

# Cross Beams

## August 2021

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

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Paul painting the fair stand



Farmers Market in East End Park



Luther Point Bible Camp



Superior Hiking Trail Backpack Trip



# PASTOR JEFF'S ARTICLE

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Dear Partners in Ministry,

By now most of you know I accepted a call to Ezekiel Lutheran Church in River Falls as their interim associate pastor, which means my last day at English Lutheran Church will be August 15, 2021.

As my time as your pastor comes to an end, I leave you with a few reflections:

**THANK YOU!** Thanks for the opportunity to do ministry with you in this corner of God's creation through good and bad times these last nearly 6 years. It's truly been an honor to baptize, bless, distribute Bibles and give first communion to your children, to instruct confirmation, to deliver quilts to graduates, to officiate weddings and funerals, to preach the Good News and to reach out to those in need in our community and world. Thank you!

**STRIVE FOR UNITY!** As I spoke about in my sermon on August 1, I encourage you to strive for unity in the church as you take the next faithful step into God's preferred future for English Lutheran Church. Our society is divided on so many things—model a better way in your interactions with your siblings in Christ, including seeking the good in others rather than pointing out the bad.

**SUPPORT YOUR NEW PASTOR(S)!** There will be a pastoral sub or two in August and September until the synod finds an interim pastor to lead you through the call process and eventually you will call a new pastor. I ask you to give your full support and welcome to each of these pastors and listen to any advice they may offer you. Turn to them for all your pastoral care needs including baptisms, weddings, and funerals, just as you did with me when I was the "new guy."

**REMEMBER, YOU ARE GOD'S BELOVED CHILD!** After nearly six years of me repeating this over & over in my sermons, you may be tired of hearing it... but this truth is at the heart of my theology—God loves us so much—through our baptism God adopted us and made us children of God. I don't think I'll ever cease to be amazed by this good news! Whenever life gets you down, remember you are God's child and Jesus loves you more than you know!

Finally, as I said in my letter, I'm not big on goodbyes, but I wish all of you God's peace, love, and hope and I look forward to our paths crossing again—whether in this world or in the next around the throne of God!

All glory be to Christ,

Pastor Jeff

## Finding a New Pastor

**Dear Congregation,**

With Pastor Jeff leaving English Lutheran the Congregational Council has begun the process of finding a new pastor. We will be working with Pastor Randy Olson of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin who will help guide us through the process. He is also working on finding us an interim pastor who will serve as our pastor until we find a permanent replacement for Pastor Jeff. It will likely take until October before we can locate an interim pastor. Until then we will be working with substitute pastors for Sunday services and pastoral care.

Our first step in the process is to recruit a call committee. The call committee will update the description of our church, our ministries, and our community that will be posted on a website used by pastors interested in exploring a new call. Once that is posted, the call committee will screen potential pastors, interview candidates, and make a recommendation to the Council on a new pastor. This process is likely to take several months and we will keep you posted as we move through the process. In the meantime, we are looking for people to serve on the call committee. Please contact a member of the Council if you are interested in serving on the Call Committee or have any questions.

Lastly, we are planning a farewell get together for Pastor Jeff on Sunday, August 15th. Stay tuned for details on that.

Peter Carr  
Council President

## Welcome Sydney!

Hi, I'm Sydney! I have started as the new communications coordinator here at English Lutheran. I graduated this spring with a degree in communications and marketing from Loyola in Chicago. While I enjoyed my time in the big city, I am originally from the Twin Cities, so I am happy to be back home. I enjoy spending time outside at my cabin, hiking, and traveling. I am excited to get started and get to know everyone! Please stop in the office anytime, I would love to meet you!



## Hiring: Music Director

Have a love for music?! We are seeking a talented musician to lead our in-person and online worship service music on Sunday mornings, as well as Lent and Christmas services.

The music director is responsible for selecting music in coordination with the pastor, organizing all aspects of our music ministry, including communication, recruitment, scheduling of musicians, copyright reporting, etc. We also have openings for organist and piano or guitar accompanists and choir director. Ideally the music director will be able to fill one or all of those roles as well, but this isn't a requirement.

Salary and hours will vary depending on experience, and whether the Music Director also plays organ, piano, or guitar or chooses to fill the open choir director position as well.

Contact the church office if interested!

