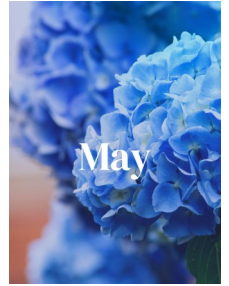




May 2025 Cross Beams



www.englishlutheranchurch.org

Our Vision: A Christ-centered, serving community.

**April Kingdom Kids
- So much fun and
energy in our
church! (3 pictures)**



Ready to spread Easter joy on April 6.



Sharing and Caring Volunteers! Thank you!
Below they are pictured with Mary Jo Copeland.

Beautiful quilts for Sharing and Caring Hands, March 31, 2025

We appreciate pictures of church events. Please capture and share with: office@englishlutheranchurch.org Thank you!



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PASTOR PETE'S ARTICLE

As we come to the end of our program year, I want to say thank you! I want to thank everyone for their participation in the Lenten & Easter Season! Thank you to everyone who came to the worship services and the meals! Thank you to everyone who helped lead the worship services! Thank you to Missy & Ava and all of our singers and musicians for sharing your gifts and talents to lead the music for our worship services. Thank you to the people who volunteered to read at the worship services! Thank you to those who read on Sunday mornings and to those who signed up to read on Palm Sunday! Thank you to the altar guild and friends who made our sanctuary look so beautiful for our Easter services and for your faithfulness in preparing the communion elements for each service and making sure that we have the proper color banners up! Thank you to everyone who helped cook and serve meals on Wednesday nights! It is always great when we can gather for a meal. Thank you to the true heroes of Wednesday nights, the clean-up crews!! Thank you so much to everyone who cleaned up after us! (Don't tell anyone else, but you are my favorite people!)

Thank you to everyone who works with our youth program!! Thank you to Katie & Piper for volunteering again this year to teach Sunday school! And thanks to Emily for helping out as well!! You are amazing for taking this on, and we really appreciate you! Thank you to Sue, Denise, Kayla, and Kim for all of your help with Kingdom Kids! We had an amazing year of it this year! Thank you to Kayla, Trina, Mark, Morgan & Phillip for volunteering with confirmation, and thank you to everyone who provided meals for us on Wednesday nights! Thank you for providing a safe place for our young people to gather so that they feel comfortable inviting friends to join us! Thank you to the Children, Youth, and Family team for your love and guidance!

Thank you to all of the people who take care of the "business" side of the church! Thank you to the council members who guide our church and help us to fulfill our mission, "To share Christ's unconditional love, inspiring us all for service to others." Thank you to the Finance Committee, who make sure that we are responsible with the gifts that we are blessed to receive, and for keeping an eye on the books! Thank you to the money counters for your honesty and dedication! Thank you to those who work on stewardship, who teach us how to be faithful to the Lord with our money! Thank you to the endowment committee, who work to make sure that we leave a legacy! Thank you to the property committee for keeping our building shipshape.

Thank you to those who serve our neighbors. Thank you to the people who have been taking care of the sharing shed! Our neighbors truly appreciate it! Thank you to those who also work with HEART, who do incredible work for those in need! Thank you to the crew that does our Adopt-A-Highway portion on County C in the Spring and Fall! Thank you to those who serve the food at funerals and those who serve coffee hour on Sunday mornings! Thank you for facilitating our fellowship and creating a sense of community amongst us.

Thank you to our wonderful staff! Thank you to Ava, who not only plays piano but also keeps our books! Thank you to Julie for all of the wonderful work that she does, keeping us organized and running smoothly. Thank you to Missy for leading our music worship and the choir with a joyful heart! And thank you to Malerie, who has the unglamorous job of keeping the insides of our building clean! And thank you to everyone who has worked at the church in the past, who gave their heart and souls to get us to the place that we are at today!!

And I know that I am missing some people, and I apologize for that. Thank you for the work that you do. Whether it is big or small, we all contribute in many ways to our church. And so, thank you and God bless you for being part of the English Lutheran Church family!

Peace, Pastor Pete

CHURCH NEWS

Reminder - Cross Beams Articles Deadline



We appreciate receiving information/photos, etc. to be included in our monthly Cross Beams Newsletter. Please submit any information by the middle of the month prior for the following month's Cross Beams to ensure it is able to be included. (Each month the deadline for articles to be submitted is noted in the church calendar.) If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the church office and/or Pastor.

