



# Cross Beams

## February 2022

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

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### LENTEN WORSHIP

Lenten Worship begins this year on March 2nd. We are not past the scourge of COVID, so we will not be having Lenten Soup Suppers.

The theme of Lenten Worship this year is:  
**Seven Deadly Sins– One Gracious God.**

The focus will be on two books:

- † “Deadly Sins, Living Virtues” - R. Curtis Fussell
- † “Sinning Like a Christian” - William Willimon

<b>3/2— Ash Wednesday:</b>	Pride & Humility
<b>3/9— ‘Why am I not content?:</b>	Envy & Blessing
<b>3/16— ‘Don’t blow up, ease off’:</b>	Anger & Patience
<b>3/23— ‘How to beat boredom’:</b>	Sloth & Passion
<b>3/30— ‘How to train your Dragon’:</b>	Lust & Love
<b>4/6— ‘Don’t Sell Out for Money Alone’:</b>	Greed & Need
<b>4/14— Maundy Thursday:</b>	Gluttony & Fasting



## The Vision for God's Future in Ellsworth

The Gospel lesson for this Sunday, January 30th, includes the first sermon Jesus gave in his home Synagogue in Nazareth. The people were astonished at the power and ease with which Jesus pointed to himself as the fulfillment of God's promise of the Jubilee year of God's favor for Israel. Then Jesus reminded the audience of two times in which God gave miracle-working power through Elijah and Elisha to bring about healing to outsiders from Phoenicia and Syria. This did not go over well with his hometown hearers. In fact, they got so mad they took him outside to throw him off the brow of a hill. Jesus acted the part of a kickoff returner in a football game and 'passed through the midst of them.' The astonishing thing about this Bible story is the vision of Jesus for the future of God's people. He is speaking to the Jews gathered on the Sabbath in Nazareth. At the same time he is reaching beyond them to those who have not yet come to faith and trust in the One True God who calls us all by name.

Our Transition Task Force is meeting this week. We will be dividing up the rostered members of English Lutheran, inviting you to fill out a survey so that we can accurately describe ourselves to candidates who might be considering whether they could envision a future in Ellsworth as our pastor. We know that we cannot just take the survey to worship and ask those attending to fill it out. We need to reach those of you who are also following us through the Facebook worship services we broadcast each Sunday. We are also bold enough to think about those who have not yet joined us, but who might be looking to identify themselves when they meet the pastor and members who invite them to join us for worship and witness in Jesus' name.

We hope to spend February seeking out people to respond to this survey, so that we can complete our papers in early March to be sent to potential candidates in April and May. Pastor Randy Olson of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin hopes to be able to recommend candidates so that we can invite them to consider a call to English Lutheran during the summer. This is an ambitious schedule. Let us all take the first step to agree to complete the survey this month!

Pastor Charlie Bunk  
Interim Pastor



### **Souper Bowl Sunday** **Sunday, February 13**

On Super Bowl Sunday, you can help support Sharing & Caring Hands. Please place your donations in the kettle of your choice for the NFC or AFC team to win.

Donations will help cover the cost of the meal that we will be serving at Sharing & Caring Hands on February 21st. We will announce the team with the most donations.



### **Women's Bible Study**

Women's Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, February 9th at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room.

Dorthea Olson will be the hostess this month.

We will look at what Jesus calls the mysteries of the Kingdom.

The question asked is: For whom is the rule of God good news?

All are welcome.

- Nancy Ellefson



### **Sharing & Caring Hands** **Monday, February 21st**

English Lutheran Church will serve lunch at Sharing & Caring Hands in Minneapolis on Monday, February 21st.

We are looking for volunteers who can drive to Minneapolis and serve the meal. We are also looking for people to donate some cookies for dessert. Cookies should be donated by Sunday, February 21st. If you want to drop them off before, please place them in the kitchen in a disposable container. Please note the church is closed on Fridays.

There is a sign-up sheet located in the back of the sanctuary if you are interested in helping!

### **Contact Cards**

In our efforts to stay COVID conscious, we are implementing a new close contact program. If you would like to be notified of a positive case in the congregation who was at church, please fill out the communion card with your name and phone number. Thank you!



