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INTERNSHIP TRANSITION by Vicar Chad Rademacher

Have you ever had a conversation stay with you? You maybe don't remember the entire conversation word for word, but the substance of that conversation has remained in place. One such conversation happened with my father many moons ago. We found ourselves talking about the relativity of time and how the speed of time seemed to increase as we grew older in life. He commented that the pace of life started going faster once he and my mother

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THE RALLY of the SPIRIT- By Pastor Becky Goche

The long season of the "Time after Pentecost" (which lasts through the end of November) is a time of growth and learning. At English we kick off our children's and youth's learning year – aka Sunday school and Confirmation – with **Rally Day on September 8**. During the summer, our busy schedules, vacations, etc. can draw us away from each other as a faith community which may leave us feeling spiritually drained. So at the end of summer we set aside a special day to "rally" or to draw all (not just the kids!) of us back together as a community seeking the Holy Spirit's power to renew our energy for worship, delving

into the Bible, praying, serving others, and sharing our faith stories. The Block Party on Rally Day is for all ages and features lots of fun games, a barbeque, and music! And it's not just for our members; many families from our neighborhood join us, too.

We also set aside a special day for our high-school aged youth to affirm their baptism during the **Rite of Confirmation**. We celebrate this on **Reformation Day which is Sunday, October 27**. But what is Confirmation and why do we have it?

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IN CHRIST
We Welcome, *Worship & Work*
IN THE WORLD

WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday ... 5:00 p.m.

Sunday..... 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Sept. 1 return to 10:45

Nursery Sun ... 8:30 to 11:45 a.m.

Worship Service HIGHLIGHTS

August 25: Copeland Park River Service at 10:00 a.m. combined with Bethel and Trinity

September 1: SERVICE TIMES RETURN to 8:30 and 10:45

September 8: Rally Day/Block Party

September 15: both services will feature music of steel pan/bass/piano/percussion

September 30: Oktoberfest Service Second service (time TBD)

October 27: Reformation/Confirmation - brass quintet at both services.

November 3: All Saints Sunday

Praise 'n Prayer
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Organist/Composer, Michael Burkhardt

October 5 and 6, The Riverland Chapter American Guild of Organists is sponsoring the internationally renowned Michael Burkhardt.

On October 5, English Lutheran will host Dr. Burkhardt for a series of workshops and lunch from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. These workshops will educate and inspire church musicians and clergy to enliven worship through liturgy and song, lead today's

world hymns and actively include children and youth in worship. After the workshops, Dr. Burkhardt will rehearse a group of singers to prepare for an organ recital and hymn sing. The organ recital/hymn sing will take place at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on **October 6** in the afternoon.

For questions or more information, or to join the choir, speak with or email Trevor.
trevor@englishlutheran.org

NEW HAND BELL REHEARSAL TIME!

Hand Bell Choir will resume rehearsals **September 11 at 6:00 p.m.**

Jim will email ringers with more information closer to the start date. There may be a possibility for more ringing opportunities this fall. Watch the e-voice for more details. If you have questions about joining the hand bell choir, please contact Jim Knutson. jim@firstlu.org



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Welcome our New Vicar

My name is Danielle Dunasky, but please call me Danni! I was born and raised in Kenosha, Wisconsin by my two loving parents, Pete and Jaynee. I am their only child. We have a family dog named Mara, who will be 14 this summer. In December, my dad was diagnosed with stage 4 bone cancer. This has been a very big challenge for our family. My dad has shown so much strength and positivity on this journey. He is my daily inspiration.

I did not grow up in the church, however, my family is Lutheran. My parents wanted me to have the choice to go to church. I began attending by myself at age 16. My cousin was the youth director at my home congregation and she invited me on a mission trip. I decided that sounded like fun, and with my parent's permission, I went! That summer I went to New Orleans for the 2012 National Youth Gathering. It was there that I felt my first real, deep connection to God via the Holy Spirit. After that trip, I couldn't get enough of church.



My mom noticed this interest and asked me if I had ever thought of being a pastor. I laughed at her and said no, I had not. However, her words planted a seed in me that would flourish in my college years. I attended the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, in Kenosha, for my undergraduate degree. I graduated in May 2017 with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and a Certificate in Conflict Analysis and Resolution.

God had put the call to seminary deep within my heart and I answered, but not without hesitation. Once I accepted this call, things became much more clear and I felt affirmed in my choice to attend seminary. I began seminary in the fall of 2017 at Luther and have completed two academic years and CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education). I lived on campus those two years and loved living in community with my peers. I am very excited to be joining your community at English Lutheran!

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THE CRISIS YEARS

English Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity thrived during the 1920s under the capable leadership of Pastor Samuel Roth. A new church building was constructed on the corner of 16th Street and Cass, and a festive dedicatory celebration was held on May 10, 1925. Much to the chagrin of English Lutheran Church, Pastor Roth resigned to accept a call to a struggling church in Minneapolis in 1928.

