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Our Vision: A Christ-centered, serving community.





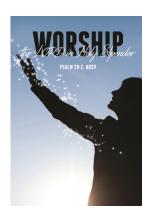
Outdoor Worship Extravaganza

We're joining *Our Savior's* for a big get-together for our area churches on Sunday, July 28 at their ballfield!

There will be a big fundraiser barbecue as well as kickball, bags, and a playground set.

We will start the day with a worship service at 10:30, and y'all are invited to join! We'll have a band from the staff of Luther Point Bible Camp, there will be the reading of the Word, there will be prayers, and there will be fellowship!

We will also celebrate with the baptism of Tessa Lee, daughter of Samantha and Erik Lee, at the worship service.



Our traditional 8:30 worship service will remain at *English Lutheran Church*, no changes to this service. The worship at Our Savior's ball field will replace our 10:00 contemporary worship service.

The ball fields are located on Cty. Rd. N a mile west of the corner of Cty. N and Hwy. 63 (intersection of *Lawton Bar*).

Funeral Luncheon Volunteers

We are in need of updating our list of volunteers for luncheons for funerals at our church. If you have a new number or have disconnected an old number, please contact us with your updated information.

We are also looking for a few more folks to help us out. This includes setting up, serving, and cleaning up for funeral luncheons.

Please contact the church office if you are available to help.





Fair Stand

August 7—11 Work at the Fair Stand

The fair stand usually brings in 10% of the church's income. It's a huge blessing for English Lutheran and a

wonderful chance for fellowship! Please consider signing up to help with the *English Lutheran Church* fair stand at the 2019 *Pierce County Fair*. Sign up sheets are in the back of the church, or call the office. There are many openings to be filled!

Help us Make the Soup & Gravy!

We will be making soup for the fair stand and need folks to cut up the vegetables and add them to the already cooked and cut up meat. We will cook the meat the night before and could use some help cutting up the cooked meat. Watch for dates.

We will need help making the gravy the week of the fair. Watch for specific times.

Pies

We will serve homemade pies at the fair stand again this year. Each household (family unit) is asked to make two or more 9" pies (rhubarb, pecan, fruit, (no cream or pumpkin pies)) or make a \$15 donation to purchase pies. We would appreciate as many pie donations as possible, as the homemade pies are favorites! Pies can be baked ahead of time, frozen and delivered to the food stand at fair time. If you are unable to bring your pies to the fair stand, you may leave them at the church before noon on Thursday or Friday, Aug. 8 & 9 only.

Sharing Shed

Its time to transition the *Sharing Shed* to the summer season! You can help! Donations are needed to fill the shed with personal hygiene items



such as toothpaste, band-aids, toilet paper, soap, shampoo, etc. Summer supplies could include summer sporting equipment and summer clothing, such as socks, shoes, t-shirts,

etc. Sleeping bags would also be a possibility.

VBS Recap

Vacation Bible School was this past week. We enjoyed lunch served daily by the Council, Women's Bible Study, Community Missions, and Music & Worship groups ~ Thank you! Super hero was our theme and the kids had fun doing super hero crafts and activities along with daily worship, music, bible study, games, snacks, and lots of fun! Some stats from VBS:

- ♦ 71 children enrolled
- 67 children was our average daily attendance
- 39% of those children are from English Lutheran Church
- 33 volunteers helped the children, served lunch & snack, taught classes, assisted counselors, registered children, set up and cleaned up.

Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers, your time was much appreciated and made an impact on the lives of the children in our community!

Backpack Program

New this summer, we will be continuing the school backpack program through the summer. This is a program that Zion Covenant Church coordinates through the school year, but is not run in the summer. We are very excited to be able to offer this to families this summer. There are 22 families in the Backpack Program during the school year, 6 of them have signed up for the summer program. We need your help. How can you help?



We need:

- † Your prayers!
- † Some kid-friendly single-serve type foods that the food pantry can't get—for example—single serve pudding or Jell-O. Donations can be brought to the church. Other donations needed:

Individually Packed Snacks Granola Bars/Cereal Bars Juice - small or large bottles

† Volunteers to help pack once a week, Wednesday afternoons.

