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MY JOURNEY TO ENGLISH LUTHERAN

When people find out that I was once a park ranger and am now a pastor, I often get strange looks and the question, “Why?” In her poem “The Journey,” Mary Oliver neatly sums up my journey from being a park ranger with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to becoming your pastor at English Lutheran with these words – “One day you finally knew what you had to do, and began.”

Now my journey to becoming a pastor had begun long before I was even aware of it. It began while growing up in the Catholic Church as the youngest of three girls on a farm in northern Iowa. It was on



our family farm that my love for the outdoors was first ignited. After graduating from South Dakota State University with degrees in Biology and Psychology, I landed a job as a park ranger. As a park ranger, I spent much of my time teaching others, especially children about nature, as well as doing law enforcement and fighting wild fires. I still love exploring the outdoors and reveling in God’s cre-

ation. Cheryl, Gracie (our toy poodle), and I enjoy hiking, bird watching, and camping.

When I came to Lutheranism as an adult, I had no idea that there were different “kinds” of Lutherans. This explains why I started out in a Missouri Synod church! I eventually joined an ELCA congregation while living in Saginaw, Michigan, and got involved in leading worship and serving on the council. I participated in the Synod’s lay ministry training program and through this I began to feel that God was calling me to be a pastor. I knew what I had to do. I left my career as a park ranger and began my journey into the unknown world of becoming a pastor. I graduated from Wartburg Theological Seminary in May, and now here I am in my first call with you at English Lutheran.

I remember how my heart sang as I read English’s paperwork during the interview process because of your work in social ministry. I am excited by the passion and energy that I have felt while in worship with you. I am eager to share my gifts with you and to learn from you as we journey together in God’s mission. As Christ’s disciples, we are to follow Jesus wherever he may lead; loving everyone along the way. Starting a journey can be scary, but we can take heart in God’s promise that we are never alone. We know what we have to do. Will you join me as we begin our journey together?

Pastor Becky Goche

View more photos at: <https://englishlutheran.smugmug.com/Events/2017/Pastor-Beckys-Installation/>

Choir NEWS



Did you know that singing can be good for your health? It can lower stress levels, increase lung capacity, and improve feelings of well-being. YOU (adults, high schoolers, and middle schoolers) are invited to join the Senior Choir to not only take advantage of these benefits, but also to join us in the serious work of being vocal music leaders in worship services.

Surprisingly, the commitment of time is less than you might think: about six times a month. Per month there are four Wednesday evening rehearsals and two Sundays on which we sing (first and second Sundays). I plan to work to continue our church's history of having the Senior Choir sing anthems that are rich in content, many of which would be sung by good quality Lutheran college choirs. A particularly special thing we will be working on is the Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah"; we will be singing this Dec. 10.

First rehearsal
Wed., Aug. 30
at 7:30 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

Come join us in making a joyful noise to the Lord!

Nancy
nancy@englishlutheran.org • 769-3022

WORSHIP TIMES
Change to 10:45
Labor Day weekend

Saturday5:00 p.m.
Sunday.....8:30 and 10:45 a.m.
Nursery Sun ...8:30 to 11:45 a.m.

HELLO FROM THE TWO NEW MUSIC STAFF

Nancy and I will start mid August. Nancy will be the Senior Choir Director and I will be the Director of Music and part time organist. We are here to serve you. We are both excited to get to know you all. We both encourage suggestions in how music can enhance your worship experience. Please contact us at anytime at nancy@englishlutheran.org and trevor@englishlutheran.org.

A little about us:

Hi, from Nancy Matchett! I am SO delighted to be back here at English Lutheran as both your new and old (1983-1994) Senior Choir Director. In the interim my husband and I raised our 3 children and we now have 5 grandchildren. I have taught in the School District of La Crosse, been the Principal at Hamilton and SOTA I

Schools, and been an exchange teacher to Russia. Music has always continued to be a part of my life and I have given concerts, sung solos, and participated in choirs, including the La Crosse Chamber Chorale and the UWL Choral Union. I am now retired from the School District and am looking forward to a dynamic choir year with old friends and new.

