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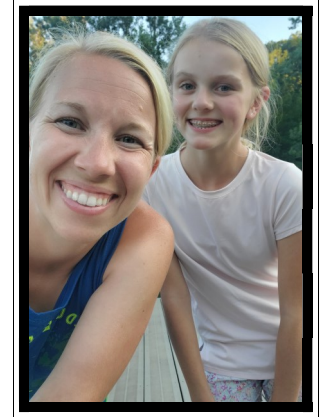
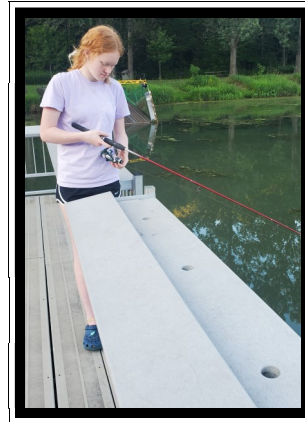
August 2022

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Our Vision: A Christ-centered, serving community.



ELC Softball Team



Summer Youth Trip

Our youth had a great trip to Nugget Lake, where they camped, fished, canoed, and played plenty of games!



Reminder! Worship Schedule Changing!

Starting on **Sunday, August 7th**, ELC will be switching to one worship service at **9:00 am**. More information inside!



What Worship Means For Us

Starting on August 7th we at English Lutheran will be worshipping at one worship service at 9:00 AM. This is a two month trial (August-September) with the Council conferring on September 20th on whether to make this change more permanent.

So, we are advertising the format for this worship as 'blended'. This means that we can expect to find a mix of traditional hymns and praise songs at each worship service. We will have a traditional liturgy on some Sundays and a more free flowing format on others. All worship will feature a Sermon (the Word) and Communion (the Sacrament).

All Christian worship has at least five elements which might differ in style but not in substance. They are:

- a) entering with God's name and praise
- b) reading from the Bible and proclaiming God's Word (a message)
- c) announcing our Faith in God and asking for (praying) for ourselves and others
- d) sharing the meal and baptism according to the command of Jesus
- e) a challenge to go out into the world with God's blessing.

These five parts of public worship have been a part of God's church from the first century after Jesus death and resurrection. They might look and sound different in a traditional and contemporary setting, but they are the essential elements of Christian worship. The leader can invite us to approach Almighty God with formal (Thee-Thou) language which invokes respect, or familiar ("We just want to praise your name") language invoking the comfort of Jesus our Friend and companion through life. They both count as prayer.

In churches throughout the world, each congregation seeks an opportunity to combine elements to make a meaningful connection in the hearts of young and older worshippers. We at English Lutheran have been doing this by separating the style of worship at 8:30 AM traditional worship and 10:00 AM Contemporary worship. According to our survey 80% of our worshipers feel that we would benefit from being together in a combined worship (at 9 AM) with fellowship, Sunday School, and Choir practice at 10:00 AM. This will give Sunday School teachers and Choir members more time to practice which will make our worship service more inspiring for all members.

Please bear with us as we lean into this change in our Sunday celebration. We hope this change will re-energize our worship to bring New Life as we look forward to welcoming a new Pastor and leader in the months ahead!

- Pastor Charlie Bunk

Baptism

Harrison Lee Matteson and Adley Macy Christensen became our brother and sister in Christ through Holy Baptism on Sunday, July 17th, 2022.

Harrison's parents are Jason & Madelyne Matteson. His sponsors are Curtis & KC Christensen.

Adley's parents are Curtis & Kathleen Christensen. Her parents are Carter & Carlie Christensen, and Christopher Matteson.

We celebrate and welcome our newest members to the Body of Christ. **Welcome, Harrison and Adley!**



Affirmation Of Baptism

10th graders, and congregation, one of our youth members, Mary Lundstrom, is heading to Spain for the school year to be an exchange student!

She will be confirmed on Sunday, August 7th at 9:00 am.

We would love for fellow confirmation classmates to come and support and celebrate Mary's confirmation. We look forward to seeing everyone!



Fair Stand Sign-Up

The Pierce County Fair is right around the corner! Volunteers are needed to work in the *English Lutheran Church* fair stand for the *Pierce County Fair* in August.

You can work in the kitchen, dining room, 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!

A large chunk of our yearly income comes from the fair stand, so if you can't volunteer, please come out and support the stand, while enjoying a tasty meal.

The fair runs from August 11th-August 14th. We look forward to seeing everyone!



Church Worship Changes!

For the months of August and September of 2022, English Lutheran will be worshipping with one worship service at 9:00 AM every Sunday. We will offer one worship experience combining traditional liturgies and more informal worship styles which have praise songs.

We will decide in September whether to make this change more permanent.

So.. has it been awhile since you have worshiped with us? Are you interested to find out if we can be inspiring by combining worship styles? Have you met our interim pastor Rev. Charlie Bunk yet? We are ready to welcome you! Come see us at our Pierce County Fair booth. Or better yet, come for worship!

We will offer Sunday School and Choir opportunities every Sunday beginning September 11 at 10:00 AM as well as fellowship and conversation.



Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will not be meeting in July and August.

We will resume our study in September.

We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am in the church basement.

We use the 'Gather' magazine for our study. There is a copy of it in the office.

The information regarding subscribing is inside the 2nd page. However it is not necessary to have the magazine. Bring you Bible and come join us!

The fall meeting will be September 14th at 9:30am.

Nancy Ellefson is the hostess.



