

# *English Lutheran News*

**OUR CHURCH IN OUR COMMUNITIES**



**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

**February 2023**



## **English Lutheran**

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**WELCA Valentine Event**

**February 15, 2023**

**(see last page for details)**



**Our Mission:**

**Called to be shepherds, doing God's work, daily.**

**GIVING HEARTS DAY 2023**  
**Send Some Love to the Eastern North Dakota Synod!**

Giving Hearts Day continues to grow as a vital avenue to support synod ministries. We are **STRONGER TOGETHER** as congregations, parishes, and ministries. We hope that you will participate in this year's Giving Hearts Day. Our goal is to raise \$80,000! We have already raised \$40,000 in match dollars.

Be a part of the work that we do across the Eastern North Dakota Synod. Together, we are able to serve neighbors near and far. We invite you to think of the ways that the EaND Synod has helped your ministry be able to love God and serve neighbor. If you have been impacted by the ministry of the EaND Synod, we would love to hear those stories and encourage you to be generous to the work we do together.

You can mail a check to:  
 Eastern North Dakota Synod PO Box 2019 Fargo, ND 58107  
 Please make sure it has “GHD” in the memo line, is dated 2/9/2023 and  
 is received in our office by 2/9/2023 (mail by 2/6/2023).

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# Mission Trip Opportunity for Junior & Senior High Youth

2023 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lutheran mission in the Sudan (present day Cameroon & Central African Republic). A celebration will take place July 8-9, 2023 in Minneapolis and will include representatives from Cameroon and the CAR, as well as US and Canadian synod bishops. As part of the centennial celebration, youth groups are invited to participate in a Global Mission Trip in Minneapolis! Groups will spend a few days learning about urban ministry in Minneapolis and then participate in the Centennial Celebration. If you know a Jr. or Sr. High student who is interested in being a part of this learning opportunity contact your pastor!

## Christians in Action – Inviting a Pastoral Intern

One strength of the Christians in Action Partnership is the variety of experiences our congregations provide for future pastors to learn about serving in rural communities. Together, we have applied to become an internship site for a pastoral intern during the 2023-2024 academic year.

At Annual Meetings in January, both Emmanuel in Gackle and Trinity in Jamestown voted to proceed with an application to Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (PLTS) for an intern. The proposal in our application is for the intern to live in the parsonage in Gackle and serve 15 hours per week as part of ministry with Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Pastor Kristi Weber would serve as the intern supervisor and the intern would serve 10 hours per week as part of ministry with Trinity Lutheran in Jamestown. A third congregation would be served by the intern for Sunday worship twice a month and have one half day per week of ministry in that community. Montpelier Lutheran will decide in the coming weeks if they wish to be that third internship partner.

The remaining 10 hours each week would be spent wherever it makes the most sense for the particular learning goals at the time. For example, leading a weekly Bible study for one congregation might be part of a six to eight week experience at some point during the year. Participation in weekly text study with other pastors might take place in Jamestown. The learning needs and interests of the intern will influence the actual schedule for this full time position.

The anticipated timeline for the internship process to unfold looks like this:

**October 2022** – The Intent to Apply for an Intern form was sent to PLTS after discussion among the Christians in Action Local Coordinators and among the Councils at Trinity and Emmanuel.

**January 2023** – The Eastern North Dakota Synod Endowment Committee voted to award a grant of \$15,000 to support the Christians in Action Partnership in hosting an intern.

**January 2023** – Emmanuel in Gackle and Trinity in Jamestown voted to apply to host an intern.

**Spring 2023** – The seminary will match available interns with internship sites.

**Late Spring/Early Summer** – An internship committee of 2 members from each of the 3 primary congregations partnering for the internship will be formed to prepare for the arrival of the intern.

**Late Summer/Early Fall** – The intern will arrive to begin learning and serving in our communities.

**12 Month Internship** – Throughout the year, the internship committee will meet with the intern to provide feedback on the learning goals that the intern is working toward. The intern and supervisor will meet weekly. The congregations will have a variety of opportunities to meet and work with the intern on Sundays and during the week during the year.

