



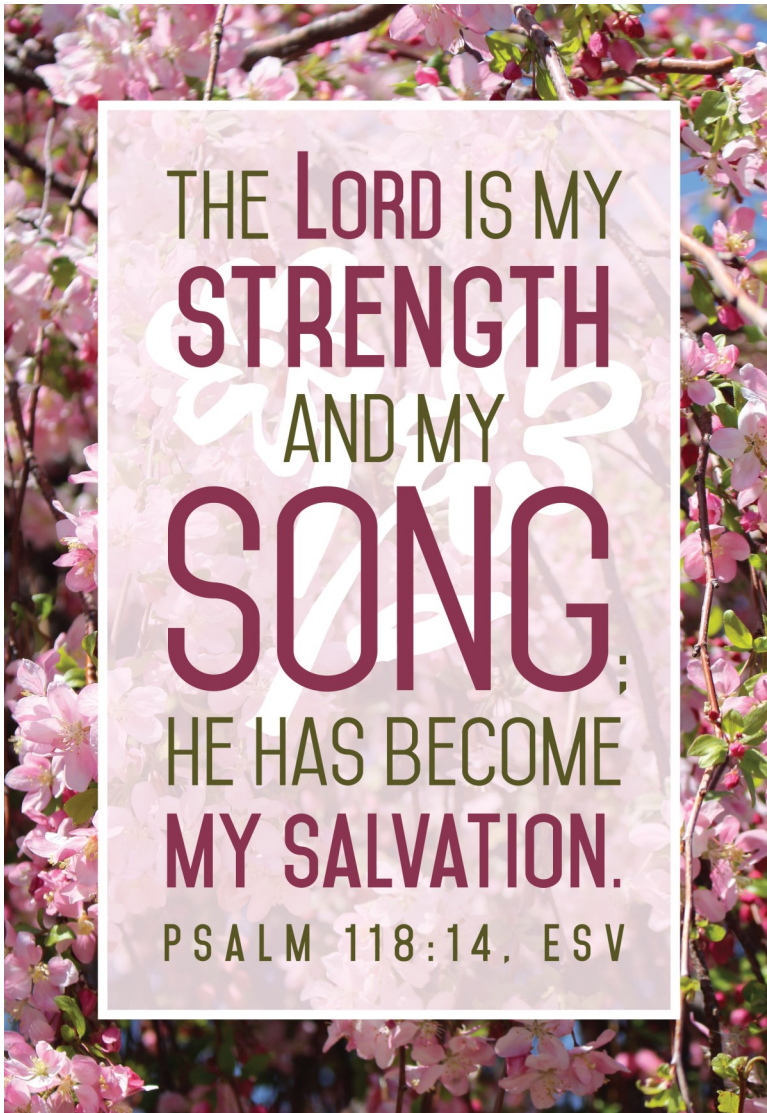
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Holy Week Worship Services

Palm Sunday ~ April 14 ~ 8:30 & 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday ~ April 18 ~ 6:30 pm

Service & Agape Meal

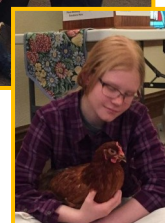
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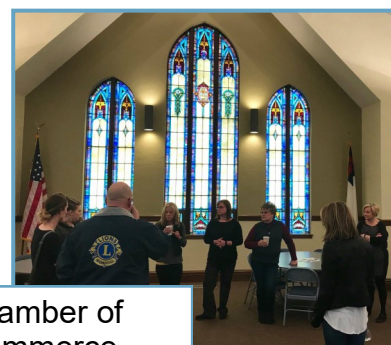
Ash Wednesday Worship



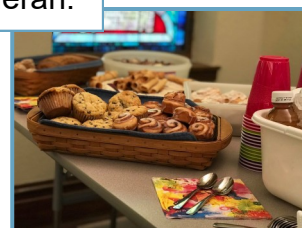
Chickens in worship to promote the Giving Box fundraiser to purchase Chicks & Goats for God's Global Barnyard.



Sunday School Mission Project ~ Tied blankets, made cards, & decorated bags for Meals on Wheels.



Chamber of Commerce Kickstarter Event at English Lutheran.





"A Week of Worship NOT TO BE MISSED!"

Greetings church family! Are you ready for spring?! I want to use my article this month to encourage you to join us for what I think is the best week of worship in the church year-Holy Week. Sure, Christmas is great and nostalgic, but there is so much meaning packed in between Palm/Passion Sunday and Easter Sunday. Of course, almost everyone comes to the Easter service and many come to Palm Sunday, but far fewer come to Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. If that's the case for you, you might not know what you are missing!

