

Cross Beams March 2019

Our Vision: A Christ-centered, serving community.



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Serving Lunch at Sharing & Caring Hands



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Fishing and playing *Go Fish* in Sunday School as we learn to "Fish" for People.



Graduate Quilting





"YOU Matter Here!"

I'm excited for a new series we will be doing Wednesday nights during Lent this year! We'll start the night with a soup supper, followed by worship at 6:30 pm. As part of that worship service, all generations will join together in discussion about six different topics (see article in this newsletter for more details on those topics.) My hope is that these discussions will help all generations get to know one another better as we learn about why we are a church that values each person, and a church that values forgiveness, grace, hope, and love.

I believe cross-generational ministry is a key part of the future of our church as it allows our elders to pass on wisdom and our youngest members to share the wonder of a child-like faith. So, no matter your age, join us Wednesday nights in Lent for our series, "You Matter Here!"

On a personal note, many of you know that I was looking forward to retiring from the Minnesota Air Guard on March 15, after over 27 years of service. However, due to a host of personal and professional factors, my retirement is on at least a temporary hold as the Guard and I discern if my knowledge, skills and abilities are still needed by the Air Force to accomplish their mission, and also what's best for my family and my ministry in Christ's church. So at least for the near future, I'll still be putting on the uniform about 2-4 days per month and will continue to strive to be the best pastor to English Lutheran I can be, as I balance my sense of duty to God, country, church, and family. Given my delayed retirement, I have asked the Executive Team to not compensate me the extra \$2000 towards my annual health allowance that was approved at the annual meeting, and I will be repaying the portion of that extra amount that I've already received.



In Christ's Name,

Pastor Jeff

LENT CROSS-GENERATIONAL SERIES: "you matter HERE." Wednesday Nights @ 6:30 PM

All ages 0-100+ are invited to join us for worship and cross-generational learning and fellowship during the six weeks of Lent! We hope you will be part of this special time together.

Don't worry if you miss a week or two-- just come when you can!

March 6 (Ash Wed.) Cross-Generational Topic: You Matter Here

"Spiritual identity means we are not what we do or what people say about us. And we are not what we have. We are the beloved daughters and sons of God." Henri Nouwen Bread for the Journey

March 13 Cross-Generational Topic: Forgiveness Matters Here

"Without forgiveness, there's no future." Desmond Tutu

March 20 Cross-Generational Topic: Grace Matters Here

"This grace of God is a very great, strong, mighty and active thing. It does not lie asleep in the soul.

Grace hears, leads, drives, draws, changes, works all in man, and lets itself be distinctly felt and
experienced. It is hidden, but its works are evident." Martin Luther

March 27 Cross-Generational Topic: Hope Matters Here

"Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny." C.S. Lewis

April 3 Cross-Generational Topic: Love Matters Here

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." Martin Luther King Jr.

April 10 Cross-Generational Topic: We Matter Here

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." Mother Teresa



Lent & Soup Suppers ~ Sign Up Today!

March 6 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Our Wednesday Lent schedule is as follows:

5:30 pm ~ Soup Supper

6:30 pm ~ Worship and Cross-Generational Series

We are looking for volunteers to make a soup or bars for one of our soup suppers on Wednesday nights, please sign up. Make it a team event! Join with your family or friends or ministry group!

Are you interested in helping to coordinate the soup suppers? Please contact the church office.



LENT & EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 6	6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Holden Evening Prayer Service	LUN.
March 13, 20, 27	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Compline Service/Cross-Generational Se	ries
April 3, 10	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Compline Service/Cross-Generational Se	ries 🔘 🕥
April 14	8:30 & 10 a.m.	Palm Sunday Services	
April 18	6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion	Worship
April 19	6:30 p.m.	Good Friday Service	Schedule
April 21	8:30 & 10 a.m.	Easter Celebration!	401 Lent

Partners In Ministry Class

(Formerly known as members)



We have some folks wishing to become "Partners in Ministry" with us at *English Lutheran Church*.

If you are also interested in becoming a partner in ministry, please join us for a 45 minute class at 11:15 on Sunday, March 10, in the Fireside Room. If possible, RSVP so we are better prepared.



