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## *Messiah*

Seventy choral voices, soloists and a fifteen piece orchestra comprised of English Lutheran members and community members announced the coming of the Messiah at worship on Sunday, December 10. Nancy Matchett, our Senior Choir Director, conducted the Messiah before a packed house as we celebrated the Second Sunday of Advent.

Photos on page 2. Also go to photos on our web or click here. <http://smu.gs/2khJdZn>



## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 11  
Noon

Following the 10:45 worship service, members will be invited to stand and stretch and then return to the sanctuary for the meeting. All confirmed members in good standing (active members) of ELC are encouraged to participate in this annual review of our mission, and look ahead to 2018. The annual meeting includes a pastor's report, financial report, election of officers and report from the Endowment Committee. Written copies of our annual report will be available in the narthex beginning on Saturday, January 28.

## ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

If your council/committee/group turns in a report, please email it to [jennifer@englishlutheran.org](mailto:jennifer@englishlutheran.org). Word document is preferred in case we need to format to fit (report itself will not be edited).

Saturday .....5:00 p.m.  
Sunday.....8:30 and 10:45 a.m.  
Nursery Sun ...8:30 to 11:45 a.m.

### Epiphany Worship

#### January 6 and 7

Baptism of our Lord  
Liturgy: ELW Setting 6  
Special Music: Senior Choir  
Preacher: Pastor Solyst

#### January 13 and 14

Epiphany 1  
Saturday Liturgy: Holden Evening Prayer  
Sunday Liturgy: ELW Setting 6  
Special Music: Senior Choir  
Preacher: Pastor Goche

#### January 20 and 21

Epiphany 2  
Liturgy: Filled with the Spirit  
Special Music: English Ringers  
Preacher: Pastor Solyst

#### January 27 and 28

Epiphany 3  
Liturgy: Filled with the Spirit  
Special Music: Praise Band  
Preacher: Pastor Goche



This year Christmas Eve and New Years Eve both land on Sundays. As a result, our holiday worship times are as follows:

**Saturday December 23:** no 5:00 p.m. service

**Sunday December 24:** no regular 8:30 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. services

**Christmas Eve:** at 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

- The 3:00 service will offer communion, candle lighting, and the Senior Choir.
- The 5:00 service will also have communion, candle lighting and a vocal group.
- The 10:00 p.m. service will be a lessons, carols, communion and history of hymns. Linda Zoerb and the Tully family have musical offerings to share.

**Monday December 25:** we will worship at 9:30 a.m. in Bethlehem! What could be more appropriate than Bethlehem!?

**Saturday December 30:** 5:00 p.m. Holden service

**Sunday December 31:** one service at 9:30 a.m.



## WHAT WE NEED IS HERE

I write this article during the flurry of making preparations for Christmas. It is easy to get caught up in the consumerism that surrounds Christmas. We are constantly bombarded with the message that in order to have a good Christmas we have to do all sorts of things like decorating our homes with elaborate lights and displays, eating all sorts of goodies and meals that expand our waistlines and will most likely prompt us to seek a gym membership in the coming new year, and of course, purchasing the perfect gifts for our loved ones. What if we considered, especially during this time of year when giving and receiving gifts is the norm, that perhaps the finest gifts are not special or dazzling “things,” but rather are the simple and small offerings often times hidden in plain sight?

During my internship in 2015, I looked forward to visiting 93-year-old Manford, a life-long member of the church. “Manny” was a retired vocational teacher and had taught many high school students through the years how to build houses, work on plumbing, and do electrical work. He was a blue ribbon winner for several years at the Iowa State Fair for his honey and vegetables. I never grew tired of listening to Manny’s stories about his life. I remember Manny telling me one day how much he appreciated my visits because he “learned so much from me.” In reality, it was I who learned so much from him.

At Christmas, Manny gave me The Martin Luther Christmas Book that he had copied many years ago on multiple 8 ½" x 14" sheets, folded in half and now held

together by a rusty paper clip. While the book itself was humble in appearance, I saw this as a gift from Manny’s mind, heart and spirit. Manny died in December, 2016, and I had the privilege to be a part of his grave side service. I pulled out the copy of the book that Manny had given me as I wrote this article. Even though time has passed, this gift and all the other small offerings I received through our conversations together years ago have blessed me and continue to resonate within me today.