These two services are described in greater detail in separate articles in this newsletter, but here's my top 10 list why I think you should attend Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services:

10. All the cool kids are doing it! (And by the way, these services are GREAT for kids, so bring the whole family!)
9. We have free parking and more of it now that the snow is gone!
8. Our choir will be performing on Good Friday!
7. Free food, juice, and wine at the Maundy Thursday service!
6. We have some new, creative things planned for these two services.
5. You'll witness our young people receive their First Communion.
4. You'll discover what in the world "Maundy" means.
3. You'll learn why the day Jesus died is called "Good" Friday.
2. You MATTER here. Worship is always better with you here!
1. You'll experience the depths of Christ's love, death & sacrifice, which will help you appreciate the joy of Easter to the fullest—which is harder to do if you skip straight from the joy of Palm Sunday to the joy of Easter.

So, I hope you'll invite a friend, neighbor, or family member and join us for ALL the awesome services of Holy Week!

In Christ's Name,

Pastor Jeff



Maundy Thursday Worship & Agape (Love) Meal

Thursday, April 18,
6:30 p.m.



This year's worship service will start at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall downstairs. The service will include an Agape (which means love in Greek) Meal, where we will sit around a common table and eat foods such as bread, olives, nuts, fruit, honey, and here in Wisconsin, cheese of course. Wine and juice will also be served. These simple foods would be similar to what Jesus and the disciples might have eaten as they traveled about sharing the good news. This service will also include Holy Communion, and some of our children and youth will receive their First Communion. The service concludes by moving upstairs to the sanctuary for the traditional stripping of the altar, symbolic of the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples and the stripping of Jesus by the soldiers before his crucifixion. It represents the humiliation of Jesus and the consequences of sin as a preparation for the celebration of new life. Please join us for this special service!

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 19,
6:30 p.m.



Our Good Friday service is a special service that walks through all the details of the final hours of Jesus' life through reading of scripture, candles, and special music. New this year, we will also use many visuals which will call our attention to the significance of what Jesus did for us on the cross. This service can be a very meaningful experience for those present, and we hope you and your family and friends will join us!

LENT CROSS-GENERATIONAL SERIES: "you matter HERE."

Wednesday Nights @ 6:30 PM

All ages 0-100+ are invited to join us for worship and cross-generational learning and fellowship during Lent!

We hope you will be part of this special time together.

April 3 Cross-Generational Topic: Love Matters Here

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.

Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." Martin Luther King Jr.

April 10 Cross-Generational Topic: We Matter Here

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

Mother Teresa



LENT SCHEDULE

April 3, 10 5:30 p.m. Soup Supper

April 3, 10 6:30 p.m. Lenten Compline Service
& Cross-Generational Series

Holy Communion Class

April 7 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Communion classes will be offered again this Lent to all students who have not taken First Communion. Traditionally at English, this class has been for 5th grade students, primarily. However, older students who have not yet taken their First Communion, and younger children are also welcome. *(Children younger than 5th grade are always welcome to take First Communion and may either attend one of these scheduled classes or arrange to meet with Pastor Jeff at another time instead.)*

The hands-on class will be held on **April 7, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm**. If you are unable to attend on April 7, contact Pastor Jeff to arrange a private class.

If you would like to attend, please contact the office to be added to the class and to receive more details.



Easter Flower Order Form

Consider donating a lily or other blooming plant to be used to decorate the sanctuary for Easter Services.

Fill out this form and return to the church office with your donation by Thursday, April 4, 2019. Please make checks payable to *Reuvers' Nursery* and enclose payment with your order.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

(Check one) ☐ In **Memory** of or ☐ **Honor** of:

Name:

___ Lily (5-7 blooms) \$10

___ Colored Lily (5-7 blooms) \$10

___ Azalea \$19

___ Calla Lily \$16
(pink or yellow)

___ Mixed Hyacinth \$10

___ Mums \$11
(purple or yellow)



You may pick up your plants after the 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday worship service.

Thank you!

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH CAMP FUNDRAISER

Sunday, April 14
9:30 am to 11:30 am

Help send a kid to camp!

Free Will Offering

Suggested Donation:

\$5.00 Children / \$10.00 Adult

\$25.00 Family

Your donations will help our youth afford camp this summer. All proceeds benefit youth going to *Luther Point Bible Camp* and the Mission Trip to Virginia.

Thank you for your support!



Easter Festival

Community Easter Festival

Palm Sunday, April 14
English Lutheran Church
11:00 am to Noon

Join us for an Easter Festival with games and prizes and lots of eggs! This will be a great way to join in fellowship with others. During this time, there will be a Palm Sunday brunch served in the church dining hall beginning at 9:30 am.

This is a community event, so bring your friends!

Come and enjoy both events. We hope to see you there!

Chicks & Goats!

During Lent, we will be collecting donations in the *Giving Box* for goats & chicks. These animals will be provided for communities around the world who are in need through the *ELCA Global Hunger Program*.

Chicks provide eggs which are a source of income as well as food for a family. \$10 can purchase 10 chicks.

Goats are able to survive in many environments around the world and can provide milk for a family. \$50 will purchase 1 goat.

As of March 27, we have collected \$449.00!

Wow - Thank you for your generosity!



100 Year Anniversary!

English Lutheran Church turns 100 years old next year, 2020!

