



Cross Beams

November 2019

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Our Vision: A Christ-centered, serving community.



*I urge that
supplications,
prayers,
intercessions,
and
thanksgivings,
be made
for everyone...
so that we may lead
a quiet and
peaceable
life...*

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-2, NRSV



7th Grade Confirmation Students throw a surprise wedding celebration for their small group guide, Tessa (Davis) Figi.



Kindergarten/
1st Grade
Sunday
School Class



Children's Bible Presentation





2 Corinthians 5:17-21

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Dear Fellow Children of God,

Last Sunday I gave a talk about our *Northwest Synod of Wisconsin's* initiative called "Faithful Innovations Network" or FIN for short. FIN is a joint project with the 6 synods of Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. It understands that in the twenty-first century, changes in culture and technology have led to widespread shifts in the world around us. These changes affect the church, our communities, and our people.

The network joins churches together in order to seek how to be the church in the twenty-first century. Members of the network are listening to find out what God is up to in our lives, our neighborhoods, and the lives of our neighbors.

This is not a program or a magic bullet solution for all the challenges facing churches today. Instead, it is a process through which congregations can learn more about what God is up to and how we can better listen to God in our context.

If we want to join in the FIN process with other ELCA churches in our region, we need to commit \$450 and a team of 4-10 people willing to commit to:

- Three Training Sessions (Jan. 18, 2020, Apr. 25, 2020, Sep. TBD 2020)
- Once a month coaching
- Experimenting between trainings with new actions designed to help our congregation learn more about what God is doing in our midst and how we can join that work.

If you would be willing to be part of our congregation's FIN team, please contact me ASAP so we can move forward with this most worthy of initiatives. The future of our church may literally depend on our intentionally engaging our community and where God is leading us and I think FIN is a great way to do so. I hope you will join us.

God's blessings to you all,



Pastor Jeff

pastor@englishlutheranchurch.org
715-273-4617



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24

1:30, 4:00, & 9:30 pm

Candlelight Christmas for Ellsworth

CHRISTMAS DAY

No worship services.

Christmas in the Park

Sunday, December 1, 4:30-6:00 pm East End Park

Join us for a live nativity, caroling, Santa, lighting the Christmas Tree, and treats. This is a free event. All are invited!

We are joining with the Chamber, FFA, Zion Church, St. Francis, the Lion's Club and other community organizations for this community event.

English Lutheran Church will be doing the Living Nativity. Volunteers and animals are needed. Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping. **There are no actions or lines for the nativity.**



Decorate the Church with Flowers for Christmas

Members and friends of *English Lutheran Church* can help adorn the sanctuary for Christmas by ordering a 6" red poinsettia. The cost is \$13.00 **payable to Reuvers' Nursery**. Plants can be taken home after the last Christmas Eve Worship Service on December 24 at 9:30 pm.

Please leave this order and payment at the church office or in the offering plate by November 15.

_____ Red Poinsettias \$13.00 each

_____ Total

Name: _____

Phone: _____

This poinsettia is given (please choose one):

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

In thanksgiving for: _____



Endowment

Are Children's Education/Sunday School Worth it?

Absolutely! Of course they are. Nothing is more important for the future of our church and our members than the ministry of educating our children and youth about Jesus Christ. However, there are other ministries that need our attention and support as well. Today, our ELC Mission Endowment fund has a total of approximately \$137,000 across three accounts: Children's Education (\$80,000), Women of ELC (\$40,000) and the General account (\$17,000). As you can see, the Children's account is well-funded compared to the General account. This is due to the generous gifts from the Mary Ames and Helen Jacobson estates. Both of these were very specific that their gifts be designated only for Children's Education. This is definitely a worthy ministry that benefits from these generous gifts and we have been able to satisfy almost all distribution requests from Children's Education. Other ministries are not so fortunate.

