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# Cross Beams

## January 2019

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*Our Vision: A Christ-centered, serving community.*

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LUTHERAN CHURCH





# PHOTOS







Thank you for all of your donations to the *Christmas Tree of Spirit*. We are sending \$1,206 to the school for lunches! Many toothbrushes, toothpaste, and bottles of shampoo to the food shelf, and boxes/bags of snacks to the school for 4 year-old kindergarten classes and the *Snack Shack* at the high school.

Thank you to *Reuvers' Nursery* for donating the large Christmas tree at the back of the sanctuary!

Live Nativity ~ Thank you to the Children, Family, & Youth team for coordinating the live nativity at the *Christmas in the Park* celebration! Thank you to our "actors," Gretchen Hallock, Addi Hines, Claire & Kensie Matzek, Emily & Katie Groen, & Zack Peterson. Also, thanks to our families who brought their animals in: Fleming family calf, Peterson family sheep, and Boettcher family horse.

Carolers ~ Thank you to the members of our choir who shared carols at the *Christmas in the Park* celebration!

Sunday School Christmas Program ~ Thank you to all Sunday school children for the wonderful singing and nativity scene. Thank you also to Renee VanNocker & Crystal Johnson, our Sunday school coordinators, and all Sunday school teachers and volunteers!

Decorations ~ Thank you to the altar guild and worship and music team for the beautiful decorations in the sanctuary throughout this Advent & Christmas Season!

Music ~ Thank you to Jess Monett, all of our musicians, and special guest musicians for the music at our Christmas Worship Services!

Worship Volunteers ~ Thank you to all who help with our worship services as greeters, ushers, communion assistants, worship assistants, readers, and slide operators.

Thank you to Mike Johnson for the donation of keys for our church building.

We appreciate your partnership in *Design Ellsworth*. Thank you for your involvement, and we look forward to staying connected through this exciting and impactful community project.

~ Sincerely,  
Design Ellsworth Committee

## Mortgage Update



Our congregation has been blessed by numerous generous gifts to our mortgage this past year totaling well over \$100,000 which has brought our mortgage to under \$30,000! THANK YOU! Some members have expressed a desire to pay off the mortgage, and we think that would be wonderful! With the mortgage paid off, our \$1,315 monthly payment could be used for other ministry to our community, a new staff person, or to do some necessary maintenance on our church building and grounds and our fair stand. If you'd like to help us get closer to our goal, we'd welcome your checks or on-line gifts via our website "Give Tab" to the Building Fund! Thank you!

## Annual Meeting of the Congregation

**Sunday, January 27, 9:30 am**  
Coffee & Donuts will be provided.

Budget Review Meeting to be held in the lower level at 9:30 am on Sunday, January 20.



## Electronic Giving

Did you know we offer electronic giving? You can make a one-time, weekly, monthly, or semimonthly donation. Donations can be changed at any time. You can use your credit card or have funds moved directly from your bank account. There are 3 ways to set this up:

- ~ Forms are available online and at church, return form to the church office.
- ~ Scan the QR code found in the church pews.
- ~ Set up giving online by going to "Giving" on our church website.



## Weather Closings

In the event our worship services are cancelled due to inclement weather, you can find cancellations announced in the following locations:

- ~ Church Website:  
[englishlutheranchurch.org](http://englishlutheranchurch.org)
- ~ Church Facebook page
- ~ Your email, if you're signed up to receive our weekly email notifications.
- ~ Kare 11 News tv station
- ~ WCCO channel 4 tv station

Email the church office if you have questions, as this email is checked frequently.  
[Office@englishlutheranchurch.org](mailto:Office@englishlutheranchurch.org)



## 2018 Annual Report



All committee chairpersons and ministry team leaders are encouraged to begin thinking about their Annual Reports. This is your chance to acquaint *English Lutheran Church* members and friends with the work of your group.

In efforts to standardize the report, we are asking you to provide the following details.