In the beginning...

English Lutheran Church had its official beginning on July 12, 1920, but its origin dates back to the 12th day of August, 1914, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hanson, when a Ladies Aid was organized through the assistance of the Reverend L. K. Aaberg, Pastor of South Rush River Lutheran Church, rural Ellsworth--now known as Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Twelve members were present.

A year after the formation of the Ladies Aid, concern was shown for the need of worship services on Sunday in addition to regular Aid meetings. Mainly, through the devoted efforts of Mr. Charles M. Hanson and Mrs. O.H. Olson, arrangements were made to conduct Sunday worship services in St. John's Episcopal Church (corner of Piety and Strickland Streets). Proper assistance was sought, and through the Rev. Dr. C. O. Solberg, President of the *English Association of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America* (later, through mergers, becoming what is now known as the *Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*) and under his supervision, services were conducted by students (and sometimes professors) of *Luther Theological Seminary* at Saint Paul, Minnesota. This arrangement continued until the formal organization of the congregation and the calling of the first pastor.

The first entry on the official records of the congregation (handwriting of Arthur L. Rustad) reads:

"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor." Timothy 5:17.

Organization of English Lutheran Congregation of Ellsworth, Wisconsin, effected and constitution adopted July 12, 1920. Mr. C.M. Hanson, chairman, and Oscar Halls, secretary. Student A. L. Rustad serving as pastor since Sunday, May 23, 1920.

... and that's how it all began!

(The above is from the English Lutheran Church book of history, available in the church office.)

We are looking to get a team together to prepare for this celebration. Contact the church office if you are interested in being a member of the team.

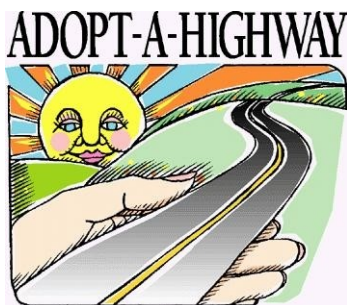
We'd also love to have your input/suggestions for our 100th year celebration. Contact the church office or a member of the church council with your ideas.



Adopt-A-Highway

**Saturday, April 27
9:00 am to 11:00**

Join us for *Adopt-A-Highway* on Saturday, April 27, beginning at 9:00 am. We will clean our section of County Road C. Meet at church at 9:00. Students, this is a great service activity for your school service hours! For more information, please call Chris Karlstad at 273-3846.



Mission Endowment Requests

Requests for your ministry funding through the Mission Endowment Fund for the first quarter must be submitted to the office by Wednesday, April 24, at noon. Request forms are available on the forms shelf just outside the office and online.

If you have a project your ministry needs funding for, please complete a request form. If you have questions regarding the Endowment Funds, please contact Kip Gore at:
kiplinggore@gmail.com.



Partners In Ministry

Erik, Samantha, & Kyra Lee became new *Partner's in Ministry* on March 17, 2019. Welcome to Lee family!

Just a few days after becoming *Partners in Ministry*, Erik & Samantha welcomed their second daughter, Tessa Mae.



Baptisms in March

Samuel Timothy Melstrom became our brother in Christ through Holy Baptism on Sunday, March 24. Samuel's parents are Jared & Katy Melstrom and his sponsors are Jenna O'Malley and Tessa Herron.

Paisley Jo Worley became our sister in Christ through Holy Baptism on Sunday, March 17. Paisley's parents are Alicia & Brian Worley and her sponsors are Aimee & Bryon Whipple.



Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible study will meet Wednesday, April 10, at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room.

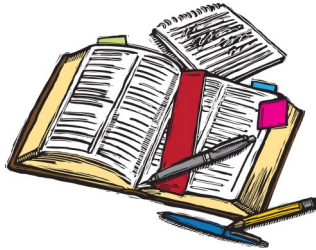
In the final Gospel of John, we note the distinct perspective, and how it contrasts with other Gospels. We reflect on how Christ, our Savior, remains present among us. He invites us to live in his name.

Our theme verse is John 20:29.

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet come to believe."

We would like it very much if more of you would come and join us.

Hostess is Jeanette Wright.



Graduate Quilts

**Saturday, April 6
10:00 am - noon**

Please join us as we craft together beautiful, handmade quilts for our High School Seniors who will be graduating in May.



You do not need sewing skills as the tops are sewn by some of our members at home, and we meet to assemble and "tie" the quilts together at church.

Materials and monetary donations are welcomed to help support this ministry.

For additional information contact:
Judy Erickson @ 715-603-5197
or Tammy Brenner @ 715-273-3591

Music Corner

If you or someone you know would like to perform a special solo or suggest a soloist, please email or talk to Jess.

All are invited to join the ELC Choir!

Join the Kids Choir for Mother's Day!

Sunday, May 12 at the 10AM service, the ELC Choir is inviting kids to join them in honoring our Mothers.

Rehearsals will be held April 28, May 4, and May 5 as listed below.

