



September 2024 Cross Beams



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Pierce County Church Fair Stand 2024



Willa Jean Glasbrenner
baptism Sunday, August 18,
2024



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I want to start off by saying a huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the fair stand. We had a banner year, and it is all thanks to your help and support!!! It is always so fun to see our community come together like that. Thank you, Thank you and Thank you!!!

But, now that summer is almost over, it is time to switch gears and begin thinking about the school year. We have so much planned for September and I'm so excited to get things rolling again!! In addition to the normal things, like Sunday school, Confirmation and Bible Study, we have a couple of new events that I want to highlight.

The biggest news is that the Ellsworth Senior Center will be moving into our building!!! We are excited to have them use our building and for us to be of greater service to our great community. They will begin using out of the church on Monday, September 9th. Make sure you stop in and welcome them into our church home. Check out the church calendar to see what they have going on. The Senior Center is for those who are ages 50 and over.

Now, back to the upcoming events:

Sunday, September 8th – God's Work, Our Hands day. Basically, it's a fancy way of saying Grubby Sunday, where we roll up our sleeves, pitch-in and help clean up the church and do various work projects. We will kick things off with brunch after church and then we will get to work.

Sunday, September 15th – Rally Day!!! This is the day that we will kick off our Sunday School year with games and activities for the kids, including a bounce house! Join us after church for some fun and fellowship for the whole family!

Wednesday, September 25 – Confirmation Kickoff. Confirmation is for ALL youths in grades 7 through 10. And those that have already been confirmed are also invited to join us! On this day, we will have a kick-off party to celebrate the start of the confirmation program. We will start will supper at 6:00 PM.

Sunday, September 29th – Tailgate Sunday. This is something new that we are trying. On this day, the Minnesota Vikings will travel to the not so frozen tundra to play the Green Packers. Since this is a border battle, let's have some fun this Sunday. You are invited to wear your team's colors to church and after church, we will have a tailgate party outside in the parking lot. Pastor Pete will be grilling up bratwursts and hot dogs and we invite you to bring your favorite tailgate dishes to share as well! We will set up a couple of bean bag toss and other games, so grab your partner and get ready to have some fun!!

It's looking like it's going to be a busy month, but it looks like it'll be a lot of faith, food, fellowship and FUN!!! We look forward to seeing you real soon!

Peace,

Pastor Pete

August Happenings

The weather was perfect for the Pierce County Fair. We appreciate all the volunteers that worked the fair stand-thank you!

Evelyn Young's funeral was held on Friday, August 9th at the church.

Willa Jean Glasbrenner was baptized on Sunday, August 18th.

Arliss Gould's funeral was held Thursday, August 22nd at the church.

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>

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.

Relapse Prevention Group

A New 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 Clean Up Time

Join us on Saturday, September 28 to clean up our section of highway. Please meet at the church at 9 a.m. We look forward to seeing you. Thank you.



Endowment Committee Update

The Endowment Committee met in August and approved the following requests:

- \$600 for Affirmation of Baptism Ceremony (weekend with confirmands)
- \$500 for confirmation meals during confirmation evenings.
- \$500 for food and supplies for Rally Day Sunday and Backpack Blessing.
- \$300 for Kingdom Kids for snacks and supplies.
- \$500 for the Heart Program to help fund Sharing Shed, Random Acts of Kindness, etc.

These requests are all funded through interest only from the Endowment Fund. This is not connected with our general fund or dedicated fund. Each quarter the interest is distributed for us to utilize for projects we receive requests for. The Endowment Committee accepts requests quarterly. If your ministry is in need of funding, please speak with a member of the Endowment Committee or Pastor Pete or submit a request to the church office to be considered at the next meeting scheduled for November 13. Requests can be found on our website in the "Giving" section or on the forms shelf outside the church office.

Endowment Committee members - Warren Johnson, Traci Maxwell, Trina Groen, Diane Wiskerchen, Mary Sokolik, Dixie Basch, & Kip Gore



Update on ARC

The Assistance & Resource Center, Inc. (ARC) has set the official date that they will cease operations. As of 10/1/24, no further financial donations can be accepted and client assistance will also cease. 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 have 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.)

Sept 8 - God's Work, Our Hands (Grubby Sunday)

upcoming events

September 11 - 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study resumes

September 15 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Rally Day & Backpack Blessing to kick off Sunday School

September 25 - 6 p.m. Confirmation resumes/Dinner 6 p.m.

September 29 - Tailgate Sunday

October 2 - Kingdom Kids resumes

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is moving to English Lutheran Church this month. They plan to start their September monthly programming held here at their new location on September 9. This is exciting news for them and we look forward to welcoming them!

Volunteer Opportunity



The ADRC of Pierce County is in need of volunteer drivers of all ages in all areas of Pierce County. Make a difference in your community by taking people who are unable to drive to medical and other appointments. Volunteers use their own vehicle and are reimbursed at the current Federal rate. Volunteer according to your schedule and availability! For more information call Cheri at the ADRC of Pierce County at 715-273-6780.