Recently, I read the poem “The Wild Geese,” by Wendell Berry and I was intrigued by these words from this poem – “What we need is here.” We won’t find what we need by obsessing about the past. We won’t find what we need by worrying about the future. If we allow it, there are a thousand other distractions that prevent us from experiencing the gift of here and now. God has given us everything we need, here and now. We need to open our eyes to see and appreciate all the simple and small “gifts” hidden in plain sight – like the sunlight bouncing off the snow, like the smile from the stranger on the street, like your child’s artwork hanging on your refrigerator, like the book that Manny gave to me. When we pay attention to the simple gifts that are around us every day, we are better able to receive them for the blessings they are.

*Pastor Becky Goche*



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# Making a New Year's Resolution? Think Outside the Box.

It is the first Sunday in Advent as I write this article. New Year's seems like a long way off, but articles for the Voice must be written ahead of time - so while thoughts of Christmas baking and decorating should be filling my free time, I am dwelling on New Year's resolutions.

Like many, I make New Year's resolutions - and each year my resolutions are very much the same. I resolve to lose 20 pounds, to eat more healthy foods, to exercise more, and to read more books ..... Get the pattern?? They're all about "me" and improving "me" - and I seldom carry through on any of them. What would happen if I, and all the other thousands and thousands of New Year resolutioners would resolve to engage in one new activity that would make life better for others? Think of all the possibilities - and the wonderful results, if we would carry through on even just one resolution to serve and care for others.

There are so many ways we can minister to others. Here are some possibilities.

1. Volunteer once a week at one of the community food banks, shelters or free meal programs such as "Come for Supper", or deliver Mobile Meals once a month. Our Ministry Council has more information and brochures on these organizations and how you can help in our community. There is a brochure file next to the entry to the Fellowship Hall describing the work of many local organizations that serve the La Crosse area. Check it out.

2. Visit an elderly person or shut-in. Almost one third of elderly people live alone. For those that have difficulty walking or can no longer drive, days

and weeks are spent with little human contact other than watching TV. If you have a neighbor or know of someone from our church that is a shut-in, (or maybe it's your own mother or grandfather that no longer can get around well), resolve to visit this person once a week. Your visit will brighten their day - and yours too!

3. Donate to World Hunger on a regular basis by becoming a Monthly Partner. Go to <http://www.elca.org/en/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/ELCA-World-Hunger/Ways-to-Give>

Did you know that the number of refugees in the world today exceeds 60 million people? Your donation could help provide food and lifesaving care for refugees of war and natural disasters.

4. If you like kids, consider supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters, or contact the YWCA or the Boys and Girls Club of La Crosse to see how you can volunteer. There are countless ways you could help our youth.

5. Resolve to go on a Mission Trip. The Ministry Council will be working with Lutheran Disaster Response to organize a Mission Trip to help people in areas affected by recent hurricanes and flooding. Watch for more information on this opportunity to make a difference.

6. Consider volunteering at Sugar Creek Bible Camp. Every Tuesday a group of area volunteers car-pool to Ferryville to help at the camp. Work includes such things as making fire wood, helping with repairs, getting cabins ready for the summer, gardening, and tending the flower beds. If you are interested, you can contact the camp at <http://wp.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/> or talk to Bob Weeks.

7. Resolve to be less apathetic and more informed and pro-active for policies that support peace, justice, and care for all of God's creation. The ELCA supports a public policy ministry that tackles some of the tough issues including human trafficking, child abuse, immigration, hunger, the environment, and health care. The Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin can help you stay on top of these issues in a non-partisan way and can give you suggestions as to what you can do. You can access more information about LOPPW and what they do at <https://www.loppw.org/>.

So - as you ponder the challenges of a New Year, consider other options for resolutions. Instead of focusing on yourself, focus on what you can do to serve others. As followers of Christ, we need to be more like Christ and care for our neighbor. This year, challenge yourself to do one new thing to help or serve others. Join others who are already engaged in this work - it will help you stay committed and inspired. You will discover that serving others will change your perspective on a lot of things, and while you are helping better the lives of others, you will become a better person.

*Kathy Weeks  
Ministry Council  
Member of Synod Mission Interpreters*

# Feature Volunteers

Karena Amundson is a member of the Fellowship Council and an active member of English Lutheran Church.



She is the first one to say yes to any kind of help needed here at

English, especially in the area of Fellowship. She and her family have served at many events and continue to spread joy and Jesus's love to those around them. Karena is the month's Feature Volunteer.

Thank you Karena for all that you do for your church family here at English Lutheran!

