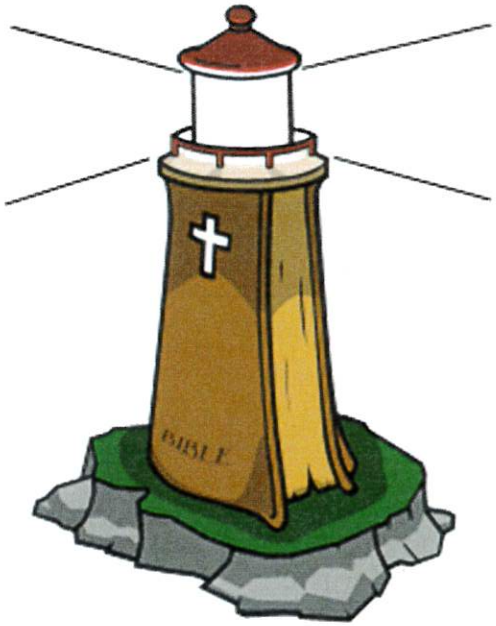
Bethany and East Lemonweir Lutheran Churches
618 West River Street
New Lisbon, WI. 53950

RETURN SERVICES *REQUESTED*

The Beacon

Bethany / East Lemonweir Parish
October 2025



"Your arm is endowed with power; your hand is strong, your right hand exalted.
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.
Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, LORD."

Psalm 89:13-15 (NIV)

October 2025 Worship Assistants

East Lemonweir Readers

10/5 – Roger Nelson

10/12 – Bret Haschke

10/19 – Audrey Scholl

10/26 - Jennifer Sarnow

East Lemonweir Greeters

10/5 – Connie Wolfgram

10/12 – Audrey Scholl

10/19 – Diane Clark

10/26 – Ted Haschke

Bethany

10/5

Assistant Minister – Larry Thome

Reader – Ross Hardie

Communion Assistant – Larry Thome

Ushers – Mark & Debby Hansen

10/12 –

Assistant Minister – Mark Hansen

Reader – Debby Hansen

Communion Assistants – Mark Hansen, Inger Kirkwood, Barb Parker

Ushers – Shane Gesler & Tim Parker

Bethany

10/19

Assistant Member – Beth Preuss

Reader – Sheila Stark

Communion Assistant – Beth Preuss

Ushers – Larry & Kathy Thome

10/26

Assistant Minister – Michaele Korbein

Reader – Betty Krotzman

Communion Assistants – Michaele Korbein, Deanna Smith, Betty Krotzman

Ushers – Beth Preuss & Collette Schultz

October 2025

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	**1** 9 AM Quilting	**2**	**3**	**4**
5 Altar Communion, After Bethany Worship- Find the Football, Helmet and Player	**6**	**7**	**8** 9 AM Quilting	**9** **9 AM Bible Study Resumes**	**10**	**11**
12 Continuous Communion 10 AM Family Sunday School, Packing Quilts, Health & Baby Kits	***13***	**14**	**15** 9 AM Quilting	**16** 9 AM Bible Study	**17**	**18**
19 Altar Communion Pastor leaves for Cont. Education	**20** Pastor @ Cont. Education	**21** Pastor @ Cont. Education	**22** 9 AM Quilting	**23** 9 AM Bible Study	**24**	**25** **Quilts & Health & Baby Kits will be taken to Wi Rapids.** **Wedding @ Bethany.**
26 Continuous Communion	**27**	**28**	**29** 9 AM Quilting	**30** 9 AM Bible Study	**31** 	1 **East Lemonweir Fall Lunch/Craft show from 10:30-1:30** Daylight Savings Time Ends 2am Nov 2nd. An extra hour of sleep 11/1.

W-ELCA News

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

Some ladies of Bethany enjoyed visiting our shut ins. It was good seeing them and they appreciated our visit. Another group of our ladies enjoyed a tour on the LaCrosse Queen – this was a great time filled with history, beautiful scenery created by our God, good food and fellowship. Our thanks to the Women of the ELCA LaCrosse synod who planned this event.

Items for the Baby Care Kits are welcomed. Please place any donations in the crib in the narthex. We could use diapers, receiving blankets and sleepers. Thanks to those who have provided so generously for this effort!

Bible study for October is the second lesson of our series of 3. This lesson focuses on stewardship – how do we tend our treasure?

