

English Lutheran News

OUR CHURCH IN OUR COMMUNITIES



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

September 2022



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Medina Fall Festival

September 9th-11th, 2022

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EaND Synod WELCA convention

@ English Lutheran

September 24th, 2022

Our Mission:

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

Season of Creation

In August, I accompanied the multi-congregation trip to Holden Village, one of the most remote continuously inhabited places in the lower 48 states. It is an old mining camp that sits in a beautiful mountain valley. The land bears the scars of past mining operations and of forest fires. It is rugged, isolated and an example of the beauty of God's creative work. At one of the worship services, which was held outside, all those gathered were invited to go explore the world around us and to bring back a token of nature's beauty. I lay on my back, looking at the summer clouds float by, and identifying all of the shapes and animals that appeared and shifted in the sky. In worship this month, we are lifting up God's work in all creation. As partners with the newly named Christians in Action (the chosen common name for our cooperating congregations) we will be introducing a new liturgical season for worship across our congregations. This is our first local exposure to the Season of Creation.

We are familiar with the seasons of Advent, Lent, and Easter in the rhythm of our worship year. Each gives particular focus to an important part of the life of Jesus. In the Season of Creation, we focus on the gift of creation and God's creative goodness. Our worship will lift up the Universe, Storms, Animals, and the Ocean. Worship leaders will bring a message of God's creative action in these areas to each congregation. The Season of Creation is a time of grace that the Church, in ecumenical dialogue, offers to humanity to renew its relationship with the Creator and with creation, through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. We will be joining with Christians from around the world in finding space to worship with all of creation. We do this in the midst of our busy lives and at a busy time of year. School is starting, church programs are kicking off, fields are ripening, and the last days of a brief summer are slipping from view. We are invited to join the song of all creation in singing praise to God.

I have led Season of Creation worship at a previous congregation. I encourage you to come and add your voice to the songs of the whales, the beat of the cosmos, and the chaos of wind and rain. Our worship is not limited to care of creation, or themes of environmental stewardship. It is much broader. God is the creator of all and God cares for all of creation. We do not need to travel to a place as remote as Holden Village to find the majesty of God's creative work (although I encourage you to do so). We only have to open our eyes and see that God is at work all around us, in the grass that grows, the birds that begin to migrate, and in the wind in the trees. As we worship this month, we sing with all creation.

Pastor Erik Weber

Christians in Action

Seven ELCA congregations that decided to participate in a first set of goals now call this partnership, Christians in Action. A shared website with links to individual congregation websites is located at NDChristiansAct.org. Additional information about the shared ministry of our congregations will be posted there in the coming weeks.

Updates on current actions:

Season of Creation—Worship Series

Explore the Wonders of God's Creation

September 4 11:00 am at English Theme: Ocean Pastor Susan Haukaas

September 18 9:00 St. John's/11:00 English Theme: Storm Dustin Lien

September 25 9:00 St. John's/11:00 English Theme: Universe Pastor
Lucinda Lien

October 2 9:00 St. John's/11:00 English Theme: Animal Chris Flann

The call committee from English and St. John's met with a candidate by Zoom on August 17. Plans for a follow-up meeting are underway.

The search team for a Director of Youth and Family Ministries is made of members (including teens) from Trinity and Atonement. They are developing a position description and expectations for how this staff member will serve the congregations and community. The position has not yet been posted.

Upcoming Events for 6th-9th Graders

Saturday, September 10 9:30-1:00—CLUE
(activity in Jamestown)

Friday - Sunday, September 23-25—Castaway
(retreat near Detroit Lakes, Minnesota)

Congregations participating in Christians in Action:

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

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FREE Public Art Event!

Experience a *Drawn to the Word* artistic experience where Artist and Pastor Paul Oman will paint a large scale canvas of the Feeding of the 5000 before your eyes at ***The Arts Center in Jamestown*** on **Tuesday August 30th at 7 pm**. This story will unfold artistically, musically, narratively and Scripturally during the event.