Endowment Fund

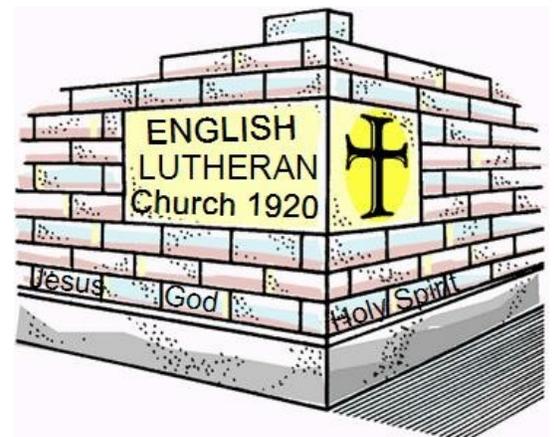


As an example, this quarter we have 6 requests for funds from the ELC Endowment. Of those six requests only one is for Children's Education, a \$300 request to purchase fabric for Prayer Shawls, which we will easily be able to approve and fund. The other five requests are for a variety of worthy ministry projects such as ARC, Graduate Quilts, Young Adults in Global Mission, Thanksgiving Baskets, & Christikon which total over \$800. Unfortunately, we will only be able to fund one or two of these requests because of the limited income that the General Account generates compared to the Children's Education or Women of ELC accounts.

The reason I wrote this article is to alert the congregation to the disparity between the account funds and the limitations we have in satisfying requests from the General account. So what is the solution? Obviously, it is to increase the size of the General account. Therefore, I am asking you to prayerfully consider how you have or plan to designate your will or estate if you are planning to leave a gift to *English Lutheran Church*. I am asking that you give the leaders of our church the flexibility to use the endowment funds to meet the needs of various ministries. You can do this by not designating a specific ministry but rather simply designating your gift to our ELC Endowment. This does two things, it allows us to meet the needs of all our ministries while at the same time preserving your gift as a legacy of thankfulness for the gifts we have received from our heavenly father. Thanks for your prayerful consideration.

Stewardship Update

As of October 21, we have received 26 completed Stewardship Commitment cards out of a total of 150. Approximately 60 cards were picked up at church, the remainder were mailed with the quarterly giving statements. If you have not received a Stewardship card, there are forms available in the office or on the table in the back of the church. The Stewardship Campaign ends on November 24th and our goal is to build up our church with as many bricks as possible. Simply returning your commitment card will add one brick. By increasing your gift from last year, volunteering for any ministry or giving electronically will each add a brick for a total of 4. Your gifts are a recognition of the blessings we have received from God our father who has been generous in many ways to us. Thanks for turning in your Stewardship Commitment card by November 24th.



~ Kipling (Kip) J. Gore

Thanksgiving Baskets



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Nothing says Thanksgiving more than turkey and mashed potatoes. Unfortunately, having turkey, potatoes and all of the fixings is not a possibility for some of the families in our community. This year, English Lutheran will continue the tradition of sharing Thanksgiving baskets with families in need within our community, so they too might sit down as a family to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. This is an opportunity to not only bless, but to be blessed in putting together Thanksgiving baskets for those who need them.

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

Gather names of families or individuals. If you know of someone or if your own household is in need, please call or email the church office. Names will be kept confidential.

Gather supplies - The confirmation youth will distribute flyers on November 13 and pick up food from the homes they notified on November 20. You can contribute non-perishables or monetary donations. Food can be left in the baskets at the entrances. Monetary donations should be left in the office or offering. Write checks to *English Lutheran Church*, with Thanksgiving Baskets (in the memo line). Contributions need to be in by Friday, November 16.

Suggested items you could share:

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| Canned sweet potatoes | Boxed instant mashed potatoes |
| Cranberry sauce | Boxed instant stuffing |
| Gravy | Canned fruits or vegetables <u>Or</u> any non-perishable items are welcome. |

Assemble baskets: On Saturday morning, November 23, from 9-11 a.m., volunteers are needed to assemble baskets in the Fireside Room.

Basket Pick-up: Families can pick-up their baskets on Sunday, November 24, 9:30 am - Noon.

