

English Lutheran News

OUR CHURCH IN OUR COMMUNITIES



Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

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Breakfast/Brunch Fundraiser

June 11, 2023

10 am—1 pm

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English Lutheran Church Free Will Offering

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Our Mission:

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

Story of Impact

Once a year, representatives from the 180+ congregations of the Eastern North Dakota Synod gather for the Synod Assembly on a Saturday and Sunday. Knowing that most of the rostered leaders (pastors, deacons, and SAMS) will be attending the Synod Assembly, the Bishop prepares a sermon and makes it available for the congregations to use. There's a copy that can be printed so that someone can read the sermon on that Sunday. There's also a video version of the Bishop preaching the sermon, that congregations can show if they have the capability. The sermon is only one part of the whole service though. Someone needs to lead the other parts of worship. Each year this becomes a part of the preparation for Synod Assembly, recruiting someone to lead Sunday Worship.

Within the Christians in Action partnership this same need has been identified. Within the partnership there's a lot of pulpits to fill so that everyone hears the word of God proclaimed each week. So, early on the need for lay preachers was identified. What do you do though if there's a lay preacher prepared to preach, but the clergy are all assigned to be somewhere else? It's a lot like Synod Assembly - there's a sermon available, but someone needs to lead worship. The lay preacher *could lead worship too, but they're already traveling and each congregation does things a little differently. A better solution would be to treat those Sundays like Synod Assembly weekend and recruit someone from within the congregation to lead worship. After all, someone from within the congregation already has knowledge of how things are done!*

Pr. Susan Haukaas took on lay worship training as a part of her work within the partnership and in April training began. In their own churches, using the patterns of worship they are already familiar with, those who volunteered practiced the basics of leading worship. They realized quickly that most of what they needed to know they've learned just by attending worship in their congregation. Mostly a worship leader keeps things going in the right order. The congregation generally knows when to sit and stand, when to sing or speak, they just need to be invited to do those things.

Having worship leaders will allow our lay preachers to travel more broadly in the partnership. They won't need to bring clergy along with them to lead the rest of the service and that will allow clergy to preach and lead in other congregations within the partnership. Lay worship leaders know the specific traditions and patterns within their own congregations. With some basic training they can easily guide the congregation through worship. Most importantly lay worship leadership adds another opportunity for people to be involved in the ministry we do together as Christians in Action in Eastern North Dakota. We hope to eventually have lay worship leaders trained in all of the Christians in Action congregations. Those leaders will be invited to be in conversation and community with each other, as a means of support and encouragement of their ministry!

If you are interested in being trained in the basics of worship leadership contact Pastor Susan Haukaas @ pastorsusan@ndchristiansact.org
Blessings,

Pr. Susan Haukaas

Christians in Action

Among the 8 congregations of the Christians in Action Partnership, there are approximately 220-240 youth in middle and high school.

Since October 2022, a search team including Carson Bayer, Julie Fischer, and Dana Kolden from Atonement and Addison Mansavage, Brent Berry, and Jay Oettle from Trinity, along with Pastor Kristi Weber, have been preparing to welcome a Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries.

After Zoom and in-person interviews in March, the search team recommended that Deacon Tara Ulrich be called as the Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries.

By agreement of the congregations, Trinity Lutheran is the congregation that extends a call. This is similar to when a congregation calls a pastor. Trinity members voted at a congregational meeting Sunday, May 7 to call Deacon Tara Ulrich to serve our congregations. The Councils of the partner congregations have agreed to contribute to the balance of the compensation package beyond Trinity's portion.

This call is in partnership with the other congregations of Christians in Action. Deacon Tara will serve an average of 17 hours per week with Trinity (Jamestown), 13 hours per week with Atonement (Jamestown), 4 hours per week with St. John's (Jamestown), and 6 hours per week shared by Emmanuel (Gackle), English (Medina), and Zion (Kulm) Lutheran Churches.

Please prepare your hearts and minds to welcome Deacon Tara Ulrich to the Christians in Action partnership. She has strong gifts to bring to our congregations.

