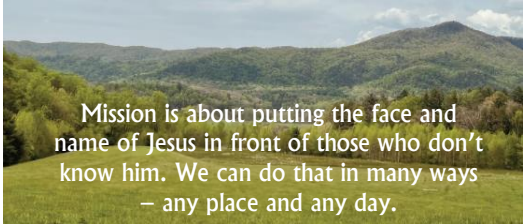




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We have 10:30am in person worship services, and



also provide our service online at our

Facebook page, at:

“First Lutheran Church ELCA”



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9-24-2023 (see page 4)



Happy Fall

9-23-2023



Over the past couple of weeks, I have been reading through the book of Exodus. You may recall that this book of the Bible talks about how the Israelites were slaves in Egypt until God heard their cries for help and rescued them from their bondage. Moses led these people out of Egypt and towards a place God promised to them. God did all kinds of miraculous things to show God's power and strength. God sent plagues of various kinds, God led the people with a pillar of cloud by day and fire by night, and God parted the red sea so they could walk through on the dry ground.

But they weren't out of Egypt very long before the people began complaining that they didn't have water or food. God heard their cries and met their needs. God provided water from a rock, God sent quail for their supper, and provided manna for them to eat. They had to gather this manna every morning (except on the Sabbath) and there was enough for everyone's needs.

The people couldn't create this bread for themselves, they could only gather it. At first, a few tried to keep some of this bread overnight only to find it filled with maggots the next morning. They had to receive it each day. The lesson they had to learn was that God would provide for their needs – but one day at a time.

I read a story about a family that adopted a little boy from Russia. They got him when he was about 1-1/2 years old. One day they discovered in his crib hunks of food from their last several night's suppers. He was eating well at the table, so they were confused as to why he carried his food to his crib. Finally, they realized that where he came from, he didn't know from one meal to the next if there would be more. So, he would hoard. He had learned by 16 months, to take extra food, stick it in his clothing, and stash it in his crib. He hadn't yet learned to trust that every day his new parents would feed him again. Every day they would provide for his needs. Soon, he did learn to trust. He learned that he had parents who would provide, and he stopped carrying food to his crib.

When manna was given in the wilderness, the Israelites were permitted to gather only as much as they needed for that day (except for the day before Sabbath). This made it necessary for them to rely on God day by day. In Deuteronomy, we're told, "[God] did this to humble you...so you would never think that it was your own strength and energy that made you prosperous" (Deuteronomy 8:17).

As I read these accounts in Exodus, I am reminded that God has been faithful, is faithful, and continues to be faithful. I might not be able to see the whole picture, but each story reminds me to trust God. Each story encourages me to step out in faith trusting that God will provide for my needs today and each day yet to come.

Blessings to you as we trust in God,

Pastor Rebekah

PS. I am so excited for the special Drawn to the Word event on September 24, 10 am at Grace! Rev. Paul Oman (a seminary classmate of mine) will be painting a large portrait during our worship service. Plan to join me for this special event. There will also be a potluck following worship.



September 2023 Church Office Hours:

Pastor :
9:00-12:00pm
Monday & Wednesday,
Pastor Rebekah
715-897-5393
(Please note times may
vary due to home visits, etc.)

Office Hours:
9:00-4:00pm Monday*,
Tuesday and Thursday*,
10:00-12:00pm Wed.
(Unless noted differently
in the Sunday bulletins.)
Thank you.
*Days Patti is in the office.

Bulletin Deadline

Information should be turned into the church office by noon on Tuesday to ensure adequate time to process the information into the following Sundays bulletin.



“THE FIRST EDITION”

Please provide the church office with news items for the October newsletter by the **17th of September** to ensure the newsletter is emailed on time. You may **email** your news item(s) in Word format to Diane at firstluthpoysippi@gmail.com.
Thank you, ~The Office

2023 Council Members

Mark Henn	715-820-2565 (<i>President</i>)
Jerry Wrage	920-290-0986 (<i>V-Pres.</i>)
Dar Cravillion	920-987-5887 (<i>Treasurer</i>)
Jan Strehlow	920-572-6098 (<i>Secretary</i>)
Kevin Birschbach	920-266-3628
Lenny Langkau	920-229-3593
Joan Everson	920-295-9404



Reminder: To let the office know if your email, or mailing address has changed or if you will be away, this will avoid uninterrupted service of church news and mail.

