

Vermont Lutheran Church

AUGUST 2025

Ask the Pastor Anything...

I thought this day would never come, but with this installment, I have answered all the questions in the **Ask the Pastor Anything** box! If there are any lingering questions, shoot me an email.

Judas must have had redeeming qualities if Jesus chose him to be one of the twelve. Could you address this?

To answer this question, we need to back up a bit.

Three of the gospels – Matthew, Mark, and Luke bear a strong resemblance to one other. For example, 90% of the gospel of Mark appears verbatim in the gospel of Matthew. All three gospels share the same take on the Christ event. Bear in mind that the gospel of John is a different story. It stands alone. Its portrayal of Judas is unlike the portrayal of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. I will leave John's portrayal of Judas aside, or this answer will take up the entire Messenger.

Matthew, Mark, and Luke were trying to feed their readers something that would be nearly impossible for them to swallow; namely, the centrality of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ to the Christian proclamation. We take the centrality of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ to the Christian proclamation for granted. After all, it's been in the bloodstream of western culture for two millennia. In its original unfolding no one was having it. Take a step back. It's hardly self-evident that an ignominious death on a cross – a punishment reserved mostly for slaves – was a vicarious atonement for human sin. In fact, it was utterly incomprehensible. It was downright offensive.

The gospel writers determined that the best defense was a good offense. Mark's gospel has been described as a crucifixion account with a brief preface. And the crucifixions accounts are eye-witness historical accounts. There are two eye-witness accounts in the Bible – one concerning King David and the crucifixion accounts. An eye-witness historical account of the crucifixion does not exactly soft peddle it.

Accordingly, the disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke are depicted as those struggling to comprehend the necessity and meaning of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. They represent the resistance the gospels' readers would mount toward it.

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Pastor Rebecca (cont)

Enter Judas. Judas was a zealot. Zealots were the ancient equivalent of present-day terrorists. They fought to free their homeland from Roman occupation, but being relatively powerless, they resorted to terror tactics. They were nationalists extremists whose ultimate aim was to revive the nation of Israel.

Judas mistook Jesus as a man cut from his same cloth. Jesus, with his miraculous powers, had come to end Roman occupation and revive the nation of Israel. When Jesus entered Jerusalem at the time of the Passover after the fashion of a latter-day King David, Judas thought the time was at hand. But when Jesus did not get on with it. When Jesus instead attempted to impart that his death was nigh, Judas realized his mistake. He had backed the wrong man. He wanted the spotlight off Jesus and onto the aims of zealotry. So he betrayed Jesus to his enemies for thirty pieces of silver. He led his enemies to Jesus and identified him with a kiss. He never thought his actions had launched a chain of events that would get Jesus killed. When he discovered what he had done, he repented of his actions and naively thought he could halt that chain of events by returning the thirty silver pieces. When Jesus' enemies sneered at him for trying, he could not bear to see thing play out and hung himself.


Did Judas have redeeming qualities? He was certainly no worse than the other disciples. More tragic, perhaps, but no worse. It is wrong that he was singled out as a despicable monster. And according to God's mystery, he helped the gospel writers convey who Jesus was and who Jesus wasn't. He wasn't a nationalist of any stripe. He was the Son of God who had come to make a vicarious atonement for human sin on his cross.

Pastor Rebecca

Call Committee

The Call Committee met with two promising candidates VIA Zoom on Tuesday the 22nd. The committee liked both candidates and we are in process of setting up face to face meetings with both. Currently attempting to meet the first week of August.

Thank you and we'll update as we progress.



PRESIDENT: Peter Antonie
VICE-PRESIDENT: Debbie Krebs
SECRETARY: Tracy Yaktus
TREASURER: Karsten Haugen
MEMBERS: Nancy Berkas, Jamie Hallick, Andrew Lonsdale, Frannie Parrell
YOUTH MEMBER: Luke Herrling

From The President's Desk, August 2025

Peter Antonie

Last month, I wrote about the Strategic Plan discussions that took place in May, and that we would be getting back to the entire congregation with a questionnaire/survey, late this summer, asking for your input.

Three conclusions emerged from those discussions as priorities to address:

First, we love our worship service. There were some wonderful ideas for enhancements.

Second, we see some communication opportunities that will help everyone better understand the work the teams and committees are doing.

Third, clarification of our service team practices would be much appreciated, especially by our new members.

Prior to the questionnaire/survey, there were a couple of "tweaks" we recognized that could be implemented immediately for our worship service.