Contact the office to help with any of these activities. Thanks for being a blessing and sharing a blessing! †

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 3. If you wish to submit the name of your loved ones who have died in the past year, please contact the office by October 28, with their names and photos. Names you provide do not need to be members of *English Lutheran Church*.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to our 10th grade students who confirmed their faith at the Affirmation of Baptism service on Sunday, October 27:

- Sidney Bartels*
- Paris Christopherson*
- Anissa Cole*
- Kohl Flock*
- Gabriel Hallock*
- Téa Hill*
- Katelyn Huppert*
- Jack Janke*
- Kami Lardahl*
- Kyle Luchsinger*
- Ann Lundstrom*
- Maya Mueller Merchant*
- Tanner Pechacek*
- Parker Wright*



Women's Bible Study

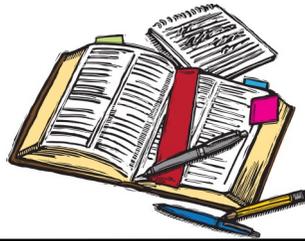
Women's Bible Study will meet Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 10:00 am.

This month's Bible study is titled: *No Hard Feeling? Stewarding the gift of joy.* One can't be momentarily joyful; instead, a person is joyful. (Lots of questions - right?)

Those of you who have the *Gather* magazine, received the third paragraph of the introduction of this Bible study. (p. 22)

We hope more of you will be interested in coming to Bible study. You will be welcomed.

Hostess will be Nancy Ellfeson.



Thank You Notes

~ Thank you to our property team for their upkeep and maintenance of our church facilities. Thank you for your time!

~ Thank you to our Stewardship team for our church building bricks and cornerstone as we head into our 100th year of worship! Thank you to all who support our church with your giving and participation in our stewardship campaign.

~ Thank you for the Bible. I enjoy reading it to my brothers at night. ~ Oliver Fleming

~ Thank you to those who trudged through the ditches to clean our portion of Cty. Rd. C this fall!

~ A huge THANK YOU to Ava Maxwell and Joyann Johnson for playing for our worship services during our transition to a new music director! We really appreciate your time and talents!

~ Thank you, thank you so much for your support for the *Back to School Event 2019!* With all the accumulated supplies, we were able to help 160 students ranging from 4k to high school. Again, thank you so much!
~ Ellsworth Schools



Graduate Quilts

Our next gathering will be Saturday, November 9, 9:00 am to Noon.

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



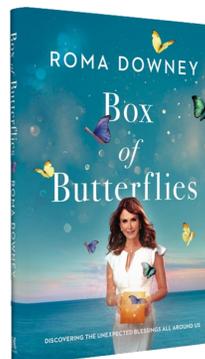
Thanks!

Thank you to the quilting shop in Prescott—*Two Meandering Ladies LLC*, for the batting for our quilting ministry, charged at their cost, with no shipping charges!



Do you have this Book?

Box of Butterflies



A member of our church donated 6 copies of *Box of Butterflies* last year. They have been shared over the past year. However we are still receiving requests for the book and haven't had them returned to the church. If you have one, please bring it back when you're done so we can pass it along to the next person.

It is a beautiful book filled with encouragement and hope, assuring us of God's comforting presence in our lives.

A Note from the Music Director

Greetings, brothers and sisters, one and all! My name is Evan Mitchell, and I am your newly-appointed Music Director. I am excited to get to know you all and share in the gifts of music that is on offer at English Lutheran!

As we worship together, I would like you to know the following throughout the month of November:

-We will hold our first choir rehearsals on Sunday, November 3, from 11:00-11:30 am, just as soon as the second service concludes. We will be looking at one hymn and a new piece of music to sing in worship on November 17. Please bring yourselves and a friend to make a joyful noise together!

-It is never too early to start thinking about the Christmas season! If you are interested in ringing bells, singing in a special ensemble, or joining a choir with both adult and youth groups on December 15, please contact me at music@englishlutheranchurch.org, or you can also reach Renee Van Nocker at childrensministry@englishlutheranchurch.org.