Ruby's Pantry

The Ellsworth, WI Ruby's Pantry will be held Saturday, September 7, 2024 at the Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services in Ellsworth from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

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.

Mark your calendars for the first Saturday of each month!

They welcome volunteers, too.



Bishop News



Bishop Martin Halom took office on August, 1, 2024. The installation of Bishop Halom will be September 15, 2024 at Hope Lutheran Church in Eau Claire at 3:00 p.m.

The Rev. Martin R. Halom was elected on June 8 to a six-year term as a bishop of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) at the synod's assembly in Eau Claire, WI, June 7 -8.

Rev. Halom is a pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bloomer, WI where he has served since 2012. Halom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa and a Masters of Divinity at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN. He and his wife, the Rev. Melinda Halom, have three grown sons.

ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
June 18, 2024

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

Meeting was called to order by President Greta Larson at 6:30 PM.

Mission Statement was read by all present.

Pastor Pete led us in Devotions and Prayer.

The agenda for tonight's meeting was approved by Jill and 2nd by Denise.

The motion to approve the May minutes was made by Lynette and 2nd by Paul

Financial Report was made.

The motion to approve the report was made by Jill and 2nd by Denise.

Pastors Report

Julie is here Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Tammy has been helping train her and she is doing very well.

Pastor Pete will be on Vacation the first week in July. Melba has been asked to fill in and has accepted.

Pastor Pete has been accepted into the Moses Program. It is for education and working with fellow Pastors.

Property Report

Report given by Mark. The door openers have come in. When he has some free time, he will contact others to help install them.

Worship and Music

Missy has been noticeably missed while absent, but Pastor's guitar has filled in greatly.

Children, Youth and Family

VBS was a huge success with 60 kids attending. A huge thank you to all who made it possible.

Old Business

The Senior Center is still interested in moving forward with sharing our space. Funeral times are the biggest concern. A committee of Pastor, Greta, and Denise has been formed to follow up.

It was decided that we begin doing background checks on anyone using the space.

New Business

Donna Constant from Our Saviors church is working with a group called Heart Ministries that purchases Return Merchandise from Amazon at a low price and then distributes it to the area needy.

After discussion it was decided to donate \$200.00 as a one-time amount until we find out more information such as how often this is done, how much and how it is distributed, Lynette offered that in her experience working at the school the County may not be the best resource for distribution. The motion to donate \$200.00 was made by Paul and 2nd by Lynette.

Fair stand work is coming along. The congregation will be asked to donate either 2 pies or \$20. Help will be needed for the day gravy is made.

It was decided that we will not have a July meeting so the next meeting will be August 20, 2024.

All joined in for the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

September 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	2 Labor Day	3	4	5 8am Men's Breakfast 6pm Relapse Prevention Recovery	6	7
8 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	9 1pm Pool Players (Sr. Center)	10 11am Discovering Tuesdays (Sr. Ctr.) 6:30pm Church Finance Meeting	11 9:30am Women's Bible Study	12 8am Men's Breakfast 1pm Euchre (Sr. Ctr.) 6pm Relapse Prevention Recovery	13 12:15pm Octagon House Tour (Sr. Ctr.) 1pm Pool Players (Sr. Ctr.)	14
15 9:00am Worship 9:00am Sunday School Rally Day/Backpack Blessing 10:00am Fellowship	16 1pm Pool Players (Sr. Center)	17 8:30am Footcare (Sr. Ctr.) 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	18 11am Wellness Session with CJ (Sr. Center)	19 8am Men's Breakfast 6pm Relapse Prevention Recovery	20 1pm Pool Players (Sr. Ctr.)	21
22 9:00am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 10:00am Fellowship	23 1pm Pool Players (Sr. Center)	24 1:30pm Celebrating Seniors (Sr. Ctr.)	25 6:00pm Confirmation/Dinner	26 8am Men's Breakfast 1pm Euchre (Sr. Ctr.) 6pm Relapse Prevention Recovery	27 1pm Pool Players (Sr. Ctr.)	28 9am Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up
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Marianne Melstrom
 Dean Mewes
 Judy Morrow
 Vicki Nelson
 Steve Pieczykolan
 Deb Pierce
 Mary Dee Prokop
 Sophia Sokolik
 Wendy Wegerer
 Sherry York

Prayer requests:

Janet Arndt
 Addison Closs
 Nancy and Vern Ellefson
 Tomi Erlandson
 Julie Gore
 Elaine Hines
 Lila Larson
 Gary Leonard

Military service prayers:

Josh Bechel
 Jonathan Bergman



Financial Update

July 31, 2024 Cash Balances
 General Fund = \$98,714.03
 Dedicated Fund = \$73,914.96
 Total = \$172,628.99
 Thrivent = \$105,543.63
 June General Fund Balance
 Income = \$14,013.63
 Expenses = \$16,990.10
 The next finance meeting: September 10 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 September is Diane Wilkerson.

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Office Hours

Our office hours are:
 Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday
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