~Thank you



Coffee Fellowship



The M-Team is looking for weekly hosts for Coffee Fellowship. They will begin having Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, September 10th.

Please check the sign-up sheet for hosting a Sunday or talk with an M-Team member. Thank you.

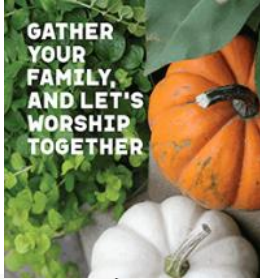


September hosts

- 3rd – Labor Day Weekend (no hosts)
- 10th – Joan & Gen Everson
- 17th – Dar Cravillion
- 24th – Joint service at Grace
- Oct 1st – Germaine Schwebs



Worship Schedule:



September 3rd Sunday – 10:30AM -
14th Sunday of Pentecost

September 10th Sunday – 10:30AM -
15th Sun-Pentecost, Worship

September 17th Sunday – 10:30AM -
16th Sunday of Pentecost

September 24th Sunday – **10:00AM** at Grace, Berlin
17th Sunday of Pentecost
"Drawn to the Word" by Paul Oman

Readers:
Diana Krutzik

Colleen Hein

Dar Cravillion

**Kim Huerth,
Joan Everson, &
Colleen Hein**



If you are unable to attend in person, or do not have the capability to watch online through our Facebook page, you can listen to worship via the radio station 93.1 FM or 1600 AM at Noon.



Paul Oman
Artist & Pastor



Drawn to the Word

Experience a Drawn to the Word worship and artistic experience where Artist and Pastor Paul Oman will paint a larger-than-life sized mural of Exodus 16 before your eyes at Grace English Lutheran Church, September 24 at 10:00 am.

This story will unfold artistically, musically, narratively, and Scripturally during the event.

There will be a potluck following the service.

Come and See.

Note: there will not be a service at First on 9/24.



We are using prepared packaged communion elements containing juice, for those who wish to partake in Holy Communion during Sunday worship service. The first Sunday of the month, communion will be offered at the rail as well as in the pew during service.

- Thank you,
Altar Guild



Church Potluck

On Sunday, September 24th, after the 10:00am joint worship, there will be a potluck gathering after the service. Grace will take care of all the refreshments as well as the place settings. "Bring a dish to pass" is all that is needed: hot, cold, sweet, savory . . . that's what makes a "Pot Luck" soooooo much fun!!

- Heidi S., Grace Lutheran

Confirmation Classes begin: September 13th

Confirmation classes will be on Wednesdays, starting at **6:30pm**. Classes will be held at Grace Lutheran. Pastor is looking for at least one adult who is willing to sit in on the class each week. Part of our



child safety policy recommends that there be at least two adults with children and youth. Talk to pastor Rebekah if you are willing to help out.

Congregational Meeting
September 17th

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The church council is calling a special congregational meeting to inform all members of First, the proposed use of funds from the sale of the HND (House Next Door – parsonage). The meeting will take place immediately following the worship service - Sunday, approximately at 11:30am. All are encouraged to attend.

Sunday School



We are excited for a new Sunday School year to begin on September 10th at 9:00am. There will be two classes offered this year.



The younger students ages 3 through 1st grade will follow the weekly lectionary using the Whirl student books and materials.

The older students 2nd grade through 6th grade will be receiving Spark Bibles during worship on September 10th. They will be using these Bibles each week as they study the Bible using the Spark classroom materials.



Youth Ministry

Pastor is looking for some folks who would be interested in forming a youth ministry committee to help us reach out to high school and middle school youth. If you would be interested in serving in this area, please talk with pastor Rebekah.

thankful

September 10th

grandparents day

blessed

grateful

A grandfather was walking through his yard when he heard his granddaughter repeating the alphabet in a tone of voice that sounded like a prayer. He asked her what she was doing. The little girl explained: "I'm praying, but I can't think of exactly the right words, so I'm just saying all the letters, and God will put them together for me, because He knows what I'm thinking."

