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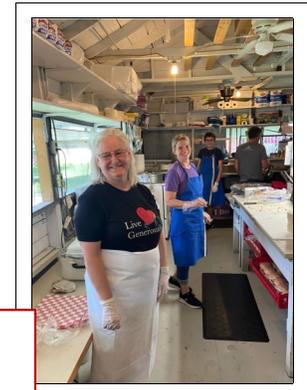
Our Vision: A Christ-centered, serving community.



ELC Softball League



**ELC Fair Stand at the
Pierce County Fair!**



Reminder! Worship Schedule Change!

English Lutheran is in a trial period of one
worship service, at **9:00 am.**





In The City For Good

Jeremiah 29:7 "Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you in exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare".

The leaders of Jerusalem endured the tragedy of deportation to Babylon in Syria in 594 BC. They were so discouraged they began to sing, "how can we sing the Lord's song in this foreign land?". The prophet Jeremiah sent them a letter asking them to thrive in Babylon, promising that after seventy years of exile, the Lord God would bring back their children and grandchildren to be a blessing to Israel and Jerusalem once again. **Seventy years - that is about two generations.** Can you imagine the patience God was asking for them to remain faithful while they reached out to their new neighbors in Babylon?

Eastside Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota faced a crucial time in its congregational life in the year 2000. They had a large (but older) membership in their changing neighborhood on East Tenth Street and Cliff Avenue. There were newer Lutheran churches growing in housing developments further east and southeast of their neighborhood. They resisted the temptation to move their campus. They decided to open up their existing educational classes to community ministries which focused on outreach to the homes near the church. They housed the headquarters for St. Dymas, which is a congregation within the walls of the nearby penitentiary. The slogan for their revitalized ministry is "In the City for Good!" They have continued to attract older members who want to be a part of their outreach in their neighborhood. They have also begun to add new members from among the ethnic groups (Hispanic and Somali) who have bought the small homes nearby and seen the work they do for the good of the neighborhood. They are living the challenge of the people in exile who carry out the mission of their congregation. It is an example for us all.

This brings us to the challenge for English Lutheran in Ellsworth. We are a mix of people who have been here for a long time and others who have recently moved into the community in Ellsworth. Are you a force for good in your neighborhood? Here are some ways you might know: A) Friendship. Greet and get to know your old neighbors and your new neighbors. Ask your neighbors how you might help them settle into life in our community. Invite them to worship with us if they don't have a church home. B) Hospitality. Ask the new pastor when he or she arrives to come to your home and meet a few of your neighbors. It will help them feel a part of our church and our town. C) Welcome. Your new pastor would like to feel a part of our church family and of our community as well. Bring the pastor to places of business in town. Introduce him or her to community leaders in school and the Chamber of Commerce. Hold an outreach with the Wednesday morning women's study in which you walk from office to office at the courthouse to pray for the service of that office. Visit the elderly where they live together.

I pray that you might have a rich life together as pastor and parish!

- Pastor Charlie Bunk

Fair Stand Update

Our Fair Stand was a huge success again this year. We had people standing in line for big breakfasts, hamburgers, beef dinners and all the other good things coming out of our kitchen.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this happen. And, a special thank you to Jon Tonsager, Paul Tonsager and Dan Klaustermeier who worked tirelessly to plan, organize and implement everything that needs to be done to make the Fair Stand a success. Its safe to say we could not have made this happen without their help.



Affirmation Of Baptism

One of our youth members, Mary Lundstrom, was confirmed on Sunday, August 7th at 9:00 am.



Thank you to everyone who supported her!



First Communion Class

We will be holding a first communion class for those who have not received their first communion and wish to do so.

English Lutheran Church typically holds this class for 5th graders, if your child is younger than 5th grade and you feel they are ready, please talk to Pastor Bunk.

Class will be held on Sunday, September 11 after Rally Day. Contact the church office or Pastor Bunk if you're interested in this class. It will take place after the Sunday School Rally Day, and go until about 1:30 pm.

The children will receive their first communion on Sunday, October 2 during the worship service.



Church Worship Change Extended

The council voted to extend the trial period of the one worship service to the end of the year.

English Lutheran will be worshipping with one worship service at 9:00 AM every Sunday. We will offer one worship experience combining traditional liturgies and more informal worship styles which have praise songs.

So.. has it been awhile since you have worshiped with us? Are you interested to find out if we can be inspiring by combining worship styles? Have you met our interim pastor Rev. Charlie Bunk yet? We are ready to welcome you! Or better yet, come for worship!



Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will be starting up again!

The fall meeting will be on September 14th at 9:30am.

We look forward to seeing everyone!

Nancy Ellefson is the hostess.



Call Committee Update

Exciting things are in the works for the search for a new pastor!

A congregational meeting will be announced soon.

Stay tuned!



Confirmation

Our confirmation year kicks off on Wednesday, September 14th at 6:00 pm for students in grades 7-10, with a dinner and orientation for students and parents. This year we will learn about the Lord's Prayer during our class times, this is a part of a 3-year cycle of the Apostle's Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the 10 Commandments. We will meet approximately every other week, with a few exceptions as noted.

Our **schedule** for class time is below:

- † 6:00 Meal
- † 6:20 Announcements
- † 6:30 Whole Group Lesson
- † 6:45 Small Group Time
- † 7:00 Activity/Game

Dates:

- † Sept. 11– Rally Day & Teacher Installation (confirmation kids are invited to join in the celebration)
- † Sept 14– Orientation/Kick-off party parents & students
- † Sept. 28– Volleyball at Summit Park with a meal and some class time
- † Oct 2– Bible Sunday– 7th & 3rd graders receive Bibles in worship, First Communion
- † Oct 12 & 26– Class
- † Oct 29– Affirmation of Baptism Rehearsal & Brunch @ 9:00 am. (Banquet for 10th graders, 9th graders & parents serve)
- † Oct 30– Affirmation of Baptism Service @ 10:30 am
- † Nov. 9– Hand out Thanksgiving Flyers
- † Nov 16– Pick up food for Thanksgiving baskets
- † Nov. 30– Bake for Bake Sale & Class
- † Dec. 14– Christmas Party

Small group guides: Mark Groen, Kayla Zimmer, and Wade Kowalchyk.

