



First Lutheran Church  
 W2314 Prospect Street  
 P.O. Box 250  
 Poy Sippi, WI 54967



*All are welcome!*



Do not be conformed to this world,  
*but be transformed by  
 the renewal of your mind,*  
 that by testing you may discern  
 what is the will of God.

ROMANS 12:2, ESV



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



Be An  
 Angel  
 Day  
**August 22nd**  
 See page 4 for info,

# "THE FIRST EDITION"



**Council Meeting**  
 Rescheduled to  
**Sunday, Aug. 13th**  
**at 3pm**

See  
 page 5  
 for details ...



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**August 12th**



**Pie Day  
 August 1st**

***From Pastor Rebekah :***

As I was preparing for worship in the park, the words from Psalm 139 stood out to me. They are such beautiful and reassuring words. Verses 7-10 in particular stood out to me.

Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?  
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.  
If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast. Psalm 139:7-10

Isn't that an incredible statement of faith? There is no place we can go that God is not. One of the books I enjoy sharing with my grandchildren is Margaret Wise Brown's book, *The Runaway Bunny*. It is a book for children of all ages. The story is about a little bunny who dreams about running away from home, only to find "home" wherever he ends up. His mommy does not stop him from running away, but she does not leave him either. When he climbs a tree, the tree is in the shape of Mommy. When he travels the ocean, the wind is in the shape of Mommy. When he joins the circus, the trapeze artist is shaped like Mommy. Finally, little Bunny gets the point. "Aw, shucks!" he says, "I might just as well stay home and be your little bunny." Which he does.

Like the little bunny in the story, we will never find ourselves out of God's presence. We cannot run away from God. God is our home and is with us wherever we go. Whatever the circumstances of our lives, God is with us – in peace, in war, in hope, in fear, in joy, in suffering, in sickness, in health, in life, in old age, and even in death. Wherever we live, wherever we work, wherever we go God is forever with us.

Friends, where ever you find yourself today, in whatever situation you are facing, God is with you.

*Pastor Rebekah*

PS. I want to take a moment to say thank you to all of you for allowing me the opportunity to work with intern pastor Kathy over the past year. As a person who often struggles with confidence, I never thought of myself as being an intern supervisor or even as having something to offer to someone beginning in ministry. But over this past year, I learned a lot about myself and discovered I had things to offer a pastor just beginning their ministry. It was a good experience and I am grateful to have had the opportunity. Thank you.

## August 2023 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> 9:00-4:00pm Monday*, Tuesday and Thursday*, 10:00-12:00pm Wed. (Unless noted differently in the Sunday bulletins.) Thank you. *Days Patti is in the office.</p>
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### 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 September newsletter by the **20th of August** to ensure the newsletter is emailed on time. You may **email** your news item(s) in Word format to Diane at [firstluthpoysippi@gmail.com](mailto:firstluthpoysippi@gmail.com).  
Thank you, ~The Office

## 2023 Council Members

Mark Henn	920-566-0454 ( <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 to avoid uninterrupted service of church news and mail. ~Thank you



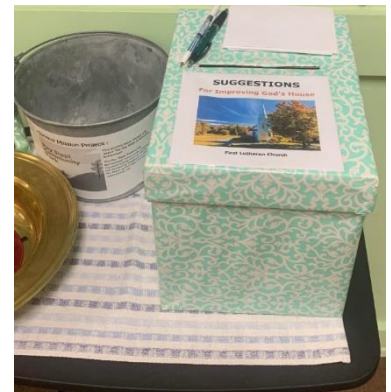
When calling after office hours, we invite you to leave a message on the church phone at 920-987-5151 with our voice messaging system, so that we can assist you at our earliest convenience. Thank you. ~the Office



We are happy to announce !! The HND (parsonage) sale has been completed as of July 20th. And our shed should be arriving the first week of August.



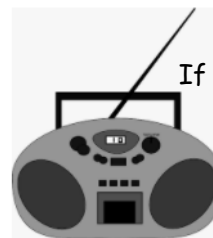
The Church Council has placed a 'Suggestion Box' on the small table in the Fellowship Hall. They are seeking ideas and needs of the church. You can place them in the box and they will review at the next council meeting.



