



First Lutheran Church  
 W2314 Prospect Street  
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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"*



First day  
 of Summer  
 June 20<sup>th</sup>

# "THE FIRST EDITION"



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## Being the Church in the World

### Being the Church in the World

A few months ago I found a resource from the South Central Synod of Wisconsin offering devotions for church councils. The words in the reflection for May written by Pastor Robb Kosky, an interim pastor in the Milwaukee Area Synod, were a good reminder for me of what it means for us to be the church in the world. You may find his words insightful as well.

#### TEXT:

*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another. - John 13:34-35*

#### REFLECTION

Love is underestimated. Love is unappreciated. Love is dismissed and explained away.

Love is diminished – reduced to what we say we love – like bar-b-que potato chips, root beer, this music, that car, the Packers, or the Cubs.

Love is misunderstood. And this makes sense because God is love, and who among us fully understands God; because Jesus calls us to love and shows us the way, and who among us really wants to fall in behind Jesus and take up our cross and follow.

No. We explain away the love of Jesus and the way of the cross. We do not wish to deny ourselves, to sell all that we own, to love our enemies, to remove the log from our own eye, to say “Father, forgive them...” We do not wish to drop our stone and walk away (for ours is no doubt a righteous stone).

Jesus has told us and shown us what love is, and we who are Jesus’ followers still, after 2000 years, have trouble understanding and loving as Jesus loved us.

(Of course, we do love. We have lots of love and even self-giving love, and sometimes, some of us in the Church attain to a strength of love that most of us can barely fathom. But if I love those who love me, of what credit is that, and I know that most of my love is for those who love me also, and for those whom I can relate to and understand and agree with. But when I am honest with myself, I can see and feel the limits of my love, and I know that I do not love as Jesus loves.)

Because love is so misconstrued and so difficult, and so little practiced in our world, our world is in desperate need of the love of Jesus. And this is why we, who are the Church, must love. Must try to love, even when we are not very good at it. We must do the difficult work of learning to love as we have been loved, of learning to forgive and accept as we have been forgiven and accepted.

This is why I believe that... (and you can fill in the blank here):

- Black lives matter. Because people who are black must be loved.
- Police lives matter. Because people who are police must be loved.
- Immigrants matter. Because I am called to love people who are immigrants – and why they left, or how they arrived, or what language they speak does not change my call to love them.
- LGBTQIA+ people matter. Because my call to love others has absolutely nothing to do with a person’s sexual identity or orientation or self-expression, and whether I do or do not understand it does not change my call to love.
- Republicans, Democrats, etc., matter. Because love has nothing to do with agreeing with others.
- People who have experienced the hatred of this world matter, AND
- People who have perpetrated hatred in this world matter. Because I am called to love as Jesus loves and through that love bring healing to people who are broken in this world.

I do not understand how to do all of this. But I do believe that the Church is in the world to love the world and make the love of Jesus known.

#### PRAYER

*Lord Jesus, send me your Spirit that I might stretch the limits of my love. Help me to love others as you have loved me. Amen.*

# Worship Schedule

Date		Reader	Communion
June 2	Sunday – 10:30 AM Second Sunday after Pentecost 1 Samuel 3:1-20 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2:23-3:6	Karen or Steve	At the rail and in the pew  Bread maker: Sandy Anderson Communion Assistant: Joan Everson
June 9	Sunday – 10:30 AM Third Sunday after Pentecost 1 Samuel 8:4-20 Psalm 138 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35	Colleen	
June 16 Father's Day	Sunday – 10:30 AM Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13 Psalm 20 2 Corinthians 5:6--17 Mark 4:26-34	Dar	In the pew
June 23	Sunday – 10:30 AM Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49 Psalm 9:9-20 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41	Kim	In the pew
June 30	Sunday – 10:30 AM Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43	Joan	In the pew

HEY!  
We're so glad  
YOU'RE  
HERE!