## Welcome Tristan!

"I would like to introduce myself as your new Finance Administrator. My name is Tristan Bale, I am married to my husband John, and we have two fur babies – Bowser (black lab) and Simba (yellow lab). We live in Emerald, WI and have lived here since 2017, after living in the La Crosse area for 15 years. John and I are both St. Croix Central graduates (Hammond/ Roberts) and are both veterans after each serving 12 years in the Air Force. I am currently attending UW – River Falls for Accounting, working towards CPA upon graduation in December 2022. I love learning and just recently obtained my WI Real Estate Salesperson license in March 2021. In my spare time, I love reading, playing games, putting together puzzles, traveling (my favorite place is Cabo, Mexico), camping, 4-wheeling, fishing, walking the dogs, flying with John (he is currently a private pilot working commercial pilot), and hanging out with friends and family. I look forward to meeting everyone!"



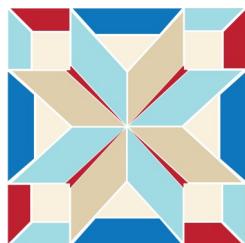
## Parish Nurse Wanted!

We haven't had a parish nurse in a while, but we have money set aside for training and supplies and would like to put them to use! This position would be a great resource to the congregation for basic health checks and information. If you are in the medical field and would like to learn more about what this volunteer position entails, please contact Pastor Jeff.

## 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

English Lutheran Church~

Thank you so very much for the gifts and cards! Thank you for the beautiful flowers, cake, gift card, cross & reception. I appreciate your kindness and have many great memories from my time in the church office, especially getting to know many of you, the congregation.

Blessings,  
Trina

## Volunteer Opportunities!

### 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!!

## 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



## Pies Needed!

With the fair right around the corner, we are again requesting the donation of pies to be sold at the fair stand. We'll supplement pies from the congregation with Amish pies again, but would love to share your baking skills with the community too! Please only donate pies that don't require refrigeration and drop them off at the fair stand during operating hours or at church Aug. 9-12 between 9 am and 1 pm. 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!

## Last Youth Lock-in with Pastor Jeff!

Youth who have completed grades 5-12 are invited to join Pastor Jeff for one last lock-in before he moves to his new church! The free event will take place **Tuesday, August 10 from 6-10pm** at the church. The lock-in will include pizza and treats, games of all kinds, a devotion, and just a chance to hang out together one last time. More details and a permission slip will be emailed to those on our youth contact list.



## Prayer Shawls

If you have a loved one who is going through a tough time and could use the comfort of being wrapped in prayers with a blanket/shawl, please take a prayer shawl for them.

We have a rack of prayer shawls outside the office door available for anyone at no cost, just take one.



## Baptism

**Evelyn Jo Chollet** became our sister in Christ through Holy Baptism on Sunday, July 18th. Evelyn's parents are Danielle and Andrew Chollet and her sponsors are Leah Chollet and Rebecca Derricks.



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

## July Council Meeting

- † Discussion of general and dedicated funds. Will decide in the future on how much to keep for emergency fund.
- † Begin search for a parish nurse
- † Support of local schools. \$150 donation to Ellsworth Salute to Educators, and \$150 Back to School Supply donation. Both from Thrivent Choice dedicated funds.
- † Approval of proposed changes to the Constitution.



## Financial Update

### June 30, 2021 Cash Balances:

General Fund = \$75,808.60  
Dedicated Fund = \$82,079.52  
Thrivent = \$77,432.13  
Total: \$157,888.12