# Worship Schedule

- August 6th** Sunday – 10:30AM - 10th Sunday after Pentecost **Readers: Diana Krutzik**
- August 13th** Sunday – 10:30AM - 11th Sunday after Pentecost **Colleen Hein**
- August 20th** Sunday – 10:30AM – 12th Sunday after Pentecost **Dar Cravillion**
- August 27th** Sunday – 10:30AM – 13th Sunday after Pentecost **Kim Huerth**

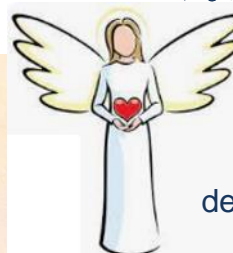
Don't forget you can listen to worship via the radio station 93.1 FM or 1600 AM Sundays at Noon, If you are unable to attend in person, or do not have the capability to watch online through our Facebook page.




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

## Be An Angel Day



On August 22nd, National Be an Angel Day encourages good deeds and kindness to others.

By supporting those in need and inspiring others to kindness, we display an act of an angel here on earth. You ask, "What can I do?" Offer an ear to listen, a hand to lift them up, or a shoulder to hold them up until they can stand again. Give patience when you least feel like giving it. Hear the pain below the complaint or the exhaustion under the frustration. Notice the worry, not the anger. Look with eyes that see the whole person, not just the fraction of a moment. Hold a hand when there's nothing else that can be done. Dry a tear.



The Altar Guild and pastor are looking for individuals who are able to assist with worship set up duties. If you ever considered helping out and wondered what it all entails, please talk with a current volunteer or Pastor Rebekah who can fill you in on the duties of this ministry. Thank you for your kind consideration.



## Upcoming Events:

- August 13 Legacy Sunday - honoring those age 80+
- Sept 24 Combined worship at Grace with Drawn to the Word & potluck
- Oct 1 Polka Service and Potluck
- Nov 12 Veteran's Recognition and Potluck
- Nov 22 Thanksgiving Worship
- Feb 3 Bingo Charity Event to support Food Pantries
- Aug 10, 2025: First's 150 Celebration

**Blessings to our August Birthdays:**



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|-----------------------|----|-------------------------|
| Marisa Jewell - 1st   | ~~ | Paige Goehring - 2nd    |
| Lisa Lee - 3rd        | ~~ | Grace Dodd - 4th        |
| Brielle Behnke - 8th  | ~~ | Joyce Jorgensen - 9th   |
| Roger Bahr - 11th     | ~~ | Allison Schliepp - 14th |
| Allison Austin - 15th | ~~ | Lloyd Everson - 17th    |
| John Langkau - 26th   | ~~ | Krista Nelson - 27th    |
| Don Strehlow - 29th   | ~~ | Rochel Nelsen - 30th    |
| Lawrence Clark - 18th | ~~ | Brenda Goehring - 21st  |
| Tamara Tracy - 21st   | ~~ | Ruth Hanson - 27th      |
| Bill Behnke - 28th    |    |                         |



**You're Invited!!**  
 for **Lloyd Everson's**  
**90th Birthday**  
 Aug. 12, 2023, Noon-3:00pm  
 at First Lutheran Church  
 R.S.V.P. to Joan Everson at  
 (920) 295-9404 or (920) 987-5777  
 by August 1st.

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

The meal is being catered by the Manawa Steakhouse.  
**COME HUNGRY !**



- Ray & Judy Schierland- 4th
- Don & Brenda Strehlow - 4th
- Bill & Tory Behnke - 5th
- Caitlin & Mitch Yahr - 17th
- Bob & Tammy Hansen - 20th
- Brenda & Terry Schroeder - 27th

"May the dear Lord bless you both."

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



Thinking of you, . . .

Please Pray for...



For The Families of Pat Dye, Nancy Rote, Paul Splittgerber, Brook Shultz, Dennis Moeller, and Rev. Dale Boening.

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|----------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| * For Pastor Bill M. | * For Donna M. | * For Nancy O.   | * For Sam B.      |
| * For Vi S.          | * For Diana K. | * For Piper      | * For Marcella J. |
| * For Dani           | * For Mali B.  | * For Shannon M. | * For Carol K.    |
| * For JoAnn Y.       | * For Liz B.   | * For Jerry W.   | * For Bill J.     |
| * For Kevin H.       | * For Dave L.  | * For Sue L.     | * For Annie R.    |





*As my internship comes to closure, it is with utmost gratitude that I extend my thankfulness to God's people of First Lutheran church. I have grown more than I expected in ways I did not anticipate. The year was full of many "first times I ever did this," and as I finish this year, it has become the "last time I will do this here with you." I greatly appreciate the loving kindness that you have extended to me in so many ways, including your words, and through so many gifts. I have been deeply touched and humbled by your generosity, and you will all remain in my heart, and in my prayers.*



*I begin my final year of study on September 4th at Wartburg seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, but primarily as an online student.*

*I am working through the final stages of my candidacy approval process that should be completed in December, and I anticipate graduation in mid-May of 2024.*

*Please know that you have contributed to my future success in these remaining formalities.*

*God's blessings and peace to you all, Intern Kathy*



**A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO WAS ABLE TO ATTEND**

**Intern Kathy's Kasserole Kaper!**

If you came to eat and celebrate Thank You!  
 If you brought a Kasserole Thank You!  
 If you brought a smile to cheer Kathy on Thank You!  
 If you helped set-up Thank You!  
 If you helped clean up Thank You!  
 If you signed Kathy's devotion book Thank You!  
 If you colored inside the lines Thank You!  
 If you showered Kathy with kards and gifts Thank You!



