

The Eagle



PASTOR'S CORNER

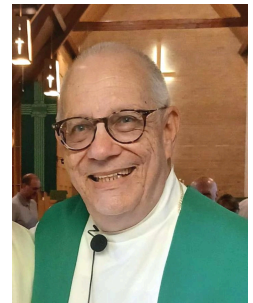
All Good Things...

Over the last five-plus years, I have filled multiple roles at Ebenezer United Church of Christ. From filling Mike Safford-Kennedy's pulpit while on vacation, to providing compassionate congregational care during Mike's time of loss, to most recently providing Intentional Interim Support, following his retirement. Each role came with specifically clear duties and expectations, as defined by the Wisconsin Conference.

With the Council voting to end this relationship, I will once again follow the duties and expectations that come with ending a ministry, with dignity, honor, and respect. I will continue to hold this local church in prayer, as the next chapter unfolds.

On Sunday August 30th, there will be a special service in which my time of ministry will end. I will return the symbols of the pastoral office to the leadership of Ebenezer UCC. Those symbols include the Baptismal bowl and the Communion ware, representing my responsibility to preside over the two sacraments.

I will return the Bible, representing my responsibility to preach from this pulpit. I will return the keys, representing the Office of the Keys and Confession. I will return the Anointing Oil, representing the Ministry of Healing and Visitation. I will then make a profession of non-interference regarding the life and times of Ebenezer United Church of Christ, as is customary and required by the Wisconsin Conference. This will be very similar to boundaries Mike Safford-Kennedy shared at the time of his retirement.



Regarding my next chapter in ministry, God has already been opening a couple of doors. In faith and patience, I wait to see what the Holy has in store for me. I am abundantly confident that some congregation will be interested in my available part-time leadership.

Again, Ann and I wish everyone well.

Sunday School Corner

I hope everyone is having a great summer. It's time to get ready for our 2026 – 2027 Sunday School year! We will be officially kicking Sunday School off on Sunday, September 13th at 8:00 AM. This will be our Sunday School Open House in the Sunday School rooms. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet the Sunday School teachers, learn more about this year's Sunday School plans and ask any questions. I can't wait to see you all there!

We have a few exciting updates for the upcoming Sunday School year. We will be moving Children's Worship back to the 2nd Sunday of the month. Students will help with ushering, reading and will participate in a special Children's Sermon. This is a very special part of our Sunday School program and has been a great way to get the students involved in the worship services.

Our annual Christmas Program will be held on December 20, 2026. We will also be continuing our tradition of an annual Easter Program, which will be held on April 4, 2027. Both programs will be directed by Shirley Lisowe and are sure to be a wonderful addition to our Sunday School program. Check out the updated [Sunday School calendar](#) for our rehearsal times.

Our Sunday School Mission Project this year will be supporting the [Eastshore Humane Society](#) in Chilton. We will collect items and money to help support them in their animal rescue efforts in Chilton and the surrounding areas. Stay tuned for a list of their most needed items.

The church website has been updated with the new [Sunday School calendar](#) and registration information. Please [register your children](#) for the upcoming Sunday School year [here](#). We have classes for students from 4k through 6th grade.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions, I can be reached at melissa.moehn@yahoo.com or 920-242-7240. I'm excited to see everyone again!

Melissa Kuhn



August Birthdays

- 1 Matt Winkler
- 1 Tammy Greuel
- 6 Spencer Wagner
- 8 Joan Woelfel
- 8 Don Propson
- 9 Aiden Gleason
- 13 Jack Vernon
- 21 Steve Stenz
- 22 Addison Head
- 22 Earl Ploeckelmann
- 25 Noah Brown
- 26 Carl Reichwald
- 30 Jordan Propson



PRAYER LIST



Barb ~ Colleen ~
Da' Monique ~ Diana ~ Dino ~
Don ~ Elizabeth ~ Gail ~ Herb ~
Joan ~ Kathryn ~ Katy ~ Pam ~
Rachel ~ Raelynn ~ Rod ~
Sandra ~ Stevie ~ Tony

A WONDERFUL MORNING WITH ELAINE!



