



# Cross Beams

## August 2019

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

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LUTHERAN CHURCH



Tessa Mae Lee Baptism



Worship with Our Savior's  
at Ballfield



Mission Trip to Virginia







*"He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit."*

John 15:2 NRSV

Dear Fellow Children of God,

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator and from Jesus Christ, our living Lord and Savior! Last week, I had the opportunity to attend a continuing education event over three days called the FAITHFUL

INNOVATION SUMMIT. I usually say if I take away ONE thing from a continuing education event like this, it was worth the cost and effort. But, I took away SO much more than one thing from this event, which I'll share with you in bits and pieces over the coming months.

At the heart of this summit, and also of our synod's Faithful Innovation Network (which I hope we as a church will join in the coming year), was the idea that our churches are declining due to all kinds of cultural factors and that traditional ways of attracting and keeping "members" no longer "works." So what the church needs to do is get back to the basics of our faith. We need to help connect people's deep longings and losses to what goes on in church. We need to work on connecting to God and to our neighbors. We need to be clear on what's unique about being a Christian. We need to help people make meaning of their lives through faith.

To do all these things, we need to do some pruning- both branches bearing fruit and those that are not, because just like in a garden, you have to prune the branches and deadhead the flowers to make room for new growth. We need to make room for the Spirit to work in this church and in our lives. We can't just add innovation on top of everything we're already doing- we all know we don't have enough volunteers and funds to do all that we currently try to do...so we'll need to prune in order to innovate and follow the Spirit's leading.

There's so much more to say on this topic, but for now I want you to know that this pruning can and should take place in our own lives too. I for one, plan to prune some things off my personal and work to-do lists, so that I can get back to the basics of spiritual practices like contemplative prayer and dwelling in God's Word. Because I know that over the years, the demands of ministry and family life have pulled me away from those key practices that feed my faith and passion and love of Jesus, which in turn make me a less impactful pastor, husband and father.

How about you? Do you need to prune some things to make space to spend time with God and grow in your faith and relationship with Christ? Grab the pruners and join me in making room for the Spirit to work in our congregation and our personal lives. Amen!

Your fellow servant in Christ,

*Pastor Jeff*



## Mortgage ~ It's Over!!!

Our mortgage is paid off!! Thank you to all for your donations to help us get out of debt!

As of July 7, 2019, the mortgage balance was 4,760.90. Payments due are \$1,315. We received generous donations of \$3464.75 towards the mortgage! This payment was sent to Thrivent.



## God's Work, Our Hands

We are considering hosting a "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday on September 8. This is a chance for Lutheran churches around the country to share God's love through service to our communities. We've already been in conversation with the *Design Ellsworth Team* for ideas on how we can spruce up Main Street. The overall goal is to do a few manageable projects in 1-3 hours after worship that Sunday.

Let Trina Groen, in the office know if you could help us make this happen by doing any of the following:

- Allowing us to bless you or someone you know locally by doing work on your property (yardwork, simple repairs, painting, etc.)
- Organizing a project you'd like to see done in our community or world (sewing pillow case dresses, cleaning up a park, etc.)
- Volunteering to help with one of the above projects or cleaning up Main Street or creating greeting cards for shut-ins or others.

Contact us if you can help serve the community by volunteering for any of the above items. Thank you!

## Music Director Update

Our Music Director opening is posted in many locations on-line and we've received interest from a couple of candidates so far and interviews have begun. If you know of anyone who might be a good fit, please let Pastor Jeff know as soon as possible. We are hoping to fill the position before our fall season kicks off! Please pray for this process and that God would lead us to the right person to minister in this place with the gift of music!



## 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 openings to be filled!

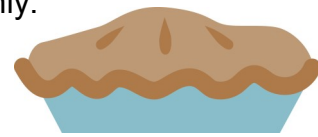
### Help us Make the Gravy!

We are making gravy on August 6 and 9 at 8:00 am. Please join us as we need a few folks to help with this. Sign up in the sanctuary.



