




First Lutheran Church
 W2314 Prospect Street
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 Poy Sippi, WI 54967



We have 10:30am in person worship services,
 and also provide our service online at our
 Facebook page, at:
 “First Lutheran Church ELCA”



“THE FIRST EDITION”



ALL SAINTS' DAY

For All the Saints
 11-05-2023
 Sunday
 Observance



Nov.
 5th

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Observance
 Sunday
 11-12-2023,
 Potluck following

VETERANS DAY



Monthly
 Mission



Pastor Tim Krick, Lutheran World Relief
 11-05-2023

Psalm 100 - A psalm of thanksgiving.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Serve the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him; bless his name.

For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.

The superscription of the psalm says "A Psalm of Thanksgiving." This psalm helps us to see that Thanksgiving is more than just a holiday we observe on the fourth Thursday of November. The idea of thankfulness covers all of life. It is our way of approaching the world and the attitudes with which we choose to live.

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving." But what does that mean? Do we come to church with grateful hearts? Well, of course, we do. But more than that, we pass through every door with gratitude in our minds and hearts. We enter our own homes, grateful for the family of which we are a part. We go out into the world grateful for the abundance we take for granted way too often. We encounter others and give thanks for the gift of life that they are, even the ones we sometimes struggle to get along with.

"Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth." This isn't about singing songs. Or maybe it is, but our songs may be spoken as well as sung. We are using our presence to bring joy into the world around us. And it only takes a quick look around to see how countercultural such an idea really is. We are called to worship the Lord with gladness. But the word translated as worship does not mean a worship service; it means a worship-centered life. Yes, what we do in the hour we gather with the body in the sanctuary of the church matters, and we ought to do it with as much gratitude and joy as we can muster. But to "worship the Lord with gladness" is what we do in our homes and places of work, in our neighborhoods, and on our playgrounds. We live out the worship of God by giving thanks anywhere and everywhere we can. As noisily as possible.

There are imperatives throughout this short psalm. Worship! Enter! Give thanks! Make a joyful noise! But there is one in the middle that looks different. *Know*. There are lots of things that we can do and need to do. But we are also commanded by the psalmist to *know*. There is something driving all that doing; there is something behind this joyful gratitude. We know that the Lord is God. Look at how the verse describes that knowing: "It is he who made us, and we are his." The pronouns for God surround the pronouns for us and then are repeated: "We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture." It is this boundedness of our lives in God that brings forth the gratitude we are invited to express with joy. We have been gathered up; we belong; we are a part of something that is infinitely bigger than we can see. Of course, gratitude is the only proper response. Especially when the psalm concludes with a description of this God who has gathered us. The Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

(from Discipleship Ministries "Our Grateful Hymns of Praise" <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/our-hymn-of-grateful-praise/twenty-fourth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a-lectionary-planning-notes/twenty-fourth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a-preaching-notes>)

Pastor Rebekah

November 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 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 November newsletter by the **12th of November** 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



Archive Committee

This committee was established with the goal of organizing and preserving First Lutheran’s documented history. It is known that the 150th Anniversary of First will be celebrated in 2025. The committee is using acid-free pocket holders for safely displaying documented history of First. Archiving is an ongoing task and responsibility of First Lutheran’s members. The committee’s wish is that there will be more members of First that are interested in helping preserve First Lutheran’s history. Thank you to Sheri Bahr & Judy Schierland who have begun to help with the task. For any other members of First wishing to be a part of this committee somehow, now or in the future, please contact Connie Henn, Dar Cravillion or Colleen Hein.

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



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

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

If you know of someone who would like to receive a copy of the newsletter via email, please let the office know.

~Thank you



First Lutheran Endowment Committee:

Questions regarding the Endowment Committee can be directed to any of the following members: Linda Nitzke, Kim Huerth, Patti Langkau, Katie Nitzke, Connie Henn or Steve Cravillion.

Next Meeting: November 7th at 6:30PM

Worship Schedule:



November 5th All Saints' Sunday – 10:30AM

Join us for a special service for All Saints, "For All Your Saints, O Lord." This service will provide an opportunity to name before God those who have died during the past year and allows time to name "personal saints"—past and present—who have been God's special gifts to us.