### June General Fund:

Income: \$20,749.14  
Expenses: \$16,038.69



# PRAYERS

## Special Prayers:

### Healing:

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

Sherry York

Judy Morrow

Debbie Kannel-Howard

Mike Hince, Cousin of Darla Moquin

~ cancer on his palate

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

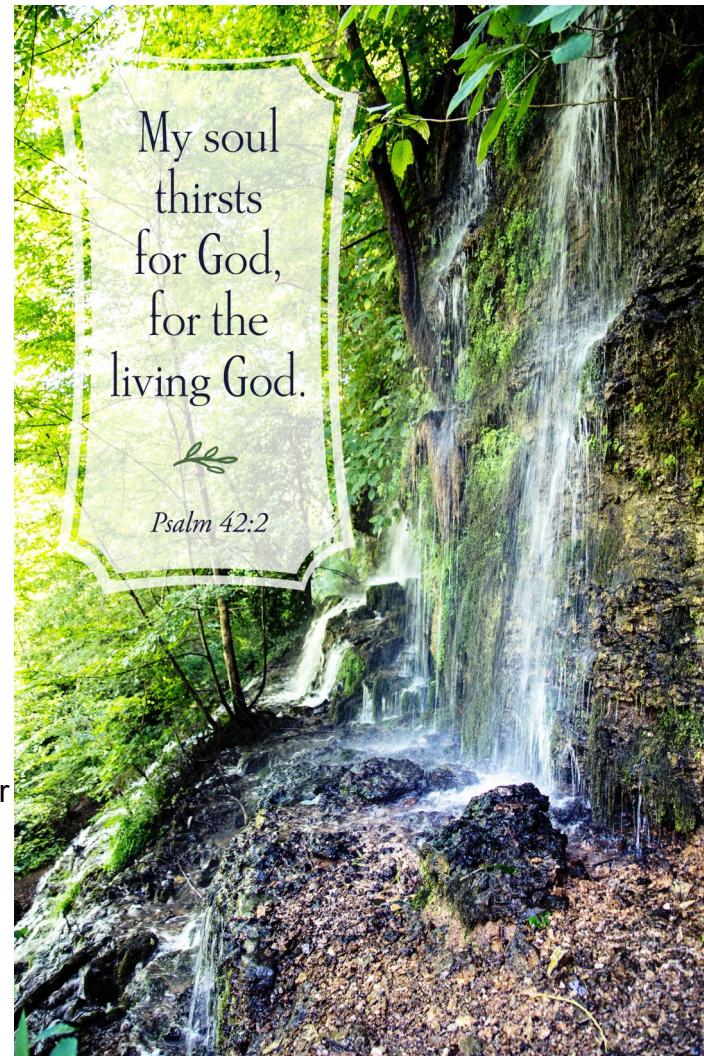
Wendy Wegerer ~ Health Issues

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 August ~ Mary Sokolik

Attention all ladies who graduated from Ellsworth Senior High School in 1971 or prior...



You are invited to attend a Reunionettes gathering hosted by the EHS Class of '67

**Thursday, August 26, 2021**

**Noon Lunch**

(\$15 includes gratuity)

(followed by entertainment, prizes and socializing)

**The Ridgetop**

W10516 US HWY 10 – Prescott

RSVP to one of the following no later than August 19, 2021:

Karen Cernohous -

[tomcernohous@centurylink.net](mailto:tomcernohous@centurylink.net) 715-262-5504

Joyce Engnes -

[jengnes@att.net](mailto:jengnes@att.net) - 715-307-3935

Karen Meyer -

[ckm1949@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ckm1949@sbcglobal.net) - 715-273-5949



Everyone is invited to an ice cream social in between services at the church on **August 22nd!**

Come enjoy bowls of ice cream with plenty of toppings!

### Bethel's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual BBQ Blast

**Come enjoy a BBQ Dinner & Help Feed Our Community!**

**100% of Ticket Sales going to the Ellsworth Food Pantry**



**Meals will be served on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm**

**At Bethel Covenant Church,  
W8405 County Road KK, Ellsworth**

Invite your family, friends and neighbors or deliver a meal to them.

Tables will be set up to eat & fellowship or you can get meals to go.

**\*Must purchase your meal tickets ahead of time.**

Tickets can be purchased at

**The Service Agency**

Insurance is our Specialty

369 W Main St, Ellsworth



Questions? Call Bethel Covenant Church 715-792-2397



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## Staff

### Pastor, Jeff Smith

[pastor@englishlutheranchurch.org](mailto:pastor@englishlutheranchurch.org)  
Office: 715-273-4617  
Cell: 651-235-7204 (preferably 9 am-9 pm)  
Call or text any time for urgent pastoral care.

### Communications Coordinator

[office@englishlutheranchurch.org](mailto:office@englishlutheranchurch.org)  
Office: 715-273-4617

### Custodian, Julie Baggenstoss

Finance Coordinator  
[finance@englishlutheranchurch.org](mailto:finance@englishlutheranchurch.org)  
715-273-4187

### Music Director: Hiring!

## 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  
Children, Youth & Family: Jen Abbas  
100th Anniv: Denise Hager  
100th Anniv: Greta Larson  
Worship & Music: Melba Smith  
Property: Paul Tonsager

## Summer Office Hours

Our summer office hours are:

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

Stop in, call, or email. Sydney will be in the office Monday-Thursday, and Tristan on Thursdays.



## Our Mission:

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

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## August 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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