July Council Meeting

- † IT update— New computer and network equipment has arrived. The new computers have been installed in the office. Tax exempt status has been approved by Dell and Amazon.
- † Update church grounds—contact Reuver's to evaluate the church grounds and get bids to re-do the landscape.
- † Worship service changes update— for a two month trial period, beginning August 7th, ELC will switch to one worship service at 9:00 am, blending traditional and contemporary liturgies styles.
- † *The next council meeting will be **August 16th at 6:30 pm.***

Financial Update

June 30, 2022 Cash Balances:

General Fund = \$78,521.98
Dedicated Fund = \$96,373.45
Total = \$174,895.43
Thrivent = \$100,030.41

June General Fund:

Income = \$9,550.47
Expenses = \$9,293.55



Call Committee Update

The Call Committee has been very busy this month.

Earlier in the month, the committee conducted a practice interview with a neighboring pastor.

The synod has also forwarded potential call candidates onto the committee for review and initial interviews are being conducted.

Please continue to pray for the committee as they continue to move forward with the call process.

Events in the Ellsworth Community



Life is good. And life can be messy! The good news? We don't have to wait for it to be perfect before we can live it to the fullest!

Saturday, September 17, 2022

8:45am - 11:30am Event -- Lunch to Follow

Joy Lutheran Church

1435 St Croix St, Prescott, WI 54021

Registration & Coffee (Joy Lutheran) 8:15am – 8:45am
\$10 Registration Fee

Speaker Gaye Lindfors – This is Livin'!

A foundation for living that moves us from messy moments to happy places.

Women of the **ELCA**

Synod Women's Organization of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

Summer Youth Camping Trip

The youth went to Nugget Lake Park for a camping trip in July. There were 6 youth and 3 leaders. A huge thank you to Kayla Zimmer, Phillip Truax, and Morgan Barnhardt for leading the kids on this adventure! They all camped in tents, canoed, fished, hiked, swam, played lots of games, ate over the campfire, talked, had fun in their hammocks, and had devotions.

A few notes from the kids:

Katie Groen—I had an amazing time on the camping trip to Nugget Lake. We got to go fishing, hiking, canoeing, play games and do devotions. Our leaders were amazing and always made sure we were having fun. One of my favorite parts was going for a hike on Thursday morning and getting lost on the trails and having to find different routes to get back on track. We did a lot of fishing but only caught two. Another fun part was playing in our hammocks. We all set up hammocks next to each other and were swinging back and forth and flipping in and out of them. Overall, it was an awesome experience, and I had a great time with everyone who went.

Joey Lewis— Thanks for allowing us to have this fun adventure and providing the funds. The best part of the trip for me was camping through the storm. It was fun but kind of terrifying too!

Emily Groen— I had a blast on the Nugget Lake trip. We did so many different things on the trip, and each one was so fun and memorable. Thank you for the trip!

Summer Youth Gathering

This summer the youth gathered once in June and once in July for a fun evening.

In June we had supper at East End Park during a Summer Fun Series Event. In July we met at church and had a fire with hot dogs and smores and played lots of water games.

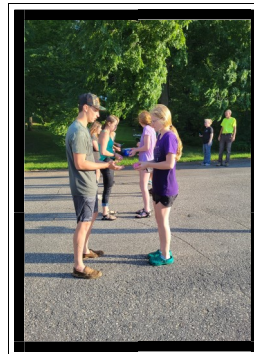
It was fun to connect with the kids during the summer months!

The evenings were filled with smiles and lots of laughter!!

Fall Children & Youth Classes

† **Sunday School** will begin on **Sunday, September 11.**

† **Confirmation** will begin on **Wednesday, September 14 at 6:00 pm.**



PRAYERS

Special Prayers:

Healing:

Rachel Proulx, niece of Julie Davis ~ Breast Cancer

Liz Krohn

Mikey Krohn

Maisley Maxwell, granddaughter of Rob & Wendy ~Maxwell, daughter of Tyler and Alexis Maxwell

Judi Nielsen

Kim

Adelaide Meyer

Long-term:

Lila Larson

Sherry York

Judy Morrow

Debbie Kannel-Howard

Karen McAdams, Linda & Gary Onan's Daughter

~ Multiple System Atrophy

Deb Pierce, Trina Groen's Mom ~ Alzheimer's

Mackenzie Marks, Connie Gossett's Granddaughter

Tomi Erlandson ~ Seizures & Health

Dale Melstrom

Marianne Melstrom

Mary Dee Prokop, Mother of Eileen Mewes



Military service:

Johnathan Bergman Josh Bechel

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



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Office Hours

Our office hours are:
Monday-Thursday
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Stop in, call, or email. Sydney will be working from home Monday's and in the office Tuesday-Thursday, and Pastor Bunk will be in on Mondays & Wednesdays.



Our Mission:

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

Worship Services

Online ~ Sundays on Facebook
Livestream at 8:30 & 10:00
(9:00 am starting August 7th)

In-Person ~ Sundays
Traditional - 8:30 am
Contemporary - 10:00 am
(9:00 am starting August 7th)



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August 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN 31	MON Aug 1	TUE 2	WED 3	THU 4	FRI 5	SAT 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am In-Person & Online Worship 10am In-Person & Online Worship 						
7	8	9 ● 6:30pm Finance Meeting	10	11	12	13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am In-Person & Online Worship 						
14	15	16 ● 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	17	18	19 Deadline for Newsletter Article	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31	Sep 1	2	3
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