While the food shelf can do lots with our funds to purchase through Second Harvest, they are currently in need of funds to help with their operating expenses—keeping a roof over their heads! If you are interested in supporting them, this is where funds are needed.

Contact Kayla Zimmer or Trina Groen with any questions or if you'd like to help in any way. Or call the church office.

Mission Trip to Prince George, Virginia

Our mission trip group is making their final preparations for their trip to Virginia. We will travel with *Our Savior's* youth group and *Hope Lutheran* youth group out of River Falls. We have 8 youth and 1 leader from *English Lutheran Church* along with 24 from the other churches. Please pray for them as they travel East. They leave for their trip on July 13 and return on July 21.

Thrivent Financial

John Levi from Thrivent will join us on Tuesday, July 30, at 6:30 pm to present information about options for investments for the funds from Helen Jacobson's Estate.

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Music Corner

Thank you so much for the opportunity to make music with all of you these past couple years! I will miss my time at ELC and pray for cor



Music Director

miss my time at ELC and pray for continued growth and steady leadership of the music ministry in the near future. I am so thankful for my own growth at ELC spiritually, musically and as a human being in general! I appreciate all of the kind words, memories and sentiments! All the best to one and all! A special note of thanks to Trina Groen, Jeff Smith, Joyann Johnson and Ava Maxwell who are already taking leadership to keep the music ministry up and running at ELC in my absence.

~ Jess Monett

Note: Jess has taken a new position in children and youth ministry closer to her home.

Thank You Notes

Thank you to Jess for the beautiful music on Sunday mornings and coordinating and leading our singers and the choir for the past couple of years. You will be missed! We enjoyed your enthusiasm and smiles during our worship services! May God bless you in your new endeavors.

Thank you to Ava Maxwell and Joyann Johnson for helping fill in while we search for a new music director!

Thank you to our English Lutheran Church family for their well wishes and cards to celebrate our 68th wedding anniversary!





Music Director Position

English Lutheran Church in Ellsworth, WI (the Cheese Curd Capital of the World!) is looking for a part-time, salaried, Music Director. We hope to find a passionate and faith-filled musician who is capable of accompanying both our traditional and contemporary Sunday worship services on piano, guitar or organ and who could direct our choir. However, we are open to breaking the role into separate positions if necessary. Please contact Pastor Jeff Smith for more information at pastor@englishlutheranchurch.org or call 715-273-4617.

Please pass this along to those you think may be interested. Spread the word!



In Memory

Kim Morth died June 19, 2019.
Her funeral was June 24 at
English Lutheran Church.
Remember her family and friends
Deepest in your prayers.

Back to School Event

Want to help out students in need this fall? See the school supply donation box at church in the sanctuary. All school supplies can be donated here. Please donate by July 29 as the school will disburse these items on August 1 & 2.

Items most needed are:

Backpacks Headphones Tennis Shoes Calculators

Thank you for your generosity!



Special Prayers:

Prayers for the family of Kim Morth who died.

Prayers for the family of Lisa Johnson who died.

Blessings for the family of Nick & Mel Myers on the birth of their son, Louis William Myers. Proud grandparents are Kelley & Sue Myers.

<u>Healing:</u>

Joyce Hines, Grandmother of Addi Hines
Nick Noltee, Friend of Olivia Boettcher
~ Infection from insect bite

Long-term:

