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the SEASON of PENTECOST



THANK YOU PASTOR ROG
by Pastor Mark Solyst

After serving English Lutheran Church for the past three years, Pastor Roger Grow has resigned in order to move a bit closer to retirement. Pastor Rog will continue to serve as Interim Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in north La Crosse until they call their next pastor. Because Pastor Rog preaches at Trinity Lutheran Church at 8:30, we will recognize him at our 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, June 2. There will be a basket available for cards and Pastor Rog indicated he would stay around after worship for a few minutes in order to allow people an opportunity to say thank you.

Pastor Rog see page 5

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

The Holy Spirit Breaks Forth - By Pastor Becky Goche

The Day of Pentecost which falls on June 9 this year, is one of my favorite church festival celebrations partly because it's one of two days that we display red paraments in the sanctuary (the fabric hangings on the altar) and everyone is encouraged to wear red. I haven't been able to find a replacement for the "tongues of fire" hat that I wore while on internship a few years ago (see photo page 5) ! More importantly, I appreciate the focus on the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost and how language fosters communication and inclusiveness.

The Day of Pentecost signals that Christianity is a translat-

able faith. While many faiths strive to homogenize themselves – read this language, speak this language, face this direction, eat these foods and so on – Christianity has always been a faith that gives itself away in Holy Spirit-driven translation. While this has produced the worst version of us as church, such the violence perpetrated by the crusades and colonialization, it has also produced the best of ourselves, especially when in translation the "giver" is revitalized and the "receiver" is recognized and lifted up. And while we fear that Christianity may be dying out in the Middle East, Europe and North

Pentecost see page 5

IN CHRIST
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IN THE WORLD

WORSHIP TIMES

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



Worship Service HIGHLIGHTS

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Begins May 26
8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

June 2 Pastor Rog farewell

June 9 Pentecost - all services
High School Praise Band on Sunday

June 16 Lay Sunday - all services

June 30 - July 28 - Worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth Summer Worship
see page 9

The Sound of Bowls - July 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Tom Roberts from the Franciscan Spirituality Center will present a singing bowl event in our newly carpeted sanctuary. Tom has spent several decades collecting Tibetan bowls and gongs, some as old as 300 years old. He will do a short talk about the history, meditative and health benefits associated with the bowls before he starts making the bowls sing.

There will be some chairs available as well as bean bags and

cushions. Many find the singing bowls most enjoyable laying on the ground, a favorite pillow and/or yoga mat from home are welcome. This event will not only be a wonderful way to meditate, reflect and relax, as well as to enjoy the wide open sanctuary before all the furniture is moved back in.

More information about Tom and the bowls can be found on the Franciscan Spirituality Center's web site www.fscenter.org/

Thank you

to all the musicians who shared their musical gifts throughout this past program year! The congregation is truly blessed to have such musical talent among them. The diversity and quality of music offerings greatly enhances the worship experience. I look forward to what the future has in store! *Trevor*



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AGILE CHURCH

by Irene TenEyck

Along with seven other ELCA churches in our Synod, English Lutheran has accepted an invitation to be part of the Becoming an Agile Church process. ELC has a team of six congregation members, our pastors, and a peer coach participating. We will have three day-long Saturday training sessions, of which we have completed one so far, and will meet monthly throughout the several month process as a team.

So what exactly is this and what does it mean for our congregation? We are reading the book *The Agile Church: Spirit-Led Innovation in and Uncertain Age* by Dwight J. Zscheile. Our Vision Board members and others in the congregation are also reading this book. The author focuses on the idea that there is a need to renew the church's identity in God's mission in a world where the church is no longer culturally established. He asks questions such as: What kinds of practices will help us enter into deeper relationships with our neighbors? How do we learn what it means for us to participate more deeply in God's life in the neighborhood? What steps do we take? As our Bishop stated in our first training- this is not about church growth, but church depth- a very different way for us to look at the impact our church as people, not as an institution, makes in our neighborhood and our community.

Primary to this process is dwelling in scripture and finding God's voice and direction. We have specifically been given the Scripture reading Acts 16:6-15, which we will be dwelling in for the entirety of this journey, discerning from it what we think God is saying to us as an Agile Church team and also as a congregation.

