

## From the Pastor:

Max Lucado, shared the following story in his book *Before Amen: The Power of A Simple Prayer*, (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2014)]. A woman died in labor leaving behind a premature baby and a 2-year-old girl. The clinic had no incubator or electricity, so the doctor told a nurse to get a hot water bottle. The nurse returned with bad news: the hot water bottle had burst when she filled it and that was the last one. The doctor instructed the nurse to sleep with the newborn that night to keep her warm and they would seek a solution the following day.



A solution was not easily found. The clinic was in the heart of the jungle. Help was many miles away. The life of the newborn was in jeopardy. The following noon the doctor mentioned the concern to the children. She told them of the frail baby and the sad sister. And they prayed.

A ten-year-old girl named Ruth decided on her own to take the problem to Jesus. "Please, God, send us a hot water bottle. It'll be no good tomorrow, God, as the baby'll be dead; so please send it this afternoon. And, while you are about it, would You please send a dolly for the little girl, so she'll know you really love her?"

The doctor was stunned. That prayer could only be answered by the arrival of a parcel from home. After nearly four years at the clinic, she hadn't received even one parcel. And even if one came who would send a hot water bottle to the equator?

Someone did. Later that afternoon a twenty-two-pound package was delivered to the doctor's door. As she called the children, she felt tears in her eyes. Could it be? They pulled off the string and unwrapped the paper. In the box they found bandages, jerseys, raisins, sultanas, and a brand-new hot water bottle. And at the bottom of the box, a doll for the little girl. The box had been shipped five months earlier. The Lord had heard the prayer before it was even offered."

When Jesus taught his disciples how to pray, he gave them a blueprint to follow. He began by teaching that we have the privilege to turn to the creator of the entire cosmos in prayer and call him our daddy. We are to acknowledge that this Father is different from our earthly Father – he is the one in heaven, the one who rules and reigns over all things, the one who is holy and deserves our honor and praise, the one whose will and guidance we are to follow as we live so that God's ways will be lived out here on this earth.

The order of the prayer is intentional – we honor God before raising personal needs. Jesus expressed this order when he said "*Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you.*" (Mt. 6:33) Our perspective changes when we begin with a view of God and God's purposes. Then we make our requests known, admitting we have needs that only God can fill.

That reminds me of another story about the power of prayer: Two women co-owned and operated a seaside inn. They were getting ready for the busy summer season and were faced with a dilemma-not enough help in the kitchen. They desperately needed a pastry chef and a dishwasher. One of the two women prayed asking God for help. She said, "Lord, I haven't the least idea where to find help; this hotel is Your business as well as mine. Please lead me to a dishwasher and a pastry chef." She then went to her car. Her partner asked what was up, and she said, "I don't know, but somehow God will show me." She headed downtown and spotted two men at a bus stop. On an impulse, she stopped at the curb. She explained, "I run a hotel on the beach and need some extra help. You men wouldn't be needing jobs, would you?" Big grins appeared on the men's faces. "Yes, ma'am, we do. We've been looking for work but haven't found any. We were about to try elsewhere." "What can you do?", the woman asked. "Sam here, he's a first-rate pastry cook, and I'm a dishwasher." "Climb in", the woman said. The two men stayed the entire season and proved to be the best help the inn had that year. For that little seaside inn, a pastry cook and a dishwasher were the "daily bread" needed. (source: Catherine Marshall).

May we be people who are bold in prayer.

Pastor Rebekah Tarras

**GOD  
HEARS  
YOUR  
PRAYERS**



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Monday 9 am to noon  
Wednesday 9 am to noon

### Michelle McClone

Office Administrator  
Hours yet to be determined

### Nina Monacelli

Bookkeeper

**Bulletin Deadline:** Thursday 9 am

**Newsletter Deadline:** 20<sup>th</sup> each month



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### New Administrator

The church council has hired Michelle McClone as our new administrator. Michelle will start in the church office on May 6. We are excited to welcome her to First Lutheran.

### Thank You Patti!

With the hiring of the new administrator, Patti Langkau has decided to retire. She will continue assisting in the office until May 9. Thank you Patti for all your hard work and dedication to serving First Lutheran.

### Thank you to the Hiring Committee

Thank you to Lenny Langkau, Steve Macijeski, Joan Everson and Colleen Hein for reviewing resumes and interviewing applicants for the administrator position. We appreciate your time and dedication to helping us find a new administrator.