Upcoming Events in the Eastern North Dakota Synod (see details below)

Saturday, September 24 – English is hosting the Annual Eastern North Dakota Synod Women of the ELCA Convention

Sunday, September 25 (3:30-6:00 pm) – Our Savior’s in Valley City is hosting a Jamestown Conference gathering with Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth

Thursday, October 13 – Concordia College is hosting a World Food Day event with travel guide Rick Steves

Saturday, October 22 (10:00 am – 4:00 pm) – Trinity in Jamestown is hosting an in person and Zoom event, Vital Church: Putting the Word in Worship

***Bring Your Baskets:
weaving together what we have and where we're going***

This Fall, Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth and the synod staff are traveling to each Conference for a chance to gather with you. This time will include scripture, prayer, and facilitated conversation. You don't need to literally bring any baskets, but we do want you to bring yourself and congregation members, because you have gifts to share. Like a basket is woven together, we can begin to weave together what we have and where we are going.

September 25th (3:30pm - 6pm) - **Jamestown Conference** (Our Savior’s, Valley City)

Vital Church: Putting the Word in Worship

Join us for the first in our Vital Church Conversations. This session will look at how worship has evolved and changed, the role of worship in our life of faith, and expanding our toolkit for sermons/proclamation. The day will include both big-picture theory as well as experiencing different tools led by seminary faculty and local ministry leaders.

How Worship has Evolved and Changed

Worship as Formation

Liturgy: The Work of the People

Putting the Word in Worship: Creative Proclamation

This event is open to Lay Leaders, SAMs, and Rostered Ministers

Cost: \$25/In-person \$15/ZOOM

October 22nd (10:00am – 4:00pm) (Trinity, Jamestown or ZOOM)

She’s Moved

Ardis Hochhalter, a long time member of English Lutheran, has moved to Bismarck, ND.

Ardis Hochhalter

% Baptist Home

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Bismarck, ND 58503

Phone: 701-975-3054

English Lutheran VBS—July 29-31, 2022

Theme: SKY

(more pictures on medinastreetparish Facebook page)



English Lutheran WELCA Meeting Minutes August 14, 2022

- ◆ Present: Ethel Heinle, Julie Opp, Renae Olson, Jennifer Hayes, Janet Well, & Sue Reardon
- ◆ Started meeting with a devotional reading and prayer led by Julie Opp.
- ◆ Minutes read from the June 26th meeting. Minutes approved as read.
- ◆ Extra quilt room key – to be kept in the church for easier access
- ◆ Treasurer report: about \$1900.00 in the checking account
- ◆ WELCA asked to purchase the materials/supplies for confirmation class
- ◆ Ask council to pay half of this expense, already purchase bibles for confirmands
- ◆ ELC WELCA paid yearly fee for WELCA association for 2023
- ◆ Purchased more yarn for prayer shawls & was given a donation of yarn
- ◆ Paid the 3rd quarter dues for *Christ in Our Home*
- ◆ Purchased the flowers for confirmands
- ◆ WELCA Conference in September at Medina discussed registrations in by September 12th to Julie Opp or Ethel Heinle
ELC WELCA to cover registration cost for ELC attendees
- ◆ Ethel moved to approve covering the registration costs; Janet Well seconded this motion: motion carried
- ◆ WELCA Care & Share and Prayer Chain groups need to be updated most people respond to texts more than calls – update list to have cell numbers for those who want texts and house numbers who want to receive calls (by end of the year)
- ◆ Fellowship hall rental discussed. Revamp contract; unified fee for members and non-members; \$100 fee. One council member is to be contact person for rental – WELCA no longer taking on this
- ◆ Fall Festival – Bingo sign to be made
- ◆ Cards are being taken out of the boxes – need to take from display first before boxed cards used

(con't WELCA meeting minutes)

- ◆ Food Pantry – Renae has been cleaning out the pantry of expired goods and moving almost expired goods to the freezer for continued use
- ◆ Discussion to have food pantry donation boxes placed in community locations (ie banks, post office, etc.) to collect donations
- ◆ Discussion to have a laptop purchased for the WELCA secretary to use, tabled for later meetings
- ◆ Closed meeting with the Lord's Prayer

Presented by Jennifer Hayes, WELCA Secretary

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September office hours schedule:

Wendy Thompson (701-251-2122) will be available for visits by appointment the week of September 19-22.