What a great time was enjoyed by all on Thursday, July 16th, at Lakehouse Assisted Living in New Holstein. The morning started with a delicious breakfast prepared by the kitchen staff at Lakehouse. It consisted of an egg casserole, bacon, toast, fresh fruit, pastry, juice, water, and coffee. You did not go away hungry from that meal and the staff was so

accommodating it made the meal even more pleasant. Those of us from Ebenezer UCC that enjoyed it were: Ruth Aebischer, Janet Andrews, Jeanne Keuler, Edith Knoespel, Kelly Kress, Shirley Lisowe, Judy Mattes, Dino and Ellie Papendieck, Bea Pingel, Chris Stenz, Joan Woelfel, and we can't forget Elaine. (Missing from the picture was Dino who was taking the photo.)

After breakfast, we gathered around Elaine and her keyboard and she got us going with "This Little Light Of Mine" and then we sang requested hymns such as Amazing Grace, How Great Thou Art, Faith Of Our Fathers, Blessed Assurance, He Lives, What A Friend We Have In Jesus, and others including patriotic songs. We closed with Let There Be Peace On Earth and our favorite Choral Benediction. Joining us for the sing-a-long were Mark and Ann Rusch and several residents at Lakehouse. It was so neat to hear all the

voices blend together. Those residents that didn't join us I'm sure heard us and sang by themselves or hummed along in the hallways or in their rooms to the familiar tunes.



We thank Elaine for helping to put the meal and sing-a-long together with the assistance of the Lakehouse staff. It was a lot of fun and makes us remember the sing-a-longs we always did on the Sundays in July with Elaine before her retirement.

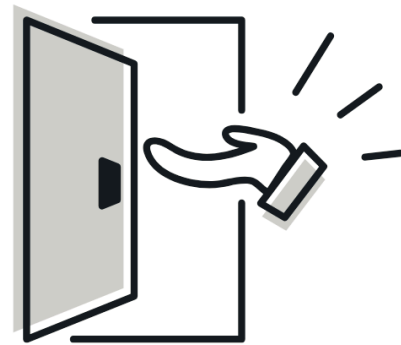
If Elaine would be up to it and the Lakehouse staff is willing to work with us again, maybe we can do this again? *What do you think Elaine?*

READERS



August 2 - **Mark**
August 9 - **Dino**
August 16 - **Kristi**
August 23 - **Ann**
August 30 - **Stephanie**

USHERS



August 2 - **Council**
August 9 - **Ken, Shirley**
August 16 - **Brian, Stephanie**
August 23 - **Andy, Mike**
August 30 - **Dino, Ellie**

Local Events



The next "Stampin' It" card class will be at Ebenezer on Monday, August 10 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Beginners to experienced card makers are welcome – no supplies needed. Everything needed for the class is included in a \$25 kit which Julie will have available; \$5 from each kit sold will be donated back to the church. RSVP to Julie at 920-849-2931.

Steam & Gas Engine Show August 9-10, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Check out antique farm machinery at the Calumet Co. Fairgrounds. This year featuring Case. Includes a model steam engine display, toy show, flea market, and a tractor pull on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. \$5 admission, \$1 for kids 12-16, free under 12.



Voices of Peace

August 21, 11:00 am - 7:00 pm & August 22, 10:00 am-7:00 pm



Bring your lawn chairs to Hilbert Civic Park and listen to 15 bands from all over the country. Free-will offering (100% given back to the bands), non-denominational, food available.

June Council Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2026

Nick Kuhn called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM

Council members in attendance: Glen Pingel, Shirley Lisowe, Nick Kuhn, Andy Hofmeister, Lexi Pagel, Aubrey Plate

The Worship Committee was also in attendance

Shirley Lisowe made a motion to approve the minutes from last month. Glen Pingel seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Nick Kuhn read the following Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$8929.00

Expenses: (\$6082.08)

Checking Account Balance: \$121,048.62

Money Market Account Balance: \$107,395.69 \$141.20 gained in interest

Total Equity: \$228,444.31

Minus Special Giving Acct: \$79,547.47 \$148,896.84

Cambridge Accounts: \$74,048.34

Parsonage Income: \$1545.00

May Offerings were deposited on 5/26 in the amount of \$5414.00

Glen Pingel made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Andy Hofmeister seconded the motion, and the treasurer's report was accepted

The bills were reviewed.

Shirley Lisowe made a motion to pay the bills. Glen Pingel seconded the motion, and it was approved for the bills to be paid.

In the committee reports, it was discussed that we are still searching for an organist.

