



# Cross Beams

## November 2021

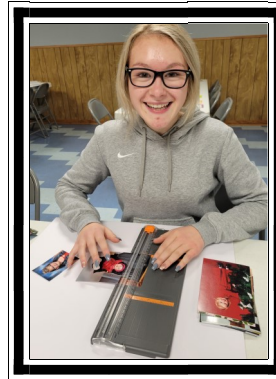
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### Bible Sunday

Children in 2nd, 3rd, and 7th grade received their new bibles.



### Affirmation of Baptism

Congratulations to our Confirmation students who had their Affirmation of Baptism this month!



Making photo boards for Confirmation.



Playing games and enjoying dinner at Confirmation!

## Special Congregational Meeting

**Dear Congregation,**

There will be a special congregational meeting on November 14th to take action on approving proposed changes to our Constitution. A group made up of Darla Moquin, Nancy Johnson, Sharon Schulze, Eric Van Nocker, Peter Carr and Pastor Jeff Smith met a number of times to review our Constitution for possible updates and revisions. After discussing possible revisions, the group recommended making changes that update the Constitution to current practices and make it consistent with our Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions. These recommendations were accepted by the Congregational Council for consideration at the special meeting. If approved at that time, these revisions will be brought forward at our 2022 annual meeting for final approval.

The group also reviewed our Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions. The proposed changes to the Bylaws will also be on the annual meeting agenda for approval. The revisions to the Continuing Resolutions were accepted and approved by the Congregational Council and no further action is needed on them. Please contact the church office for copies of the proposed revisions to the Constitution.

Peter Carr  
Council President



### Interim Pastor Update ~ Pastor Charlie Bunk

The Council voted to accept the Synod's recommendation and take on Pastor Charlie Bunk as our interim pastor. An interim pastor is essentially a long-term substitute pastor who will be with us until we call a new permanent pastor. Charlie is a retired pastor who most recently served a church in South Dakota, has experience as an interim pastor and has done mission work in Africa. He and his wife have recently relocated to rural Stockholm, WI.

His start date will be November 1<sup>st</sup>. While the specific details of our arrangement with him are still being worked out, he will be covering Sunday worship services, be available for pastoral care, supporting children's ministry and confirmation and helping guide us through the process of calling a new pastor. We look forward to welcoming him to his first service with us on November 7<sup>th</sup>.



Pastor Bunk will be working Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Sundays. He will be available to help with Baptisms, funerals, hospital and community visits. Please join us in welcoming Pastor Charlie Bunk, and stop into the church to meet him!

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### Thanksgiving Baskets

Nothing says Thanksgiving more than turkey and mashed potatoes. Unfortunately, having turkey, potatoes and all of the fixings is not a possibility for some of the families in our community. This year, English Lutheran will continue the tradition of sharing Thanksgiving baskets with families in need within our community, so they too might sit down as a family to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. You can help! Gather names, donate items, or help assemble baskets.

**Gather names of families or individuals.** If you know of someone or if your own household is in need, please call or email the church office. Names will be kept confidential.

**Gather supplies** - The confirmation youth will distribute flyers on November 10 and pick up food from the homes they notified on November 17. You can contribute non-perishables or monetary donations. Contributions need to be in by Friday, November 19.

#### **Suggested items you could share:**

Instant Potatoes

Cranberries

Gravy Packets

Boxed instant stuffing

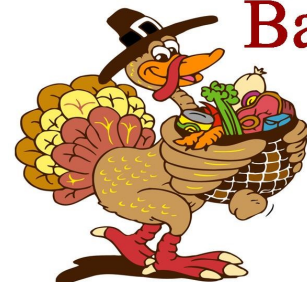
Canned vegetables

**Assemble baskets:** On Saturday morning, November 20, at 9:00 am, volunteers are needed to assemble baskets at the church.

**Basket Pick-up:** Families can pick-up their baskets on Saturday, November 20, 10:00am-1:00pm

Contact the office to help with any of these activities. Thank you! †

### Thanksgiving Baskets



## Graduate Quilting

The graduate quilting group will meet at the church on November 13th, at 9:00 am at the church.

They are looking for more help, quilting experience isn't required!

Judy Erickson & Tammy Brenner.



## Baptism

**Sydney Jo Dahl** became our sister in Christ through Holy Baptism on Sunday, October 3rd. Sydney's parents are Brett and Courtney Dahl and her sponsors are Bryce Dahl and Cassandra Smith.

We celebrate and welcome our newest member to the Body of Christ.  
**Welcome, Sydney!**



## Hiring: Music Director!

We are seeking a talented musician to lead our worship service music on Sunday mornings, as well as Lent & Christmas services. The music director is responsible for selecting music in coordination with the pastor, organizing aspects of our music ministry, including communication, recruitment, scheduling of musicians, copyright reporting, etc. Salary and hours will vary depending on experience.

Contact the office if interested!



## Thank You Notes

### Highway Cleanup-

We would like to extend a thank you to Chris Karlstad, Dan Klaustermeier, and Judy & Curt Dumermuth who helped clean our section of County Road C.

Thank you for your dedication and help!

### Pastor Dave-

Thank you to Pastor Dave Whelan for meeting with our Confirmation students!

### Pastor Kellahe-

Thank you Pastor Kellahe for doing the Confirmation service for our students! Our students greatly appreciate it.

### 9th Grade Confirmation Students-

A big thank you to our 9th grade confirmation students and their families for assisting with the confirmation brunch!



## Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, November 10th at 9:30 am. We will meet in the Fireside room. We are continuing our study on the Holy Spirit. Come join us!

The hostess will be Bev Greeley.