ELC CHOIR REHEARSAL:

Sunday, April 7, 14 & 28, 11-11:45AM

(Kids choir join us on the 28th)

Saturday, April 13, 10-11:30AM

Saturday, May 4, 10-11:30AM (Kids Choir will join us from 10:30-11:30AM)

Sunday, May 5 (Time TBD - Jess has an 11AM meeting) (with Kids Choir)

ELC CHOIR PERFORMANCE:

Good Friday, April 19, 6:30 pm

Easter, April 21, 8:30 & 10 am

Mother's Day (with a Kids Choir),
May 12, 10AM service only



~ Jess Monett

music@englishlutheranchurch.org



Thank you to our quilters who donated a quilt to *Journey House* in River Falls to auction off. The quilt went for \$300!!

Thank you to all who have made soup, bread, bars, and served at our Lenten Soup Suppers!

Thank you to all who baked goods for the *Chamber of Commerce Kickstarter* that we hosted in March!

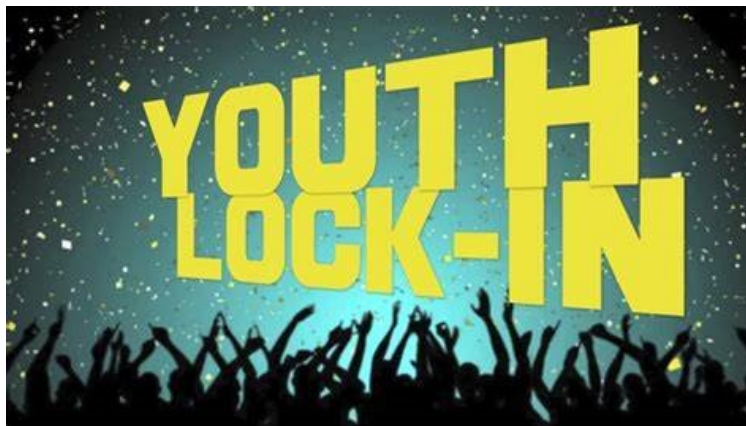
Thank you to the Sunday school kids who tied Prayer Blankets/Shawls and decorated bags for *Meals on Wheels* for their mission project in March!

Thank you to our worship volunteers for your time greeting, serving as an usher, communion server, reader, audio/visual operator,... Your time is appreciated!

YOUTH LOCK-IN!

Who: Grades 7-10 and Friends!
When: 6 p.m., Friday April 26 to 8:30 a.m. Saturday April 27
Where: English Lutheran Church
Cost: \$5
Why: To have fun playing games (dodgeball, commando, and others) watching movies, doing faith practices, eating, and more!
What to bring: Comfy clothes, laced shoes for running around, Bible, sleeping gear (Most will go to sleep around 1 am)

See Pastor Jeff with questions and turn in your permission slip by April 24.
(Note: I will need at least one other adult to make this event happen!)



Virginia Mission Trip

Mission trip meeting, April 14, at 11:10 am.

Mission Trip meetings will be the 2nd Sunday of every month at 11:10 am.

See *Facebook* for more information: Look under *English Lutheran Mission Trip*.



Volunteer Opportunities!

Youth are needed to help with the following:

Easter Festival ~ Sunday, April 14
~ Facilitating Games & Helping Kids

Vacation Bible School ~ June 17-21
~ Assisting Teachers & Counselors

Please contact the church office if you are interested in either of these opportunities.



Sunday School

Special Dates to Note:

April 7 - Deliver Easter Baskets
April 14 - Kids in Service-Palm Sunday
April 21 - Easter-NO SS
April 28 - SS Class
May 5 - SS Class
May 12 - Kids in Service-Mothers Day
May 19 - Last day of SS



A few other notes:

- ~ We will be riding in a school bus to deliver the **Easter Baskets** to those in our congregation unable to attend worship services. Parents are welcome to join us for the assembly and delivery.
- ~ Sign up now for **First Communion Class** on April 7. Please email the church office or Pastor Jeff to sign up.
- ~ Palm Sunday, April 14, is our **Annual Easter Festival** at church, it is a community event, so bring your friends!! Times are 11:00 am to Noon. This will be an all indoor event, come regardless of the weather.
- ~ Palm Sunday, April 14 - this is a busy day!!! - Join us in the dining hall for **Palm Sunday Brunch**. Brunch will be served 9:30 to 11:30.
- ~ Join the **Kids Choir for Mother's Day!** See the Music section on page 9 of this newsletter for details and a practice schedule.

Vacation Bible School

We are excited to welcome Luther Point Bible Camp counselors back this year to lead our Vacation Bible School in June. We are going to go back to afternoon VBS this year. June 17-21, Monday-Friday, 12:30 to 4:30 pm. Summer School kids will be bussed to the church from school. Many more details to follow!



Luther Point Bible Camp

The Schedule for Summer 2019 is out and registration is open. Be sure to check out the *Summer Discounts* section, including the *member church* discount.