A thought: Another fall, another turned page. W. Stegner

<u>Upcoming events:</u>
Oct - W-ELCA - TBD
Oct. 24-26-Sugar Creek Women's Retreat
Oct 30 – Sugar Creek's trip to the Fireside for "It's a Wonderful Life".
Nov. – Thakoffering service

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.Bethany Lutheran Church, New Lisbon, WI
Church Council Meeting Minutes
Sunday, September 7, 2025

Council Members present: Pastor Lucy Hardie, Mark Hansen, Michaele Korbein, Glenda Swinehart, Karl Katuin, Deanna Smith, Inger Kirkwood, Debbby Hansen
Council members absent: Larry Thome

1. Call to Order: President Karl Katuin called the council meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda: **Mark Hansen made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Glenda Swinehart; motion passed 8-0.**
3. Devotions: Debby Hansen provided devotions.
4. Secretary's Report: **Glenda Swinehart made a motion to accept the August 10, 2025 Council meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Deanna Smith; motion passed 8-0.**
4. Treasurer's Report: The August year-today-financial reports were presented. **Mark Hansen made a motion to accept the March Treasurer's reports as presented, seconded by Inger Kirkwood; motion passed 8-0.**
5. Pastor Report: Pastoral care was provided with Bert Bigalke's passing. Also to note, Pastor will be on vacation for the next two weeks/weekends.
6. Committee Reports:

a. ***Education***: Family Sunday School started off the school year with fun pumpkin decorating; the congregation will vote with cents for the best pumpkin. The group will meet again in October. Looking to have more youth involvement in worship. Adult bible study also begins again, with the last part of The Chosen, followed by a study of the book of Romans since the last season of The Chosen is not out yet. A First Communion class will be held, but there will not be a confirmation class.
b. ***Discipleship:*** Cookies sold in the Pumpkin Cookies fundraiser benefitting buildings and grounds were all sold out, addressing part of a plan to help replenish finances used to maintain the church property. For Outreach, the banner for the Christmas display for the Lights in the Park looks to be still in good shape.
c. ***Property:*** Hail damage was found mainly on the north sides of both the parsonage and the church from the August 16 storm. An insurance claim was started through State Farm, with repair estimates so far received from Eldon of E&S for the parsonage roof for $12,497, parsonage siding for $13,606, church roof for $253, and church siding for $5,361.50. Once the insurance adjuster views the damage and sends in their findings, the work will be put out for bid. Estimates are also being sought for installation of an outlet for the heat tape.
d. ***Social Concerns:*** Collections continue for Health Kits. Since towels hold kits together, towels were counted - 85 were received so far. Additional kit items will be purchased with health kit funds received and set aside in savings. A list of items needed is on the bulletin board. Contributions can also be to baby kits that WELCA is doing -needed items are listed in the baby crib in the narthex. Thank you to all who donate to these concerns.
e. ***Worship:*** While Pastor Lucy is on vacation in September, Pastor Mark Jolivette will be here to lead worship and provide communion on the 14th; and then Larry Thome will lead worship on the 21st. Then on November 23, Pastor Lisa Shank will be here to lead worship and provide communion. Midweek Advent services will be held in December, with the theme of prayer around the cross. Dinners will also be held before each service, possibly with East Lemonweir, Bethany, and WELCA each providing/serving one meal.

7. Old Business:

a. ***Explore online giving options:*** This will be put on October's agenda for discussion.

8. New Business:

a. ***Pastor's insurance:*** Synod changed insurance plans for 2026, going from 5 plans down to 4, in an effort to improve the insurance and keep costs lower for congregations. Details were reviewed and discussed on the information provided. The choice on which insurance plan we are going with needs to be made well ahead of budgeting to be able to sign up for the plan of our choosing by the October 14 deadline. Of the 4 plans, Synod recommended the Select CoPay 2000 -which is most comparable to the Gold+ plan we currently have for Pastor, and which Pastor agrees meets their needs. East Lemonweir's council was also provided with this information, for discussion and possible approval of any plan Bethany approves. Based on going with Synod's recommendation in the past, **Mark Hansen made a motion, seconded by Debby Hansen, to go with the Select CoPay 2000 insurance plan as presented for Pastor for 2026; motion passed 7/0 with Pastor abstaining.** Michaele Korbein will notify Roger Nelson of East Lemonweir of Bethany's choice.
b. ***Pastor review:*** An annual review of Pastor will be done by Executive Committee, to include East Lemonweir.
c. ***Insurance adjuster building review scheduled:*** This will happen soon, as noted under Property, above.