**Save the Date for  
worship in the park  
is Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>  
in Poy Sippi.**



## 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.

## Summer Scriptures Readings



Last summer, we began using the semi-continuous readings from the Old Testament that focused on major stories from Genesis and Exodus including the covenant with Moses, and the establishment of Israel in the Promised Land. This year, the semi-continuous Old Testament readings focus on the covenant of David and Wisdom literature. During the summer months, the readings will come from the Old Testament books of First and Second Samuel. In addition to those readings, the epistle readings will come from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians and later in the summer Ephesians. The Gospel readings will primarily be from Mark



## June 2024 Church Office Hours:

<p><b>Pastor :</b>                  9:00-12:00pm                  Monday &amp; Wednesday, *,                  Pastor Rebekah                  715-897-5393                  ( Please note times may                  vary due to home visits, etc.)</p>	<p><b>Office Hours:</b>                  9:00-3:00pm Monday                  12:00 – 3:00 Tuesday                  9:00 – 3:00 Wednesday                  (Unless noted differently                  in the Sunday bulletins.)                  Thank you.</p>
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### Bulletin Deadline

Information should be turned into the church by **8:00am Wednesday** to ensure adequate time to process the information into the following Sundays bulletin.



### “THE FIRS EDITION”

Please provide the church office with news items for the July newsletter by the **20th of June** to ensure the newsletter is emailed on time. You may **email** your news item(s) in Word format to Michelle at [firstluthpoysippi@gmail.com](mailto:firstluthpoysippi@gmail.com).  
 Thank you, ~The Office

## **Lords Acre Produce Stand**

Looking ahead to the summer, the church council is looking for someone who is interested in managing the produce stand. The proceeds from the stand have been used to support different mission projects. They are also wondering if we still have gardeners who will be able to supply produce for the stand? Please share your feedback with any of the church council members.

## 2024 Council Members

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



## **Father's Day Brunch**

The women of First Lutheran will be cooking up a Father's Day brunch prior to worship on Sunday morning, June 16th. This event is in the planning stages with food service to begin at 9:00am. Watch for upcoming announcements and the sign-up sheet so the M-Team women can plan accordingly.



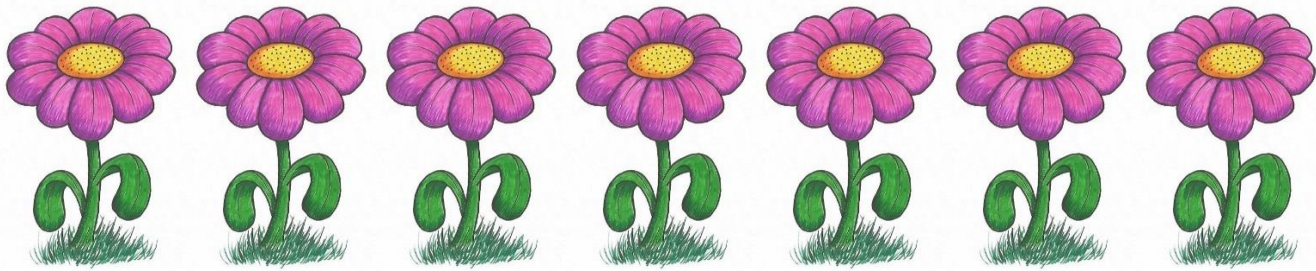
**Congrats to the 2024 Graduates - During the May 19<sup>th</sup> Worship the Graduates were recognized and offered a quilt. There was a Celebration in honor of the graduates.**



MAKENNA JEWELL WAS CONFIRMED IN MAY,  
CONGRATS MAKENNA



MAY WAS A BUSY MONTH, BUT NOT TOO BUSY TO CELEBRATE MOM  
WITH A MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH







### **June Noisy Bucket - Waushara Canine Crime unit**

This month, we're honored to highlight the Waushara Canine Crime Unit and their exceptional service in combating crime with the help of their loyal K9 companions. Something that you may not be aware of is that nearly all of the cost for our county's K-9's comes from fundraising and are sponsored by Waushara County's Crimestoppers. One of the largest fundraisers is the Jailbreak Marathon (scheduled for September 28, 2024) with all proceeds going to the program. The cost can be substantial. Some of these costs associated to support our dogs include:

Cost for one K-9 and initial handler training - \$17,000.

Cost of equipment needed for patrol- \$39,000.