Take a moment to visit our website and get familiar with the schedule and the new camps being offered this summer!

- Family Get-Away Camp
- Family Arts Camp
- Weekend Family Fish Camp

www.LutherPoint.org



PRAYERS

Special Prayers:

Prayers for the family of Linda, who died. Linda is the sister of Alice Monett.

Prayers for the family of Tessica Peters, who died. Tessica is a friend of Sue Myers.

Prayers for the family of Scott Hince, who died. Scott is a cousin of Darla Moquin.

Healing:

Christine Young ~ Healing

Judy Nunn, June Lundvall's Daughter ~ Surgery

Verneal Johnson, Lisa Boettcher's Mother ~ Hospice

Kim Morth ~ Cancer

Long-term:

Karen McAdams, Linda & Gary Onan's Daughter ~ Multiple System Atrophy

Judy Hince, Darla Moquin's Cousin ~ Stroke

David R. Johnson

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

Ed Sanders, Diane Wiskerchen's Dad

Joyce Geister, Julie Baggenstoss & Carol Melstrom's Mother

Craig Chartier ~ Cancer

Hazel Wegerer ~ Dementia

Mackenzie Marks, Connie & Adrian Gossett's Granddaughter

Tomi Erlandson ~ Seizures & Health

Dale & Marianne Melstrom

Mary Dee Prokop, Mother of Eileen Mewes

Muriel Jeffrey, Nancy Ellefson's Sister

Sherry York

Wendy Wegerer ~ Health Issues

Esther Risberg, Julie Davis' Mother

Military service:

Zack Daleiden, 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 April
~ Elaine Hines

2019 General Fund

<i>Month</i>	<i>Actual Monthly Income</i>	<i>Actual Monthly Expense</i>	<i>Actual YTD Income</i>	<i>Actual YTD Expenses</i>
January	13,311.10	24,796.61	13,311.10	24,796.61
February	11,698.10	19,719.90	25,009.20	44,516.51

Worship Attendance

Week of:	8:30	10:00	6:30 Wed.	Total
March 3	39	67	89	195
March 10	12	48	47	107
March 17	42	101	52	195
March 24	38	95	43	176
Totals:	131	311	231	673
Average:	33	78	58	168
2019 Sunday Avg.	42	81	-	123

Mortgage

As of March 7, 2019, the mortgage balance is \$24,331.30. Payments due are \$1,315.

We received a generous donation of \$10,000 towards the mortgage in March! This payment was sent to Thrivent with the March payment and will be reflected in the April statement.



March Council Notes



† GUEST SPEAKER- Trina Groen-to explain the difference between dedicated funds and general funds. A motion was passed in the last meeting to use money from the Funeral Funds to pay for the new microphones. Trina explained that the dedicated funeral funds are used by the funeral coordinator for church expenses for funerals and there are plans for future use for the funds for upgrades. Trina recommended that the Finance Committee determine how to fund the microphones.

~ The council discussed to have the finance committee find funds for the microphones.

† Maundy Thursday Agape Meal-Council approved that wine could be served at this meal-MS.

† 100TH Anniversary- Pastor Jeff recommends that a committee be formed for a celebration.

† Council Retreat- Rescheduled to Saturday March 30 9-12 p.m., to accommodate Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson as a guest speaker.

† Mortgage: Council discussed the balance. Pastor Jeff will compose a letter to the congregation to pay off the mortgage. Any extra funds could be placed in the building fund.

† COMMITTEE REPORTS:

~ Finance/Treasurer's report: Reviewed & Approved.

~ Pastor's report, Property report, Worship and Music report, Children, Youth and Family report accepted. Stewardship report-no meeting/report yet to accept.

2019 Easter Message

May I have your attention please!

MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION for an important announcement!

MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION FOR AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT, NOW, PLEASE!!!!

What do we have to do to get the world's attention? We've got good news, great news, the best news, but we can't seem to get the attention of those who need to hear it the most.

For a few years in my former parish I sent out postcards and Facebook posts hoping to catch the attention of those who weren't members of my church and invite them to EASTER WORSHIP.

I used cute designs from OUTREACH.COM. My favorite was a photo of a fuzzy blue stuffed toy bunny with the caption: **Is the true meaning of Easter a little fuzzy?** On the other side of the card was an invitation to worship at Trinity, the church I served. This year they have a photo of an adorable baby wearing floppy fuzzy bunny ears and the caption reads: **Have you heard the real story of Easter?** They also have a post card with the photo of a green field filled with colorful Easter eggs ready for the Easter Egg hunt. The caption reads: **Hunting for more this EASTER?** These clever cutesy cards are designed to get the attention of the world and invite non-members to come to their worship services. It is not a terrible idea to send a postcard in the mail or post on social media inviting people to visit your church, but is it working? Does sending a card capture the world's attention?

What does it take to get the attention of the world? What does it take to get the attention of the family that lives in the yellow house across the street from your church building?

