



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



Sunday Service 10:30



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 "First Lutheran Church ELCA"

“THE FIRST  EDITION”

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From our Pastor:

One of my favorite books in the Bible is the book of Ephesians. It is a treasure trove of wisdom, encouragement, and guidance that speaks powerfully to us today, just as it did to the early Christians in Ephesus.

Ephesians begins with an exploration of the spiritual blessings we have in Christ (Ephesians 1:3-14). Paul reminds us that we are chosen and redeemed by God's grace. He highlights the immeasurable love God has for us, a love that predates the foundation of the world. In these verses, we are reminded of our identity in Christ – an identity rooted in grace, love, and divine purpose.

One of the central themes of Ephesians is unity. Paul speaks of the unity of the church, a body of believers from diverse backgrounds and cultures, all brought together through Christ (Ephesians 2:11-22). This unity is not merely a call to coexist peacefully but to actively love, support, and grow with one another. It is a call to break down barriers and build bridges, reflecting the reconciliation we have received through Jesus.

In Ephesians 4:1-16, Paul shifts his focus to the practical outworking of this unity. He urges us to live a life worthy of our calling, characterized by humility, gentleness, patience, and love. He speaks of the diversity of gifts within the body of Christ, each one given for the building up of the church. This diversity should not lead to division but to a richer, more vibrant community where each member contributes to the growth and health of the whole.

Paul also provides clear guidance on how to live out our faith in everyday life. In Ephesians 5:1-21, he exhorts us to be imitators of God. He gives practical advice for relationships – between husbands and wives, parents and children, and masters and slaves – emphasizing mutual respect, love, and submission (Ephesians 5:22-6:9). These teachings remind us that our faith should permeate every aspect of our lives, transforming our relationships and interactions with others.

As we navigate the spiritual battles of life, Paul explains how we are equipped with the armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18). He describes the full armor we need to stand firm against the schemes of the devil: the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit. This vivid imagery underscores the reality of spiritual warfare and the divine protection and empowerment we have in Christ.

We will hear readings from Ephesians throughout July and August. I encourage you to delve deeply into this book. Reflect on its teachings, meditate on its truths, and allow it to transform your heart and mind. Let us strive to embody the unity, love, and purity that Paul speaks of, building a community that reflects the glory of God.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Rebekah Tarras

Worship Schedule

Date		Reader	Communion
July 7	Sunday – 10:30 AM Second Sunday after Pentecost 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13	Karen or Steve	At the rail and in the pew Bread baker: Pastor Communion Assistant: Chris Monroe
July 14	Sunday – 10:30 AM Third Sunday after Pentecost A Special Service of Favorite Hymns and Stories	Colleen	No Communion - pastor on vacation
July 21	Sunday – 10:00 AM 9th Sunday after Pentecost 2 Samuel 7:1-14a Psalm 89:20-37 Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	Dar	Worship in the park - at Poy Sippi at 10:00 am with a potluck fellowship to follow
July 28	Sunday – 10:30 AM 10th Sunday after Pentecost 2 Samuel 11:1-15 Psalm 14 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21	Kim	In the pew

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		

July 2024 Office Hours

Pastor: Monday and Wednesday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
(Out of office on Vacation 7/14 and returning on 7/21)

Office: Monday and Wednesday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Week of 7/22 Tuesday 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 August newsletter by July 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

Thanks for your help with this in advance!!!



Outdoor Worship/Picnic

A joint worship service with Grace Lutheran will be held on July 21st at the Poy Sippi Park shelter at 10:00 am followed by a potluck lunch. First will provide the meat; everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. Please sign up on the clipboard or call the church office so we can plan the appropriate amount of food.

Save the Dates:

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.

July 14 - Favorite hymns and their stories

July 21 - Worship in the Poy Sippi Park with Grace Lutheran

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 - Bingo Charity Event to support the Food Pantries

Aug 10, 2025: First's 150 Celebration

The Lord's Acre

The Lord's Acre will be opening again this year (Details on when to follow)

Thank you Dar and Steve for offering to help with the stand. Any produce donations will be accepted and appreciated.



FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST

Big Thank you, to the women for putting on the delicious Father's Day Breakfast. Thank you to those who helped set up, provided food, served and cleaned up. A great job by all and a special "THANKS" to Diane Warning for the special touch of the cards.



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.

**Blessings
to our
July Birthdays:**



An anniversary is a time to celebrate the beauty, gift and the blessing of enduring love.



- Judy Button – 2nd
- Brianna Macijeski – 6th
- Mali Beine - 14th
- Jim Laird - 21st
- Linda Nitzke 23rd
- Judy Vergin 23rd
- Elenor Fenner 31st

Pastor Rebekah & Jeff Tarras -
15th
Shannon & Tara McPeak - 31st

If I have missed anyone,
dated anyone incorrectly,
or misspelled a name,
please let me know. Thank you.
~Michelle

"May the dear Lord continue to bless you."



