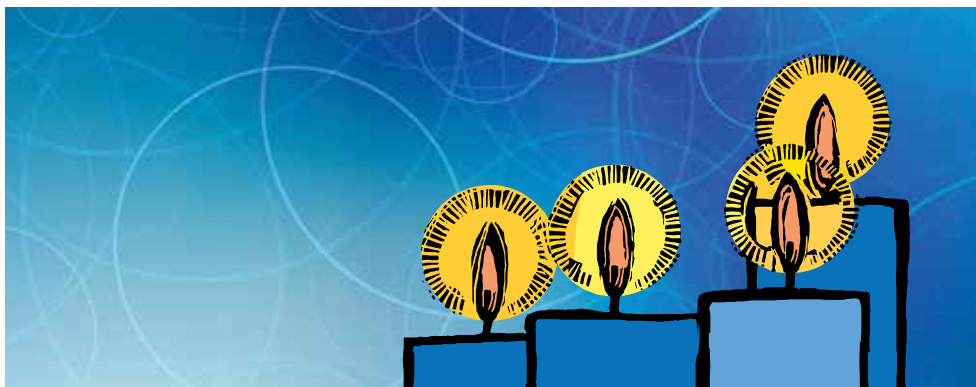


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the *Voices* of english lutheran

The SEASON of ADVENT

All Saints & Advent

The month of November begins with All Saints Sunday, which this year is November 6. At worship on this day, we will remember and give thanks for the faithful who have died this past year; and also those newly baptized since last All Saints Sunday. It is a beautiful worship, with candles lit, and bells rung as each name is read. It is a moment to truly remember all those dear saints who have gone before us and all those whose life in Jesus Christ is beginning.



Whenever I think of All Saints, I catch myself humming the great old Norwegian hymn, Den Store
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DEAR MEMBERS OF ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

If I were to ask you about the importance of these attitudes, what would you say:

Praying, leading worthy lives of the Lord, bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, enduring, joyfully giving thanks to God.



In the first chapter of Colossians, Paul gives thanks to God for all that the church in Colossae was doing to live into these attitudes as he and they work to be faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ.

As I read the first chapter of Colossians, I found myself nodding and thinking, “Yes! This is what we are about at English Lutheran!”

Sometimes I feel as though the position of senior pastor gives one the opportunity to witness to all you do in serving Jesus. And I give thanks for you!

You are a praying people: lifting up to God prayers in all aspects of your lives.
You are bearing fruit in good works: You deeply care for God’s creation, those who are excluded, those who are hungry and poor and sick and homeless (see Matthew 25).

You are joyful: living into our vision statement:

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IN CHRIST

We Welcome, Worship & Work

IN THE WORLD



Worship Times

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:45



VIP Choir Schedule

The VIP (Voices in Praise)
Choir rehearses at
at 5:45 p.m.
in the sanctuary

Please join if you enjoy
singing with a great
group of singers!

VIP Choir sings in worship
November 6 - both services
December 24 - 5:00 p.m.



English Bell Choirs



Beginning Level Bells

We know you want to play bells, and now's your chance! English will be offering a beginning level experience for those of you who want to play. I'd like to encourage you to use your musical talent to praise God in this amazing way.

**Rehearsals
Wednesdays
5:00 - 5:45 p.m.
music room**

Everyone is welcome. This is open to all ages and I'd like to encourage those with interest to give it a try. It is a lot of fun!

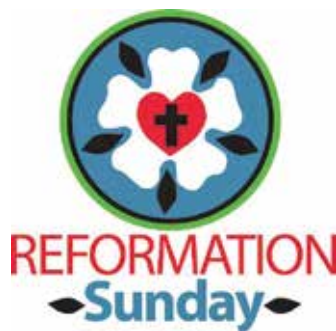
English Ringers

The passion the English Ringers have for music shows in their dedication and hard work, making bells a highlight of the week for all involved.

**Rehearsals
Wednesdays
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
music room**

We are always looking for more people to play as subs or regular members. Consider joining us. The opportunity to play in church is certainly enjoyed by everyone. We are truly blessed!