-As the year 2020 approaches, so too does the 100th anniversary of this congregation. I would like to hear in fellowship what 100 years' of music has meant to this congregation. What does a century of worship, evangelism, and the good news mean to those who celebrate with music? What has been the most meaningful moment in your faith journey with music?

If you are interested in contributing to a special project and concert series leading up to this anniversary, please specify in your offering and your gifts of time and music.

-In our endeavor to expand music in both services, you will hear new hymns and songs more often during worship services. If you are uncomfortable or unsure of how to participate in these new hymns, please feel free to listen to the preludes and instrumental music that happens in service. I will be introducing new hymns and songs that you can hear and prepare to sing. With music and ministry together, there are no mistakes- only happy accidents which are moments for joy!

I hope to hear from you all in the coming months, and I am excited to shout to the Lord with joy and thanksgiving through the gift of music together!



PSALM 30:4, NRSV

Christikon

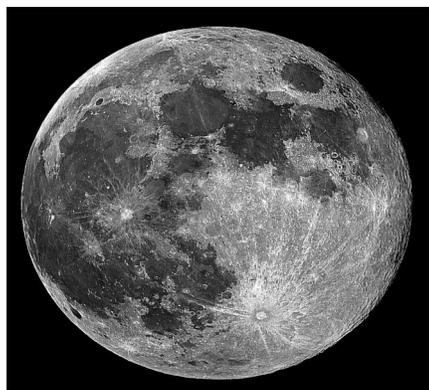
Want to make new friends, grow stronger in your faith, view beautiful mountains, rivers, and waterfalls, and have a ton of fun? Well, then join us on our trip to *Christikon* in Montana this summer! This trip is open to all youth in our community completing grades 6-12.



Christikon is an amazing Lutheran camp located in the beautiful *Absaroka-Beartooth Mountains*, just north of *Yellowstone National Park*. It is a place of intentional Christian community where lifelong friendships are often made and faith frequently grows stronger as we explore the adventure of life together!

We are planning to go July 10-18 or 19, 2020. If you sign up by Nov. 20, the Super Early Bird price before fundraising will be \$475, but could be much lower depending on various factors.

If you'd like to know more about this trip or if you want to sign up, please contact Pastor Jeff!



**8:15 p.m., Friday, Nov. 8 to
7:45 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 9**

**\$40 or \$30 (if you bring a
non-member friend.)
Financial Aid Available**

Chaperones Needed:

We can currently only take 14 students unless we get a chaperone to go with Pastor Jeff. Another chaperone would allow for 28 total students to go.

MOONLIGHT MADNESS!

Come join us and about 400 other Twin Cities youth for this exciting event for students in GRADES 6-9 and their friends!

HIGHLIGHTS OF OVERNIGHT:

Augsburg College Gym & Dome

- Open Gym (bring own labeled balls)
- Dance with professional DJ
- Pizza and beverage
- Football Dome (bring own labeled frisbees, footballs, dodgeballs, etc.)

Grand Slam

- Video Arcade
- Laser Tag
- Mini Golf & Batting Cages
- Bumper Cars

Andover Theater

- Choice of 5-6 PG or PG13 movies

Mermaid Bowl

- Bowling



Sunday School

Thank you everyone who helped out in service on October 20. It was great seeing all the children in church and helping participate. We also had a wonderful turn out on October 13 and handed out 18 bibles to our 2nd and 3rd graders and new children in attendance. The Sunday school rooms were packed!

For November, we will be having a mission Sunday in which we will be making tie blankets to stock up our prayer shawls. We will also begin working on our Christmas program. Keep an eye out for letters coming home regarding parts and practice.

As a reminder, the Sunday school hour ends at 11:00 am. If church ends a little early, please take that time to enjoy some fellowship in the back of the church. Children will be dismissed at 11:00 am from their classrooms.

Please let us know if you would like to help out in any capacity. Contact Renee Van Nocker or Sammie Lee at Childrensministry@englishlutheranchurch.com or the Church Office @ 715-273-4115.