For the continued Prayers for the following people.

- For LoraTimm Bartel
- For Larry Clark
- For Vicki Salzgeber
- For Patti C
- For Pastor Rieten
- For Georgia Lee Laird
- For Mali Beine

- For Larry Jorstad
- For Julia Hansen
- For family of Virgil Larson
- For Piper
- For Pastor Dean Desilet
- For Marcella
- For Bill H

- For Bill Carpenter
- For John Trochinski
- For Shirley Bartel
- For Phyllis Jenks
- For Diane Holz
- For Shannon McPeak
- For Megan Lee

For those battling cancer : Tom, Dave L, Annie R., Donna, Danan, Barbie Phelps

Poy Sippi Community Food Pantry News:

The food pantry is located at First Lutheran Church in Poy Sippi.

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 ARE IN NEED OF CEREAL AT THIS TIME*******

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,



Men's Steak Fry - July 30, 2024



The Men's Steak Fry will be at the Barbola Residence at N235 36th Street, Berlin for all men of Grace and First Lutheran Church. Also, please bring a guest to enjoy the evening. Please arrive by 5:30 and the cost will be determined that evening. Bring your own tableware (plate, steak knife etc) everything else will be provided. What better way to spend an evening.



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 hower for Lutheran World Relief, please bring items for the LWR Layettes



Blacktop Project is completed!! Pictures of some hard working guys, getting the job done and the Supervisors of the project 😊



*******LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS*******

We are looking for Volunteers to help with counting money on Monday mornings. We could use help once or twice a month. If you could please let Connie Henn (cmhenn96@gmail.com) or Michelle McClone (firstluthpoysippi@gmail.com) know. Thank you in advance for your help!



Noisy Bucket Mission of the Month

****Heat for Heroes****

In the middle of the summer, you might not be thinking about being able to heat your house. But for many of our local veterans, staying warm during the winter can be a significant challenge. That's where the "Heat for Heroes" program steps in, providing essential heating assistance to those who have bravely served our country.

Heat for Heroes is a dedicated initiative aimed at ensuring that veterans and their families have access to heating resources during the harsh winter months. This program, a part of the Keep Wisconsin Warm/Cool Fund, offers financial assistance for heating bills, energy efficiency improvements, and emergency fuel deliveries to veterans in need.

Many veterans face financial hardships that make it difficult to afford basic utilities, including heating. According to their website, 62,000 Wisconsin veterans have to choose between food and heat. After dedicating their lives to protecting our freedoms, it is our duty to ensure they do not have to struggle to stay warm. Heat for Heroes not only helps keep veterans warm but also provides peace of mind, knowing that their community stands behind them.

Veterans in need can apply for assistance through the Heat for Heroes website or by contacting the program directly. Applications are reviewed to ensure that applicants meet the eligibility criteria, which includes proof of veteran status and financial need. Approved applicants receive financial support to cover their heating bills or to make necessary repairs and improvements to their heating systems.

Since its inception, Heat for Heroes has made a significant impact in the lives of many veterans. Last year alone, the program assisted over 1,500 veterans in Wisconsin, ensuring they had the necessary resources to stay warm throughout the winter.

All contributions to the noisy bucket in July will be given to Heat for Heroes. For more information or to apply for assistance, visit [Heat for Heroes] (<http://www.heat4heroes.org>) or call 1-800-891-WARM.



AnswersVBS

THE GREAT Jungle JOURNEY

An Epic Cruise from
Genesis to Revelation

Join us for Vacation Bible School!
 Christ Ev. Lutheran Church · N6412 State Rd 49
 West Bloomfield / Weyauwega
 July 15 - 19, 2024 Monday - Friday
 Registration 8am (Monday) program 8:30 - 11:30am
 Ages 3-12
 Call 920-867-3263 to preregister
 or if you have questions

Council Meeting Minutes

Name	Present	Name	Present
Pres. Mark Henn		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:

Meeting called to order by Kevin Birschbach at 6:33 PM

Devotion: Reading from John 14 and prayer.

Visitors: Harold Nigbor

Approval of Minutes:

April Minutes – motion to approve, second, carried. No discussion.

Special Session Minutes – motion to approve, second, carried. No discussion.

New Business:

1. Review, discuss, edit “Equipment and Facilities” policy.
 - a. Michelle to create draft for approval next month
 - b. “Make arrangements with church administrator” instead of “signup in library”
 - c. “After use hall, kitchen, and facilities should be returned to original condition.
 - i. Clean, garbage out, all food and decorations removed.
 - d. Change review minimum to every three years, can be revised at anytime.
 - e. Update review date to 2024
2. Items in office that require disposal – electronics (Steve) and office chair (Kevin)

Unfinished Business:

1. Lord’s Acre Management
 - a. No feedback from bulletin
 - b. Table until June meeting
2. Laptop Maintenance
 - a. Both updated. Running well.
3. Church Office Administrator Hiring
 - a. Onboarding complete. Started 5/6/24.
 - b. Intro in newsletter and update to website.
 - c. Invite to attend a coffee hour or service.
4. Streaming Worship
 - a. Discussion on training more backup people to stream services.
 - b. In bulletin.
5. Steeple Painting
 - a. Jerry – call not returned from initial painter. Will pursue other providers.

