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



Sunday Service 10:30



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"THE FIRST  EDITION"

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From our Pastor:

In his book *Becoming A People of Grace: An Exposition of Ephesians*, Charles Swindoll shared this story:

Just before World War II, tragedy burned its way through the little town of Itasca, Texas, scorching the hearts of nearly every family who live there. The local school caught fire, and 263 children died in its heat.

Itasca's residents had neither the drive nor the resources to rebuild the school while the war raged on. But the end of the war brought hope, and soon the walls went up on a new building. The fire was not forgotten, however. This time, the school installed the finest sprinkler system technology could design.

When the project was complete, the townspeople came out in droves to see the facility. Honor students guided visitors through a tour, the highlight of which was the reassuring sight of sprinkler heads standing guard over the heads of the pupils. Parents sent their children to class with confidence, secure in the knowledge that a school fire would never again claim young lives in Itasca.

Just seven years later, though, the town had grown, and already the school needed to be enlarged. As workmen began construction, they discovered an appalling fact.

The best sprinkler system their money could buy had never been connected.

That story makes me shudder. But too many of us live every day with a disconnection of even greater proportions. We fail to connect to our source of power.

In Ephesians 1:15-23, Paul prays for the Ephesian believers that they may know God better, understand the hope of their calling, and grasp the incredible power available to them as followers of Christ. Paul urges them and us to connect deeply to God's power. It's not just about knowing it exists but actively plugging into it through prayer, worship, and a deepening relationship with God.

When we tap into God's power, we're not just accessing raw energy; we're embracing transformation. Our lives are illuminated with wisdom and understanding, strength and perseverance. Challenges that once seemed insurmountable become opportunities for growth and testimony. We become agents of God's love and grace in a world hungry for hope.

How are you connecting to God's power in your life? Are you daily seeking His presence, relying on His strength in times of need, and allowing His wisdom to guide your decisions? As you do, you can echo Paul's prayer, knowing that the same power that raised Christ from the dead is at work within us, shaping us into vessels of God's glory.

May you find inspiration to deepen your connection to God's power and live out your faith boldly, knowing that in Him, we are empowered beyond measure.

Blessings,
Pastor Rebekah

Worship Schedule

Date		Reader	Notes
Aug 4	Sunday – 10:30 AM Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a Psalm 51:1-12 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35	Karen or Steve MI	Communion at the rail and in the pew Communion Assistant: Joan Everson Bread Maker : Judy Schierland
Aug 11	Sunday – 10:30 AM Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Psalm 130 Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35, 41-51	Colleen H	Baptisms Communion in the pew
Aug 18	Sunday – 10:30 AM Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Psalm 111 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58	Dar C	Legacy Sunday with potluck following worship Communion in the pew
Aug 25	Sunday – 10:30 AM Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43 Psalm 84 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69	Kim H	Communion in the pew

Special Legacy Sunday Worship Service

We are delighted to invite all members to a very special Legacy Sunday Worship Service on Sunday, August 18th at 10:30 AM. This special service is dedicated to honoring and celebrating the incredible contributions and lives of our cherished members who are 80 years and older.

Join us as we come together to show our appreciation for their wisdom, love, and faith, which have been our community's cornerstone. It's a time for gratitude and celebration of the legacy they continue to build within our church family.

Following the service, we invite all to stay for a potluck. Enjoy delicious food, fellowship, and the warmth of our community as we continue to celebrate the blessings of our senior members.

We look forward to sharing this special day with you and your loved ones. Let's come together to honor the legacy of those who have given so much to our church and community.

Council Members			
Mark Henn	715-820-2565	Jan Strehlow	920-572-6098
Kevin Birschbach	920-266-3628	Joan Everson	920-295-9404
Dar Cravillion	920-987-5887	Lenny Langkau	920-229-3593
Mali Beine	262-224-8336	Jim Laird	303-690-2428
Jerry Wrage	920-290-0986		

August Office Information

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

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

Week of 8/5 Michelle out of office until 8/8

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

In Search of:

Please let the office know if you have had any changes to your personal information. I am trying to update our data base with the most correct and current information. Also, looking for current email addresses. Please email the office of any changes you have had. firstluthpoysippi@gmail.com

Thank you in advance!!

Funding Forward - An opportunity to 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 your congregation, understanding how you can meet the tangible needs of your local community, and using underutilized congregational assets.

This is a 9 week course and a different module will be discussed each week. Starting September 15th, during the Sunday School hour. Please sign up and take a copy of the information on the modules .