- † Team member roster
- † Name of member submitting the report
- † Ministry purpose or mission statement
- † Highlights and accomplishments from 2018
- † Goals for 2019
- † Concerns you'd like to communicate to the congregation regarding your ministry team
- † Acknowledgments

Please submit your written report to the church office no later than Friday, January 4.

**Thank you for honoring this deadline!†**

## Women's Bible Study

Happy New Year!

Women's Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, January 9, at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room.

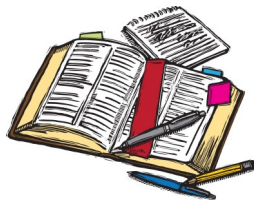
We begin the new year with the Gospel of John. In this Gospel, we encounter Jesus from the perspective of the community of faith that believes in Jesus Christ.

Prepare by reading John 1:39 ~ Come and See.

Follow pages 22-28 in the *Gather* magazine.

Come and join us, even if you don't have the magazine.

Hostess will be Til Peterson.



## Graduate Quilts

**Quilters: Join us again in February!**

No meeting in January.

For additional information contact:  
Judy Erickson @ 715-603-5197 or  
Tammy Brenner @ 715-273-3591



## Sharing Shed



Donate what you have, take what you need. We have a shed located at the South end of our church; this season it is filled with warm clothing for those who need it. Donations accepted in the shed.

## Music Corner

Thank you to the ELC Choir and Kids Choir, as well as all of the special musicians who gifted the ELC congregation with their beautiful music this Christmas season! Your gift of time and musicianship enhanced all of our services and we appreciate you!

### CHOIR REHEARSAL:

- ~ No Rehearsal Saturday, January 5 and Sunday, January 6.
- ~ Sunday, January 13, 20 & 27 11-11:45AM
- ~ Saturday, February 2 10-11:30AM
- ~ Sunday, February 3 11-11:45AM

~ Jess Monett  
music@englishlutheranchurch.org

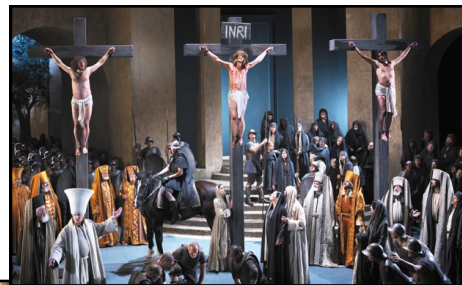


## Oberammergau Passion Play

**July 8-19, 2020**

Plan now to join Liz Bartsch of the *Northwest Synod of WI*, as she hosts a 10 night journey to Germany and Austria where we will visit major Martin Luther sites, encounter the *Dachau Concentration Camp* and visit many historic castles and landmarks. One of the highlights will be the Passion Play in Oberammergau!

More information on our website and on the forms shelf near the church office.





## Last Call for Christikon!

We've got a few students interested in going to *Christikon*, but not quite enough to make it a go yet. By now, most of you know how passionate I am about this camp in Montana and the impact it can have on one's faith. SO, I'm extending the *CHRISTIKON* early bird discount of \$100 off your trip through Jan. 9, AND I'm going to offer an additional \$50 off, out of my pocket, to the 1st FIVE ELC youth members who sign up. The trip is July 11-20 for those completing grades 6-12 and with these discounts, is just \$450! Non-member friends are always welcome, too, but the extra \$50 only applies to members because I need at least 4 members to make this trip a go.

Please see me with any questions, but if you've never been to camp before, I HIGHLY encourage you to give it a shot- you won't regret it! I truly believe it can be LIFE-CHANGING! It was for me!  
~ Pastor Jeff



## Children's Ministry

Thank you to all of the children for sharing your songs and nativity with us in December!

Thank you to all of our teachers and other volunteers for helping with the children's program.

If you are interested in helping, please contact the Sunday school co-directors, Renee Van Nocker or Crystal Johnson at [childrensministry@englishlutheranchurch.org](mailto:childrensministry@englishlutheranchurch.org).