~ SCHEDULE ~

October 27	Lesson
November 3	Lesson
November 10	Lesson
November 17	Mission Sunday Make prayer shawls
November 24	Lesson

Bibles for Our Children

These children received Bibles in October.

Katen Achenbach	Arie Christensen
Oliver Fleming	Arabella Hague
Collin Harris	Ellie Holst
Luke Janke	Evan Ladwig
Ashton Langer	Cayden Langer
Jaidyn Lardahl	Blakely Lucente
Camden Lucente	Luke Lundstrom
Haylee Maher	Bobby Mathis
Oliver Myers	Sophia Smith



October Council Minutes

- † Dwelling in the Word/Prayer by Peter Carr. The group read and discussed Luke 18: 1-8 NLT.
- † Offering handling at the end of each service. If two council members are not present, one council member may find a previous council member or another member to help. If no council members are present, two trustworthy members may take the offering to the safe.
- † Sound system. There were three options to choose from. Option B -QSC Touch Mix-30 Pro was chosen. Cost: \$1899.99 (after \$200 rebate) plus \$500 for labor/ installation/testing and training by Brickhouse. May need another \$20-100 for cable upgrade. Funds for the new system to come from (line 824 in dedicated accounts) Music Misc. at \$2,183.66 with remaining funds to be covered by special appeal.
- † South Property Possibilities. Discussed setting up a group to discuss ideas for the property such as memorials. No action taken.
- † *Faithful Innovations Network* Update: Pastor Jeff will address this at the October 20 services. Follow up at November council meeting.
- † Fair Stand Funds. Motion to move \$4000 from the Fair Stand Funds to Youth Ministry Funds (line 839 in dedicated accts) and move \$15,000 to the General Funds from the Fair Stand Funds.
- † Gary Onan motioned for \$100 from *Thrivent Choice Dollars* (line 836 in dedicated accts.) go to *Ellsworth National Child Safety Program*. MSC.



Worship Attendance

Week of:	8:30	10:00	Total
September 29	30	86	116
October 6	40	86	126
October 13	42	110	152
October 20	49	80	129
Totals:	161	362	523
Average:	40	91	131
2019 Sunday Avg.	43	71	114

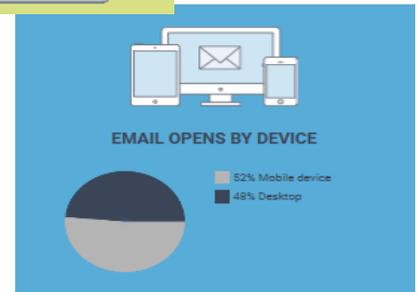
2019 General Fund

Month	Actual Monthly Income	Actual Monthly Expense	Actual YTD Income	Actual YTD Expenses
June	14,891.46	16,596.85	117,088.50	129,223.37
July	13,530.84	20,252.00	130,619.34	149,475.37
August	13,930.93	14,091.57	144,550.27	163,566.94
September	14,643.53	15,766.45	159,193.80	179,333.39

Email Communication Stats



Statistics of our weekly email updates and monthly newsletter emails. We send the emails out to 204 email addresses. Thanks for keeping up with our activities and announcements!



Special Prayers:

Prayers for the family of Ed Quist who died.

Healing:

Jennifer Maday ~ Hip Surgery

Piper Van Nocker ~ Leg Surgery

Long-term:

Gary Karlstad, son of Joyce Karlstad ~ Stage 4 Lung Cancer

Terry Wegerer, Brother of Darla Moquin ~ Stage 4 Lung Cancer

Clint Olson

Karen McAdams, Linda & Gary Onan's daughter

~ Multiple System Atrophy

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

Hazel Wegerer ~ Dementia

Mackenzie Marks, Connie 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



Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.
 Luke 10:2, ESV

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

In Memory



Florence Peterson died September 25, 2019. Her funeral was September 28 at English Lutheran Church. Remember her family and friends in your prayers.

 **Weddings**

Blessings on the marriage of Tessa Davis and Adam Figi, who were married at English Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 12. Tessa is the daughter of Julie & Kevin Davis.

