



First Lutheran Church
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- 'The First Edition', First Lutheran Church, Poy Sippi, WI



Sunday Service 10:30



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 at our Facebook page:
 "First Lutheran Church ELCA"



“THE FIRST  EDITION”

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From our Pastor:



Back To Church Sunday is a national church event on the 3rd Sunday of September each year where the churches of America are encouraged to invite their communities to church!

The National Back to Church Sunday movement started 15 years ago as a call to action and an invitation – action for the church, and an invitation for the world. A single-day event focused on extending the invitation of love, peace, and hope of Jesus to our friends and neighbors.

Did you know?

- Only 5% of Americans have received a personal invitation to church
- 80% of Americans would be open to attending church if invited by a friend

This September, I invite you to pray about someone to whom you can extend an invitation to come to church. Now, more than ever, people need Jesus and a caring community where they can belong, grow and flourish.

In September I will be sharing a four-week sermon series called Rooted. God designed the church as a place where we are rooted in Him through community, belief in Christ, serving one another, living life together, and growing. I hope you will join me as we consider how the church can help root our lives in faith, purpose, and meaning.

Pastor Rebekah Tarras

2024 Council	Members
Mark Henn	715-820-2565 (President)
Kevin Birschbach	920-266-3628 (V-Pres)
Dar Cravillion	920-987-5887 (Treasurer)
Mali Beine	262-224-8336 (Secretary)
Jerry Wrage	920-290-09863
Jan Strehlow	920-572-6098
Joan Everson	920-295-9404
Lenny Langkau	920-229-3593
Jim Laird	303-690-2428

Worship Schedule

Date	Events	Reader	Notes
9/1/2024	10:30 Worship, 15th Sunday after Pentecost Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 Psalm 15 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Karen Or Steve M	Communion at the rail and in the pew Communion Assistant: Christ Monroe Bread Maker: Chris Monroe
9/8/2024	10:30 Worship Rooted In Sharing 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Matthew 28:16-20	Kim H	Communion in the pew
9/15/2024	10:30 Worship Rooted in Faith Colossians 2:6-7 Hebrews 10:19-25 John 15:5-8	Dar C	Communion in the pew
9/22/2024	10:30 Worship in Prayer and Study Philippians 4:6-9 1 Timothy 4:6-13	Kim H	Communion in the pew
9/29/2024	10:30 Worship Rooted in Community Romans 12:3-13 Acts 2:42-47	Joan E	Communion in the pew

September Office Information

Pastor: Monday and Wednesday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Office: Monday and Wednesday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Times may change and they will be noted when possible in the Sunday bulletin.

Bulletin Deadline

Information should be turned into the church by 9:00 Wednesday to ensure adequate time to process the information into the following Sunday's bulletin.

The First Edition

Please provide the church office with new items for the September newsletter by August 22nd. You may email your news in a Word Document format to firstluthpoysippi@gmail.com

WE NEED YOUR UPDATED EMAIL ADDRESS

With the rising cost of postage, our database system allows emails to be sent out to our members. This is a great way to communicate with you all. If you could please let Michelle know your most current and correct email, she will then update ICON. Please email it to firstluthpoysippi@gmail.com or call 920-987-5151

Join Us for the Funding Forward Course!

Funding Forward provides the tools and insights to move beyond the constant worry about finances to listen to God's voice more clearly. We invite everyone to participate in this collaborative learning experience as we explore innovative solutions to creating financially sustainable ministry models. This course is designed with the understanding that each church's path to financial sustainability is as unique as its mission and community. **This is not just about financial management; it's a journey of faith, stewardship, and community building by discerning God's mission for our congregation, understanding how we can meet the tangible needs of our local community, and using underutilized congregational assets.**

The learning modules will include topics like why tithes and offerings are no longer enough for most congregations; identifying our congregation's assets; discerning God's mission; aligning money and mission; reimagining our congregation's property; exploring social enterprises; shifting our congregation's staffing model; finding funding; and shifting our congregation's financial model. Each session will include short videos, time in God's Word, conversation, brainstorming, and more.

We will hear some examples from other churches that are trying different ways of serving their community; using their resources; working with other ministry organizations and more. What might it look like to rent out some of our unused building space? How about allowing people to use our commercial kitchen? Let's explore this course together and see where God might lead us to discover new opportunities for church funding and deepen our connection with God and our community. Sign up on the kiosk.

Dates: Sundays beginning September 22

Time: 9:00 am

Join us as we discover new opportunities for church funding and deepen our connection with God and our community. Sign up on the clipboard.

