

# *English Lutheran News*

**OUR CHURCH IN OUR COMMUNITIES**



**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

**May 2023**



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## **WELCA Spring Cluster Meeting**

May 6, 2023 @

English Lutheran, Medina, ND

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**Our Mission:**

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

## **Disciples AND Apostles**

*After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Acts 1:3-5*

In the days after Easter we encounter the risen Christ. He returns from the grave, triumphantly, and then he spends 40 days with his disciples (those who follow) teaching them how to be apostles (those sent out). At the end of the season, on Ascension Day (May 18th this year) he ascends into heaven. The Disciples return to Jerusalem and wait to become the Apostles. On Pentecost (May 28th this year) they are baptized with the Holy Spirit and are empowered to go out and spread the Good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

This month we are invited to remember that, we too, are disciples, followers of Jesus. We are called, like Peter, James, John, and all the rest to follow Jesus. We are invited to learn from Jesus about how the Kingdom of God has come near. We are commanded, like those who gathered with Jesus at the Last Supper, to love one another like Jesus loved.

Yet, we are also apostles, those who have been baptized by the Holy Spirit and sent out to share the Gospel. Like the women at the tomb, we are sent to "go quickly" and tell everyone that, "Jesus has been raised from the dead!" We know the story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. We know many who need to hear this good news! Many who struggle to see joy or hope or love in their daily life. We are the ones sent out to be God's messengers about God's love for all the world. Having encountered the risen Christ, having been baptized by the Holy Spirit, we must be apostles, sent to offer a word of hope and resurrection for a world in need of Good News!

Blessings,  
Pr. Susan Haukaas

## Christians in Action – Youth Ministry Events

# Hot Dogs, Nachos, Snow Cones, and Fun at the Circus

April 11, youth and adults from English Lutheran and Trinity were part of the Christians in Action group volunteering at the El Zagal Shrine Circus at the Jamestown Civic Center.

Our group worked in two teams. One team sold hot dogs and nachos to circus attendees in the stands throughout the show. Did you know that people of all ages like to eat hot dogs, but Dads seemed to make the most hot dog purchases?

Darryl sold more than 100 hot dogs during the evening.

The other team made and sold snow cones. Did you know that blue snow cones are more popular than red snow cones? By the end of the evening, the snow cone makers had expanded their talents into red/blue combinations. With the white ice, these were a very patriotic option for snow cone fans.

In addition to having fun and bringing joy to children and adults attending the circus, each youth and adult volunteer earned \$30 toward future Christians in Action partnership events. This is one way to make big events such as the Synod Castaway Youth Retreat in September or next year's ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans more affordable. In total, our group earned \$330 in one evening.

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

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## CONFIRMATION

## CALLING ALL 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH GRADE YOUTH AND PARENTS

Confirmation Parent Meeting on Wednesday May 3rd at 6:30 pm. All parents or trusted adults for our current 6th, 7th, and 8th graders (next year's confirmation group) are invited to join Pastor Stephanie and Erik for a meeting about confirmation next year and information about upcoming activities. We will keep this meeting to about 30 minutes (before the council meeting starts). Parents and youth are encouraged to attend.



Confirmation was held on April 16, 2023 at English Lutheran

**Emma Rae Jablonski**, daughter of Lori Jablonski and Ryan Jablonski,  
baptized in Mayville on February 10, 2010

**Kylee Jo Hofmann**, daughter of Bonnie and Jacob Hofmann, baptized  
at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kintyre, ND June 1, 2008

May they be filled with the Spirit of God as they continue on their faith  
journey with us in this congregation.

Congratulations and God Bless!



Pastor Erik Weber,  
Emma Jablonski, Kylee Hofmann,  
Pastor Stephanie Gossett



Eastern North Dakota Synod

# Holy Land Trip

with Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth

**February 16-25, 2024**

**Cost: \$3990\***

\*based on double occupancy

- Single room supplement: \$790
- Land only (if booking your own flights) - \$2,840.00 (airfare credit \$1,150.00)

Space is limited.  
**REGISTER SOON!**



## Itinerary

**Day 1, Feb 16:** Departure from USA

**Day 2, Feb 17:** Arrival - Tel Aviv, Galilee

**Day 3, Feb 18:** Mt. Carmel - Nazareth - Cana - Tiberius

**Day 4, Feb 19:** Caesarea Philippi - Golan Heights - Mt. Arbel - Valley of Doves - Sea of Galilee

**Day 5, Feb 20:** Sea of Galilee - Magdala - Capernaum - Mount of Beattitudes

**Day 6, Feb 21:** Jordan Valley - Jacob's Well - Shepherds Field - Bethlehem (ELCJHL)

**Day 7, Feb 22:** Augusta Victoria Hospital - LWF - Mt. of Olives - Living Stones (ELCJHL) Bishop Azar

**Day 8, Feb 23:** Wadi Qelt - St. George Monastery - Baptismal Site - Jericho - Dead Sea

**Day 9, Feb 24:** Temple Mount - Pools of Bethesda - Via Dolorosa - Holy Sepulcher - Jerusalem - ELCJHL

**Day 10, Feb 25:** Departure Tel Aviv to USA

## Payment Plan

**\$300** per person deposit

**\$1000** of the total amount due on or before October 1, 2023

**Balance** due on or before December 1, 2023

**For more information visit:**

<https://www.eliaستours.com/tours/eastern-north-dakota-synod-holy-land-trip-with-bishop-tessa-moon-leiseth>

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

**English Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes  
– April 25, 2023 –**

**Members Present:** Phillip Hofmann, Becky Greer, Ceph Dockter, Taylor Dockter, and Pastor Erik Weber

**Members Absent:** Kurt Hayes, Pastor Stephanie Gossett

**Pastor Report**

-Pastor Erik led with a devotion.