## October Council Meeting

- † Kip Gore presented overview of Stewardship drive.
- † Staffing update: Pastor Charles Bunk hired as Interim pastor.
- † Music Director update: continue search and research new advertising techniques for open position.
- † Constitution Task Force Update: Council members reviewed the proposed changes to Constitution.
- † Next meeting: November 16th.



## Financial Update

### September 30th, 2021 Cash Balances:

General Fund = \$51,554.01  
Dedicated Fund = \$113,113.36  
Thrivent = \$102,395.15  
Total = \$164,667.37

### September General Fund:

Income = \$9,585.50  
Expenses = \$9,188.05



## Confirmation

Our 7th-9th graders have been learning about the Apostles' Creed. We have had fun with activities around the church and a sand volleyball night at Summit Park. Thank you to the parents who have been serving supper to our confirmations students each class period, a great start to our evenings! We look forward to more meals and our Thanksgiving basket project in November!



## Affirmation of Baptism

English Lutheran had their Affirmation of Baptism service on Sunday, October 17th. Congratulations to the following students:

- † Makenzie Anderson
- † Mya Hill
- † Addi Hines
- † Molly Janke
- † Trinity Sjoquist
- † Trey Wittenberg
- † Carson Wright

## Sunday School

We had fun with a service activity on Halloween Sunday, we made Halloween bags for those in our congregation who are home bound and for the residents of the care center and assisted living in Ellsworth. Thank you to Renee Van Nocker for organizing this project! Thank you to our students and teachers for their participation!

## Bible Sunday

Congratulations to the following students who received their bibles in October:

- † Gracie Van Nocker
- † Piper Van Nocker
- † Molly Abbas
- † Travis Bechel
- † Tyler Bechel
- † Kolton Johnson
- † Alivia Maher
- † Abby Hinrichs
- † Gretchen Hallock
- † Malerie Mathis



# PRAYERS

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## *Special Prayers:*

Prayers for Dan Klaustermeier and family on the death of his mother, Elaine.

### **Healing:**

Rachel Proulx, niece of Julie Davis ~ Breast Cancer

Deb Hohl ~ Pain

Liz Krohn

Mikey Krohn

Melba

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

### **Long-term:**

Lila Larson

Sherry York

Judy Morrow

Debbie Kannel-Howard

Mike Hince, Cousin of Darla Moquin

~ cancer on his palate

Karen McAdams, Linda & Gary Onan's Daughter

~ Multiple System Atrophy

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

Joyce Geister, Julie Baggenstoss & Carol Melstrom's  
Mother

Mackenzie Marks, Connie Gossett's Granddaughter

Tomi Erlandson ~ Seizures & Health

Dale Melstrom

Marianne Melstrom

Mary Dee Prokop, Mother of Eileen Mewes

Wendy Wegerer ~ Health Issues

### **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 November ~ Vicki Nelson



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## Congregation Council

President: Peter Carr  
Vice President: Eric VanNocker  
Treasurer: Gary Brown  
Secretary: Julie Davis  
Children, Youth & Family: Jen Abbas  
100th Anniv: Denise Hager  
100th Anniv: Greta Larson  
Worship & Music: Melba Smith  
Property: Paul Tonsager

## Staff

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### Julie Baggenstoss- Custodian

### Tristan Bale- Finance Coordinator

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### Music Director: Hiring!

### Pastor Charlie Bunk- Interim Pastor

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## Office Hours

Our office hours are:

**Monday-Thursday**  
**9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

Stop in, call, or email. Sydney will in the office Monday-Thursday, and Tristan on Thursdays.



## Worship Services

**Online** ~ Sundays on Facebook  
Livestream at 8:30 & 10:00

**In-Person** ~ Sundays  
Traditional - 8:30 am  
Contemporary - 10:00 am



## Our Mission:

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

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# November 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN 31	MON 1	TUE 2	WED 3	THU 4	FRI 5	SAT 6
<b>Halloween</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30am In-Person &amp; Online Worship</li> <li>10am Sunday School</li> <li>10am In-Person &amp; Online Worship</li> </ul>	<b>All Saints' Day</b> <b>First Day of American Indian Heritage M</b>	<b>Election Day</b>				
<b>All Saints' Sunday</b> <b>Daylight Saving Time ends</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30am In-Person &amp; Online Worship</li> <li>10am Sunday School</li> <li>10am In-Person &amp; Online Worship</li> </ul>	8	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30pm Finance Meeting</li> </ul>	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am Women's Bible Study</li> <li>6pm Confirmation</li> </ul>	11 <b>Veterans Day</b>	12 <b>Thanksgiving Basket Request Deadline</b>	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Quilting</li> </ul>
14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30am In-Person &amp; Online Worship</li> <li>9:30am Special Congregational Meeti</li> <li>10am Sunday School</li> <li>10am In-Person &amp; Online Worship</li> </ul>	15	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30pm Church Council Meeting</li> </ul>	17 <b>Deadline for Newsletter Articles</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6pm Confirmation</li> </ul>	18	19 <b>Thanksgiving Basket Donation Deadline</b>	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Thanksgiving Basket Assembly</li> <li>10am Thanksgiving Basket Pick-Up</li> </ul>
21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30am In-Person &amp; Online Worship</li> <li>10am Sunday School</li> <li>10am In-Person &amp; Online Worship</li> </ul>	22	23	24	25 <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	26 <b>Native American Heritage Day</b>	27
28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30am In-Person &amp; Online Worship</li> <li>10am Sunday School</li> <li>10am In-Person &amp; Online Worship</li> </ul>	29	30	Dec 1	2	3	4

