



# Cross Beams

## September 2021

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

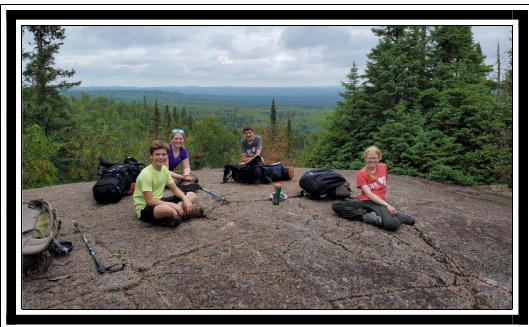
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### Superior Hiking Trail Backpack Trip

6 youth and 3 adults from English Lutheran spent a few days backpacking the Superior Hiking trail on Lake Superior. They had a great time filled with laughs, faith, and fellowship!



## Finding a New Pastor

**Dear Congregation,**

The Congregational Council met with Pastor Randy Olson from the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin at their last meeting. One of his jobs is to help guide congregations through the process of calling a new pastor. His first task is for us is to find a candidate to serve as an interim pastor who will fill in until we call a new pastor. He hopes to have this done by early October. In the meantime, we have substitute pastors scheduled to fill through the month of September.

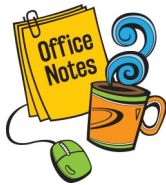
At the meeting Pastor Olson walked the Council through the overall call process. The first step turns out to be appointing a Transition Task Force. The Task Force will work with our interim pastor to develop a document called the Ministry Site Profile (MSP), which is a description of our church, what we are looking for in a new pastor and a description of our community. The MSP is used to communicate with pastors interested in finding a new church. Once that is completed the Council will appoint a Call Committee whose job will be to screen potential candidates, interview candidates that look promising and make a recommendation on a pastor.

Peter Carr  
Council President

## Prayer Shawls

If you have a loved one who is going through a tough time and could use the comfort of being wrapped in prayers with a blanket/shawl, please take a prayer shawl for them.

We have a rack of prayer shawls outside the office door available for anyone at no cost, just take one.



## Sharing Shed

You can help! Donations are needed to fill the shed with personal hygiene items such as toothpaste, band-aids, toilet paper, soap, shampoo, etc. Clothing, such as socks, shoes, t-shirts, etc. Sleeping bags would also be a possibility.

Please be sure to only put items in the shed that are in good condition and are seasonal. Thank you for your donations!



## Women's Bible Study

Women's fall Bible study will begin on Wednesday, September 8th at 9:30am. Keep in mind, we are going back to our previous time.

We will begin our fall study with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We'll study the Holy Spirits actions throughout the Bible and how it affects our lives.

We use the magazine called 'Gather' in Bible study, however do not feel that you need the magazine in order to attend. We are very good at sharing.

September's hostess is Nancy Ellefson. Please consider joining us!

- Nancy Ellefson



## Parish Nurse Wanted!

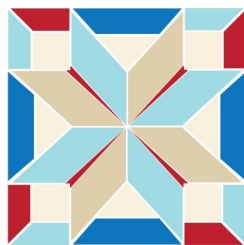
We haven't had a parish nurse in a while, but we have money set aside for training and supplies and would like to put them to use! This position would be a great resources to the congregation for basic health checks and information. If you are in the medical field and would like to learn more about what this volunteer position entails, please contact the church office.





## Graduate Quilting

The graduate quilting group will meet at the church on October 9th from 9am-12pm at the church.



Judy Erickson & Tammy Brenner.

## Volunteer Opportunities!

### Worship Service

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 the church office by phone or email or sign up at the back of the church. Thank you!!

## Thank You Notes

### Augie—

A big thank you to Augie who has helped English Lutheran Church a great amount during his time here!

Thank you for your help preaching , and we wish you the best of luck as you begin your new endeavors.



## Thank You Notes

### Church Fair Stand—

Special thank you to Jon & Paul Tonsager and Dan Klaustermeier for putting on a successful fair stand at the Pierce County Fair! Thanks to all their hard work and dedication in planning and running the stand.

Thank you to all the volunteers who donated their time and helped in the kitchen and the dining room. It couldn't have been done without you all!



### Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for the farewell gifts of sausage, cheese, brats, wine, cheese boards and the restaurant gift card! One downside of leaving Ellsworth is our yearly cheese intake will decrease significantly. :)

Thanks again for partnering with us in ministry these last years as well and to all of you who have shown us kindness and hospitality.