### Thank you from Diane

Many thanks to all who came to the surprise luncheon in honor of my retirement. I am honored by all the love expressed through the help of set up, food preparation, food serving and clean up. Thank you for making me feel cherished and loved. Blessings be to my church family. . ~Diane

### Thank you to all of you!

A huge thank you to everyone who provided food, helped to clean, setup, serve, and clean up for each of the funerals and special meals this last month. You all did an amazing job! Thank you for being part of our church family!



### 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	920-290-0986
Jan Strehlow	920-572-6098
Joan Everson	920-295-9404
Lenny Langkau	920-229-3593
Jim Laird	303-690-2428



### The Archive Committee

The Archive Committee will be taking a hiatus for the summer and will be resuming activities on the first Thursday in August and thereafter on the first Thursday of each month at 10 am. Anyone interested in joining this activity is most welcome! Simply attend on one of the scheduled days.



## Worship Notes for May

If you are unable to attend in person, join us online on our Facebook page or you can listen to worship via radio station 93.1 FM or 1600 AM at Noon.

Date		Reader	Communion
May 5	Sunday – 10:30AM Sixth Sunday of Easter Guest Pastor: Rev. Karen Jewell-vanBuskirk	Karin Macijeski	At the rail Bread maker: Natalie Deppe Communion Assistant: Diane Warning
May 12	Sunday – 10:30AM Seventh Sunday of Easter Mother's Day 	Diane Warning	In the pew
May 19	Sunday – 10:30AM Day of Pentecost Graduate Recognition 	Dar Cravillion	In the pew
May 26	Sunday – 10:30AM Memorial Weekend	Kim Huerth	In the pew



### Computer Assistants Wanted

We are looking for a couple of people to help with running the worship livestream during Sunday worship. If you would be willing to help out on occasion, talk with Lenny Langkau. If you are curious about what is involved, feel free to sit up by the computer on a Sunday morning so you can observe.



SAVE THE DATE  
 Joint Worship in the Park  
 on Sunday, July 23, 2023  
 at the Riverside Park in Berlin.



# Our Church's Graduates

We pray for God's blessings on these students who are graduating from high school. Join us as we celebrate in worship with these graduates on May 19. Join us for cupcakes during the coffee hour before worship..



### **Brianna Macijeski**

Graduating from Weyauwega High School  
Brianna plans on attending Fox Valley Technical College for banking and financial services.



### **Marisa Jewell**

Graduating from Wild Rose High School  
Marisa will be attending Fox Valley Technical College for an Associate's Degree in Baking and Pastry Management. When she has completed the credits needed for that program, she plans to transfer to UW-Stout and get a Bachelor's Degree in Hospitality Management.

### **Montana Dawn Grostreutz**

Montana is graduating from Wautoma High School with all-conference in volleyball and basketball. Over 1000 points career in basketball. She will be going into the nursing program at St. Francis in Joliet, IL.



### **Mckenna "Charlie" Cudnohosky**

Graduating from ifoward  
Mckenna is planning to go to tech school in the fall.



## Sunday Sundaes! May 12th, 2024

Ice Cream Sundaes (with toppings!) will be served after Sunday worship on May 12th, 2024, by the Sunday School Children. It will be their last day of class for this school year. They wish to thank you for your support throughout the Sunday School year. Please enjoy and celebrate with them!



**THANK YOU TO OUR  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
TEACHERS**

*Thank you to our Sunday School Teachers: Tara McPeak, Sheri Bahr, Karin Macijeski, Patti Langkau and Dar Cravillion. And a big thank you to the Sunday School Parents, for supporting your child, as they continue their walk in faith to Jesus.*



### Confirmed in Faith

On April 28, Makenna Jewell was confirmed in the faith. Makenna's confirmation verse is 2 Timothy 4:17 " But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth."

Makenna stated "I chose this verse because my mind focused on the first part of it. But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength. This part tells me that God will give me strength. He will give me strength to stand back up, when I fall down. He will give me strength to get over grief. He will give me strength to live another day. He will give me strength to face my fears. He will give me strength to do anything."

God's blessings be on you Makenna!

### Ladies Social

The Stampin' Ministry is inviting all ladies of First and Grace to a Ladies Social at First Lutheran on May 19th beginning at 2:00pm. They will have light refreshments while you create fun projects along with reading and discussing a devotional study. To plan for enough supplies for each participant at this event, they ask that you sign up your name on the sign-up sheet.







