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WORSHIP SERVICES
Saturdays: 5:30 pm
Sundays: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
KXRB Radio at 11:00am on 1140 AM
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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It can also be downloaded from our website.

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Worship Services

Saturdays

5:30 pm

Sundays

8:00 am 10:00 am

Radio Broadcast: KXRB 1140 AM or 100.1 FM

Sundays, 11:00 am

OnLine: Facebook, YouTube, and ESL Website

Sundays, 8:00 am

Confirmation,

Choirs, and our Meals

resume January 8th

Radio Sponsorship:



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're the church on the radio!"

-Sioux Falls Resident

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. THANK YOU! If you would like to help support this special ministry call the church office at 605-336-3597.

11:00am on KXRB Radio (1140 AM or 100.1 FM)

Sponsor a radio broadcast - \$255/Sunday!

Jan 5—in Memory of Mary Jane Bernard given by Family & Friends

Jan 12—in Memory of Alice Kruse given by Joyce Fuyok and Laurie McKnelly

Jan 19—in Memory of Harold & Ruby Perry given by Rose Ebdrup



Online Sponsorship:

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!

Sponsor an online broadcast—\$50/Sunday!

Sunday School News

The students in our Sunday School program ended the year with their Christmas program, the Fumbly Bumbly Angels. We want to thank Ruby Young our 3rd & 4th grade Teacher for taking on directing this year's program along with the Teachers for all their work. The 3rd annual "Cookie Fellowship" proceeded the program and it was so much fun to see the children and guests interacting and having a fun time. A special shoutout to our kitchen crew, Rachel Fey, Sara Benning, Gayle Lee & Gwen Oakland. When we asked for cookies for the "cookie fellowship" we were blessed with more cookies than we needed. Thank you to those who brought cookies, the freezer is stocked thanks to your generosity.

We are ready to jump into working on milestones and special projects during the remaining months of the Sunday school year. We are excited to have two new students joining our classrooms when we return from the Christmas, New Years break.



Blessings!

Jackie Swiden, Sunday School Director



BINGO is Coming!!!

We are in need of prizes for people of all ages for our BINGO party, March 2 from 2:00—4:00 pm in the Fellowship hall.

Prizes should be new or very gently used items. Prizes are needed for children and adults of all ages. Your donations can be brought to the church office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Fellowship Committee
Carla Midden

Are you in Need of Strength?

The Wednesday evening Bible Study will resume January 8th at 6:45pm led by Pastor Michael Molland. Sessions will be held following our Wednesday night meal except during Lent.



As hearts simultaneously break and rejoice... please hold the following

ESL families in prayer:

Dale Beaumont

Madeline Hatlestad

Alice Kruse

Faye Boom

Jon Warwick

Richard Menage

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

Thank you for your generosity.

Dale W. Beaumont given by

- Reggie & Shelly Huber

Alice Kruse given by

- Bob & Jane Himrich, Marlin & Colleen Wangsness, Dee Black, Kay Fritz, Mike & Marie Metli, Shirley Watke, Glenn & Judy Adler, Judi Eliason, Janet Keenan Hauck, Merlin & Barb Goehring, Jerry Kerkhove, Donna Murphy, Don & Carol Riswold, Bob & Karel Amend, Char VanBockern, Terry Bornitz, Jon & Gloria Bonjour, Nancy Renner, Shirley Sundem, Family & friends, Joe & Sharon Johansson, Gene Siebert, Dee Hohn

Faye Boom given by

- Bob & Jane Himrich, Gene Siebert,

Gene Siebert given by

- Todd & Sabrina Meierhenry

(gifts given as of December 30th)

Thrivent Action Grants

Wow! We have received so many Thrivent Action Grants. Your dollars are being put to good use through the ministry of your congregation.

Thanks to everyone who has applied and done a Thrivent Action Grant this past year. You are a blessing to the church and others in our neighborhood!

We are asking for help in streamlining our program at ESL. If you have used a Thrivent Action Grant in 2024 we would like to hear from you.