Clint Olson

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

Judy Hince, Darla Moquin's Cousin ~ Stroke

David R. Johnson

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

Ed Sanders, Diane Wiskerchen's Dad

Joyce Geister, Julie Baggenstoss & Carol Melstrom's Mother

Hazel Wegerer ~ Dementia

Mackenzie Marks, Connie Gossett's Granddaughter

Tomi Erlandson ~ Seizures & Health

Dale & Marianne Melstrom

Mary Dee Prokop, Mother of Eileen Mewes

Muriel Jeffrey, Nancy Ellefson's Sister

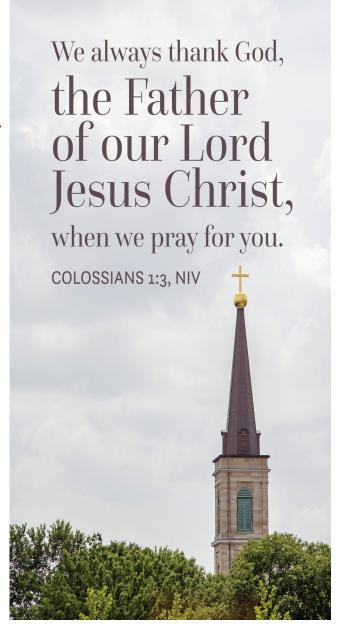
Sherry York

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 July ~ Mary Sokolik

FINANCIAL UPDATES & COUNCIL

2019 General Fund

Month	Actual Monthly Income	Actual Monthly Expense	Actual YTD Income	Actual YTD Expenses
January	13,311.10	24,796.61	13,311.10	24,796.61
February	11,698.10	19,719.90	25,009.20	44,516.51
March	38,575.62	30,103.14	63,584.82	74,619.65
April	23,068.12	19,495.12	86,652.94	94,114.77
May	15,544.10	18,511.75	102,197.04	112,626.52

Worship Attendance

Week of:	8:30	10:00	Total
June 2	40	27	67
June 9	42	48	90
June 16	44	35	79
June 23	42	36	78
Totals:	168	146	314
Average:	42	37	79
2019 Sunday Avg.	46	79	125

Mortgage

As of June 6, 2019, the mortgage balance is \$8,090.49. Payments due are \$1,315.

We received generous donations of \$2,045 towards the mortgage in May & June! This payment was sent to Thrivent with the June payment and will be reflected in the July statement.

The current payment of \$1,315 consists of \$1,282.98 principal and \$32.02 interest.



June Council Notes

- † Mortgage update: Approximately \$4,700 left after June payment.
- † Music Director Search Update: Advertisement will be sent out.
- † Joint Worship with Our Savior's and St. Paul's UCC on July 28. This would be at Our Savior's replacing the second service at ELC with a pay for plate picnic to follow the service. ELC would only participate pending a scheduled baptism at English Lutheran. Pastor Jeff will follow up with this.



- † Rental Property: Document in a rental agreement with Kris Kinneman to do quarterly payments on the 15th of each quarter starting with the current balance due on July 15th, 2019. Next payment on October 15th, 2019. Refer rental agreement to the Property Committee for completion.
- † No July council meeting will be held unless something comes up that can't wait until the August meeting. August meeting to be held at the usual date/time.
- † The council will help serve VBS lunch on June 19.
- † Warren J. will follow up with Kayla Z. from C,Y &F committee concerning finances/expectations for a youth director. Council discussed possibly pooling resources with other local churches for a youth director.
- † Reports: Endowment report-reviewed and accepted.



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Custodian, Julie Baggenstoss

Music Director, Vacant music@englishlutheranchurch.org



The church office is open:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 am—1:00 pm Closed on Tuesdays.

Congregational Council

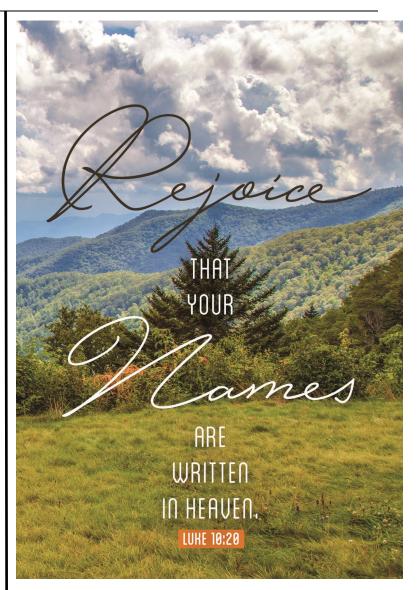
President: Warren Johnson Vice President: Dennis Boettcher

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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July 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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THU 4 Church Offices Closed. Independence Day	=	18		25	Aug 1
WED 3 • 1pm Ellsworth Public Library Summer Progra	10 10am Medicare Insurance Meeting 2pm Medicare Insurance Meeting	11	Ipm Ellsworth Public Library Summer Progra	24 • Tom Ellsworth Public Library Summer Progra • 6:30pm Mission Endowment Committee Mtg	31 Tpm Ellsworth Public Library Summer Progra
TUE 2	6	16	6.30pm Church Council Meeting	23	30 • 6:30pm Financial Meeting with John Levi
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