English Lutheran Church installed Pastor Joseph Stump on September 9, 1928. Pastor Stump served the congregation for a tumultuous eight years. The 1929 stock market crash wreaked havoc on the finances of the congregation which was burdened by a significant debt from the construction of their new building five years earlier. The congregation could not pay its bills, creditors were on the doorstep and the viability of the congregation was seriously in doubt. Thankfully, the La Crosse Trust Company provided a loan of \$30,000 that allowed the congregation to consolidate its bills and persevere.

A more serious challenge, however, occurred when Pastor Stump became involved with the highly controversial Buchmanite Movement. A Lutheran pastor of the Philadelphia Ministerium, Frank Buchman advocated a form of personal piety focused on perfect honesty, purity, unselfishness, and love. Utilizing the “House Party”

approach, Buchman appealed, not to the down and out, but to wealthy, educated, well-connected and often famous people. The Buchmanite Movement failed to effect a renewal of Church life in America. However, Buchman’s highly individualistic approach touched many lives including Pastor Stump.

When Pastor Stump introduced the Buchmanite theology into the life of English Lutheran Church, he created a division within the membership. Although Pastor Stump’s new initiatives had redeeming qualities such as an emphasis on the Holy Ghost and personal evangelism, it was also judgmental, prejudicial and deviated from the traditional Lutheran emphases of grace and justification. The congregation was soon deeply divided between those who embraced the moralism preached by Pastor Stump and those who remembered the traditional Lutheran tenets proclaimed by Pastor Roth and their previous pastors.

Pastor Stump resigned under pressure from the church council on April 1, 1935 but at a congregational meeting on April 23, 1935, the members of the congregation who were present voted by a 10 to one margin to retain Pastor Stump. During the next ten months, it became obvious that Pastor Stump’s leadership was untenable and he preached his farewell sermon on February 29, 1936.

Following Pastor Stump’s resignation, the congregation was desperate for a pastor who could right the ship that was, once again, teetering on the brink of failure. Pastor Harold Stoffel, a 36-year-old pastor from Billings, Montana, was called to bring healing and theological clarity to the divided congregation.

Pastor Mark Solyst



The Rally ... from front page

The history of Confirmation is complex because it developed as two separate yet connected tracks: (1) the development of Christian catechesis – the teaching of disciples in the basics of faith, and (2) the development of the rite surrounding Christian initiation. Justin Martyr was one of the first to write about catechesis in his book, *Apology*, written around 150 CE.

Martin Luther understood that baptism bestowed all that was needed for Christian faith and life. He, along with about every other Reformer, emphasized teaching the basics of Christianity in an effort to combat the common problem of religious and biblical illiteracy. Martin Bucer, a south German Reformer, who saw himself as the go-between between Luther and Zwingli, was the first to develop a Protestant rite of confirmation which became an official church practice in the German territory of Hesse in 1539. From Bucer's efforts, Confirmation in the Protestant churches went in a variety of directions, taking on a variety of theological understandings about what confirmation does, or what it actually is. Depending upon the denomination the view of confirmation ranges

from pure instruction (catechesis) to preparation to receive Holy Communion to a sacrament that can only be done by a bishop and on and on. At English, Confirmation is a time when participants (typically youth) claim their baptism, affirming it in front of the congregation after a period of catechetical instruction.

Youth in seventh through tenth grade are welcome to participate in Confirmation classes at English. They are confirmed in the fall of their tenth grade year. Throughout these three years, the youth hear and learn about the stories in the Bible and how they relate to their lives today, discover their own beliefs, build relationships, learn spiritual practices, help with service projects, worship together, and so much more.

Unfortunately, there are some who view Confirmation as an obligation or a rite of passage, and stop attending church once they've been "confirmed." I was one of those people; I stopped going to church as a youth. But the Holy Spirit never left me. The Holy Spirit is moving in and among us, encouraging us to learn and to grow in this season after Pentecost and every day.

Share the Bounty

Volunteers Needed

For ten years, Share the Bounty has been a part of the farmers' market at the Onalaska Festival Foods on Sunday mornings, collecting fresh produce to give to those in need. Congregations from the area provide volunteers every Sunday during the summer to help sort, crate and load the produce.

English Lutheran is responsible for providing volunteers for two Sundays this year.

August 4 and September 29

This is a great opportunity for you and your family or friends to work together on a Sunday morning, helping our neighbors.

Need 2 to 3 volunteers
during the market
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Explain the goals of the
program to market-goers
and accept donations.

Need 3 to 5 volunteers
when the market closes
at 1:00 p.m.

Sort, crate and load
the produce

There will be some
heavy lifting involved.

Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you can help.

