



August 2024 Cross Beams



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Our Vision: A Christ-centered, serving community.



Pierce County Fair is August 8-11. Join us at the church fair stand for our delicious roast beef dinner, burgers, pie, etc. Bring your family and friends-we would love to see you!

We are also looking for volunteers. Join us if you can.



Baking pies at the church. The church was filled with the smell of baking pies.



Pie Baking at the church on Monday, July 22 was a great success and a lot of fun!

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Summer Camp Fun





There is a buzz in the air around the church right now that it is so strong, you can feel it.

Everyone is gearing up and getting excited for the Pierce County Fair! There is so much energy that goes into our Fair Stand and I am excited to be a part of it again this year!

Dan, Paul, and Jon are busy with the final details of the fair stand. We still could use a few more helping hands. Talk to Dan Klaustermeier if you haven't signed up yet or are willing to do an extra shift.

On Monday, July 22nd, a group of women gathered at the church to bake a few pies. The goal was to make twenty and they ended up making 40 in just over 3 hours. Thank you to all of the ladies who made pies on that day!

Our fair stand at the Pierce County Fair is a valuable fundraiser for our congregation, but what is more important than the money is the community that it fosters. So many people come together to help make the fair stand a rousing success. Some of my best friendships were formed with those whom I worked in the kitchen with when I was a cook. There is something about working in the kitchen that forms a strong bond with those around us. So whether we realize it or not, when we are working at the fair stand, we are creating community. In fact, people outside of the congregation even work at our fair stand and it is wonderful to see us making those kinds of connections, too.

But before that happens, Luther Point Bible Camp will celebrate their 75th Anniversary!!! That will be on Sunday, August 4th starting with worship at 11:00 am followed by a pig roast luncheon and silent auction. The day will be capped off with the anniversary program and auction starting at 2:00 PM. There will also be events going on all weekend long, so checkout Luther Point's website: www.lutherpoint.org for more information.

I hope that you can enjoy the last month of summer... did I just say that? Where has the summer gone? Time seems to go by way too fast. Soon enough we will be complaining about the cold and snow. But before that happens, let's enjoy this next month. I hope to see you out at the Pierce County fair. Even if you don't work the fair stand, stop by a get a hot beef dinner and say Hi! And, while you're there, you may as well get a piece of pie too! God Bless!

Pastor Pete

Moses Project-Pastor Pete

The Moses Project is a continuing education program that Pastor Pete will be partaking in this next year.

The link below will take you to a letter with more information. You will also find a copy of the letter on the bulletin board outside the church office.

[Learn More](#)

Fair Stand Sign-up

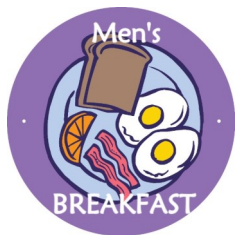
Volunteers are needed to work in the *English Lutheran Church* fair stand for the *Pierce County Fair* August 8-11.

You can work in the kitchen, dining room working front counter, or be a fryer.

Sign-up forms are located in the back of the church or contact the office to get your name in for this great fellowship opportunity! Join in the fun!



FELLOWSHIP



Pastor Pete is cooking breakfast on Thursday mornings for the guys. They will 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. (No breakfast on the Thursday of the fair-August 8th.)

Relapse Prevention Group

A New Recovery Meeting in the Ellsworth Area at English Lutheran Church on Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m.

Read and Discuss "Staying Sober"

Sharing Shed



Please remember English Lutheran's Sharing Shed for your extra or no longer needed new or gently used items.

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

Heart - Helping Others

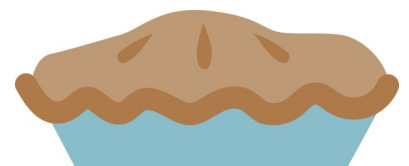
We have joined an organization called Heart. Heart was created to help those in need. By being a part of this organization we are able to shop and/or bid on items at greatly discounted prices. Appointments are made for us to "shop". Purchases we make need to go to those who are in need. We are working with the Ellsworth School District and Pierce County Human Services to determine the families that would benefit. This is a great opportunity for us to stretch the dollar and reach out to those in need.



Pies Needed!

The fair stand committee is requesting the donation of 2 pies or a \$20 donation per family for pie to be sold at the fair stand. Please only donate pies that don't require refrigeration (no cream pies please). Pies can be dropped off at the fair stand during operating hours or at church Aug. 8-11 between 9 am and 1 pm. Pies were also prepared at the church on July 22nd. We are grateful for those who volunteered and donated for the pie baking supplies.

Thank you!



upcoming events

Summer Retreat St. Croix Valley Conference
The Kids Are Not OK: "The effects of cell phone use on adolescents mental health and what families can do about it."

Saturday August 17 at Ezekiel Lutheran Church (202 S 2nd Street River Falls WI) \$15 Admission Fee (includes program and lunch)
8:30 a.m.-9:15 a.m. Registration and Coffee
9:15 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. Event with lunch to follow

National Senior Citizens Day

August, 21st is National Senior Citizens Day. Do you have an elderly person in your life that you love and appreciate? It is a great day to let them know how much you care for them and also an opportunity to recognize their accomplishments.



Blessing of the Tractors



Start your tractor and head to the Our Savior's Lutheran Church Ball Park for the blessing of the tractors on Sunday, August 25th at 10:00 a.m. worship service.

All are welcome to this event that wishes our farmers a safe and bountiful harvest. While there watch the blessing of the tractors and enjoy some lunch.

Sunday, August 25th
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Our Savior's Ball Park

Looking Forward to the Senior Center Moving In



As mentioned last month, the Ellsworth Senior Center is moving to English Lutheran Church.

The move is planned for early September. This is a great opportunity for us to help the community, use our space resources and create a deeper connection in the community.

The church council has been meeting with the Senior Center leadership to go over details. There will be an agreement drafted to ensure a successful partnership.

We look forward to welcoming them.

Bishop News



Bishop Martin Halom will take office on August, 1, 2024. The installation of Bishop Halom will be September 15, 2024 at Hope Lutheran Church in Eau Claire at 3:00 p.m.

The Rev. Martin R. Halom was elected on June 8 to a six-year term as a bishop of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) at the synod's assembly in Eau Claire, WI, June 7-8.

Rev. Halom is a pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bloomer, WI where he has served since 2012. Halom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa and a Masters of Divinity at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN. He and his wife, the Rev. Melinda Halom, have three grown sons.

August 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Healing:

Addison Closs
Nancy and Vern Ellefson
Phyllis Kinneman
Dean Mewes
Vicki Nelson
Judy Nunn
Beverly Robertson
Sophia Sokolik

Military service:

Josh Bechel
Jonathan Bergman

Long-term:

Janet Arndt
Tomi Erlandson
Elaine Hines
Lila Larson
Gary Leonard
Marianne Melstrom
Judy Morrow
Steve Pieczykolan
Deb Pierce
Mary Dee Prokop
Wendy Wegerer
Sherry York

Financial Update

June 30, 2024 Cash Balances
General Fund = \$101,877.17
Dedicated Fund = \$73,117.58
Total = \$174,994.75
Thrivent = \$104,667.61
June General Fund Balance
Income = \$19,924.93
Expenses = \$16,157.87
The next finance meeting: August 13th at 6:30 p.m.

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.

The Deaconess for August is Mary Sokolik

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Office Hours

Our office hours are:
Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