How might this process look to you as a congregation member? Our team will be tasked with deep listening assignments and activities to bring to the congregation so that we can get a sense of where God is working in our church community, and how we can be more deeply involved in His work in our midst.

We invite you to be a part of this conversation through a number of possible ways including; reading the Agile Church book, reading and dwelling in the scripture we are using, being willing to participate in a conversation with one of the team members, and perhaps just taking time to ask the question "What might God be up to and how might God be leading our congregation to join in something God is already doing?"

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THE CHURCH IN THE CHICKEN COOP

“Our church is on fire!” are not words any pastor wants to hear – particularly in the middle of a Sunday service – yet those words are part of the history of English Lutheran Church. During a Sunday morning worship service on January 4, 1920, a fireman walked to the front of the sanctuary and announced, “The roof of your church is on fire!” Worshipers immediately began removing pews and hymnals, the altar and crucifix from the building. Before the building collapsed, most of the furnishings including the baptismal font were standing in the street. The large pulpit was bolted to the floor and could not be removed. The pulpit was doused with water, and although charred by the fire, was saved and was installed in the new Cass Street church four years later.

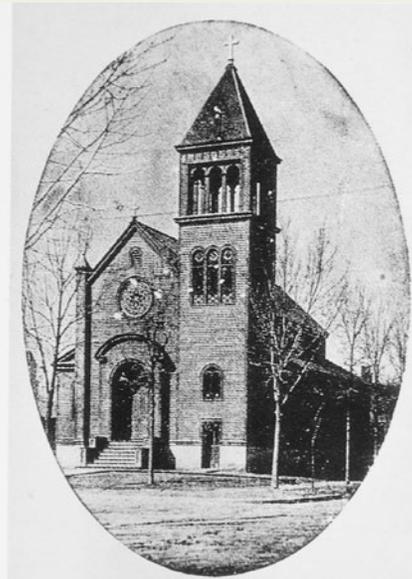
The young congregation faced a significant challenge. “Our building is in ruins. Where shall we worship?” Necessity makes strange bedfellows. For the next twelve months, the congregation worshiped at the Universalist Church on 8th and Cass Streets. Sharing space with the Universalist Fellowship was only a temporary measure, however.

Initially, the congregation sought to remodel and restore what was left of

building on the corner of West and Ferry St. but at \$7,500, the cost was too great. Consequently, they demolished the burned out structure, cleaned up the basement and covered the lower level with a roof. In January of 1921, the congregation began worshipping in this strange looking structure that affectionately, or perhaps derisively, came to be known as the “Chicken Coop.”

For four years, English Lutheran suffered the indignity of worshipping in the “Chicken Coop.” The obvious solution was a new building at a different location but money was tight. The men of the congregation chose property on the corner of 16th and Cass Streets, which would cost \$1,950; however, they did not have the money. The Ladies Aid came to the rescue with a contribution of \$1,735 toward the purchase of the property.

In a wonderful demonstration of faith and dedication, members of the congregation voted to tithe their income in order to raise funds for the construction of their new church home on 16th and Cass. At a congregational meeting on March 21, 1923, 90% of the members present signed a pledge to give 10% of their income to the building fund for two years. Just two years later, on May 10, 1925, English Lutheran Church locked the doors on the



“Chicken Coop” and dedicated their beautiful new sanctuary to the glory of God and the service of humanity.

God never abandons us and a crisis often turns into a blessing. As members of the congregation struggled through a fire and the challenge of relocation, they developed a resiliency and trust in God that, in just a few short years, would give them the strength to endure the Great Depression.

The baptismal font and crucifix from the burned out Ferry Street building can be seen in the South Hall at English Lutheran Church. The pulpit, which was charred by the fire, now stands in the Little White Chapel in the Norskedalen Nature and Heritage Center.

Confirmation Students make metal sculptures with Vicar Chad.

See more photos at:
<https://englishlutheran.smugmug.com/Events/2019/Names-of-Steel/>



Penetcost ... from front page

America, Christianity is renewing itself in places that we may consider to be the edges of the earth like South America, Asia and Africa. The Holy Spirit is on the move as the word of God continues to be translated into the people's native tongue, including all into God's story.