# CROSSWAYS

CAMPING MINISTRIES

## Crossways Summer Camp at Pine Lake Attention Children and Parents!

A letter was sent out to Sunday School Families with Pine Lake Camp information on February 22nd, 2024. It is a great experience that will be memorable for your child, as well as give them the opportunity to grow in their faith. If you have not already signed your child up for Pine Lake Camp online, please contact Dar Cravillion (920-987-5887) or Pastor Rebekah (715-897-5393) for assistance.

First Lutheran Church will pay 1/3rd the total cost of camp for each camper wishing to attend and First's Endowment Committee will pay 1/3rd the total cost for each camper wishing to attend, leaving 1/3rd of the total cost for families to cover. No child will be denied attending Crossways summer camp because of financial hardship. There is additional financial assistance available through First Lutheran Church to enable your child to attend Pine Lake Summer Camp. Please reach out to Dar Cravillion (920-987-5887) or Pastor Rebekah (715-897-5393) for information.

Don't wait to sign-up! Reserve your spot! Slots fill up fast! Fill out registration forms, select a time that works best with your busy summer schedules and get information for attending camp online at: [www.crosswayscamps.org/](http://www.crosswayscamps.org/)

### Synod Assembly Service Project

Following Christ's call to cultivate inclusive communities, equip servant leaders, and create formative faith experiences, the East Central Synod of Wisconsin is enriched and transformed through the mission of our vital mission partner, Crossways Camping Ministries. This year at Synod Assembly, we are rallying support around Imago Dei Village, Pine Lake Camp, and Waypost - and we can't do it without you. First, we invite you to include Crossways in your prayers as we approach the summer season. Please pray specifically for the full time staff, the summer staff, the board of directors, and each camper who will experience faith in community through the ministry of Crossways. Then, help spread the word to share generously!



**To Proclaim the Good News of God  
in Christ through Word and Deed**

Synod Assembly  
East Central Synod of Wisconsin  
May 17 - 18, 2024

## CARE OF CREATION

Thank you for helping us foster an appreciation for the natural world and encourage environmental stewardship.



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The Oshkosh Conference has been asked to focus on the Care of Creation. Your support helps Crossways to be good stewards of the land and share that value with campers and guests. It helps provide bridges for campers to experience creation.



**Proposed Menu Items:**

- O'Brien Potatoes
- French Toast with Banana's Foster Syrup
- Krabby Benny with Holiday sauce
- Scrambled eggs Piquant
- Breakfast Burritos
- Assorted Pastries/Coffee Cakes
- Fruit Compote
- Mock Mimosa's
- Individual Ham and Eqq Croquets
- Individual Sea Food Omelets

**Coffee Hour Hosts**

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| May 5  | Judy Schierland<br>Germaine Schwebs |
| May 12 | Mother's Day Brunch                 |
| May 19 | M-Team<br>Graduate Recognition      |

**Save the date for the Brat Fry**

Everyone is invited to the Brat Fry sponsored by the Men of Grace at Riverside Park in Berlin on Wednesday, June 19th, at 5:30pm. If there is Inclement weather, they will host it at the church in Berlin. Everyone is invited. Bring a dish to share.

**Mother's Day Brunch**

Brunch will be prepared by the MEN of the church, we anticipate that the culinary genius? Geniuses?? Genieii??? Will provide a bountiful and diverse spread of exciting and tasty breakfast entrees.

There will be 2 signup sheets. One of the Men to acknowledge that they wish to participate in the mornings festivities through cooking, serving, setup and cleaning. Failure to sign-up will indicate (1) you never had a mother. (2) No one ever made you a daddy or (3) you are willing to risk the ire of your spouse. Additionally I have contacted a platoon of Marines to help you see the error of your ways lest you be cast into the everlasting silence that will abound around your own dinner table.

Therefore, I challenge all the men to put on their BIG BOY aprons and show these ladies that we care!

There will also be a sign-up sheet for the ladies, so that we can get an indication of the attendance.

Jim Laird

**Men's Breakfast**

All men are invited to the men's breakfast on Saturday, May 11 at 8:00am. This month's breakfast will be at Grace Lutheran in Berlin. R.S.V.P is helpful for food preparation. Sign-up on the clipboard or call the church office by Monday, May 6th.