Here are some photos of the happy campers First Lutheran Church and Endowment sponsored July 23-25, at Crossways Pine Lake Camp. Skylar Dexter, Kylee Disterhaft and Mara Ferron. They were all first time campers, attending as Pioneers.



### Women of Grace Annual Salad Supper

Tuesday, August 8th at 6:15 PM

Please bring a salad to share (2 people to a salad) Plates, silverware, dinner rolls/butter, dessert & beverages will be provided.

We hope you can join us on Tuesday, August 8th to hear Amy Krause tell us about her trip to Liberia, West Africa. In Amy's words: "I am so excited to be able to share with you the life changing things God is doing in West Africa! I look forward to meeting you all!" Also, please remember that our Salad Supper also serves as a baby shower for Lutheran World Relief. Please bring items for the LWR Layettees. A list of items is posted in the Fellowship Hall.

National Water Balloon Day  
August 4th



**Games:**

- Water Balloon Toss
- Water Balloon Spoon Race
- Water Balloon Musical Chairs
- Water Balloon Roll





Thank you to Katie Collins and Harold Nigbor for weeding around the Steeple Memorial Garden.



Thank you to Dar Cravillion and Harold Nigbor for watering all the flowers, which are blooming beautifully.



Thank you to Mick Warning and Harold Nigbor for completing the front wall project of adhering the cap blocks to the retaining walls out front.



Paul Oman  
Artist & Pastor



**BRINGING THE WORD TO LIFE  
BEFORE YOUR EYES**

Event Location: Grace English Lutheran Church  
384 Oak Street, Berlin, WI

Date/Time: September 24, 10 am with potluck to follow



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## Lord's Acre Produce Stand

The Lord's Acre is opening up and we're looking for any extra garden produce donations.

Thank you to Lee Chase who has volunteered to manage the stand.

The stand will offer fresh produce items as they are received. Your inquiries can be made with Lee (920.538.4056)

Again thank you to Tammy Kretzmann for all the years she managed the produce stand for us.

Blessings to Lee & Tammy



## Book Club



### Grace Lutheran's Book Club Choice for August

**"At Home in Mitford"** by Jan Karon is the Grace Book Club Choice for August. In this first novel of the Mitford series, Father Tim, the bachelor rector, wants something more from the *'easy to feel at home in Mitford'*. Enter a dog the size of a sofa who moves in and won't go away. Add an attractive neighbor who begins wearing a path through the hedge. Now, stir in a lovable but unloved boy, a mystifying jewel theft, and a secret that's sixty years old. Suddenly, Father Tim gets more than he bargained for. And readers get a rich comedy about ordinary people and their ordinary lives.

We will discuss this book at Grace English Lutheran Church, Berlin at 1:00pm on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Anyone who is interested in reading and discussing this month's book, please contact Cindy Wallace at 920-229-3772 for a copy. **Happy Reading!**

- Cindy W.



Sponsored by the Waushara County Department of Aging

## Join Us!!



### Caregiver Wellness Meetings

Define your pathway to physical, emotional, and holistic wellness through conversation, validation, and exploration with other caregivers while simultaneously caring for your loved one.

#### July 24

"Advance Planning"

Ruth Zouski  
Waushara County Corp. Counsel

#### August 28

"Healthy Connections"

Carolyn Schmidt  
Waushara County Programs Specialist, Dept of Aging

#### September 25

"Meeting Care Recipient Needs Successfully and Safely"

Mickey Wingrove  
DPT, Aurora Health

**11:30a Conversation / 12:30p Lunch / 1:00p Expert Speaker**

Learn tips and techniques to bring you closer to overall health and wellness while caring for another. Meetings are free, lunch is provided.

Respite services may be available. **Pre-registration is required.**

Contact the Dept. Of Aging/ADRC: 920-787-0403

Stahl Celebration and Remembrance Center

W7492 State Road 21/73, Wautoma

## Grass mower volunteers

Please contact Harold Nigbor if you are able to assist with



cutting the lawn this season.