It's Trevor DuPey here. I studied music at UWL focusing on music ed, accompanying and art. While in college, I sang in the English Lutheran choir, played in the bell choir and played piano/organ for services. In 2002, I transferred to Wesley Methodist and served as organist, choir director, bell director and Coordinator of Music and Worship. Currently I'm studying organ in Rochester, MN with Lee Afdahl.

Thank You

As I transition out of the Director of Music role, I would like to share a message of thanks and gratitude to the ELC community.

It has been my pleasure serving in this music ministry, making use of the many musical gifts that English possesses. It is truly a blessed community, of which I am grateful to be a part.

Thank you to the many groups and individuals that help make the musical team so robust: the English Ringers and Jim Knutson; the Senior Choir and Amy Hanson; Lori Dubczak; the praise bands—in all their iterations, led by Colin Stiemke; and the many other vocalists and instrumentalists I've had the honor of working with.

Special thanks to Directors of Worship Paul Sannerud and Eddie Kim, who made planning worship a process which was not only smooth and efficient, but personally enlightening and meaningful. Thanks to many more names I cannot fit in this space, including, of course, the entirety of the ELC staff for being a joy to work with.

This is not a 'goodbye' but rather a message of transition; I will continue playing piano at services on a semi-regular basis. I welcome Trevor DuPey as the new Director of Music, and I am excited for the 'joyful noise' to come. I encourage everybody to continue sharing your gifts, musical and otherwise!

With thanks,
Luke Thering

PASTOR'S PRESS

A GOSPEL OUTPOST IN A SECULAR WORLD

Summer is a marvelous time with warm, sunny days and fewer evening meetings. For pastors, summer is also an opportunity to read, reflect and attend continuing education. Earlier this summer, Carol and I spent a wonderful week at the Chautauqua Institute in western New York State. Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, the former Chief Rabbi of Great Britain and a member of the House of Lords, traced the ascendancy of secularism in the post-reformation world.

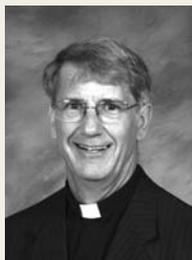
Sixteenth Century Europe was dominated by the Church and religion with very little room for secular influence. Since then, the West has undergone a four-century process of secularization (Sacks, Not in God's Name, page 12). The 17th Century marked the secularization of knowledge with Newton in science and Descartes in philosophy. The 18th Century marked the secularization of power with the American Revolution in 1776 and the French Revolution in 1789. In the 19th Century, we witness the secularization of culture as art galleries and museums were seen as alternatives to churches as places culture. Finally, the 20th Century experienced the secularization of morality with the principle that neither the state nor the church can dictate what is done in private.

So how does the Church respond to a society that has an abundance of choice but is seriously deficient in meaning and purpose? Clearly, moral relativism is not the answer. Some groups, like the Fundamentalists, respond by militantly digging in their heels and fighting back. Other groups withdraw from society in order to create their own, pure, religious community.

As Christians we are in the world but not of the world. Jesus calls us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matthew 5). We are called to be change agents for the sake of the world. As the post-apostolic Church ventured out into a pagan world in the power of the Holy Spirit with nothing but their love and the promise of the gospel, so our church stands as a gospel outpost in a secular world. We are evangelists, not cowering in fear, but full of confidence and hope. "We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us" (2 Corinthians 4:7).

Summer is over. Fall has come. It is time to get to work.

Pastor Mark Solyst



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If you are unable to assist at the appointed time, please contact a person on the list to substitute. **Change information on our web site: go to Worship & Music > Worship Volunteers, or go to this link <http://bit.ly/1196csZ> or call the church office 784-9335.**

SEPTEMBER 3

8:30 a.m. Julie Kriewald Mike Kriewald Lou Wuensch	10:45 a.m. Mark Carr Jennifer Carr Mary Sween
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SEPTEMBER 10

8:30 a.m. Dennis Naumann Cathy Walth Sue Harnden	10:45 a.m. Peggy Sannerud Pam Strittmater Marilyn Webster
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SEPTEMBER 17

8:30 a.m. Vicki Dahl Bob Weeks Kathy Weeks	10:45 a.m. Kathryn Wanders Lois Betz Cindy Sahlstrom
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SEPTEMBER 24

8:30 a.m. Janet Melby Dennis Naumann Kristen Duchrow	10:45 a.m. Brad Quarberg Gail Quarberg Peggy Sannerud
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Career Recognition

As a recognition to the many careers on Labor Day, come to church dressed as you would dress to work.

SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG.

This familiar line starts Psalm 96. Through Summer, we sang various psalms. Psalms also talk about the seasons (Psalm 104:19). I reflect on the seasons and transitions of English that allowed us to get to where we are now. We just installed Pastor Becky in a service showing the breadth of worship at English.

There are transitions that are nearing completion in worship and music. Amy stepped down after five years as choir director. Luke is moving on to other opportunities after three years as director of music. I thank Amy and Luke for their service. Our new choir director Nancy Matchett and new Director of Music Trevor DuPey bring new ideas and energy, and I'm excited to see what they do. Pastor Mark asked me to be the interim Director of Worship until we called a new pastor. Pastor Mark now takes the worship planning that I used to do.

A year ago, when I took on the interim role, I made a commitment to you all that I would still be involved in music as a pianist. That commitment doesn't change. I look forward to playing piano at worship services for the months and years ahead, all the while experiencing the work and inspiration of Mark, Nancy, and Trevor in worship and music. Thank you all for your support in the last year!

-- Eddie Kim

English Ringers

Rehearsal begins
Wednesday September 13
6:30 p.m. - rehearsal room

Play in church - October 15



Thank You

LUKE THERING

Luke began playing for worship services at English Lutheran Church in October 2012. Initially, Luke played as a member of the "Faithlift" worship band, accompanied the adult choir and played for regular worship services.

In the fall of 2015, we hired Luke as our part-time Director of Music. In that role, Luke recruits our cantors, schedules musicians for worship and arranges music for worship. Luke indicated that he wishes to step down from the administrative post of Director of Music although he will continue to play for worship services at English Lutheran on a regular basis.

Recently, Luke's career as an arranger of music has taken off. Luke takes popular music, arranges it for piano so that it can be sold commercially as sheet music. If you would like to hear Luke play more often, he is generally playing jazz on Tuesday nights at the Root Note in downtown La Crosse.

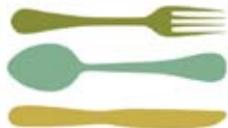
Feature Volunteer



The Ministry Council would like to thank Sue Marsolek for making approximately 300 school kit bags that will be packed with your school supply donations and sent to LWR for distribution. Sue says, "In creating backpacks I have found a way to help others, while doing something I enjoy. It really become a labor of love for me."

We appreciate you Sue!

HAVE WHEELS? DELIVER MEALS



Do you have a ready smile, an extra hour a month, and a valid driver's license? ELC delivers Mobile Meals the first 15 days of every month. Volunteer drivers and substitute drivers are needed for our route. Meals are picked up at 10:50 from Mayo Medical Center on Market Street, and our High Rise Route 3 takes about an hour to deliver.

Call Karen Newburg, 788-6312, or church office to volunteer.

La Crosse Area Bell Choirs

will tour Europe July of 2018

Don't miss out on this amazing chance to visit Europe! The group stay with host families in France and Germany on this wonderful 11-day trip. We will play three or four mini-concerts and mostly enjoy the sights and sounds of these two magnificent countries. The trip is not filled up yet with ringers, but you can even go if you don't ring.

Ringers and all who are interested should contact jim@firstlu.org or 608-498-8829.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Please refer to the schedules and reminders by the volunteer captains or the church office.

If you can't participate on your assigned date, please find someone to replace you, and contact your volunteer captain and the church office so the change may be listed in the bulletin. If you wish to volunteer, please contact the person listed below to inquire. Thanks for your time and talents as well as your cooperation.

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USHERS 5:00 SAT. - Karla Strangstalien

787-9803, walize18@yahoo.com

USHERS 8:30 - Mark Flaten

mflaten61@gmail.com

USHERS 10:45 - Al Graewin

agraewin@aol.com

WELCOME CENTER - Grace Engen

507-429-0502

WORSHIP COORDINATOR - Ann Weidner

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Walking - with - GOD

Thank you to all of those who prayed for

and who were involved in the small group ministry last year! We have heard great feedback from groups. Many are saying "We Make the Road by Walking" is a great book to form authentic deep faith conversations. The small groups have been intentionally looking at scripture with the book as guide, intentionally praying together, and have formed relationships through the six week of authentic faith conversations.