We are the church together:

When I was a kid back in Sunday school, I remember learning a song that included these words "I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together." I wonder if sometimes we forget that we are the church and that each of us has a role to play in helping us, the church function. When it comes to our Sunday worship services, there are several different roles involved in planning, setup, leading, and serving. Training is provided where needed or requested and kids are welcome to participate. Here are some of the ways you could help.

Greeter - stands by the main entrance door for about a half hour to greet everyone who arrives for worship. This friendly face may be the first person a guest sees on Sunday morning.



Bread Baker - makes bread for communion. There are a couple of different recipes available that you can use if you don't have a favorite recipe.



Altar Guild - two people are assigned a month to set up communion before each Sunday worship and clean up following the service.



Communion Assistant - one person each month to help the pastor serve communion at the rail. One person serves the wine and the other follows with the empty tray to collect the empty cups.



Reader - proclaims the scriptures during our worship service. This usually includes an Old Testament reading, leading the responsive psalm, and a New Testament reading. The readings are provided in advance to allow time to practice.



Acolyte - lights the candles before worship and extinguishes them following worship.



Coffee & Fellowship Host - provides refreshments, makes coffee, and serves the coffee and refreshments prior to the Sunday worship service.



If you are interested in serving in any of these roles, talk to pastor Rebekah or let Patti know in the office.



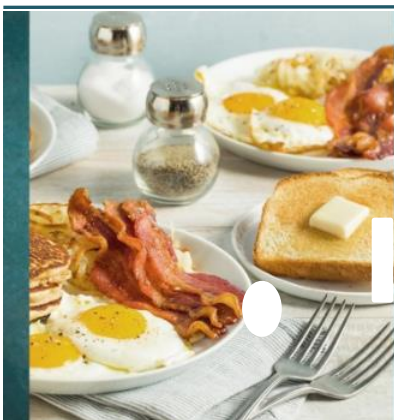
2023 Mission of the Month recap:

Noisy Bucket Collection totals for each month . . .

- Jan: Crossways D-Campaign \$1,559.00.
- Feb: Cancer Ride \$39.00.
- March: Lutheran Disaster Relief - Turkey Pods \$9,525.94, + a matching donation from Endowment \$2,650.00
- April: P.S.C. Food Pantry \$360.48.
- May: Veterans Home in King \$366.50.
- June: Foundations for Living \$230.00.
- July: P.S.C. Betterment \$216.25.
- August Welcomed Foster Care \$228.00.
- September our Mission focus will be on the Poy Sippi Food Pantry.

Helping feed the community with food and so much more.

See page 11 for additional information on the food pantry services.



MEN'S BREAKFAST
 Second Saturday of each month
 September 9th at First Lutheran serving at 8am.

Men's Breakfast meals kick off

The season for Saturday morning breakfast with the men from First Lutheran and Grace English Lutheran will kick off with First Lutheran hosting the first breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 9th, 2023. Serving will begin at 8:00am.

Please talk with Steve Macijeski and Lenny Langkau on how you can help or what food items are needed to be brought. Thank you.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

- Kevin Birschbach - 2nd
- Sharon Deppe - 6th
- Catie McPeak - 6th
- Don Steiner - 9th
- Dan Button - 12th
- Andrew Hein - 15th
- Brianne Langkau - 18th
- Jacklyn Jorgensen - 22nd
- Tammy Kretzmann - 28th
- Emersyn Deppe - 2nd
- Rich Jorgensen - 6th
- Sam Behnke - 7th
- Anders Beine - 12th
- Pastor Rebekah Tarras - 14th
- April Yahr - 15th
- Brent Andersen - 19th
- Steve Cravillion - 23rd
- Rochel Nelsen - 30th

- Gordon & Kathryn Andersen - 7th
- Todd & Greta Kapp - 14th
- Ryan & Natalie Deppe - 15th
- Andrew & Christina Hein - 17th
- Mick & Diane Warning - 21st
- Jonathan & Jesse Deppe - 23rd



"May the dear Lord bless you both."

