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Affirmation of
Baptism Service



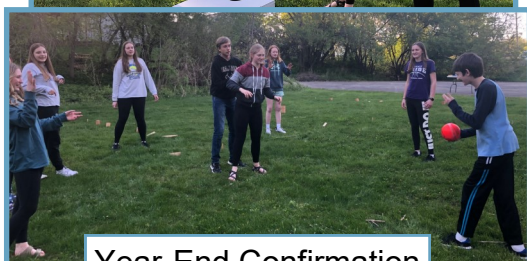
Graduation Quilts



Pentecost Décor



Sunday School
Year-end party



Year-End Confirmation
Celebration



Backpacking Trip Practice Hike



Council Retreat



“Summer Vacation”

Dear Siblings in Christ!

Well, summer is almost upon us. With it many of us will get some much needed R & R as we head to cabins, campgrounds, resorts, youth camps, festivals, theme parks and water parks this summer. All of these are wonderful things and are a great part of our Northwoods culture! Summer is also a time that church attendance drops significantly because of all of these things that take us away from home and our regular routines. So how might we keep growing in our faith, even when we may not be in worship as frequently as the rest of the year? Well, let me offer a few suggestions:

1. If you're out of town, worship there on your own or with friends and family in the area.
2. Do your own “worship.” Say a prayer. Sing a verse of a favorite song. Read a Bible story.
3. Watch ELC's services online- either live where you are, or after you return home from your trip.
4. Read a devotional book as an alternative way of having time to connect with Jesus while you're away from home.

As some of you know, my wife Kate and I started a travel agency this month. We are hoping it will allow us to replace the income I'll lose when I retire from the Air Guard and will allow us to start a college fund for our four kids. So, I totally get the need to get away and all the joys and benefits of time at the lake, cabin, campground, beach, golf course, etc. But I encourage you to intentionally work in some faith moments into your days this summer to keep your relationship with Christ growing. And then when you are in town, please come visit your friends and family here at English Lutheran Church! I'll look forward to seeing you here in church and, who knows, maybe out on the road somewhere too!



Wishing you God's abundant love,

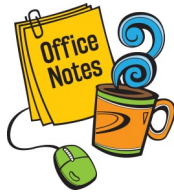
Pastor Jeff



Hiring ~ Church Office

Trina Groen is resigning her positions as Communications Coordinator and Finance Administrator effective on June 10, 2021. We'd like to thank her for her service to our congregation. We appreciate her work and her many contributions to the life of our church. She will be missed and we wish her well as she moves on to new opportunities.

In the mean time we will be looking for someone to fill her position. If you or anyone you know might be interested in applying for those positions please contact Pastor Jeff.



Thank you Reception

Please join us between worship services on June 13 for a reception to thank Trina for her time and work as our Communications Coordinator and Finance Administrator and to wish her well in her future endeavors.

Office News ~ Trina

Thank you for 5 1/2 great years as a staff member! I have really enjoyed working with you, the friends and members of our congregation! While our family will remain members and will remain involved in the church in other ways, I have decided to resign and, effective June 10, I will no longer be working in the church office. I'm excited to be home with my family a little more and work with my brother and family at the bar/restaurant he owns in Cannon Falls, MN, Mill Street Tavern. I have been doing the bookwork for the bar for the past 4 years and will continue to do that and expand on that role, mostly from home.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you all in worship and the community!

Blessings,
Trina Groen

Dementia Friendly Sunday

June 13, 2021 has been designated Dementia Friendly Sunday by the St. Croix Valley Dementia Friendly Communities Coalition, a partnership in Pierce and St. Croix counties committed to increasing awareness of dementia and decreasing the stigma by educating our communities. They support those living with dementia and their caregivers, so they can remain active, engaged, and involved in their spiritual life despite changes in their cognition over time. Our worship services on June 13 will be dementia friendly, we'll have a slightly modified service—one reading, a shorter sermon, and familiar songs. Join us!



Geraniums for *Pentecost*

Thank you to the following folks for helping to decorate the sanctuary for *Pentecost* with red geraniums.