We are excited to say 15 groups met over the course of the six weeks last fall, 10 groups met over the January

Session (both new and existing), and 13 groups met over the Lent series! We are looking forward to adding more groups and inviting others to join the already existing groups this year of Small Group Ministry!

"As co-leaders of a Walking with God group, we have felt our faith strengthen. Anytime you are reading and discussing scripture this is bound to happen. Exploring the book "We Make the Road by Walking" is a challenge our group wants to continue. We encourage you to join or lead a small group. You will witness your faith strengthening as you enjoy the journey of Walking with God together."

- Walking with God
Small Group Member

Walking with God Kick Off will be September 17 during Adult forum time in the South Hall.

More six week series of "Walking with God" groups are coming in 2017 -2018!

The fall series will start September 24. It will be a six week series around the book "We Make the Road By Walking."

Please let me know if you are interested in joining or leading a group this fall! We would love for this to be an important ministry and part of all of our church family's faith life.

Questions please contact Kerri Jahnke (kerri@englishlutheran.org)

Pastor Rog Grow

Pastor of Caring Ministries

When we called Pastor Becky Goche to be our new pastor, Pastor Rog's tenure as our Interim Pastor came to an end. However, we like Pastor Rog and Rog likes us and he agreed to continue to serve our congregation in a more limited role. Beginning in August, Pastor Rog will serve as our Pastor of Caring Ministries.

In his new role, Pastor Rog will serve as staff liaison for the Ministry Council; facilitate our Christian Care Ministries, visit members in the hospital and shut-ins. He will also make general member visits and new member visits. Pastor Grow will also preach and lead worship as needed. His regular work week will be Tuesday through Thursday plus worship.

Film Feature



We are excited to share that NAMI, Mental Health Coalition, Campaign to Change Direction, Rebuilding for Learning, and Better Together are offering a free viewing of Paper Tigers for the community with a **special appearance from Jim Sporleder**, the principal from the school that the movie is about.

August 30 at 6:30 p.m.
English Lutheran Church
Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.

The film does contain some strong language, so is most appropriate for audiences 18 and older.

Please help us spread the word about this film!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September</h1>						
3 - Time Change! 8:30a Worship 9:30a Coffee Hour 10:45a Worship	4 - Labor Day Office Closed	5 - C4S & Hillview 6:30a Men's Faith Forum 8:45a Quilters 9:00a Christian Parenting 4:30p Stewardship 6:30p Delvers 6:30p Evangelism Council	6 3:30p Property Comm. 6:00p Confirmation Reg. & Orientation 7:30p Senior Choir NO DINNER OR OTHER PROGRAMMING	7 7:00a Fayze's 9:30a Seekers 1:30p Library Committee	8	9 2:00p Johns/Semanko Wedding 5:00p Worship
10 - Rally Day!	11	12 VOICE Deadline	13	14	15	16
Burritos/Block Party/ New Members 8:30a Worship 9:30a Coffee Hour 9:30a Education Hour 10:45a Worship		8:45a Quilters 5:30p Fellowship Council 6:30p Delvers	DINNER & PROGRAMMING - See online calendar for more details 5:30p Youth Steering	7:00a Fayze's 9:30a Seekers 10:00a Ministry Council 7:00p Bethlehem Steering		1:30p Lenth/Hanson Wedding & Reception 5:00p Worship
17 - WWG Kickoff	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:30a Worship 9:30a Coffee Hour 9:30a Education Hour 10:45a Worship 6:30p HS Youth Group		6:30a Men's Faith Forum 8:45a Quilters 9:00a Christian Parenting 6:30p Delvers	12:00p Community Conversations DINNER & PROGRAMMING - See online calendar for more details	7:00a Fayze's 9:30a Seekers 5:30p Interfaith Partners		2:00 MacPherson/Borst Wedding 5:00p Worship
24 - Pancakes	25	26	27	28	29	30
8:30a Worship 9:30a Coffee Hour 9:30a Education Hour 10:45a Worship	12:00p Senior Fun & Fellowship	8:45a Quilters 12:30p Newsletter Crew 6:30p Delvers 6:30p Vision Board	DINNER & PROGRAMMING - See online calendar for more details 6:30p Peer Ministry	7:00a Fayze's 9:30a Seekers 6:30p Jesus of Nazareth		5:00p Worship

