



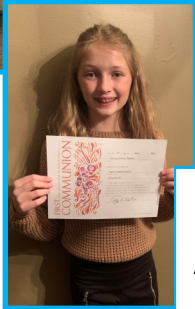
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May 2021

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Our Vision: A Christ-centered, serving community.

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LUTHERAN CHURCH



Ethan & Evan Ladwig
Ava & Grace Whipple
Alivia Maher, Abby Hinrichs,
& Tyler Bechel
First Communion



Easter Basket Deliveries



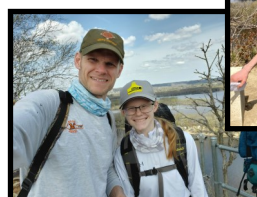
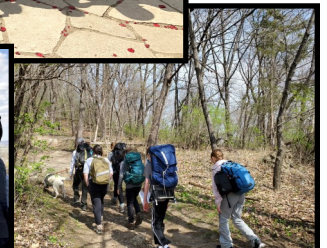
Ditch Clean-up



Easter Sunday



Baptism ~ Dakota Gardiner



Backpacking Trip Practice Hike

“Give Summer Camp a Try!”

Greetings church family!



I want to use my article this month to make one more push for camp. Our congregation is a member of *Luther Point Bible Camp* near Grantsburg, WI. The camp is located on a beautiful lake with a north woods setting. What makes church camp great is the opportunity to spend a few days or a week fully engaged in your faith, in fellowship with others, under the guidance of enthusiastic and faithful counselors in a setting designed for fun! Plus camp is an environment that encourages children and youth to be their true selves and to be welcoming to others.

Other activities at camp include: swimming, Gaga Ball, field games, Bible studies, unique worship services, crafts, archery, gardening, and more! See the brochure on the bulletin board at church or head to their website, www.lutherpoint.org to learn more about all the programs they offer for children, youth, families, and grandparents/grandchildren.

A couple children from English Lutheran and myself are already signed up to go to Luther Point the week of June 13-18 and **we'd love to have you join us**. If those dates don't work, you can still go, just look at the brochure and pick dates that work with your family schedule.

When it comes to cost, if you register by May 1, for a full week of camp, you can deduct a \$15 Early Bird Discount in addition to a \$55 Member Church discount. If you bring a friend or a sibling, you can deduct an additional \$20 each! Also, if you are in Grades 1-6, you can also apply for a campership from our church Endowment and all ages can apply for a campership directly from Luther Point as well. So, please don't let cost be a factor keeping you from a great camp experience! Camp is a great tradition and we'd really love to see it become part of the annual summer tradition of your family as well! Hope to see your kids at camp!



In Christ's Name,

Pastor Jeff



Affirmation of Baptism

Congratulations to our 10th grade students who will confirm their faith at the Affirmation of Baptism service on Sunday, May 2.

Brooklynn Gabert

Emily Groen

Aiden Johnson

Zack Peterson

Halle Schmidt

Kaden Schommer

Mason Whipple



Wear Red for Pentecost

Sunday, May 23, is Pentecost Sunday. We traditionally wear red to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit.



Graduation Time

Sunday, May 23

We will honor graduating high school seniors on Sunday, May 23. Quilts will be given to each graduate during worship services. If your graduate did not receive the letter about Graduate Sunday, please contact the office so all are included.



Congratulations to all who are graduating this spring from high school and college!

Fair Stand

August 12-15

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



Red Geraniums for Pentecost

Sunday, May 23

The color for Pentecost Sunday is **RED**.

Consider ordering one or more red geraniums to decorate our sanctuary and add festivity to the day. We are ordering the plants from *Reuvers' Nursery*.

Orders must be received no later than Friday, May 7. You may take your geranium home after 10:00 a.m. worship on May 23, 2021. Plants not picked up will be planted in our church garden.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: REUVERS' NURSERY

I would like to order _____ geranium(s) at \$4.25 each.

Total paid \$ _____

Name _____



Graduate Quilting

The graduate quilting group will meet in May to complete our projects. We will have quilts for this year's graduates of English. Although a very small group, we have worked well together to complete the work.

Judy Erickson and Tammy Brenner



Thank You Notes



Thank you for your prayers as I had surgery on my foot and recovered.