## Lawn Mowing

Duties for the volunteer mower(s) are to have the lawn freshly mown prior to the Sunday worship service. There is a rider mower and trimmer in the shed across the street from the church.

If you have a question regarding the schedule or with the equipment, please talk with Harold Nigbor (920) 987-5735.

Thank you - The Property Committee



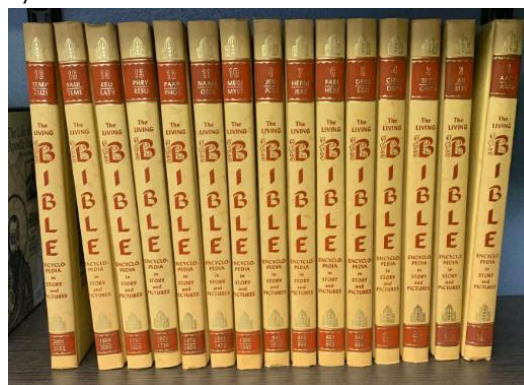
## The Library Lion



This month the Library Lion would like to let you know there is a set of books donated by Marcella Jorgensen that is a great addition in our resources. The Living Bible Encyclopedia in Stories and Pictures is a 16 volume set that has stories and narratives, 480 paintings based on Bible themes and photographs of scenes and archaeological finds in the Holy Land.

This resource would be an informational addition to your Bible study and more insight to familiar stories of the Bible. This Art Treasure Edition has beautiful pictures of paintings depicting events in the Bible.

We thank Marcella for this wonderful addition to our library and hope these books will be used in her honor in years to come.



## 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 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,



- Cereal
- Pancake mix
- Paper toweling



Money donations can be mailed to:  
Poy Sippi Community Food Pantry,  
P.O. Box 250, Poy Sippi, WI 54967-0250.

## 2023 August Mission of the Month: Welcomed (foster care)

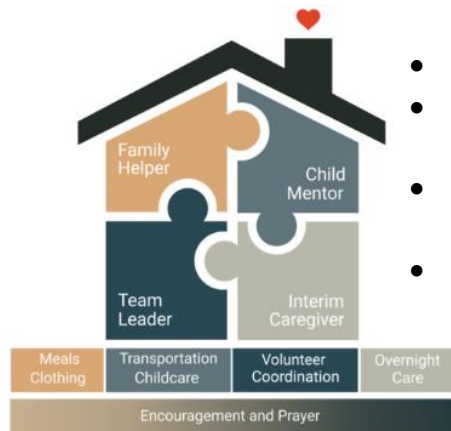


Surrounding vulnerable children, and the families who support them, with caring communities.

*"Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." – Mk 9:36-37*

Did you know?

- Nearly 400,000 children in the US need foster care. In Wisconsin in 2022, that included 7,066 children in need of foster care.
- Over 60% of American children caught up in sex trafficking came out of foster care?
- In some states over half of prison inmates come from the foster care system?
- The majority of girls who age out of the foster care system become pregnant within 2 years perpetuating the cycle of generational poverty.
- Of those who age out of the system, 20% are instantly homeless, and 40% are homeless within 18 months.
- Children who are placed in homes with a family that provides consistent and sincere love, nurturing, accountability, and hope, face a much better outlook.



Welcomed Family Advocacy Ministry partners with local churches to become a force for good in their local community to invest in the well-being of local foster families. Not everyone can foster, but everyone can do something:

- Pray: that God will provide for and protect vulnerable children; ask God to use us, our connections, skills, and personalities, to be God's hands and feet.
- Take Action: subscribe to Welcomed's newsletters, learn more about the Foster care system and needs. Spread awareness, volunteer on a team, lead a team, become an advocate, or become a partner church.
- Support the mission of Welcomed through your noisy bucket donations during the month of August.

Thank you to Justin Novitski from Welcomed, who came to speak to us on July 30th.

### Ecumenical

### Adult Bible Discussions

Enjoy casual conversation on Bible stories at 'The Four Corners' Restaurant, corner of Highways 21 & 49, Thursday: 9:30am - 10:30am.

The Bible Study is led by: **Pastor Bill Meier**



Free to the public

# Foundations Fest

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH

FROM 10:00 A.M. UNTIL 2:00 P.M.

AT FOUNDATIONS FOR LIVING 1421 CHURCHILL ST. IN WAUPACA

- FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES
- BOUNCE HOUSE FOR THE KIDS AND MORE!
- Take a tour of our facility and receive a gift!