First, you may have noticed that we switched the order of the announcements and the prelude. The prelude is intended to be a time of quiet contemplation and focus on being ready for the worship service. By moving the announcements to come prior to the prelude, there is a more natural transition to the worship service.

Second, we noticed that very often during the announcements specific individuals were referred to by name as being hospitalized, ill, in need, etc. While that is important information for our members, it doesn't seem appropriate for being broadcast on our recorded YouTube worship services. We'll still record and broadcast our services. But the recording won't start until the announcements are over and the prelude begins.

So, enjoy these lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer and watch for the questionnaire/survey for you to provide your input to shape our congregation's future.

VICAR JILL DYBDAHL



Vermont Lutheran Church is proud to share that our member and seminarian, Vicar Jill Dybdahl, will begin her full-time pastoral internship at Grace Lutheran Church in Dodgeville, WI, starting August 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. After completing her first two years in the Master of Divinity program at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, IA, Jill will now step into this critical phase of her formation, where she will preach, teach confirmation, offer pastoral care, and engage in community outreach.

Pastor Mark Williamson, lead pastor at Grace Lutheran, will serve as her on-site supervisor. While we will miss seeing Jill regularly at Vermont Lutheran, we look forward to her return after internship to complete her final year of seminary, with graduation set for May 2027. In the ELCA, a “vicar” refers to a seminarian in the process of becoming an ordained pastor—a journey we are honored to walk with Jill.

Financial Report

Going forward, to ensure the Monthly Messenger is distributed in a timely manner, before the first of each month, the financial report will not reflect the current end of month. The current end-of-month financial report will be printed in the bulletin upon receipt.

Vermont Lutheran Church				
Monthly Financial Report				
Jun-25				
<u>Contributions</u>		Actual	Budget ****	Diff.
Monthly		16,807	16,350 **	457
YTD		133,681 ***	98,100 **	35,581
<u>Operating Expenses</u>		Actual	Budget ****	Diff.
Monthly		25,617	25,293	324
YTD		154,479	151,760	2,719
<u>Balance</u>				
Monthly		(8,810)	(8,943)	133
YTD		(20,798) ****	(53,660)	32,862
<u>Operating Cash</u>		Checking	Money Market*	TOTAL
Current Month	2025	24,117 **	159,149	183,266
Current Month	2024	34,113	170,180	204,293
Current Month	2023			157,997
* Value as of the end of quarter				
** Adjusted for 2024 Year-end Transfers made in March				
*** Adjusted to annualize Health Coordinator's salary contribution				
**** 2025 Budget assumes a shortfall of \$107,320 to be subtracted from our Operating Cash-General savings account (Does not include the Organ)				

August Service Teams

Thank you for assisting with worship. If you are unable to serve on your designated Sunday, please find a replacement and inform the office (vermontoffice@vermontlutheran.org).

	AUGUST 3	AUGUST 10	AUGUST 17	AUGUST 24	AUGUST 31
ASSISTING MINISTER	Debbie Krebs	Joel Oines	Debbie Krebs	Peter Antonie	Laura Winchip
GREETERS/ USHERS	Beth Gold Carolyn Antonie	Julie Schmitt Joanne Skalet	Bo & Susan Olson Hefty Family Julie Uselman	Mike & Bonnie Dauck Leonard & Sue Schaub	Jon Urness Jacob & Sophie Laurent
READER	Peter Antonie Carolyn Antonie	Ken Meigs	Tee Parrell	Bonnie Dauck Sue Schaub	Jon Urness
COMMUNION PREP	Peter Antonie	N/A	Bo & Susan Olson	N/A	N/A
HOSPITALITY	Antonie Family	Julie Schmitt Joanne Skalet	Susan Olson Erika Forseth Julie Uselman	Mike & Bonnie Dauck Sue Schaub	Jon & Judy Urness Christy Maik
MUSICIAN	Ingerid Kvam	Bruce Case	Bruce Case	Ingerid Kvam	Ingerid Kvam
ALTAR	Klover Schafer Joanie Haugen	Klover Schafer Joanie Haugen	Klover Schafer Joanie Haugen	Klover Schafer Joanie Haugen	Klover Schafer Joanie Haugen



SPECIAL MUSIC VOLUNTEERS

Share your musical talents
with the church community!
Contact Laura Winchip at 563-940-8468
or Tee Parrell at 608-767-2427.

