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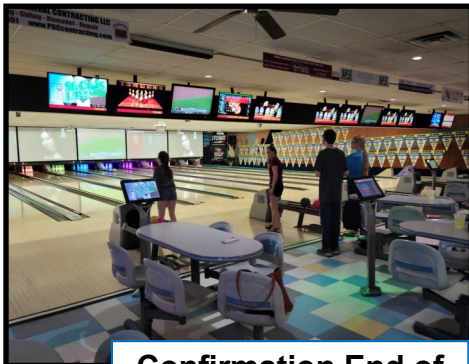
Our Vision: A Christ-centered, serving community.



Graduation Sunday



Thank You Sunday School Teachers!



Confirmation End of Year Party



Mother's Day



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Last night, Wednesday, May 24th, I had the privilege of being part of the Baccalaureate Worship Service at Ellsworth High School. And while sitting in the cafetorium, I couldn't help but reminisce of my time, 27 years ago. (Did I just say 27 years ago?!?! How did I get so old so quickly?! As I sat there, I remembered my freshmen orientation to high school. As we sat in the Auditorium at Ashland High School, Mr. Blauert, the Vice Principal said to us, "The next 4 years of your lives will go by in the blink of an eye!" I thought, "Yeah, right." As I looked around the room, we all had that skeptical look in our eyes. Four years later, when I walked across that stage to accept my diploma and shake the superintendent's hand, I thought, "Son of a gun, Mr. Blauert was right!" I'm glad that was the last mistake that I ever made... (and if you believe that, I have some ocean front property in Arizona that I will sell to you for a great price!)

At the Baccalaureate service, the last speaker was Mr. Stoesz, the former high school principal, and he talked about failure and reassured the students that it was okay to fail, in fact, they will fail at various times in their lives. It is weird to think that failure can be a good thing, but it is in those moments that we can learn the most. We can take a step back and try it again from a different angle. And eventually, we will get it right, or maybe it is not the right time. With time, those failures become blessings. They change our perspective and how we view ourselves and the world around us. Failure can help us to see, understand and be willing to help those who are suffering around us, to have empathy.

Do you have a moment in your life when you say, "If only I had not failed at _____, then my life would be so much better?" In the movie, *Mr. Destiny* starring Jim Belushi, he plays a guy that dreams about what if he had hit the game winning homerun in a high school baseball game instead of striking out. If he had hit that homerun, his life would have been so much better. And he is given the chance by a magical bartender to live that dream life. But it turns out that his "dream" life is a nightmare. The life that he had after striking out was a good life and he appreciates what he has when he is given the chance to go back to his "old" life. That strikeout turned out to be a blessing, a homerun in its own sort of way.

If it hadn't been for the failures in our lives, we wouldn't be where we are right now. What's even crazier to think about is if our parents hadn't failed, we might not be here. If our grandparents hadn't failed, we might not be here. If our great, great, great, great to the Nth degree grandparents hadn't failed, we would not be here today, in this place, living this life with all our failures, joys, and blessings. That is humbling and years from now, our descendants will realize the same thing. God takes our struggles, our trials, our tribulations, our failures and turns them into blessings. It may take a while, but it'll happen. In the meantime, we ask God to forgive us for our failures, mistakes, sins and be thankful that he loves us no matter what. Jesus has already taken away our sins, washed us clean and is helping us to learn from failures and lets us know that we are not alone in those times of failure. He is with us, always and forever. Amen.

Pastor Pete

Grubby Sunday

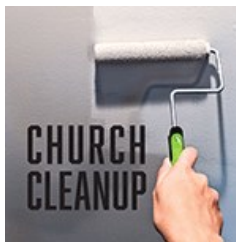
Wear your grubby clothes to church on Sunday, June 4th because after the worship service, we will get to work with some Spring Cleaning and Spruce-Up Projects!

We will spend a couple of hours doing maintenance and cleaning projects inside and outside of our church building.

There will be a list of projects for us to complete in the back of the church.

Please let Pastor Pete know if you have any projects to suggest that aren't on the list!

Following the church clean up projects, there will be a lunch to thank you for all your hard work and dedication to English Lutheran Church!



Contact Pastor Pete with any questions you may have.

'The Chosen' Summer Bible Study

Pastor Pete will be leading a summer bible study on Wednesday mornings this summer based on the television series "The Chosen."

It tells the story of Jesus through the eyes of those who met him. Most episodes are about an hour and afterwards, we will discuss what we just watched.

Join us at 9:30 am in the Fireside room on Wednesday mornings, starting June 7th. Pastor

Pete will provide coffee and cinnamon rolls the first week!



Luther Point Bible Camp

We are bringing kids to Luther Point July 16-21 for 4-6 graders and middle school students. 3-4 graders can experience a half week of camp, Sunday to Tuesday, July 16-18. There is also a grandparent/grandchild camp going on the first half of that week as well.

The church will cover most of the registration fee, you just need to pay \$50 and bring canteen money.

Pastor Pete and Kim will also be at camp that week with Marcus and Gemma, so you will have a couple of familiar faces to see as well.

Camp is an awesome experience and we hope that we can get as many of our youth to go as possible!

To register, go to www.lutherpoint.org and click on the summer camp page to find the registration form.

Enter coupon code: **English23** to let them know that you are with English Lutheran.

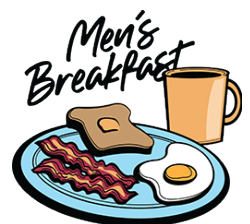


Men's Breakfast

Pastor Pete will be cooking breakfast on Thursday, June 1st for the guys.

We will gather in the church kitchen at 8:00 am for a breakfast of fried eggs, bacon, hashbrowns, toast, fruit with coffee and orange juice. Oatmeal will also be available.