Pastor Kristi Weber (701-320-2077) will be at English Thursdays:

September 1 9:30 - 12:30 pm

September 8 1:30 - 4:30 pm

September 15 1:30 - 4:30 pm

September 29 9:30 - 12:30 pm

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Medina Mercantile

The Medina Mercantile is a farmers market sponsored by the Medina Economic Development that will be in the Medina City Park from 5-7p on **Sept 7, Sept 21, & Oct 5th**. There will be food trucks, entertainment, & vendors! There is a variety of vendors - anything from decor to produce, eggs & baked goods!

Save the Date:

Saturday, September 24, 2022 English Lutheran WELCA is hosting the 2022 Annual Eastern ND Synodical Convention.

Registration begins @ 8:30, meeting begins @ 9:30, ending about 3 pm.
Noon meal & snacks served. WELCA will pay for your meal.

Please contact Julie (701) 320-3890 or Ethel (317) 694-9535 by **September 12th** if planning to attend.

BIRTHDAYS

September

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| Mabel Cowell | Sept 3 |
| Aubree Lachenmeier | Sept 4 |
| Ava Hofmann | Sept 4 |
| Taylor Dockter | Sept 5 |
| Ron Koble | Sept 5 |
| Ryker Liebold | Sept 5 |
| Kenasyn Dockter | Sept 6 |
| Jim Cowell | Sept 18 |
| Brittney Dockter | Sept 20 |
| Sherry Everding | Sept 23 |
| Bence Yunc | Sept 25 |

October

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| Olive Lytle | Oct 1 |
| Jayden Opp | Oct 2 |
| Becky Greer | Oct 4 |
| Charlee Jo Gefroh | Oct 6 |
| Rikki Della Andres | Oct 7 |
| Isaac Olson | Oct 11 |
| Ron Otto | Oct 13 |
| Destiny Opp | Oct 13 |
| Dave Kooker | Oct 17 |
| Leona Morlock | Oct 18 |
| Kane Schmidt | Oct 20 |
| Oliver Hofmann | Oct 20 |
| Ashley Opp | Oct 20 |
| Leila Mae Harr | Oct 20 |
| Daniel Juelfs | Oct 22 |
| Nick Andres | Oct 22 |
| Gene Guthmiller | Oct 25 |
| Lucas Lytle | Oct 25 |
| Erica Olson | Oct 26 |
| Maynard Dockter | Oct 27 |
| Kurt Hayes | Oct 28 |
| Jeremy Ford | Oct 28 |
| Xander Hayes | Oct 28 |
| Jessica Dong | Oct 29 |
| Mike Schleske | Oct 29 |
| Carrie Kapp | Oct 30 |
| Bruce Liebold | Oct 30 |

Celebrating September/October Anniversaries

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| Bruce & Jaranah Liebold | Sept 1, 2012 |
| Jacob & Bonnie Hofmann | Sept 8, 2012 |
| Maynard & Darlene Dockter | Sept 23, 1962 |
| Gene & Brenda Guthmiller | Sept 24, 1971 |
| Xuejun & Chunyan Dong | Sept 29, 1994 |
| Dwight & Janine Hofmann | Oct 7, 1978 |
| Ceph & Brittany Dockter | Oct 12, 2019 |
| Wayne & Sue Reardon | Oct 18, 1975 |