

Cross Beams

November 2022



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Our Vision: A Christ-centered, serving community.



Confirmation Volleyball at Summit Park



First Communion



ELC Youth handing Erin from the Pierce County Foster Care Program the check from funds raised from the car wash.



Confirmation Class



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Boundary Markers

Two weeks ago, South Dakota State beat North Dakota State in a football game called the Dakota Marker Rivalry. At the end of the game, the winning Jackrabbits from Brookings, South Dakota hoisted a 75 pound stone marker with SD, ND, and 190 M etched on its sides. The 190 M stands for the 190 miles between Brookings and Fargo. The stone is a replica of the quartzite stones placed in 1889 to demarcate the boundary of North and South Dakota every ½ mile in an east to west direction.

The first boundary marker mentioned in the Bible is in Genesis 31:48. It was a pile of stones called Mizpah (watchtower). It was erected by Laban (father-in-law of Jacob) when he said good-bye to his daughters Leah and Rachel who were leaving Haran to go to Jacob's home in Canaan. Laban said: "May the LORD watch between you and me when we are unable to see each other." We erect a kind of boundary marker in our pastor and parish relationships between the parish and former pastors. Though we greet each other on holidays and anniversary occasions, the former pastor cedes complete freedom to the new pastor to exercise pastoral ministry in his or her new parish. I will certainly pray for you and your families, but Pastor Peter Warren will be your pastor beginning this month. Please offer him a warm welcome. May God bless your time together as Pastor and parish. He will walk beside you to share in your sorrows and to celebrate your joys, assuring you of God's presence in the midst of your life together.

You know how much I appreciate poetry. Mending Wall is one of Robert Frost's most loved poems. People remember the line spoken by the neighbor: "Good Fences make good neighbors", but they overlook the true meaning of Robert Frost (or the narrator of the poem): "Something there is that doesn't love a wall". The narrator questions the need for the existence of the stone wall ("he is all pine and I am apple orchard"), yet he shows up every spring to repair the damage done by frost and hunters. As much as I grieve the separation caused by my leaving and Pastor Peter's arrival, I like Robert Frost will respect the boundary between past and present. After all, "Good fences make good neighbors!"

- Pastor Charlie Bunk

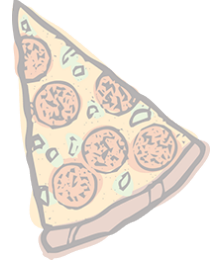
NOTE FROM PASTOR PETE, THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Pizza with Pastor Pete

Greetings English Lutheran Church! I am so excited to be joining your congregation and moving to Ellsworth, WI. Speaking of moving, we will be arriving in Ellsworth on Thursday, November 3rd around 5:00 PM and are looking people to help us unload the U-Haul truck. We will be moving into a townhome out in the Crossing Meadows Neighborhood, just west of the old Shopko. The address is: 680 Lucas Ln Apt B.

Even if you are unable to help lift, we would love for you to stop by for this impromptu open house, grab a piece of pizza and say hi! My first official day will be Wednesday, November 16th and my first Sunday will be the 20th and Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson will be there to install me as your pastor. If you are a hunter, I will be praying that you will be blessed with a large buck on opening day so that you are able to join us on Sunday morning!

Thank you so much for calling me to be your pastor!! I look forward to many wonderful years together as we share the Good News of Jesus Christ!



God Bless!
Pastor Pete

Thanksgiving Baskets

English Lutheran Church will continue the tradition of sharing *Thanksgiving* baskets with families in need within our community, so that, they too might sit down as a family to enjoy a traditional *Thanksgiving* dinner. This is an opportunity to not only bless, but be blessed in putting together Thanksgiving baskets for those who need them.

You can help! Gather names, donate items, or help assemble baskets.

Donations of non-perishable food for *Thanksgiving* Baskets may be dropped off at either entrance of the church or the church office. Please bring donated food items before Sunday, November 13. Any monetary donations can be put in the offering box or the church office. Please note *Thanksgiving Basket* on the donation.

Suggested items you could share:

Instant potatoes

Cranberries Boxed instant stuffing

Gravy Packets Canned vegetables

Assemble baskets: On Saturday morning, November 18, at 9:00 am, volunteers are needed to assemble baskets at church.

Basket Pick-up: Families can pick-up their baskets on Saturday, November 19, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.

[Thanks for sharing your blessings!](#) †

If you or someone you know may be in need of a basket, please contact the church office. Office@englishlutheranchurch.org or 715-273-4617. Deadline to request a basket is Friday, November 13.



Installation of Peter Warren

Our new pastor, Pastor Peter Warren, will be here for his first Sunday service with us on November 20, 2022. Bishop Laurie Skow Anderson from the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin will join us during the service for the installation of Pastor Peter.

This is an exciting and important time for our congregation, and we hope to see you on November 20!



Reminder

English Lutheran is continuing with the one worship service per Sunday, at 9:00 am, and fellowship time following immediately after the service.

The church council will decide at the end of the year if this is to be a permanent change.



Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will meet on November 9 at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room.

Hostess is Jeanette Wright.

We continue to support Freedom for Girls. There is information on the bulletin board regarding this charitable cause. The address is listed below as well.

Walworth Fontana Rotary Foundation
62110 Badger Ridge Road
Ferryville, WI, 54628

Take note of the letter written by Esther Nyambuen. It is a reminder how difficult it is for young girls if they don't have the proper sanitary supplies available to them.