Vern & Nancy Ellefson

Jim & Elaine Hines

Augie & Deb Hohl

Nancy Johnson

Gary Brown & Kriste Lewis

Dorothea Olson

Patricia Richert

Joel & Sharon Schulze

Melba Smith

Mark & Mary Sokolik

Dick & Vi Wilhelm

Diane Wiskerchen



Graduate Quilts

We honored graduating high school seniors on Sunday, May 23. Quilts were given to each graduate during worship services.

Val Achenbach

Josh Bechel

Luke Benson

Ally Cain

Whitney Elsen

Halle Flock

Seth Korman

Nick Maxwell

Kaitlyn Peterson

Ashlyn Sallander

Alivia Wittenberg

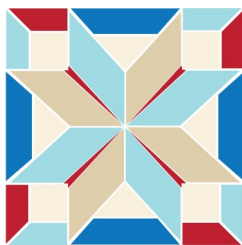
Congratulations to our grads!

Thank you to the quilters who made these beautiful Quilts!



Graduate Quilting

The graduate quilting group will not meet during the summer months but will resume in the fall. We would like to welcome more to help craft the quilts. Thank you for the donations received.



Judy Erickson & Tammy Brenner.

Thank You Notes



Thank you to all of our confirmation guides! They volunteer their time each week with our 7-10th grade students.

Thank you to the Sunday school teachers who packed kits for our 30 Sunday school children for the past 8 months and held monthly Zoom classes!

Dear English Lutheran,
Thank you so much for the book for my confirmation. I really appreciate it. Also thank you for being there through part of my faith journey.

Thank you,
Emily Groen

Sunday School Children ~
I thank you from the bottom of my heart for remembering me this Easter! And for the Easter Basket. I so miss my church family but this basket will remind me of my "church family"!

Again My Love and Thanks,
Janet Arndt

Directory Updates

Deb & Augie Hohl are working on contacting folks to get updated contact information as we work towards a new directory. They may give you a call, or if you'd like to call them to give them your information, please do so.

Augie - 608-408-6578
Deb - 563-580-3282



Volunteer Opportunities!

Church Office

We may need volunteers to cover the office hours this summer until we hire someone for the office positions. Summer office hours are Mon.-Thurs. 9-1. Please contact Pastor Jeff if you're interested. Thank you for your time!!

Worship Service

We are in need of volunteers for our worship services. Please consider volunteering your time during worship as an usher, reader, or to run the worship slides.

Contact the church office by phone or email or sign up at the back of the church. Thank you!!



Fair Stand August 12-15

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 2021 *Pierce County Fair*. Sign up sheets are in the back of the church, or call the office. There are many openings to be filled!



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!



Superior Hiking Trail Backpack Trip

Our backpacking trip to northern MN has been postponed from June to August. We will now head north August 4-8. Please pray for our six youth and three adults as they prepare for their trip.

The group took a 2nd practice hike to Nugget Lake in May.



Summer Bible Camp

Kids who are entering grades 1-12 are encouraged to come to *Luther Point Bible Camp* this summer.

The summer schedule is available on the Luther Point website: lutherpoint.org. Printed schedules are available at church.

Its not too late to sign up now for a week or half week at Bible camp!

Luther Point Bible Camp offers camperships so that anyone who wishes to attend camp is able to do so.



Camp Scholarships

If your child is attending a Bible camp this summer, scholarships are available! Children in grade 6 and younger are eligible. Please send your child's name, grade level, and camp they are attending to the church office.



May Council Meeting

- † We couldn't vote on anything because we didn't have a quorum.
- † Discussed advertising for the open positions of communication and finance since Trina is leaving in June. Pastor Jeff to contact Indeed. Notify the congregation.
- † Council will vote via e-mail to decide whether or not to continue with the current covid precautions of wearing masks indoors or not. The council voted to continue as is with masks for now.



Financial Update

April 30, 2021 Cash Balances:

General Fund = \$64,937.52
Dedicated Fund = \$84,024.09
Thrivent = \$75,326.83
Total: \$148,961.61

April General Fund:

Income: \$45,093.51
Expenses: \$17,086.41

We received another federal Payroll Protection Program payment in April to help cover our payroll costs. The amount received was \$28,220.75 and is included in the April income and the general fund cash balance.



Summer Office Hours

Our summer office hours are:

Monday-Thursday
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Stop in, call, or email.