9. Next Meeting: Next Council meeting will be October 5, 2025 at 12 noon, with Mark Hansen providing devotions. He will also have Sunday announcements for the month of October.
10. Adjourn Meeting/Closing Prayer: **Glenda Swinehart made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Deanna Smith; motion passed 8-0.** The meeting adjourned at 12:54pm.

Respectfully submitted by Michaele Korbein, Secretary pro tem

Please let the office know -

If you or a family member's celebration is not listed, please let me know if you WANT a celebration listed. If you do not want to be listed, please let me know that, too.
If you have moved or changed your phone number, please let me know.
Life happens, so if you cannot serve as an usher, reader, or communion assistant, if possible, please find a replacement by exchanging or letting us know.
Do you have a prayer request or you no longer wish to be on the prayer, list please keep us updated. Thank you, Betty

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Needed monthly for only Bethany's budgeted expenses: $10,866,61

	August	Year To Date
Offerings+Other Income received	$ 12,062.09*	$ 101,783.17*
Expenses paid	$ 20,975.75**	$ 131,290.92***

* includes East Lemonweir's budget reimbursements
** includes windows, boiler pump repair, narthex a/c, insurance expense
*** includes final roof work

East Lemonweir Council Meeting

August 10, 2025

Present: Pastor Lucy, Roger Nelson, Marlene Pelton, Audrey Scholl, Kathryn Pitcel, Roger Pitcel, Gayle Hempl, Margarete Hummelbeck, Connie Wolfgram

Absent: No one

Roger Nelson called the meeting to order following worship service.

The church basement has foundation issues. The recommendation is to grind every block and then reset the blocks. The two sides of steps will require coating for a cost of $4500.

The above concerns will need council approval and will be taken to the congregation.

Motion to approve was made by Roger Pitcel and second by Gayle Hempl. Motion approved.

Motion to adjourn was made by Roger Pitcel and second by Marlene Pelton. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wolfgram

East Lemonweir

Council Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2025

Present: Pastor Lucy, Roger Nelson, Roger Pitcel, Audrey Scholl, Kathryn Pitcel, Gail Hempl, Marlene Pelton, and Connie Wolfgram

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 by President Roger Nelson. Pastor Lucy led us in prayer.

The Secretary Report was reviewed, and approved. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Gail Hempl and Kathryn Pitcel seconded the motion.

The Treasurer Report was reviewed and approved. Motion to accept the report was made by Audrey Scholl and seconded by Connie Wolfgram.

The church's siding and roof have been completed. The windows have not been installed as they are not made been received. The windows are produced in Pennsylvania.

The early Propane Budget program for 2000 gallons of propane was reviewed. The motion to approve the propane contract was made by Marlene Pelton and seconded by Gayle Hempl.

Pastor Lucy reported that the church secretary, Betty Krotzman has jury duty. Pastor also shared there will be a funeral service at East Lemonweir at 12:30 with a lunch to follow. Pastor shared her experience at Sugar Creek Bible Camp went well. Pastor will be taking vacation time in September. She will not be here September 14th or 21st.

Marlene Pelton reported the Wa Du Shuda Ice Cream Stand fund raiser went well with a result of $392.30. Thrivent funds are doing well.

Patching of parking lot is ongoing. The tuck pointing needs to be done.

A motion to adjourned the meeting was made by Roger Pitcel and Marlene Pelton seconded. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wolfgram, Secretary

East Lemonweir Council Meeting

September 21, 2025

Present: Roger Nelson, Marlene Pelton, Roger Pitcel, Gayle Hempl, Audrey Scholl, Kathryn Pitcel, Connie Wolfgram

Absent: Pastor Lucy, Margarete Hummelbeck

Roger Nelson called the meeting to order at 11:15 am.

Motion to approve the Secretary Minutes by Gayle Hempel, second by Audrey Scholl. Motion was carried.

Motion to approve Treasurer Report by Marlene Pelton and second by Gayle Hempl. Motion was carried.

Marlene Pelton noted the proposed Wedding Planner has some typos but the content is good. Roger Pitcel made motion to approve the wedding and funeral guidelines. Gayle Hempl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion of Pastor's 2026 Health Insurance Plus Select co-pay $2000 is most. Motion to accept by Audrey, second by Marlene. Motion carried.

Synod yearly review of Pastor. We will make notes and ideas. We will bring this back to Roger Nelson next week.

Storm windows are not yet installed.

Contract to A&M Masonry from Beaver Dam for tuck pointing on September 8th.

Marlene Pelton shared $150 has been sent to the Synod for World Hunger, and these funds came from the penny jar. The chimney cap has been painted. Old annual reports are available. Reminder that the church is accepting aluminum pull tabs.