Congregations participating in Christians in Action:

Atonement, Jamestown; Christ the King; Ellendale; Emmanuel, Gackle; English, Medina, Montpelier, Montpelier; St. John's, Jamestown; Trinity, Jamestown; Zion, Kulm

## **English Lutheran WELCA Meeting January 8, 2023**

◇ Present: Julie Opp, Ethel Heinle, Renae Olson, Jennifer Hayes, Shirley Judin & Janet Well

◇ Started meeting with a reading of the mission statement for WELCA and a prayer

◇ **Secretary's report** read by Jennifer from November 11<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> meetings read and approved with no changes.

◇ **Treasurer's report** read by Ethel.

◇ the checking account stands at about \$3045.00 after expenses and donations given.

◇ the WELCA check for hosting the conference in September was \$1129.00

◇ Donations given: \$85.17 for Angel Tree gifts, \$200 for Castaway participants, \$21.14 for caroling treats, \$53.00 for the ThankOffering, \$508.79 for WELCA Secretary laptop

◇ Red Willow ministries and the Salvation Army have sent Thank You cards for donations given

◇ Janet moved to accept the report, report was approved as read.

### ◇ **Old Business:**

◇ Survey of women in congregation

◇ not many responded to the survey

◇ question posed, is this a sign of the times?

◇ Women's community night – once a month

◇ have different activities and topics to be covered

◇ begin February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the fellowship hall – open to all women of the community

◇ Women to come wearing red and a valentine, babysitting/supervision will be provided

◇ WELCA to provide a light snack

◇ March 15<sup>th</sup> the next Women's night

### ◇ **New Business**

◇ Janet is continuing to make the baptismal quilts, Sara Sunderlin & Patty Well find deals on fabric and donate it to make the quilts

◇ Thank you cards should be sent to Sara and Patty for this

**(con't WELCA meeting minutes—January 8, 2023)**

◇ Kathy has sent out 263 cards to various individuals throughout the year – thank you, sympathy, care and concern, etc.

◇ **World Day of Prayer** to be held at the UCC Church this year  
(rotating between churches)

◇ **Bold Women's Day** – the fourth Sunday in February (26<sup>th</sup>)

◇ create a timeline of the evolution of the women's group in the church

◇ show history of women taking a part in church with important dates from our church's history

◇ include names of previous women who have helped shape our faith

◇ New WELCA booklets should be created – need to have all dates finalized for upcoming year to include

◇ Next WELCA meeting will be the second Sunday in February (12<sup>th</sup>) at 10 am

◇ Bible Study to continue on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 10 am

◇ Annual meeting scheduled for January 29, 2023. There will be a potluck lunch following the service. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

◇ **Fundraising ideas** to help two WELCA members attend the National WELCA convention in Phoenix this September.

◇ Possible Thrivent support for an event to raise money for this – Jennifer to check into this.

◇ possible potluck luncheons to support

◇ closed meeting by saying the Lord's Prayer.

Presented by WELCA Secretary, Jennifer Hayes

English Lutheran Church ELCA

✝ Welcome ✝

*Join Us Every Sunday*

210 Water Street East Medina ND

IN MEMORY OF GARY REUER

Thank you to Leona Reuer for the donation to make this possible and for Gene and Brenda Guthmiller for getting it installed!

**YOUTH EVENT: February 26—  
Sledding and Skating -**



English high school youth event on Sunday, February 26 from 12:30-3:00pm. We will meet right after worship for a small snack before going sledding and skating behind the school, then return to the church to make pizza.



**ATTENTION ALL 6TH - 12TH GRADERS  
JOIN US FOR A BOWLING PARTY  
AT BUFFALO LANES IN JAMESTOWN  
SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH @ 1:00 P.M.**

**Cost per person is \$15**

**(Includes bowling, shoe rental, pizza and pop.)**

**Bring extra cash if you want to play in the arcade**

**You MUST RSVP by Sunday February 12, 2023**

*\*Unapproved minutes and are subject to change.*

## **English Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes** **–January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023–**

**Members Present:** Phillip Hofmann, Kurt Hayes, Michelle Lytle, Brenda Guthmiller, Karen Heinle, Pastor Stephanie Gossett and Pastor Erik Weber

**Members Absent:**

### **Pastor Report**

-Pastor Erik led with a devotion.

-Pastor Erik reviewed December activities.

### **Past Minutes**

-December 8<sup>th</sup> Council minutes were read.

-Brenda moved to approve the minutes. Kurt seconded. motion carried.

### **Treasure's Report**

-December's Reports were reviewed and discussed.

