



May 2024 Cross Beams



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Our Vision: A Christ-centered, serving community.



First Communion



Confirmation Fun



Sharing and Caring Hands



Confirmation Last Supper

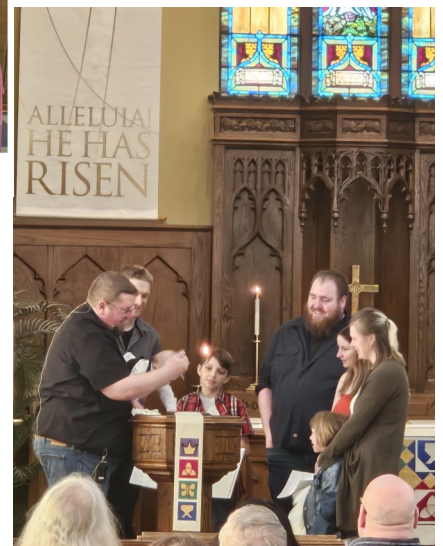


Making May Baskets



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Rhyder Gardiner Baptism



Greetings,

Can you feel the excitement in the air? The kids are counting down the days, nay the minutes until school is over and summer begins. And we are excited for summer here too!! On Sunday, April 21, we had Grubby Sunday, where so many people pitched in to help clean up the church and spruce up the property. Thank you for the fabulous work that you did!!! We filled the dumpster with trash that we found back in the ravine and filled two trailers full of brush to help clear out the play space!! The Sunday School office was cleaned out and organized and the tree in the fireside room was even dusted! Thank you to everyone who pitched in and helped!

We have also been busy meeting with Our Savior's Lutheran Church and the Eidsvold-Svea Lutheran Churches to plan our Vacation Bible School program. It is excited to see our churches come together to spread the Word of God to our community's youth!!!

VBS will take place on Monday, June 10 through Thursday, June 13, which is the second week of ECSD Summer School. Our program begins at noonish. I say noonish because it depends on when the bus gets here. That's right, we will have a school pick the kids up at school and then drop them off at church for VBS! So, if your child is going to summer school, they can ride the bus down to the church! And we will feed them lunch! Our theme for this summer is SCUBA: Diving into Friendship with God. We will explore what it means to have God as a friend and how we are never alone, even in the hardest times of our lives. We will close each afternoon with a brief worship service that ends at 3:30 PM, where we will dismiss your children back into your care. Registration will open on May 1 st and there is a QR code and website address on the next page of this Crossbeams edition.

Another thing that we are looking forward to this summer is the start of the church softball league! That will be starting up on May 19 th so please sign up to be on the team. We also need fans to cheer on our team so come on out to the Our Savior's ball field to support our team. Oh, and there is pie involved too. I heard that Donna Constant is even working on some new flavors. I can't wait to try them all! We will announce in church and in our weekly emails when we will play each week, so you know what day to come on out to the ball game.

I am excited for my favorite part of summer, Luther Point Bible Camp! And this year, they are offering a family camp during the week of July 14-19!!! They even have a half-week option; in case you can't get away from work that long or if you just want to try it out. My family will be there, so you will know at least a few faces! It's also a good way for your children to get their feet wet at bible camp. Going to family camp with my parents back in 1988 is how I got started down the path that I am on today. There will also be a regular camp for the kids as well that week, so you can sign your kids up for that too! If you need help paying for LPBC, please talk to the church and we will help get your kids to camp.

And I would be remiss if I didn't mention the fair stand. It will soon be time to sign up for shifts at the fair stand. I can already smell the roast beef and hamburgers now. I can't wait to see you there! I hope that you have a great summer, and I will see you around! May the Lord bless and keep you, always!

Pastor Pete

CHURCH NEWS

Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, May 8th, 9:30 a.m.

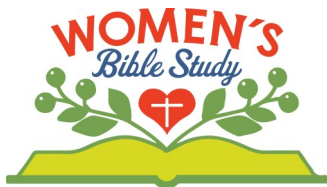
ELC's Fireside Room

This is our final study regarding how we get our food, where it comes from, and all the environmental issues involved.

We will resume in the fall.

Our hostess is Vi Wilhelm.

Consider joining us,
Nancy Ellefson



Children ages 3 through 6th grade can join us on Sunday mornings following communion during the worship service from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. Children will worship with their families and then when they go up for communion or a blessing, they will be dismissed with their teachers to classrooms. Class times will include some large group lesson time, large group activity, and music.



Upcoming Dates

May 5, sing in church

May 12, last day of Sunday school

June 10-13, Vacation Bible School 12:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.