*We appreciate you Karena!*

## 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 10:45 - Al Graewin

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Walking  
- with -  
GOD

*40 day journey of authentic  
faith conversations*

Thank you to all of those who prayed for and who were involved in the small group ministry this past fall! 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 had 13 groups meet faithfully over six weeks this fall!

We would love for this to be continue to be an important ministry and part of all of our church family's faith live. If you have any questions about "Walking With God" please contact Kerri Jahnke.

Next *Walking With God* six week session will begin in Lent, February 14 - March 28. No January session.



## NEW WAYS TO GIVE OFFERING

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### INTERESTED IN ELECTRONIC OPTIONS?

Click each link below or go to:

<http://www.englishlutheran.org/givingfinancial-wellness.html>

#### Give online

Click here to give online. You can set up an account for regular automatic withdrawals, or simply do a one-time gift. If you currently have automatic withdrawals taken out, please check with the church office before proceeding.

#### Give with automatic withdrawals

Click here for a Simply Giving form. Or contact Jennifer for a paper version. Turn it in to the church office. Your withdrawals are then set up for you on a weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly frequency.

#### Give by text

Simply text the amount you wish to give to 608.571.1518. (Use 5, 10, 15, etc. - no decimal point or dollar sign.) You'll receive a text with a link with further instructions. Click here to watch a quick video for instructions! Or go to web link above.

#### Give via an app **GIVE+**

Search Give+ by Vanco Payment Solutions and download the app. Plug in 54601 or search English Lutheran. The app enables you to give recurring or one-time donations.

The Simply Giving® Program endorsed by Thrivent Federal Credit Union is designed to help you conveniently give offering. Through Simply Giving, your payments are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account.

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#### Give by other means

We welcome offerings given during worship services via check or cash. If you wish to make a bequest gift or include English Lutheran in your estate planning, please contact the church office.

### FINANCIAL WELLNESS TOOLS

Check out these links for financial wellness. These are organizations that we as a church have found to be helpful. Did you know the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has its own credit union? We encourage you to consider it for a banking option! Click on each name below to go to their respective sites.

ELCA Federal Credit Union  
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Dave Ramsey  
Share, Save, Spend

*Luke 12:34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

### ENDOWMENT FUND

Since its inception in 1995, the English Lutheran Endowment Fund has distributed \$408,147.00. Overwhelmingly, the money has been given to global mission projects and American mission projects.

In 2017, The Fund distributed \$4,500 to global mission projects, \$7,000 to American mission projects, and \$1,500 for camper scholarships at English Lutheran Church.



Applications for 2018 Endowment Fund are due on December 31. You may pick up an application form in the Welcome Center or the church office.

### FINAL OFFERINGS FOR 2017

All offering that members would like included on 2017 statements should be in the *offering plate on December 31*.

If you mail your last gift for the year, please *postmark it by December 23* to ensure it makes it here in time. You can drop offering off in the *church office by December 28*.

Our office is closed on Friday, December 29 for the New Year holiday.

Thank you for your continued support of ministry at ELC!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	<b>1</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>2</b> Come for Supper Hillview Worship Svc. 6:30a Men's Faith Forum 8:45a Quilters 9:00a Christian Parenting	<b>3</b> Dinner & Programming – see website for schedule	<b>4</b> 7:00a Fayze's Bible Study 9:30a Seekers Bible Std. 1:30p Library Committee	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Bethlehem Tear Down 9:00a Altar Ministry 5:00p Worship	
<b>7 Ann. Reports Due</b> 8:30a Worship 9:30a Coffee Hour 9:45a Education Hour 10:45a Worship 12:00p Luther Movie 6:30p HS Youth Party!	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> VOICE Deadline 8:45a Quilters 10:30a Stewardship Com. 5:30p Fellowship Council 6:30p Book Club (Conf.) 6:30p Evangelism Council 7:00p Worship Council	<b>10</b> 5:30p Youth Steering Dinner & Programming – see website for schedule	<b>11</b> 7:00a Fayze's Bible Study 9:30a Seekers Bible Std. 10:00a Ministry Council 6:30p St. Paul Class 6:30p Spiritual Direction	<b>12</b> 12:30p Endowment Com.  Middle School Lock-In	<b>13</b> 5:00p Worship	
<b>14 Burritos</b> 8:30a Worship 9:30a Coffee Hour 9:45a Education Hour 10:45a Worship  Crafters Retreat	<b>15</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>16</b> 6:30a Men's Faith Forum 8:45a Quilters 9:00a Christian Parenting 6:00p Worship Council 6:00p Marketing Team	<b>17</b> 12:00p Community Conversations Dinner & Programming – see website for schedule	<b>18</b> 7:00a Fayze's Bible Study 9:30a Seekers 5:30p Interfaith Partners 6:30p St. Paul Class 7:00p Adult Confirmation	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 5:00p Worship	
<b>21</b> 8:30a Worship 9:30a Coffee Hour 9:45a Education Hour 10:45a Worship 6:30p Youth Group	<b>22</b> 12:00p Senior Fun & Fellowship	<b>23</b> 8:45a Quilters 9:30a Caring Ministry 12:30p Newsletter Crew 1:30p Mary Circle 6:30p Vision Board	<b>24</b> Dinner & Programming – see website for schedule	<b>25</b> 7:00a Fayze's Bible Study 9:30a Seekers 6:30p St. Paul Class 7:00p Adult Confirmation	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 5:00p Worship	
<b>28 Pancakes</b> 8:30a Worship 9:30a Coffee Hour 9:45a Education Hour 10:45a Worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Hillview Worship Svc. 6:30a Men's Faith Forum 8:45a Quilters	<b>31</b> Dinner & Programming – see website for schedule	<b>JANUARY</b>			High School Youth Retreat