**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.

**Lord's 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.



## Mission Update

Our Lent mission project included collecting items and assembling personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. We assembled 185 personal care kits that will be sent out to help a neighbor in need. Thank you to everyone who helped provide items for the kits. Thank you to Sharon and Bill Deppe and Joan Everson for getting Thrivent Action funds to purchase supplies. A huge thank you to everyone who helped "roll" them up and to Dar Cravillion for packing the boxes.



## May Noisy Bucket—Rawhide Youth Services



Helping hurting and at-risk youth transform their lives through youth counseling, therapy and residential treatment for youth and young adults.

Since 1965, Rawhide's mission has been one of belief. Belief in the potential of the youth they serve and the positive outcome they can help them realize. The Rawhide team is committed to helping teens and young adults struggling with mental health, emotional and behavioral challenges find joy and healing. It's a faith-based commitment to love and serve those who need them the most—and equip them with the tools to live a healthy and fulfilling life.

Rawhide exists for youth who are hurting, who feel lost or abandoned. For teens who question their worth, and families feeling powerless to help them. Because every one of us was created to be loved. And it's Rawhide's mission to help hurting and at-risk youth discover the hope of a healthy and fulfilling life.

Your monetary gift or car donation is more than charity. It's a lifeline. Many of the youth who come to Rawhide are in real danger. From themselves, others around them or their living situations. Your support does more than help them find peace or stability. Your donations mean real lives saved.

## The Poy Sippi Community Food Pantry News:

The food pantry will be open the first and third Friday of each month 9:30am-10:30am and 3:30pm-4:30pm. The Food Pantry graciously accepts food (in date) and monetary donations. Thank you to everyone who supports this great ministry with your donations and your time. We would not be able to serve the community without your generous help and support!

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,



The featured collection item for the month of May: Boxed or bagged Cereals



# MAY Birthdays

# MAY Anniversaries

Matthew Theune – 1st  
 Reggie Vergin – 5th  
 Eric Beine – 6th  
 Joni Bahr – 6  
 Lee Chase – 9th  
 Steve Macijeski – 9th  
 Jan Strehlow – 9th  
 Mick Warning – 12th  
 Ryan Deppe – 13th  
 Ben Chase – 14th  
 Shannon McPeak – 14th  
 Katie Collins – 15th

Mark Kretzmann – 15th  
 Teddy Kretzmann – 15th  
 Lenny Langkau – 17th  
 Clara Voigtlander – 17th  
 Ryan Bahr – 18th  
 Alex Bahr – 19th  
 Ava Krause – 21st  
 Scott Michels – 23rd  
 Kathryn Andersen – 29th  
 Amber Fenner – 29th  
 Jonathan Deppe – 30th

Norman & Germaine Schwebs – 4th  
 Steve and Dar Cravillion – 6th  
 Brittany and Brandon Disterhaft – 9th  
 Reggie and Judy Vergin – 9th  
 Glenn & Linda Gruett – 10th  
 George and Kim Huerth – 20th

*If we missed anyone or have the wrong date listed, please let the office know.*

# PRAYER list

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

- ☞ Carolyn Holz
- ☞ Larry Clark
- ☞ Julia Hansen
- ☞ Tammy Baehnman
- ☞ Linda Pomplun
- ☞ John Trochinski
- ☞ Dave Helfers
- ☞ Duwayne Dittmar
- ☞ Deborah Johnson
- ☞ Kaycie Peterson
- ☞ Tommy Chase
- ☞ Shirley Bartel
- ☞ Karen Karbowski
- ☞ Carol Kraft
- ☞ Bill H.
- ☞ Liz Birling
- ☞ Tom
- ☞ Dave L
- ☞ Annie R
- ☞ Donna
- ☞ Danan

- ☞ Patti C
- ☞ Piper
- ☞ Joni Bahr
- ☞ Phylis Jenks
- ☞ Pastor Rick Rieten
- ☞ Patti Battenhorst
- ☞ Pastor Dean Desilet
- ☞ Diane Holz
- ☞ Georgia Lee Laird
- ☞ Marcella Jorgensen
- ☞ Shannon McPeak
- ☞ Mali Beine
- ☞ Ryder
- ☞ Bill Carpenter

For the Families of:

- ☞ Diana Krutzik
- ☞ Lloyd Everson
- ☞ Richard "Dick" Yeska
- ☞ Brady Lenz
- ☞ Doris Sattler

### Member Updates

Larry Clark has been moved to Aspire Senior Living Oshkosh. His new address is:

Aspire Senior living Oshkosh  
 Larry Clark, #112  
 150 Aspire Lane  
 Oshkosh, WI 54904

Carolyn Holz is temporarily at Juliette Manor in Berlin for rehab.