Cost of food and vet care for one year - \$5,000

Cost of community support and encouragement- PRICELESS

Waushara's K-9 squad consists of three dogs. First up is the senior K-9, "Argo". K-9 Argo is a male German Shepard born on January 22, 2012 in Germany. He traveled to the United States from Germany to further his education. Argo studied at the SteinigTal Kennel in Campbellsport, WI. He has a double major; trained in both patrol and narcotics. K-9 Argo also studied tracking, narcotics detection, handler protection, apprehension, as well as building and area searches. It was at the SteinigTal Kennel in the fall of 2013 where Argo met his handler who is now Sheriff Walter Zuehlke (the only Sheriff in WI that is a K-9 Handler). When not on patrol, K-9 Argo is considered a member of Sheriff Zuehlke's family and resides at home with him.

The next K-9 is Thor, and like the God of Thunder he is poised to bring the hammer down while on the job. K-9 Thor is a pure-bred male German Shepard. K-9 Thor was born on Christmas in Ehringshausen, Hesse, Germany in 2016. At only 1 year of age Thor traveled to the United States on January 30, 2018. K-9 Thor, like Argo decided to continue his education and was also trained at Steinig Tal Kennel in Campbellsport, WI. K-9 Thor began training with his handler, Deputy Brian Wenzel in the spring of 2018. K-9 Thor is a certified dual purpose K-9, trained in narcotics detection, tracking, handler protection, apprehension, and building and area searches. K-9 Thor is a member of Deputy Wenzel's family and resides at home with Deputy Wenzel when not on duty.

And last but certainly not least, the new K-9 on the street is K-9 Storm. He is a Belgian Malinois. He was born on Oct. 17, 2017. Unlike Argo and Thor, Storm was raised and trained near Toronto, Canada at Working K-9 kennel. He began his training with his handler, Sgt. Scott Eagan in the fall of 2019. He is a certified dual purpose K-9, trained in narcotics detection, tracking, handler protection, apprehension, and building and area searches. K-9 Storm is a member of Sgt. Eagan's family and resides with him at home when not on duty. All of the K-9's, Sheriff Zuehlke and his deputies are members of WLECHA, the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Canine Handler Association. (Information taken from the Argus <https://www.wausharaargus.com/meet-waushara-k-9s-jailbreak-marathon>)



## Synod Hearings on Draft Social Statement, "Civic Life and Faith," Scheduled

The ELCA is developing a social statement on civic life and faith, the relationship of church and state, and related matters, as called for by the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

Social statements are the ELCA's primary documents to address significant social issues. They are intended to aid reflection, shape conscience and set forth the ELCA's teaching and policy on the major social issues and questions of contemporary life. Social statements are developed by task forces, using an established process of study and widespread participation across the church to guide theological and moral deliberation.

At this time the task force encourages you to study and give feedback on a [draft version of the social statement](#). You can participate by filling out a survey, [found here](#), or by participating in one of the hearings offered in our synod. Hearings are public gatherings where participants share their specific affirmations or concerns about a draft statement. The feedback period will be open until Sept. 30, 2024.

**Online Bible Study, "Forms of Government in the Bible"** with Rev. Dr. Niveen Ibrahim Sarras

June 11, 6:30 - 8:00 pm | via [Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 868 3046 7562

Passcode: ECSWstudy

### Hearings on Social Statement Draft

July 9, 10:00 - 11:30 am | St. Mark's, Neenah

August 15, 6:30 - 8:00 pm | St. Mark's, Neenah



Notes from the 2024 Synod Assembly

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

On May 17 and 18, 2024, I attended the East Central Synod of Wisconsin (ECSW) synod assembly along with Linda Reetz and Terry Wallace from Grace. In addition to the 240 voting members of the assembly, we were joined by several ministry partners. Throughout the assembly, we were inspired by proclamation moments with people sharing their earliest memories of Jesus and how the good news of God in Christ Jesus has shaped their lives.

The plenary speaker was the Rev. Kerri Parker from the Wisconsin Council of Churches. She talked about the challenge of being church in an election year, how to keep going when we're afraid, and the importance of knowing our why because it informs the what and how of who we are as a church and what we do.

We received greetings from the Rev. Dr. Phil Hirsch on behalf of the Churchwide expression of the ELCA. Pastor Hirsch highlighted various ways that we as a church are working together to share the love of Jesus - through the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, World Hunger, missionaries, Young Adults in Global Mission, Bible Camps, and more. One thing that stood out to me in his presentation was the number of pastoral vacancies throughout the ELCA and the significant decline in seminary enrollment over the last 5 years. Rev. Hirsch lifted up the importance of identifying leaders for the future of the church and spoke about alternative ways of raising up leaders for the church.