HYMNALS

Thank you to all who purchased hymnals
in honor/memory of loved ones.
We have reached our goal of thirty
hymnals to purchase. If you would like
to purchase one, Sunday, August 3 is the
last day to get your forms in.

HANNAH'S HEALTH NOTES..."Your monthly dose of wellness, wisdom, and a whole lot of heart."

"Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul." 3 John 1:2

Hannah returns the week of August 11th. In her absence, please contact Pastor Rebecca email: Rebecca.Clancy@vermontlutheran.org. Prayer Chain Requests can be left with Laura Winchip through phone call or text to (563)940-8468. Prayer requests can also be included in the Sunday bulletin by emailing the office at vermontoffice@vermontlutheran.org. Prayers will continue for 4 weeks unless notified otherwise.

Happenings Around Vermont



BOOK CLUB UPDATE

The newly formed book club will be taking a break for the month of August and will resume in September. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, **September 15**, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We'll be discussing *The Air We Breathe* by Glen Scrivener. All are welcome to join!

If you're interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Kristin Oines.

JIGSAW PUZZLE LIBRARY

Calling on all Jigsaw Puzzle People to help with a Puzzle Work Day for two to three hours on **August 13** at 1:30 PM. It is time to change the displayed puzzles going into the fall. Let's get together, re-organize the puzzles, have a little snack and talk about puzzling ideas! Please let Klover Schafer know if you can help. We can change the date if more of you can make another day/time! Thanks!!!



COMMUNITY PARADES



Vermont Lutheran will again have a presence in the Black Earth Field Days Parade and the Mazomanie Wild West Days Parade. Ken Meigs is driving his vehicle for both parades. What we need is folks to walk behind and hand out goodies to the crowd. BE Field Days Parade is **Saturday, August 9th at noon**. We will gather at 11 am at former New Heights parking lot. Contact Peter Antonie this Sunday, August 3rd to let him know you will be there.

CLOSING OUT MID-SUMMER & GETTING READY FOR "BACK TO SCHOOL"

The Mission Team closes out July with two mid-summer projects:

Our annual mid-summer *Food Pantry Drive for Paper and Personal Products* overflowed the display table onto the adjacent pews. Was there room for anyone to sit down? Of course, the upside is that there were a lot of contributions for the most requested items from both food pantries that we serve! Thank you to all who contributed this summer. And remember, contributions are always accepted in the basket and box next to the elevator.

For those of you who asked how you could best get donations to the *Texas flooding* areas, we provided you with the connection we have through the ELCA. Contributions earmarked for the Flood Relief Efforts will be forwarded to the ELCA Disaster Relief this last week of July. This is an easy way for you to donate to national and international disaster relief efforts as all the funds are sent to the ELCA synods or affiliates in the area for immediate use. And, by the way, LWR Quilts made their way early on in the flooding event-perhaps some of our very own Vermont made quilts.

Two Projects Continue:

Gardeners' overflow of veggies, fruits, and flowers can be dropped off at the table as you enter the Fellowship Hall. They are available for other members and guests to take and enjoy. The remainder of the produce will be taken to the Heights Unlimited Food Pantry.

CARES Team is an ongoing project. Members help people in the community with small household and yard work. Ellie Boebel is the contact person for anyone wanting more detail to either sign up to help or who may need some assistance.

With August comes school planning and we are no exception. *School Supplies* to fill backpacks are needed for both Wisconsin Heights School District and for World Relief. Please check article from LaVonne Clason or the table that is set up in the narthex for school supplies.

If you are interested in working on a mission project or would like to start a new project, please contact the church office. We can put you to work!

MEAL SUPPORT



On Sunday, July 27, we had a meal sign-up sheet for Ron and Denise Boehnen for the month of August. We were able to fill in every Monday and Friday. If you didn't get a chance to sign-up and would like to in the future, we will reassess their needs at the end of August for the month of September. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Kris Antonie at 608-767-2641. Thank you to our wonderful church community.

🍅 Garden Overflow? We've Got a Spot for That! 🍆🥒

Is your garden producing more than you can use? Don't let those delicious fruits and veggies go to waste—we'd love to help you share the bounty! Each Sunday morning, a Sharing Table will be set up in the Fellowship Hall for your extra produce. Whether it's a handful of cucumbers or a basket of tomatoes, you're invited to drop off your garden goodies for others in the congregation and for donation to Heights Unlimited Food Pantry.