Some seems to be so distracted, busy, engaged in daily living, or just getting by. Others seem anesthetized by mind numbing virtual reality activities on their computer, phone or TV screens. A few find time to worship at the gym, yoga class, running, or biking. Sometimes I just want to yell, HEY! LISTEN UP, I've got good news. But I know they won't be able to hear me over the din of daily life.

So what do we do? We know that guilting, shaming, and judging doesn't work. Should we just...Give up. Shut up. Close up? Nope. I'm too much of an optimist for that. I think there is one thing we as a church can do that might get the world's attention. We can sneak up and love them up.

I don't mean sneak up like stalking, that's illegal. What I mean is act like you love your neighbor in little ways so that eventually without you really knowing it, you DO love your neighbor and you can be in a relationship in such a way that you can invite them to know and love Jesus, the real Jesus, the Jesus of Easter.

Maybe the first step is caring enough about the folks that don't know the story about Jesus life death and resurrection to send them a silly post card. Maybe a baby step is caring enough about the children who won't hear the Easter story in Sunday school and inviting them to come to your church for an Easter egg hunt and before it begins tell them about Jesus in some simple way. Maybe you could care enough to get to know the name of the church neighbor in the yellow house and who knows where it will go from there. Care enough to get to know your neighbor, the Muslim family from Somalia that lives next to the grocery store. Care enough to get to know your immigrant neighbor, the Latino family that lives across the street from the school.

Maybe the only way to get someone's attention is to love them. That's how God got my attention.

God sneaks up on us, loves unconditionally, loves the world so much that he gave his only Son, and on the third day he rose from the dead, so that we might have life. That's the real meaning of Easter. That's the good news the world is dying to hear. They just don't know it yet. Maybe YOU can love someone enough to tell them about it.

It's Easter. Let's go love-in Jesus' name,

Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson

Softball Team!!

Our Savior's Lutheran Church has invited *English Lutheran Church* to join in their summer softball league. Ages 13 to 80 are welcome to join the team. We need a team and a coach/coaches. The season begins at the end of May and ends in July. It is a 6 week season and each team will play 1 game a week. A schedule will be posted as the season gets closer. We'd love to get a team together and join in the fun!!

If you are interested in coaching, playing, or both, please email the office.



Bringing the Protective Factors Framework To Life in Your Work – Spring, 2019

PROTECTIVE FACTORS FRAMEWORK

UW-Extension has partnered with the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board and the National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds to offer training to support the implementation of the *Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework*. The content includes concrete examples of everyday actions that research has shown to be effective in strengthening families, especially those who have experienced chronic stress and challenging life situations.



AUDIENCES

- Early Childhood Educators
- Child Welfare Professionals
- Social Workers
- Healthcare & Mental Health
- Family Support Professionals

Fridays: April 26, May 31, June 28

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

River Falls Public Library
140 Union St.
River Falls, WI 54022

NO COST but registration is required one week in advance of each session. (See below)

CORE CONTENT INCLUDES

- Six courses taught in three, 4-hour sessions
- May attend one, two or all three sessions
- Each workshop focuses on different Protective Factors
- Real-life parent stories that document the power of building protective factors
- A list of resources, references and websites to support each course

FOCUSED AROUND PROTECTIVE FACTORS

The training helps participants understand how the protective factors strengthen families



To register, call the Pierce County UW-Extension Office at 715-273-6781

Facilitators are Javin Hintz, Parent Co-Presenter and Lori Zierl, UW-Extension Family Living Educator

Participants will receive certificate of participation upon request



UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX and ADA. To ensure equal access, please make requests for reasonable accommodations as soon as possible prior to the scheduled program service or activity. If you have questions, please call the UW-Extension office at 715-273-6781.

UW Stout Counseling

Quality Counseling. Affordable Cost.

Strong, healthy relationships are the foundation of our community. Since 1974, the UW-Stout Clinical Services Center (CSC) has been strengthening relationships in the Menomonie area by providing quality marriage and family therapy services to community members at an affordable cost.

Our therapists are advanced graduate students in one of the oldest and most respected Marriage and Family Therapy programs in the nation. In addition, fully licensed and AAMFT approved supervisors with decades of combined clinical experience provide direct feedback and supervision throughout the counseling process, ensuring that every client receives just the right care for their needs.

Services are provided at a very low cost without the need for insurance, making counseling accessible to the entire community for as long as it is needed.

Whether you are an individual, a couple, or a family, this highly-effective and affordable team approach makes the Clinical Services Center a place where you can be sure to find compassionate and excellent counseling care to help you face your challenges and meet your goals, whatever they may be.

Brochures are available on the bulletin board outside the church office.



Clinical Services Center
University of Wisconsin - Stout

Walking Together In Ministry For 20 Years!