On the first Wednesday of the month, the elementary age students gather at church after school for a time of faith, fun, food, and fellowship. The bus will bring the kids from EES and we are done around 5:00 p.m.

May 1st will be our last session before the summer break.

Relapse Prevention Group

A New Recovery Meeting in the Ellsworth Area at English Lutheran Church on Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m.

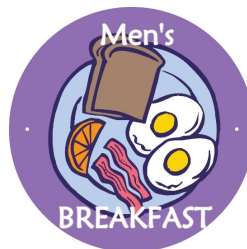
Read and Discuss "Staying Sober"

Sharing Shed

Please remember English Lutheran's Sharing Shed for your extra or no longer needed items.

Drop off directly into the Sharing Shed, just outside the south door of the church.

Thank you!



Pastor Pete is cooking breakfast on Thursday mornings for the guys. They will 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.

Holy Baptism

Rhyder Matthew Gardiner became our brother in Christ through Holy Baptism on Sunday, April 21 at 9:00 a.m.

Rhyder's parents are Jazmine and Cameron Gardiner. Rhyder's sponsors are Kassidy Konieczka and Nickolaus Hanson.

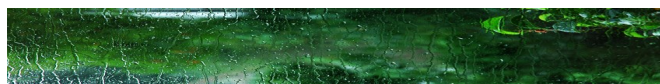
We celebrate and welcome our newest members to the Body of Christ.

Welcome, Rhyder!



Grubby Sunday

We had a productive Spring work day on April 21, 2024. Thank you to all who helped.



WONDERFUL WORTH OF A WOMAN

The Joys, Challenges, & Influences



2024 WELCA Retreat

Wed. June 5 & Thur. June 6

Presenter: Pastor Lori Peper

Music: Northern Lakes Worship Team

Hosted by: Chippewa Valley Conf. Jacki Johnson — coordinator 715-864-1489

Held at: Luther Park Bible Camp
944 24 ¼ Stret Chetek, WI

Full 2 day - Retreat - Early Bird Registration **\$90 postmarked by 5/15/24**. \$100 postmarked after 5/15/24
This includes 4 meals, overnight lodging in a handicapped accessible cabin, cabins sleep 6 women, Speaker, camp activities, and costs to host the retreat.

Needed items for overnight stay: Bible and pen along with personal items, towels, pillows, bedding or sleeping bag, flashlight, swimsuit (if you want to swim), snacks, camera, and spending money.

One day only. Early Bird Registration **\$60 postmarked by 5/15/24**. \$70.00 postmarked after 5/15/24
This includes 2 meals, Speaker, camp activities, and costs to host the retreat.

Needed items for one day retreat: Bible and pen along with swimsuit (if you want to swim), towel, camera, and spending money.

NO ONSITE Registration and *No early check-ins for Cabins*

Registration: Wednesday - 9:30 A.M. – 10:15 A.M. in the Ministry Center

Thursday - 7:30 A.M. – 7:45 A.M. in the Ministry Center

Retreat begins at 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday and concludes at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday

A free will offering will be taken each day with proceeds going to WELCA and Feed My People



ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 19, 2024

Present: Pastor Pete, Greta Larson, Mark Groen, Dennis Swanson, Lynette Winger and Denise Hager
The meeting was called to order by Greta Larson @ 6:30 p.m. - President

Mission Statement was read aloud by all.

Pastor Pete lead devotions and the council members shared their favorite Easter Sunday memories.

A motion was made to amend the order of the Council meetings and start with the reports. MSC.

Approval of the March agenda-MS

Approval of the February minutes-MS

Reports:

Finance/Treasurer's report was provided and discussed. Motion was made to approve the Finance/
Treasurer's report for February. MS

Pastor's Report: Pastor Pete submitted a verbal report. It has been a busy month of Lent and the attendance for Lent has been good. Pastor will be using the mentoring idea next year as this year the time did not work out for our Confirmation youth. Pastor Pete will work with Denise in the office on scheduling visiting of the people in the nursing homes and home bound as needed.

The Village of Ellsworth notified us by a letter that they will be placing new curb and gutter on the West side of church and our cost share will be \$2300.00.

Pastor will be out of the office the week after Easter.

Property: Mark Groen gave a verbal report of the repairs that have been done as in the lights being changed out and the back door fixed and items in the bathroom repaired. We are still waiting for the handi-cap doors also.

Children Youth and Family: No Meeting. VBS date is set for June 10th -13th this year and few churches will be joining us this year.

Stewardship: No Meeting –Melba Smith and Lynette Winger will be working on this as time allows this year.

