



First Lutheran Church
 W2314 Prospect Street
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October Happenings

Sunday Service 10:30



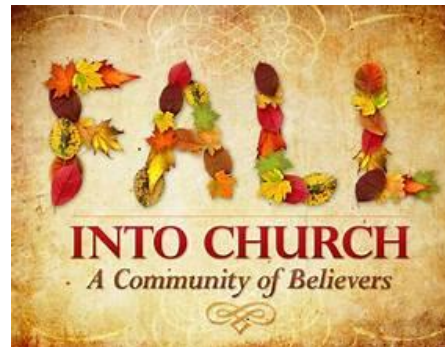
We also provide our service
 at our Facebook page:
 "First Lutheran Church ELCA"

"THE FIRST EDITION"

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From our Pastor:

“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.” - Matthew 7:12

It feels as though our world is growing more divided by the day. Political, social, and cultural differences seem to drive us further apart, often leading to anger, frustration, and a lack of understanding. But as followers of Christ, we are called to live differently. Jesus commanded us to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:39). This “Golden Rule” seems even more relevant and urgent for our world today.

Loving our neighbor doesn’t mean we will always agree, but it does mean that we are called to treat one another with respect, grace, and compassion—no matter our differences. Jesus modeled this perfectly by ministering to people from all walks of life, including those who were often marginalized or viewed as enemies of the culture. His love transcended barriers, showing us that our common humanity outweighs any ideological or political divisions.

When Jesus said, “Do to others what you would have them do to you” (Matthew 7:12), He was inviting us into a way of life that values empathy, kindness, and understanding. This principle, often referred to as the Golden Rule, is not just a polite suggestion but a challenge to actively seek the well-being of others, even when it’s difficult. In a polarized environment, this can feel countercultural. It’s easier to retreat into our echo chambers, to avoid those who think differently, and to label others as “the opposition.” Yet, Jesus calls us to a higher standard—one that prioritizes love over division.

As the body of Christ, the Church has a unique opportunity to be a light in these divisive times. By embracing love for our neighbors, we can model a different way of being—a way that seeks reconciliation over hostility, dialogue over debate, and unity over discord. It’s important to remember that every person we encounter, regardless of political beliefs, is made in the image of God and is deeply loved by our Creator.

This doesn’t mean we ignore or suppress our convictions. Instead, it means we approach conversations and relationships with humility, curiosity, and a willingness to listen. We can stand firm in our values while still engaging others with love and respect. In doing so, we reflect the heart of Christ and build bridges where others might seek to build walls.

As we navigate this polarized landscape, especially in these weeks leading up to the elections, let us ask ourselves: How can I show love to my neighbor, especially when we disagree? How can I live out the Golden Rule in my daily interactions, both online and in person? These questions can help us cultivate a spirit of love that transcends division and embodies the Kingdom of God here on earth.

May we be known not by the sides we take, but by the love we give.
Pastor Rebekah

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

Worship Schedule

Date		Reader	Communion
October 6	Sunday – 10:30 AM Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16 Guest Preacher: Rev. Karen Jewell Van Buskirk	Karin or Steve	At the rail and in the pew Bread maker: Jim Laird Communion Assistant:
October 13	Polka Service Sunday – 10:30 AM Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90:12-17 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-3	Colleen	In the pew
October 20	Sunday – 10:30 AM Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45	Dar	In the pew
October 27	Sunday – 10:30 AM Readings TBD	Kim	In the pew

September Office Information

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

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

*Week of 10/28 Michelle is out of the office

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 newsletter by 20th of each month. You may email your news in a Word Document format to firstluthpoysippi@gmail.com

WE NEED YOUR UPDATED EMAIL ADDRESS

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

Dear Members of First Lutheran,

I want to take a moment to express my deep gratitude for the beautiful birthday cards and well-wishes I received. Your thoughtful words and kindness truly made my day special, and I feel blessed to be part of such a caring congregation.

I am also incredibly thankful for the generous donations made to the food pantry in celebration of my birthday. Your contributions will make a tangible difference in the lives of those in need, embodying the love of Christ that we are called to share with others.

Thank you for your generosity, your support, and for being a congregation that continuously shines with compassion and grace.