## 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.



## Mission Trip to Prince George, Virginia

Our mission trip group had a great time out East in Virginia! They did lots of work and made many connections.

Thanks to all who went on the trip and worked in the Prince George Community, helped coordinate, and supported the group financially and through prayer!

## Thank You Notes

Quilt Ladies, Thank you for all of your hard work so we can have a memorable moment in our life.

Thanks.

~Mac

Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt for Maclaen. Thank you also for the wonderful tradition at English Lutheran! Love,

~Mary & Matt Gardas

Thank you for the donations you have given to the Summer Backpack Program! We have sent the snacks home with our 6 families so they can have meals throughout the summer.

Thank you for your generosity to the school drive for school supplies for Ellsworth Elementary School kids!



## Backpack Program

We have been continuing the school backpack program through the summer. There are 6 families in the summer backpack program.



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

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

## Worship Attendance

Week of:	8:30	10:00	Total
June 30	23	36	59
July 7	32	42	74
July 14	35	48	83
July 21	33	41	74
July 28	46	54	100
Totals:	169	221	336
Average:	34	44	78
2019 Sunday Avg.	44	73	117

## Baptism

**Tessa Mae Lee** became our sister in Christ through Holy Baptism on Sunday, July 28. Tessa's parents are Samantha & Erik Lee and her sponsors are Karli Dahl & Nick Wimmer and Sarah Herman & Mike Burke.

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



## Confirmation

### ~ Save the Date! ~

Families of those in 7-10th grade, mark your calendars for our annual Confirmation Orientation and Meal which will take place the evening of September 18. More details to follow soon. If you, or someone you know would make a great Guide to our students, please let Pastor Jeff know as we will be looking for several new adults and upperclassmen high school students to help with our small groups this year.



## 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
June	14,891.46	16,596.85	117,088.50	129,223.37



## Special Prayers:

Prayers for the family of Blaine and Andrea Hinrichs, Blaine's mother, Carmen Hinrichs died.

Prayers for the family of Tony Rollins, friend of Kate Smith, who died in a car accident.

Prayers for the family of Judy Hince, Darla Moquin's cousin, who died.

