

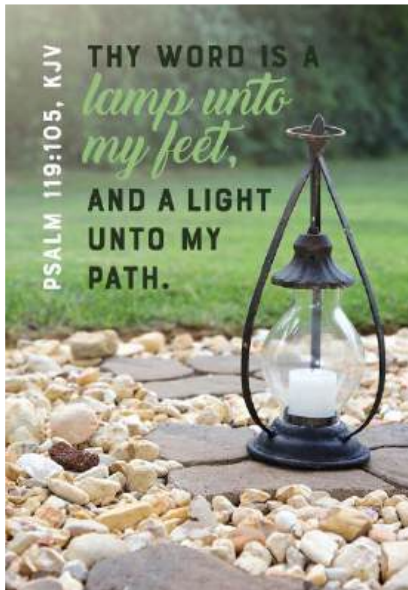


LAKES AREA MINISTRY PARTNERS

Augustana & Eksjo Lutheran Church
of Detroit Lakes and Lake Park



2025



TO ALL PRESENT AND PAST
U.S. SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN
WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICES!
MEMORIAL DAY....

...IS THE DAY THAT'S SET ASIDE
TO REMEMBER WITH GRATITUDE
AND PRIDE ALL THOSE WHO SERVED
AND DIED FOR OUR COUNTRY
AND OUR FREEDOM.
MAY YOUR DAY BE FILLED
WITH MEMORIES AND PEACE



Mother's Day
Prayer

THINKING OF YOU ON MOTHER'S DAY,
AND SAYING A *special* PRAYER—

THAT GOD,

WHO KNOWS HOW DEAR YOU ARE,
WILL KEEP YOU IN HIS CARE.

THAT HE WILL *bless* YOUR DAILY LIFE
WITH JOYS OF EVERY KIND—

WITH PERFECT HEALTH AND HAPPINESS
AND *peace* OF
HEART AND MIND.



May 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Color Chart: ALL: Green Eksjo: Blue Augustana: Red Pastor Bob: Purple Youth / Cole: Orange Worship Times E: 9:00 am A: 10:45 am				1 10:00a Sunnyside Worship  	2 7:45-8:20a 	3 DL Prom 
4 Communion E: Senior Sunday Youth Group Picnic 12:00 - 2:00p A: Sunday School	5 E: Quilting 10:00a - 4:00p E: 7:00p ZOOM Prayer Gathering ALL WELCOME	6 10:30a Text A: 10:00a Quilting 4:00p Music & Worship	7 A: 10:00a Bible Study A: 4:00p Clean up day LPA & Detroit Lakes  CONFIRMATION 6:00p Supper 6:30p Class	8 E: 6:30p WELCA Womens' Night Flower Arrangement Class 	9 	10 LPA Prom  Fishing Opener 
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LAMP PARISH NEWS

LAMP: Lakes Area Ministry Partners

Augustana & Eksjo Lutheran Churches of Detroit Lakes and Lake Park



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2025 LAMP Officers

President: N/A Financial Officer: Cynthia Westlund

2025 LAMP BOARD MEMBERS:

Augustana Lutheran: Eric Rotter / Alex score (Jake Score / Alternate)
Eksjo Lutheran: Ila Lindstrom / Rob Schwartz

LAMP Parish Staff

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TO KEEP INFORMED

***Please take time to read this Monthly Newsletter, there is ALOT of information in it!**



> ATTENTION <

May 27

If Newsletter items are not in there
the office **BY the Deadline**,
there will be no guarantee that
it will get in the Newsletter.

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If no one is in the office and non emergency,
please leave a detailed message on the answering
machine and I will get back to you when I
return to the office. Dawn

Emergency Contact: Pastor Bob Kirchman
218-533-0323 / bobkirchman23@gmail.com
Eksjo Youth Director: Cole Wixo
701-361-5973 / colewixo@gmail.com

If you need to get ahold of me, (Dawn)
Contact: Pastor Bob, Cole, Diane or Kathy M
Eksjo: Diane Midthune at 218-290-7395
Augustana: Kathy Michaelson at 218-439-6900

Blessing of Quilt Ministry on May 11, 2025

The Eksjo Quilting group has been busy cutting, sewing and tying quilts to provide comfort and warmth to children and adults throughout the world. This spring we were thrilled to have a group of students spend an afternoon with us learning to tie quilts. Together we tied 7 quilts in a few short hours. This intergenerational event was a fun experience for all that we plan to repeat in the fall.



On May 11th, finished quilts bound for Lutheran World Relief will be displayed in the sanctuary. During the service they will be prayed over and blessed. The following week the quilts will be boxed up and brought to the regional In - Gathering collection site in Fargo. From there they will be transported to St. Paul and then distributed by LWR to where they are needed most.

In 2024, 370,818 quilts were collected and distributed to 16 countries. Eksjo contributed 102 of those quilts in 2024 to LWR and gave 9 quilts to local recipients. Records show Eksjo has had an active quilting group since at least 1996. Please join us on May 11th as we celebrate our longtime commitment to help others through our quilting ministry with the blessing of the quilts followed by coffee and treats.