It is that time of year, Choir practice will begin Wednesday, September 4th at 10:15 am. Let's hear all those beautiful voices!



The Archive Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, after Choir practice. What a fun way to learn about church history and help clean up church records



Legacy Sunday - Legacy Sunday was held on Sunday, August 18th with a worship service to celebrate our members who have been blessed with 80+. Followed by a fellowship potluck. Such a wonderful time celebrating with everyone!



Baptism

We celebrate with joy the blessing of new life in Christ as Kaynen James Guyette and Raelyn Jade Rangle were baptized into the family of faith on August 11, 2024

SEPTEMBER 15TH - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! A LOT OF EXCITING THINGS HAPPENING



Coffee Fellowship will be starting on September 15th, Please Sign-up for the Sunday you would like to host.

Pack the Pew and Food Pantry Sunday

We are excited to invite you to a very special ****Pack the Pew and Food Pantry Sunday**** on September 15, 2024, at 10:30 AM. This is a wonderful opportunity for our congregation to invite people to join you in worship and fellowship, filling our pews with love and our pantry with essential items for those in need.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Sunday, September 15, 2024**
- **Worship Service:** 10:30 AM**
- ****Pancake palooza:** Following the service**

During our worship service, we encourage everyone to bring non-perishable food items to help support our community's food pantry. Your generous donations will make a significant difference in the lives of families in our community.

After the service, we invite you to join us for a ****Pancake Palooza.**** Enjoy a time of delicious food, warm fellowship, and joyful conversation with our church family.

****What to Bring:****

- ****Food Donations:**** Non-perishable items such as canned goods, pasta, rice, cereals, and other pantry staples.

Let's come together in the spirit of generosity and community, filling our church with love and support for one another and those in need. We look forward to seeing you and sharing this meaningful day.



Sunday School: We are already at that time year again! Sunday School will be starting on 9/15 from 9:00 – 10:00. ***We are in need of teachers, if you are interested please contact Dar



Our Sunday School year here at First Lutheran Church, Poy Sippi, will be starting soon! We would love to have your child(ren) ages 3 years thru 6th grade join us! Tell your friends, families and neighbors! All are welcome!

There will be two Sunday School classes held this year again due to age grouping. One class will consist of 3 year olds thru 2nd graders and the other class will consist of 3rd graders thru 6th graders. We are blessed with five returning, fun and inspiring teachers this year; Dar Cravillion, Sheri Bahr, Tara McPeak, Karin Macijeski and Patti Langkau, who will rotate Sundays teaching.

Classes will begin on Sunday, September 15th, 2024, from 9:00-10:00am., with a special class the first day! Registration forms will be made available the first day of class. Please complete a separate form for each child.

On Sunday, September 15th, 2024, First Lutheran will also be celebrating 'Pack the Pews Sunday', so bring your friends to Sunday School and stay for worship at 10:30am.! First will also be celebrating Pastor Rebekah's birthday on Sunday, September 15th, with a free 'Pancake Palooza'! All are welcome to join us!

Hope to see you all for a great Sunday School year!
First Lutheran Church - Youth Ministry

ECSW Lay School of Ministry

Have you felt like you are stuck and looking for a new adventure. Lay School of Ministry could be your answer. The Lay School meets once a month from September to May. Lay school offers the opportunity to build new friendships, learn about church history, the Bible, worship and liturgy along with other topics. There are three ways you can join - at St. Andrew Lutheran Church Wausau, WI, Christ the King Lutheran Church Combined Locks, WI or by Zoom in the comfort of your own home. For more information visit the Lay School website: <https://ecswlayschool.org/about>

Confirmation Classes: Confirmation classes begin on September 11 at 6:30 pm for students in 7th and 8th grade. Classes will be held at Grace Lutheran. This year our focus will be on the Small Catechism. If you have any questions, please contact pastor Rebekah Tarras.

Noisy Bucket Mission of the Month

This month we are excited to spotlight the Poy Sippi Food Pantry. The Poy Sippi food pantry is housed at First Lutheran Church. It is open the first and third Fridays of the month, from 9:30-10:30AM & 3:30-4:30PM. They are ALWAYS accepting donations.



The Lord's Acre

The Lord's Acre has opened and if you have been blessed with a plentiful garden, we are in need of donations. All donations are greatly appreciated! Please text Dar at 920-987-5887 or Steve at 920-290-4237 if you are dropping off items so they make sure everything stay nice and fresh. A GREAT BIG THANKS TO, Dar, Connie and Ruth for their hard work transforming the stand!



