



Cross Beams

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Our Vision: A Christ-centered, serving community.

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“A Changing Church”

I purchased my 1st flat screen TV in late 2016— before that we had a 28” tube TV I inherited from my grandma before she died in 2001. I joined Facebook in 2009— before that, I saw my high school friends at class reunions and my relatives a couple times a year...and I had no idea what the political beliefs were of my friends or family (ahh, the good ol’ days!) I got my first cell phone in 2005— before that, I checked my answering machine when I got home at night. I bought my first digital camera in about 2002-before that I had to wait for the film to be developed to see if I “got the shot.”

The point is, a lot has changed in just the last 17 years or so. As you all know, the world is changing at an ever faster pace with each passing year. The church is notorious for moving at a much slower pace than society. This can be good when it prevents us from chasing every passing fad in the church. But it can be bad when it prevents us from following God’s calling to reach people with Christ’s love in a rapidly changing world.

I attended a conference last week called “Canoeing the Mountains.” Several hundred pastors gathered to discuss how we move forward as a church, when almost everything we were trained to do in seminary no longer works. The world seminary trained my fellow pastors and me to lead is gone. People no longer go to church because it’s the socially or morally expected thing to do in society. Church is just one of many choices on a Sunday morning. At the conference, we discussed how the challenges the church is facing can’t be fixed with “technical changes.” Adding new programs, new staff, or working even harder won’t solve most of the challenges facing the church today. Instead, we will have to find “adaptive changes.” This means we will need to learn whole new ways of being church and we’ll have to try many “holy experiments.”

I’ll have much more to say about this in the weeks and months to come. But for now, remember, even though the church of tomorrow will look very different than the church of even ten years ago, God goes before us, and will be with us each step of the way.

In Christ’s Name,

Pastor Jeff





Sharing & Caring Hands

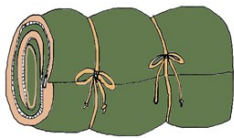
Monday, February 11

English Lutheran Church will serve lunch at *Sharing & Caring Hands* in Minneapolis on Monday, February 11. If you'd like to help, please email the office or sign-up at the back of the church.

The meal will be purchased using the funds from Souper Bowl Sunday and a *Thrivent* Action Team.

DONATIONS:

Please consider donating new or gently used bedding, towels, and sleeping bags to *Sharing & Caring Hands*. Items can be dropped off at church. Those serving will deliver the donations.



Souper Bowl

Sunday

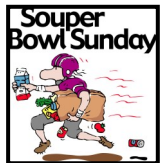


Sunday, February 3

On Super Bowl Sunday, you can help us support *Sharing & Caring Hands*. Please place your donations in the kettle of your choice: Rams or Patriots. Donations will help cover the cost of the meal we will be serving at *Sharing & Caring Hands* on Monday, February 11. We will announce the team with the most donations.

Super Bowl 53

New England Patriots
vs.
Los Angeles Rams



Walking Together 2019 "Holy Experiments"

You are invited to join our synod family for the annual *Walking Together* event!

This year's theme is "Holy Experiments" and there will be many workshops to choose from that include best practices for worship, social justice, faith formation, leadership, congregational vitality and more!

We will be trying a "Holy Experiment" during the event by hosting *Walking Together* in tandem with *Christ Jam*, our annual middle school event. We will begin our time together with a large group, cross-generational opening, including conversation, an activity, and TED-type talks about innovation, and trying new things. This will be followed by 5 workshop opportunities and lunch, as usual, during this event.



Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

We hope to see you there!

Saturday, March 9, UW Eau Claire, Davies Center

7:00-8:45 Registration

9:00-10:00 Opening

10:00-12:00 Workshops 1 & 2

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00-4:00 Workshops 3, 4, & 5

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"Holy Experiments"

March 9, 2019
UW Eau Claire - Davies Center

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
- ~ 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



THANK YOU NOTES

THANKS — from the — HEART

Backpack Program ~ The backpack program was created to help students who might otherwise go hungry over the weekend. The Sunday school children collected \$181.28 in a special, noisy offering in January. Your giving to the *Giving Box* in January totaled \$105. You donated 48 containers of food for the kids. Thank you for your donations to the students in need in our community!

Thank you to John Luchsinger and Mary Sokolik for their service on our Council! John has served as President since 2014! Thank you!

Thank you to all of the singers at our worship services each Sunday morning.

Thank you to Dorothea Olson and LaDawn Starkey for refilling and cleaning up the pews each week.

Assistance & Resource Center, Inc. (ARC) has been a part of our community since 2009. Their purpose is to give help to families in the Ellsworth and River Falls areas to meet their basic needs. In the year 2018, \$75,000 was used to help ARC clients, \$1,200 from *English Lutheran Church*. ARC is 100% volunteer program. Money is raised through grants, personal donations, & the generous donations of local churches. Thank you for your help both financially and through prayer. www.arcriverfalls.org

Thank you for the 50 pounds of food items donated in January. It is very much appreciated.