Internship ...from front page

were married. That pace picked up a substantial amount of momentum when my brother and I came into the world, and it accelerated into light speed when the grandchildren were born. The moral of his story was to enjoy the time that we have been given, with the company we keep, because we aren't gifted with immortality on this side of heaven.

This has been one of the fastest moving years I have experienced in my life. I was attending an outing this past weekend when Niki commented that we had come full circle with my time in LaCrosse. It

took me a moment to wrap my mind around this...“yes, we had come full circle.” It felt a little surreal to say that out loud; how did we move from August to July so quickly?

It has been by enjoying the time and the company of this congregation that helped make this year go by so fast. There have been countless conversations shared over a cup of coffee, a glass of wine, delicious dessert, and meals of all varieties. Thank you for opening your hearts and your homes. I found your company to be comforting when the winter months were inconducive for traveling home to see my family in Iowa. When I arrived at English

Lutheran, you brought me into the fold and reassured me that I was in good company where I could experiment, explore, and come into my identity as my feet settled into my shoes. This fall will keep my busy as I enter into my final semester of studies, write my approval essay, and interview with my committee for final approval with the synod.

Peaceful blessings as you welcome and prepare for your new intern, and warmest regards as we say goodbye.

Vicar Chad

Adult EDUCATION

Sunday

We offer an educational opportunity for ALL ages on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and various times throughout the week September-May.

August is a planning time for the staff and programming begins mid-September.

If you have educational ideas you would like to see at English Lutheran, please contact Niki Pohnl. We would love to hear from you!

Watch the weekly bulletin for specific programming details in early September.

SEEKER BIBLE STUDY

Seekers Bible Study begins
Thursday September 5.

Meeting in room 106 at 9:30. Our first meeting will begin with a meet and greet and catch up with our summer happenings. Before we begin our Bible study we have devotions followed by requests for prayers. We are a lay-led group but occasionally we have guest speakers to share their expertise with us.

Beginning September 12, Ron Rogers will lead us in a discussion of the "Evolution of the Bible".

Gretchen Jacobson will lead us for four Thursdays in October on "Old Testament Core Stories".

October 31, Pastor Libby Howe will lead us in a discussion of Daniel an Apocalyptic text.

In November Gretchen will continue with the "Core Stories."

December we will possibly have Trevor Dupey discuss Christmas Music.

Bishop Arends on will lead us December 12 on "Gospel Parallels" Contrasting the Three Gospel Christmas Stories.

We hope you will join us in study and fellowship. coffee (and occasionally treats) is always available.
Joan Allen

New Member Orientation & Faith Workshop

Wednesday, August 21
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Dessert Provided

New members will be received the weekend of September 7 and 8.

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



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Deaths

We extend the sympathy of the Gospel to Jane Johnson and her family on the death of her sister, Marie Tweed, who died on June 23, 2019

New Adult Bible Study

“Insights from the Master

– Gaining Wisdom from the Teachings of Jesus”

Beginning September 19
Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

This study will help us understand the numerous practical and spiritual insights revealed in the teachings of Jesus, and learn how to apply these insights to our daily life. We will focus upon three specific areas of instructions – the Beatitudes, the Parables, and the Lord’s Prayer.

As we consider the Middle Eastern culture of the first century, we will better comprehend the theological significance of each beatitude and parable... and discover what these say about our relationship with God and with each other. The goal of this study is to gather the type of insights from Jesus’ teachers that result in personal spiritual growth as well as a desire to help and aid our fellow human beings.

This study will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room #103.

I hope that you will join me in this in-depth examination of Jesus’ words that focus upon mortality, ethical behavior, and the very essence of wisdom itself.

For the purpose of room set-up and preparation of handouts, it would be helpful if you can register at the Welcome Center or in the church office (608-784-9335). As always, I anticipate an interesting and growing experience and look forward to seeing you at our first session on September 19.

<>< Pastor Dennis
Rev. Dennis Johnson, Ph.D.

AT CHURCH POTLUCKS

“Kids eat first”

Me: ... *waiting*

Me to me: You a child of God, so go



thank you

Thank you to all who helped with the roofing, office, chiller and sanctuary projects.

This has been a busy year at English Lutheran for improvement projects. Thank you to everyone for your patience and help! Bill Newberg did outstanding work securing the finances. Mark Flatten along with the building committee orchestrated all the moves. The amazing congregation helped on big move out and in days.
Thank you!!!

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summer and fall



praise n prayer

Worship on Sunday Nights **6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

The Worship Council and Youth of English Lutheran Church invite you to worship with us at this summer's Praise n' Prayer (PnP). Praise n' Prayer is an opportunity for us to come together as a family of God to spend time in praise with music, prayer, and interactive ways of worshipping God and connecting with one another. August dates are provided below. Each Sunday will have praise and prayer, but will be in different locations.