The information we would like to receive is: your name, the date of the grant(s), what it was used for and if you plan to use the same grant in 2025.

You can send your information to:

brdlrsn48@gmail.com

Thanks for your help!

thrivent

Brad and Marsha Larson



THANK YOU to everyone who sponsored poinsettias this Christmas. Our flower garden, and our hearts, were full with the memorials and dedications given by you.

You really beautified

our worship space.

Stewardship Taskforce Update

The Stewardship Taskforce met on Dec. 10th and discussed our congregation's great generosity. Nearly 100 thousand dollars has been raised for our end of year "What We Need is Here" appeal. Handwritten Thank You notes have been written and are on their way in the mail to donors that clearly and specifically made gifts to the appeal.

In the next week, a brief Thank You video will be filmed and posted on the church's social media. Also this week, a rough draft first appeal letter for our 2025 Stewardship Drive will be written, 15-20 photos of our congregation in action will be selected for a brochure, and gift tables will be generated to display the increase in giving needed each week/month to support our mission goals.

The Taskforce will meet again on Jan. 7th to firm up and kick off the campaign the week of Jan. 12th.

*Jon Cisar, Merlin Goehring, Jennifer Starnes, Dave Drewes, and Nona Bixler
with Pastor Layne Nelson and Ray Schut.*

WELCA NEWS

We want to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our Christmas Luncheon a success: to everyone who brought delicious salads of all kinds, to the men for serving & clean up; and especially to Dee Hohn for the beautiful luncheon decorations, & Marcia Lindquist & Jane Himrich and friends for all the decorating they did throughout the church. The church looked beautiful, the food was great, and Randy Kolden & the Sioux Emperians provided wonderful music.

The winner of the quilt raffle was Becca Fonkert. *Congratulations!*

We want to remind ALL the women of East Side Lutheran that you ALL are members of WELCA and are ALL invited to join us for our activities! Our January schedule is:

January 8, 11:30 - WELCA Board Meeting

1:00 - WELCA Bible Study & Fellowship

January 15, 1:00 - Get together to make Valentines to send to our shut-in members who cannot frequently attend services in person

*** In case of bad weather, the activity moves to the following week. We hope you will join us!*

In Christ's Love,
the WELCA Board

President's Message

I thought I liked to play cribbage...until I met my wife's family! They love to play and it can get pretty serious at times. I learned to play in Mrs. Nelson's 4th grade class. As a matter of fact I came in second place in our class tournament. I don't remember the girl that beat me but I remember what she looked like...she smoked me!

If you like cribbage, join us at 1pm on Sunday February 2nd in the Fellowship Hall for our First Ever East Side Lutheran Cribbage Tournament. Only \$7 entry fee, free snacks and refreshments and the tournament champion will win a custom cribbage board. You can register in the church office.

Ray Schut

In the know about Finances – January 2025

Due to the generosity of our East Side Congregation, we had a very good financial month of November. For the month, every category of revenue exceeded last year and every category of expense was less than last year. As a result, we are positioned to finish the year strong! Year-to-date through November we have a net surplus of \$15,432. Note that a generous windfall gift of \$30,000 was received during the first quarter of 2024. Also, the budgeted \$30,000 endowment distribution was taken in June. The capital saving money market account balance is \$73,486. This fund is used for Church projects and major property needs. Looking forward to 2025, a strong stewardship response will be critical for a successful financial year.

Please contact me at 605-254-1870 with questions or I'll see you at Church.

Brian Ensberg

Evangelism at East Side

When you think of Evangelism I am sure you think to yourself "oh no I cannot do that" or "that seems pushy" or "what would I even say"; but really we all most likely do this naturally when we are talking with friends or family about something that has happened recently at church. It does not need to be a BIG SCARY thing to do; it is more about sharing that Jesus plays an important role in your life.

Ray Schut and Jim Smorada have undertaken a written and video series titled A Portrait of a Spiritual Quest and guess what, this is evangelism!