Endowment: No Meeting

Memorial and Gifts: No Meeting

Nominating Committee: No Meeting

New Business:

Payroll glitch will be corrected for Ava and Missy this month. MS

Transfer of funds: Finance has been working with CCF Bank and will purchase 2 CD's for 13 months.

The 1 CD will be for \$125,000 and 1 CD for \$25,000 and the interest will be 5.0%. MS.

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Removal of the Organ: March 21st @ 9:30 a.m. The organ is no longer working and the keyboard will be placed it that same spot. It will be more convenient to use.

Old Business:

Property Use Team- The land next to the parking lot. This will be discussed at a later meeting to see what the value is in keeping it and what our options of the usage for the future.

Security Cameras are here and are ready to install. Pastor Pete is working with Mark and he will install. Grubby Sunday was set for April 21st after our 9:00 service. This will help in the clean up around the church inside and outside.

AA Meetings- Relapse Prevention Group will be using the church on Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m.
Sam's Club membership- The cost is 50.00 per year and we will try it for 1 year and find out if it is beneficial for us to continue. It will help us in products that can be delivered and for larger quantities of supplies for cleaning or food items etc.

Next Meeting will be April 16th @ 6:30 p.m.

Council closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m..

NOTE: If you want to share your opinion and thoughts on selling our property adjacent to the parking lot, please contact a Council Member.



English Lutheran will be partnering with several local churches to offer Vacation Bible School this summer at English Lutheran Church. It will be June 10-13 from 12:00 p.m. (right after summer school) to 3:30 p.m.,

We will have a bus to pick up kids from the school and drop them off at the church when summer school ends for the day. We will feed the kids lunch and then jump into our program.

Our theme this summer is Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God.

VBS is open to the community and free to attend!!

To registration go to:

<https://vbspro.events/p/ellsworthvbs2024>



Condolences to the family and friends of our former Pastor Harlen Menk. Pastor Menk died on April 23, 2024.

Softball Season

ELC Co-Ed Softball Season starts the week of May 19. All are welcome. Sign-up sheet in Church or contact office. We will post the schedule once it becomes available. Fans are encouraged.



ELC is looking for a part-time administrative assistant. Please contact office for more information.

One of our parishioners is looking for someone to do some light housekeeping (vacuuming, dusting and floors) every other week. Interested contact the church office.

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 3:30 Kingdom Kids 6 pm Confirmation	2 8:00 am Men's breakfast 6pm Relapse Preven- tion Recovery	3	4
5 9:00 am Hardin Boettcher Baptism 9:00 am Worship 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship	6	7	8 9:30am Women's Bi- ble Study 6:30 pm Endowment Committee Meeting	9 8am Men's Breakfast 6pm Relapse Prevention Recovery	10	11
12 9:00 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship	13 7:30 am EHS AP Testing	14 6:30 Church Finance Meeting	15 1:30 pm Worship @ Preferred Sr. Living 2:30 pm Worship @ Ellsworth HC 6:00 pm Confirmation	16 8am Men's Breakfast 6pm Relapse Prevention Recovery	17 Deadline for Newsletter Articles	18
19 9:00 am Worship 10:00 Pancakes after church	20	21 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	22	23 8am Men's Break- fast 6pm Relapse Prevention Recovery	24	25
26 9am Worship 10:00 Fellowship	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30 8am Men's Break- fast 6pm Relapse Prevention Recovery	31	

Healing:

Nancy and Vern Ellefson
Gary Brown
Beverly Robertson
Addison Closs
Phyllis Kinneman
Tucker Thoen
Larry Larabee
Dean Mewes
Judy Nunn

Military service:

Josh Bechel,
Johnathan Bergman

Those who are grieving:

Family and friends of Pastor Harlen Menk

Long-term:

Elaine Hines
Steve Pieczykolan
Lila Larson
Sherry York
Judy Morrow
Deb Pierce
Tomi Erlandson
Marianne Melstrom
Mary Dee Prokop
Wendy Wegerer
Janet Arndt
Jim Hines



Financial Update

March 31, 2024 Cash Balances
General Fund = \$99,007.37
Dedicated Fund = \$78,400.93
Total = \$177,408.30
Thrivent = \$104,667.61
March General Fund Balance
Income = \$13,083.63
Expenses = \$21,802.12
The next finance meeting is May 14th at 6:30 p.m.



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Office Hours

Our office hours are:
Monday-Thursday
9:00 am to 3:00 pm



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 any prayers. The Deaconess for May is Vi Wilhelm

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