Pastor Bunk Farewell

Our interim Pastor, Pastor Charlie Bunk will have his last worship service at English Lutheran on Sunday, November 13.

Pastor Bunk has been with English Lutheran for the past year, while the congregation and the call committee completed the search for a new pastor.

We want to thank Pastor Bunk for his hard work this past year. Please join us on November 13 for a farewell celebration for him!



Thank You Notes

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up on October 1st!
- Chris Karlstad



All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day is a day set aside by the church for remembering dedicated Christians of the past. It is often called *All Saints' Day* or *All Souls' Day*. This day has been set aside "since the Middle Ages for remembrance of the beloveds who no longer laugh and cry with us on Earth. *All Souls' Day* is a beautiful occasion for contemplating how we care for our own souls."

We will celebrate *All Saints' Day* on **Sunday, November 6**. If you wish to submit the name of your loved ones who have died in the past year, please contact the office with their names and a photo. Names you provide do not need to be members of English Lutheran.



Baptism

Sybil Maria Figi become our sister in Christ through Holy Baptism on Sunday, October 2nd at 9:00 am.



Sybil's parents are Adam and Tessa Figi. Her Sponsors are Gillian Davis, Amanda Hanson, and Justin Hanson.

We celebrate and welcome our newest member to the Body of Christ. **Welcome, Sybil!**

September Council Meeting

- † Approval of Piper Van Nocker's Bake Sale
- † A second defibrillator will be purchased from the medical supply fund.
- † Landscaping project— Woman's Fund will donate \$10,000 towards landscaping project. A dedicated account of \$15,000 will be established by the end of the year.
- † Pastor Bunk's last service will be Nov. 13 & Pastor Warren's Installation will be Nov. 20
- † Update titles for music director & accompanist
- † *The next council meeting will be **November 15 at 6:30 pm.***

Financial Update

September 30, 2022 Cash Balances:

General Fund = \$92,149.09
Dedicated Fund = \$125,647.64
Total = \$217,796.73
Thrivent = \$92,235.63

September General Fund:

Income = \$11,587.34
Expenses = \$11,613.41



Youth News

Confirmation

Congratulations to our newly confirmed students – Kaiden Baggenstoss, Tori Feuerhelm, Katie Groen, Morgan Halverson, Emily Harris, and Riley Maher! They have been busy writing their Faith Statements, meeting with Pastor Bunk, selecting their Bible verses, making their photo boards, and working with Pastor Bunk to plan their Affirmation of Baptism worship service. A great group of kids to celebrate!

Our next class will be Wednesday, November 9, we will head out to Ellsworth neighborhoods to hand out flyers for our upcoming Thanksgiving basket food collection. Then on Nov. 16, we will go back to those same areas to collect food donated by the residents. This is a fun activity for our youth! We appreciate the generosity of our Ellsworth residents!!

On Nov. 30, we'll meet for class time and to do some baking for the bake sale Piper Van Nocker will coordinate to benefit the Gillette Children's Hospital. Watch for details on the bake sale!

We're also planning the live nativity as a part of the Ellsworth Holly Jolly Holiday community event on Sunday, Dec. 4, 4:30-6:30 at East End Park. We'll join other local churches and organizations for this event. Our church will handle the live nativity. We welcome anyone who is willing to bring their animals in for this. Please contact Trina Groen if you would like to participate in this event -

mark.trina@yahoo.com.

In our confirmation classes we continue to learn about the Lord's Prayer and have also talked about personal prayer practices.

Thank you to our whole Children, Youth, and Family team, our small group leaders, and Pastor Bunk for leading this program.

Sunday School

We are using a curriculum for Sunday school that coordinates with the message the pastor has given in worship. We have enjoyed our classes and games/activities as we get used to the new times for class.

Thank you to our Sunday school teachers and volunteers!!



Special Prayers:

Healing:

Rachel Proulx, niece of Julie Davis ~ Breast Cancer

Liz Krohn

Mikey Krohn

Judi Nielsen

Kim

Adelaide Meyer

Paul Huber

Nathan Baar

Jerry Baggenstoss

Tucker Thoen

Heather

Morgan

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



Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer

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 November~ Vicki Nelson



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Office Hours

Our office hours are:
Monday-Thursday
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 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 9:00 am**

In-Person ~ Sundays 9:00 am



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November 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 ● 9am In-Person & Online Worship ● 9:45am Sunday School ● 10:30am Affirmation of Baptism Servi	31 Halloween	Nov 1 First Day of American Indian Heritage A	2 ● 6:30pm Endowment Meeting	3	4	5
6 Daylight Saving Time ends ● 9am All Saints' Sunday ● 9am In-Person & Online Worship ● 9:45am Sunday School	7	8 Election Day ● 6:30pm Finance Meeting	9 ● 6pm Confirmation	10 Veterans Day	11	12
13 Deadline: Thanksgiving Basket Signup ● 9am In-Person & Online Worship ● 9:45am Sunday School	14	15 ● 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	16 ● 6pm Confirmation	17	18 Deadline for Newsletter Articles ● 9am Assemble Thanksgiving Baskets	19 ● 10am Distribute Thanksgiving Basket
20 ● 9am In-Person & Online Worship ● 9:45am Sunday School	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25 Native American Heritage Day	26
27 ● 9am In-Person & Online Worship ● 9:45am Sunday School	28	29	30 ● 6pm Confirmation	Dec 1	2	3