**LIVE MUSIC**



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## **First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes**

**June 13, 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 at 5:59PM order by President Mark Henn.

**Devotions:** Jerry and Joan read passages from the book of Genesis and Matthew, discussion and prayer followed.

**Visitor(s):** Harold Nigbor came to council with different sizes of sheds and prices. Harold also stated that the small table and chairs that were stored at the HND will be going to Bill Deppe's daughter for her work.

**Approval of Minutes:** M/M seconded and to approve the May minutes and also the minutes from the Congregational Meeting.

### **New Business:**

- A. Update of Realtor paperwork-procedure for approval/decline of offers. Motion was made and seconded to use the telephone for all communication. Motion carried.
- B. Congregational inquiry for installing a hearing loop. This will be put in a suggestion box.
- C. Polka Service-Diane has talked with Larry Albright and October 1st with a pot luck was decided. Council made a motion and seconded to continue with the polka service. Motion carried.
- D. Shed for across the street. The property committee will decide which shed will be best. If the price is over \$4,000.00 it will have to be approved by the congregation. Mark will call for a congregational meeting on July 9th if needed.

### **Old Business:**

1. House Next Door – update on sale. The realtor stated that she has several showings scheduled.
2. Follow-up Shared Ministry Covenant: discussion 60/40 or 50/50. This will be tabled till September.
3. Calling Tree-follow up: Work is in progress
4. Update on Counting Committee: Dar is working on updating the Role and Responsibilities of the counters.
5. Suggestion Box: This will wait until the house is sold.
6. New Office computer received and installed.

**Other Business:** Pastor stated that the pall used for the communion chalice needs to be replaced. M/M seconded for her to order new palls. Motion carried.

### **Reports:**

**Monthly Financials:** M/M seconded to approve the reports. Motion carried.

Parish Council Committee: Upcoming Events

Worship in the park & picnic in Berlin on July 23rd at 10:00 am, Drawn to the Word Joint  
Worship at Grace, September 24th at 10:00 am with potluck following.

Noisy Bucket: June is Foundations for living, July is Poy Sippi Betterment Committee, August is Welcome ( foster care), Sept, is Poy Sippi Community Food Pantry, Oct. is ELCA disaster relief, Nov. is Honor Flight, Dec. is ELCA Good Gifts.

Children's Ministry: VBS is scheduled for July 11th-13th at Grace. Registration forms available in the office as well as on our website.

Worship: Altar Guild: Duties are being updated.

Website: Lenny stated that they would like to have the camera scan the congregation so that persons visiting online can see them. An agreement will have to be posted before this can take place.

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

Property: NOTES: Women's toilets not functioning properly.

House Next Door final cleanup day on Saturday, June 17th at 9am.

**Staff Reports:**

Pastor:

Official Acts:

Pastor Rebekah - Funeral: Judy Meier 6-1-23, Bulchuck funeral 5-16-23,  
Visit - Judy Vergin.

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

NOTES: Pastor will be on vacation for the following dates:

June 17th-24th (Intern Kathy-covering),

July 14th-20th (Intern Kathy-covering),

and August 4th-10th (Patti Langkau-covering).

Intern Kathy will be away July 3rd-10th for her vacation.

Office: Diane will be taking July 20th off.

Organist: Deb will play once a month for the summer: June 4th, July 2nd & August 13th.

Adjourn:

M/M, seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be July 11th at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Strehlow,  
Council Secretary





# August 2023 First Lutheran Church, Poy Sippi, WI

SUN	MON	TUE Aug 1	WED 2	THU 3	FRI 4	SAT 5
		<b>Bulletin deadline</b> ● 6:30pm Endowment	● 9am Pastor in		<b>Pastor on vacation</b> <b>Office closed</b> ● 9:30am Food Pan ● 3:30pm Food Pan	
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<b>Pastor on vacation</b> <b>10th Sun.-Penteco</b> ● 10:30am Worship		<b>Bulletin deadline</b>			<b>Office closed</b>	● 12pm Everson's F
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>11th Sun.-Penteco</b> ● 10:30am Worship ● 3pm Council Mtg	● 9am Pastor in ● 12:45pm Worship ● 1:30pm BibleStuc ● 2:45pm M-Team I	<b>Bulletin deadline</b>	● 9am Pastor in		<b>Office closed</b> ● 9:30am Food Pan ● 3:30pm Food Pan	
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<b>12th Sun.-Penteco</b> ● 10:30am Worship ● 7pm Mutual Mini	<b>Deadline for News!</b> ● 9am Pastor in ● 1:30pm BibleStuc	<b>Bulletin deadline</b>	● 9am Pastor in		<b>Office closed</b> ● 10am Stamp'nWc	
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