We heard an update from Crossways Camping Ministries with a huge thank you to everyone who is supporting them financially and blessing them with gifts.

We heard from Hector Colon, the president of Lutheran Social Services with an update on their ministry. An anonymous supporter of LSS has issued a challenge to congregations to increase their support of LSS by 10% this year and this individual will match the increase.

This year is the 50th anniversary of the ELCA World Hunger. We heard about several projects that are being funded by grants from ELCA World Hunger including an exciting housing project in Door County.

Some of the business stuff of the assembly included approving the Compensation Guidelines for 2025, approving the synod budget for 2025, elections for the synod council, the committee on discipline, and voting members who will attend the churchwide assembly in 2025.

Five resolutions were considered and approved. These included a resolution to increase congregational support for ELCA World Hunger, a commitment to utilize study resources on racism and discrimination, education and advocacy for peace in the Holy land, approving voice and vote for TEEM Candidates who are serving congregations. More information on each of the resolutions can be found on the Synod website at ECSW.org.

During the break times, we also had the opportunity to visit the information tables of several ministry partners including Lutheran Social Services; ELCA World Hunger and Good Gifts; the Lay School of Ministry; Synod Youth Board; UWO Gathering Place; and more.

Milestones were also recognized at the assembly for both pastors and congregations. I was recognized for 20 years of ministry and First Lutheran was recognized and celebrated for 150 years of ministry.

The Assembly can be long but it is also inspiring to see what we can do when churches work together. Next year the assembly will be one day in Green Bay on June 7. Consider being a participant.

Pastor Rebekah

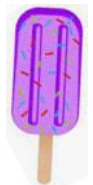


**Blessings  
to our  
June Birthdays:**



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

- Germaine Schwebs - 2nd
- Connie Henn - 5th
- Sawyer Fenner - 7th
- Patti Langkau - 7th
- Zak Kapp - 12th
- Patti Andersen - 22nd
- Phyllis Jenks - 6/29



- Brad & Katie Nitzke - 1st
- Ron & Colleen Hein - 4th
- Roger & Sheri Bahr - 6th
- Richard & Delores Jorgensen - 8th
- Mark & Tammy Kretzmann - 10th
- Steve & Karin Macijeski - 10th
- Paul & Joyce Jorgensen - 25th

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.**



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|----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| For Lora B.    | For Larry J.       | For Vicki S.   | For Jim W.         |
| For Bill C.    | For Carolyn H.     | For Larry C.   | For Julia H.       |
| For Linda P.   | For John T.        | For Judy B.    | For Vicki S.       |
| For Deborah J. | For Kaycie P.      | For Shirley B. | For Patti C.       |
| For Piper      | For Joni B.        | For Phylis J.  | For Pastor Rick R. |
| For Patti B.   | For Pastor Dean D. | For Diane H.   | For Georgia Lee L. |
| For Marcella   | For Shannon M.     | For Mali B.    | For Bill H         |
| For Liz B.     |                    |                |                    |
- For those battling cancer: Tom, Dave L., Annie R., Donna, Danan, Barbie







## Stampin' Ministry Delivers May Baskets

The Stampin' Ministry made beautiful May Baskets and delivered them to shut ins. The baskets brought so much joy and the smiles were so rewarding. The Shut ins say "Thank you for thinking of me, members of First"

What a thoughtful gesture by the Stampin' Ministry.

## The 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 Suprise,  
phone 920-987-5024,*

*Food Donations: Judy Schierland, phone 920-987-5582,  
backup – Patti Langkau 920-229-3193,*

*Money donations can be mailed to:*

*Poy Sippi Community Food Pantry, P.O. Box 250, Poy Sippi, WI 54967-0250.*





# Monday, June 24, 2024 - 1:30PM to 3PM

Hosted at Wautoma Senior Center—W8220 Cottonville Ave—Wautoma

Who Should Attend: Individuals who are caring for a spouse, adult child, parent, friend, neighbor, or planning for the future of becoming a caregiver/care partner.

Event Details: Explore with professionals for various ideas, tips, and tricks to make supporting your loved one at home effortless and fulfilling. You are encouraged to inquire with our professionals at the resource tables and improving your caregiving practical skills. There will be light refreshments and snacks.