Thank you to Bob Folschow for being willing to be the first East Side member featured in the series. If you have had a chance to chat with Bob or Jan about his 3 part video series you saw pure joy shining in their faces. We are looking forward to the upcoming interviews with others sharing their Journey with all of us.

Beware you might be the next person asked to share your story!

Brenda Schut

East Side Lutheran Congregation Council Meeting December 15, 2024

Present: Ray Schut, Jon Cisar, Carla Middleden, Danielle Champa, Brian Ensberg, Todd Brower, Brenda Schut, Gwen Oakland, Michael Molland, and Pastor Layne Nelson. Guest Katie Chapman, Shetek Lutheran Ministries.

President Ray Schut called the meeting to order at 11:20.

Katie Chapman, Shetek Lutheran Ministries presented information on their ongoing capital campaign. She asked East Side to consider helping and presented several ideas that have been effective for other member congregations. The council thanked her for the presentation and took the request under consideration.

Opening Devotion - Pastor Layne Nelson led the council in devotions. He invited council members to review and comment on a book at a time Bible reading plan. He opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary's Report: Carla Middleden moved; Gwen Oakland seconded to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2024, Council Meeting. Motion Carried.

President's Report: President Schut reported that the last six weeks have been extremely busy for all areas of East Side's ministry. He presented an idea of branded merchandise to strengthen member's pride of being a member of East Side. Sales could be online or in the Narthex.

Pastors' Report: Pastor Nelson reported on the events of last month. He presided at two baptisms and one funeral as well as outreach on behalf of East Side at a worship service at Trail Ridge Senior Living Community.

Upcoming events include Christmas worship, outreach events of a cribbage tournament, and bingo, We will receive new members on February 2nd.

Financial Report: Treasurer Brian Ensberg presented the following financial report: We had an exceptionally good financial month of November, with every category of revenue was up from last year and every category of expense was less than last year.

The special appeal has been successful in helping us meet our goals. Year-to-date through November we have net surplus of \$15,432 with the help of a onetime windfall gift of \$30,000 to the general fund. He reminded the council that for 2025, a strong stewardship response will be critical to a successful financial year. Treasurer Ensberg made a correction to an expense item "Boiler Repair" from July discovered in his financial review.

Todd Brower moved; seconded by Danielle Champa that the Treasurers report be approved. Motion Carried.

Annual Review Pastor Nelson presented highlights of confidential yearly reviews of all staff. Council took the information under advisement to use in planning of the ministry at East Side Lutheran Church. Pastor Nelson requested council review him on provided review forms.

Committees: Stewardship & Visioning – Jon Cisar reported the Stewardship Task met on Dec. 10th and discussed our congregation's great generosity. Nearly one hundred thousand dollars has been raised for our end of year "What We Need is Here" appeal. Handwritten Thank You notes have been written and are on their way to donors that clearly and specifically made gifts to the appeal. The Taskforce will meet again on Jan. 7th to firm up and kick off the campaign the week of Jan. 12th.

Education – Gwen Oakland reported Sunday School Christmas program is later this afternoon. Confirmation students have been active in Advent worship services. Confirmation and Adult studies will resume on Wednesday January 8th.

Outreach – Danielle Champa reported there were once again a large turnout for December 5th's "Food to you". Many volunteers from both inside the congregation and outside groups assisted.

Evangelism – Brenda Schut reported that we will be holding new member classes with new member reception on February 2nd. Thank you cards have been sent to volunteers.

Fellowship – Carla Middleden reported that Bingo will be held on Sunday March 2 between 2 and 4 pm. We will have many prizes for all ages.

Property – Todd Brower reported on bids to convert much of the older boiler system (mostly sanctuary) to a forced air system.

New Business – Carla Middleden moved; Brenda Schut seconded to set the Congregational Annual Meeting agenda for the meeting on Sunday February 16. Motion Carried. Discussion was held concerning the nominating committee and positions to be voted on during the annual meeting.

