

Cross Beams

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Our Vision: A Christ-centered, serving community.



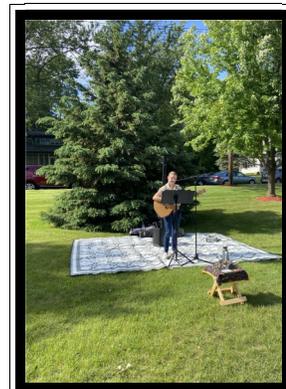
ELC Softball Team



Baptism & New Members



Summer Fun Series
Hosted by ELC at East End Park





Righteous AND Merciful

My Prayer for Our Country July 4, 2022

Psalm 113:7-9— “God raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord!”

The pride for the nation of Israel and Israel's God YAHWEH in the psalms is for two characteristics: Righteousness AND Mercy. The Old Testament is filled with stories of how the Kings, the nation, and the nation's God are unique among the nations. They are separate and holy, because they are both righteous AND they are attuned to the needs of the stranger, the destitute, the widows, and the marginalized people. They are indeed blessed among nations. Is there another nation with the stories of Hannah, Sarah, Ruth, and Naomi celebrated within its sacred literature? Jesus himself announces that he is a prophet in God's way at the temple in Nazareth by saying that he is proclaiming good news to the poor, liberty to captives, and the jubilee year of God's favor (Luke 4:18-19). Psalm 85 proclaims the blessing of God upon the nation in this way: “Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.”

I have always thought that our nation (the United States of America) celebrates its heritage of freedom and its place among other nations as being a land of opportunity and good will to all its people. The statue of liberty stands in the New York harbor beckoning all the downtrodden of the world to add their contribution to the uniqueness of this land. We have not only taken the time at our national celebration to thank God for the fertility of our soils, the beauty of forests, but also the industrial strengths of our hands. We celebrate the success of each new group of immigrants we receive. We are blessed in the diversity of the cultures which inhabit our land, native and more recently arrived. This is the 246th birthday which we celebrate today. How are we doing? Are we a nation of both righteousness and mercy? Are we still a country where our citizens can contribute to our community wellbeing with their own labor and contribution? Is our housing, our health care, and our transportation infrastructure a beacon of availability to all of our inhabitants? Let us pray that God (Our Gracious and Merciful God) bless us so that we do not lose this spirit of welcome and hospitality!

- Pastor Charlie Bunk

Baptism

Ryker Dale Hodges and **Zander Dean Hodges** became our brothers in Christ through Holy Baptism on Sunday, June 12th, 2022.

Ryker and Zander's parents are Phillip and Laura Hodges. Ryker's sponsors are Lindsay Woodard and Jimmy LeMay. Zander's sponsors are Melissa Dettling and Mark Klecker.

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



New Members

On June 12th, English Lutheran had the privilege to welcome our Music Director, **Missy Kowalchyk**, and her husband **Wade Kowalchyk**, to be members to our congregation.

Please join us in welcoming them!

Staff Changes!

Tristan, our Finance Administrator, has left English Lutheran. She has accepted a full time position as an accountant with a firm in New Richmond. Thank you to Tristan for her hard work and dedication this past year at ELC!

The Council has made the decision to combine the Finance and Communications position, so Sydney will be taking over the finance responsibilities. Please contact the office with any questions!



Fair Stand Sign-Up

Summer 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!

The fair runs from August 11th-August 14th.



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.



ELC Softball Team

The ELC Co-Ed Softball season is happening! All games will be double headers at Our Saviors. They will be hosting a refreshment stand during the games, and congregation members and their families are encouraged to attend!

Schedule: All games at 7:00pm!

- July 11
- July 19



Thank You Notes

ELC Quilting Team-

I just wanted to thank you all personally for putting in so much time and effort to make the beautiful quilts for our congregation's graduates! I absolutely love my butterfly quilt!

God Bless,
Sidney Bartels



June Council Meeting

- † Staffing Update—Financial Administrator Tristan Bale resigned, Sydney Durfee will fill the combined role of Communications & Finance.
- † E3 Summer Fun Series sponsored by ELC was a success, council approved Christina Kowalchyk a musician fee.
- † Recruiting volunteers for hospitality and power point/ streaming service.
- † IT updates in progress
- † *The next council meeting will be **July 19th at 6:30 pm.***

Financial Update

May 31, 2022 Cash Balances:

General Fund = \$76,439.37
Dedicated Fund = \$97,440.35
Total = \$173,879.72
Thrivent = \$100,030.41

May General Fund:

Income = \$16,838.68
Expenses = \$11,788.34



Worship Service Changes

Our Congregational Council is considering a proposal to transition from two Sunday Services to a single worship service. The main reason for thinking about this is that by combining services, it would help unify our congregation. The Worship and Music Committee has drafted a proposal that would include a single worship service at 9:00 am, with Sunday School and Fellowship time at 10:00 am.

We are looking for input and ideas from the congregation on moving forward with such a proposal via a brief survey that can be completed on our website, or by filling out a paper version in the back of the sanctuary. The Congregational Council will use the results from the survey to consider this proposal at the July 19th Council meeting.

The survey questions are:

1. Our household attends worship at a) 8:30am, b) 10:00am or c) either depending on our schedule.
2. We worship at this time because a) we prefer the traditional liturgy or praise worship format, b) it fits our Sunday schedule better.
3. How would you (your household) feel about one worship service for English Lutheran which blends/combines elements of praise songs and traditional hymns to allow for one worship service? A) opposed or b) in favor.
4. Please write any advice or comments that would help us plan meaningful, inspiring worship services.

ELC Summer Youth Trip

The trip dates will be July 13-15. We will be going on a camping trip for two nights, filled with hiking, swimming, and canoeing!

Please pray for an amazing experience for our adult chaperones and our students. Thank you to the congregation for your support.



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 July ~ 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

In-Person ~ Sundays
 Traditional - 8:30 am
 Contemporary - 10:00 am



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July 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26 ● 8:30am In-Person & Online Wi ● 10am In-Person & Online Wor	27	28	29 ● 7pm ELC Softball Game	30	Jul 1	2
3 ● 8:30am In-Person & Online Wi ● 10am In-Person & Online Wor	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9
10 ● 8:30am In-Person & Online Wi ● 10am In-Person & Online Wor	11 ● 7pm ELC Softball Game	12 ● 6:30pm Finance Meeting	13	14	15 Deadline for Newsletter Article	16
17 ● 8:30am In-Person & Online Wi ● 10am In-Person & Online Wor	18	19 ● 6:30pm Church Council Meeti ● 7pm ELC Softball Game	20	21	22	23
24 ● 8:30am In-Person & Online Wi ● 10am In-Person & Online Wor	25	26 ● 6pm Pierce County Grass Roc	27	28	29	30
31 ● 8:30am In-Person & Online Wi ● 10am In-Person & Online Wor	Aug 1	2	3	4	5	6