The word "Pentecost" comes from the ancient Greek and means "fiftieth." In Judaism, Pentecost is celebrated fifty days after the Jewish Passover. Originally, it was a harvest festival in which people would bring their first fruit offerings, like wheat and other grains, to the Jewish Temple. When the Temple was destroyed by the Roman Empire in 70 CE, the focus of Pentecost shifted to praising God for descending from heaven in fire (see Exodus 19:18) on top of Mount Sinai and speaking to the ancient Jewish people in the words found in the Hebrew Scriptures known as the Torah (the first five books of what Christians commonly call the Old Testament).

On the Day of Pentecost, we hear of this Jewish celebration in Acts 2:1-21, in which the Holy Spirit descends upon Peter, the Apostles and other disciples of Jesus Christ while they are in Jerusalem. Jews from all over the known world (including some places listed in verses 9-11 that no longer existed in the time of Acts) had

gathered in Jerusalem for the festival of Pentecost. Imagine what it must have been like when the disciples who are Galileans begin speaking in languages not their own through the power of the Holy Spirit. All who are there on this day can understand what they are saying about God in their own native tongue!

Since about the second century, Christians have been celebrating the Day of Pentecost on the seventh Sunday after Easter, concluding the Easter season. Some congregations like English encourage everyone to wear red clothing on this day as a symbolic color of the Holy Spirit and as a way to recognize that it is a celebration.

Following the Day of Pentecost, we enter into the season known as the "Time after Pentecost" which lasts for 24 weeks in 2019, ending at the end of November. Short of a few lesser festivals and commemorations, the color of the paraments hanging on the altar will be green throughout this season.



GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

Baptisms

05/12 – Finn Marcus, son of Greg and Laura Cochrane

Marriages

5/18 – Nicole Gurkowski and Brandon Howell

5/25 – Maggie Skifton and Robert Clark

Deaths

We extend the sympathy of the Gospel to Terry Griffel on the death of his wife, Rhea Griffel, who died on April 30, 2019.

Pastor Rog ...from front page

Pastor Rog joined our staff as an Interim Pastor after Pastor Melinda resigned in 2016. Pastor Rog and Carol Grow also joined our congregation at that time. When we called Pastor Becky as our Associate Pastor in 2017, Pastor Rog accepted a part-time role as Pastor of Caring Ministries. In that capacity, he has called on our home-bound members and organized the lay calling ministry of our congregation. He will conclude those responsibilities on May 31.

God blessed Pastor Rog with marvelous gifts for ministry. We will miss his inspiring and insightful sermons, his gentle and compassionate spirit which is so obvious when making communion calls and hospital visits, and the broad range of pastoral skills and experiences that he so willingly shares with our congregation. We pray God's blessing on Pastor Rog. I am sure God has more plans in store for him.

LOOKING FOR *New Member Sponsors*

The Evangelism Council is looking for people who are interested in serving as sponsors for new members. We have received feedback from those who recently joined English that they would appreciate having someone to sit with during services and coffee hour, to help them meet others in the congregation, and to learn more about who English is and what we do. They have told us that this would be most valuable to them in their first three months here.

The pastors and staff will be responsible for matching new members with their sponsors. The time commitment for a sponsor will be approximately three months and begins once the new member has been received into the congregation. Based upon comments from those who have participated in this ministry in the past, it was rewarding for both the new member and their sponsor and in some cases has turned into life-long friendships.

If you are interested in serving as a New Member Sponsor or have further questions, please contact Pastor Becky.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED MAY 25 AND 26

Steve New, Tom and Lori Nigon,
James and Andrea Peirce
children: Olivia and Thomas,
Greg and Laura Cochrane
children: Liam and Finn



Louisa Andresen, Samuel Bleidorn, Cecelia Casper, Pearl Court, Ella Delap, Marcus Eber, Lauren Ellingson, Preston Elston, Maya Engen, Cole Falkenberry, Avery Farmer, Lewis Go, Johanna Hall, Abby Hein, Hannah Johnson, Eli Karbowski, Wesley Moe, Hazel Mueller, Chase Seeger, Alayna Trushenski, Grayson Veenendall

SANCTUARY REFRESHER PLANNED FOR THIS SUMMER

**June 30-July 28, we will
worship in the fellowship hall.**

During that time in the sanctuary, the 27 year old carpet will be removed. While the carpet is removed, the sanctuary will undergo a deep cleaning as well as the installation of a new T-Coil system. This new T-Coil system will greatly improve the worship experience for those wear hearing aids.

