



October 2024 Cross Beams



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Our Vision: A Christ-centered, serving community.



**Grubby Sunday was
Sunday, September 8, 2024**



**Thank you to all the
volunteers! We appreciate
each one!**



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THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!

I want to take a moment and say, "Bravo & Thank you!" to everyone who is part of our church family! Thank you for your generosity in giving your time, talents, and treasures! Every single one of you deserves a huge THANK YOU!! As of the end of August, we were close to our target for Year-to-Date giving so THANK YOU for your generosity in stewarding the time, talents, and treasures that God has blessed to you.

Throughout the entire bible, we read about how God is faithful to his creation and his people. In the beginning, when the universe was a formless void, God said, "Let there be light." And there was light, and God saw that it was good. And God went on for another five days, creating our world and everything that we can see, hear, feel, smell, touch, and taste. Everything that we have comes from God. The Old Testament is full of stories of the people wandering away from God, but God remains faithful to his people. He brings them back in. In the New Testament, we see the ultimate expression of that, when God sends us his only Son, so that all who believe in him, shall not perish but have eternal life. God is so faithful to us, that even when we were crucifying his son, we were forgiven of our sins. And when we wander away, God is faithful and calls us back into community with him and the rest of the world.

The Stewardship Team is calling us together for brunch on Sunday, October 13 after church! It is a kick-off for our annual stewardship drive. By the middle of October, we will mail out your Year-To-Date giving statement and included with that will be a pledge card for next year. We ask you to prayerfully consider what you can give to God in the next year. On November 10th & 17th, we will have a basket for you to place your envelopes with the filled-out pledge cards into and we will bring the basket up to the altar with the offering plates and present it to God. And we will ask God to keep us faithful to the promises that we have made to him.

Another way for us to express our faithfulness is to share our time and talents within our world, both inside the church walls and outside of them. As we age, our gifts and talents change. We develop new interests, skills, and hobbies. On the back page of this newsletter, is a sheet to help us take stock of our time and talents. Some people like to be leaders, others like to be led and some of us might not feel comfortable jumping in and doing things. This sheet is a way for you and us to know what you are interested in doing around the church and in our community. Please fill out the sheet and return it to the church. Thank you!!!!

Pastor Pete

St. Paul's UCC

TURKEY SUPPER

Drive-thru
Sunday, October 6

3:00 - 6:00 pm

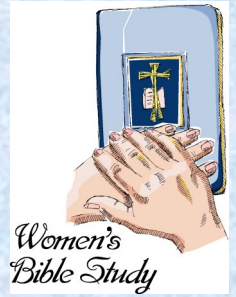
Tickets are \$17.00 per meal
and can be purchased at the event
or online at spuccellsworth.org

Meal includes:
Turkey (dark & white mix), Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,
Stuffing, Squash, Corn, Dinner Roll, and Dessert

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
W5706 State Road 72 - Ellsworth

Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 9 at 9:30 a.m. join us at church for Women's Bible Study. We will be discussing: Receiving Grace, a study of Ephesians. Hostess: Jeanette Wright



National Lutheran Choir's 39th Season

This season will explore five dimensions of wholeness and "centers around works that allow audiences to examine how



music, community, and the sacred can repair that which divides us and help us find commonality." - Artistic Director, Jennaya Robison

<https://nlca.com/2024-2025-season>

Heart-Helping Others

Heart was created to help those in need. By being a part of this organization, we are able to shop and/or 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

FELLOWSHIP

Pastor Pete is cooking breakfast on Thursday mornings for the guys. 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.

Stewardship Brunch

Join us on Sunday, October 13 after the service for our Stewardship Brunch. All are invited. Please mark your calendars.



Update on ARC

The Assistance & Resource Center, Inc. (ARC) will cease operation as of 10/1/24. No further financial donations can be accepted and client assistance has also ceased. For over 15 years they sought to provide much needed and appreciated short term financial assistance to households within the River Falls and Ellsworth communities. They are thankful for the support they received and the support they were able to provide. (You will find the letter with more details on the church bulletin board outside the office.)