In 1999, the *Northwest Synod of Wisconsin* began a partnership with friends in Malawi, Africa. We continue to walk with our brothers and sisters in Christ with the *Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi* through prayer and conversation. We have also followed a call to support food and water security programs, building and transportation projects, and literacy and continuing education programs. In turn, our partners in ministry in the ELCM have graciously shared hospitality and kindness, learning opportunities, ongoing prayers and conversation about concerns in Wisconsin and the US, and they have served as ongoing examples of ingenuity and creativity in daily life and Christian leadership and ministry.

"20 for 20" Celebration Campaign

As a way to celebrate our 20 years in ministry together, the *Northwest Synod of Wisconsin* has started an anniversary fund with the goal of raising \$20,000 during this calendar year, which will be used to build two new wells in Malawi!



As an added BONUS, for every \$20 donation, your congregation can receive a copy of the book, *A Malawi Welcome*, written and illustrated by Diane Kaufmann & Janelle Thompson.

If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact the Companion Synod Coordinator, Laura Ramlow: lrmlow@nswi.org

Monetary gifts for this celebration can be directed to:
Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
MEMO: Well Fund
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Thank you for your continued support of this companionship!
Zikomo kwambiri
(thank you very much!)

In February and early March, our companions in the *Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi* experienced torrential rains, resulting in massive flooding throughout the country, with the most severe impact in 14 central and southern districts. The damaging waters, and the high volume of wind and rain from cyclone Idai have caused 56 deaths, hundreds of injuries, and have displaced over 125,000 people, requiring them to seek alternative shelter until the water recedes and they can assess, and repair or rebuild. As this flooding continues to damage homes and buildings, clean water and food sources, and sanitation facilities, health concerns such as malaria and cholera could certainly increase as well. Together we pray for our partners in Malawi. We pray for the ELCM as they work to address the needs of people in those districts. And we pray for God's presence and comfort for our friends there as they cope with the effects of these storms. In conversation with Bishop Joseph Bvumbwe, we learned that the best way we can assist during this time is to assemble a campaign for flood/disaster relief. If you feel called to support this relief effort through a special offering or financial gift, we will be sure the ELCM receives these resources in a timely manner so that they are able to provide food, clean water and medical attention to those who have been impacted by these storms.



Need a Time of Reflection & Renewal?

Register today for a centering prayer retreat!

Thursday, April 4, 2019 9:30 - 2:00 \$25 (includes lunch)
Christine Center - Willard, WI

Thursday, April 25, 2019 9:30-2:00 \$25 (Includes lunch)
Luther Park - Chetek, WI

To register visit the Northwest Synod of WI website, click on the "Calendar" link.

<http://nwswi.org/home/calendar-of-events>



Friends,

As I write you this, many of our neighbors around the world are facing disasters, including:

- In Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe, where **Cyclone Idai** has caused massive destruction and flooding that have killed more than 200 people, with the death toll expected to rise. Aid workers are rushing to rescue trapped survivors. News reports estimate that 1.5 million people will be affected by the cyclone.
- In the United States, where heavy rainfall and rapid snow melt have caused **major flooding** across several states. At least three people have died, and hundreds of homes and businesses have been affected. With more rain and warmer weather expected, more flooding may happen soon.
- In Madagascar, where a **measles outbreak** has led to 800,000 reported cases and an estimated 900 deaths since October 2018, worsened by food shortages and drought. Children are most at risk.

You've recently supported the ministry of Lutheran Disaster Response. First, thank you. Because of your generosity, we're able to respond with Christ's love, hope and healing — and practical support for disaster survivors.

Second, I'm writing to you with a special request because you've demonstrated your care and commitment. [The donations we receive to Lutheran Disaster Response's general fund mean that we can respond quickly whenever and wherever disaster strikes.](#)

Unfortunately, not every disaster that should be front-page news makes the headlines. But even when they don't, we can still accompany our neighbors, with your help.

[I'm writing to ask you to give today to help people whose lives are being affected by disasters right now.](#)

With gratitude for your partnership in ministry,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Rift".

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Funding
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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God's work. Our hands.

"I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth"
(Psalm 121:1-2).



And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. -Genesis 1:26



Genesis 1:26 lets us know we are indeed created in God's image, but the consequence of that is, we are given dominion over the earth. We are charged by God to care for this planet and help it thrive. Part of *Luther Point Bible Camp's* mission and identity is creating good stewards of the environment. There is no doubt God has blessed Luther Point with a beautiful setting where people can come and experience God's beautiful creation. With your help, we are ready to take the next step from experiencing God's creation to teaching others how to be good stewards of this creation. One way we can accomplish this is by installing Luther Point Gardens for the summer of 2019.

Every camper who comes to Luther Point will have an opportunity to plant, tend and harvest learning about growth and the good gifts God grants us.

Ways to Help

- Attend our "Garden Install Party" on May 11 starting at 9:00 a.m. We will be preparing the raised beds and getting everything in place for the summer campers.
- Donate a raised bed. We are wanting to put in at least 10 raised beds, each one will cost \$250 for the supplies, dirt and seeds. Each complete raised bed donated gets us a little closer to our goal for the summer.
- Pray for the garden. Pray that it grows and through that growth campers learn about the goodness of God's creation.