Ring 'dem bells to the glory of God!
Jim Knutson, director
jim@firstlu.org 608 498 8829



Martin Luther was a professor of theology. He was a monk and a devout Catholic with no intentions of starting a new church. He did, however, want to reform the church, and with that goal in mind, Luther wrote the 95 Theses, which detailed his objections to the selling of indulgences and its effect upon the people. He posted them on the door of the church because that was a common place for posting public notices. Within weeks, however, word of the theses had spread. Consequently, Luther was viewed by the church as a heretic, threatened with burning at the stake, and excommunicated by Pope Leo in 1520. Many theologians agreed with Luther, however, and the Protestant Reformation began.

Source: <https://classroom.synonym.com/meaning-reformation-sunday-8419.html>

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2017/10/500-items-about-the-reformation/>



YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Pre-K - 6th grades

It's been an awesome beginning to our year. Thanks to our teachers, to Maria who is leading music, and to Pastor Becky and Pastor Mark for leading openings! The classrooms have also been so blessed by treats and cards given to them as part of the "God's Work Our Hands" Sunday School class adoption project!

Sunday School Help Needed: Adults who are willing to substitute. AND someone who is willing to be a volunteer Sunday School coordinator.

P.A.C.K - 4th - 6th grades

Movie Night: Friday, Nov 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION - 7th - 9th grades

Nov. 2, 9 & 16...regular classes 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Nov. 23no class

Nov. 30Bethlehem training and service projects

Dec. 7 & 14.....Bethlehem Nights!

Students and their families will volunteer at least one of these nights.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH - 9th - 12th grades

Peer Ministry Leadership Training: Nov 5 in Bloomington, MN.

Sign up with Kristen today!

Warming Center Meal: Friday, Nov 11. Begin meal prep at ELC at 4:00 p.m.

We are providing a warm meal for those staying at the warming center.

Burritos: - Nov 13

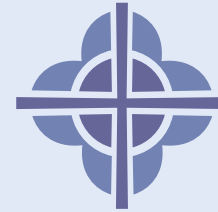
Christmas Eve Youth Choir



The fabulous Maria Higgins will begin working with students to sing at the **3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.**

Please let Maria or Kristen know if you want to be involved!

Contact Kristen Arends at kristen@englishlutheran.org for any questions about Sunday School, confirmation or other youth events.



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GIFTS, MEMORIALS AND PASTORAL ACTS

PIANO FUND

In Memory of: Ron Rogers
by family and friends

UNDESIGNATED

In Memory of: Ron McKelvey
by Chris Saudek
In Memory of: Terry Welch
by Mercedes Welch

BAPTISMS

08/27 ...Edison Irving Hill,
son of Calder and Ashley Hill
09/03 ...Leo Troy Brindle,
son of Troy and Stephanie
Brindle

MARRIAGES

09/17 ...Mark Hatleli
and Vicki Dahl

DEATH

10/03 ...Glen Peterson

NEW MEMBERS

09/04 ...Kent and Lee Johnson;
Mike Lorenz and Gwen Rood,
with children Karson, Henry and
Franklin; Felix and Jessica
Malpica with children Javier and
Ruben; Harvey Melcher; Victoria
Rosin; Jerome "Jerry" Smith;
and Theresa Schneyer



All Saints Advent cont'd. from front

Hvide Flok (Behold the Host
Arrayed in White):

O blessed saints, now take
your rest; a thousand times
shall you be blest for keep-
ing faith firm unto death . . .
For now you live at home with
God . . . The myriad angels
raise their song. O saints, sing
with that happy throng; life up
one voice; let heaven rejoice in
our Redeemer's song!

This song gives me such hope
that in the midst of hurting
and grieving for those we have
lost, we can know and trust
in the hope and reality of life
forever in Jesus Christ; a life
never-ending filled with song
and joy in the presence of
Jesus!

And then, the end of Novem-
ber brings with it the start of

the season of Advent; a sea-
son of watching and awaiting
the arrival of Jesus, the Son of
God, the Messiah, Immanuel;
God with us!