Maintenance Requests: We will be trying something new to keep track of maintenance requests. There is a sheet hanging in the kitchen, near the doorway. If you see something, please record it on the sheet and it will be looked into.



9/2 Kevin Birschbach & Emersyn Deppe
 9/6 Sharon Deppe & Rich Jorgensen
 9/7 Samuel Behnke
 9/12 Anders Beine & Dan Button
 9/14 Pastor Rebekah Tarras
 9/15 Andrew Hein
 9/18 Brianne Langkau
 9/22 Jacklyn Jorgensen
 9/23 Steve Cravillion
 9/28 Tammy DeFlippo-Kretzmann

9/17 Andrew & Christina Hein
 9/21 Mick & Diane Warning

Please keep the following people in your continued prayers:

Family of Al Farr
 Gen Everson
 Larry Clark
 Phyllis Jenks
 Marcella
 Bill H.

For those battling cancer: Tom, Dave L.,
 Danan, Barbie, Bill Carpenter, Vicki,
 Donna, Jenny

Family of Annie Rew
 Hermie Schwebs
 Julia Trochinski
 Pastor Rick Rieten
 Shannon McPeak
 Megan Lee

Dick Turner
 Caroly Holz
 Judy Button
 Diane Holz
 Mali Reine



SUNDAY 1 10:30 Worship	MONDAY 2 Labor Day Holiday Office Closed	TUESDAY 3 Office Closed	WEDNESDAY 4 Pastor in 9:00-12:00 Michelle in 9:00-3:00	THURSDAY 5 Office Closed	FRIDAY 6 Office Closed Food Pantry 9:30-10:30 3:30-4:30	SATURDAY 7
8 10:30 Worship	9 Pastor in 9:00-12:00 Michelle in 9:00-3:00 Finance Meeting 10:30-12:00 Worship Committee 12:30-1:15 Bible Study 1:30-2:30 M-Team 2:45-3:15	10 9:00-12:00 Conference Pastor's Meeting 6:30-7:30 Council Meeting	11 Pastor in 9:00-12:00 Michelle in 9:00-3:00	12 Office Closed	13 Office Closed	14 8:00-9:00 Men's Breakfast at First
15 9:00-10:00 Sunday School 9:15-10:15 Coffee and Fellowship 10:30 Worship/Pack the Pew & Pantry and Pancake Palooza	16 Pastor in 9:00-12:00 Michelle in 9:00 – 3:00 Bible Study 1:30-2:30	17 Council Meeting 6:30-7:30 Office Closed	18 Pastor in 9:00-12:00 Michelle in 9:00 – 3:00	19 Office Closed	20 Office Closed Food Pantry 9:30-10:30 3:30-4:30	21
22 9:00-10:00 Sunday School & Funding Forward 9:15-10:15 Coffee and Fellowship 10:30 Worship	23 Pastor in 9:00-12:00 Michelle in 9:00 – 3:00 Bible Study 1:30-2:30 Deadline for Newsletter	24 Office Closed	25 Pastor in 9:00-12:00 Michelle in 9:00 – 3:00	26 Office Closed	27 Stampin Workshop 1;30- 3:30	28
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Thrivent Action Teams

Did you know that anyone who is a Thrivent client is eligible to lead a Thrivent Action Team? Clients with benefit membership are eligible to lead two Thrivent Action Teams per calendar year, and clients with associate membership are eligible to lead one per calendar year.

What is an Action Team?

It is a team of friends, family, neighbors, or church members that work together to put on a fundraiser, educational event, or service activity. Thrivent will provide up to \$250 in seed money for the project.

How does it work?

1. Any Thrivent member can apply to lead a project. You sign up on Thrivent.com.
2. When you are approved, Thrivent sends you an action kit with resources to support your project. This includes A Community Impact Card with up to \$250 in seed money.
3. You and your team bring the project to life.
4. You report the completion of the project to Thrivent and share the story of your impact.

Here are some examples:

- An action team card purchased the food for the bingo event making it possible for all of the proceeds to go to the food pantry.
- Action Team cards were used to purchase towels and other supplies for the Personal Care Kits
- An Action Team card was used for the Mother's Day and Father's Day brunches

If you are a Thrivent member, consider how you might make use of a Thrivent Action Team. It could be used to support one of the upcoming M-Team events. Maybe you have an idea for an educational event or an outreach event or a fundraiser. If you don't have an idea but are willing to apply for a card, let Michelle or Pastor Rebekah know and they will make a note in the office.