*With heartfelt appreciation,
Pastor Rebekah Tarras*

****** Polka Service**

Join Us for a Special Polka Worship Service on Sunday, October 13 at 10:30 am featuring the Albright Polka Band. Come and experience a unique and joyful worship service filled with the festive sounds of polka music, bringing a cheerful and spirited atmosphere to our worship. After the service, we welcome everyone to join us for lunch featuring brats, beans, potato salad, and desserts. It's a perfect time to connect, celebrate, and enjoy good food and great company. Don your dancing shoes and prepare for a worship experience like no other, as we come together in celebration and community. We look forward to seeing you there!

****** Remembering the Saints**

In our worship on November 3, we will be remembering friends and loved ones who died in the past year. If you have someone you would like us to remember on that day, please submit the name to the church office by October 28.

****** Veterans Recognition**

On Sunday, November 10, our congregation will recognize and honor our members who are living veterans or active military. This year we will be creating a display to honor our veterans. We invite all members who are veterans or active military to complete an information form. Please submit completed forms to the church office along with a picture by November 4.

****** Guest Speaker** Pastor-Chaplain Muschinske is a highly respected leader who has dedicated his life to both ministry and military service and will be our guest speaker for the Veterans Service on November 10th

******Welcome to Our Church**

Sue Wendt and her son Ryan are new in the pew. Sue was born and raised Catholic in Queens, NY. She and her family have lived in Berlin since 2006. Her son Ryan is 9 and attends Clay Lamberton in Berlin and is in Fourth Grade. Ryan loves football, golf, reading and maps. Sue's husband Jason is a chef at Crossroads catering in Green Lake and Sue is a medical sonographer at Ripon Hospital. Sue enjoys reading, working on photo albums and doing crafts. She likes to help where needed but is a little shy and quiet. In the past she has served in the Board of Education at St. Johns. When asked what her pet peeve was, Sue could not come with one. She is very happy to be a part of the First.

****** Men's Breakfast**

A Sign-up sheet has been started, so please sign up if you would like to participate in the breakfast. The date is October 12th and will be held at Grace in Berlin.

******Trunk or Treat********Important Dates**

Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00pm will be the Thanksgiving service at First

Tuesday, December 24th at 6:30 will be the Christmas service at First

Noisy Bucket Mission of the Month: Pay Off School Lunch Accounts

This month our focus will be supporting students and families in our local schools by paying off overdue school lunch accounts. Many families in our community face challenges ensuring their children receive nutritious meals at school. By contributing to this mission, we can alleviate financial burdens and ensure that every child has access to a balanced meal without the worry of outstanding debts. Your donations will directly impact families in our area, demonstrating Christ's love through practical support. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors. Join us in this compassionate endeavor as we extend a helping hand to those in need. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to serving our community.



You may have seen the new addition to the Fellowship hall and it looks amazing! Carrie Bonnell has graciously donated all the letters and Thank you, to Dar, Mark, Diane, Carrie, and Sheri for conquering the task of getting the statement hung up.





A Note from Judy Button:

A sincere "Thank You" for all of the prayer warriors. The prayers sure worked, Glory to God! To all our family, friends, and church family. All the prayers, phone calls, cards, gifts, food, flowers, visits and love.....Thank you! To Pastor Rebekah, for the comforting prayers. Thank you to our three daughters. They stepped up the plate and went above and beyond. Then there was Dan, he took right over and gave me such wonderful care. I am so blessed by everyone in my life. "I can do all things thru Christ, who strengthens me" Praise our almighty healer and physicians.

Blessing and Love to all, Judy Button



Starting in October, the First Sunday of each month we will be celebrating this month's Birthday's by the M-Team providing cupcakes, coffee and fellowship following church. A great way to start off your Birthday month!

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.

Oct 13 - Polka and Meal to be provided

Oct 19 - Vines and Rushes Winery night out

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

90 YEARS YOUNG!

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

A true celebration for a milestone birthday, for Rich Jorgensen. Everyone had such a great time and Rich was so surprised! Rich was so grateful for everyone who made his day so special.



September 15 at First, was a very busy day, we had the start of Sunday School and we had Pack the Pew and Pantry. This was followed by "The Pancake Palooza" A BIG Thank you, to all who attended! The pews were packed and pantry is so grateful for the donations they received. A HUGE, Thank you to the cooks, Lee Chase, George Huerth, Chef Mick and Diane Warning and Jim Laird for their hard work. Also, thanks to Chris Monroe and Pastor Bill for washing and drying all the dishes.