The youth, Eddie and Kerri have been busy planning and praying for new worship experiences. We have had a few amazing workshops and hope you can come to the next ones! Mark your calendars!!

We are hoping to continue this worship in September. More details to come!

CAMPFIRE WORSHIP August 4

We host a "Camp" type worship around a campfire. Structure is focused around the Faith 5; Interactive ways of prayer, a lot of song and praise, camp songs, interactive message, sharing with each other, praying together, and blessing one another. We would then have fellowship time at end of worship with s'mores and conversation. This will be guitar-led, and feel a lot like camp worship.

PLUGGED IN WORSHIP August 11

We will create a space where anyone can come and pray with soft contemporary music in background, with prayer stations in South Hall. There would be instructions in the beginning, but then people would go to different stations for a 20 minutes of prayer. Stations would include prayer for people, prayer for oneself, prayer for world, prayer through writing a letter, etc.; all stations would have an intentional and sensory way to pray to God. We then would come back together and pray together as a group. The last 20 minutes would be praise songs lead by contemporary band/guitar/piano. This would be a plugged in worship time, with structure only surrounding prayer stations.

GRANDDAD BLUFF WORSHIP August 18

We would bring a guitar along, and spend time in prayer and worship songs. Pastor would lead an interactive Bible study, relating the teaching to our own journeys. Music will feel unplugged and flexible. These night will include activities like service opportunities, hiking, and fellowship.

Questions? Contact Kerri Jahnke
kerri@englishlutheran.org

Upcoming Events

High School Youth Group - starting September 1st and 3rd Sundays monthly 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

NEXT STEP
7th and 8th grade youth Sunday mornings 9:45 am-10:30 a.m.

Peer Ministry Leadership
10th -12th grade 4th Wednesday monthly 6:30 p.m.

HS Youth Praise Band starting October 1st and 3rd Wednesday night 6:15-7:15 p.m.

PACK
4th - 6th grade youth night once a month

Please refer to the Weekly Voice for retreats and event information closer to the fall start up from Kerri!



SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

We are getting excited to start our next phase of Small Group Ministry in 2019-2020! "Walking with God" is a 40 day journey of authentic faith conversation. We are excited to be exploring a new book in the fall! We will start our Walking with God groups in October (book is still being decided). The small groups will be intentionally looking at scripture with a book as a guide, praying together, and will form relationships through the six weeks of authentic faith conversations. People have been so blessed by this ministry they have shared their testimonies about walking with God from our fall group session.

"As co-leaders of a Walking with God group we have felt our faith has strengthened. 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."

~ Carol Taebel & John Monson

"Walking with God was a wonderful way to connect with members of the church that I don't normally have a deep connection with. It was great to have other people to share spiritual experiences with and realize that God is all around us!"

~ Anna Mueller

"I really enjoyed my experience during Walking with God. I loved not having to do any 'homework' before our group gatherings. I could just show up and have amazing conversation with others. I truly enjoyed meeting other members of English Lutheran and getting to know them on a deeper level."

~ Heather Young

We invite you to pray about being in a "Walking with God" small group coming up in 2019-20. There will be a Fall Session, January Session, and a Lent session.

If you are interested in joining a group contact Kerri Jahnke. kerri@englishlutheran.org or 507-884-7972

What is Walking with God?

It's a commitment to practicing your individual faith through reading, prayer, and small group fellowship. It's a commitment to supporting others in their faith through listening... a commitment to sharing your faith even though you don't have all the answers. This is a definite period of time during which we can build relationships that will strengthen our congregation and a chance to reach out to others and find a deeper sense of belonging in this congregation.

What does a Journey Group meeting look like?

Our conversation will be centered around faith, the texts, and the happenings of our lives. There will be time in intentional Prayer, and groups will meet approximately 90 minutes each week.

We thank God for God's many blessings. These blessings include praying with one another, studying the bible, and being in authentic relationships and conversation together!

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party

8th
september
noon - 2

magician, music, inflatables, food, prizes,
dunk tank, face painting, Balloons by Kevin

Confirmation Guides Needed

Our confirmation is for 7th-10th grades.

ORIENTATION

Wednesday, September 4

CLASSES BEGIN

Wednesday, September 11.

We are looking for Confirmation Guides to walk along side our students leading small group time. The commitment is Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:30 p.m. September-April.

Please contact Niki Pohnl

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

September/October

9:45-10:30 a.m.

3 year olds-6th grade students
members and non-members

September 1 – NO SS; Labor Day

September 8 – Rally Day; Block Party

September 15 – Sunday School

3rd Grade students are presented with
their Bibles during worship services

September 22 - Sunday School

September 29 - Sunday School

October 6 – Sunday School

October 13 – Sunday School

October 20 – Sunday School

October 27 – Sunday School

Rally
Day

September 8

FELLOWSHIP HALL at 9:45 a.m.

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