The M-team and Worship Committee are working on plans for several upcoming events. Mark these dates on your calendars so that you can be part of the celebration.

Sept 15 - Pack the Pew and Pantry Sunday with Pancake Poolza

Oct 13 - Polka and Meal to be provided

Nov 10 - Veteran's Recognition and Potluck

Nov 27 - Thanksgiving Worship

Dec 1 - Deck the Halls

Feb 1, 2025 - Bingo Charity Event to support the Food Pantries

Aug 10, 2025 - First's 150 Celebration

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 9, 2024 6:30 PM

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Name	Present	Name	Present
Pres. Mark Henn	X	Jerry Wrage	X
V.P. Kevin Birschbach	X	Lenny Langkau	X
Treas. Dar Cravillion	X	Joan Everson	X
Sec. Mali Beine	X	Jim Laird	X
Pastor Rebekah Tarras	X	Jan Strehlow	X

Attendance:

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Pres. Mark Henn

Devotions: Romans 10:14-15.

Visitor(s): None

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Approve June minutes, seconded and carried.

New Business:

1. Propose changing the "Building" fund category to "Building and Grounds."
 - a. Discussion: would allow for a single fund to manage more projects.
 - b. MOTION: accept proposal, seconded and carried.
2. Policy review - Expense Reimbursement
 - a. Pastor will communicate edits to Michelle.
3. Funding Forward – Pastor
 - a. Nine modules, that prompt discussion on church goals, finances, and where we focus our resources.
 - b. Council members are interested. Dar will make an announcement in church.
 - c. Tentative: 1 module per week during Sunday School.
4. Waushara Argus & Central Wisconsin Resorter will start to charge.
 - a. MOTION: Discontinue participation. Seconded and carried.
5. Received a \$500 Memorial which did not have a specific request for where to use it, where should that go?
 - a. Suggestions: move to building and grounds fund for memorial wall, use for a project, give outside of church.
 - b. Consider options and come next month ready to discuss further.
6. Joint Council Cookout
 - a. Working to find a date that will work for most.

Unfinished Business:

1. Worship in the Park, M-team is ready. Could use greeters before service.
2. Ministry Covenant, signed at Parish council by both councils, send to Bishop's office.
3. Lord's Acre Update. Tentative plan to open July 15th and will begin to accept produce.
4. Steeple Painting Update. Table until next month.
5. Finalize Building Security Policy- Table until next month
6. Final Report on Blacktop project. Blacktop complete. Parking lot stripes needed.
7. Window Replacement – On Hold until Spring

Other Business:

1. Discuss opening church office on Sunday to allow for admin in-box drop-off, money counting, Sunday School supply access, etc.

Reports:

Monthly Financials

Reviewed statements and fund balances

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MOTION: accept financial report as submitted, seconded, carried.

Finance committee recommends investing a portion of the general fund into a CD for better return.

MOTION: Move \$10,000 from general operating fund to a 14-month CD at CFCU. Seconded, carried.

MOTION: Give the finance ministry authority to move money between accounts as they see fit. Seconded, carried.

Finance Committee

Last meeting was June 8, 2024 at 10:30am, next meeting is set for August 7, 2024 at 10:30am.

Mid-year giving statements will be distributed.

Archive Committee

On hold for summer.

Parish Council (*Mark Henn*)

Noisy Bucket

July - Heat for Heroes, August – Tri-county Boys & Girls Club, September – P.S. Food Pantry, October - School Lunch pay off, November - Honor Flight, December - ELCA Good Gifts.

Children's Ministry Committee (*Dar Cravillion*)

Considering class sizes and curriculum.

Worship

Quote received for robe cleaning, additionally some need repair, considering replacement and will review options.

M-Team

August 18 – Legacy Sunday. Strawberry shortcake after church.

Considering October winery visit/social event

Endowment Fund Committee

Property Committee (*Harold Nigbor, Mark Henn, Kevin Birschbach, & Steve Macijeski*)

Staff Reports:

Pastoral acts:

Funding forward, confirmation planning, worship and bible study. Pastor Becky is on-call for Pastor's vacation.

Organist

Will play this week for the hymns.

Office

Custodian

Partial carpet tiles around the edges are pulling up a bit. Mark will check if some need additional adhesive.

Please alert Jan if anything needs attention.

Adjourn:

- ✓ Motion to adjourn, seconded, and carried at 8:15 pm.
- ✓ Next meeting – Tuesday, August 13, 2024
- ✓ Pastor led a closing prayer.