Look at all those donations!!!!



A "SWEET DAY" for an outing for all to join! On October 19th or as Hallmark likes to call it, Sweetest Day, we will be going to Vines and Rushes Winery for wood fire pizza and live music. Bring your sweetie, a friend, neighbor or yourself to join us for a church family outing. See Sign-up sheet and more details to come



SYNOD LEARNING

Day



East Central Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Workshops, collaboration, and networking in cohorts for church people to inspire, strengthen, and nourish your ministry.

**CURIOUS.
COURAGEOUS.
CHRIST
TOGETHER.**

Save the Date!



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9th

2024

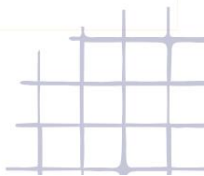
Ascension Lutheran Church

(2911 Libal St, Green Bay)

Registration opens October 1st and caps at 120 participants

\$40/person includes lunch and materials

QR code or www.ecsw.org/upcoming-events/SLD
for more information and to register





10/2 Steve Michaels
 10/4 Jacob Nitzke
 10/7 Mia Jewell
 10/11 Mark Henn
 10/12 MaryAnn Chase
 10/13 Dar Cravillion
 10/15 Jaci Boening
 10/16 Gabriel Disterhaft & Donovan Rew
 10/18 Kim Huerth
 10/20 Beverly Tarras
 10/22 Tom Jewell
 10/24 Gary Boening
 10/25 Tory Behnke
 10/31 Keegan Hein

10/7 Steven & Rochelle Michaels
 10/8 Jerry Wrage and Jan Strehlow
 10/16 Jim & Georgia Lee Laird
 10/19 Tom & Dawn Jewell
 10/20 Bill & Sharon Deppe
 10/21 Charles & Brenda Goehring

Please keep the following people in your continued prayers

Family of Jenny Vanden Heuvel	John Latshaw	Mark Bongart
Lee Nelsen	Darwin Larson	Doris Koepke
Dick Turner	Gen Everson	Hermie Schwebs
Carolyn Holz	Larry Clark	Julia Hansen
John Trockinski	Judy Button	Phyllis Jenks
Pastor Rick Rieten	Diane Holz	Marcella
Shannon McPeak	Mali Beine	Bill H
Alice Wrage		

For those battling cancer: Tom, Dave L., Danan, Barbie, Vill, Vicki and Donna

October 2024

October Highlights

13 th	Polka Worship Service
19 th	Vine and Rushes Night Out

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Office Closed 9:30 Food Pantry Annual Mtg	Pastor in 9:00-12:00 Michelle in 9:00-3:00	Office Closed	Office Closed Food Pantry 9:30-10:30 3:30-4:30		9:00-10:00 Sunday School 9:00-10:00 Funding Forward 9:15-10:15 Coffee and Fellowship 10:30 Worship
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Pastor in 9:00-12:00 Michelle in 9:00-3:00	Office Closed	Pastor in 9:00-12:00 Michelle in 9:00-3:00	Office Closed	Office Closed	8:00-9:00 Men's Breakfast at Grace	9:00-10:00 Sunday School 9:00-10:00 Funding Forward 9:15-10:15 Coffee and Fellowship 10:30 Worship
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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

August 13, 2024 6:30 PM

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	
Pastor Rebekah Tarras	X	Jan Strehlow	X

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:34pm by Pres. Mark Henn

Devotions: Ephesians 5:15-20

Visitor(s): None

Approval of Minutes:

Corrected typo of Custodian Name "Joan" instead of "Jan"

MOTION: Approve July minutes, seconded and carried.