- 6. Window Replacement Project
 - a. Currently 11 windows. Discuss blocking off 2 windows.
 - b. Lueck – triple pane \$14,523 for 11 \$11,883 for 9.
 - c. Tilt-In ~\$20,000
 - d. Table discussion until Mark’s return.
- 7. Sunday School Room Doors
 - a. Doors received. Expected install in June.
- 8. Blacktop provided by Custom Seal Coating
 - a. Waiting for call to schedule.
 - b. Consider food pantry when scheduling (May 17 and June 7)

Other Business:

- 1. Review “Building Security” policy and procedure for next month
- 2. Michelle – create a binder of all existing policies and procedures to keep in library and act as master copies.
- 3. Discuss post-service treats and fellowship for summer months.
root-beer floats / ice cream
- 4. Motion to add the following people to the First Lutheran Church credit card with \$1,000 limit for each. Nina Monacelli – bookkeeper, Joan Everson - custodian, Harold Nigbor – property committee , Michelle McClone – church administrator. Motion seconded, motion carries.
- 5. Motion to request worship committee get estimates for choir robe cleaning. Seconded, motion carries.
- 6. Motion to stop sending representation to the Lutheran Campus Ministry in Oshkosh. Seconded, motion carried.

Reports:

Monthly Financials Dar Cravillion.

- Approve March Report, motioned, seconded, carried.
- Review April Report
- Approve April Report, motioned, seconded, carried.

Finance Ministry Dar Cravillion

- Met May 8th. Included Michelle.
- Next meeting June 5th.

Archive Committee Connie Henn

- On Hold until Fall.

Parish Council Mark Henn

- No Update

Noisy Bucket

Apr	Veterans’ Home at King	Aug	Boys and Girls Club
May	Rawhide Boys Ranch	Sept	Poy Sippi Food Pantry
Jun	Waushara Co. K9 Program	Oct	School Lunch Debt (Berlin, Wild Rose, Weyauwega)
Jul	Heat for Heros	Nov	Honor Flight
		Dec	ELCA Good Gifts

Children’s Ministry Committee Dar Cravillion

- Sunday School complete for year

- 7 interested campers, only 2 signed up
- Reviewing new curriculum for fall.

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Worship

Altar Guild

- Reviewed and selected Setting 4 for summer

M-Team

Jim Laird

- One confirmation and Mother's Day brunch complete.

Endowment Fund Committee

- Met May 7th.
- Distributed money to 7 organizations/people
- Next meeting August 6th.

Property Committee Harold Nigbor, Mark Henn, Kevin Birschbach, Steve Macijeski

- DNR Water Sampling - Kevin

Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4
Complete – OK			

- Brewer HVAC coming in for AC service.
- Mulch around steeple to be replaced with stone this summer.
- Consider hedge/greenery between church and neighbor

Staff Reports:

Pastoral Acts

- Two funerals
- Juliet Manor visit
- Continuing education
- Synod Assembly on Friday and Saturday

Organist

Will play 2x per month in summer

Office Administrator

Custodian

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn, seconded, carried at 8:20 PM
 FYI: next meeting Tuesday, June 11th, 2024, at 6:30pm
 Pastor led a closing prayer.



July 2024 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Michelle In 9:00-3:00 Worship Committee 12:30 Bible Study 1:30	2 Michelle In 9:00 – 3:00	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 Office Closed Food Pantry 9:30-10:30 3:30-4:300	6
7 10:30 Worship	8 Pastor in 9:00-12:00 Finance Committee 10:30-11:30 Bible Study 1:30-2:30 M-Team Mtg 2:45-3:15	9 Council Meeting 6:30	10	11 Pastor Vacation	12 Office Closed Pastor Vacation	13 Pastor Vacation
14 10:30 Worship Pastor Vacation	15 Pastor Vacation	16 Pastor Vacation Michelle in 9:00-3:00 (Bulletin deadlines by 9:00am)	17 Pastor Vacation Office Closed	18	19 Office Closed Food Pantry 9:30-10:30 3:30-4:30	20
21 10:00 Joint Worship in Park 11:00 Potluck Fellowship	22 Pastor in 9:00-12:00 Bible Study 1:30-2:30 Newsletter item Deadline	23	24	25	26 Office Closed	27
28 Worship 10:30-11:30	29 Pastor in 9:00-12:00 Bible Study 1:30-2:30	30 Men's Steak Fry 5:30	31			