### Healing:

Terry Wegerer, Brother of Darla Moquin ~ Stage 4 Lung Cancer

Jennifer Maday, Hip Surgery & Heart Attack

Joyce Hines, Grandmother of Addi Hines

### Long-term:

Clint Olson

Karen McAdams, Linda & Gary Onan's Daughter

~ Multiple System Atrophy

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

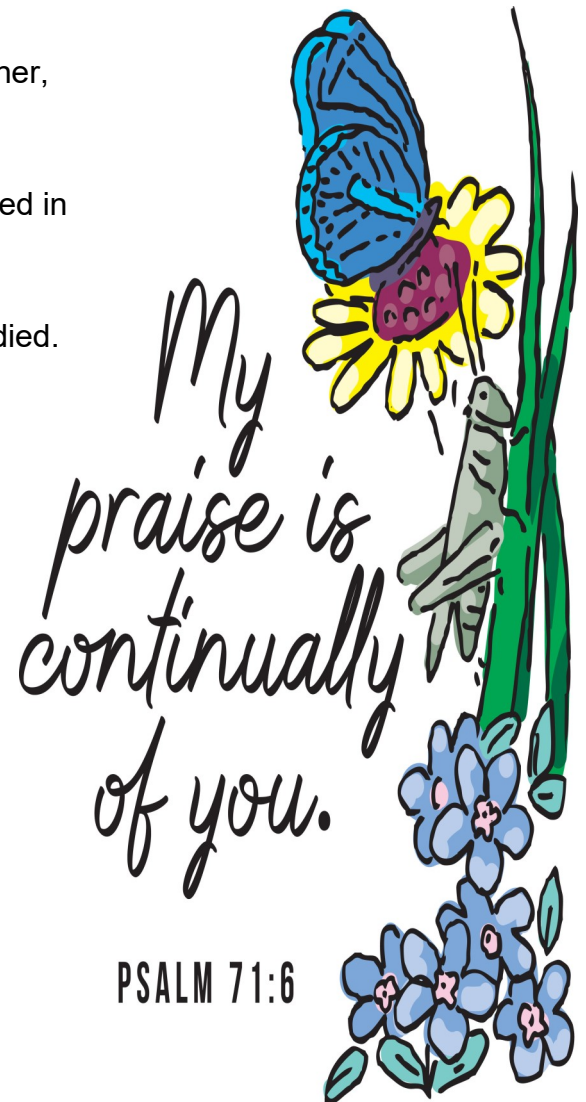
Sherry York

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 August  
~ Mary Sokolik

# One Word: Possibilities

## 55th Annual Heart of the North Women's Retreat (Women of all ages!) August 12 & 13, 2019

Retreat Pastor/Bible Study: Pastor Maggie Isaacson,  
North Valley Church, Milltown, WI

Guest Speaker from LifeSpring Home

Musical Guest: Sarah Joosten

Luther Park Bible Camp – Chetek, WI

Take 24 hours to strengthen your relationship with other Christian women and with the triune God.

If you have never attended, this is the time!  
Only \$65.00 for 2 days or \$35.00 for one day

Monday registration at 1:00 pm, program beginning at 1:45 pm.  
Tuesday program begins at 7:45 am

For More Information contact:  
Joan Gerland at 715-205-3100 or [jlgerland@gmail.com](mailto:jlgerland@gmail.com)



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## National Night Out

Tuesday, August 6, 2019  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
East End Park - Ellsworth, WI

Free and Open to the Public.

(Event will be cancelled if weather is inclement.)

Prizes, Games, Music, Giveaways, Displays, Food,  
Beverages & More!!!

Pizza Man of Ellsworth is officially sponsoring this  
event, along with the Ellsworth Police Department.



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## Staff

### Pastor, Jeff Smith

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Call or text any time for urgent pastoral care.

### Communications Coordinator & Finance Administrator, Trina Groen

[office@englishlutheranchurch.org](mailto:office@englishlutheranchurch.org)

### Custodian, Julie Baggenstoss

### Music Director, Vacant

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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

CAST YOUR  
BURDEN ON  
THE LORD,  
AND HE WILL  
SUSTAIN YOU.

PSALM 55:22, ESV

## Our Mission:

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

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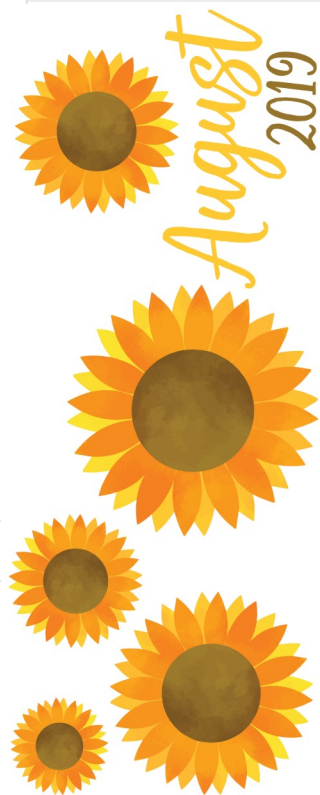
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# August 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



WED 31	THU Aug 1	FRI 2	SAT 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1pm Ellsworth Public Library Summer Program</li> </ul>			
7	8	9	10
	Pierce County Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8am Make Gravy for the Fair</li> </ul>	
14	15	16	17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Medicare Insurance Meeting</li> <li>2pm Medicare Insurance Meeting</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30pm Wedding Rehearsal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3:30pm Wedding</li> </ul>
21	22	23	24
28	29	30	31
4	5	6	
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18	19	20	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30am Traditional Worship</li> <li>10am Contemporary Worship</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30pm Church Council Meeting</li> </ul>	
25	26	27	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30am Traditional Worship</li> <li>10am Contemporary Worship</li> </ul>		Ellsworth Schools First Day	