## First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes 3/12/24

**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 6:31 by Mark Henn.

**Devotion:** Pastor prompted us to consider a calling vs a job. Small tasks or mundane activities can contribute to a larger whole and promote a much larger goal. *Philippians 3:13-14*

**Visitors:** None

**Approval of February minutes:**

Revisions to January 2024 Council Minutes:

New Business item B, strike "Pastor and" from the minutes.

Motion to accept minutes with above revision was seconded and carried.

**New Business:**

Mark presented letter of resignation/retirement submitted by Church Administrator. Will be effective at the end of March

Review updated Office Administrator Job Description and Office Assistant Job Descriptions

Proposed merging two job descriptions, removing bookkeeping responsibilities and creating a single job description for a new hire. Motion, seconded, carried.

Proposed that Lenny lead a committee for job description revision and hiring. Motion, seconded, and carried.

Mark presented options for Sunday School doors:

Two color samples (gray or driftwood); Classic or acoustic versions available

Discussed doors on "South" room and "Center Room"

Discussed if visibility though door is desired.

Motion to purchase Classic Driftwood doors for "Center" classroom only, motion seconded, carried.

Noisy Bucket Mission of the Month

Brainstormed ideas, assigned to months.

March Lutheran World Relief (personal care kits)

April Veterans' Home at King

May Rawhide Boy's Ranch

June Waushara County Crimestoppers / K9 Program

July Heat for Heros

Aug. Boys and Girls Club

Sept. PoySippi Food Pantry

Oct. School Lunch Debt Payoff (Berlin, Wild Rose, Weyauwega)

Nov. Honor Flight

Dec. Good Gifts

Motion to approve charities and months assigned. Seconded, carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

Lenny updated on worship streaming and internet provider updates.

We have transferred to the new internet provider.

There are still limits to our data use.

Broadcasts have been going well the last few weeks.

Discussion to run CAT6 cable from camera to router to reduce interference. Mark will add this as a task for future improvements.

Dar presented Payroll Module for Icon payroll preparation.

Software is \$275 annually. (savings over current monthly cost for third party payroll management)

Motion to purchase, seconded, carried.

Blacktop Project

Have one quote for excavation and blacktop from Levi.

Keven reported there are no updates on second quote for blacktop.

### **Other Business:**

Lenny shared positive comments from users of the loop system.

Discussion of need for computer virus scrubbing software or procedure in the future.

DNR Water Sample Test

Four quarterly bacterial tests, that are within the limits, before they will return us to annual testing. Kevin took the kits and will manage sampling.

### **Reports:**

#### Monthly Financials

Dar presented new format of report.

Work in progress to consolidate designated funds (currently in savings) into general fund and allow Icon software to track balance for each.

Discussion of what information council would like to have provided at each meeting.

Motion to accept current Icon report as printed for future meetings. Second, carried.

#### Finance Committee

Last meeting was March 6th at 10:30am, next meeting is set for April 3rd at 10:30am.

Goal for bookkeeper to be doing all finance and payroll work starting April 1.

#### Archive Committee

Reviewed Connie Henn's submitted letter and Archiving Volunteer's Committee activities.

#### Parish Council (Mark Henn)

Next meeting March 18th at 6:30pm at Grace, Berlin.

#### Noisy Bucket

No additional discussion

#### Children's Ministry Committee (Dar Cravillion)

Crossways Camp info-letters sent, no inquiries have been received.

Noted: 1/3 of camp cost is covered by endowment and 1/3 is available from general fund budget

#### Worship

Altar Guild: 1:30pm Midweek Lenten services will conclude Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

Holy Week Services

March 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday worship 10:00am at Grace, Berlin

March 28<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday 6:30pm at First

March 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday worship 1:00pm at Grace

#### M-Team

Soup lunches have continued through the Lenten season.

Confirmations and Graduations upcoming.

Easter hot continental breakfast served at 9:00am

Mothers' Day breakfast (with men cooking and serving) prior to worship on May 12th.

#### Endowment Fund Committee

A council representative needed at endowment meetings. Joan expressed interest.

\$500 match for Lutheran World Relief was met!