Sunnyside Care Center

16561 US Hwy 10
Lake Park, MN 56554

Lindstrom Senior Living

30455 Lehigh Ave Apt 209
Lindstrom, MN 55045
Barbara Welken

Viking Manor

317 4th St NW, Ulen MN
Lester Kiehl (A)



Remember in your prayers and/or with a visit or card our members in nursing homes, under Hospice care or unable to get to services. It is so appreciated and a great way to put your faith into action.



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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYER: Robin Colsen^(A), Addie DeBord (friend of Rotter's), Danielle Eidenschink (friends of Michaelson's), Grant Feick (son of Petrice Balkan & Greg Jensen), Tracey Ginnaty^(A), Connie Jahnke (mother of Liz Wixo), Kaelynn Johnson^(E), Marv & Iris Johnson^(A), Linda Maher^(A), Brad Lindblad (grandson of Kay Lindblad), Tricia Maloney (sister in law of Kathy Michaelson), Joe Morrison (friend of Joe Skogmo), Dan Olson (friend of Skogmo's), Kathy Omberg (sister of Rick Michaelson), Dannika Pollock^(E), Amy Porter^(E), Shirley Purington^(A), Ashley Stumbo, Mary Thompson (mother of Mike Thompson)

Soldiers in Service and/or deployed: Brian Anderson, Hailey Frohman (daughter of Mark & Carolyn Palm), Bailey Johnson (son of Sonja), Jake Keibke (son of Marty & Patty), Gavan Mikkelsen (son of Jason & Mindi), Joseph Peterson (son of Laura's Bergren) Matt Score, Alex Strehlow (son of Anessa & Geminie Strehlow), Kellynn Zinck (niece of Janet Olson)



Brek Thomas Francis

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Parents: Zachary Francis, Brailee Sgro

**Sponsors: Ryan Francis, Brinley Sgro,
Bracie Sgro**

Welcome to the LAMP family!



Sponsors

**Ryan Francis, Zach Francis, Brek Francis, Brailee Sgro,
Pastor Bob Kirchman, Bracie Sgro and Brinley Sgro**



Grandparents

**Andy & Cristy Francis, Zach Francis, Brek Francis,
Brailee sgro, Missy & Dion Sgro**





From the desk of Pastor Bob Kirchman

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



People have heard the phrase “Stations of the Cross” even if we do not know what it means (the path that Jesus took from Pontius Pilate to his tomb). We do not talk about “the stations of the empty tomb”, the places that Jesus visits after he left the Tomb. Why? Because we have places of suffering but outside the empty tomb no places of victory. Jesus Christ comes back for people. He comes back to change people, not geography.

He comes bearing gifts. Gifts of the Spirit. These Holy Gifts help us witness to the world about God. We are able accomplish miracles. The church is the only institution in the world where people of different ages gather to work together. Stadiums fill with people to watch and cheer on teams, political rallies want to “fire up” their supporters so their person can win, churches gather so we can create a better world by creating God - centered communities.

We rejoice with members of our community. We are partners with them. Their successes are our successes. We share in the sadnesses of life and the joys. This coming month we rejoice with our Sunday school students on their hard work in learning about God, with our high school graduates as they leave a familiar past to go into an unknown future, with our Synod as it elects a bishop and hears about the work that has been done in God’s Name, and of course women who have been blessed with the responsibility of bringing new life into the world. With the recognition that LAMP has not functioned as it was first envisioned, Augustana will vote on whether it wants to continue its long-standing partnership with Eksjo on May 18th.

Welcome to Easter!

In Christ Name, Pastor Bob



Worship Team Meeting Notes / April 8, 2025

Present: Pastor Bob, Cole, Bobbie, Diane, Marlys, Dawn, Janee

Devotions

I. Setting of Worship Times for:

a. Maundy Thursday Celebrations:

- i. Augustana / 4:00 pm Sunday Afternoon
- ii. Eksjo / Seder Meal 6:00 pm
- iii. Eksjo will strip Altar after Sunday Morning Worship
- iv. Augustana will strip Altar after 4:00 pm Fellowship

b. Good Friday Celebration

- i. Augustana / 5:00 pm Worship
- ii. Eksjo / 7:00 Worship

II. Selected Hymns for April



Respectfully submitted in Christ’s Name, Pastor Bob Kirchman



Cole's Youth Report / April 2025

Youth Director Cole Wix: 701-361-5973 / colewix@gmail.com



1. Bible Study at LPA
 - a. We meet on the first and third Friday mornings of the month before school.
 - i. Attendance was good (anywhere from 15 - 25 students attending regularly).
 - ii. Topics for last month: Self-Discipline, Selflessness, and Serving Others were the themes we discussed last month at our three meetings.
2. Pathways VBS which will be held at Eksjo the second week of July.
 - a. All churches are now on board. I will send the down payment check of \$500 this week.
 - b. Housing for councilors fell through. We decided to just get two rooms booked at the hotel in Hawley for Monday - Wednesday nights and provide them with gift certificates for lunch meals. The hotel will supply breakfast, we will provide supper during VBS, so the only meal they will be on their own for is lunch.
 - c. This will be an added cost of about \$250 - \$300 per church but does not put the burden on a family to house 4 college students for 3 nights and gives the councilors a little more independence. I think it is well worth the cost.
3. March 23: Rend Collective concert in Fargo.
 - a. 30 tickets purchased (22 kids, 8 parents).
 - b. What an AMAZING experience! The kids had a blast! I hope everyone had a chance to see some of the pictures and videos posted on Facebook.
4. March 30th Bowling at Voyager Lanes with our 3 other church partners.
 - a. 36 people participated in bowling for two hours. It was great family fun!
5. Meals during Lent.
 - a. The confirmation class served the meals before every Lenten service on Wednesday nights this year. We took care of the bread and drinks, while congregational members signed up to bring soups and side dishes. Thank you to all who brought food and attended worship on Wednesdays. I think this is a must do every Lent.
6. Palm Sunday program and breakfast.
 - a. A huge thank you to **Bobbie** and **Jean Olson** for all that they did to make the program so wonderful this year! It was a special year thank you to **Janee** for bringing Ernie the Donkey, so a shoutout and round of applause to her as well for all her preparation and help!
 - b. Pancakes, sausage, and fruit were served after the service/program. The basement was full of hustle and bustle, it was a great sight to see and sound to hear!