Topics Covered: Oral Care - Safety Devices/Adaptive Equipment Brain Health— Memory Testing - Meaningful Activities and More!

REGISTRATION: Registration is preferred but not required. If able to register please register by June 20th. Please Call: (920) 787-0403. Thank you to the generous members of the Waushara County Caregiver Collation for their efforts.

## Brat Fry

June 19<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm. Located in Berlin and the Riverside Park at the North Shelter House



**Deadline** for the July 2024

First Edition Newsletter items  
Monday, June 20th!



## June 2024 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 Worship 10:30-11:30	3 Pastor in 9:00-12:00 Worship Committee 12:30-1:15 Bible Study 1:30-2:30	4	5	6	7 Office Closed Food Pantry 9:30-10:30 3:30-4:30	8
9 Worship 10:30-11:30 Mutual Ministry at Grace 6:30- 7:30	10 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	11 Council Mtg 6:30-7:30	12 Pastor in 9:00-12:00	13	14 Office Closed	15
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23 Worship 10:30-11:30	24 Pastor in 9:00-12:00 Bible Study 1:30-2:30	25	26 Pastor in 9:00-12:00	27	28 Office Closed Stampin Workshop 1:30-3:30	29
30 Worship 10:30-11:30						



**April 9, 2024**

**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:**

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Mark Henn

**Devotion:**

Pastor shared "Be Renewed by Creation" based on Psalm 104:24-30

**Visitors:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** motion to approve, seconded, carried.

**New Business:**

1. Submitting newsletter information (Pastor)
  - a. Pastor will be creating an abbreviated May newsletter.
  - b. We need to provide short descriptions of the monthly missions to give FYI to congregation.
  - c. If you have any information for a May newsletter please send to Pastor.
  
2. Makenna Jewell confirmation request April 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - a. Motion to accept this request for confirmation, motion seconded, approved.
  
3. Consider options for Synod Assembly voting members
  - a. registration deadline is April 15
  - b. Assembly is May 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> in Oshkosh at convention center
  - c. Joan will ask congregation in an announcement this Sunday.
  
4. Review suggestions for HND proceeds.
  - a. Mark has list. No new suggestions have been received.
  - b. In process items: parking lot, more tables, stage improvements
  - c. Remaining items: fence, new windows, exterior trim painting, landscape fabric.
  
5. Voigtlander membership transfer request.
  - a. Motion to accept transfer request, seconded, carried.

6. Discuss Lord's Acre management.
  - a. Need to query congregation – who is interested in participating?
  - b. Stand could use painting
  
7. Present laptop information (Lenny)
  - a. Additional virus protection not recommended.
  - b. Investigating DIY method of cleanup.
  
8. Discuss process and due dates for annual policy reviews. (Mali)
  - a. We are due to review all policies.
  - b. Will review 1 per month until complete.
  - c. Prior to next meeting, council should read and review "Church equipment/facilities policy."
  
9. Propose amending the Constitution to remove House-Next-Door reference.
  - a. Motion to remove: ", and the parsonage (House-Next-Door)." From C4.03.C21
  - b. Motion seconded and carried.

### **Unfinished Business:**

1. Church Office Administrator Hiring
  - a. Hiring committee was selected (Lenny, Colleen, Joan, Steve)
    - b. 4 candidates have applied via indeed web portal.
  - c. Committee will schedule interviews.
  - d. Council is open to a special meeting in April if needed to approve a new hire.
  
2. Streaming Worship
  - a. Mark ran CAT 5 line
  - b. Streaming via new cable didn't work last Sunday; but was streamed via wireless.
  - c. Discussion on training more backup people to stream services.
  - d. Lenny has an earlier version of work instructions. (mostly obsolete)
  
3. Sunday School Room Doors
  - a. Doors expected to deliver April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - b. Mark will install and fix final carpet squares when they arrive.
  
4. Blacktop Project
  - a. Kelly Asphalt (all work included) \$36,000.
  - b. Custom Seal Coating and Paving (all work included) \$24,500.
  - c. Faulks (blacktop removal and excavation only) \$13,925.
    - d. Wolf River visited but did not provide a quote.
  - e. Motion to accept Custom Seal Coating estimate and schedule work. Seconded, Discussion, carried.
  