Are you curious about Malawi?

Perhaps you've heard stories from others about their time spent with our friends in the *Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi* and you would like to experience the conversations, friendship, beautiful country, food, worship, and music for yourself. Or maybe your congregation has a partner parish in Malawi that you'd like to visit or learn about in person. This summer could be your opportunity!

The *NW Synod of WI* will be hosting a trip to the Warm Heart of Africa which is open to anyone 16 years and older.

Dates: July 1 - July 15 Cost: \$5,000

\$500 registration fee is required with application by March 30, 2019. The remaining \$4500 is due April 30.

If you are interested, but would like more details, or have questions about the trip, please feel free to contact the Companion Coordinator, Laura Ramlow, by phone or email: 715-559-3474 or lramlow@nwswi.org

Holy Communion Classes

April 7 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Communion classes will be offered again this Lent to all students who have not taken First Communion. Traditionally at English, this class has been for 5th grade students, primarily. However, older students who have not yet taken their First Communion, and younger children are also welcome. (Children younger than 5th grade are always welcome to take First Communion and may either attend one of these scheduled classes or arrange to meet with Pastor Jeff at another time instead.)

The hands-on class will be held on **April 7, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm.** If you are unable to attend on April 7, contact Pastor Jeff to arrange a private class.

Letters will go out to all 5th graders and older students who we know have not taken First Communion. If you are not in 5th grade, or if you don't receive a letter and would like to attend, please contact the office to be added to the class and to receive more details.





Walking Together 2019 "Holy Experiments"

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

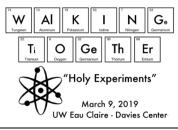
This year's theme is "Holy Experiments" and there will be many workshops to choose from that include best practices for worship, social justice, faith formation, leadership, congregational vitality and more!

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.

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



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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 TV
- ~ WCCO TV Channel 4

Email the church office if you have questions, as this email is checked frequently.

Office@englishlutheranchurch.org



Women's Bible Study

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

In this session, John's gospel will explore biblical characters whose lives are transformed through their interactions with Jesus.

The invitation is for us to "Come and See" and grow in faith and understanding.

Consider the invitation - "Come and See" for any women to come and join us in our Bible Study.

Our theme verse is John 15:15.

I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.



Hostess will be Dorothea Olson.

Graduate Quilts

Saturday, March 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

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!

Join the Kids Choir for Mother's Day! Sunday, May 12 at the 10AM service, the ELC Choir is inviting kids to join them in honoring our Mothers. More info and a rehearsal schedule TBA. Join the Kids Choir!

ELC CHOIR REHEARSAL:

Sunday, March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 11-11:45AM

Sunday, April 7 11-11:45AM

Saturday, April 13 10-11:30AM

ELC CHOIR PERFORMANCE: Ash Wednesday, March 6

Good Friday April 19 Easter April 21

Mother's Day (with a Kids Choir) May 12 10AM service only

~ Jess Monett music@englishlutheranchurch.org



Thank you to those who served lunch at Sharing and Caring Hands, those who baked cakes, those

who donated funds to help pay for the meal and to all who donated blankets to *Sharing & Caring Hands*.

Thank you to the *Ellsworth Creamery* for donating 30 pounds of cheese curds to the meal!

Thank you to *Thrivent* as we were able to use a Thrivent Action Team to help fund the meal!

Our 9 volunteers served over 100 people!

Thank you for your recent donation. It is very much appreciated. Together we CAN and DO make a difference. Thank you for the \$111.41 and 44 pounds of food for the backpack program.

~ Hunger Prevention Council of Pierce County

Thank you to Julie Baggenstoss, Curt Dummermuth, and Dave Greeley for stripping and polishing the dining hall, kitchen, and entryway floors in the lower level. Also, thank you to Curt for replacing the damaged ceiling tiles in the back entry/office area.

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.

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 Christ Jam Activities



Sunday School

Special Dates to Note:

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



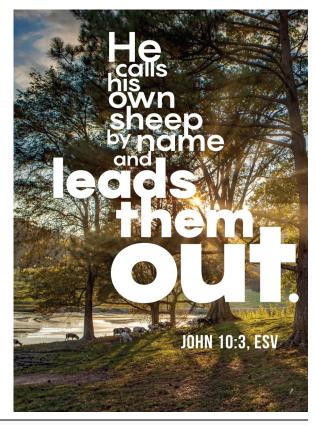
Virginia Mission Trip

Mission trip meeting, March 10, at 11:10 am.