-Brenda moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Karen seconded. motion carried.

### **Old Business**

-Church Constitution revision first vote was held on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022. It unanimously passed to accept the revisions. The 2<sup>nd</sup> vote for accepting the revised Constitution will be at the annual meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

-Parsonage: The east garage door needs to be fixed.

-Plan to hire one full-time Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries to coordinate events for all youth of the seven participating congregations. The job continues to be posted.

-Seminary Internship for one congregation in the Christians in Action. The primary site has not been chosen.

-Dakota Heritage has donated \$250 for the Food Pantry

-Discussion about holding a new member class sometime in the new year

-usher list to be reinstated

### **New Business**

-Looking for the 2<sup>nd</sup> post office key and the offering envelopes have not arrived yet for this year.

-There will be 3 open council member positions that will expire this year. Seeking new members.



- Bryan Behm will transfer accounts to Dakota Heritage. Authorized signers are Bryan Behm and Sharon Behm for the checking, savings, and memorial accounts. Kurt motioned to approve this action, seconded by Brenda. Motion carried.
- The council will construct a formal parsonage agreement with Pastor Stephanie.
- The council reviewed the annual budget and made necessary changes that will be presented at the annual meeting.
- Annual meeting to be held on January 29, 2023 after the 11:00 service. Council member terms that expire are Michelle Lytle, Brenda Guthmiller, and Karen Heinle.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Lytle

## A LITTLE MORE

And fewer on the grave at the end of the strife.

(taken out of “church bulletin bits” #3)

## **“Angels Among Us” Altar Guild**

Our Altar Guild will meet on Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10. We will be discussing our new year and talk about our Lent schedule.

Thank you to Pat and Kathy for serving in January and Mindy and Julie In February.

We are always needing new members! If you feel you would like to see what we do please join us on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 10!

AS ALWAYS I APPRECIATE THE ANGELS AMONG US!

God Bless You All, Julie

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## **VALENTINE’S RECIPE**

*4 small kisses  
6 giant hugs  
1 cup of kindness  
3 cups of love  
5 tsp of happiness  
2 + caring hearts*

**MIX TOGETHER AND  
SPREAD THE LOVE!**

# BIRTHDAYS

## February

Brenda Guthmiller	Feb 4
Aurora Hayes	Feb 4
Melissa Dockter	Feb 5
Ally Greer	Feb 7
Justin Dewald	Feb 7
Dacotah Dockter	Feb 11
Tilman Dockter	Feb 11
Jenny Hieb Opsahl	Feb 12
Katie Dewald	Feb 13
Kim Hoffmann	Feb 13
Trinity Opp	Feb 13
Pr. Kristi Weber	Feb 13
Madisyn Kleven	Feb 16
Madison Hofmann	Feb 17
Tammy Reis	Feb 17
Jaranah Liebold	Feb 19
Kyle Andres	Feb 20
Jordon Spitzer	Feb 22
Scott Dockter	Feb 23
Kylee Hofmann	Feb 26
Jeff Morlock	Feb 26
Bryan Behm	Feb 26
Logan Lytle	Feb 28
Logan Hoffmann	Feb 29

## March

Teresa Schleske	Mar 1
Tina Guthmiller	Mar 6
Morgan Irlmeier Perleberg	Mar 7
Starr Koble	Mar 7
Lillian Higdem	Mar 8
McCall Dockter	Mar 13
Beckett Dewald	Mar 15
Vicky Andres	Mar 17
Shawn Gefroh	Mar 22
Keisha Salinas	Mar 25
Shannon Moser Ford	Mar 25
Renae Heinle Schultz	Mar 28
Maddie Gefroh	Mar 30

## **Celebrating February/March Anniversaries**

Scott & Melissa Dockter  
Jahleel & Ashley Opp

Feb 3, 1989  
Feb 14, 2009

Kurt & Jennifer Hayes

Mar 6, 2010



**WOMEN'S NIGHT**

**RECHARGE/RENEW  
THE SPIRIT**

**ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!**

**ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**FEBRUARY 15TH @ 7 PM**

**BABYSITTING/SUPERVISION &  
LIGHT SNACK WITH COFFEE PROVIDED**

**COME WEARING RED AND  
WITH A VALENTINE**



Hosted by English Lutheran Church  
WELCA

Michelle Lytle presenting the activity