As God adds life to your years,
may He add years to your life.

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



Prayers of Concern & Healing

Please Pray for...



* For the Families of Kevin Harmsen, Nancy Olson, & Pat Dye.

- * For Pastor Bill M.
- * For Vi S.
- * For Dani
- * For Carol K.
- * For Bill J.
- * For Jaci B.
- * For Piper
- * For Mali B.
- * For Liz B.
- * For Dave L.
- * For Donna M.
- * For Marcella J.
- * For Shannon M.
- * For Jerry W.
- * For Annie R.



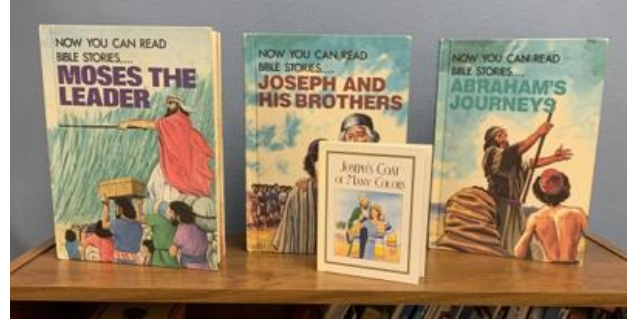
9-11 Patriot Day
Prayers for those we lost.



The Library Lion

Hey parents, you want books that tell some of the same stories Pastor Rebekah has been preaching on?

Three books in our library are about Abraham's Journey, Joseph's Coat of Many Colors and Moses the Leader. They are on display in the Nursery/Library room on top of the bookcase. There are colorful pictures and the stories are told at children's level.



Check out these and many other children's books in our library to read to your kids or grandkids.



Now it's time to get ready for another year of Sunday School classes!



Monday, September 18
Redgranite Fire Dept
1:00pm—3:00pm
Olivia Walton
Dementia Care Specialist



Thursday, September 28
Wild Rose Community Center
9:00am—11:00am
Cathy Duesterhoeft
Elder Benefit Specialist



Lay School:
Did you know that our Synod offers a school specifically for you?
The lay school exists to equip and challenge adults for their lives as disciples of Christ. The classes meet once a month on Friday evening and Saturday and meet in a hybrid format (in-person at two satellite locations and can be accessed remotely through a virtual link).

East Central Synod of Wisconsin

2023-2024 Core Courses highlighted below.

- Intro to Theology A Journey Through Death and Resurrection
- Old Testament/Hebrew Bible
- Introduction to the New Testament
- Liturgy & Life
- Lutheran Confessions
- Church History
- Faith and Spirituality



Check out - <https://ecswlayschool.org/> for the different class offerings with class fees and booklists.

Feel free to talk to Pastor Rebekah if you have questions you may have.

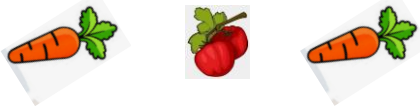
Scholarships are available as well.

Lord's Acre Produce Stand

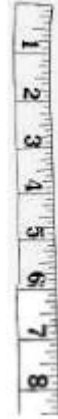


Do you have any extra garden produce? The Lord's Acre is accepting any extra produce donations.

Thank you to Lee Chase who has volunteered to manage the stand. The stand will remain open as long as donations of free produce items are received. Your inquiries can be made with Lee (920-538-4056) or any church council member.



Quilting at Grace Lutheran, Berlin



Tuesday September 5th, the quilters will resume to



begin their season of quilting on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 9:00AM - 11:11:30AM. Any extra help is greatly appreciated.



Donations of fabric, bed sheets, and thread are happily accepted.



Choir practice begins on September 7th at 9:00AM.

Deb will be holding practice Thursday mornings at 10AM and having the choir sing as her schedule permits.