## Virginia Mission Trip

Mission trip meeting, January 9, at 6:30 pm.

Mission Trip meetings will be the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm.

See Facebook for more information: Look under English Lutheran church mission trip.



## Luther Point Bible Camp

The Schedule for Summer 2019 is out and registration is open. Be sure to check out the *Summer Discounts* section, including the *member church* discount.

Take a moment to visit our website and get familiar with our schedule and the new camps being offered this summer!

- Family Get-Away Camp
- Family Arts Camp
- Weekend Family Fish Camp

[www.LutherPoint.org](http://www.LutherPoint.org)



## Special Prayers:

Prayers for Judy Erickson and family on the death of Judy's brother.

### Healing:

Jim Langer ~ Stents

Jackie Caspersen ~ Surgery

Tony Gath, Nephew of Ginny Tonsager ~ Car Accident

Larry Wiskerchen

Bob Wick, Cindy Baird & Denise Hager's Cousin ~ Surgery

### Long-term:

Scott Hince, Darla Moquin's Cousin ~ Lymphoma

Judy Hince, Darla Moquin's Cousin ~ Stroke

David R. Johnson

Deb Pierce, Trina Groen's Mom ~ Broken Hip & Hospice

Tessica Peters, Sue Myers' Friend ~ Cancer

Ed Sanders, Diane Wiskerchen's Dad

Joyce Geister, Julie Baggenstoss & Carol Melstrom's Mother

Craig Chartier ~ Cancer

Hazel Wegerer ~ Dementia

Mackenzie Marks, Connie & Adrian Gossett's Granddaughter

Tomi Erlandson ~ Seizures & Health

Dale & Marianne Melstrom

Mary Dee Prokop, Mother of Eileen Mewes

Muriel Jeffrey, Nancy Ellefson's Sister

Tom Killian, Patti Killian's Brother ~ Cancer

Kim Morth ~ Cancer

Sherry York

Wendy Wegerer ~ Health Issues

Esther Risberg, Julie Davis' Mother

**Military:** Zack Daleiden, Cody Tschida & Johnathan Bergman

The joy  
of the  
LORD  
is your

STRENGTH.

Nehemiah 8:10



## 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 January ~ Jeanette Wright

## Prayer Shawls



Prayer  
Shawl  
Ministry

If you have a loved one who is going through a tough time and could use the comfort of being wrapped in prayers with a blanket/shawl, please take a prayer shawl for them.

We have a rack of prayer shawls outside the office door available for anyone at no cost, just take one.

## In Memory

Carol Denninger died November 23, 2018. Her funeral was November 28 at English Lutheran Church. Remember her family in your prayers.



With  
Deepest  
Sympathy

# COUNCIL MINUTES & FINANCIAL UPDATES

## December Council Notes



- † PASTOR'S REPORT—Finalizing staff annual reviews, budgeting processes, and holiday service planning, new microphones a priority.
- † TREASURER'S REPORT—Treasurer Gary Onan: Treasurer's Summary - November 2018, special council meeting for annual budget scheduled for 01-08-19 & regular council meeting, special consideration and talking points for council members regarding Pastor Jeff's line items per Gary/John, Thrivent Choice Funding approved for \$200.00 toward Thanksgiving Baskets.
- † PROPERTY COMMITTEE/FURNANCE AMOUNT APPROVED—MSC to grant property committee \$4000.00 and request for an additional bid, amount approved will be taken from general fund.
- † BANK DEPOSIT DISCUSSION/IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNTING PROCEDURES —Discussion of changing deposit of offerings tabled until new council members are selected. Round table with Dean, Mary, Warren, & Lynette discussing best practice at services when only 1 council member is present.
- † TRANSFER OF MEMORIAL & GIFTS FUND—Finance Committee and Council in agreement to collect last "checking account book" at year end. Wrap that checking account into church account.
- † SERVICE—Mary updated council on painting progress. Additional monies were paid to painter for wall prep and wall maintenance. Some painting still to be completed.
- † CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY—Dean reported ELC's "Live Nativity" in Ellsworth East End Park was a successful addition to the East End Park Event Night. Lynette shared that this will hopefully become an annual event. Warren also updated council on community sharing/outreach.
- † STEWARDSHIP—Warren addressed the Fall campaign, as well as Kip Gore's message about paying off the mortgage.