The NW Synod of WI Racial Justice team invites you to join them for an

INDIGENOUS SACRED SITES TOUR

LEARN FROM AND WITH OUR INDIGENOUS NEIGHBORS IN MN

SATURDAY, MAY 17

Learn about Minnesota history from a Native perspective through story-telling and experiencing the sites in silence / meditation / reflection.

We visit sites located around confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers, what the Dakota refer to as Bdote, or "meeting place of rivers,"

including:

- Fort Snelling State Park
- Dakota Internment Camp following the Dakota-U.S. War
- Pilot Knob Hill, a traditional burial ground

Your \$75 registration includes the cost of the tour, transportation (coach bus), bus snacks and post-tour meal from Shobi's Table in St. Paul. You may also purchase snacks at a rest stop. 50 person maximum. Pick up locations on registration form.

Questions: 715.859.6810 or racialjustice.nswi@gmail.com

Register at nswi.org/home/calendar

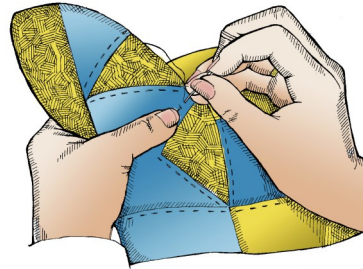
FELLOWSHIP

Pastor Pete is cooking breakfast for the guys on Thursday mornings. They gather in the church kitchen at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast with a rotating menu, including fruit, coffee, and orange juice.



The suggested donation is \$5.00 to help cover the cost of food.

GRADUATE QUILTING



The Graduate Quilting group will meet at church on **Saturday, May 3** from 9 a.m. to Noon to work on graduate quilts.

QUILTING GROUP

We welcome others to join us! We would love to see you!

Endowment Update

Endowment met in February and approved requests for the following projects/ministries:

- Music Ministry for the new piano.
- Confirmation year end celebration in the spring.
- Sunday school year end celebration in the spring.
- Supplies for the Easter baskets to be delivered to the assisted living and nursing homes in Ellsworth.
- Flowers for Mother's Day.
- Supplies for VBS.
- Supplies and snacks for Kingdom Kids year end celebration.

Our next meeting is **May 7**. Please submit your ministry funding requests to the office by **May 5**. Request forms can be found in the forms shelf outside the church office or online at englishlutheranchurch.org in the Give tab. Contact a member of the Endowment Committee with any questions: Warren Johnson, Traci Maxwell, Diane Wiskerchen, Dixie Basch, Trina Groen, Kip Gore, & Gary Brown

Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, May 14th at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room at church.

We continue our study on Faithfulness-Faith Risks: Jairus and the Faithful Woman

Hostess: Diane Wiskerchen

Please join us!



Relapse Prevention Group

A Recovery Meeting in the Ellsworth Area is held at English Lutheran Church on Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m. Read and Discuss "Staying Sober".

CHURCH NEWS

From Our Savior's Softball Field



Church Softball Season is around the corner - we will be starting on **Sunday, May 18th** this year so we can be off for Memorial Day. There will be games on:

- Sundays at 4 pm and 7 pm
- Mondays at 7 pm and
- Tuesdays at 7 pm.

(We are eliminating the Thursday evening games so that there is more time for youth sports and the Farmer's Market.)

Do you enjoy playing Softball? Please reach out to Chase at: 715-307-7737, and we will get you on the roster. The schedule is on the church website.

We are excited to announce that on **August 23rd** we will be hosting an 1860 Softball League tournament at the park. This will be amazing - these guys will be playing ball like they did back at the start of softball - no gloves, old-style bats, old-style balls, they bring their own bases, and the umpire will be in top hat and coat. They will be bringing 4 teams to play from 10 am to 4 pm. We will have full concessions and are very excited about this event. Mark it on your calendar!

Reach out to me if you have any questions.
Thanks, Donna Constant constant.donna@yahoo.com

Heart-Helping Others- The Heart Story:



Founded in 2012, Heart Response Ministry began with a simple mission: to support local officials and organizations as they work in their communities during disaster recovery. Since then, HEART volunteers have started to focus not only on disaster recovery but on other real needs within our communities. By partnering with over 170 non-profit organizations, and city and county governments, police departments, and schools, HEART's goal is to build relationships with local organizations to meet the spiritual and physical needs of their communities. We transform communities by getting the right goods into the right hands to distribute to the people in need that our non-profit partners serve. Heartland Outlet serves as one of the primary funding mechanisms for HEART. The outlet is open to the public 20 hours a week and carries home improvement products, food, beverages, clothing, furniture, and so much more.

