



# July 2025 Cross Beams



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



Bible Camp Worship -June 15, 2025

There was so much activity and fun at church during Vacation Bible School June 16-19. We had 4 counselors from Luther Point Bible Camp that led the sessions each day.

We are thankful to all that provided meals for the counselors during their stay in our community.

Please enjoy these pictures showing you some of the activities.



We appreciate pictures of church events. Please capture and share: [office@englishlutheranchurch.org](mailto:office@englishlutheranchurch.org) Thank you!



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## PASTOR PETE'S ARTICLE

“And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.” Genesis 2:2-3

And on the seventh day, God rested. God took a break. God took a day off. God had just spent all that time creating the earth and everything above it, below it, and on it, and he needed some rest. In our world today, it can seem like there is no time for rest. There is always something that we need to do. There is always another task that needs to be accomplished. There are dirty dishes in the sink. The laundry needs to be folded AND put away. The car needs an oil change. The animals need to be fed. I just need to finish this last piece on the latest quilt. I have to go to work. I have to go to work my second job so that I can afford rent. I need to do this; I need to do that. I need to do something; I have to do everything!!

In today's world, it is hard to slow down because you might miss something. Sometimes, keeping moving is a form of self-defense because if we stop, then we have to think about whatever is troubling us. It is in those moments of stillness where those thoughts of doubt and self-worth come creeping in. If I keep moving, they cannot catch up with me.

But not only did God take a break, but we are also commanded to take a break. Who can tell me what the third commandment is? “Remember the Sabbath and keep it Holy.” But what does that mean? “We are to fear and love God so that we do not neglect his Word and the preaching of it, but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it.” But what does this really mean? We are to take a day to listen to God, to hear God's Word, and take a break from work. One day, each week, we are to stop what we are doing and focus on God. In the stillness, we find peace and rest. In our world of constant bombardment of news, social media, and information, we need to unplug and tune out the world and tune into God.

How do we tune into God? One way is to go to church. That can be a great start to our Sabbath Day. We gather as a community, admit our faults, and hear that we are forgiven of our sins. We get to hear the Word of God in scripture and in the songs that we sing. And we share a meal with each other thru communion. Sometimes, Sunday mornings do not work for everyone, and thankfully, we can join online and watch the service anytime during the week. We can use that as a way to start our Sabbath if it does not happen to fall on a Sunday. Huh? Yes, I did say that the Sabbath does not have to fall on Sunday. It can be any day of the week. For me, it floats between Mondays and Fridays, depending on what is going on that week. The important thing is to take a break, have a Sabbath, and spend time with God.

There is a joke about the pastor that says, “I never take a day off because neither does the devil.” Someone suggested, “Perhaps you should find a better role model.” I guess that we cannot find a better role model than God. God rested and so should we!

Peace, Pastor Pete



# CHURCH NEWS

## Fair Stand Sign-Up Time



Volunteers are needed to work in the English Lutheran Church fair stand for the Pierce County Fair in August (7th-10th). The sign-up forms are located in the back of the church. Or, you

can contact the church office or Dan K. to sign up for a shift or two. We appreciate you! Thank you for your time!

## Beautiful Crosses



We are thankful to Al Huppert for making and donating these beautiful crosses for us. When you see him, please thank him for his generosity.

## Pies Needed!

The fair stand committee is requesting the donation of 2 pies or a \$20.00 donation per family for pies to be sold at the fair stand. (We will also be baking pies at the church.) Please only donate pies that **do not** require refrigeration (no cream pies, please). Pies can be dropped off at the fair stand during operating hours or at church August 7-10, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Thank you!



## Relapse Prevention Group

A Recovery Meeting in the Ellsworth Area is held at English Lutheran Church on Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m. Read and Discuss "Staying Sober".

## Fellowship

Pastor Pete is cooking breakfast for the guys on Thursday mornings. They gather in the church kitchen at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast with a rotating menu, including fruit, coffee, and orange juice.

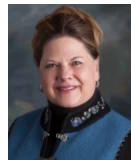


The suggested donation is \$5.00 to help cover the cost of food.

## Summer Retreat

St. Croix Valley Conference  
Saturday, August 16, 2025

Trinity Lutheran Church, 1250 Broadway, Hammond  
\$15.00 Admission Fee (Includes Program & Lunch)  
8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Registration/Coffee  
9:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Event w/lunch to follow



Pati Kachel, Hanging on to Hope  
A collection of scriptures, stories, and songs to encourage you to persevere through those difficult and discouraging times we all face. Hope is a gift from Heaven to help us on earth.