Holden Village Trip



Bishop Laurie is leading a group trip to Holden Village Retreat Center near Chelan, WA.

August 16-21, 2020.

Friends from the NW Synod of Wisconsin and beyond are welcome.

8 Spaces Left!

Please email lskowanderson@nswi.org for more information.

I am very excited to host a trip to Holden Village next summer. Here are a few details to help you decide if this is a trip for you.

First of all, check out this website for specifics about this amazing ministry and place called Holden Village. www.holdenvillage.org

What to expect:

- Great mountain hiking for every ability level
- An eclectic selection of classes on a variety of religious and environmental topics
- Fun arts and crafts classes
- Inspiring evening vespers and great music
- Creative cooking-low on the food chain-and delicious
- Lively inclusive community-meet interesting people
- Narnia children's program

1. This is a group trip that means that we must all arrive and depart on the same day. We will all arrive at Holden Village on Sunday, August 16 and all depart Holden on Friday, August 21, 2020. 5 nights at Holden.

2. All the registration fees will be paid by one check from the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin. You will send registration fees to our Synod Minister for Administration, Liz Bartsch at NWSWI 944 24 ¼ Street Chetek, WI.

3. I am the group contact. The group is limited to 30. The first 30 registrations with \$100 deposits received will be accepted.

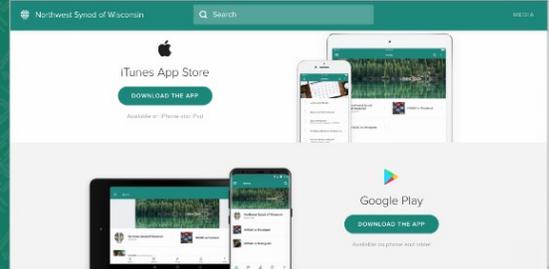


NEW! Synod App



Dear synod friends,

As we continue to walk together in this ministry we share, we are working to find new and effective ways to communicate with one another and make resources easily accessible. The new synod app is now available for download, ready to provide you with information and resources on your smartphone, or tablet.



Or you can simply search for "Northwest Synod of Wisconsin" in the iTunes App Store, Google Play, or Amazon AppStore to download the app.

Once you download the app, we encourage you to click on the settings to choose the notifications you'd like to receive by choosing the appropriate categories that apply to you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Laura Ramlow, lramlow@nswi.org



ETown Collective updated their cover photo.
October 11 at 7:09 PM · 🌐

* A project through the Ellsworth Community Development Corporation.

In an effort to fill a vacant property in our downtown, the Ellsworth Community Development Corporation is testing out a concept – a non-profit retail shop to raise funds for community revitalization projects. Through your support, this has the potential to fund projects currently underway in our community! Current projects already in the works are walk/bike trails and a dog park, with future projects such as public art.



Donations of your vintage items and your time are needed. Check out the Facebook and Website for ETOWN COLLECTIVE.

Ellsworth Community School District Gift Box Program

Ellsworth Gift Box Committee
P.O. Box 1500 • Ellsworth, WI 54011
Fax: 715-273-5775
Phone: [715-821-1258](tel:715-821-1258)
EllsworthGiftBoxProgram@gmail.com

The Ellsworth Gift Box Program will serve families living within the geographic area of the Ellsworth School District. This program is a result of many community volunteers who have committed their time and energy to help families during the holidays? the program will be aided by the Ellsworth School Foundation and Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services.

Sponsors Needed

Individuals or groups who would like to sponsor a family are encouraged to fill out the form (which can be found to the right) or at the Ellsworth Public Library and return to the program coordinators by fax, mail or email (EllsworthGiftBoxProgram@gmail.com). Any monetary donations should be made out to the Ellsworth School Foundation/Gift Box Program.

Applications for Assistance Available

Families/Individuals that would like to be sponsored should fill out an application (which can be found to the right) or available at any of the district buildings. Applications should be returned no later than November 15th to the program to allow time to be matched with a sponsor. These can be emailed, faxed or mailed to the Gift Box Office, and will be followed up by a phone call.