Thank you,

Jerry Baggenstoss (Baggs)

Thank you for the Easter basket with all the nice things in it. The colored card and egg and sticker picture, the plane and the eggs filled with candy.

Thanks!

Gary & Rose Leonard

Thank you to the person who gave me the beautiful plant in the office! I appreciate it's beauty daily!

Trina Groen

Thank you to the crew who cleaned our portion of Cty. Rd. C in April! Thanks to Bobbie Sawyers, Chris Karlstad, Curt & Judy Dumermuth, & Dan Klaustermeier!

Baptism

Dakotah Rae Gardiner became our sister in Christ through Holy Baptism on Sunday, April 18. Dakotah's parents are Jazmine Hanson and Cameron Gardiner and her sponsors are Devin Christopherson, Jayme Hanson, and BreAna Tallman.

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



Volunteer Opportunities!

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 Trina in the office by phone or email or sign up at the back of the church. Thank you for your time!!



First Communion

Congratulations to these students who received their First Communion.



March 21: Molly Abbas

April 1: Tyler Bechel

Abby Hinrichs

Ethan Ladwig

Evan Ladwig

Alivia Maher

April 11: Ava Whipple

Grace Whipple

April Council Meeting

- † Discussion of Offering Procedures and Financial Resolutions tabled until the May meeting pending review of the documents by council members.
- † Council Retreat to be held Thurs., May 13, 6-8:30 p.m. Goal setting & team building & Epic video, if time.
- † Approved all Confirmands listed on the agenda to affirm their baptism on May 2, 2021. Brooklynn Gabert, Emily Groen, Aiden Johnson, Zachary Peterson, Halle Schmidt, Kaden Schommer, Mason Whipple.
- † Council Covenant and Duties signatures completed.
- † Verbal report of Children, Youth and Family Team.
- † Covid Task Force met.
- † Update - Task Force reviewing Constitution, Bylaws & Continuing Resolutions for possible revisions.

March 31, 2021 Cash Balances:

General Fund = \$37,148.56
Dedicated Fund = \$81,522.93
Thrivent = \$75,326.83
Total: \$118,671.49

February General Fund:

Income: \$13,073.22
Expenses: \$16,985.02



SUPERIOR HIKING TRAIL BACKPACK TRIP

Seven youth and three adults have been preparing for our trip to the Superior Hiking Trail in June for a few days of backpacking, exploring, faith and fellowship. In April, the group headed to Red Wing to do a practice hike on Barn Bluff with loaded backpacks. They plan to do one more practice hike in May before the official trip, June 3-7.

The Superior Hiking Trail is a 310-mile long hiking trail in northeastern Minnesota that follows the rocky ridges overlooking Lake Superior for most of its length. The trail travels through forests of birch, aspen, pine, fir, and cedar.



Sunday School End-of-Year Celebration!

We will hold an in-person end-of-year celebration for our Sunday School on Sunday, May 23. Watch for an email, we'll have more info coming about this celebration. We've missed seeing all of your faces this year! We are grateful that we could connect through Zoom and our monthly Sunday school kit mailings.

PRAYERS

Special Prayers:

- ~ Prayers for the family of Judy Erickson on the death of Judy's niece, Kathy.
- ~ Prayers for the family of Maxine & Eldon Huber on the death of Maxine's nephew, Rusty Crow.
- ~ Blessings to our 10th grade youth Affirming their Baptism this month.
- ~ Blessings to our Graduates this spring!

Healing:

Bill Moquin ~ Pneumonia, hospitalized
Gerald Sauvageau, uncle of Jeff Smith, Staph Infection
Kiki M.
Annie L., friend of Linda During ~ Breast Cancer
LuAnn, friend of Melanie Johnson ~ Cancer
Ruth, friend of Melanie Johnson ~ Cancer
Nancy Hove ~ Brain Cancer
Mike Hince, Cousin of Darla Moquin
~ cancer on his palate

Long-term:

Lila Larson
Sherry York
Debbie Kannel-Howard
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

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 May ~ Vi Wilhelm



National Day of Prayer

May 6, 2021

Join our nation in praying on the National Day of Prayer!



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Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9 am to 3 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

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO'VE SACRIFICED



MEMORIAL DAY

Our Mission:

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

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May 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN 26	MON 26	TUE 27	WED 28	THU 29	FRI 30	SAT May 1
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorial Day 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer Youth Backpacking Trip 		