About Deacon Tara Ulrich

Deacon Tara Ulrich grew up in Ashley, North Dakota. She attended the University of Mary in Bismarck and attended seminary at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, where she received her Masters of Arts in Youth, Culture and Mission degree in 2005. Deacon Tara has served children, youth and families in Lutheran congregations in Minnesota and North Dakota for the past seventeen years. She enjoys baking, reading, and spending time with her fur babies (her cats) Luna Lovegood and Neville Longbottom.

Anticipated Start Date July 2023 – The Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries will begin serving in our communities to coordinate large group events as well as coordinating local events for youth from our congregations.

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

Senior Recognition



Renae Olson, **Keisha Salinas**, **Kane Schmidt**, Julie Opp, Pastor Stephanie Gossett
(missing Krysta Olson)

Congratulations and God's blessings to you!

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Last Day of Sunday School

Kids singing for the last time during worship for this season



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Sixth Grade Farewell

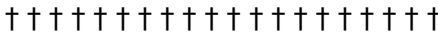
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McCall Dockter
&
Angel Hayes

Spring WELCA Cluster Meeting

Thanks to all of you who took part in our Spring WELCA cluster Meeting on May 6th. We were very happy for the 25 people who gave their time to come and have a great time of fellowship and inspiration! We also want to thank 5 of our youth members who helped set up and cleaned up.

Thank you to those of you who gave a monetary donation or a pair of pajamas to Project Ignite, we had over 40 pairs of pajamas! God Bless you all, Julie



**English youth in FFA speak at
Jamestown Rotary on May 23, 2023**

**Unapproved minutes and are subject to change.*

English Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes—May 3, 2023

Members Present: Phillip Hofmann, Becky Greer, Kurt Hayes, Taylor Dockter, and Pastor Stephanie.

Guest: Ethel Heinle

Members Absent: Ceph Dockter, Pastor Erik.

Pastor Report

-Pastor Stephanie led with devotion.

Past Minutes

-April meeting minutes were read.

-Kurt moved to approve the minutes. Becky seconded. Motion carried.

Treasure's Report

-April's Reports were reviewed and discussed.

-Taylor moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Kurt seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

-Parsonage – still waiting for garage door to be repaired and work on list of minor fixes. -Jim coming to work on garage door in the next couple weeks.

-Mike Moser will do lights in parsonage.

- Will need to pick up and install new range hood.

- Prairie heating contract is up. Taylor motioned to renew service agreement. Kurt seconded. Motion carried.

- Had issue with furnace – need to replace furnace. Received bid from Prairie Heating. Kurt motioned to approve bid from Prairie Heating to replace furnace at \$4,728.00. Taylor seconded. Motion carried.

- Would like to have a grant written to be able to get an AED for the church. Will talk to Bill Lytle and Renae Olson about someone who could write a grant.

-Ushering – how do we want this to look/change from previously.

New Business

-Discussed opportunities for confirmation class to be able to mow at parsonage and church. Agreed that we would allow confirmands to mow the lawn and donation would be made to their funds. If no confirmand is able to do this, then would continue with having Kameron Bodvig do this.

-Question if a blood drive could be held in the fellow ship hall on June 15th. This was okay'd.

-Hard copies of *Living Lutheran* are being discontinued. This will now be online at no charge. This will begin either December of 2023 or January 2024. If you would like to have access to a digital copy, this can be found at www.livinglutheran.org.

-Ethel has a lot of the St. Luke's documents on her computer. Will get an external USB drive to store these documents on.

-Central Valley grant – Grant received from Central Valley Health. \$1,500 to English Lutheran. Will just need to put memos about vaccinations in our Bulletin.

-Spring clean-up – possibly schedule something June. Sunday after church. Clean up leaves, clean windows, plant flowers, etc. Kurt moved for have June 11th for having a cleaning day and potluck. Taylor seconded. Motion carried.

-Synod delegates – need 2 delegates from our church. This will be in Fargo on the 3rd and 4th of June. Hotel rooms would be paid for.