Roger Pitcel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marlene Pelton, seconded the motion. The motion carried. We closed by praying the Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wolfgram, Secretary

Fall Fun for Funding

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

- Envelopes numbered 1-50 will be placed on a table, and people are encouraged to take envelopes and donate the amount on the envelope. If all envelopes are returned it will total $1,250 and will receive a $1,250 match and a $1,000 match. **The power of matching could turn $1,250 of donations into $3,500.

What additional giving to
Building and Grounds can look like:

IF...

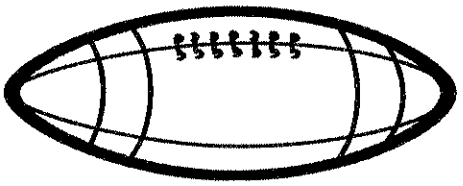
- 20 envelopes donate an extra $5 per month .....**$1,200** (20 X $5 X 12 months)
- 20 envelopes donate an extra $10 per month .....**$2,400** (20 X $10 X 12 months)

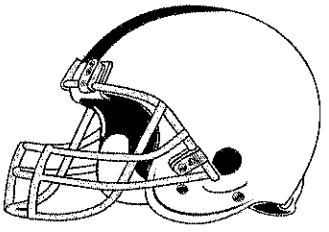
- 20 envelopes donate an extra $5 per week .....**$5,200** (20 X $5 X 52 weeks)
- 20 envelopes donate an extra $10 per week .....**$10, 400** (20 X $10 X 52 weeks)

October 5th Following Service:

*For Fun: Find the Football, Football Player, or Football Helmet

*More directions will be given on the 5th.
Don't worry – it'll be easy!





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

- It's time for the Bethany Hat and Mitten Tree!
- Donations of hats, mittens, scarves, gloves, etc. are appreciated.
- The tree will show up this month (October).
- The donations will be available in Riverside Park during "The Lights in the Park" event.
- This is another way that Bethany supports our Out-Reach efforts.

JUNEAU COUNTY
AGING EXPO

A free event for older adults, caregivers and community members

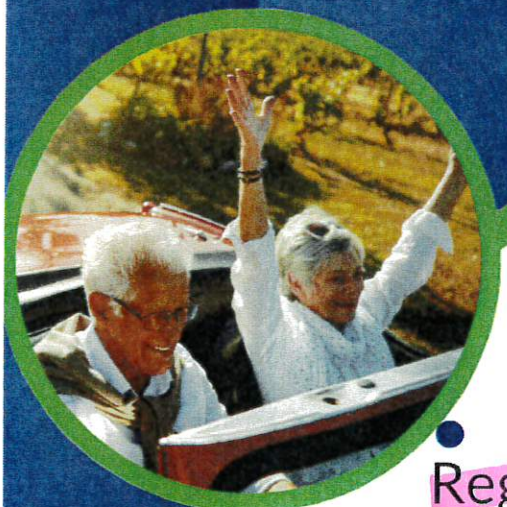
October 3, 2025

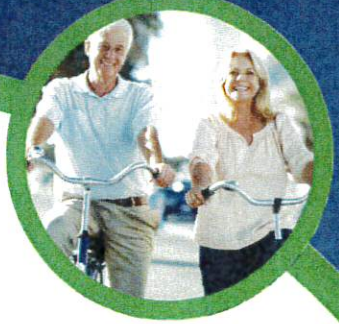
10am - 2pm

Mauston High School

800 Grayside Ave, Mauston WI 53948

- Learn about community resources to help you age well
- Free lunch and raffle prizes
- Informational breakout sessions
- Vendor Fair featuring local programs and services
- Flu vaccination clinic, must provide insurance card





Register at 608-847-9371.
Registration is required.

ADRC
Aging and Disability Resource Center
of Eagle Country

OCTOBER 2025 CELEBRATIONS

If a CELEBRATION is not listed, please call 608 562 3807.

East Lemonweir Birthdays

Toni Stoughtenger – 12

Lynn Ormson – 13

East Lemonweir Anniversaries

Roger & Julie Onsager – 2

Bethany Birthdays

Carmen Heffler – 1

Brantley Wyss – 3

Susan Powell – 7

Collette Schultz – 9

Galen Lingl – 18

Christopher Faber – 24

Angela Krizan – 24

Bethany Anniversaries

Ross & Angela Krizan – 4

Don & Sue Powell – 8

Mark & Debby Hansen – 20

Douglas & Sonja Haske - 29