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7. Family Movie Night.
 - a. Wednesday night during Holy Week, we held a movie night that was fun for the entire family. We showed The Last Supper which told us the story of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and took us up to his resurrection. Candy and drinks were provided at no charge to those who attended. I counted 66 people in attendance.
 - i. This will be done again throughout the summer for area youth. However, probably done in the church basement to allow for popcorn and soda to be served.
8. Seder Meal Thursday night of Holy Week
 - b. 52 people attended the basement Seder Meal. We learned a little about the Jewish Passover meal and traditions, while enjoying friendly fellowship with one another. Nine youth attended the meal.
9. Confirmation classes begin back up Wednesday (April 23rd).
 - a. We have three classes left and will be wrapping up our "discipleship series" next week with our last class to be a fun competitive trivial night for the students.
10. Sunday School
 - a. Two more classes remaining for the year. Last day of Sunday school will be on May 4th.
11. May 4th Youth Group Picnic at Dunton Locks Park.
 - a. Grilling, Games, Troll hunting, hiking from noon - 2:00 pm.
 - b. Open to students in 6th through 12th grade.
 - i. We invite this year's 6th graders so they can get a taste of what Youth Group is like as it will be available to them next year through their middle school and high school years.
12. May 18th I am planning a special project day for Sunday school students following church service.
 - a. Theme: Taking Care of God's Creatures...
 - i. Build bird houses, eat lunch together, watch an animal / bird animated movie together.
 - ii. Will have confirmation students help organize and facilitate.
13. Other summer plans:
 - a. Weekly sport afternoons in the Lake Park city Park open to younger students:
 - i. Basketball, kickball, sandlot baseball, frisbee golf, etc...
 - b. Fire side chats with older students once per week at the office in Lake Park or at the church. Grilling over the fire, devotionals, and fellowship.
 - c. More ideas to come after we meet as a Youth Council.
14. A 36 - hour youth mission trip is being planned for 1st week in August.
 - a. Students just completing 6th grade -9th grade.
 - b. Minneapolis most likely



Eksjo's Confirmation Schedule

May 7: 6:00 pm Meal / 7:00 pm Worship Service

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Eksjo's Acolyte Schedule

May 4: Lydia Wixo / Addi Schwartz

May 11: Nydia Mikkelsen

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Augustana Sunday School

May 4: Sunday School / Clean Ditches with Congregation / Noisy Offering

May 11: Sunday School / Mother's Day Church Helpers / Share about Sunday School / Noisy Offering

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Youth Bible Study

1st & 3rd Friday of the month / 7:45 - 8:20 am held at LPA High School · Room 212

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What: Vacation Bible School / Pathways Leadership

Theme: "Word of Life"

Who: Grades K – 6th

When: July 6 -10 / Time 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Theme: "Word of Life"

Where: Eksjo Lutheran Church



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God's Blessings to our 2025 Graduates!

Eksjo's Senior Recognition Day · Sunday, May 4, 2025



Tripp Eiter · Keela Johnson · Kody Johnson · Cody Madson · Oliver Mikkelsen

Bernice Minske · Hayden Palm · Brayden Sandland · Kennedy Weyer

Augustana's Senior Recognition Day · Sunday, May 25, 2025

Garrett Kuhn - Rice · Brodi Lade



LAMP has 11 high school Seniors graduating from

Lake Park - Audubon: May 17: 2:00 pm

Detroit Lakes: Friday, May 23: 2:00 pm

Eksjo's Recognition Sunday will be held during Worship on Sunday, May 4

Augustana Recognition Sunday will be held during Worship on Sunday, May 25

Baccalaureate at Eksjo Lutheran Church, Wednesday, May 14, 2024

6:30 pm Service / cake to follow



Tripp Jackson Eiter • Son of Toby & Kristina Eiter • Graduating from LPA

School Activities / Hobbies: Basketball, Golf, NHS / Golf, Play Basketball, Hang out with friends.

Most Meaningful Memory: Going to the Alexandria Summer Camp while I was in Confirmation.

It was fun because everybody went together and it was great bonding time.

Favorite Bible Verse: *Philippians 4:13* / "I can do all things through him who strengthens me".

Future Plans: Attend MSUM in the fall of 2025 and achieve a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science.

