



November 2024 Cross Beams



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Our Vision: A Christ-centered, serving community.



Please enjoy these pictures of recent events at the church



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Thank you!

Confirmation Sunday-October 27, 2024



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"Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." - Revelation 7:12



Fall is an amazingly bizarre time of the year. The leaves of the trees change from green into brilliant colors that are beautiful. The fields are ripe with crops. The air is cooler, crisper and the bugs are gone. And there is the anticipation of all the holidays, starting with Halloween. And yet, we are also surrounded by the end of things. The leaves are changing color because they are not receiving as much sun and so they are dying and will fall off the trees. Those fields and gardens that we worked so hard to plant and cultivate are emptied and covered with stalks and scraps. For the hunters, while there is beauty and majesty of being in the woods and bagging a deer, there is death for that deer. And the cooler weather is just an indicator of what will soon be here. That's right, that other four-letter word that begins with "S" and ends with "now".

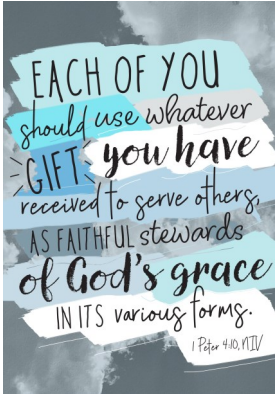
I am one of those who has trouble seeing the beauty of fall because I know what is coming. Winter is coming. Whiteness, starkness, and death. For me, fall is like riding up that first hill of a rollercoaster. You know that the freefall is coming, but still, you dread it. But we still get on the roller coaster because we know that in the end, it will bring us back to where we began, and it will be a fun and exciting ride. It is a cycle that repeats itself over and over again, just like our seasons.

I try hard to remember what is on the other side of the cycle of seasons, but it is hard. Sometimes, we need to just sit in that season and not look forward or backwards, but just live it. And realize that we are not "stuck" in that season. Time is marching forward, and the seasons will repeat, it is a cycle. And sometimes, we need the darkness and cold so that when we are on the other side and there is light and warmth, we can enjoy it even more.

Thank goodness for the changing of the seasons and the celebrations that come with it that bring joy and light to our lives. Thank you, Lord, for all the blessings that you bestow upon us. Amen.

Pastor Pete

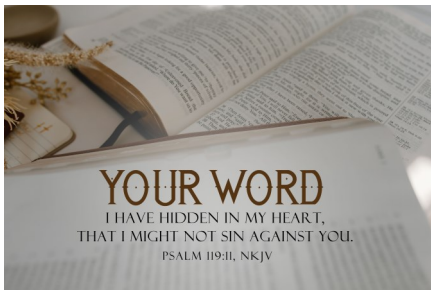
Time and Talents



Please refer to the last page of this newsletter for a Time and Talents form. Printed forms are also available in the back of the church and outside the church office. We value our volunteers; it truly takes a team! We kindly ask you to take a few minutes to fill out the form. We appreciate learning about the talents our members possess. Thank you!

Special Thank You - Julie B.

We would like to thank Julie Baggenstoss for her years of service and dedication. November 1 is her "official" retirement date. Congratulations to you, Julie. We appreciate your devotion to the church through the years.
Thank you!



FELLOWSHIP



Pastor Pete is cooking breakfast for the guys on Thursday mornings. They gather in the church kitchen at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast with a rotating menu, including fruit, coffee, and orange juice.

The suggested donation is \$5.00 to help cover the cost of food.

Relapse Prevention Group

A Recovery Meeting in the Ellsworth Area at English Lutheran Church on Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m.

Read and Discuss "Staying Sober"

Adopt-A-Highway Volunteers Thank you!

Thank you to all the volunteers that assisted on Saturday, September 28. We had a good crew and that made for quick work. You are all sincerely appreciated. Thank you!!!!



Heart-Helping Others

Heart was created to help those in need. By being a part of this organization, we are able to shop and bid on items at greatly discounted prices. Appointments are made for us to "shop". Purchases we make need to go to those who are in need. We are working with the Ellsworth School District and Pierce County Human Services to determine the families that would benefit. This is a great opportunity for us to stretch the dollar and reach out to those in need. Please designate "Heart" on donations you would like to contribute for this initiative. Thank you.



Heart committee members: Cindy Baird, Denise Hager, Melba Smith, and Diane Wiskerchen

Women's Bible Study

On Wednesday, November 13 at 9:30 a.m. join us at church for Women's Bible Study. We will be discussing Grace Filled Living, ancient and new, a study of Ephesians.