### **Sharing Shed**

You can help! Donations are needed to fill the shed with personal hygiene items such as toothpaste, band-aids, toilet paper, soap, shampoo, etc. Clothing, such as socks, shoes, t-shirts, etc. Sleeping bags would also be a possibility.

Please be sure to only put items in the shed that are in good condition and are seasonal. Thank you for your donations!

### **Thank You Notes**

#### **Bobbie Sawyers-**

Thank you to Bobbie who helped set up for the Malawi Mission Festival and brought food to enjoy.

#### **Deacon Laura Ramlow-**

Thank you to Deacon Laura Ramlow who presented during both services for the Malawi Missions Festival. The information about Malawi and the partnership was very fascinating!



## January Council Meeting

- † Plans/logistics for Annual Congregational Meeting discussed.
  - Twenty-six people needed for quorum.
  - In-person voting only
  - Vote on council members and officers for executive council positions.
- † Approve the proposed 2022 budget for consideration at the annual meeting on January 30th.
- † Next meeting: February 15th.



## Financial Update

### December 31, 2021 Cash Balances:

General Fund = \$80,917.61  
Dedicated Fund = \$96,300.87  
Total = \$177,218.48  
Thrivent = \$104,443.14

### December General Fund:

Income = \$16,529.00  
Expenses = \$12,704.89



## Events in the Community



### Valentine Fundraiser

This will help Our Savior's raise money to improve the ballpark.



### SPUCC DRIVE THROUGH STEAK DINNER

February 12, 2022 - 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Tickets \$15.00 each

Meal includes: grilled steak, baked potato, special green beans, salad, homemade buns, and dessert

Tickets are available at [spuccellsworth.org](http://spuccellsworth.org)  
or by contacting Linette: 651-233-3326 ([legreske@gmail.com](mailto:legreske@gmail.com))  
or Amy: 612-839-2866 ([akathryn7@gmail.com](mailto:akathryn7@gmail.com)) for tickets.

Proceeds spread kindness through outreach ministry



1 dozen Chocolate Covered Strawberries  
1 dozen mixed box of Chocolate Covered Cherries and truffles

Truffles – Caramel Apple, Raspberry,  
French Kiss and Chocolate Caramel



Please order by February 5<sup>th</sup> and can be picked up on February 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>

Treat your someone special and help us improve our Ballpark.  
Call or text 715-307-0451 or email [constant.donna@yahoo.com](mailto:constant.donna@yahoo.com)

#### Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Box of 1 dz. Chocolate Covered Strawberries \_\_\_\_\_  
Box of 1 dz. Mixed Cherries & Truffles \_\_\_\_\_

\$30.00 a box

Thanks for Supporting Our Ballfield!

**Happy Valentine's Day!**

# PRAYERS

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## *Special Prayers:*

### Healing:

Rachel Proulx, niece of Julie Davis ~ Breast Cancer

Deb Hohl ~ Pain

Liz Krohn

Mikey Krohn

Maisley Maxwell, granddaughter of Rob & Wendy

~Maxwell, daughter of Tyler and Alexis Maxwell

Dan Hager

Judi Nielsen

Vicki Nelson

Dennis Swanson

### Long-term:

Lila Larson

Sherry York

Judy Morrow

Debbie Kannel-Howard

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



*Lord,  
Hear Our  
Prayer*

### 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 February ~ Elaine Hines



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## Congregation Council

President: Peter Carr  
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**Music Director: Hiring!**



## 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 Tuesdays & Thursdays. Pastor Bunk will be in on Tuesdays & Wednesdays.



## Our Mission:

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

## Worship Services

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

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



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# February 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	Feb 1	2	3	4	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30am In-Person &amp; Online Worship</li> <li>9:15am Annual Meeting</li> <li>10am Sunday School</li> <li>10am In-Person &amp; Online Worship</li> </ul>		<b>First Day of Black History Month</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6pm Confirmation</li> </ul>			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4	5
<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>First Day of Women's History Month</b>				