Open House: Sunday, May 18 • 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm • Cormorant Community Center:

10929 county Hwy 5, Pelican Rapids, MN



Keela Skye Johnson • Daughter of Sonja Johnson • Graduating from LPA

School Activities / Hobbies: Volleyball, Basketball, Track & Field, NHS, PaY, Knowledge Bowl, Band Sports, Reading, Baking, Crafts, Traveling

Most Meaningful Memory: My most meaningful memory at Eksjo would be FBI. It was always the highlight of my week. I got to meet with friends and learn about God. It is a core memory of my childhood, and I will always be grateful that I got to participate in it.

Favorite Bible Verse: *1 Corinthians 16:14* / "Let all that you do be done in love."

Future Plans: I plan on going to College to get my Liberal Arts and Science Degree (Generals) before deciding on my Major for a 4 – year school.



Kody Jeffrey Johnson • Son of Jeff & Lori Johnson • Graduating from LPA

School Activities / Hobbies: Cross Country, Wrestling, Track & Field / Hunting, Fishing

Most Meaningful Memory: Having fun with my friends at Confirmation, because we would learn together and love God.

Favorite Bible Verse: *John 3:16* "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Future Plans: Attend Alexandria Technical College to become a Game Warden.



Cody Daniel Madson • Son Jason & Robyn Madson • Graduating from LPA

School Activities / Hobbies: Fishing, Hunting, Snowmobiling, Dirt Biking

Most Meaningful Memory: Confirmation with Pastor Roy.

Favorite Bible Verse: *Jeremiah 29:11* / "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and hope."

Future Plans: Work for Olson Construction.



Oliver Andrew Mikkelsen · Son of Andrew & Sarah Mikkelsen · Graduating from LPA

School Activities / Hobbies: Riding Snowmobile

Most Meaningful Memory: Confirmation, because I learned about God and hung out with friends at the same time.

Favorite Bible Verse: *Luke 1:37* / For nothing will be impossible with God.

Future Plans: This summer I will be at bootcamp for the Air National. When I get back, I will finish my second year of Aviation Maintenance at Northland Community and Technical College.

Open House: Friday, May 16 · 6:00 pm · 2469 280th St N, Hawley MN



Bernice Irene Minske · Daughter of Daryn & Annie Minske · Graduating from LPA

School Activities / Hobbies: FFA, NHS, Trap, 4H / Showing Livestock, Riding Horse, Baking, Hiking

Most Meaningful Memory: When my confirmation class all got confirmed. It is important to me because it was a big stepping stone in our faith journey and we got to do it all together.

Favorite Bible Verse: *2 Corinthians 5:7* / Walk by faith not by sight.

Psalms 46:5 / God is within her, she will not fall.

Future Plans: Work, and show livestock and enjoy my last summer at home and then go to South Dakota State University to get my Masters in Nutrition and Dietetics and my Minor in Animal Nutrition.

Open House: Friday, May 16 · 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm · Cormorant Community Center
10929 Co Hwy 5, Pelican Rapids, MN



Hayden James Palm · Son of Mark & Carolyn Palm · Graduating from LPA

School Activities / Hobbies: Trap / Anything Outdoors, Working with my hands

Most Meaningful Memory: FBI, So many great memories.

Favorite Bible Verse: *John 15:13* / No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Future Plans: Attend M - State for Diesel Tech, while working for Wallwork Trucking.

Open House: Saturday, May 24 · 3:00 pm · 10932 West Lake Ida Lane, Lake Park MN



Braydon Lucas Sandland · Son of Jason & Vickie Sandland · Graduating from LPA

School Activities / Hobbies: Basketball, Cross Country, Track / Playing Basketball,
Hanging out with Friends.

Most Meaningful Memory: Going to Confirmation and learning a lot, spending time with friends.

Favorite Bible Verse: *Isaiah 60:22* / When the time is right, the LORD will make it happen.

Future Plans: Attend college and figure out what I like doing.

Open House: Saturday, May 17 · 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm · 14505 320th St, Lake Park MN



Kennedy Marie Weyer · Daughter of Melany Wynn & Mark Rasmusson · Graduating from LPA

School Activities / Hobbies: Volleyball, Golf

Most Meaningful Memory: My most meaningful memory at Eksjo is doing those cute skits and confirmation with my friends. These memories are important to me because they are memories I will never forget and they can never be replaced. These memories and moments that my friends and I often look back and reminisce, while also getting a good laugh.

Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 139: 14 / *"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made, Your works are wonderful. I know that full well."*

Future Plans: This summer I plan to work, but also soak in all the sun and time with family/friends. Next fall I plan to attend Mayville State University to continue my Volleyball career, as well as obtain a Business Degree for Graphic Design and Marketing



AUGUSTANA

Garrett Jacob Kuhn-Rice · Son of Jen Rice & Genny Kuhn - Rice · Graduating from Underwood

School Activities / Hobbies: Varsity Football, Basketball, Baseball, National Honor Society, Amateur Baseball / Fishing, Spending time at the Lake, Umpiring Youth Baseball Games.

Most Meaningful Memory: Spending time with congregational members, especially during fellowship time.

Favorite Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13 / *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me".*

Future Plans: Attend MSUM for Bachelor's Degree in Business and MBA

Open House: Sunday, May 18 · 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm · 824 Court Street South, Fergus Falls, MN



Brodi Nicole Lade · Daughter of Kyle & Beth Lade · Graduating from Detroit Lakes

School Activities / Hobbies: Key Club, BPA / Reading, Swimming, Traveling

Most Meaningful Memory: Enjoyed the Christmas Programs.