PRAYERS

Special Prayers:

- ~ Blessings to our fathers as we celebrate Father's Day this month!
- ~ Prayers for the family of Julie & Keith Lundstrom, Keith's father, Don Lundstrom, died.
- ~ Prayers for the family of Lisa & Dennis Boettcher's niece, her husband died.
- ~ Prayers for those dealing with dementia and their families.

Healing:

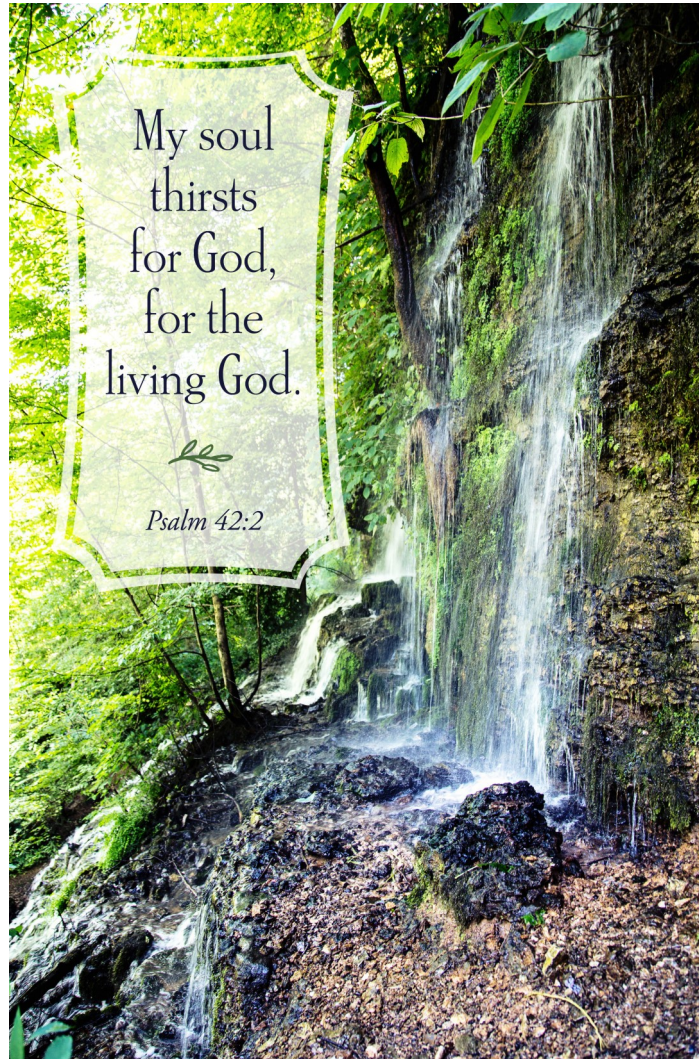
- Sherry York ~ Surgery
- Judy Morrow ~ Hospitalized for Pneumonia
- Rachel Proulx, niece of Julie Davis ~ Breast Cancer
- Deb Hohl ~ Pain
- Bernie, friend of Linda During
 - ~ Hospitalized from Covid Vaccine
- Bill Moquin ~ Recovering from Illness
- John Lee ~ Life Struggles
- Annie L., friend of Linda During ~ Breast Cancer

Long-term:

- Lila Larson
- Debbie Kannel-Howard
- Mike Hince, Cousin of Darla Moquin
 - ~ cancer on his palate
- Terry Wegerer, Brother of Darla Moquin
 - ~ Stage 4 Lung Cancer
- 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
- LuAnn, friend of Melanie Johnson ~ Cancer
- Ruth, friend of Melanie Johnson ~ Cancer

Military service:

- 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 June ~ Vi Wilhelm

In Memory

We will celebrate the life of Marlin Peterson on Saturday, June 19. Visitation at 10:00. Funeral at 11:00.



Join us for a Community Sing-Along
Sunday, June 13, 2021 at 1:00 P.M.