Please note: *There will be no outdoor drop-off areas this year.*

Questions? Reach out to Ellie Boebel or Klover Schafer.

Let's celebrate the season with fresh, homegrown goodness—and thank you to all the amazing gardeners who make this ministry possible! 🌱❤️



WISCONSIN HEIGHTS SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

We will collect Supplies through September

Clorox wipes
Pencils (not a lot)
Glue sticks (need lots)
Kleenex
Washable markers
Masking tape
Dry eraser markers (mostly black)
White glues



INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH SCHOOL KIT

- ☐ **FOUR** 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper
- ☐ **ONE** 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ☐ **ONE** pencil sharpener
- ☐ **ONE** pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- ☐ **FIVE** unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- ☐ **FIVE** black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ☐ **ONE** box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ☐ **ONE** 2 ½" eraser
- ☐ **ONE** sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

Short Notes from Outreach/New Member Meeting, July 22, 2025

For the full official minutes, please see the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or the church website under the "Members" tab.

Present: Jill Dybdahl, Ken Meigs, Susan Olson, Polly Kawalek, and Pastor Rebecca Clancy.

Unable to attend: Bob Johnson, Bill Meddings, and Jane Hanson.

Minutes approved from the 6/24/25 meeting.

Top priorities for the meeting were to take advantage of Jill's last meeting before her internship at Grace Lutheran Church in Dodgeville begins on August 1. Ken Meigs will serve as chair.

Conversations are ongoing with eight potential new members.

We are defining the process for new member onboarding, including completion of initial paperwork, engagement with Pastor, and announcement to the congregation. Members of the outreach team will act as guides to create initial engagement, like introducing them to other members, accompanying to hospitality, and connecting them to teams.

We are preparing an initiative to be called "Meet Your Church Family!" Postcards with a few fun questions will be distributed during hospitality. The answers, with a picture, will create individual profiles which we'll post to the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. It is meant to be fun and to help us get to know one another. Participation is voluntary and we hope you will. Timing will likely be in second half of August.

The new member orientation and new member dinner will be combined. The new event will be held on a week night in Sept, beginning at 6pm to accommodate work schedules. The orientation will take an hour in the Gathering Place, followed by dinner and conversation in Fellowship Hall. Potential dates are being determined with the new members. All will be invited once that date is determined.

Next meeting will be Aug 26, 2025.

OUTREACH/NEW MEMBER CHAIRPERSON

Ken Meigs is our new Outreach/New Member Chairperson. Ken is a lifelong member of Vermont Church and looks forward to welcoming new members to our community. Ken's contact info: (608)516-5368 or email Ken@meigsbuilds.com

News from the Visibility Team

Our billboard campaign was successful! Although we cannot be certain that the billboard is the reason, we have seen increased traffic to our website (and on the trails). We have also seen our Facebook Friends go from 326 to 422 in the last 12 months. While this could potentially be from the billboard, it is more likely from the additional postings of all of the activity we have going on here at Vermont Lutheran Church.

June held two larger events; one being the rest stop for the Horribly Hilly Hundreds, which brought over 900 bikers and spectators to our property between the hours of 8:00 am and 10:30 am. We had a multitude of volunteers who had never been to our church, so they were pleasantly surprised by our facilities. The bikers were very complimentary of the rest stop and hoped we would host again next year. We also had a long-time member's Celebration of Life, which brought 50+ people from all parts of the county, state and country who were equally impressed with the beauty and conduciveness of our facilities for such a gathering. Our Community Picnic was well attended, albeit not as well as previous years, for reasons mentioned, such as too many conflicting commitments and the hot temperatures. We will look at variable dates in the next years.

July has brought a welcome lull, although two Remembrance services brought in more visitors from near and far! As we write this, we are gearing up for two Parades (Black Earth on August 9th and Mazomanie on September 7th) and potentially more activities in the Prairie & Woodlands (family run/walk, trail run, bird watching seminar, prairie flower identification/installation). We are contemplating continuing with sporadic billboard campaigns in the next 12 months.

A big draw for summer has been the "Special Music Series." If you've been to church this summer, you know what we are talking about. The music has been spectacular. And we hear it will be getting even more spectacular and abundant with the new organ installation.

WORD OF MOUTH is still our biggest and best avenue for bringing in new members by consistently inviting family, friends, and neighbors to join us in Worship. We have all the necessary ingredients: Good sermons, good music, great education for kids, friendly and inviting congregation (hospitality). We will look to Outreach to provide the exact numbers, but we are thrilled when we see the new faces...and hear the babies!