We're always adding things to our calendar! For a full schedule of events, including community groups that use our church, please visit our website and click on the calendar button. www.englishlutheran.org

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

Undesignated

- in memory of Allen Gutzel by family and friends
- in memory of Gene Retzlaff by James Sill
- in memory of Gary Iverson by Chris and Beth Weiss and family and friends

BAPTISMS

06/25.... Zachary Stephen, son of Charlie and Sara Johnson

MARRIAGES

7/07..... Gregory Koboski and Jacy Gnacinski (MS)

DEATHS

We extend the sympathy of the Gospel to the family John C. Schubert who died on May 31. Private family services were held.



Two Members Complete Training in

Spiritual Direction

Two of our English Lutheran members have recently completed training in the Spiritual Direction Preparation Program through the Franciscan Spirituality Center. Ken Ford completed the program in the summer of 2014 and Cara Hartfield completed the program in July of 2017. The Spiritual Direction Preparation Program is a three-year training program offered through the Franciscan Spirituality Center for the past 30 years. Graduates of the program gain a deeper understanding of their own spiritual lives and receive extensive training in helping others, both individually and in groups, gain a deeper understanding of their spiritual lives.

Spiritual Direction, also known as compassionate listening or holy listening, provides a sacred space for individuals to explore their spiritual lives and gain a larger and deeper awareness of God's

movement in their everyday lives. Through the experience of compassionate listening, participants in Spiritual Direction learn to recognize God's presence in their lives more fully - in their relationships, vocations, life circumstances, and even ordinary daily encounters. Spiritual Direction also offers participants a safe place where they can prayerfully consider how God might be calling them or nudging them in various life circumstances. Participants in Spiritual Direction often find that the experience of a safe, grace-filled environment where they can share their stories is enriching, life-giving, and even life-changing.

We hope to be offering Spiritual Direction groups to our English Lutheran members in the coming months. For more information on Spiritual Direction talk to Ken or Cara. kenford753@gmail.com cara.and.jon@centurytel.net

Adult
EDUCATION

Sunday

- 9/3... Labor Day
- 9/10 RALLY DAY - No class
- 9/17 WALKING with GOD Kickoff
- 9/24 Staff Updates Meet Pastor Goche led by Pastor Solyst and Pastor Goche



YOUTH FAITH FORMATION
 September 17 - 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 9th -12th grade **Youth Group Kick Off**

PEER MINISTRY
 September 27 - 6:30 p.m.
 10th -12th grade

Questions? Contact Kerri Jahnke
 kerri@englishlutheran.org



**NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING
 Information Meeting**

August 30 - 6:00 p.m.
 September 6 - 7:30 p.m.

**Faith Milestones
 Workshops**

Wednesday evenings, 6:15-7:15 p.m.
 Sunday School hour, 9:45-10:30 a.m.

3rd Grade
Wednesday, September 13
 Opening the Bible - receive Bibles

5th Grade
Wednesday, September 20
 Preparing for First Communion.
 Learning about Martin Luther and
 real life faith heroes

4th Grade
Wednesday, Sept. 27
 Understanding the meaning and
 memorizing the Apostles' Creed.
 Understanding the order of a worship
 service. Following the life of Jesus

6th Grade
Wednesday, October 4
 Group Service Projects. Lutheranism
 101. A Walk Through The Bible

2nd Grade
Sunday, October 15
 Understanding Emotions - Becoming
 familiar with New Testament charac-
 ters

1st Grade
Sunday, October 29
 Memorizing and understanding the
 meaning of the Ten Commandments.
 Becoming familiar with Old Testa-
 ment characters

Kindergarten
Sunday, November 5
 Learning and memorizing The Lord's
 Prayer. Becoming familiar with New
 Testament Bible stories

Rally Day
September 10
A NEW YEAR KICK-OFF
 Hear about updates in our
 program, meet your child's
 teacher, and learn about
 opportunities for parents
 and older siblings on
 Sunday morning.