Hudson Bandshell in Lakefront Park

Bring friends and family, a picnic lunch and lawn chairs
Bottled water and cookies will be provided

In case of rain: Check our Facebook page @stcroixvalleydementiafriendlycommunities

PRESENTED BY THE
Dementia Friendly Communities Coalition
on Dementia Friendly Sunday

Our goal is to increase awareness of dementia by involving faith communities in maintaining and supporting members throughout their lifetime. We promote involvement in musical activities that are familiar, fun, and family orientated.
This day includes Dementia Friendly Services hosted by churches throughout St. Croix & Pierce Counties

To Learn more contact Amy Luther, ADRC of Pierce County at (715)273-6780 amy.luther@co.pierce.wi.us or Kim Bauer, ADRC of St. Croix County at (715)381-4411 kimberly.bauer@sccwi.gov



Summer Book Reads

A Note from our Synod Office:

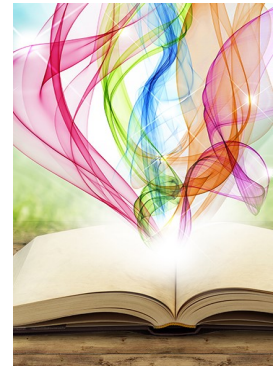
Hello Friends,

During the summer months we hope you'll join us for some great reading and thoughtful conversation as we dive into three good books.

We will gather each month to discuss what we read. Each conversation will be facilitated by someone new. Details can be found on the synod website.

Happy reading!

www.nwswi.org



Dear Donors, Vendors, & Friends,

Several weeks ago, ARC sent out a survey to gather information to assess our effectiveness. Good feedback identifying areas of strength and areas for improvement. One area we have been focusing on for the past 6 months is community awareness. Striving to educate members of the community on the services ARC provides. Survey responses showed that this is an area in which more information is indeed needed.

Who we are...

River Falls and Ellsworth school districts based 501(c)3 non-profit providing short-term financial assistance to individuals and families to meet basic needs. In our 13th year.

We are a 100% volunteer organization – no paid staff!

We create a sense of dignity and hope for those we serve and foster solidarity in the community.

Assistance we offer...

Rent & mortgage payments

Utilities: Electric, Gas, Propane, Sewer & Water

Transportation: gas cards, vehicle repair, purchase of car parts, title & registration, D.L. renewal or replacement, taxi vouchers, towing.

Emergency groceries, Laundry costs, Clothing, Childcare costs, Birth certificate replacement

Education: Cost of certifications, CNA license, etc.

Several of the services listed are not provided by other agencies. For example, Salvation Army vouchers are not accepted for some of these services and Our Neighbor's Place does not provide any direct financial assistance at all.

Why ARC is Unique...

We have less than 2% in administrative costs 100% volunteer, "hands-on" organization

We consider and assess every request Contact client between 8AM-8PM

We are a hand-up rather than a hand-out, focusing on matching payments with our clients

We serve the clients' needs, rather than setting up arbitrary guidelines.

Thank you for partnership. Community means working together. Together we can do much!





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Music Director, Steve Liening

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9 am to 1 pm



Worship Services

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

In-Person ~ Sundays

Traditional - 8:30 am
Contemporary - 10:00 am



Congregation Council

President: Peter Carr

Vice President: Eric VanNocker

Treasurer: Gary Brown

Secretary: Julie Davis

Jen Abbas

Greta Larson

Paul Tonsager

Denise Hager

Melba Smith

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

We Honor You

Our Mission:

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

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June 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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		TUE Jun 1 First Day of LGBTQ+ Pride Month	WED 2	THU 3	FRI 4	SAT 5
6 • 8:30am In-Person & Online Worship • 10am In-Person & Online Worship	7 • 6:30pm Finance Meeting	8	9	10	11	12
13 ELC at Luther Point Bible Camp Dementia Friendly Sunday • 8:30am In-Person & Online Worship • 10am In-Person & Online Worship • 9:30pm Reception for Trina	14	15 • 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	16	17	18 Deadline for Newsletter Articles	19 Juneteenth • 10am Marlin Peterson Visitation • 11am Marlin Peterson Funeral • 2:30pm Nicholas & Vanessa Tierney Baptism
20 Father's Day • 8:30am In-Person & Online Worship • 10am In-Person & Online Worship	21 Happy FATHER'S DAY!	22	23	24	25	26
27 • 8:30am In-Person & Online Worship • 10am In-Person & Online Worship	28	29	30	Jul 1	2	3