God's blessings be with you and the ministry of ELC in the years to come.

Until our paths cross again,

— Jeff, Kate, Zachary, Lukas, Sophia and Emily Smith.

## August Council Meeting

- † Rev. Randy Olson from Northwest Synod gave an overview of the call process for a new pastor.
- † Sunday School for the fall is in the works, with recruiting staff, creating curriculum and sending out registration forms.
- † Continue search for a parish nurse
- † Music update: Melba Smith will begin interviewing candidates for the music director position.
- † The Constitution Task Force update and the gaga pit proposal are tabled until the September meeting.
- † Council met with new staff Sydney & Tristan.
- † Melba Smith will be available for pastoral care.
- † Confirmation will be on hold until the interim pastor begins.
- † Next meeting: September 21st.



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## Financial Update

### July 31st, 2021 Cash Balances:

General Fund = \$78,117.58  
Dedicated Fund = \$82,624.23  
Thrivent = \$77,432.13  
Total: \$160,741.81

### July General Fund:

Income: \$20,432.32  
Expenses: \$17,048.77



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# Sunday School & Confirmation Update

The CYF Committee is happy to announce that we will be kicking off Sunday School for children 3 years old to 6th grade on Sunday, September 12th, with a large group rally on Sunday during the second service. Children are to start out in church with their families and will be dismissed following the children's sermon. Classes will start on September 19th. Please fill out an enrollment form for your children. Enrollment forms will be online, at the back of the church, and in the newsletter.

Confirmation will also be kicking off this year for our 7th-10th graders on Wednesday, September 15th. We invite the students and their parents to join us for a meal and information at 6pm.

We are currently looking for a few volunteers for both Sunday School and Confirmation including a Sunday School Director, a teacher for our 2nd-3rd grade class, subs to help fill in when needed and Confirmation Assistants. Please contact a member of CYF or email the office if you have any questions or are interested.

CYF Members include: Kayla Zimmer, Trina Groen, Mark Groen, Denise Hager, Renee Van Nocker



# PRAYERS

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## *Special Prayers:*

### Healing:

Rachel Proulx, niece of Julie Davis ~ Breast Cancer

Deb Hohl ~ Pain

Bernie, friend of Linda During

~ Hospitalized from Covid Vaccine

Bill Moquin ~ Recovering from Illness

John Lee ~ Life Struggles

Annie L., friend of Linda During ~ Breast Cancer

Heather & Rob Mathis Family– Heather's father, Doug has passed.

Liz Krohn

Mikey Krohn

### Long-term:

Michael

Lila Larson

Sherry York

Judy Morrow

Debbie Kannel-Howard

Mike Hince, Cousin of Darla Moquin

~ cancer on his palate

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

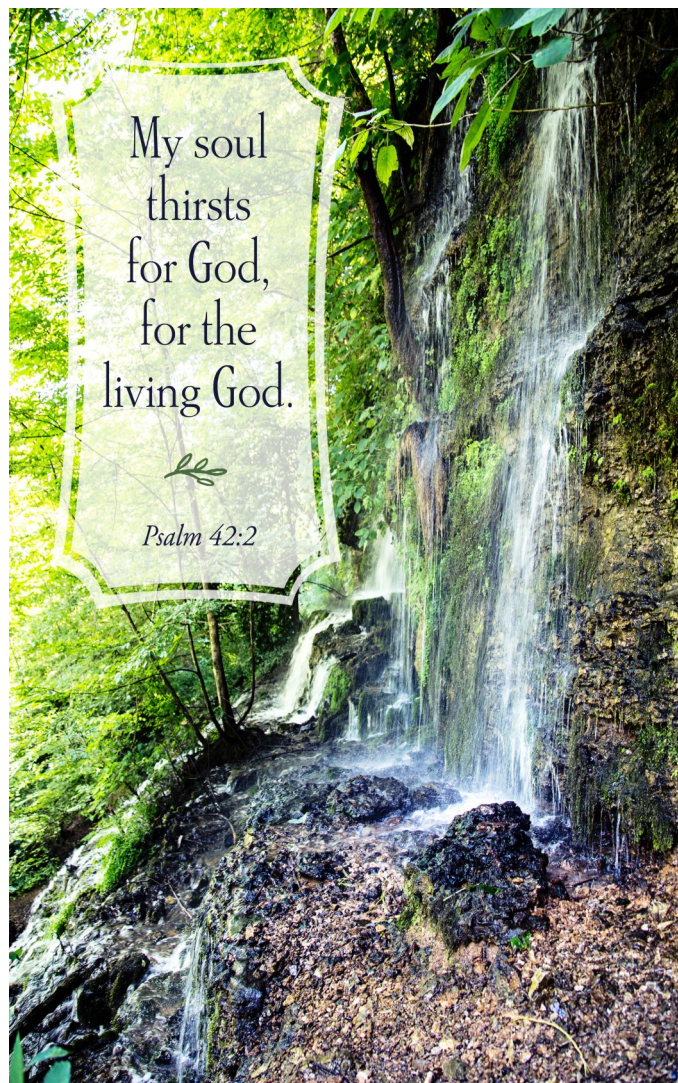
LuAnn, friend of Melanie Johnson ~ Cancer