Ski with us at
Winter Park, Colorado
 February 8-12, 2018

Includes
 4 nights lodging (ski-in/ski-out)
 3 days skiing

Under 6 - \$311
 Ages 6-12 - \$385
 Ages 13-18 - \$426
 Ages 19+ - \$447

**Rates do not include equipment
 rental, lessons or transportation.**

\$50 deposit **due October 1**
 to guarantee this rate

Questions
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Sunday School Schedule

9:45-10:30 a.m., ages 2 yrs. - 6th gr.

September 16/17 – Sunday School
 3rd Grade students are presented with
 their Bibles during worship services

Sept. 24 - Oct. 29 - regular classes

FINANCIAL REPORT

The relaxing summer months of June and July turned out to be pretty typical financially. Receipts and disbursements in June were both a small amount higher than last year, so we had a deficit of about \$5,000, comparable to 2016. The General Fund deficit for the first six months was just over \$1,000. For July, Envelope Offering and Simply Giving were down about \$2,000 from last year. Other General Fund receipts were down \$19,000 since last year we received a large one-time tax credit for health insurance premiums paid for our full time staff. Overall our July receipts were high enough to cover our disbursements and give us a \$10,000 increase for the month and a nearly \$12,000 increase for the year.

Our Keep the Vision Growing campaign did well over the summer as we received \$8,841 in June and \$17,464 in July for a total of \$26,305 for the two months. After making our regular monthly mortgage payments our mortgage balance at the end of July was \$237,465. Thanks to your generous giving we have been able to pay over \$101,000 so far this year against the principal. THANK YOU for all your ongoing gifts.

We hope you have enjoyed these warm summer days and are looking forward to autumn and the start of school year programs. We look forward to seeing you in church.

Finance Committee



ATTENTION GROUP LEADERS

Keep your group's
information current.
Please send updates
to church office.

ADULT EDUCATION
& ADULT GROUP LIFE
are now listed on the web.

Click here or go to:
[www.englishlutheran.org/
connect--grow.html](http://www.englishlutheran.org/connect--grow.html)

GENERAL FUND JULY 2017

RECEIPTS	CURRENT MONTH			YEAR-TO-DATE		
	Actual	Budget	2016 Actual	Actual	Budget	2016 Actual
Envelope Offerings	40,621	41,360	42,489	226,562	256,670	225,297
Simply Giving Plan	22,096	23,650	22,829	156,628	160,420	161,576
Other General	262	20,710	19,655	13,648	11,550	32,385
General Fund Total	62,979	85,720	84,973	396,838	428,640	419,258
Benevolence	25		30	1,241		4,138
TOTAL	63,004	85,720	85,003	398,079	428,640	423,396
Communion Fund	647			9,051		
Memorials	336			9,925		
Hungry Jar	492			3,658		
Mortgage Reduction	17,464			96,216		
DISBURSEMENTS						
Benevolence	4,979	5,139	4,712	47,170	46,844	43,494
Stability Triangle	45,416	39,431	41,980	318,457	353,864	338,824
Five Big Rocks	2,020	2,074	1,812	20,616	37,800	20,118
TOTAL	52,415	46,644	48,504	386,243	438,508	402,436
Communion Fund	407			7,344		
Hungry Jar	412			3,929		
Mortgage Reduction (from Building Fund)						
Principal	11,751		10,998	101,281		110,408
Interest	998		1,751	6,948		13,835



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HOMELESSNESS

September 20 Noon to 1:00 p.m.

The fall schedule of Community Conversations kicks off with “Homelessness” as the topic. Kim Cable, the executive director of Coulee Cap and the chairperson of the La Crosse Collaborative to End Homelessness will be our speaker. Mayor Tim Kabat will introduce our speaker.

We invite you to join us in our English Lutheran Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, September 20, at noon for this month’s conversation about homelessness

in the Coulee Region. Lunch is provided for a free-will donation. The program begins at noon and concludes at 1:00 p.m.

Community Conversations take place on the third Wednesday of each month between September and April excluding December. Because of our Bethlehem Event, the November Conversation will be held at the Onalaska Methodist Church.

The October 18 Conversation will focus on Mental Wellness and is entitled “Better Together.” Diana Diaz Granados and Heather Quackenboss will be our speakers.

Click here for more information or go to: <http://www.englishlutheran.org/in-our-community.html>