Meeting adjourned after the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Taylor Dockter

English WELCA Meeting May 14, 2023

- + present: Julie Opp, Renae Olson, Jennifer Hayes, Shirley Judin, Ethel Heinle
- + Treasurer's report
 - + need to have receipts for reimbursement sent to Ethel for the WELCA meeting ELC hosted, better idea of amounts after all these are in
- + Fundraiser for two members to attend the Triennial Convention in September
 - + Host a breakfast/brunch on June 11th from 10am - 1pm
 - + Jennifer to contact Thrivent for the event
 - + Have it open to community and local churches
 - + Jenn to create flyers to pass out in community and churches
- + ask youth to help serve during the event - track the youth that help and provide those with a donation for youth trips
- + meal to be sausage, pancakes and french toast
- + ask local meat lockers for prices and a potential deal on sausages?
 - need to know a rough number to plan purchases - contact Lion's or Ms. V to see how many they plan for.
- + WELCA booklet for women of church
 - need to review and make any changes to the lists and information
- + Renae to get the youth group and a Jr. League (completed 2nd grade-6th grade) going
- + Summer Family Fun Night in the park
 - + set for July 12th at 7pm
- + have games for kids to play and ask youth to come and supersize younger kids & speaker for adults
- + Have s'mores and ice cream sandwiches for everyone
- + have youth make the ice cream sandwiches - Renae to head this up
- + Minutes read from the April 16, 2023 meeting
 - + minutes approved as read
 - + Project Ignite - Julie to deliver the pajamas to them when she is in the area in a couple weeks.
 - + idea to have women's group or youth group to go to Project Ignite and help put together backpacks in the future
- + Closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by the WELCA Secretary, Jennifer Hayes

Living Lutheran Magazine

They are going digital with the January 2024 edition at no **CHARGE**.

Over the years English Lutheran has paid for subscriptions to parishioners, which the subscriptions are coming due in June, 2023, so therefore we will not be renewing for just six months.

If you wish to access the Living Lutheran digital magazine at no charge go to livinglutheran.org click on Current Issue at the bottom of the page and follow it through to get to the magazine. Any questions, contact Ethel.

BIRTHDAYS

June

Emelia Greer	June 1
Kathy Hieb	June 2
Jennifer Hayes	June 2
Elaine Martel	June 5
Adeline Link	June 6
Darlene Dockter	June 7
Linda Morlock	June 9
Gracie Gunderson	June 9
Dylan Lytle	June 11
Reagan Dockter	June 11
Krysta Olson	June 12
Aiden Greer	June 14
Lane Schmidt	June 15
Kadie Gefroh	June 18
Gil Everding	June 18
Maynard Link	June 20
Camden Hofmann	June 21
Sherry Schmidt	June 24

July

Frank Reis	July 5
Dawn Salinas	July 7
Michelle Lytle	July 8
Trevin Behm	July 10
Austin Dockter	July 11
Jonathan Juelfs	July 14
Nicole Hayes	July 15
Pat Everding	July 16
Dylan Dockter	July 17
Matt Opsahl	July 17
Paige Gefroh	July 18
Phillip Hofmann	July 23
Gordon Christensen	July 24
Randy Kapp	July 24
Darin Dockter	July 25
Gary Hieb	July 26
Melissia Kleven	July 26
Kendra Behm	July 27
Serena Andres	July 30

Celebrating June/July Anniversaries

Ron & Sharon Otto	June 3, 1972
Jeff & Linda Morlock	June 5, 1981
Rob & Katy Ruff	June 11, 2016
Gary & Kathy Hieb	June 13, 1987
Joe & Sherry Schmidt	June 15, 2001
Bill & Michelle Lytle	June 17, 2006
Tim & Renae Olson	June 14, 1980
Jared & Julie Opp	June 29, 1974
Ryan & Becky Greer	July 1, 2006
Sky & Patty Roemmich	July 2, 2010
Gordon & Betty Christensen	July 6, 1974
Mike & Teresa Schleske	July 7, 2005
Bryan & Vicky Andres	July 9, 1988
Ron & Starr Koble	July 11, 1975
Dylan & Taylor Dockter	July 26, 2014
Nick & Serena Andres	July 30, 2018