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 Call or email to schedule a meeting as office hours vary.
 Cell: 651-235-7204 (preferably 9 am-9 pm)
 Call or text any time for urgent pastoral care.

Communications Coordinator & Finance Administrator, Trina Groen
office@englishlutheranchurch.org

Custodian, Julie Baggenstoss

Music Director, Evan Mitchell
music@englishlutheranchurch.org

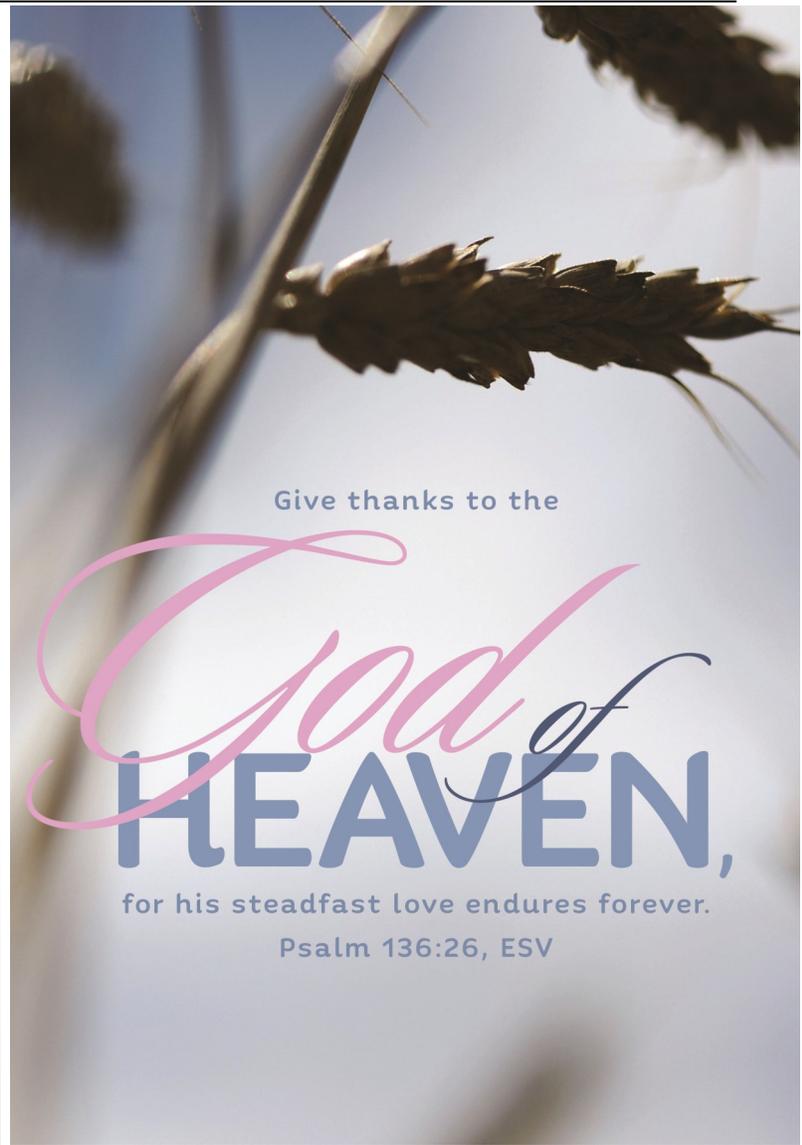
	<p>The church office is open:</p> <p>Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday</p> <p>9:00 am - 3:00 pm</p> <p>Friday ~ 9:00 am-1:00 pm</p> <p>Closed on Tuesdays.</p>
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Congregational Council

President: Warren Johnson
Vice President: Dennis Boettcher
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Secretary: Julie Davis
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Joyce Karlstad
Dean Mewes
Kristen Kinneman
Lynette Winger

Sunday Worship Times

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship



Give thanks to the

God of
HEAVEN,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 136:26, ESV

Our Mission:

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

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