Favorite Bible Verse: Jeremiah 29:11 / *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you a future and a hope."*

Future Plans: Trip to Europe in June, Attend University of North Carolina – Wilmington, for Nursing in the fall.

Open House: Sunday, May 18 · 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm · 10929 county Hwy 5, Pelican Rapids, MN



Be strong and courageous,
Do not be afraid or terrified...
For the LORD your God goes with you;
He will never leave you nor forsake You.

Deuteronomy 31:6

Attention Eksjo Women / WELCA

Save the Date: 9/19 - 20/2025
NWMN Synodical Womens Organization
Annual Convention



SOLEM LUTHERAN

Syttende Mai Smorgasbord

Sunday, May 18, 2025
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Adults: \$15.00
Ages 6-12 \$6.00
Preschool: FREE

Menu Includes:
Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Assorted
Salads, Beans, Glorified Rice, Pickled
Herring, Flatbread, Fruit Soup,
Lefse, Rommegrot, Scandinavian
Pastries, Coffee & Milk

Everyone Welcome! Please join us!
Solem Church is handicapped accessible

3767 280th St. S.
Hawley, MN 56549



EKSJO WELCA PRESENTS:

Womens Night

FLOWER
ARRANGEMENT CLASS

MAY
THURSDAY | **8th** | AT 6:30 PM

Where: Eksjo Church Basement
What: Make a Real Flower Arrangement.
\$25 per arrangement. All supplies, flowers, and container included. We will arrange a spring bouquet step by step with a Horticulturist from the U of M perfect for yourself or to give to someone else for Mother's Day!

If you prefer to just come and have fellowship - puzzles and games will be available.
Bring your own beverages, and a snack to share!

For More Info or to Sign up Contact
Melissa Amundson 218-204-0096
*Sign up by April 28th so flowers can be ordered

Upcoming May LAMP Events

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- May 1: National Day of Prayer / Community Alliance
- May 4: Senior Recognition Day at Eksjo
12:00 - 2:00 pm Youth Group Picnic
- May 6: 4:00 pm Music & Worship Meeting
- May 7: LPA & DL "Day of Caring"
- May 11: Mother's Day
- May 14: 6:30 pm Baccalaureate at Eksjo Lutheran Church
- May 17: 2:00 pm LPA Graduation
- May 18: 1:00 - 3:00 pm Birdhouse Build Day / K - 6
- May 23: 2:00 pm Detroit Lakes Graduation
- May 25: Senior Recognition Sunday / Augustana
- May 26: Memorial Day
- May 27: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- May 30 - Jun 1: NWMN Synod Assembly
- June 20 & 21 Augustana Annual Rummage Sale * *



SUNDAY, MAY 18
1:00-3:00 PM

BIRDHOUSE BUILD DAY

FREE EVENT
FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K-6
EKSJO CHURCH

Come anytime and take your creation
home once you have finished
building and decorating.



REGISTER HERE

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN NEWS

Missions Statement: We are a community of people created, empowered to give witness to God's activity in the world.

"I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life. He gave me life that I can enjoy all things."

Augustana Council

Marlys Skogmo, Pres/Music	218-849-0928
Arden Shulstad, V Pres/Prop	218-342-3356
John Osborne, Sec	701-371-2778
Kathy Michaelson, Treas/Evan	218-847-4951
Mary Rotter, Christian Ed	651-335-0396
Chris Nybo, Social Ministry	218-847-2527

Music & Worship:

Marlys Skogmo	218-849-0928
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Women of Augustana:

Shirley Purington, Pres	218-439-6610
Alex Score, SS Treas	218-841-4464



21896 Cty Hwy 22
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

May Worship: 10:45 am

Weekly Bible Study: Wednesday at 10:00 am

Quilting: Tuesday at 10:00 am

May 4: Sunday School / Noisy Change

May 6: 4:00 pm Music & Worship Meeting

May 7: 4:00 pm / Clean Up Day

May 11: Sunday School / Noisy Change

May 13: 9:30 am Council Meeting

May 18: Congregational Vote / Eksjo Contract

May 25: Senior Recognition Day

May 27: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

May Worship Assistants

	Reader	Server
May 4:	Pam D	Mike & Pam Daly
May 11:	Sue	<i>Sunday School</i>
May 18:	Robin	<i>** Cupboard Cookies</i>
May 25:	Kathy	<i>Cake for Graduates</i>

May Ushers: Arden Shulstad / Kenny Seim

****Communion Assistants: EVERY SUNDAY IN APRIL**

May 4: Rick / **11:** Shirley / **18:** Marlys / **25:** Etta

[Thank you to Etta for baking Communion Bread]

****Etta** has baked Communion bread for Communion Sundays. It is in the freezer in the kitchen. Please return unused Communion bread to the freezer following Communion Sundays.

Coffee Servers: Please sweep coffee room each Sunday following fellowship and please take dirty towels/dish rags home and wash and return them. **Note:** When it's **Cupboard Cookie Sunday** please jump in to help out: set up, make coffee, count the coffee money, sweep, load & start dishwasher, shut off lights and so on ... Thanks!