Dear Siblings in Christ, may
the God of new life in Jesus
fill you with all good; in your
remembering and in your
anticipation of the mercy, love,
forgiveness and life that is
Jesus Christ.

Soli Deo Gloria
(To God alone the glory!)
Pastor Mark Kvale

Next New Member Class

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a member at English Lutheran Church or simply want to learn a bit more about us?

New Member Orientation

Sunday, November 6
12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

A light meal will be provided.

New Members Received

weekend of
November 12 and 13
at the service of their choice

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



“For God so loved the world that He gave his only beloved Son that whosoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” John 3:16

This is a very familiar Bible verse and sums up God’s gift to us. Because he loves us and gives us the gift of salvation through

Jesus Christ, we must respond. The season of Christmas, when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we (members of English Lutheran Church) respond by giving to others.

This takes many forms, but two of the most visible are the following Giving Trees.

- **Sponsor families from the community.**

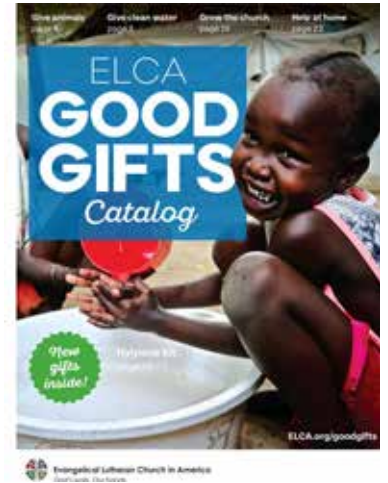
Please watch the e-voice for more details of the community families we will be sponsoring.

- **Give through ELCA Good Gifts Program.**

ELCA Good Gifts is your opportunity to provide critical support to the ministries and programs that mean the most to you and the people you love.

Each ornament for the Good Gifts tree represents providing help to those in need – whether it is providing food, assistance for sustainable farming, or medical care.

Go to <https://goodgifts.elca.org/> for more information of how you can give to others during this season of giving.



Dear Members - from front page

Laughing and crying, loving and living together in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Inviting all into a trusting relationship with Jesus Christ.

Fluent in the first language of faith.

Equipped for God's mission in the world.

And you give thanks to God in the giving of yourselves, your time, and your financial resources.

I thank God for your generosity! In fact, not a day goes by that I am humbled by just how generous you are: In your weekly giving of your tithes and offering; in your giving in special circumstances (disaster

response and relief, fighting hunger, and so many other needs), and in the joy of the Hungry Jar!

Dear friends, the work that Jesus has given us, in this time and in this place, would not be possible without your generosity and your love of Jesus. Your gifts make a difference!

Being generous is the way of Jesus.

God’s love and mercy and peace be with all of you today and always!

Soli Deo Gloria
(To God alone the Glory)
Pastor Mark Kvale

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

November/December

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The Bethlehem Event

EXPERIENCE the JOURNEY

The planning continues for the
Bethlehem Event December 17 and 18.

VOLUNTEER

As of this writing we are quite low on the number of volunteers that it takes to operate this event. There are sign up sheets in the hallway outside of the Fellowship Hall. There is also an electronic sign up on the English Lutheran Church website:
www.englishlutheran.org/village.html.

This traditional event was schedule for 2021, but delayed by Covid. So, it has been a five years since the last event. This is a great opportunity for new members to be involved as it is a great event and a super

way to meet and get to know more people in our church family. We have many roles to fill: characters in costume, costume fitting, needs in the kitchen, ushering, construction, and many other roles.

On October 15, we removed all the furniture and placed the floor covering.

Contact Pete Bemis with any questions or suggestions at pfbemis@hotmail.com.

Whatever role or task you accept will be pleasing to our visitors, and pleasing to our Lord.

Matthew 5:16

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

We may underestimate the power of simply living an honest and faithful life before God. By doing so, others notice and may actually end up seeing the beauty of God through our lives. Leading hearts to God is at the top of the list for acts of service. What an honor to inspire someone else to love God because of the way that we love him!

Pete Bemis