Tracy Yaktus

Kitchen Crew

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN CREW

Our mission is to create a functional and enjoyable space that provides efficient meal preparation, reduces clutter, and fosters a sense of calm and ease. Your kitchen crew consists of Lavonne Clason, Denise Boehnen, Julie Schmitt and Kris Antonie. We will be ordering hospitality items and pantry items as needed and be in charge of maintaining and professionally cleaning the kitchen as needed.

We will have a clipboard available for you to use to notify us of shortages and a clipboard for suggestions in the kitchen.

We are a very giving congregation, so much so that our kitchen storage space is overflowing. We kindly ask you that if you wish to donate an item to the kitchen, that you notify a member of the kitchen crew to see if we need it.

At times, the refrigerator is overflowing with unclaimed and outdated food. We are asking you to label the food you want saved with a date and name so we don't throw it out. Thank you.

LIVING LUTHERAN

Check out the online magazine, LIVING LUTHERAN covering a variety of topics including,

- Congregational Life
- Voices of Faith
- Religious News & Social Issues
- Children and Family
- Mission & Ministry
- Spiritual Practices & Resources
- Reformation
- Stories of Faith
- And more

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Women's Ministries/WELCA
2025 Biennial Convention and Gathering
Saturday, October 4, 2025

New Heights Church at
The Grove: Regional Community Center
314 Anne Street, Mazomanie

Online Registration will open Tuesday, July 1. All must register online at S-CSW WELCA web page <https://scsw-elca.org/welca/>

Early bird AND Voting Members registration – Tuesday, July 1 through Sunday, August 17. \$30

Registration/Non-Voting Members Registration – Monday, August 18. \$50

For details and to register – Please go to <https://scsw-elca.org/welca/2025gathering/>
Details of lodging, Offering, in-kind donations, Pennies for Poverty, workshop summaries, lunch, etc.

Nominating, Educational Scholarship, Triennial Scholarship forms, and Resolution creation information can be found on the Registration.

Schedule for the day

7:00 a.m. – Registration for Voting Members
7:15 a.m. – Convention/Business Meeting
9:15 a.m. – Break
9:30 a.m. – Opening Worship including Blessing of In-Kind Offering
10:15 a.m. – Break
10:30 a.m. – Keynote
11:25 a.m. – Workshops
12:10 p.m. – Lunch
1:30 p.m. – Workshops
2:15 p.m. – Break
2:30 p.m. – Announcements/Closing/Installation of WELCA Board
3:15 p.m. – Gathering Ends

Workshops

- Climate Justice: You CAN make a difference – Wendy Van Dusen – Care of Creation team
- Chair Yoga – Treat Yourself with Love and Compassion – Pam MacLeod
- Heights Unlimited workshop – Francine Rask
- The Little Heart Project – Kathleen Jensen & Janean Hill
- Sharing God's Love Through the Written Word – Rev Kathy Jacobson
- Let's Create Triennial Swap Bookmarks – Lynn Mehringer





The Legacy Fund Committee and other interested parties have continued their work to further develop the Legacy Prairie and Woodland and explore options to enhance what has already been accomplished.

Our prairie areas were planted in November 2022, so this is their third summer and are in beautiful bloom, right now.

A lot has happened in the wetland area along Vermont Creek since last-winter's forestry mowing allowed easy access to the creek. A meeting with representatives from Dane County, the DNR and BECWA (Black Earth Creek Watershed Association) met with our Legacy Fund Committee to walk the creek and start the process of creating a habitat improvement plan.

To learn more [click here](#) to view the full report.



You may also find the August Update on the Vermont Website.

The Legacy Fund Committee is interested in your thoughts and ideas. Please come on out anytime to take a hike, have a quiet moment on the patio, use the play structure, or drive up the Cemetery extension road to take in the view.

Future updates and questions: We know there is a great deal of interest in these projects, and we will continue to provide regular updates. If you have questions or ideas you'd like to pass on to the Legacy Fund Committee (LFC), please feel free to email the church or speak with one of the LFC members: Greg Herrling, Peter Antonie, Larry Ziemer, Leonard Schaub, Karsten Haugen, Jim Herrling or Gary Olsen.

Caring for God's Creation Team



MONTHLY MEDITATIVE HIKES

August 17, 3 pm

CamRock County Park, Cambridge

September 21, 3 pm

Indian Lake County Park, Cross Plains

October 19, 3 pm

Holy Wisdom Monastery, Middleton

Month
At a Glance...