The next phase will be the installation of new flooring. Rather than carpet that comes from a roll, rectangular carpets tiles have been selected. The tiles will be installed in a herringbone pattern to create visual interest. The benefit of tiles rather than rolled carpet is

the tiles are easy to replace. In an attempt to improve the acoustics in the choir loft, LVT (Luxury Vinyl Tile) will replace the carpet.

The ongoing issue of morning/afternoon ultra bright sunlight is also being addressed during this project. The furnishing and building committees are exploring options in light diffusing window treatments for the upper transom windows.

Clearing the sanctuary, setting up the fellowship hall and moving back in the sanctuary will require much help. Look for more information about opportunities on how to help as the project gets closer. Please consider being a part of this exciting project!!

Faith Family ... from back page

The Sween's account the official beginning of their relationship to a family wedding in the summer of 1960. Kent had recently purchased a new car and it was decided that Mary would travel to the wedding with him. Not long after Kent proposed to Mary with his mother's wedding ring. Kent and Mary chose to have the ring reset. The finished piece of jewelry was ready on December 24, making the proposal official. Their families, who often spent Christmas Eve together, celebrated with them at the holiday gathering.

With Mary growing up in the congregation of English Lutheran, the young couple made plans to be married there by Rev. Harold Stoffel in June 1961. But tragically, Pastor Stoffel and his wife, Bertha, were killed in a car accident just two months prior to the wedding and the young associate pastor instead married the couple.

Following their marriage, Kent joined English Lutheran Church. He remembers going through the new member process at the same time Pastor Stefan Guttormsson was new to the congregation. Eventually, in 1987, Guttormsson was elected as the first bishop of the La Crosse Area Synod of the ELCA. Kent recalls being very close with Pastor Guttormsson and someone who had a large impact on his faith and prayer life.

The Sween's raised their four children at English Lutheran. Mary recalls telling their kids often, especially when they moved away for college, "You are never alone and if you feel alone you can always pray." Today their children live in various locations, but have reconnected with English Lutheran for worship and events over the years. Kent and Mary have five grandchildren.

When English Lutheran eventually built its third, and current, church building there was discussion about what new construction would include. One option was to maintain two buildings, creating a new space for worship and using the old church for Sunday school. Another choice could be to build a new church that would house everything. Mary sat on the committee that decided an entire new building to house everything was the best option.

In 2018, Kent and Mary were recipients of English Lutheran's Lifetime Achievement Award, an honor given long-time members and dedicated volunteers. Throughout their more than 140 combined years in the congregation, Kent's most notable involvements have been sitting on church council and his participation as a long-time choir member. Though he no longer sings with the choir, he very much enjoys the traditional hymns sung during worship; his favorite being Beautiful Savior. Mary's current involvements include the Mary Circle (a group she's been part of for 50+ years), Quilters, Memorial Committee, Ministry Council, Funeral Luncheon, and Coordinator for Senior Fun and Fellowship.

Kent admittedly enjoys the old traditions of the Lutheran faith and resists change a bit, giving the example of Holy Week. He shares, "Good Friday has changed. Lutherans didn't always acknowledge their faith with ashes on Ash Wednesday." Kent recognizes this and chooses not to participate with the imposition of ashes. His favorite bible story is the powerful example of Jesus' love with the repentance of the thief on the cross. Kent says, "If you repent you will be saved. Jesus is quick to forgive and that's a beautiful thing." Mary, who has a tendency to worry,

tries to remind herself she shouldn't because her faith tells her God will always provide and take care. She has a favorite bible verse, Romans 8:28. Though written different in various translations, her favorite version is "All things work together for those who love God and keep His commandments." Kent's favorite bible verses recall the well-known saying, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." He says that without a doubt this has proven to be true so many times throughout his life.

Together Mary and Kent have served as sponsors to new families who have joined the church and like to maintain their calling as Christians. They strive to set an example as followers of Christ and be an example of God's love for all. Their favorite part of the worship service is seeing the young families and kids who attend, especially during offering collection for the Hungry Jar.