Women's Bible Study

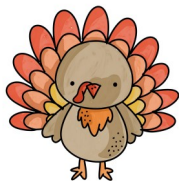
Hostess: Diane Wiskerchen



Thanksgiving Baskets

We are excited to continue the cherished tradition of providing Thanksgiving baskets to families in need within our community.

You can help! Donations of non-perishable food for Thanksgiving Baskets can be dropped off in the church office. Please bring donated food before Friday, November 22nd.



Suggested items to share:

- Instant Potatoes
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Cranberries
- Stuffing (boxed or bagged)
- Gravy Packets
- Canned Vegetables

Monetary gifts are also welcome to support this initiative. Please put it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. Please note on the gift that this is meant to support Thanksgiving Baskets.



The deadline for families to request a basket is Friday, November 15. This is the link: [Thanksgiving Basket Request Form](#)

We will assemble baskets at the church on Friday, November 22nd from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers are needed!

Families will be picking up their baskets on Saturday, November 23rd between 10 a.m. and Noon.

Ruby's Pantry

The Ellsworth, WI Ruby's Pantry will be held Saturday, November 2, 2024 at the Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services in Ellsworth from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Mark your calendars for the first Saturday of each month!

Extend your monthly grocery budget! For a \$25 per share (cash donation) the day of the distribution, you will receive an abundance of groceries. Ruby's Pantry is for ANYONE that eats and is looking to extend their monthly grocery budget. There is no income or residency requirement and everyone is welcome to attend.



They welcome volunteers, too.

Sharing Shed

Please remember English Lutheran's Sharing Shed for your extra or no longer needed new or gently used items.



PASS IT ON!

Drop off your items directly in the Sharing Shed which is located just outside the south door of the church. Thank you!

Affirmation of Baptism

We celebrated the following students for their Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday, October 27. Congratulations class of 2024!

**Molly Abbas
Tyler Bechel
Abby Hinrichs
Alivia Maher
Piper Van Nocker**



Random Acts of Kindness

There are baskets located by the front and back doors of the church for nonperishable food items. All items collected will be donated to the Pierce County Food Pantry. They are in need of:

- Flour
- Sugar
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Oatmeal
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Baked Beans
- Dry Soup Mix
- Cereal
- Canned: Fruits, Vegetables, & Meats
- Shampoo
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Soap



Thank you for your "kindness"

"I will sing praises to my God all my life long." - Psalm 146:2

ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
September 17, 2024

Members present: Pastor Pete, Greta Larson, Jill Hague, Paul Tonsager, Denise Hager, Lynette Winger

The Meeting called to order by President Greta Larson at 6:30 pm

The Mission statement was read by all

Devotions were given by Pastor Pete

Added new business to tonight's meeting. Motion made by Lynette to approve tonight's agenda and the previous month's minutes. 2nd by Paul.

Reports

Finance report was given by Paul. At this time the Fair Stand made \$30,311.00. The cooler at the stand needs work. Should be able to be repaired instead of replaced now.

Motion to approve the report was made by Jill and 2nd by Lynette.

Pastor's Report given by Pastor Pete. Discussed the first Conference meeting of St Croix and Pierce Counties. The Senior Center has moved in and seems to be going smoothly,

Property Report. The remote doorbells have been installed and are working well. The new toilets for the building were purchased and have been installed. One of the faucets in the kitchen sink is leaking and will need to be replaced.

Worship and Music. Missy is back now, and a meeting will be called. The fall schedule is set until the end of October.

Children, Youth and Family. The kickoff for Rally Day was held and was successful. Sunday School will begin next Sunday. We have 2 teachers for the kids. Confirmation will begin next Wednesday. Kingdom Kids will begin on the first Wednesday in October.

Stewardship Report given by Lynette. Working on the Dinner planned for next February. Discussed seatings. Tickets can be printed in the Church Office. Paul reported we should be able to get the roast beef from his suppliers. They were not sure about a price until closer to the date and the amount we will be needing. A committee of people interested in helping will be set up, and plan to meet next Wednesday at 6:00. Time and Talent sheets will be printed up like before and passed around during services.

Endowment committee didn't have a report.

Old Business

The kitchen renovation was discussed. Jeanette Wright and Bev Greeley would like to be in on the planning. We need to have an idea of what is needed and required before we go to a Kitchen Designer to get bids on the project.