Mission Trip meetings will be the 2nd Sunday of every month at 11:10 am.

See Facebook for more information: Look under English Lutheran Mission Trip.





Special Prayers:

Family of LaVerne Klingensmith, Kevin Winger's uncle, who died. Family of Scott Hince, Darla Moquin's Cousin, who died.

Healing:

Judy Nunn, June Lundvall's daughter ~ Surgery

Verneal Johnson ~ Hospice

Kevin Winger ~ Hip Replacement

Jeff Kulow, Relative of Dale & Vicki Nelson ~ Stroke

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

Long-term:

Tessica Peters, Sue Myers' Friend ~ Cancer

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

Judy Hince, Darla Moquin's Cousin ~ Stroke

David R. Johnson

Kim Morth ~ Cancer

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

SESTRONG **SOURAGEOUS* Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go Table 19

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 March
~ Jeanette Wright

Baptism in February

Paisley Kathlene Boettcher became our sister in Christ through Holy Baptism on February 17, 2019. Paisley's parents are Andrea & Taylor Boettcher and her sponsors are Tony & Evie Christensen, Jessica Steenblock, and Olivia Boettcher.



2019 General Fund

Month	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
	Monthly	Monthly	YTD	YTD
	Income	Expense	Income	Expenses
January	13,311.10	24,796.61	13,311.10	24,796.61

Mortgage

As of February 4, 2019, the mortgage balance is \$25,545.18. Payments due are \$1,315.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you're an eligible *Thrivent Financial* member and have Choice Dollars® available to direct, please keep *English Lutheran Church* in mind.

In 2018 we used Thrivent Choice Dollars for:

- ~ Thanksgiving Baskets
- ~ Design Ellsworth
- ~ National Child Safety Program
- ~ Sharing Shed

For more info or to direct Choice Dollars, call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice."

Or go to: http://bit.ly/XJrPZN.



Worship Attendance

Week of:	8:30	10:00	Total
February 3	44	83	127
February 10	42	63	105
February 17	30	73	103
February 24— Blizzard	0	0	0
Totals:	116	219	335
Average:	39	73	112
2019 Sunday Avg.	-	-	130

council

February Council Notes

- † Council Covenant read and signed by all council members.
- † GUEST SPEAKER- John Luchsinger- Stewardship Committee Chairperson Topic: Youth Director/Leader the stewardship committee would like a written commitment from the Council addressing options for a youth director. After a discussion, the Council moved to have the Children, Youth and Family Committee to bring a written plan/job description for a youth leader to the April Council meeting. Council moved to table this discussion until the April Council meeting.
- † Council Retreat: Date: Sunday March 31, 2019. Time: 11:30-3:00 p.m. Location: Fireside Room. Coordinators: Lynette, Jeff, Julie.
- † Lenten Soup Suppers: Council moved that various committees join with confirmation classes to serve. Lynette W. will contact the committees. The Council will serve the supper on Ash Wednesday. The proceeds from the suppers will be divided- half of the proceeds will go towards funding a youth leader and the other half will be donated to the school lunch program.
- † Moving Church funds to a money market (interest bearing account). Warren J. tabled the decision until the March Council meeting after the committees have met.
- † Council Liaisons to Committees: Property: Dennis B., Worship and Music: Lynette W., Children, Youth and Family: Dean M., Stewardship: Kristen K., Endowment: Peter C.
- † PASTOR'S REPORT: New microphones needed for worship/services. Motion/Seconded/Passed. Recommend that the Worship and Music Committee use money from the funeral fund to make this purchase through Brick House Music of River Falls, WI.

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Softball Team!!

Our Savior's Lutheran Church has invited *English Lutheran Church* to join in their summer softball league. Ages 13 to 80 are welcome to join the team. We need a team and a coach/coaches. The season begins at the end of May and ends in July. It is a 6 week season and each team will play 1 game a week. A schedule will be posted as the season gets closer. We'd love to get a team together and join in the fun!!