WEST CAP

## We want to hear from you!

We are conducting our 2025 Community Needs Assessment. If you live in one of the 7 counties we service (Barron, Chippewa, Dunn, Pierce, Pepin, Polk, and St. Croix), please complete the survey!

Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/eewvxpmc>  
or scan on the QR code below.



For more information  
contact West CAP

Phone: 715-598-4750  
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## Women's Bible Study

During the months of June, July, and August we do not have a Bible Study. Please join us again in September.



# CHURCH NEWS

## From Our Savior's Softball Field



**Church Softball Season is here!**

There are games on:

- Sundays at 4 pm and 7 pm
- Mondays at 7 pm and
- Tuesdays at 7 pm.

(We eliminated the Thursday evening games so that there is more time for youth sports and the Farmer's Market.)

The schedule is on the church website, in bulletins, on the church calendar, and on the bulletin boards at church.

We are excited to announce that on **August 23rd** we will be hosting an 1860 Softball League tournament at the park. This will be amazing - these guys will be playing ball like they did back at the start of softball - no gloves, old-style bats, old-style balls, they bring their own bases, and the umpire will be in top hat and coat. They will be bringing 4 teams to play from 10 am to 4 pm. We will have full concessions and are very excited about this event. Mark it on your calendar!

Reach out to Donna if you have any questions.  
Thanks, Donna Constant [constant.donna@yahoo.com](mailto:constant.donna@yahoo.com)

***"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with Joy." - Psalm 126:3***

### Heart-Touching One Life at a Time



Mission Statement: To reach children and families in tough financial situations. We can assist with basic needs by providing clothing, shoes, coats, toys, or other essential items to help alleviate the challenges faced in these difficult situations.

Heart is here to lend a helping hand to families who need support during tough times. We may offer gas cards, grocery gift cards, clothes, shoes, and household items. We have access to furniture, school supplies, laundry soap, coats, bikes, toys, and an array of other items.

Recipients will be vetted to confirm the needs. There are limits to what we can offer. There is an annual amount for gift cards. We can help families at Christmas with gifts for children, and we work with the Gift Box Program as well as Basics for Kids with donations of coats and boots.

We are here to help change lives and improve the quality of lives for those who need a helping hand. We are not allowed to help with things like rent, utility bills, etc.

If you are in need or know someone else in need, please reach out to 715-307-2213.

## Sharing Shed

Please remember English Lutheran's Sharing Shed for your extra or no longer needed new or gently used items. (Clothing and Household Items. No Furniture, please.)

Drop off your items directly in the Sharing Shed which is located just outside the south door of the church. Thank you!



## Pie Making Parties



The Pie Makers would love to have you join them at church in July (**Thursday, the 17th, and Friday, the 18th**) as they prepare pies for the Pierce County Fair.

They will convene at the church at **8 a.m.** Please consider being a part of this fun group as they prepare delicious pies to be served at the fair.

## Random Acts of Kindness

There are baskets located by the front and back doors of the church for nonperishable food items. All items collected will be donated to the Pierce County Food Pantry. They are in need of:

- Flour
- Sugar
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Oatmeal
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Baked Beans
- Dry Soup Mix
- Cereal
- Canned: Fruits, Vegetables, & Meats
- Shampoo
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Soap



Thank you for your "kindness".

## Baptism



Vincent Charles Figi was baptized on June 8, 2025. His parents are Adam and Tessa Figi. Jake Figi and Gillian Davis are his sponsors.

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## ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

May 20, 2025

Members present: Pastor Pete, Mark Groen, Mike Harris, Cindy Baird, Danielle Chollette, Paul Tonsager and Jill Hague.

President Mark called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

All read the Mission Statement

Pastor Pete gave devotions.

Change was made to agenda to have guest Phyllis Beastrom from Senior Center speak before reports. Motion made by Jill to approve the agenda and last month's minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danielle.

### Old Business

Senior Center gave report. They explained blind requirements and they will pay for them. Mike made a motion to approve their request and table the church paying for the other 2 windows at this time. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy.

### Reports

Treasures Report given by Paul. The Air Conditioning was paid from the Evelyn Young fund. They are wired and we will contact the company for any final installation needed. Paul will be getting prices from Vendors for the food for the Fair Stand. Danielle made a motion to approve report and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike.

Pastors report. He has completed the Moses project with the final trip to Des Moines. We have 5 kids going to Luther Point camp.

Property report. Water fountains were discussed being removed. It was decided we need to make a grand plan for the kitchen remodel that includes solving the problem of water coming into the kitchen. Several suggestions were made with the plan to get estimates from 2 companies for water mitigation. Total of both water problem and cost of kitchen to be estimated.