The Sween's are thankful for their health and keep quite busy most weeks. Often they'll make it to the gym to walk in the mornings followed by lunch or activities with friends in the afternoon. Their good health allows them to stay active in the community and in their faith. Mary shares, "The older you get the closer you get to thinking you're not going to be around forever and your faith gets stronger." Together, they know they'll continue to attend worship saying, "It just doesn't seem right if we don't make it to church on Sunday."





Bring Back the Sun

The Sunshine Ministry was once an active ministry at English Lutheran. Meals were prepared by ELC individuals and families and taken to new parents, those just home from the hospital, and those who were housebound or restricted due to an accident, illness, or some other circumstance. The point of the ministry was to look after each other – with a meal, a visit, and our prayers.

For a couple of years now, the Sunshine Ministry has been inactive – hiding behind the clouds, you might say. Much of the coordinating of the ministry fell on the shoulders of the office staff – people who already had more than enough work to get done. And so - the meals, visits, best wishes and prayers are no longer something we do for each other when a new baby arrives, or someone is just home from the hospital and not yet able to prepare a meal.

Many churches, schools, and businesses have a “Sunshine Club” or similar ministry. Some send cards to members celebrating a birthday or a milestone anniversary, or sympathy cards upon the death of a family member. Some organizations just concentrate on visiting

those that are home bound or in nursing homes. Others prepare and deliver meals at times of need. Whatever the work – the purpose is to look out for and care for one another.

Ministry Council is hoping we can bring back the Sunshine Ministry. To do this, we need someone – or a team – that is willing to take charge and is willing to organize and coordinate the volunteers and match them with families and individuals that could use some sunshine. If you are interested in helping restore the Sunshine Ministry, or are interested in helping coordinate this group, please contact a member of the Ministry Council. We would love to hear your ideas and vision for a revitalized “Sunshine Ministry” at English Lutheran.

MINISTRY COUNCIL

Pastor Becky
 Vicar Chad
 Mary Sween
 Mary Fitzpatrick
 Bob and Kathy Weeks

YOUTH events

June 9 - HS Praise Band plays in worship at both services

June 10-13 - Vacation Bible School - Middle school and high school helpers needed! kerri@englishlutheran.org

June 12 - MS and HS Youth Night with Sugar Creek counselors 7:00 8:30 p.m.

June 19 - HS Summer Bonfire at church 7:00 p.m.

July 14-19 - HS Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in Wanblee, SD

July 21 -26 - ELC Week at Sugar Creek Bible Camp Don't forget to sign up!

August 7 - MS Bonfire at church 7:00 p.m.

Please watch weekly voice for updates and more information!



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SUMMER WORSHIP



PRaise n' PRayer (PNP)

Worship on Sunday Nights

beginning June 23

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

July 7 - NO PNP (July 4th weekend)

The Worship Council and Youth of English Lutheran invite you to worship with us at this summer's Praise n' Prayer Worship. Praise n' Prayer will be an opportunity for us to come together as a family of God to spend time in praise with music, prayer, and interactive ways of worshiping God and connecting with one another. The first event will be June 23. Each Sunday will have praise and prayer, but will be in different locations.

PLUGGED IN WORSHIP

June 23 - and August 11

6:30 p.m.

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.

Off site WORSHIP

Each of these Off Site Worship times are at different venues in La Crosse. 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. This more loose structure of worship will take place in different places such as Granddad Bluff and local parks. Music will feel unplugged and flexible. These night will include activities like service opportunities, hiking, and fellowship.

Questions? Contact Kerri Jahnke - kerri@englishlutheran.org

Pettibone Park

June 30

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Canoeing and paddle at 4:30.
Pack dinner for your family!
Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Service project (Location TBA)

July 28

Worship at Granddad Bluff

August 18

CAMPFIRE WORSHIP

July 14 and 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 workshops.

FAITH 5 Summer Bible Readings

Psalm 127:3

John 16:21

Proverbs 17:6

3 John 1:4

Psalm 113:9

Proverbs 31:28

1 Samuel 1:27

James 1:17

Psalm 127:4-5

Proverbs 23:24

Genesis 1:27

Jeremiah 1:5

Psalm 22:9

Psalm 119:73

Psalm 139:13

Psalm 139:14

Psalm 139:15

Psalm 139:16

Isaiah 46:3

Job 31:15

Singing BOWLS event

July 21 at 7: p.m.