If you are interested in coaching, playing, or both, please email the office.





Malawi Visit!

Bishop Joseph and Maria Bvumbwe of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi are scheduled to visit the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin!

Worship With The Bvumbwe's

You can come and join Bishop and Maria Byumbwe for worship and fellowship at one (or more!) of the following locations:

Saturday, March 2 - 5:30 p.m. -Bethany Lutheran Church - Rice Lake

Sunday, March 3 - 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. -Bethany Lutheran Church - Rice Lake

Wednesday, March 6 5:30 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Worship
Immanuel Lutheran - Eau Claire

Sunday, March 10 - 8:30 a.m. -Spirit Lutheran Church - Eau Claire, WI

Enjoy a Meal And Conversation With The Byumbwe's

All are welcome to come.
Friends of Malawi Dinner
Tuesday, March 5, 2019
Luther Park Bible Camp, Chetek, WI

Other Opportunities to Gather with Bishop Joseph and Maria

Monday, March 4 9:30-1:00
Trinity Lutheran - Rice Lake
Maria will be spending the day with the Synod
Women's Organization.

Saturday, March 9 - 9:00-4:00 Walking Together Event - UW Eau Claire



COMMUNITY



And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. -Genesis 1:26



Genesis 1:26 lets us know we are indeed created in God's image, but the consequence of that is we are given dominion over the earth. We are charged by God to care for this planet and help it thrive. Part of *Luther Point Bible Camp's* mission and identity is creating good stewards of the environment. There is no doubt God has blessed Luther Point with a beautiful setting where people can come and experience God's beautiful creation.

With your help we are ready to take the next step from experiencing God's creation to teaching others how to be good stewards of this creation. One way we can accomplish this is by installing Luther Point Gardens for the summer of 2019.

Every camper who comes to Luther Point will have an opportunity to plant, tend and harvest learning about growth and the good gifts God grants us.

Ways to Help

- Attend our "Garden Install Party" on May 11 starting at 9:00 a.m. We will be preparing the raised beds and getting everything in place for the summer campers.
- Donate a raised bed. We are wanting to put in at least 10 raised beds, each one will cost \$250 for the supplies, dirt and seeds. Each complete raised bed donated gets us a little closer to our goal for the summer.
- Pray for the garden. Pray that it grows and through that growth campers learn about the goodness of God's creation.

Project Goals:

\$2,500

Provides 10 raised beds and the tools for campers to learn.

\$3,500

Provides additional educational tools both at camp and for campers to take home with them.

\$5,000

Provides additional raised beds and resources for a successful garden for years to come.

If you wish to donate by check please mail checks to:

Luther Point Bible Camp, 11525 Luther Point Rd, Grantsburg, WI 54840

Please indicate "garden" in the memo line.





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Custodian, Julie Baggenstoss

Music Director, Jess Monett 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

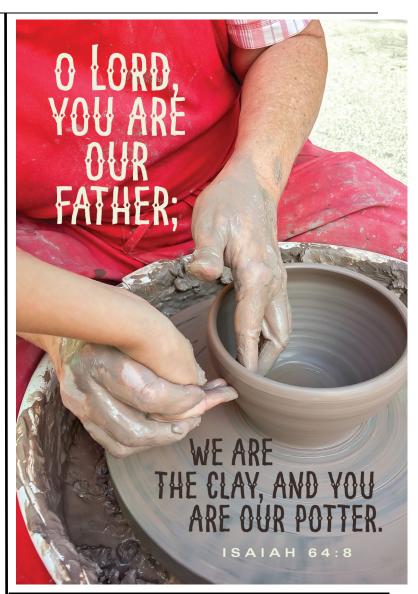
President: Warren Johnson Vice President: Dennis Boettcher

Treasurer: Gary Onan Secretary: Julie Davis

Peter Carr
Joyce Karlstad
Dean Mewes
Kristen Kinneman
Lynette Winger

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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March 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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TUE 26	LO.	12	19 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	26	2
MON 25	4	11 Class	92	25	Apr 1 • 6:15pm Graduate Quilting
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