Worship and Music. June 8<sup>th</sup> will be Pentecost Sunday; We will also have a camp Sunday with the Camp Counselors to lead a service.

Children, Youth and Family. A meeting was held with the other churches for VBS. It will cost about \$50 per child. We will need to house and feed the camp counselors that will stay here to lead VBS.

Stewardship. The coffee hour was discussed. More families are needed help to be able to have coffee every week.

Endowment committee. They had 3 requests for funds. A request for scholarships for camp was approved. Elsie Barnyard requested a donation for their children's program that was approved. A third request for gift cards for Sunday School teachers was decided that needs to come from the Sunday School account.

### Old Business continued

105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, It was decided we will have cups printed up with the Church logo and used at the Fair with the lemonade. 1000 cups will be ordered.

Strategic Plan. It was decided to start giving out the questions 1 month at a time beginning in July. We will use June to let the congregation know what we are planning and what help we will need from them. Pastor, Mike and Danielle will head plan to implement the 3 ways to respond.

### New Business

Rugs for entry way will be ordered. New heavy weight rugs in black will be ordered.

Youth room needs to be renovated from the old nursery. Motion made by Mike to paint and put in vinyl flooring and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy,

Fair stand. The meeting is scheduled with the fair board for June 3<sup>rd</sup>. A new quieter fan is requested to be put in.

Custodian. A new vacuum was purchased; Funerals will be changed so check goes to the church instead of custodian who was in school during funeral hours.

### Closing the Meeting


All joined in the Lord's prayer.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cindy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Next month's meeting to be June 17th.

# July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00pm ELC Softball vs. St. Mary's	2	3 Senior Center Closed 6:00pm Relapse Prevention Recovery	4  Senior Center Closed Happy 4th of July 1:00pm Pool Players (Sr. Ctr.)	5
6 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	7 1:00pm Pool Players (Sr. Center)	8 11:00am Discovering Tuesdays (Sr. Ctr.) 6:30pm Finance Meeting	9	10 8:00am Men's Bkfst 1:00pm Euchre (Sr. Ctr.) 6:00pm Relapse Prevention Recovery	11 1:00pm Pool Players (Sr. Ctr.)	12
13 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 7:00pm ELC Softball vs. St. Francis	14 1:00pm Pool Players (Sr. Center)	15	16	17 8:00 am Pie Making 10:00 am Sr. Ctr. Board 6:00pm Relapse Prevention Recovery	18 <b>Newsletter articles</b> <b>due</b> 8:00 am Pie Making 1:00pm Pool Players (Sr. Ctr.)	19
20 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	21 1:00pm Pool Players (Sr. Center)	22	23 6:00pm CYF Meeting	24 8:00am Men's Bkfst 1:00pm Euchre (Sr. Ctr.) 6:00pm Relapse Prevention Recovery	25 1:00pm Pool Players (Sr. Ctr.)	26
27 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	28 1:00pm Pool Players (Sr. Center)	29 1:30pm Celebrating Seniors (Sr. Ctr.)	30	31 8:00am Men's Bkfst 6:00pm Relapse Prevention Recovery		

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## English Lutheran Church S.W.O.T Analysis: Strengths

**Please answer the following questions (related to the strengths of our church) with one or two sentences OR a list of items. Please return this form to the office.**

1. What is English Lutheran Church known for?
2. What unique resources or talents does our church have?
3. What do our members love about our church?
4. What are we doing that other churches do not do?
5. What are our assets?
6. Which of those assets is the strongest?
7. What makes us stand out from other churches in the area?
8. What are things that people say we do well?
9. What are the advantages we have over other churches?
10. What is special about our member base?





### Prayer requests:

Janet Arndt  
Addison Closs  
Linda During  
Vern Ellefson  
Tomi Erlandson  
Julie Gore  
Theresa Hei  
Mikey Krohn  
Lila Larson

Dean Mewes  
Judy Morrow  
Steve Pieczykolan  
Melba Smith  
Sophia Sokolik  
Elaine Wegerer

### Military service prayers:

Josh Bechel  
Jonathan Bergman  
Kohl Flock

*“God is our refuge and strength.”*

— Psalm 46:1



### Financial Update

May 31, 2025 Cash Balances  
General Fund = \$92,959.69  
Dedicated Fund = \$98,072.81  
Total = \$191,032.50  
Thrivent = \$109,345.16

May General Fund Balance  
Income = 10,719.99  
Expenses = \$17,098.59

The next finance meeting: July 8 at 6:30 p.m.



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### Office Hours

Please contact the office for an appointment

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



### 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 prayer requests.

The Deaconess for July is Mary Sokolik.

### Staff

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