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"

CHURCH NEWS

upcoming events

October 2 - Kingdom Kids resumes

October 9 - Women's Bible Study resumes

October 13 - Stewardship Brunch

PLEASE JOIN US TO SUPPORT & HELP THE HANSON FAMILY

NICU WARRIORS

Karissa & Mitch Hanson are happy to call this small town home, having been born and raised in Ellsworth and Red Wing. They recently had their lives turned upside down, when they welcomed their first baby girl Lenora, into this world 9 months ago and had her NICU stay. Then, 6.5 months later Karissa went into preterm labor with her second baby and had to spend 7 weeks in the hospital, unable to work and lost her job. Kaiza decided to enter this world very premature and will have a long stay ahead of her in the NICU but she is a fighter.

ALL FUNDS WILL HELP THE FAMILY WITH MEDICAL EXPENSES



OCTOBER, 11TH
5PM - 8PM
Ellsworth Country Club
W6920 Golf Course Ln,
Ellsworth, WI 54011

11/27/23
Lenora
9 months later
8/28/24
Kaiza

FOOD, DRINKS, SILENT AUCTION, BAKE SALE & MORE!

Thank you for your support!

Please contact Naddy (715) 410-6982 with any questions regarding how to donate.

Ruby's Pantry

The Ellsworth, WI Ruby's Pantry will be held Saturday, October 5, 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.

Ruby's
PANTRY

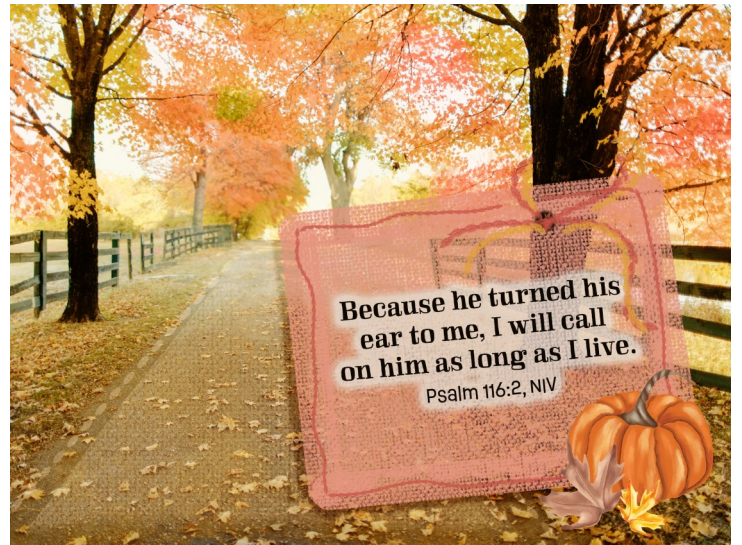
They welcome volunteers, too.

Sharing Shed

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



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



Our Savior's 76th Annual Lutefisk Supper Thursday, Oct 24th, 2024

MENU: Lutefisk with Butter and Cream Sauce
Meatballs and Gravy
Riced Potatoes, Coleslaw, Rolls
Grot, Norwegian Delicacies, Coffee, Milk
Serving 2:00 - 6:30PM

Cost: \$20 adult ~ \$12 youth ~ \$7 child ~ 5 & under free

Limited tickets - Order early

Take-Out option: Call Gina at 1-715-441-9086

Deadline for take-out orders is Friday October 18th, 2024

Dine-In time reservations required:

Online Link: www.oursaviorschurch.info

Church Office Phone: 715-273-4570

Email: office.osbeldenville@gmail.com

"The Law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul." - Psalm 19:7

ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

August 20, 2024

Present: Pastor Pete, Great Larson, Denise Hager, Mark Groen, Lynette Winger, Paul Tonsager, Dennis Swanson, and Jill Hague

Meeting was called to order by President Greta Larson at 6:35 pm

The mission statement was read by all present.

Pastor Pete led us in Devotions and Prayer.

The agenda for tonight's meeting was amended and a motion was made to approve by Jill and 2nd by Paul.

The motion was made by Paul to approve the June minutes and was second by Denise.

Our guests from the Ellsworth Sr. Center were introduced and a brief description of some of their activities were given. Any concerns and questions can be directed to them. A memo of Understanding will be typed up for each party to approve and sign. The Senior Center plans to start moving in the week after Labor Day. 3 keys will need to be given to them.

Reports

The Finance and Treasurers report was made by Paul. Motion to approve made by Lynette and seconded by Denise.