Looking forward to seeing everyone. ~Deb Sattler



Ecumenical Adult Bible Discussion

Led by: Pastor Bill Meier

Thursday mornings 9:30am -10:30am at The Four Corners Restaurant, corner of Highways 21 & 49.

Come at 9:00am to eat breakfast beforehand. You're invited and encouraged to bring a Friend!

Grace Choir has begun practice.

Jeremy invites anyone from First who has an interest in singing in the Christmas Cantata.

Practice at Grace is held Wednesday evenings at 7PM.





Polka Service ~ Sunday, October 1st at 10:30AM!



The Mel Albright Band returns for the annual Polka Service tradition here at First Lutheran. During the worship service, Larry and the band assist us to praise God through their polka style hymns; along with extra music before and after the service.



This is a great opportunity to invite family or friends to join you for worship and to stay after for a potluck. Look for the sign-up sheets to indicate what you plan to bring. All are welcome to remain for a time of food & fellowship.



Thank you to the Mel Albright Band for carrying on this tradition of singing praises to God with polka music.



God is not going to rewrite the Bible for your generation. Stop trying to change scripture when it's written to change you.



Thank You

Dear Members of
First Lutheran Church,
Thank you for the gift \$360.48 from the Noisy Bucket loose change focus in April.

With the closing of federal Covid help, we feel the need urgently in food pantries! Lynn Sallee for Poy Sippi Food Pantry



Book Club



Grace Lutheran's

Book Club Choice for September : "The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride"
by Joe Siple:

With all his family and friends gone, 100-year-old Murray McBride is looking for a reason to live. He finds it in Jason Cashman, a ten-year-old boy with a terminal heart defect and a list of five things he wants to do before he dies. Together, they race against the limited time each has left, ticking off wishes one by one.

Along the way, Murray remembers what it's like to be young, and Jason fights for the opportunity to grow old. But when tragedy strikes, their worlds are turned upside-down, and an unexpected gift is the only thing that can make Jason's final wish come true.

We will meet to discuss this Book on Tuesday, September 12th at a location to be determined. If you would like to read this book, please contact Cindy Wallace for a copy.

If you have already read the "The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride" and would like to join our discussion, please join us. - **Cindy W.**



Happy
Fall ya'll!



Community Family Tailgating Event

Grace Lutheran is planning a family Tailgating event for all ages. This will be on Sunday, October 15th - from 3-6 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 384 Oak Street, Berlin. Games, activities, & devotion time. Supper provided (tailgate fare) Registration is requested for food and equipment planning. RSVP 920-361-1820, by Monday, October 9th.



**The Poy Sippi Community
Food Pantry News:**

Located at First Lutheran Church in Poy Sippi. The food pantry will be open the first & third Friday* of each month, unless a Friday falls on a holiday. Hours are: 9:30am-10:30am and 3:30pm-4:30pm.



The Food Pantry would like to thank you all for your past donations, making it possible to fill our purpose of serving those in need. As the number of families we serve has increased this year, the monetary and food donations have declined.

We need your help to continue providing food for those who are struggling and ask if you are able each month, to give a monetary, or food donation of any of the following: Cereal, beef stew, Mac-N-Cheese, noodles, pork 'n' beans, pancake mix, soup.



Thank you for your continued support!!

Food Pantry Coordinators: Rodger and Jody Surprise, 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.



Have you
seen this
ear?



Our photographer,
Jim Laird is asking for
anybody to identify the
owner of this ear.
He was accosted while
taking pictures
one Sunday.



First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2023

Attendance: Mark Henn, Kevin Birschbach, Lenny Langkau, Jan Strehlow, Joan Everson, Jerry Wrage, Dar Cravillion, Pastor Rebekah Tarras, Intern Kathy Cartwright.



Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Mark Henn at 6:02PM.

Devotions: Each council member read a prayer ending with Pastor Rebekah.

Visitor(s): No visitors. Mark read a thank you note that came from Amanda Dalton. She received the small red table and chairs that were stored at the HND.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made, seconded and approved corrected minutes.