Website Video Channel

A huge thank you to Lenny Langkau for helping us create a YouTube channel and uploading our recent worship videos to YouTube. The YouTube channel is now linked to our website. If you happen to miss joining us in person for Sunday worship, you can now go to our website and select the "Watch Online" tab. The live-stream will still be on Facebook but this provides another avenue to access our online worship resources. If you are unable to attend in person, If can't attend or do not have the capability to watch online through our Facebook page or YouTube channel. You can listen to worship, via the radio station 93.1 FM or 1600 AM at noon.

Noisy Bucket Mission of the Month

This month, we are excited to spotlight the Tri-County Boys & Girls Club as our Mission Focus. This wonderful organization plays a vital role in our community, impacting the lives of children and youth in profound ways.

The Tri-County Boys & Girls Club is dedicated to providing a safe and nurturing environment where young people can learn, grow, and thrive. Through after-school programs, sports leagues, arts activities, and educational enrichment, they aim to empower every child to reach their full potential.

At the heart of their mission is the belief that every child deserves a chance to succeed, regardless of their background or circumstances. By offering mentorship, academic support, and character-building opportunities, the Club not only helps kids stay off the streets but also equips them with the skills and confidence needed to excel in life.

As a church community, we have the privilege to partner with the Tri-County Boys & Girls Club in their mission. Throughout this month, let's join together in prayer for the children and staff involved in this ministry. Additionally, we encourage you to consider how you can support their work through donations of time, resources, or financial contributions.

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of young people in our community, reflecting God's love and hope to each child who walks through the doors of the Tri-County Boys & Girls Club.



Get ready to indulge in a sweet celebration! Join us for a delightful Shortcake Sunday, where we'll be serving up delicious treats that are sure to satisfy your sweet tooth. Come join on August 4th after Worship

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.

August 18 - Legacy Sunday - honoring those age 80+ with a meal to follow

Sept 15 - Pack the Pew and Pantry Sunday with a potluck

Oct 13 - Polka and Potluck

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

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!





8/1 – Marisa Jewell
 8/9 – Joyce Jorgensen
 8/11 – Roger Bahr
 8/18 – Lawrence Clark
 8/21 – Tammy Tracy
 8/27 – Ruth Hanson



8/4 Ray & Judy Schierland

Please keep the following people in your continued prayers:

Family of Judy Carter Maple

Hermie Schwebs

Julia Hansen

Patti C.

Diane Holz

Mali Beine

For those battling cancer: Tom, Dave L.,
 Annie R., Danan, Barbie, Bill Carpenter,
 Vicki Salzgeber, Piper

Lora Timm Bartel

Caroly Holz

John Trochinski

Phyllis Jenks

Marcella

Bill H.

Gen Everson

Larry Clark

Judy Button

Pastor Rick Rieten

Shannon McPeak

Megan Lee



Poy Sippi Community Food Pantry News:

The food pantry will be open the first and third Friday* of each month.

(*unless a Friday falls on a holiday)

The food pantry's hours are: 9:30am-10:30am and 3:30pm-4:30pm.

The Food Pantry graciously accepts food (in date) and monetary donations.

We would not be able to serve the community without your generous help and support!

Thank you to everyone who supports this great ministry.

*Coordinators of the pantry: Jody and Rodger Surprise,
phone 920-987-5024,*

Food Donations: Judy Schierland, phone 920-987-5582,



Women's Salad Supper

All women are invited on Monday, August 5th at 6:15pm at Grace Lutheran in Berlin. Please bring a salad to share (2 people to a salad) Plates, silverware, dinner rolls/butter, dessert and beverages will be provided, Pam Mork will be the guest speaker and will talk about her recent mission trip to Africa. Also, a reminder that the Salad Supper also serves as a baby shower for Lutheran World Relief, please bring items for the LWR Layettes

August 2024 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Office Closed Food Pantry 9:30-10:30 3:30-4:30	3
4 10:30 Worship	5 Pastor in 9:00-12:00 Worship Committee 12:30-1:15 Bible Study 1:30-2:30 Women's Salad Supper 5:30	6 Endowment Committee 6:30-7:30	7 Pastor in 9:00-12:00 Finance Committee 10:30-12:00	8 Michelle In Office 9:00- 3:00	9 Office Closed	10
11 10:30 Worship Mutual Ministry at First 6:30- 7:30	12 Pastor in 9:00-12:00 Michelle in 9:00 – 3:00 Bible Study 1:30-2:30 M-Team 2:45-3:15	13 Council Meeting 6:30-7:30	14 Pastor in 9:00-12:00 Michelle in 9:00 – 3:00	15	16 Office Closed Food Pantry 9:30-10:30 3:30-4:30	17
18 Legacy Sunday 10:30 Worship Potluck 11:30-12:30	19 Pastor in 9:00-12:00 Michelle in 9:00 – 3:00 Bible Study 1:30-2:30 Deadline for Newsletter	20	21 Pastor in 9:00-12:00 Michelle in 9:00 – 3:00	22	23 Office Closed Stampin Workshop 1:30-3:30	24
25 10:30 Worship	26 Pastor in 9:00-12:00 Bible Study 1:30-2:30	27	28 Pastor in 9:00-12:00	29	30 Office Closed	31

Attendance:

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

Call to Order: 6:31pm by President Mark

Henn

Devotion: Reading and discussion recalling that we are all contributing and necessary members of the body of Christ.