~ *Hunger Prevention Council of Pierce County*

Polish Dining Hall Floor

We'd like to gather a few folks together to help polish the dining hall floor. If you'd like to help, please contact the church office or talk to Julie Baggenstoss.



Thrivent Action Team

We are looking for someone to coordinate the *Thrivent Action Teams* process at English Lutheran. This would include coordinating with the ministries who are in need of funding and those who have a *Thrivent Action Team* to apply for the funding and report on the event afterwards.

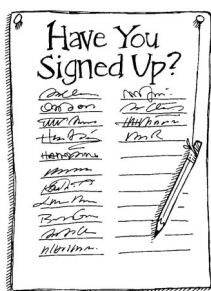
Please contact Trina in the church office if you are interested and for more details.

Thrivent is helping fund the meal we will serve at *Sharing and Caring Hands*. We have also used Action Teams for our Fairstand, Mission Trip, Christikon Trip, Sunday School Mission Projects, Vacation Bible School, and Hospitality.



Worship Volunteers

We are in need of worship volunteers! You can help! There are sign-up sheets for February and March in the gathering area. Please sign up to help as an usher, communion assistant, greeter, ... If you have questions about a worship role, please talk to Pastor Jeff or contact the church office. Thanks for your time!



Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible study will meet Wednesday, February 13 at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room.

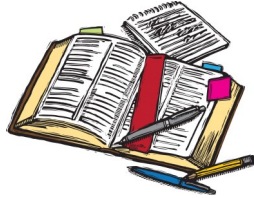
In this second study of coming to faith in Jesus, we meet Nicodemus, a Pharisee who has a standing both religious and intellectual with his community.

In contrast to Nicodemus, we meet the Samaritan woman, by the well.

To prepare read John 4:14.

To the women of English Lutheran, please consider coming to join us. All are welcome!

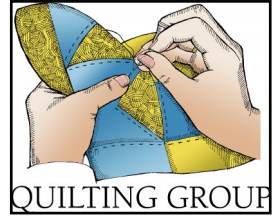
Hostess will be Bev Greeley.



Graduate Quilts

Quilters: Our next gathering will be Saturday, February 9, 10:00 am - noon

Please join us as we craft together beautiful, handmade quilts for our High School Seniors who will be graduating next May.



You do not need sewing skills as the tops are sewn by some of our members at home, and we meet to assemble and "tie" the quilts together at church.

Materials and monetary donations are welcomed to help support this ministry.

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

Music Corner

With a new year upon us Jess is seeking special soloists. If you or someone you know would like to perform a special solo or suggest a soloist, please email or talk to Jess.

All are invited to join the ELC Choir!

ELC CHOIR REHEARSAL:

Saturday, February 2 10-11:30AM

Sundays, February 3, 10, 17 & 24 11-11:45AM

Saturday, March 2 10-11:30AM

Sunday, March 3 11-11:45AM

ELC CHOIR PERFORMANCE:

Ash Wednesday, March 6



~ 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.



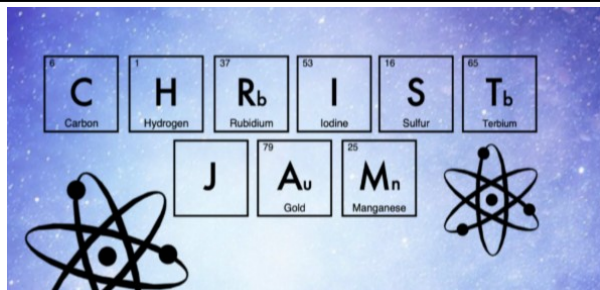
Luther Point Bible Camp

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 the schedule and the new camps being offered this summer!

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

www.LutherPoint.org



Christ Jam 2019 "Holy Experiments"

You are invited to join our Synod family for the annual *Christ Jam* event!

This year's theme is "Holy Experiments" and there will be plenty of workshops, activities, music and games.

This year, as a way to participate in a "Holy Experiment," *Christ Jam* will happen in tandem with the *Walking Together* event. We will begin our time together with a large group, cross-generational opening, including conversation, an activity, and TED-type talks about innovation, and trying new things. Afterward, there will be workshops to choose from, lunch, and an afternoon of activities lead by the Synod Youth Board specifically for middle school youth, including large group time, games, a service project, and worship.

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7:00-8:45 Registration

9:00-10:00 Opening

10:00-12:00 Workshops 1 & 2

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00-4:00 Christ Jam Activities



Sunday School

Special Dates to Note:

February 24 - Mission Project

March 24 - Kids in Service-No class

April 7 - Mission Project - Easter Baskets

April 14 - Mission Project - Deliver
Easter Baskets

April 21 - Easter-No Class

May 12 - Kids in Service (Mother's day)-
No Class

May 19 - Last day of
Sunday School



Virginia Mission Trip

Mission trip meeting, February 13, 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.