Project Goals:

\$2,500

Provides 10 raised beds and the tools for campers to learn.

\$3,500

Provides additional educational tools both at camp and for campers to take home with them.

\$5,000

Provides additional raised beds and resources for a successful garden for years to come.

If you wish to donate by check please mail checks to:
Luther Point Bible Camp, 11525 Luther Point Rd, Grantsburg, WI 54840
Please indicate "garden" in the memo line.





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The church office is open:
Monday, Wednesday, &
Thursday 9:00 am—3:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am—1:00 pm
Closed on Tuesdays.

Congregational Council

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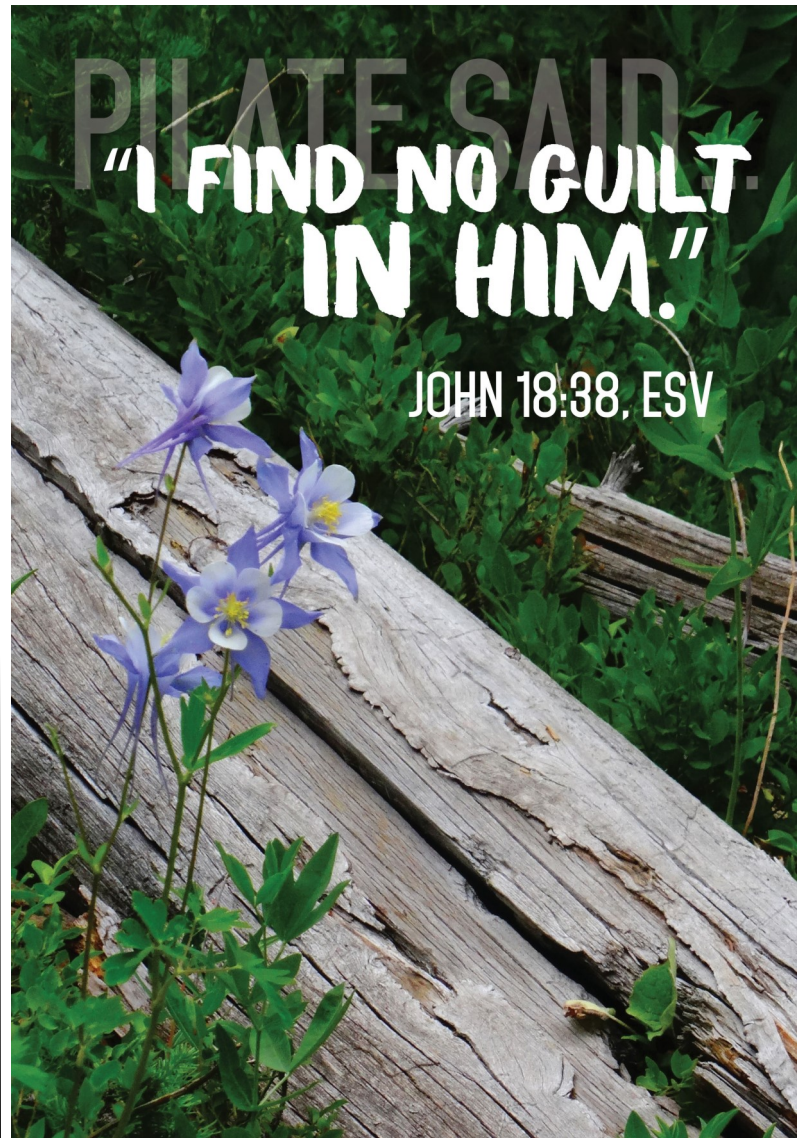
Kristen Kinneman

Lynette Winger

Sunday Worship Times

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship



Our Mission:

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

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April 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MON Apr 1	TUE 2	WED 3	THU 4	FRI 5	SAT 6
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Children, Youth, & Family Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper 6:30pm Lenten Worship Service 7pm Confirmation Sm. Grp. & Adult Study 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Graduate Quilting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Traditional Worship 10am Contemporary Worship & Harris Baptis 10am Sunday School Deliver Easter Baskets 11am Choir Practice 11:30am First Communion Class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Church Council Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Women's Bible Study 5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper 6:30pm Lenten Worship Service 7pm Confirmation Sm. Grp. & Adult Study 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Choir Practice
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:30am Palm Sunday Brunch 10am Contemporary Worship 10:00 ~ Sunday School Kids in Worship 11:00 ~ Easter Festival 11:00 ~ Choir Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Church Council Meeting 	No Confirmation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Agape Meal & Sen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Good Friday Service & Choir Sings 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Sunday School Class Easter Sunday 8:30am Choir Sings at both worship Svs. 8:30am Traditional Worship 10am Contemporary Worship 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30pm Worship at Altium 6:30pm Mission Endowment Meeting 6:45pm Confirmation Class 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Confirmation Lock-In Grades 7-10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up
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