#### Property Committee No Update



## Staff Reports:

### Pastor

Visits with communion offered:

Victor Hansen, Kay Jeske, Diana Krutzik, Marcella Jorgensen

Met with Grace staff

Planned and led Ash Wednesday worship

Prepared for and taught the First Communion class

Took a week of vacation

Arranged coverage for the worship services

Wrote newsletter article

Studied and prepared for Sunday sermons

Led Lent worship services

Provided counseling for an individual

Met with the Bahr family for funeral planning

Met briefly with the worship committee at Grace

Met with the worship committee at First

Met with the Executive Committee at Grace

Met with the Finance ministry at First

Worked with Jessica on Palm Sunday and Good Friday worship plans

Helped at Soul Food

Attended the pastor installation at St. John, Saxeville

Met with the Mutual Ministry Committee

### Organist

Deb plans to play March 10th & the 31st.

### Office

Diane will be out of the office from March 14th-17th (at a conference).

### Custodian

May purchase a carpet sweeper for quick crumb pickups..

### **Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn, seconded, carried at 8:22pm

FYI: Next meeting Tuesday, April 9th, 2024, at 6:30pm

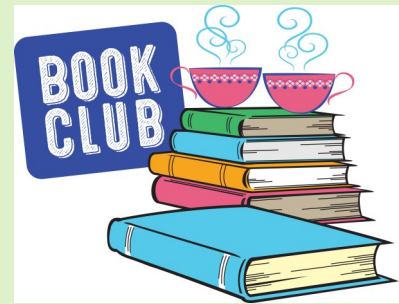
Pastor led closing prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Mali Beine

First Lutheran Church of PoySippi

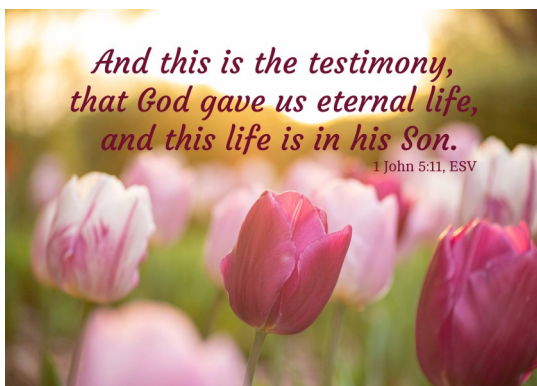
Council Secretary



## Book Club

Grace's Book Club has chosen the book "Winter Garden" by Kristin Hannah as their choice for May. This novel explores the relationship two sisters, Meredith and Nina Whitson, have with their cold, disapproving mother Anya as they deal with their father's illness and death. On his deathbed, their father extracts a promise to the women in his life: the Russian fairy tale the girls always heard as children would be told one last time – and all the way to the end. This begins an unexpected journey into the truth of Anya's life in war-torn Leningrad, more than five. decades earlier. Alternating between the past and present, Meredith and Nina will finally hear the singular, harrowing story of their mother's life and what they learn is a secret so terrible and terrifying that it will shake the very foundation of their family and change who they believe they are.

The book club will meet to discuss "Winter Garden" on Tuesday, May 14th at 12 Noon at a location to be determined. If you would like to read "Winter Garden" and join us for discussion, please contact Cindy Wallace for a copy. If you have already read this novel, please consider joining us on May 14 for discussion. We would love to have you join us.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 9 am Choir rehearsal	3 9:30 am Food Pantry 3:30 pm Food Pantry	4 
Pastor away for continuing education this week						
5 9am Sunday School 9:15 am coffee 10:30 am Worship	6 12:30 pm Worship Committee 1:30 pm Bible Study	7 6:30 pm Endowment Committee meeting	8 10:30 am Finance ministry	9 NO choir	10	11 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at Grace
12  9am Sunday School 9:00 am Mother's Day Brunch 10:30 am Worship Sundaes	13 1:30 pm Bible Study 2:45 pm M-Team meeting	14 6:30 pm Church council	15	16 9 am Choir rehearsal	17 9:30 am Food Pantry 3:30 pm Food Pantry Synod Assembly	18 Synod Assembly
19  9:15 am coffee 10:30 worship 2 pm Women's Social	20 Newsletter Deadline 1:30 pm Bible Study	21	22 	23	24 1:30 pm Stampin workshop	25
26 10:30 am worship	27 Memorial Day Church office closed 	28	29	30	31	