Pastors Report given by Pastor Pete. July was a busy month with vacation and Bible Camp. Several funerals in the church with another coming on Thursday the 22nd. His Moses group went well and there will be Zoom meetings until the end of the year now with the next in person meeting in January in Des Moines, IA.

Property Report given by Mark.

He replaced the motor in the exhaust fan

We will need to install door openers before the Senior Center moves for the food trays, Cameras are installed inside the church so the building can be locked due to safety concerns, may also look into Ring cameras.

Paul made a motion to replace the old downstairs toilets with newer more efficient models.

Motion was second by Lynette to replace four toilets. Motion approved by all.

A Worship and Music report was made. Missy should be back from her summer and a meeting will be scheduled to discuss the Fall schedule. The Cantata will be planned for the second year this December.

Children Youth and Family report given by Denise. VBS is planned for the third week in June 2025. Sunday School will kick off September 15th. A flyer will be sent out. Kingdom kids will resume in October on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Confirmation is ready to begin for the Fall. Confirmation Sunday will be the last Sunday in October.

Stewardship report given by Lynette. Committee had met and discussed the possibility of either a Pie and Ice Cream Social or a Roast Beef dinner in February. Everyone agreed the dinner sounded the best with tickets being printed and sold in advance. Paul will talk to his supplier if a February 23rd date works for them.

Old Business

The Heart ministry is doing well with the van load delivered to Our Saviors Church and then picked up by the County office and the Ellsworth School for distribution to the needy in our area.

It was agreed to budget \$200.00 a month. The Endowment committee will be contacted about using the funds from that account.

New Business

September 8 will be God's Work Our Hands Sunday. Projects will be lined up for that day. A few people will be needed to help lift the tarp at the fair stand to put that away for the year, September 29th is the Packer/Viking game, so a tailgate party is planned for after church and before the noon game.

Fair Stand Recap was given by Paul Tonsager. The fair stand was a success again this year, Some items will need to be addressed next spring such as a bigger exhaust fan and upkeep on the old building.

All joined in the Lord's prayer and the motion to adjourn was made at 8:35 pm by Lynette and seconded by Paul.

October 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 1pm Game Day (Sr. Center)	2 3:30pm Kingdom Kids 6pm Confirmation	3 8am Men's Breakfast 6pm Relapse Prevention Recovery	4 1pm Pool Players (Sr. Ctr.)	5
6 9:00am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 10:00am Fellowship 10:00am Choir Practice	7 1pm Pool Players (Sr. Center)	8 11am Discovering Tuesdays (Sr. Ctr.) 6:30pm Church Finance Meeting	9 9:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Confirmation	10 8am Men's Breakfast 1pm Euchre (Sr. Ctr.) 6pm Relapse Prevention Recovery	11 1pm Pool Players (Sr. Ctr.)	12
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27 9:00am Confirmation & First Communion Worship 9:45am Sunday School 10:00am Fellowship	28 1pm Pool Players (Sr. Center)	29	30 1:30pm Celebrating Seniors (Sr. Ctr.) 6pm Confirmation	31 8am Men's Breakfast 6pm Relapse Prevention Recovery		



Prayer requests:

Janet Arndt
Addison Closs
Linda During
Vern Ellefson
Tomi Erlandson
Julie Gore
Elaine Hines
Lila Larson
Gary Leonard
Marianne Melstrom

Dean Mewes
Judy Morrow
Vicki Nelson
Steve Pieczykolan
Deb Pierce
Mary Dee Prokop
Sophia Sokolik
Wendy Wegerer
Sherry York



Military service prayers:

Josh Bechel
Jonathan Bergman

Grieving:

The family of Nancy Ellefson
Juli Segerstrom on the loss of her mother:
Jeanette Flanders

Financial Update

August 31, 2024 Cash Balances
General Fund = \$99,156.09
Dedicated Fund = \$129,071.79
Total = \$228,227.88
Thrivent = \$105,543.63
August General Fund Balance
Income = \$17,766.13
Expenses = \$17,379.76
The next finance meeting: October 8 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 any prayers.

The Deaconess for October is Diane Wiskerchen.



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Ellsworth, Wisconsin
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www.englishlutheranchurch.org
Find us on Facebook!
EnglishLutheranEllsworth

Office Hours

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



Staff

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Finance Admininstrator & Accompanist: Ava Maxwell
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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!