



Cross Beams

February 2023



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Our Vision: A Christ-centered, serving community.



Our Confirmation kids playing games during class.

They played Tic-tac-toe with the hula hoops and a race to pop balloons!



Thanks to donations from the Christmas Tree of Spirit, ELC was able to raise \$944 in donations for school lunches and all of these diapers for the Child, Youth and Family Unit!

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LUTHERAN CHURCH



"Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth." Psalm 100:1

Thank you very much to everyone who filled out a worship survey! Over 70 people responded to our survey and almost 75% preferred that we stick with one worship service. This means that **for the time being**, we will stick with one worship service on Sunday mornings. This is not set in stone for all eternity. We will listen to the Holy Spirit and follow what she is telling us to do. In fact, I hope that someday, we will have another worship service (or two) each week. For the time being, let us come together as a family in Christ as we rebuild from the struggles of the past few years.

On the survey, there were many comments about the different styles of worship and music and the Worship & Music Committee will take them to heart. We will meet soon to discuss the style and format of our worship services. Missy and Ava are amazing worship leaders and I love working with them!! Part of the struggle has been that I started in the middle of November and we jumped right into the Advent & Christmas season. It could be said that we were flying by the seat of our pants, but now we have a moment to catch our breath and begin planning for Lent and future worship services. Worshipping God is my favorite part of being a pastor and I am excited to work with a team to bring our best praises to God.

Having one service offers us the chance to worship and praise God in different styles. We aren't pigeon-holed into one style or the other each week and God does not prefer the styles either. In Psalm 100:1, we simply told "Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!" There are many ways that we can praise God and make a joyful noise to the Lord and I look forward to exploring all the different ways that we can praise the Lord! Prior to becoming a minister, I spent 11 summers and 3 retreat seasons working at four different Lutheran Bible camps. One of my goals at camp was to incorporate parts of the liturgy into our bible camp worship services to show how bible camp blends with Sunday mornings in our churches. In the churches, I have had fun mixing in the experiential parts of the bible camp worship into the Sunday morning worship services and I look forward to continuing that with you. At camp worship service, parts like the confession and forgiveness included actions and visuals to help the campers to see how God loves them and forgives them. I plan on showing you just what I'm talking about in the near future.

In the meantime, let us come together and make a joyful noise to the Lord, no matter what style of worship service we are using on Sunday mornings. I love worshipping with you and sharing the Word of God with you. Every Sunday morning is an honor and a privilege for me to be your pastor. Thank you for calling me to English Lutheran Church to be your pastor!!

In Christ,
Pastor Pete



Souper Bowl Sunday

Sunday, February 12

On Super Bowl Sunday, you can help support Sharing & Caring Hands. Please place your donations in the kettle of your choice for the NFC or AFC team to win.

Donations will help cover the cost of the meal that we will be serving at Sharing & Caring Hands later in the year.

We will announce the team with the most donations!



Annual Report Available!

The 2022 Annual Report is now available. It contains reports from all of the church committees, financial updates, nominations, and the 2023 proposed budget.

Annual Reports are available online on our website, or in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like a physical copy mailed to you, please contact the church office!



Graduate Quilting

Graduate Quilting will be meeting on Saturday, February 4th and February 11th at 9:00 am in the Fireside Room at the church.

No quilting experience necessary, anyone welcome!



Thank You Notes

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Christmas Tree of Spirit! We were able to donate \$944 for school lunches, and many diapers for children in our community!

Thank you for donating items to the Sharing Shed! Many people within the community rely on it.



Sharing Shed

Please remember English Lutheran's Sharing Shed for your extra or no longer needed winter jackets and coats, warm hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and boots.

Drop off directly into the Sharing Shed, just outside the south door of the church.

Thank you!



Lenten Soup Suppers

We will be serving soup suppers during Lent, and need volunteers to bring soup and dessert! There will need to be enough soup to fill up a roaster.

There will be a sign up sheet located in the back of the sanctuary. Please make a note of which kind of soup you will be bringing.

Contact the church office with any questions! Thanks!



Events in the Community

St. Paul's UCC
W5706 St Rd 72, Ellsworth WI



DRIVE THRU STEAK DINNER
Feb 11, 2023 | 4-7 pm

Meal includes:
grilled steak, baked potato, special green beans, salad, homemade bun & dessert.

Tickets must be purchased in advance in person or online at spuccellsworth.org
\$15.00 each

Proceeds spread kindness through outreach ministry.

January Council Meeting

- † Approved the continuation of one worship service at 9:00 am. Decision was made based on survey results.
- † Discussed Authorized Signers for church Thrivent account.
- † Nominating members for congregational officers for council.
- † Discussed Annual Meeting—plan who will count ballots

- † *The next council meeting will be **February 21st, 2023.***

Financial Update

December 31, 2022 Cash Balances:

General Fund = \$122,507.03
Dedicated Fund = \$85,452.68
Total = \$207,959.71
Thrivent = \$92,534.84

December General Fund:

Income = \$17,027.87
Expenses = \$16,047.64



Youth News

We are back to our normal classes in January for Sunday School and Confirmation. Our Sunday school kids enjoy their Sunday morning class times with a lesson, games, and projects. The Sunday school lessons are a follow-up of the same Gospel reading and lesson we hear in worship.

Confirmation classes resumed learning about the Lord's Prayer. We also enjoy a meal each time we meet prepared by our parents. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers for providing those meals!

Some of our events/activities and classes for Confirmation are as follows:

Feed My Starving Children— February 1st.

We will head to Eagan to pack meals for those in need around the world. All are welcome to join us, please sign up in the back of the sanctuary.

Luther Point Bible Camp—Winter Camp February 17-19.

The winter camp is a Friday to Sunday. It begins at 6:00 pm Friday evening and goes through Sunday at 11:30 am. This is open to 6th-12th graders. We'd love to take a bunch of kids up for this! We'll drive and have at least one chaperone. The cost is \$25 for each student. The camp is held in their retreat center, which is a beautiful facility! The camp will be led by Luther Point Bible Camp counselors and there will be other kids/churches there as well. There will be indoor and outdoor activities.

Dates:

February 1— Feed My Starving Children trip to Eagan
February 15— class
March 1st, 15th & 29th— class & Lent worship
April 12th & 26th— class
May 10th — Year End Party



PRAYERS

Special Prayers:

Healing:

Rachel Proulx, niece of Julie Davis ~ Breast Cancer

Liz Krohn

Mikey Krohn

Judi Nielsen

Kim

Nathan Baar

Tucker Thoen

Heather

Morgan

Jerry Baggenstoss

Long-term:

Lila Larson

Sherry York

Judy Morrow

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

Wendy Wegerer



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 February ~ Elaine Hines



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Office Hours

Our office hours are:

Tuesday-Friday
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Stop in, call, or email. Sydney will be working from home Monday's and in the office Tuesday-Thursday, and Pastor Pete will be working Tuesday-Friday.



Our Mission:

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

Worship Services

Online ~ Sundays on Facebook
Livestream at 9:00 am

In-Person ~ Sundays 9:00 am

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February 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN 29	MON 30	TUE 31	WED Feb 1	THU 2	FRI 3	SAT 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 10am Annual Meeting 10:30am CYF Team Meeting 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Worship & Music Meeting w/ Alt 	First Day of Black History Month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5pm Feed My Starving Children Even 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Graduate Quilting
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