Feed My Starving Children

We will head up to Eagan to pack meals at *Feed My Starving Children* on Wednesday, February 20. Bus leaves at 4:55 and returns at 8:30 pm. Mark it on your calendars! Sign-ups are coming soon.



Special Prayers:

Family of Eleanor Swanson, Til Peterson's aunt, who died.

Family of Tom Killian, who died after a long battle with cancer, brother of Patti Killian.

Family of Lester Nickle, who died, brother of Pat Richert.

Healing:

Emma and her family as she struggles with her health.

Bob Wick, Cousin of Cindy Baird & Denise Hager ~ Surgery

Jordan Schadrie ~ 17 year old girl recently diagnosed with cancer

Kim Morth ~ Cancer

Shelby Crow, Sister of Maxine Huber

Long-term:

Tessica Peters, Sue Myers' Friend ~ Cancer

Karen McAdams, Linda & Gary Onan's daughter ~
Multiple System Atrophy

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

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

Sherry York

Wendy Wegerer ~ Health Issues

Esther Risberg, Julie Davis' Mother

Military Service: Zack Daleiden, Cody Tschida &
Johnathan Bergman

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 February ~ Elaine Hines



Baptisms in January

Nora Louise Georgakas became our sister in Christ through Holy Baptism on Sunday, January 6, 2019. Nora's parents are Taylor & Darren and her sponsors are Zandra Georgakas, James Georgakas, and Amber & Luke Ristow.

Joseph Kristopher Lewis became our brother in Christ through Holy Baptism on Sunday, January 13, 2019. Joseph's parents are Kriste Lewis & Gary Brown and his sponsors are Brad & Karuna Lewis.

Nora Eileen Eastling became our sister in Christ through Holy Baptism on Sunday, January 20, 2019. Nora's parents are Kyle and Amanda Eastling, and her sponsors are Danielle and Douglas Mayo, Krista and Eric Johnson, and Greg Nelson.



In Memory



Rich Palicka died January 17, 2019. His funeral was January 26 at *English Lutheran Church*. Remember his family and friends in your prayers.

January Council Notes



† A special Council meeting was called to address budget concerns and approve the Annual Meeting Agenda. Agenda approved and budget adjustments were made.

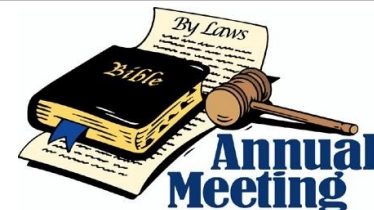
† New member, Peter Carr is attending EPIC with Pastor Jeff. This is a synod event for council members.

2018 General Fund

Month	Actual Monthly Income	Actual Monthly Expense	Actual YTD Income	Actual YTD Expenses
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
December	24,475.09	21,403.72	254,013.03	255,687.18

Mortgage

As of January 7, 2019, the mortgage balance is \$28,032.60. Payments due are \$1,315.



New Council Members

President: Warren Johnson
Vice President: Dennis Boettcher
Treasurer: Gary Onan
Secretary: Julie Davis
 Peter Carr
 Joyce Karlstad
 Kristen Kinneman
 Dean Mewes
 Lynette Winger

Worship Attendance

Week of:	8:30	10:00	Total
December 30	24	50	74
January 6	42	105	147
January 13	44	91	135
January 20	81	69	150
January 27	42	98	140
Totals:	233	413	646
Average:	47	83	130

The River Falls Community is proud to present:

It Takes A Village

An Ecumenical Fundraising Concert Supporting the School Project In Ganthier, Haiti

Sunday, February 17th

4:00 P.M.

Ezekiel Lutheran Church
 202 South 2nd Street
 River Falls, WI 54022

Admission is free, and a free will offering will be collected to support the Ganthier School

**Concert will include music from the Croix Chordsmen Barbershop Chorus, the Pierce County Ecumenical Choir, the River Falls Ecumenical Choir, the River Falls UCC Church Choir and the UWRF Community Choir. a congregational hymn-sing, and will conclude with several mass chorus pieces under the direction of Scott Perau.*

Scout Breakfast

Sunday, Feb. 3 ~ 7:00 am to Noon

SERVING: FRENCH TOAST, SCRAMBLED EGGS, SAUSAGE

Ellsworth Fire Hall ~ 427 Spruce Street

Adults—\$5 Kids (6-12) \$3
(Ages 5 and under—Free)

Purchase a ticket in advance for \$1.00 off per ticket.





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Communications Coordinator & Finance Administrator, Trina Groen

office@englishlutheranchurch.org

Custodian, Julie Baggenstoss

Music Director, Jess Monett

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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

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Vice President: Dennis Boettcher

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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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February 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN 27	MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THU 31	FRI 1	SAT 2
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:30am Annual Meeting 10am Contemporary Worship 10am Sunday School 11am Choir Practice 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:45pm Confirmation Class 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Choir Practice
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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