The suggested donation is \$5.00 to help cover the cost of food. After we are done eating, we will pitch in to clean up. Hopefully, this will be a weekly event with a rotating menu.



Landscape Project Fundraiser

English Lutheran is currently raising money to pay for our landscaping project. The grounds around the church are in need of repair, and we want to make our property look better. The fundraising goal for this landscaping project is \$15,000. You can give a one-time donation or spread it out over time.

Please designate that your donation is for the landscaping project. We have envelopes in the back of the sanctuary that say, "Improvement Fund." There will be a special drop box for these donations.



Thank you for your support!

Sharing Shed

Please remember English Lutheran's Sharing Shed for your extra Spring/Summer clothing and other household extras. This is a great time to do some spring cleaning and share no longer needed items with our community.

We can always use towels, sheets, kitchen items, and hygiene items. If the item is in good condition, it is likely that someone can use it. No large electronics or food please.



Summer Fun Series

English Lutheran will be hosting the Summer Fun Series at East End Park on Thursday, August 17th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

We hosted it last year, and it was a great success!

Christina Kowalchuk will be singing again, and there will be food and games to play.

Come join ELC in a great night of community building! We look forward to seeing everyone!



ELC Softball Team

The ELC Co-Ed Softball season is starting! All games will be at Our Saviors Lutheran Church ballfield.

Congregation members and their families are encouraged to attend!

Schedule: All games at 7:00pm!

- Monday, June 5 vs. C3
- Wednesday, June 14 vs. St. Mary's
- Monday, June 19 vs. Our Savior's
- Tuesday, June 27 vs. Bethel
- Tuesday, July 11 vs. Zion
- Wednesday, July 19 vs. St. Francis



Tournaments

Sunday, July 30

Sunday, August 6

Thank You Notes

Congregation—

Thank you all for the rides, food, prayers, phone calls, and concern when I broke my shoulder.

I really appreciate it!

- Melba Smith



Fair Stand Sign-Up

Summer is right around the corner!

Volunteers are needed to work in the *English Lutheran Church* fair stand for the *Pierce County Fair* in August.

You can work in the kitchen, dining room, or be a fryer.

Sign-up forms are located in the back of the church or contact the office to get your name in for this great fellowship opportunity! Join in the fun!

The fair runs from August 10th-13th.



Youth News

Youth Summer Gathering-

On Wednesday, June 28th at 6:00 pm, English Lutheran will be hosting a youth summer gathering in the church backyard! There will be lots of games, tasty food, and fun all around! We hope to see everyone there!

Summer Youth Trip-

Please join us for a camping trip to Glen Hills Park in Glenwood City on August 3-6. This is for students grades 7-12. Please feel free to bring a friend! We will be camping, fishing, hiking, swimming, playing games, and worshipping.

A link to register for the camping trip will be coming in June. The cost to you will only be \$25. Please reach out to Kayla Zimmer, CYF Team Member, if you have any questions. More information will be coming once we close registration for those that sign up to participate. We look forward to seeing you there!

Vacation Bible School-

English Lutheran & Our Savior's Lutheran Churches are partnering to offer Vacation Bible School this summer at English Lutheran Church. It will be June 12-15 from noon to 3:30 pm, right after summer school gets done. Open to children who have completed 4YK-5th grade.

We will have a bus that will 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 Stellar: Shining Christ's Light.

The registration form can be found at: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/ellsworth2023>. Or scan the QR code below.



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

May Council Meeting

- † Landscape Project Fundraiser— the project is going well and we have received over \$7,000 in donations.
- † Motion approved to have carpet cleaned. Expenses will be covered with the fair stand fund.
- † Property discussed— Grubby Sunday event approved for June 4.
- † CYF— VBS update, registration online strongly encouraged.

† *The next council meeting will be **June 20th at 6:30 pm.***



Financial Update

April 30, 2023 Cash Balances:

General Fund = \$97,814.83
Dedicated Fund = \$84,148.16
Total = \$181,962.99
Thrivent = \$95,570.95

April General Fund:

Income = \$12,242.65
Expenses = \$17,330.40



PRAYERS

Special Prayers:

Prayers for the family of Minnie Davidsaver, who passed away on May 10.

Prayers for the family of Karen McAdams who passed away on May 11.

Prayers for the family of Jeff Smith, whose father, Kurt, passed away on May 14.

Healing:

Rachel Proulx, niece of Julie Davis ~ Breast Cancer

Liz Krohn

Mikey Krohn

Judi Nielsen

Nathan Baar

Tucker Thoen

Jerry Baggenstoss

Kenny Basch

Larry Larabee

Melba Smith

Dean Mewes

Long-term:

Lila Larson

Sherry York

Judy Morrow

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

Wendy Wegerer

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 June ~ Vi Wilhelm



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Office Hours

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

Stop in, call, or email. Sydney will be working from home Monday's and in the office Tuesday-Thursday.



Our Mission:

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

Worship Services

Online ~ Sundays on Facebook
Livestream at **9:00 am**

In-Person ~ Sundays 9:00 am



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June 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Worship 10am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Choir Practice 	<p>29</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm VBS planning meeting 	<p>31</p>	<p>Jun 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Men's Breakfast 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Worship 10am Grubby Sunday 12pm Grubby Sunday Potluck Picnic 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Pre-Fair Meeting 7pm ELC Softball Game 	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am The Chosen Bible Study 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Men's Breakfast 	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
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<p>18</p> <p>Father's Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Worship 10am Fellowship Hour 10:15am Choir Practice 	<p>19</p> <p>Juneteenth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm ELC Softball Game 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Church Council Meeting 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am The Chosen Bible Study 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Men's Breakfast 	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
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