## 2018 General Fund

<i>Month</i>	<i>Actual Monthly Income</i>	<i>Actual Monthly Expense</i>	<i>Actual YTD Income</i>	<i>Actual YTD Expenses</i>
January	14,851.09	20,262.86	14,851.09	20,262.86
February	15,547.09	20,269.52	30,398.18	40,532.38
March	24,667.76	22,179.73	55,065.94	62,712.11
April	19,342.09	18,899.92	74,408.03	81,612.03
May	18,814.63	20,662.05	93,222.66	102,274.08
June	16,757.09	18,354.89	109,979.75	120,628.97
July	23,688.71	17,430.48	133,668.46	138,059.45
August	14,496.09	18,495.75	148,164.55	156,555.20
Sept.	31,549.09	20,806.35	179,713.64	177,361.55
October	15,388.84	19,384.38	195,102.48	196,745.93
November	34,435.46	37,537.53	229,537.94	234,283.46

## Worship Attendance

Week of:	8:30	10:00	Total
November 25	37	82	119
December 2	30	68	98
December 9	40	145	185
December 16	64	80	144
December 23	36	54	90
Totals:	207	429	636
Average:	41	86	127

## Christmas Worship

Traveler's Dec. 19	40
Christmas Eve 4:00 pm	183
Christmas Eve 9:00 pm	87
Christmas Day 10:00 am	33

## Mortgage

As of December 7, 2018, the mortgage balance is \$29,231.89. Payments due are \$1,315.





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Find us on Facebook!

## Staff

### Pastor, Jeff Smith

[pastor@englishlutheranchurch.org](mailto:pastor@englishlutheranchurch.org)

Office: 715-273-4617

Cell: 651-235-7204 (preferably 9 am-9 pm)

Call or text any time for urgent pastoral care.

### Communications Coordinator & Finance Administrator, Trina Groen

[office@englishlutheranchurch.org](mailto:office@englishlutheranchurch.org)

### Custodian, Julie Baggenstoss

### Music Director, Jess Monett

[music@englishlutheranchurch.org](mailto:music@englishlutheranchurch.org)



The church office is open:  
Monday, Wednesday, &  
Thursday 9:00 am—3:00 pm  
Friday 9:00 am—1:00 pm  
Closed on Tuesdays.