New Business:

1. Madell's sign cancellation
MOTION: Motion to cancel this service. Seconded and Carried.
2. Consider options for kitchen countertops
Epoxy Grey over current red, keep current trim would cost about \$200
3. Paring Lot Update – Job Complete
4. Steeple Upkeep
 - a. Landscaping is overgrown - Consider seeking gardeners in the church who can own this project
 - b. Painting – Jerry has two potential leads of painters
5. \$500 memorial spending
MOTION to use this money to purchase (6) 8' tables, remainder of cost to come from money market
6. Lord's Acre – Freshly Painted
Please alert Dar or Steve if new produce is dropped off
7. Joint Cookout Sat, Sept 14th
8. Policy Review – Petty Cash
9. 14 month CD due on 10/27/2024 about \$26,000
No reserves or earmarks
10. New Membership Request – Sue Wendt and her son Ryan.
MOTION: motion to approve new membership seconded and carried.
11. Live Streaming every service has become a burden.
 - a. Need to circulate a signup for weeks, if no volunteers live stream will be stopped in September and users will be re-routed to Grace's service
 - b. Needed access to modem during service.(in office)

Unfinished Business:

1. Policy Review – Expense Reimbursement
MOTION: approve policy rev July, 15 seconded, and carried.
2. Policy Review – Building Security
MOTION: approve policy rev June 18 seconded and carried.
3. Funding Forward – 1 module per week during Sunday School
Move start date to September 22.
4. Window Replacement – On Hold until Spring

Other Business:

1. Phone Tree updates-Transfer ownership of this document to Church Admin

Reports:**Monthly Financials**

MOTION: approve financial report as presented, seconded, and carried.

Finance Ministry

Next meeting September 9th

Archive Committee

Will starting again in September 4th.

Parish Council (*Mark Henn*)

Next meeting in September. Mark will coordinate with Linda.

Noisy Bucket

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

Children's Ministry Committee (*Dar Cravillion*)

considering class sizes and curriculum.

Worship

Legacy Sunday on August 18th; Pack the Pew and Pack the Pantry in September 15; October 6th pastor will be out of town, will use Pulpit Supply pastor

M-Team

Pot-Luck for Legacy Sunday; Pancake Palooza on September 15th; Octoberfest Brat Fry; Sweetest Day in October

Endowment Fund Committee

Met August 6th

Will support Lifest Quake, Wartburg Seminary, PoySippi Food Pantry, ELCA

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

Lighting improvements are complete

Michelle will create a Facilities Issue List so people can report maintenance issues (lightbulbs, etc)

Staff Reports:**Pastoral acts:**

Kanynen and Raelyn baptized on Sunday

Continuing Education

Organist

Choir rehearsals will begin in September

Office

Council supports continuing the contract with Marco to provide copier maintenance.

Custodian

Will investigate annual deep cleaning by a services (high surfaces)

Adjourn:

- ✓ Motion to adjourn, seconded, and carried at 8:20 pm.
 - ✓ Next meeting – Tuesday, September 10, 2024
- Pastor led a closing prayer.

30 Acts of *kindness* in Thirty Days



Let's spread kindness throughout our communities!

We challenge you to complete at least one act of kindness each day for the next 30 days. We've gotten you started with our list of small ways you can positively impact those around you. Feel free to be creative and come up with your own acts of kindness!

Kindness is a ripple effect – encourage others to join the challenge by sharing your acts on social media!

- List 30 people and pray for one each day.
- Take a walk in your neighborhood and pray for each house.
- Leave the largest tip you can afford for a kind server.
- Write a letter to someone who has made a difference in your life.
- Chalk a sidewalk with uplifting messages.
- Send encouraging text messages to 5 people.
- Write cards for a local hospital.
- Pay for the person behind you at a drive-thru.
- Donate seasonal clothes to a clothing pantry.
- Compliment the first 3 people you talk with today.
- Reconnect with someone you haven't spoken with in a while.
- Donate towels, blankets and toys to an animal shelter.
- Surprise a neighbor or friend with freshly baked treats.
- Give parents a night out by offering to babysit for free.
- Give a thank-you treat to your mail, delivery and sanitation employees.
- Donate new socks and underwear to a local shelter.
- Post an encouraging sticky note message on a mirror or door.
- Host a clean-up party at a nearby park.
- Donate books to your local library or a book drive.
- Send a 'Thank You' card to your local police or fire station.
- Leave your server an encouraging note on their receipt.
- Post a positive and encouraging message on social media.
- Help your neighbor with their yard work.
- Donate packages of diapers and wipes to a local agency supporting families.
- Pause to hold the door open for someone behind you.
- Surprise someone with flowers.
- Participate in a blood drive.
- Donate food to a local food pantry.
- Write a positive review online for a local business.
- Pray for government leaders and send a note thanking them for their public service