*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](http://www.englishlutheran.org)*

## The Apostle Paul: Old and New Perspectives

Because of the popularity of my last course at ELC entitled “Jesus of Nazareth: A Composite View”, I have researched and written a new course on the Apostle Paul, using a similar format of combining Scripture, history, theology, geography, philosophy, ancient sources, and contemporary views from a variety of biblical scholars which I hope will be interesting, insightful, and challenging.

This course is again intended for those who want more than a surface level overview of Paul and his ministry. We will attempt to understand the actions and teachings of Paul in his own context, thereby providing a rich and multi-faceted investigation of the man that many have classified as the most influential individual on the formation of the Christian religion.

I hope you will join me in this investigation. It will meet Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room 103 beginning January 11. I would appreciate that you sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office—it helps us in set up as well as preparation of outlines and handouts.

I look forward to our time together.

*Pastor Dennis (Rev. Dennis Johnson, Ph.D.)*

### New Member Orientation

Sunday, February 4  
Noon to 3:00 p.m.

**Lunch is provided**

### Faith Workshop

Thursday, February 8  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

New members will be received on the weekend of Feb. 10 and 11 at all services.

For questions or information, contact Carol Robertson  
608-784-9335 or  
carol@englishlutheran.org



### Crafter's Retreats

Jan. 11-14

Feb. 8-11

Reserve a table and bring your craft project for the weekend. Come and go as you wish and enjoy time with friends finishing those projects you need done.

Sign up at the Welcome Center to reserve your tables.

See Niki Pohnl for more details.

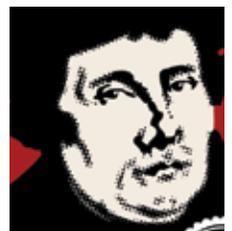
## LUTHERANISM 101

Pastor Solyst will offer an eight-week, adult confirmation class called “Lutheranism 101” beginning Thursday, February 1, at 6:30 p.m. The class will meet in the conference room. The class is designed for anyone who wants to better understand our Christian beliefs and, in particular, the theology of the Lutheran Church.

Because over half of our new members come to us from non-Lutheran traditions, the class is particularly helpful for those who grew up as Roman Catholics, Methodists, Baptists, etc. The conversation during class often focuses on questions that come from participants who wonder what Lutherans think about ideas they remember from former churches.

The class also serves as preparation for adult confirmation. Participants who grew up in other denominations and who desire to affirm their faith in the Lutheran tradition are invited to participate in a Rite of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.

Pre-registration is required. Please contact the church office or sign up at the Welcome Center.





CONNECT & GROW



### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

January 21 and February 4  
1st and 3rd Sundays - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
9th -12th grade

### PEER MINISTRY

4th Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.  
10th -12th grade

### P.A.C.K.

1st Friday of each month  
4th, 5th and 6th grade youth

### NEXT STEP

Sunday mornings - 9:45 - 10:30 a.m.  
7th and 8th grade  
Youth Room

### HS YOUTH PRAISE BAND

1st and 3rd Wednesdays  
6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

### CONFIRMATION

Wednesday 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Kerri is teaching 8th grade confirmation

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

LOCK IN  
January 12  
9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

SNOW TUBING  
February 18 at 12:00 p.m.  
Fort Snelling

### HIGH SCHOOL

WHITE ELEPHANT CHRISTMAS PARTY  
January 7 at 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Bring a \$10 or less gift to share.