Heart-Helping Others Heart was created to help those in need. Through this organization, we can shop and bid on items at significantly discounted prices. Shopping appointments are arranged for us, and purchases go directly to those in need. We are partnering with the Ellsworth School District and Pierce County Human Services to identify families who would benefit most from this support. This is a valuable opportunity to stretch our resources and reach out to those in need. If you want to contribute to this initiative, please designate "Heart" on your donations, or contact Cindy Baird.

Heart committee members: Cindy Baird, Denise Hager, Melba Smith, and Diane Wiskerchen

Sharing Shed

Please remember English Lutheran's Sharing Shed for your extra or no longer needed new or gently used items. (Clothing and Household Items. No Furniture, please.)

Drop off your items directly in the Sharing Shed which is located just outside the south door of the church. Thank you!



Cheese Curd Festival

June 27 & 28, 2025



Please keep these dates in mind! Volunteering at the Cheese Curd Festival is a win-win! Not only are you contributing to an important community event, but a \$10 donation for each hour you work (plus a bonus, if applicable) also goes back to the non-profit that

you designate. We hope to have many of our members participate. It truly is a fun event! Watch for more information. Here is a link where you can watch for when the sign-up for 2025 is active: <https://www.cheesecurdfestival.com/participate/>

Random Acts of Kindness

There are baskets located by the front and back doors of the church for nonperishable food items. All items collected will be donated to the Pierce County Food Pantry. They are in need of:

- Flour
- Sugar
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Oatmeal
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Baked Beans
- Dry Soup Mix
- Cereal
- Canned: Fruits, Vegetables, & Meats
- Shampoo
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Soap



Thank you for your "kindness".

"Knot Alone"

This group that recently started for women who have lost their partner will meet again on Saturday, May 10, at 10:00 a.m. at El Paso Bar and Grill. Please mark your calendars and join for breakfast/brunch. Contact Donna Constant at 715-307-0451 with questions.

ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

March 18, 2025

Members Present: Pastor Pete, Mark Groen, Paul Tonsager, Mike Harris, Cindy Baird, Eric Van Nocker & Danielle Chollett

President Mark called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm

All read the mission statement.

Pastor Pete gave the devotions.

Motion to approve the agenda _____ & _____

Motion to approve the December minutes _____ & _____

Reports:

Finance/Treasurer's (Accept) Motion by Eric & 2nd by Mike

Pastor gave a verbal report. Reported being busy as usual, but no funerals for a while.

Property

Discussed the AC's being installed.

Discussed the Sharing Shed, do we need a new one?

Worship and Music

Holy Week coming up

Good Friday will be at Eidsvold

Children, Youth & Family

Pastor will talk to the quilters about Graduate Quilts

Stewardship – no report

Endowment – no report

Old Business:

Hot Beef Dinner Wrap-up

\$2,800 dollars made so far. We will know the final tally next month.

Strategic Plan

Plan was discussed and we will look into it more after Easter

Thrivent Mutual Funds

Greta and Gary are the current signers

We will need to see if we can find an agent to represent us.

New Business:

Committee Assignments

Finance/Treasurer's - Paul

Property - Mark

Worship and Music - Danielle

Children, Youth & Family - Eric

Stewardship - Cindy

Endowment - Mike

New LED light fixtures

We gave Mark the go ahead to buy new fixtures and Paul said to take the money from the fair stand

105th Anniversary

Cindy will talk to Dixie Basch about setting something up.

Cheese Curd Festival

June 27-28

Council will encourage congregants to volunteer for the festival and sign up under English Lutheran Church.

Church Credit Card

Pastor has one and the other one is in Greta's name. Danielle made a motion to remove Greta and to get a card in Mark's name. Paul 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

Closing the meeting:

All recited the Lord's Prayer

Eric and Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, April 15th@ 6:30 P.M.