5. Plan for July 21, 2024 Joint Picnic
  - a. Previously 10:00AM service with lunch afterwards
  - b. Poy Sippi park is reserved.
  - c. M – Team is providing meal (meat, buns, tableware)

- d. Worship Committee will handle communion, bulletins, music.
  - c. Discussion: low interest in raffle, board games, or yard games preferred.

**Other Business:**

1. M-Team would like to honor Diane for her service at a luncheon on Sunday, April 14
  - a. Committee will each call 2 pages of people from the directory and request people bring a dish to share for a potluck.
  - b. As you call: please verify names, phone numbers and give feedback to corrections of the bulletin.

Joan	Brenda Schraeder (sp?)	Chamberlin, Kathy
Mali	Chase, Lee	Everson
Kevin	Fenner	Jorgenson, Rich and Delores
Mark	Kapp, Greta and Todd	Michels, Steven and Rochelle
Jerry	Miller, Rae	Nitzke, Brad & Katie
Jan	Nitzke, Jacob and Abby	Strehlow, Don & Brenda
Dar	Strehlow, Nick & Vickie	Yahr, Caitlin & Mitch

2. Painting the steeple
  - a. There is money in the steeple fund for this.
  - b. White solid stain instead of paint
  - c. Motion for Jerry to get quote; and if quotes are less than \$4000, schedule and hire a painter.

**Reports:**

Monthly Financials Dar Cravillion.  
 • Reviewed report

Finance Ministry Dar Cravillion  
 • Meeting held April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am.  
 • Seeking a business credit card. Cards to be issued to Harod, Joan, and new Admin.  
 • Dar will be writing policy for use of credit card.  
 • Next meeting May 8 at 10:30.  
 • Pastor, Dar, Nina, Patty, and Connie have divided admin financial tasks to ensure all bills are getting paid.

Archive Committee Connie Henn

Parish Council Mark Henn  
 • Meeting held March 18th at 6:30pm at Grace, Berlin.  
 • Mark will continue to keep open communication with the Grace Council President.

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 attendance has been lower.
- Last day May 12. Kids will serve sundaes.
- Two registered campers.
- Dar will contact families the first week in May.
- Noted: 1/3 of camp cost is covered by endowment and 1/3 is available from general fund budget,

Worship Altar Guild

- Last week of March was busy with Holy Week and Easter services.
- The council recognizes and appreciates all of Pastor's hard work to support this busy season.

M-Team Jim Laird

- Soup lunch continued through the Lenten season prior to the service, which was well attended. Great soups and complimentary foods were enjoyed by all.
- Mothers' Day breakfast (with men cooking and serving) prior to worship on May 12th.

Endowment Fund Committee

- Will meet in May.

Property Committee Mark Henn, Kevin Birschbach, Steve Macijeski

- DNR Water Sampling - Kevin

Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4
Complete – OK results			

- Will start to investigate window replacement estimates for offices

**Staff Reports:**Pastoral acts:

Funeral: Diana Krutzik, Lloyd Everson

Hospital Visits: Diana Krutzik, Lloyd Everson, Carolyn Holtz (x2)

Visits: Larry Clark (x2), Joni Bahr, Judy Gallert, Bill and Shirley Huck, Ruth Schumacher, Lloyd Everson (x4), Ron Harke, Don Rew, Judy Vergin

Activities:

Attended the meeting of the Oshkosh Conference  
 Led Wednesday mid-week Lent services at First and Grace  
 Attended the investment Committee meeting at Grace  
 Studied and prepared Sunday Sermons  
 Attended the joint council meeting  
 Worked with Jessica to plan Palm Sunday and Holy Week worship services  
 Webinar on Leading in an age of contempt  
 Met with First staff  
 Met with Grace staff  
 Worked on plans for Holy Humor Sunday  
 Met with the Executive Committee at Grace  
 Met with the Worship Committee at Grace  
 Met with families for funeral planning  
 Met with the Mutual Ministry Committee

Pastor will be taking continuing education April 29 thru May 5. Rev. Karen Jewell-vanBuskirk from Oshkosh will be pulpit supply at both churches.

Organist

April 14<sup>th</sup> and 28th

Office Administrator/AssistantCustodian**Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn, seconded, carried at 8:31.

FYI: Kevin will lead next meeting Tuesday, May 14th, 2024, at 6:30pm

Pastor led a closing prayer