Ice Cream Social to follow!

See article on page 2.



School Kit Time Again!

Sunday, August 18

The Ministry Council will host a pack-out event after the second worship service. We invite people of all ages to help assemble and pack the kits for shipment to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in St. Paul. A lunch will be provided by the Ministry Council and Thrivent.



500 backpacks are waiting to be filled with school supplies for Lutheran World Relief.

It's a big challenge! School supplies for 500 backpacks means collecting 2000 notebooks, and 2500 pens, and 2500 pencils, and 500 boxes of crayons, and... you get the idea. It's going to take a lot of donations and shopping – plus team work – to fill all those backpacks!

Last year, thanks to the generosity of our members (*see photos on facing page*), we completed 488 school kits. These kits were then distributed to needy children in Burkina Faso and Guatemala by Lutheran World Relief.

The school kit supply list is the same as previous years. Each backpack will contain the following:

- FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"
- ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ONE pencil sharpener
- ONE pair of blunt scissors
- FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- ONE box of 24 crayons
- ONE 2 ½" eraser

We want to remind you that these are the only items we can put in each kit. We cannot add

colored markers, or glue, or any other items we think might be useful. We also ask that your purchased items from the above list match the specifications listed and are new and of good quality. Each backpack was sewn with care and love because each recipient is a beloved child of God. We also want the contents of the school kits to reflect that same care and love. Also, we need to remind you that we cannot promote our religious beliefs or our country through these school kits.

Purchasing Supplies

In past years a lot of the school supplies were obtained from very reasonable school sales sponsored by Skopko stores. With Shopko going out of business, we will have to scout around for sales at other stores - or do more purchasing on line. We will be researching places to purchase some bulk items on line. Please watch for future announcements regarding on-line purchasing of some items.

Ministry Council will begin collecting these items in mid-July, once the school sales are in progress. We may be ordering some bulk items earlier than that. We will keep you up-to-date on how you can participate in online bulk purchases, and later, as we begin collecting, how much we have of each item.

Questions?

contact Bob and Kathy Weeks or Pastor Becky.

Special "Thank You"
to Sue Marsolek who sewed
400 backpacks.



2018 School Kit Pack-out Crew! Lots of hands made the job fun and easy!



Filling backpacks with school supplies in 2018.



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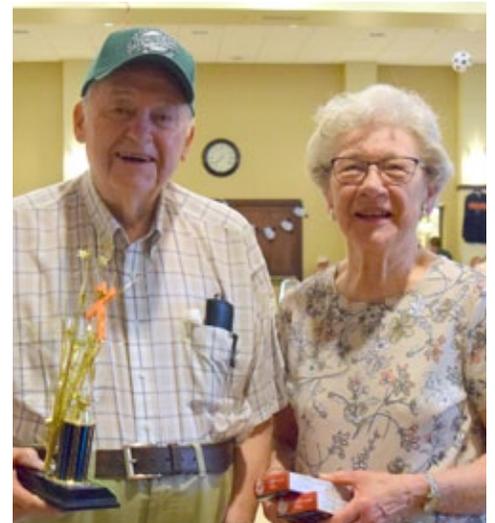
A handful of members at English Lutheran Church can claim they are life-long members; Mary Sween is one of them. Born in La Crosse in 1936, and baptized that same year, Mary became a member of English Lutheran Church as an infant. The original building where the congregation worshiped at West Avenue and Ferry Street was destroyed by fire in 1920. Mary wasn't alive to attend the original church building, but her mother worshiped with the congregation there. Mary grew up

attending church at English Lutheran's second church building at 16th and Cass Streets. This is where she was confirmed.

Following high school graduation and nurses training, Mary joined Lydia's Circle, which at the time was a circle for unmarried women. The circle would serve dinner to a group of men who traveled among different churches for dinner.

Meanwhile, Kent Sween, a Holmen native, belonged to Holmen Lutheran Church. Holmen Lutheran is where Kent was baptized and confirmed.

Mary and Kent first met when their families' paths intertwined. Follow-



ing the death of Kent's mother in 1957, his father was married again to one of Mary's aunts. Over time Kent and Mary became aware of each other.

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