New Business:

- A. St. John's - Saxeville 125th anniversary: After discussion, Dar will talk with the Pastor at St. John's for suggestions. Up to \$200.00 from designated memorial interest will be used for purchase of a gift.
- B. Winter Bingo: Mark and Connie Henn will be part of the committee, Mark will ask for one more person from the congregation to help.
- C. Suggestion Box: This box will be available Sunday for persons to drop in suggestions they may have for monies coming from the sale of the HND.
- D. Letter from Jaci Boening concerning hearing loop: A letter was read. She also sent information on a company that installs this hearing loop. Lenny is checking into it and getting prices to bring to the August Council meeting.

Unfinished Business:

1. House Next Door - updates: Mark said the closing will be earlier than the August 3rd date that we had previously. Possibly July 19th or July 31st. Mark will inform the council members when the closing will take place. A motion was made and seconded to deposit the check from the sale of the HND into the General Fund Account. Motion carried.
2. Shed update: A "Land use Permit" was applied for and received. It is posted on the front of the church.
3. Calling Tree - update: Joan has completed the form and a copy of it will be given to council members who will be able to contact congregation members in case of inclement weather.
4. Counting Committee: Dar has been working on updating the policy for the counters. Dar also talked about a Deposit Box/Lock Box to be installed for the giving envelopes to be put in. Mark and Connie would purchase this box. Motion was made and seconded to proceed with purchase. Motion carried.

Other Business: Lord's Acre Stand: Mark will call Mark and Tammy Kretzmann to see if they will be interested in tending to the stand again this year. Insurance: As soon as the closing takes place on the HND, the insurance can be canceled. We will also have to pick up insurance on the shed when it arrives.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

Monthly Financials: There was confusion on the report. Pastor will talk with Diane and bring it to next month's council meeting.

Parish Council Committee: Upcoming Events - Worship in the park & picnic in Berlin July 23rd 10:00am.. Grace will cover the cost of the shelter, meat, buns and tableware. There is no service at First that day.

Noisy Bucket: July is Poy Sippi Betterment Committee, August is Welcomed (foster care), September is P.S. Food Pantry, October Lutheran Disaster Response, November - Honor Flight (\$500 will sponsor one veteran), December - ELCA Good Gifts.

Children's Ministry Committee: VBS was canceled this year for lack of children signed up. We have 3 children attending camp this year. Monies for these campers will come from the Maxine Leone memorial, Designated Youth fund, Endowment and General Fund. \$885 total.

Worship: Technology: it was reported that everything is working well at this time.

M-Team: Potluck July 30th after worship. Legacy August 13th, Polka Service Oct. 1st with potluck.

Endowment Fund Committee: Meeting is scheduled for August 1st 6:30 pm at First.

Staff Reports:

Pastor

Official Acts: Pastor Rebekah - Visit - Judy Vergin.

Intern Kathy - Visits: Marcella Jorgensen, Don Rew & Victor Hansen.

NOTES: Pastor will be on vacation July 14th-20th (Intern Kathy-covering), and August 4th-10th (Patti Langkau-covering).

Office: Diane will be volunteering at EAA July 22nd - 29th, also taking July 20th off.

Organist: Deb will be playing August 13th, will revisit a new schedule for the fall-winter.

Adjourn: M/M seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm, motion carried.
Closing with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting August 13, 2022, at 3:00pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Jan Strehlow, Council Secretary




Deadline for the October

Firs[†] Edition Newsletter

items is Sunday, September 17th!





September 2023 First Lutheran Church, Poy Sippi, WI

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI Sep 1	SAT 2
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10 15th Sun-Pentecost ● 9am Sunday Schoo ● 9:30am Coffee Felk ● 10:30am Worship	11 ● 9am Pastor in ● 12:45pm Worship c ● 1:30pm BibleStudy ● 2:45pm M-Team Mt	12 Bulletin deadline ● 6:30pm Council Mtg	13 ● 9am Pastor in ● 6:30pm Confirmatic ● 7pm Choir - cantata	14 ● 11am Soul Food - Y	15 Office closed ● 9:30am Food Pantry ● 3:30pm Food Pantry	16
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