**Past Minutes**

-March 8th Council minutes were read.

-Ceph moved to approve the minutes. Becky seconded. motion carried.

**Treasure's Report**

-March's Reports were reviewed and discussed.

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

**Old Business**

-Parsonage – still waiting for garage door to be repaired and work on list of minor fixes.

- Garage was rearranged so should be able to get to the garage door now.

-Youth director – there were 2 candidates selected, looking at start date of the summer. Titles are *Children, youth and family director* and *Children, youth and family assistant*. Reviewed time that would be allotted for English Lutheran. Taylor motioned to continue with 2 positions with Christians in action. Seconded by Ceph. Motion carried.

-Seminary placement – intern has been assigned but wouldn't starting until January 2024.

-Discussion about new member class, want to look at what has been done in the past, look at directory and contacts. Add community members to online system "Realm." This will be a great place to have contacts of church members.

-Add Kennedy to payroll. Becky motioned to have this set up. Ceph seconded. Motion carried.

- Discussion if people substitute as pianist. Wouldn't add to payroll but would be given honorarium. Ceph motioned to pay substitute \$50 each Sunday they would play. Becky seconded. Motion carried.

-Care package, will announce during next service and get some signage on the basket. Will run 2 more Sundays. Plan to deliver after that.

-Ethel has started entering some of the congregation information into Realm.

**New Business**

-Was able to get the overflow video and sound to work via a laptop, with an HDMI cord to TV. Could we get an inexpensive laptop to use just for this purpose.

-Discussed if we would at some point remove the extra pews from the sanctuary with the ability to use the TV in fellowship hall for potential overflow, will have more discussions with church members on history of pews.

-Discussed if we should have a yearly joint council meeting with St. Johns Lutheran out of Jamestown.

Meeting adjourned after the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Taylor Dockter

## **WELCA Triennial Convention and The Gathering**

Twelfth Triennial Convention – September 19-21, 2023

The Gathering – September 21-23, 2023

The convention & Gathering will be held at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown.

- » Voting members, elected in the 64 synodical women's organizations, will conduct the business of the organization.
- » They will elect leaders for the 2023-2026 triennium, act on memorials from synodical organizations and resolutions from the floor, approve a budget and much more.
- » Six business committees support the work of the voting members as they consider proposed constitutional changes, memorials from synodical women's organizations, a proposed budget and more.
- » Voting members of the Twelfth Triennial Convention will elect officers and women to serve on the church-wide executive board for the remainder of 2023-2026 triennium.
- » Among the benefits of participating in Women of the ELCA is the opportunity to have a voice in determining the activities and direction of the organization. Where we go and what we do as a church-wide organization will be shaped, in part, by the voting members of the Twelfth Triennial Convention.

ELC WELCA to host the Jamestown cluster meeting May 6, 2023 from 9-1:30. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Contact Julie Opp for information.

### **ELC WELCA supporting community**

- » Project Ignite support – pajamas for youth in need
- » yarn donations to create prayer shawls and prayers squares
- » food bank donations to help community need
- » youth support in going to activities – camps, trips, etc
- » State Hospital donation of Christmas gifts
- » Angel Tree with gifts for underprivileged children
- » host for WELCA events – fall conference (Sept. 2022) and spring cluster meeting (May 6, 2023)

### **ELC WELCA Fundraising Events**

#### **to support Renae Olson and Jennifer Hayes attending the Triennial Convention**

- » *Pot luck held March 26<sup>th</sup> after church service – free will offering*
- » Luncheon put on by ELC WELCA to be held May 7<sup>th</sup> after church service – free will offering
- » Breakfast/Brunch put on by ELC WELCA in June (TBD) – open to community to attend & free will offering

# BIRTHDAYS

## May

Ben Juelfs	May 1
Sharon Otto	May 3
Molly Harr	May 3
Luka Ann Dockter	May 4
Alice Opp	May 6
Ardis Hochhalter	May 7
Addison Hofmann	May 8
Mindy Kapp	May 10
Benjamin Juelfs	May 12
Micaiah Kliem	May 14
Katie Dewald	May 14
Jayne Andres	May 16
Eldroy Salinas	May 16
JaSondra Schmidt	May 18
Carley Kliem	May 18
Zachary Hofmann	May 21
Daven Dockter	May 25

## 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

## **Celebrating May/June Anniversaries**

Eldroy & Dawn Salinas	May 17, 2003
Frank & Tammy Reis	May 21, 1982
Maynard & Adeline Link	May 26, 1963
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