Usher Duties: Hand out bulletins / greet people; change hymn numbers on hymn board; light altar candles; count offering and fill out a slip to include with the offering and fill out the weekly sheet; count number of worshippers, Communion Sundays (usually the 1st & 2nd Sundays) make sure communion items are in place, fill cup tray and wafers, place wine chalice and grapefruit juice on the altar.



To donate electronically please scan the PayPal QR code.



What: Spring Clean - Up Day

When: Wednesday, May 7th / 4:00 pm

Who: All are welcome!

It's an outdoor clean-up to mow, rake, clean flower beds, etc. Bring your own tools.

The council has approved a contractual agreement with Eksjo for two years, starting January 1, 2026.

On May 18, 2025 we will have discussion, followed by a congregation vote.

Marlys / Council President

REMEMBER: Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, while you can... **Thank you for all you do!**

Note: Please take time to sign up to read, help with Communion and serve. The sign up is on the bulletin board in the coffee room ... so nice when it's filled out way in advance!

A special note: if you aren't able to actually serve coffee, you can sign up to supply the goodies and the serving will be done by someone who is at church. **Thank You!**



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100% goes to Brad's family for treatment



Online gifts boosted 20%!

Learn more/give, LendAHandUp.org



SCAN ME
Go to bit.ly/bradwins

Brad's Story

Brad, a devoted father of three, is facing cancer for the second time. At just 36, he's battling epithelioid sarcoma, a rare cancer of the connective tissues. Thirteen years ago he fought this disease with grueling chemotherapy and surgeries—emerging victorious by the Grace of God. Since then, he has dedicated himself to mentoring other cancer patients, offering guidance, hope, and support to those navigating their own battles. Now, he finds himself in need of the same help he once gave so freely.

This cancer is rare with limited treatment options, so his family is pursuing cutting-edge therapies at Mayo and Causenta Clinic—an innovative center that blends standard care with breakthrough treatments not covered by insurance. The costs are staggering, with medical expenses, extensive testing, and travel totaling between \$50,000 and \$80,000. Brad's wife Jacey homeschools their children, making Brad the family's sole provider, raising the stakes considerably.

How you can help

Help us raise \$50,000 by June 1 to fund breakthrough treatment!!!



Congratulations to Mary Rotter

for receiving the first ever Nancy Jody Early Childcare Advocate Award. Mary's passion, leadership, and dedication to quality early childcare and education, have shaped the lives of countless children, families and educators in West Central Minnesota.



Thank You • Thank You • Thank You



We're proud to help support the important work you do and hope we can accomplish even more together in 2025. Don't forget: 2024 Choice Dollars must be directed by March 31. **Thanks** for your continued partnership in 2025!

Thrivent Financial

Dear Augustana Lutheran Church, On behalf of the Food Pantry and the families we serve, we would like to **thank you** for your generous donation of, \$325.00 to the Pantry. Your donations are utilized to improve our services to area residents and maximized to purchase and distribute food...Your gift will make a real difference in our community. With your help we will achieve our vision to keep Becker County hunger free. **Thank You again.**

Liz Lilja / Pantry Manager



Augustana donated "Coffee Break" to the Lakes Crisis Center spring silent auction. The 33rd annual fundraiser, "Reflections of Hope", is May 2nd in the Community Center Ballroom.

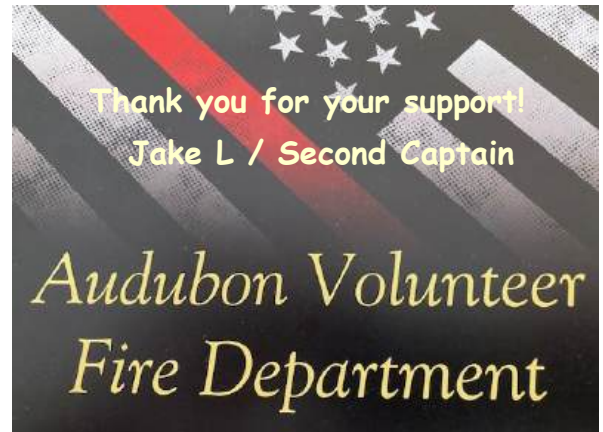


Thank you to all who have been working on our graduation quilts!

We quilt every Tuesday at 10:00. Everyone is welcome!



Augustana's lighted cross
Thank you to Lyle Lade and Aftershock Electric.



Thank you for your support!
Jake L / Second Captain

Audubon Volunteer Fire Department

Getting Palms ready for Palm Sunday



Mary Rotter
Ryker & Lily Arne
Everett & Axel
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Eksjo Lutheran News

Mission Statement: Standing in God's grace, we seek to be the hands, feet and voice of Christ in our community and world.