Visitor(s): Cathy Cowling

Approval of May minutes: motion to approve May minutes. Seconded, carried.

New Business:

1. Shared Ministry Covenant
 - a. Mark, Dar, and Cathy shared report out from Shared Finance committee meeting
 - b. Covenant is revisited every 6 months, and is currently unsigned.
 - c. Prior covenant states Grace and First share Pastor's expenses at 60/40. Grace has proposed 55/45 and has provided their approval pending First's acceptance.
 - d. **Motion:** Council recommends to the executive committee at the Joint parish Council meeting to approve the changes to the covenant that Grace's share be changed to 55% and First's share be changed to 45% and be reviewed at six months and to be effective July 1, 2024. motion seconded and carried.
 - e. **Motion:** Change provision 7 of the covenant to "flat rate monthly" and be split 55%/45% Grace/First. Motion seconded and carried.
2. Review and update the Security policy
 - a. Strike "house next door" reference
 - b. Change review window to every three years.
 - c. Add final sentence to section II. Keyholders must ensure building is empty and doors are locked.
 - d.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Motion:** Approve updated policy on equipment and facility use. seconded, carried.
2. Master Binder of policies will be created.
3. Continued Resolution for legal signatures –
 - a. **Motion:** add a continuing resolution C11.01.A24 to the church constitution. Seconded and carried.
C11.01.A24 The church Council President and Secretary are authorized and empowered to sign and execute all legal documents, contracts, agreements, deeds, leases, and other instruments necessary or appropriate in the ordinary course of the Church's business. The Church Council President and Secretary shall act jointly in signing such documents and their signatures shall be binding on the Church. The Church Council President and Secretary shall keep accurate records of all documents signed on behalf of the Church and shall report such actions to the Church Council in a timely manner.
4. Lord's Acre - Lee committed to bring vegetables. Dar will check daily and will seek a backup.
5. Office Administrator "meet and treat" on June 23 with ice cream to follow worship
6. Steeple Painting – Jerry visited paint shop and has the name of a painter who will quote.
7. Window Replacement Project Update – On hold

8. Sunday School Room Doors – installed, but a matching track is on order.
9. Blacktop project complete and sealed. Lines will be painted by the property committee.
10. Discussion and update on the other projects from HND funds/project list (living fence) – table till next month

Other Business:

1. Waushara county K9 unit speaker hasn't responded.
2. Pastor shared that Grace has congregation members who visit their homebound members once per month. She will exploring this as a program at First.

Reports:

Monthly Financials

Motion: Use designated funds for expenses in those categories, prior to using monies from general budgeted fund. Seconded and carried.

Motion to accept financial report as written. Seconded, carried.

Finance Committee

Last meeting was June 10, 2024 at 10:30am. Next meeting July 8th.
Financial ministry recommended moving to the 55/45 split.

Archive Committee

Inactive for summer.

Parish Council (Mark Henn)

NOTES:

Noisy Bucket

June - Waushara Canine Crime unit, 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)

Invitation from Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church to participate in their Vacation Bible School. Details will be included in newsletter.

Campers: two campers registered.

Worship

Met last week. Highlights: working on worship in the park plans. Legacy Sunday in August. Polka Service October 13th.

M-Team

Father's Day breakfast next Sunday.
Worship in the Park on July 21st at 10:00AM

Endowment Fund Committee

NOTES:

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

Second water test submitted to DNR.
Library light needs a new ballast

Staff Reports:

Pastoral acts:

Working with Cathy Cowling and Grace.

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Visits to three homebound members.

Bishop Anne will be attending on June 23rd.

Vacation July 11th to 17th, will have a Songs and Story worship. Members should nominate their favorite hymns and their story of why.

Organist

NOTES:

Office

Michelle will shift hours to Monday and Wednesday with additional hours for project work as needed.

Custodian

NOTES:

Adjourn: 8:45PM

- ✓ Motion/Second
- ✓ Pastor said closing prayer
- ✓ Next meeting – Tuesday, July 9th, 2024

PRAYER

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concern	caring	afraid	Jesus
angry	help	love	pray
acts	ill	God	