## Congregational Council

President: John Luchsinger

Vice President: Warren Johnson

Treasurer: Gary Onan

Secretary: Kristen Kinneman

Joyce Karlstad

Dean Mewes

Mary Sokolik

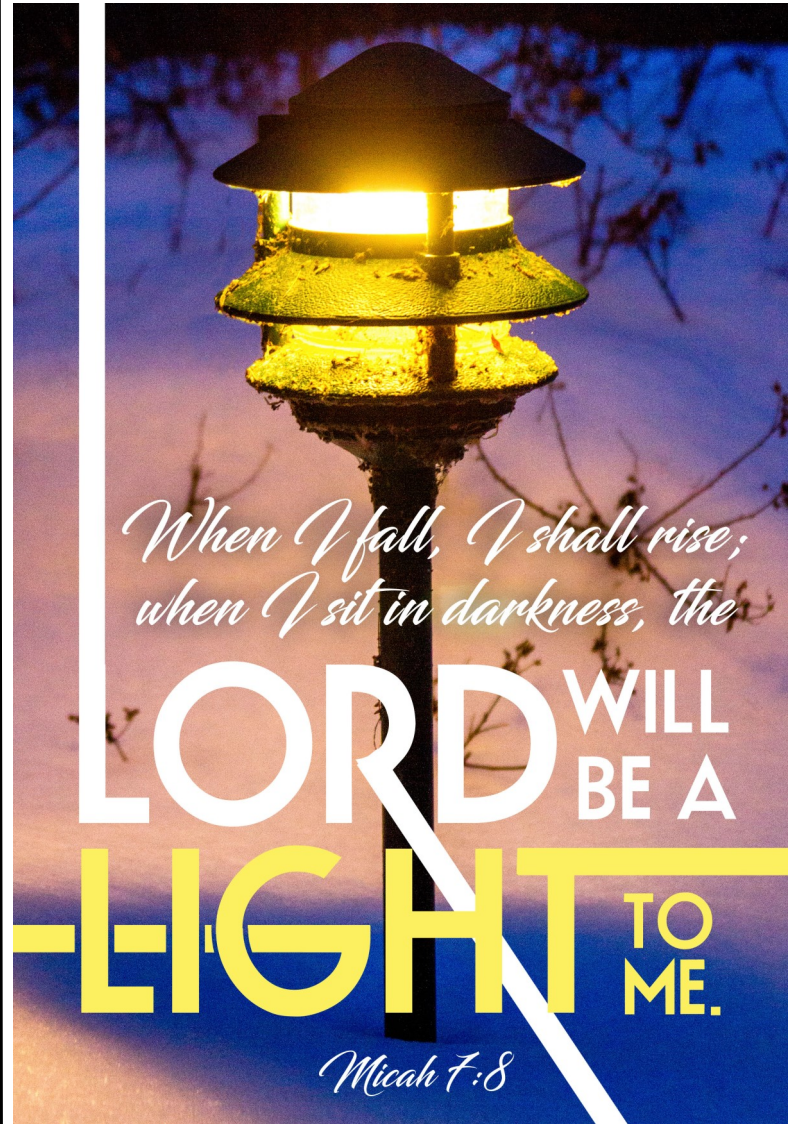
Lynette Winger

Dennis Boettcher

## Sunday Worship Times

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship



## Our Mission:

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

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# January 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN 30	MON 31	TUE Jan 1	WED 2	THU 3	FRI 4	SAT 5
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30am Christmas Carols &amp; Hymns Service</li> <li>10am Christmas Carols &amp; Hymns Service</li> </ul>	New Year's Eve	New Year's Day				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30am Traditional Worship</li> <li>10am Baptism Georgakas</li> <li>10am Contemporary Worship</li> <li>10am Sunday School</li> </ul>	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6pm Special Council Meeting ~ Budget</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Women's Bible Study</li> <li>6:30pm Mission Trip Meeting</li> <li>6:45pm Confirmation Class</li> </ul>	10	11	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30am Traditional Worship</li> <li>10am Contemporary Worship &amp; Lewis Baptis</li> <li>10am Sunday School</li> <li>11am Choir Practice</li> <li>11am Christkon Meeting</li> </ul>	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30pm Church Council Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:45pm Confirmation Class</li> <li>8:10pm Confirmation Guide Huddle</li> </ul>	17	18	19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30am Traditional Worship &amp; Eastling Baptis</li> <li>9:30am Budget Review Meeting in Lower Lev</li> <li>10am Contemporary Worship</li> <li>10am Sunday School</li> <li>11am Choir Practice</li> </ul>	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:45pm Confirmation - Family Fun &amp; Faith</li> </ul>	24	25	26
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30am Traditional Worship</li> <li>9:30am Annual Meeting</li> <li>10am Contemporary Worship</li> <li>10am Sunday School</li> <li>11am Choir Practice</li> </ul>	28	29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:45pm Confirmation Class</li> </ul>	31	Feb 1	TRUST <i>yourself</i> TO THE <i>Lord</i> WHO MADE YOU.