Eksjo Council

Council meets on the third
Monday of each month at 6:30 pm

Council Members

Travis Amundson (701) 238-0126
Melanie Hanson (Pres) (218) 530-0385
Lisa Lindstrom (218) 850-4844
Daryn Minske (218) 849-6334
Janee Nelson Dehler (612) 619-3879
Paul Rustad (VP) (701) 261-7681
Rob Schwartz (Sec) (218) 532-2358
Steven Westlund (218) 234-9413



11516 US Hwy 10
Lake Park MN 56554

May Schedule / Worship: 9:00 am

May 5: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Quilting
May 6: 4:00 pm Music & Worship Meeting
May 8: 6:30 pm WELCA Flower Arrangement Class
May 14: 6:30 pm Baccalaureate at Eksjo
May 19: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Quilting / 6:30 pm Council
May 27: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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May Worship Assistants

Refer to your Worship Assistant Booklet for instructions

READERS

May 4: Melissa Amundson
May 11: Ruth Lerud
May 18: Melanie Hanson
May 25: Lynn Sanborn

ACOLYTE

Lydia Wixo / Addi Schwartz
Nydia Mikkelsen

USHERS

May 4: Britney Ronning & Jared Krogen family
May 11: Andrea & Haley Pollock
May 18: Daryn Minske family
May 25: John & Dot Francis

****Ushers** you will need to count the offering after church, record it on the spreadsheet behind the Altar, on the sheet indicated who counted it, and who they gave it to, then the offering must be given to a council member or Jeff Sanborn. If it's given to a council member, that person would be responsible for dropping it off at Jeff's house. **Make sure you email the Attendance and Offering to Dawn at the office.**

COFFEE SERVERS

May 4: Last day of SS / Melissa Amundson / Tamara Jacobson
May 11: Mother's Day / Men Serve
May 18: Shirley Rustad
May 25: Sarah Mikkelsen

ALTAR GUILD

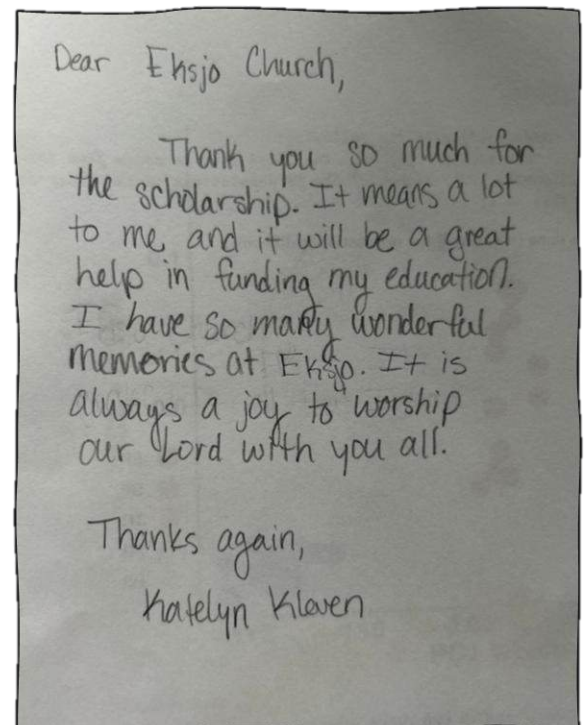
May: Dot Francis / Sara Kleven

CHURCH CLEANERS

May: Ruth Lerud



Check out the
Fair Trade items for sale!



Prayer Chain: The prayer chain is in place, but new prayer warriors are always welcome.
Call Janet Olson at 218-238-5594
or 218-280-8685 to sign up or to request prayers. **"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth."**

Matthew 6:8

Eksjo Church Meeting Minutes • March 17, 2025 (Approved)

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Present: Rob Schwartz, Mel Hanson, Daryn Minske, Travis Amundson, Pastor Bob Kirchman, Treasurer Jeff Sanborn, Steve Westlund, Paul Rustad, Janee Nelson Dehler / Youth Director: Cole Wixo **Absent:** Lisa Lindstrom

Special Guests: Melissa Amundson and Andrea Pollock from the Scholarship committee.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Youth Report: the full report will be available in the newsletter. A few highlights were that 7 students attended 3 classes and received their first communion, 25 kids have been participating at LPA school for Bible Study led by Cole and Pastor Melissa.

VBS update: each church will be responsible for funding their kids that participate at \$50 per child. Housing the counselors has been taken care of by the intern pastor from Saint Peter using their parsonage basement. Eksjo will be hosting it. Youth will be attending the Rend Collective this Sunday. Bowling is planned for the end of the month.

Devotional from Pastor Bob.

Scholarship Committee: There are 4 applicants this year. The requirements stated that 2 scholarships are to be awarded and, in the past, more than 2 had been approved. Discussion was held about the way the scholarship is funded since the generous gift some time ago has been exhausted of years ago. The amount of \$500 per scholarship was discussed and whether or not that is enough to make an impact on the student's costs. There was discussion about whether or not high school students that get college credits in High School would be counted for the 1 year of class that is a requirement. Council agreed with the committee that the application for the scholarship be looked at completely and redone, council asked the scholarship committee to work on a new application. Discussion continued on funding it, on whether or not it should it be funded from the general fund or the endowment fund or both. More discussion will be had. Motion to award 4 / \$500 scholarships to be funded from the general fund by Rob, 2nd Travis, motion carried.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve previous minutes by Janee, 2nd Travis, motion carried.

Treasurer Report: We are under spending the budgeted amounts but still working at a deficit based in YTD income. Line item for Oil rights to be corrected (money was showing under land income). Motion to approve financials report with the correction noted by Rob and 2nd Daryn, motion carried.

Pastors Report: Report supplied via email and will be available in the newsletter.

some highlights are: floating the idea of 3 Wednesday worship services in June, July, and August.