May 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		8:30am Foot Care (Sr. Ctr.) 1:00pm Game Day (Sr. Ctr.)		1 8:00am Men's Breakfast 6:00pm Relapse Prevention Recovery	2 1:00pm Pool Players (Sr. Ctr.)	3 9:00am Graduate Quilting
4 9:00am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 10:00am Fellowship	5 Endowment Requests Due 1:00pm Pool Players (Sr. Center)	6 1:00pm Game Day (Sr. Center)	7 3:30pm Kingdom Kids Mentoring 6:30pm Endowment Committee	8 8:00am Men's Breakfast 1:00pm Euchre (Sr. Ctr.) 6:00pm Relapse Prevention Recovery	9 1:00pm Pool Players (Sr. Ctr.)	10
11 9:00am Worship w/ Graduate Quilt Presentation 10:00am Fellowship	12 1:00pm Pool Players (Sr. Center)	13 11:00am Discovering Tuesdays (Sr. Ctr.) 6:30pm Church	14 9:30am Women's Bible Study	15 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am Foot Care (Sr. Ctr.) 6:00pm Relapse Prevention Recovery	16 Newsletter articles due 1:00pm Pool (Sr. Ctr.)	17
18 9:00am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 10:00am Pancake Bkfst/ Grubby Sunday 4:00pm Piano Recital 4:00pm ELC Softball vs. Our Savior's	19 1:00pm Pool Players (Sr. Center)	20 9:00am Pastors' Conference Mtg. 6:30pm Church Council Mtg	21	22 8:00am Men's Breakfast 1:00pm Euchre (Sr. Ctr.) 6:00pm Relapse Prevention Recovery	23 1:00pm Pool Players (Sr. Ctr.)	24
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Thank you to the following people for the beautiful plants in our sanctuary for Easter

Lisa and Dennis Boettcher In honor of our grandchildren: Paisley, Brooklyn, Hardin, & Willa; and our children: Taylor, Andrea, Olivia, Naddy & Tommy
In memory of parents: Verneal & LeRoy K. Johnson and Adelaide & Lester Boettcher

Tammy Brenner In honor of children & grandchildren
In memory of Mom

Donna Danielson In memory of Bev & Jim Danielson and Jerry Starkey

Curt and Judy Dumermuth In honor and memory of parents: Eldred & Irene Dumermuth and Earl & Evelyn King

Dave and Bev Greeley In memory of our parents and Roger Finstad
In honor of our children & grandchildren

The Groen Family In memory of Grace, Deb Pierce, and Lorene Lee
Nancy Johnson In honor of my six grandchildren
In memory of David R. Johnson

Ava Maxwell In memory of C.J. and Margaret Hofmeister and Barb Losgaard

Gary Onan In memory of Karen McAdams, my daughter who passed away almost two years ago

Greg and Sara Place In memory of Jim & Elaine Hines and Kenneth & Charlotte Krause
and Todd Hines In memory of Jim & Sue Reuvers

Bryan and Cindy Reuvers In memory of my grandparents

Tammy Rieck

Missy Ryden, Brooklyn In memory of Judi Nielsen, Jackie Ryden and Jim & Rhonda Huber
and Carter In memory of our parents and of Sharon's sister, Dianne

Joel and Sharon Schulze In memory of Heather Hantsbarger and loved ones

Melba Smith In honor of family and friends

Mary Sokolik In honor of my grandparents

Marcus Warren In memory of our parents

Lee and Jeanette Wright In honor our grandsons, Ben & Tim



Easter Sunday Pictures. We had two beautiful, meaningful services on Easter Sunday.





Prayer requests:

Janet Arndt
Addison Closs
Linda During
Vern Ellefson
Tomi Erlandson
Julie Gore
Eldon Huber
Mikey Krohn
Lila Larson

Dean Mewes
Judy Morrow
Steve Pieczykolan
Sophia Sokolik
Elaine Wegerer

Military service prayers:

Josh Bechel
Jonathan Bergman
Kohl Flock

“God is our refuge and strength.”
— Psalm 46:1



Financial Update

March 31, 2025 Cash Balances
General Fund = \$106,610.01
Dedicated Fund = \$108,430.12
Total = \$215,040.13
Thrivent = \$109,050.38

March General Fund Balance
Income = \$18,112.76
Expenses = \$20,532.79

The next finance meeting: May 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Deaconess

The role of the Deaconess consists of sending thoughts, well wishes, and congratulations to members of our church to let them know we are thinking of them. Please notify the church office or any deaconess worker with prayer requests.

The Deaconess for May is Kriste Lewis.

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Office Hours

Our office hours are:
Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