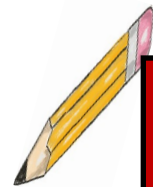
The council reviewed a proposal to update the Cell Tower lease. The cell tower company would like to update the tower. The lease had previously been approved by the congregation. The updates would bring in more money to the congregation. Moved by Danielle Champa; seconded by Brenda Schut to accept the proposal with Doug Jacobson representing the congregation for this update. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Ensberg presented updated Insurance quotes and an accepted bid for 2025 that saves the congregation money.

President Schut adjourned the meeting at 1:25 pm

The next meeting will be on January 19, 2025 at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Molland, Secretary



Portrait of a Spiritual Quest

a new series interviewing ESL members, by ESL members

AUTHOR'S NOTE: This brief profile of a member of East Side Lutheran Church is presented here because these folks are in the pews and you have noticed them for an hour each week. You are often aware when they are in church and when they are not because their presence shapes a bit of your sense of belonging in this faith community. This story may offer an insight, a bit of inspiration or answer a question you've wanted to ask.



Many people are fortunate enough to find a job. Others are fortunate enough to find a career, but there are those most fortunate ones who find a calling – a vocation – and answer it no matter how taxing the call might be. They are the most fortunate of all.

Wayne Wosje, the current business manager, understands at 58 that he has been called to an ever-expanding set of tasks. He knew the territory; Wosje has been a member at East Side since he was a boy. He was confirmed here. And his three children were baptized here. And it is here he wept at the funeral of his 15-year-old son.

“I am still trying to find the good to come out of it,” he says but he has found something else.

The day after his boy died Wosje told the men’s Bible study of the loss and it was here that Wosje tapped into a river of compassion that has sustained him.

“I think of Devin a lot. I want him to know that and I want him to know I love him.” At East Side, Wosje feels a connection with his son and a larger family.

“I think my strength comes from my family, the pastor and the congregation, my church family, helps me find strength.”

When Wosje agreed to become the business manager, he expected the job would be about numbers. He has found that when there is a need East Side members “step up”, as he puts it. And he is proud of that, but there has been that and so much more to his job than he first thought.

“We see three or four people a day that come here needing something. Often they request food”. It is Wosje who digs in the kitchen cupboards and comes up with something.” Some need money. That becomes a more difficult request because there is seldom cash to answer that need. Others just need to be heard because they have gone a long time being ignored.

“Does any of this benefit the church? There is no financial gain but we made a decision to stay in this neighborhood,” Wosje says so this is what we do every day.

Yet this business manager finds there is more than feeding a hungry person or doling out a few dollars.



“I pray with them,” he says. That was not part of the job description either, but it is part of what Wosje can do in a church that cradled and sustained him when he needed it most.





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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Happy New Year!

I love this holiday. It is an opportunity to intentionally look back at the year that was, and begin to look forward at the year to come. It is a time to remember, to reflect, and to thank. It is an opportunity to reflect upon the ways in which God has been at work in our lives... and upon how we might put our lives in service to God in the future.

A lot of life happens over the course of 365 days. I imagine you have seen your share of both joy and sorrow this past year. As your pastor, I have had the sincere honor to walk with many of you through some of those moments. Pause for a moment and reflect on all that you have done and seen in 2024...

I thank God for each of you. I thank God for the ways in which you have dared to trust and live your faith through this congregation. I thank God for the impact you have had on the lives of others, both in our congregation, and in our community. So many people's lives are better because of you. I thank God for who you are called to be in Jesus' name, and I love being your pastor.

A new set of 365 days is just around the corner. May you have the confidence of faith to trust that whatever comes your way in 2025, God will be with you. You are created in God's image, and God is at work in you. God is at work in us! Remember we are in this...

Together in Faith,
Pastor Layne



We Did It!

As a congregation we have met, and EXCEEDED our goal of \$128,000 in our "What We Need Is Already Here" campaign, bringing in \$150,000!! We are in a position to finish the year strong, and to be about the mission we have been called to... In the Neighborhood for Good! **Thank you for your generosity.**

