Thome.
Prayer/Adjourn Meeting:	Pastor Lucy led the Council in a prayer. ***Michaele Korbein made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larry Thome; motion passed 8-0.*** The meeting adjourned at 1:33 PM.

Submitted by Larry Thome, Council Secretary

EAST LEMONWEIR LUTHERAN CHURCH
Council Meeting
October 19, 2025

Present: Roger Nelson, Audrey Scholl, Gayle Hempel, Roger Pitcel, Kathryn Pitcel, and Marlene Pelton.
Absent: Pastor Lucy Hardie, Connie Wolfgram, and Margarete Hummelbeck.

President Roger Nelson called the October 19, 2025 council meeting to order, following Sunday morning coffee fellowship.

Marlene Pelton pointed out several items that need to be corrected in the secretary reports of July, August, and September 2025. She will discuss with our secretary to amend. With corrections in place Marlene Pelton made a motion to approve the secretaries report. Second by Roger Pitcel. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gayle Hempel to approve the treasurer's report. Second by Audrey Scholl. Motion carried.

There are still some who have not completed their Yearly Review Input form on Pastor Lucy Hardie's performance. Roger Nelson will meet with Bethany's President, Karl Katuin at a future date to go over the joint responses.

Marlene Pelton reported that she spoke to Melvin Miller regarding completion of the installation of the outdoor storm windows and the arch above each window. His intention is to be at East Lemonweir on October 22 or 23, 2025.

A&M Masonry, Inc. has all the mortar removed, and will begin replacing it the week of October 19, 2025.

Roger Nelson advised that AA has asked to host a District Wide Luncheon in November 2025. Roughly 80 attendees. The room can host that number comfortably.

Motion to adjourn by Roger Pitcel, second by Gayle Hempel. Motion carried.

Closed with praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Pelton, pro-tempore

W-ELCA News

Mission statement: To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

***November Bible study** is session three of the money, stewardship and generosity with November's study focusing on generosity. There's a wideness in God's mercy. This lesson considers God's generosity and how we can reflect that generosity.

***Thank you** to everyone who helped with our baby care kits. This kit includes many items and we're thankful to have assembled 16 kits.

***Thankoffering Service Nov.16.** Thankofferings are a long-standing custom among Lutheran women. We give in thanksgiving for blessings received – and we do receive so many blessings, don't we? And we are so grateful. That's why we give Thankofferings - gifts from individuals in gratitude for blessings. Lutheran women have been carrying out this tradition for more than 100 years. Many women often practice the Thankoffering daily by setting aside coins or small offerings in a Thankoffering jar or box, to give thanks for blessings in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of life.

***Christmas Potluck Brunch Friday, Dec. 5th**

WHEN: Friday, Dec. 5th at 10:00 a.m.
WHERE: Fellowship Hall
PLEASE BRING: (if you choose) Exchange gift up to $5
Nonperishable item for the food pantry.

***Fruit Baskets -** Sunday, Dec. 7 – assemble fruit baskets after church. We'd appreciate donations of ½ dozen cookies to include in these baskets.

Upcoming events:
Sunday, Nov. 16 – Thankoffering Service
Friday, Dec. 5th @10:00 a.m. – Annual Potluck Brunch
Sunday, Dec. 7th – assemble fruit baskets after church

A thought: Find inspiration in the falling leaves and the crisp November air.

NOVEMBER 2025 CELEBRATIONS

Bethany Birthdays

Douglas Haske – 2

Tim Parker – 3

Karl Katuin – 7

Lisa Klinker – 11

Mary Gollmar – 12

Janene Lingl – 14

Lynn Benson -16

Jordan Lucas – 17

Nick Wyss – 20

Brad Bever – 21

Al Rhea - 21

Lilley Wyss – 23

Barbara Parker – 24

Sheila Stark – 25

Anna Kirkwood - 17

Sonja Haske - 29

East Lemonweir Birthdays

Donald Wetley – 4

Roger Onsager – 16

Patty Thompson - 18

We do not have any November Anniversaries for either church.

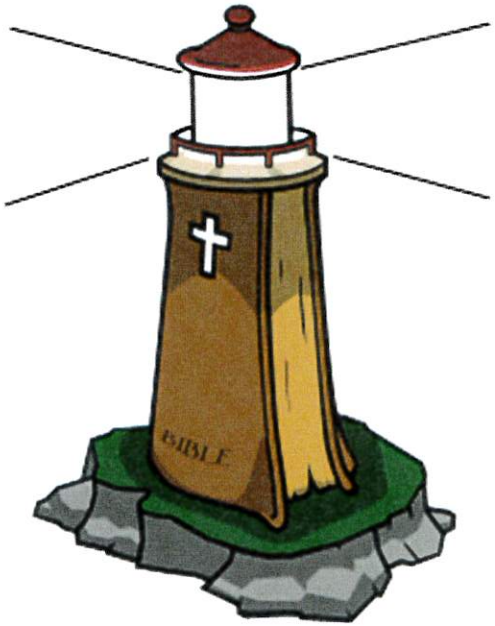
Happy Thanksgiving!

Bethany and East Lemonweir Lutheran Churches
618 West River Street
New Lisbon, WI. 53950

RETURN SERVICES *REQUESTED*

The Beacon

Bethany / East Lemonweir Parish
November 2025



"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." – ***Psalm 136:1***