FIELD DAYS PARADE
August 9, Noon
Black Earth

COUNCIL MEETING
August 17, 10:45 am
Gathering Place

MISSION TEAM MEETING
August 21, 7 pm

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
August 25

OUTREACH TEAM MTG
August 26, 4 pm

QUILTING
August 4 & 18

- AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**
- August 1 Bailey Lynch
 - August 2 Janet Castle
 - August 3 Maya Burton
 - August 4 Brady Hurner
Allan Koch
 - August 6 Hannah Hurley
 - August 7 Jonathan Schultz
 - August 8 Randall Adler
 - August 13 Owen Danz
Isaac Lentz
 - August 14 Klover Schafer
 - August 15 Maxine Patchin
Bonnie Pribenow-Paddock
 - August 20 Bridget Lonsdale
 - August 23 Greta Ziemer
 - August 25 Andrea Dyreson
Thomas Hefty
Judy Urness
Wade Winchip
 - August 30 Gary Olsen
 - August 31 Jacob Laurent

2025 ELCA CHURCWISE ASSEMBLY

The 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly will be held July 28–Aug. 2, 2025, at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Ariz.

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the primary decision-making body of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, is a process of communal spiritual discernment. When the ELCA Churchwide Assembly convenes, its voting members meet with confidence in God's grace around word and water, wine and bread, to carry on their work on behalf of the entire church. Over the course of the assembly, voting members:

- Hear reports and review the work of churchwide officers, leaders and units.
- Receive and consider proposals from synod assemblies.
- Elect officers, board members and other leaders as specified by the constitution or bylaws.
- Establish ELCA churchwide policy.
- Worship together.
- Adopt a budget.
- Conduct other business related to the ELCA churchwide organization.

[CWA 2025 YouTube Playlist](#)

For the Life of the World

The first Council of Nicaea was convened 1,700 years ago, beginning the process of setting forth Christian convictions in what we know today as the Nicene Creed. The creed proclaims the life-giving truth of the triune God and our steadfast faith in Jesus Christ “for ... the life of the world to come.” These convictions continue to live and breathe among us in word and sacrament.

Early in her tenure, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton set forth her own convictions to guide the members of the ELCA in understanding our unique identity, and these convictions have become a recognized way of articulating who we are:

- We are church.
- We are Lutheran.
- We are church together.
- We are church for the sake of the world.

We are church for the sake of the world — for the abundant life promised by God and fulfilled in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for all creation.

We recognize the wisdom of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who said, “The church is the church only when it exists for others.” Our constitution’s “Statement of Purpose” boldly proclaims this commitment to be a people “called and sent to bear witness to God’s creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world.”

Rooted in the ancient creeds, we are called to live boldly in service to a world longing for healing, justice and hope. We will continue to faithfully pursue God’s mission of reconciliation for the life of the world.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Peter Antonie

BOOKKEEPER

Elizabeth Herrling

CUSTODIAN

Bo Olson

The ELCA is pleased to announce the election of the Rev. Yehiel Curry as presiding bishop of the ELCA! Bishop-elect Curry was elected on the fifth ballot with 70.34% of the vote.



Ever-living God, strengthen and sustain Bishop-elect Curry, that with patience and understanding he may love and care for your people. Grant that together we may follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHURCH LINKS



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Articles for September
Newsletter due to the office
AUGUST 25.

AUGUST CALENDAR of EVENTS

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
27 Service, 9:30 am Rescheduled Council Meeting	28	29	30	31 Portico Review Reservation	1	2 AA Meeting
3 Service, 9:30 am	4 Quilting	5	6	7 Reservation	8	9 Black Earth Field Days Parade 2025 – Noon AA Meeting
10 Service, 9:30 am Family Reunion	11	12	13	14 Reservation	15	16 AA Meeting
17 Service, 9:30 am Service with Baptism Council Meeting	18 Quilting	19	20	21 Reservation	22	23 AA Meeting
24 Service, 9:30 am	25 Newsletter Article Deadline	26	27	28 Reservation	29	30 AA Meeting
31 Service, 9:30 am	1 Quilting	2	3	4 Reservation	5	6 Reservation AA Meeting

If you need contact information for Vermont's members, please remember you can always go the 'Members' Tab on the church's website. Here you will find church contacts as well as member contacts. We are working on updating this section. Your patience is appreciated.