New Business

We discussed the carpet in the front foyer and hall of the church. It was agreed it is stained and worn and should be replaced. Due to the high traffic area, we discussed putting in vinyl plank flooring instead of carpet. Motion was made to send this suggestion to Property Committee. Motion made by Lynette and 2nd by Jill.

Nancy Ellefson's funeral will be held here at the church. First test of the Senior Center.

Our insurance with Nationwide is not being renewed in December. We need to get bids from other insurance carriers.

The Lord's prayer was recited by all.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lynette and 2nd by Paul.

Next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday October 15th at 6:30 pm.

November 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9:00am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 10:00am Fellowship 10:00am Choir Practice	4 1pm Pool Players (Sr. Center)	5 8:30am Foot Care (Sr. Ctr.) 1 pm Game Day (Sr. Ctr.)	6 3:30pm Kingdom Kids 6pm Confirmation	7 8am Men's Breakfast 6pm Relapse Prevention Recovery	8 1pm Pool Players (Sr. Ctr.)	9 9am Graduate Quilting
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17 9:00am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 10:00am Fellowship	18 1pm Pool Players (Sr. Center)	19 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	20 11am Wellness w/CJ (Sr. Ctr.) 6pm Confirmation	21 8am Men's Bkfst. 11am Sr. Ctr Board Mtg. 6pm Relapse Prevention Recovery	22 1pm Pool Players (Sr. Ctr.) 2pm Assemble Thanksgiving Bskts	23 10am Families to pick-up Thanksgiving Baskets
24 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:00am Choir Practice	25 1pm Pool Players (Sr. Center)	26	27 1:30pm Celebrating Seniors (Sr. Ctr.)	28 (Thanksgiving) Senior Center Closed 6pm Relapse Prevention Recovery	29 Senior Center Closed	30



Prayer requests:

Janet Arndt
Ben Bauer
Addison Closs
Linda During
Vern Ellefson
Tomi Erlandson
Julie Gore
Mikey Krohn

Lila Larson
Gary Leonard
Marianne Melstrom
Dean Mewes
Judy Morrow
Vicki Nelson
Steve Pieczykolan
Deb Pierce
Mary Dee Prokop
Sophia Sokolik
Sherry York

Military service prayers:

Josh Bechel
Jonathan Bergman

“God is our refuge and strength.”
— Psalm 46:1



Financial Update

September 30, 2024 Cash Balances
General Fund = \$94,995.22
Dedicated Fund = \$111,831.43
Total = \$206,826.65
Thrivent = \$105,543.63

September General Fund Balance
Income = \$13,240.44
Expenses = \$17,409.56

The next finance meeting: November 12 at 6:30 p.m.

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 prayer requests.

The Deaconess for November is Vicki Nelson.

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Office Hours

Our office hours are:
Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday
10:00 am to 3:00 pm



English Lutheran Church, Ellsworth, WI
Sharing Our Time & Talents 2024-2025

Worship

- Usher
- Greeter
- Altar Guild
- Communion Helper
- Read Lessons

Music

- Choir
- Worship Singing Team
- Musical instruments _____

Arts and Drama

- Decorating (Festival/Seasonal)
- Graphics (posters, logos)
- Photography (New Church Directory)

Hospitality

- Prepare Food for special events
- Coffee/Fellowship (provide food)
- Host Coffee Hour
- Funeral (serve/clean-up)
- Kitchen Design Team

Office

- Office volunteer

Building and Grounds

- Handy work repairs
- Electrical work
- Painting
- Plumbing
- Cement or masonry

Care Ministry

- Prayer Team
- Visitation
- Quilting

Education (teach, lead, help)

- Sunday School
- Vacation Bible School
- Confirmation
- Bible study

Church in our Community

- Community Missions Team
- Fair Stand Volunteer

Leadership

- Children, Youth, & Family
- Church Council
- Community Missions Team
- ELC Endowment Board
- Fair Stand Leadership Team
- Finance Team
- Memorial & Gifts
- Nominations Committee
- Personnel Committee
- Property Team
- Stewardship Team
- Worship & Music Team

This year (2025), we are having a Hot Beef Dinner (just like at the Fair Stand!) on February 23rd!!!

Will you help with: Advertising _____ Set up & Decorating _____ Cooking _____
Serving _____ Clean-up _____

Name (please print) _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Thank you for faithful stewardship!