There was then discussion on the 6 month review of Pastor Dave's contract

Glen Pingel made a motion to give pastor a 30-day notice for severance. Aubrey Plate seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Andy Hofmeister made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Glen Ping seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 AM.

July Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, July 26 Ebenezer Council Meeting

7:30 AM Nick Kuhn called the meeting to order

Shirley Lisowe led us in prayer

Attendance: Nick Kuhn, Shirley Lisowe, Brian Adamietz, Lexi Pagel, Andy Hofmeister, Glen Pingel

Brian Adamietz made a motion to accept the agenda. Glen Pingel seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved.

The council discussed the following Pastor's Report from Pastor Dave:

On 7/19/2026, I reviewed with Shirley how I 'produce' the music video for worship on Sundays two, three, four, and five. I also said, that I would be willing to review the added steps I go through to 'produce' the first Sunday service.

Mary already has the thumb drive that contains the usable files from purchased CDs. Again, note, for PowerPoint purposes, the file format on the CDs are not transferable. Each file has been transferred to an MP3 file, which is PowerPoint friendly.

By the end of August, I will provide multiple PowerPoint files of past services for your information and education.

Regarding the service on August 30, I am earnestly requesting that the council be present, as there will be a 'Rite of Ministry Ending' at the conclusion of the worship service. I believe there will also be a Conference Representative from the Committee of Ministry also present to preside over that Rite.

Please address any questions to me prior to August 31.

Dave

Glen Pingel made a motion to accept the minutes from the June meeting. Brian Adamietz seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Brian Adamietz gave the following Treasurer Report:

Report as of Tuesday, June 30, 2026

Income: \$8609.00

Expenses: (\$12,591.15)

Checking Account Balance: \$119,258.04

Money Market Account Balance: \$107,532.50 \$136.81 gained in interest

Total Equity: \$226,790.54

Minus Special Giving Acct: \$79,348.38 \$147,442.16

Cambridge Accounts: \$79,570.99

Parsonage Income: \$1545.00

June offerings of \$6659.00 were deposited on 6/30/26. On June 22, lock repair for \$916.92 was paid to Suburban Enterprises.

Glen Pingel made a motion to accept the Treasurer Report. Lexi Pagel seconded the motion, and the Treasurer Report was approved.

There was a discussion on the bills to be paid

Shirley Lisowe made a motion to include an added expense not to exceed \$600 for the parsonage dryer. Glen Pingel seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Andy Hofmeister made a motion to pay the bills. Glen Pingel seconded the motion, and it was approved for the bills to be paid.

Committee Reports were discussed

Christian Education

- We discussed dates for the coming year
- Tentative first day of Sunday School September 13
- Move Children's worship back to the 2nd Sunday (have students usher and read)
- Christmas Program Tentatively December 20
- Easter Program Tentatively April 4

Worship and Music Committee

- Still looking for a new organist

Property

- Shed still incomplete
- Sure Dry for servicing
- New dryer for parsonage

Brian Adamietz made a motion to pay Sure Dry to service equipment. Shirley Lisowe seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Pastoral Relations

- Pastor's last day, August 31

There was discussion about the upcoming meeting with Jane Anderson on July 29 at 4PM

There was discussion about upcoming church services going forward.

Brian Adamietz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shirley Lisowe seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 AM.

The next Council meeting will be held August 16 at 7:30 AM

August Calendar of Events

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Family Worship Service @ 8:45 a.m. w/ Communion • Bible Study	3	4	5 6:00 Service @SJUCC Supper at 5:00 pm	6	7	8
9 Worship Service @ 8:45 a.m. • Bible Study	10 Stampin' It Class 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.	11	12 6:00 Service @SJUCC Supper at 5:00 pm	13 Men's Breakfast Group Meeting at 7 Angels 8:30 a.m.	14	15
16 Council Meeting @ 7:30 a.m. Worship Service @ 8:45 a.m. • Bible Study	17	18	19 6:00 Service @SJUCC Supper at 5:00 pm	20 Women's Guild Meeting at 7 Angels 9:00 a.m.	21 Eagle Articles Due	22
23 Worship Service @ 8:45 a.m. • Bible Study	24	25	26 6:00 Service @SJUCC Supper at 5:00 pm	27	28	29
30 Worship Service @ 8:45 a.m. • Bible Study	31					

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Aubrey Plate

Lexi Pagel



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