RETREAT  
At Sugar Creek Bible Camp  
January 26-28  
*Time to be with others and God.*  
Three days of games, hiking, Bible study, worship, campfires, and loads of other FUN camp activities!

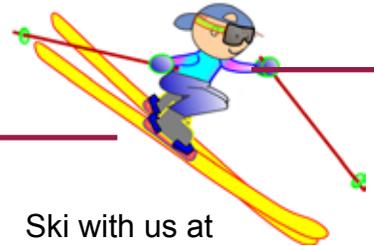
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February 18 at 12:00 p.m.  
Fort Snelling

Questions? Contact Kerri Jahnke  
kerri@englishlutheran.org

## Library LINK

Happy New Year!  
Happy Reading!

New books from the Reformation Library are ready for check out. Relax after a busy holiday season with a good read. Look for Martin Luther's Table Talk or When Lightening Struck (a biography of Martin Luther) in our recently expanded Luther collection.



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

### Space is Limited

Information and Registration at:  
[www.skidaddy.com/englishlutheran](http://www.skidaddy.com/englishlutheran)

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## Adult EDUCATION

*Sunday*

January 7...Jason Larsen  
Big Brothers, Big Sisters



### Sunday School Schedule

9:45-10:30, ages 2 yrs.- 6th grade  
Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 - regular classes

## FINANCIAL REPORT

As the end of the year approaches, our financial situation is in pretty good shape. Our General Fund receipts for November increased by about \$4,000 or nearly 7% over 2016. Our Benevolence receipts for such areas as Lutheran Social Services, World Hunger, Thanksgiving, Sugar Creek and WAFER dropped from last year, however, and also went down for the year to date. You may have made a contribution directly to these agencies, but that would not show up in our receipts. Any amount the church receives is credited to your account and is forwarded to the appropriate agency. We encourage your gifts to these agencies, either through the church or directly to the agency. Our Other General receipts are down from last year to date because of a large tax credit we received in 2016. This year is comparable to 2015.

Our disbursements for November were higher than last year and above our proportionate budget because of

some insurance premiums due and expenses for the Sunday School year. We are pleased to support such vibrant youth ministry and education programs.

We are also happy to report that our Keep the Vision Growing did well in November as we received over \$17,000 for the month, bringing our total for the year to \$267,000! Through November we have paid over \$263,000 against our mortgage principal, leaving a balance of only \$74,500. Any receipts in December will help us reduce the balance even further. THANK YOU for your generous gifts to the General Fund and the Keep the Vision Growing fund.

The Finance Committee wishes you all a wonderful blessed Christmas season and a happy and fulfilling New Year .

*Finance Committee*

## GENERAL FUND NOVEMBER 2017

RECEIPTS	CURRENT MONTH			YEAR-TO-DATE		
	Actual	Budget	2016 Actual	Actual	Budget	2016 Actual
Envelope Offerings	40,025	34,320	35,038	358,245	403,340	346,425
Simply Giving Plan	22,066	23,650	22,866	244,544	252,090	253,813
Other General	567	810	776	16,803	18,150	35,305
<b>General Fund Total</b>	<b>62,658</b>	<b>58,780</b>	<b>58,680</b>	<b>619,592</b>	<b>673,580</b>	<b>635,543</b>
Benevolence	301		1,811	2,308		6,254
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>62,959</b>	<b>58,780</b>	<b>60,491</b>	<b>621,900</b>	<b>673,580</b>	<b>641,797</b>
Communion Fund	463			16,141		
Memorials	834			11,233		
Hungry Jar	700			7,429		
Mortgage Reduction	17,416			267,453		
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>						
Benevolence	5,964	6,585	6,006	68,947	73,612	65,721
Stability Triangle	48,655	42,465	45,255	511,686	556,072	522,533
Five Big Rocks	11,658	9,330	8,185	44,131	59,400	37,187
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66,277</b>	<b>58,380</b>	<b>59,446</b>	<b>624,764</b>	<b>689,084</b>	<b>625,441</b>
Communion Fund	1,462			17,877		
Hungry Jar	1,075			7,680		
Mortgage Reduction (from Building Fund)						
Principal	22,401		21,233	263,644		164,950
Interest	348		1,516	10,995		20,289



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