Other confirmation leaders/volunteers are: Trina Groen, Denise Hager, Phillip Truax, Morgan Bamhardt, Pastor Bunk, and Missy Kowalchyk.



Sunday School Updates

We're excited to begin our Sunday school year! Children ages 3 through 6th grade can join us on Sunday mornings following communion during the worship service for about 30 minutes. Times will be 9:45 am to 10:15 am. Children will go up for communion with their families and then be dismissed with their teachers to classrooms. Class times will begin with large group lesson time, large group activity, then small group activity or music. Sunday school teachers and helpers are: Renee Van Nocker, Katie Groen, Kayla Zimmer, and Denise Hager.

Rally Day is Sunday, September 11. We will not hold regular classes on rally day, instead this will be a kick-off day with a bounce house and treats for all following the worship service. Hopefully weather will cooperate!! Please join us for this celebration and kick-off day!



We have lots of fun things coming up for Sunday school—here are some important dates for your calendar! Note— these dates are also on our church calendar available on our church website.

Dates:

- † Sept 11—Teacher Installation & Rally Sunday
- † Sept 18 & 25— Class time & music in class
- † Oct 2—Sing in church & Bible Sunday –7th & 3rd graders receive Bibles, First Communion
- † Dec 11— Christmas Party
- † Dec 18— No-Rehearsal Christmas program for whole church
- † No classes—Nov.27, Dec 18 & 25, and Jan 1st.

Farewell for Bobbie

One of our members, Bobbie Sawyers, is moving out of state, and on Sunday, August 21st, English Lutheran had a farewell celebration.

Bobbie has been a valued member of our congregation over the years, helping tremendously with Memorial & Gifts, and with Malawi.

Please join us in thanking her, and wishing her all the best on her new adventure!



Office Hours

Starting on the Tuesday after Labor Day, September 6th, the church office will be switching back to the school year hours.

The office will be open on Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Pastor Bunk will be in the office Monday's and Wednesday's.

Sydney will be working from home on Monday's, and will be in the office Tuesday-Thursday.



Please contact the church office or Pastor Bunk with any questions or concerns.

Car Wash at ELC

The confirmation kids will be hosting a car wash at English Lutheran! It will be on Sunday, September 25th.

It will be in the church parking lot, following worship!

All funds will benefit Pierce County Foster Care. We look forward to seeing everyone!



July Council Meeting

- † IT update— New computer in the office has been set up. The next step will be a new computer for the new pastor, when they arrive, and updated computers for the sanctuary.
- † Tax Exempt status was approved for ELC by Microsoft
- † Update church grounds—waiting for bid from Reuver's for landscaping.
- † Worship service changes update—trial period extended to the end of the year.
- † *The next council meeting will be **September 20th at 6:30 pm.***



Financial Update

July 31, 2022 Cash Balances:

General Fund = \$79,074.23
Dedicated Fund = \$93,576.36
Total = \$172,650.59
Thrivent = \$100,030.41



July General Fund:

Income = \$13,515.41
Expenses = \$10,921.00

PRAYERS

Special Prayers:

Healing:

Rachel Proulx, niece of Julie Davis ~ Breast Cancer

Liz Krohn

Mikey Krohn

Maisley Maxwell, granddaughter of Rob & Wendy ~Maxwell, daughter of Tyler and Alexis Maxwell

Judi Nielsen

Kim

Adelaide Meyer

Long-term:

Lila Larson

Sherry York

Judy Morrow

Debbie Kannel-Howard

Karen McAdams, Linda & Gary Onan's Daughter

~ Multiple System Atrophy

Deb Pierce, Trina Groen's Mom ~ Alzheimer's

Mackenzie Marks, Connie Gossett's Granddaughter

Tomi Erlandson ~ Seizures & Health

Dale Melstrom

Marianne Melstrom

Mary Dee Prokop, Mother of Eileen Mewes

Military service:

Johnathan Bergman Josh Bechel



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.

Deaconess for September ~ Mary Sokolik



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Worship Services

Online ~ Sundays on Facebook
 Livestream 9:00

In-Person ~ Sundays
 9:00 am

WORSHIP
with us

Office Hours

Our office hours are:
Monday-Thursday
 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (after Labor Day)

Stop in, call, or email. Sydney will be working from home Monday's and in the office Tuesday-Thursday, and Pastor Bunk will be in on Mondays & Wednesdays.



Our Mission:

To share Christ's unconditional love,
 inspiring us all for service to others.

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September 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 ● 9am In-Person & Online Wors	29	30	31	Sep 1	2	3
4 ● 9am In-Person & Online Wors	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10
11 Teacher Installation & Rally Su ● 9am In-Person & Online Wors ● 9:45am Sunday School	12	13 ● 6:30pm Finance Meeting	14 ● 9:30am Women's Bible Study ● 6pm Confirmation Kick Off &	15 First Day of Hispanic Heritage I	16 Deadline for Newsletter Article	17
18 ● 9am In-Person & Online Wors ● 9:45am Sunday School	19	20 ● 6:30pm Church Council Meeti	21	22	23	24
25 Car Wash ● 9am In-Person & Online Wors ● 9:45am Sunday School	26	27	28 ● 6pm Confirmation	29	30	Oct 1