Ruth, friend of Melanie Johnson ~ Cancer

### Military service:

Cody Tschida & 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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## Congregation Council

President: Peter Carr  
Vice President: Eric VanNocker  
Treasurer: Gary Brown  
Secretary: Julie Davis  
Children, Youth & Family: Jen Abbas  
100th Anniv: Denise Hager  
100th Anniv: Greta Larson  
Worship & Music: Melba Smith  
Property: Paul Tonsager

## Staff

### Communications Coordinator

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

### Custodian, Julie Baggenstoss

### Finance Coordinator

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715-273-4187

### Music Director: Hiring!



## Office Hours

Our office hours are:

**Monday-Thursday**  
**9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

Stop in, call, or email. Sydney will in the office Monday-Thursday, and Tristan on Thursdays.



## Worship Services

**Online** ~ Sundays on Facebook  
Livestream at 8:30 & 10:00

### In-Person ~ Sundays

Traditional - 8:30 am  
Contemporary - 10:00 am



## Our Mission:

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

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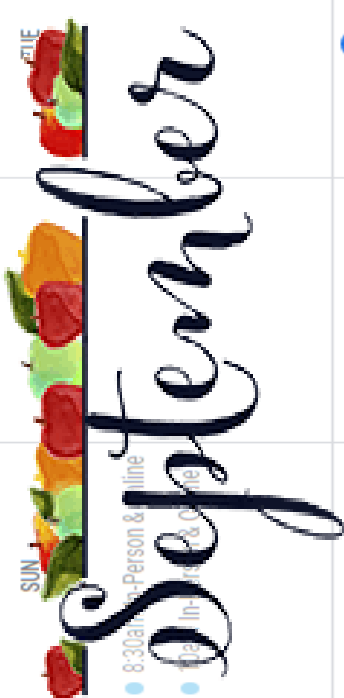
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# September 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|          |  |  |  |  | WED<br>Sep 1                                       | THU<br>2                  | FRI<br>3                     | SAT<br>4 |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| <b>SUN</b><br>8:30am In-Person & Online<br>10am In-Person & Online<br>10am Sunday School   |  |  |  |  |  | 3pm Greta Larson Dining H |                              |          |
| <b>MON</b><br>8:30am In-Person & Online<br>10am In-Person & Online V<br>10am Sunday School |  |  |  |  | 8  | 9                         | 10                           | 11       |
| <b>TUE</b><br>8:30am In-Person & Online<br>10am In-Person & Online V<br>10am Sunday School |  |  |  |  |  |                           | 11:30am COVID-19 Update      |          |
| <b>WED</b><br>8:30am In-Person & Online<br>10am In-Person & Online V<br>10am Sunday School |  |  |  |  | 15   | 16                        | 17                           | 18       |
| <b>THU</b><br>8:30am In-Person & Online<br>10am In-Person & Online V<br>10am Sunday School |  |  |  |  | First Day of Hispanic Heritage<br>6pm Confirmation | 3pm Greta Larson Dining H | Deadline for Newsletter Arti |          |
| <b>FRI</b><br>8:30am In-Person & Online<br>10am In-Person & Online V<br>10am Sunday School |  |  |  |  | 22   | 23                        | 24                           | 25       |
| <b>SAT</b><br>8:30am In-Person & Online<br>10am In-Person & Online V<br>10am Sunday School |  |  |  |  | 6:30pm Endowment Meeting                           | ELC @ Farmer's Market     |                              |          |
| <b>SUN</b><br>8:30am In-Person & Online<br>10am In-Person & Online V<br>10am Sunday School |  |  |  |  | 29   | 30                        | Oct 1                        | 2        |
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