Funeral for Deloyne Nelson. Lenten services schedule. 1st communion classes.

Old Business:

LAMP restructure minutes from March / motion to approve Daryn, 2nd Travis, motion carried.

LAMP restructure contract changes discussed and motion to approve Janee, 2nd Daryn, motion carried.

Mineral Rights: Jeff spoke with Mark, Mark advised he will have reviewed all properties reviewed in 2 months, then it should only need to be done every 5 years. He suggested that Phoenix capital may not be a good option to lease with Silver City may be interested as well which was passed along to Mark.

Unclaimed funds: Jeff is still working on this the amount \$250.

New Business:

Campership: Motion to approve up to \$550 toward the cost of a Christian Based camp for Eksjo youth by Rob, 2nd Paul motion carried. Pathways early bird discount ends March 28th.

Grant giving form was distributed but was tabled for later discussion.

Online giving was tabled as Lisa was absent.

Basement renovation discussion continued briefly as Cole offered some input, tabled for further discussion.

Constitution revisions this was tabled until after the LAMP restructure is finalized.

Parking Lot: Daryn advised he will pull a permit as a precaution of any staging that may happen when they start doing the resurfacing that may have some equipment staged on Hwy 10 briefly.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by Rob Schwartz / Eksjo Council Secretary

Palm Sunday at Eksjo 4 – 13 - 2025



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Pancakes, sausage, and fruit were served after the service / program by the Confirmations students.

Thanking the congregation for all their support thru the year.

The basement was full of hustle and bustle, it was a great sight to see and sound to hear!





Jesus riding Ernie



Jesus and Jean spreading the word about the Seder dinner on April 17 at 6:00 pm. Need to sign up ahead of time.



4-17-2025
Seder Meal



Thursday night of Holy Week
52 people attended the basement
Seder Meal. We learned a little
about the Jewish Passover meal and
traditions, while enjoying friendly
fellowship with one another. Nine
youth attended the meal.



**4-18-2025
Good Friday**

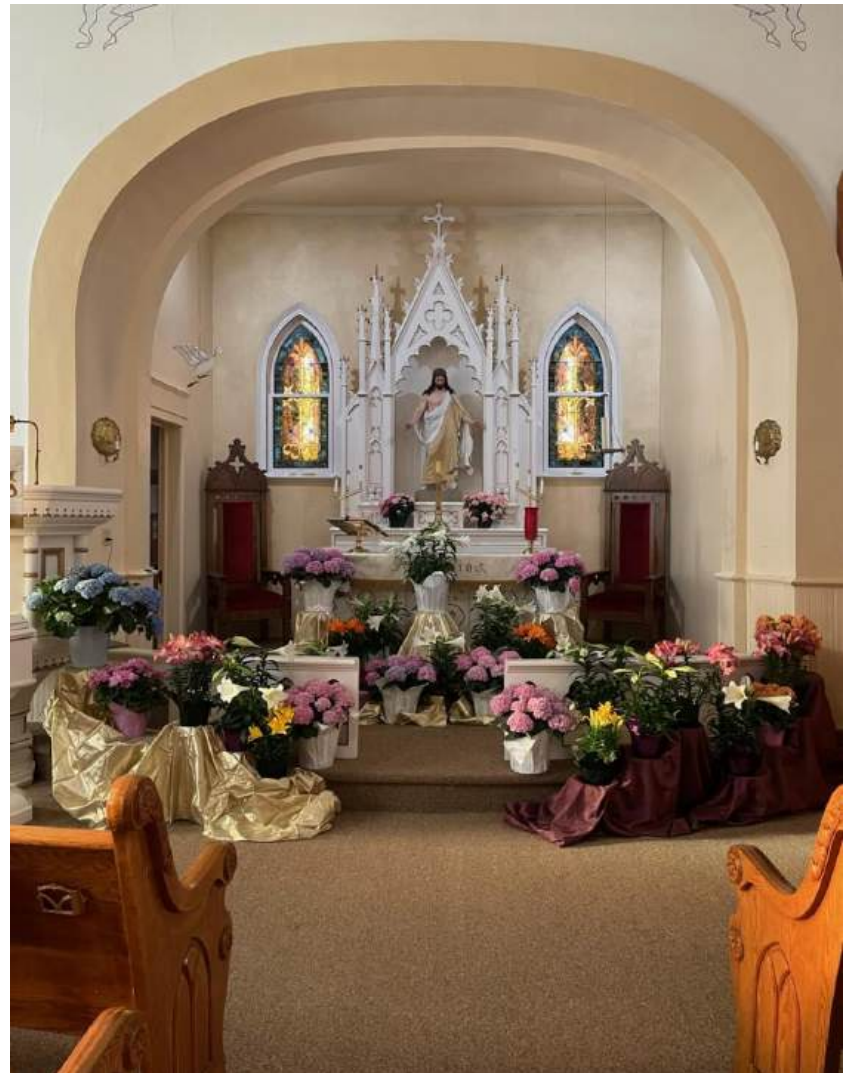


4-20-2025 Easter Sunday

Pastor Bob doing Children's Sermon



Thank You to Addie Schwartz and Tyson Amundson for sharing their special gift of music on Easter Sunday.



**Easter Morning / Empty Tomb
He Is Risen Indeed**