Guest: Rev. Tim Krick from Lutheran World Relief

November 12th Sunday – 10:30AM

- 24th Sunday of Pentecost, Veteran's Observance & potluck

This will be a special veteran's observance service, which will include a time to recognize the veterans in our congregation. A potluck will follow worship. We invite all Veterans to submit their names and information about their service to the church office by November 5 to be part of the recognition.



November 21st Tuesday – 7:00PM

Berlin Area Community Thanksgiving Service
at Grace English Lutheran, 384 Oak Street, Berlin.

November 22nd Wednesday – 6:30PM

Poy Sippi Community Thanksgiving Eve Service
at New Hope (formerly PoySippi Methodist) Church.



Christmas Eve is a Sunday this year, so note that we will have regular Sunday morning worship at 10:30 am (Advent 4) and our Christmas Eve worship at 6:30 pm.
(Check page 12 for a special Advent Event)

Readers:

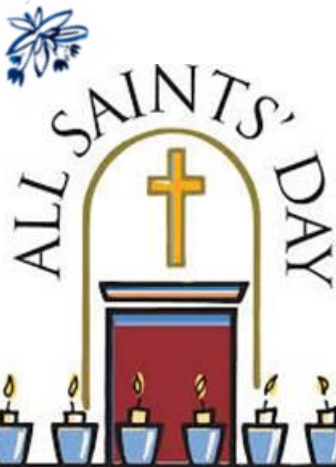
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Macijeski
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11/12 Colleen
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11/19 Dar
Cravillion

11/26 Kim
Huerth

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



All Saints Observance:

On Sunday, November 5

We pause this day to remember those who have gone before us to our heavenly home.



During service here at First Lutheran Church, we will remember the saints who have died in the last year.

Debbie Barnes, Sandy Masaros, Carol Lind, Gene Schwanke, Mike Lind, Jim Caves, Gail Mattice, Linda Appollo, David & Jan Metzger, Kathy McGregor, Donna Albright, Maisi Schrauth, Barb Kersten, Dave Vandenberg, Corinne Dowd, Jerry Krause, Kate Teske, Judy Meier, Jake Dodd, Brooks Schultz, Dennis Moeller, Rev. Dale Boening, Paul Splittgerber, Nancy Rote, Pat Dye, Kevin Harmsen, Nancy Olson, Rev. Ralph Hanusa, Sherm Hamilton, Suzanne Kaehlert, Bonnie Schnyder & Pat Jacob.



VETERANS DAY



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Veteran Recognition

On Sunday, November 12, our congregation will recognize and honor our members who are living veterans or active military. We will be assembling a small information booklet and would like to include their information. We invite all members who are veterans or active military to share their information by completing one of the information forms available on the table in the narthex. Please submit completed forms to the church office along with a picture by November 5.



After worship Potluck

After the Sunday service on November 12th, we will recognize our veterans at First. These individuals have served in the armed forces and are still here with us to share their stories. The M-Team will host a potluck lunch after service and everyone is welcome to stay. This year we will hear from Jim Laird, as we continue to ask congregation members to share some of their experiences. There is a sign up in the narthex for help in set up, serving and clean up, but as far as the meal we ask everyone to bring a dish to pass. See you on the 12th and let freedom ring!



Hearing loop Installed

On October 11, a hearing loop was installed at First Lutheran in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Hearing loops are a type of assistive listening system that transmit sound directly from our sound system to a listener's telecoil-enabled hearing aids or cochlear implants for improved clarity and understanding. Anyone with hearing aids that have a t-coil are able to connect directly to the hearing loop. For those who do not have a t-coil or who do not have hearing aids, we also have five rechargeable receivers with headsets available for use. If we find we need to get more receivers, we are able to order those and add on to the system. Thank you to Lenny Langkau for all of his work in coordinating this installation.



Deck the Halls at First Lutheran



Everyone is invited to stay after worship service on December 3rd and decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season.

There will be carols sung, memories shared and a nice hot soup lunch provided by

the M-Team. You say "I don't know how to trim a tree?", there will be other things to help with. One member even asked why we don't decorate outside anymore. Stay and enjoy the fun and time together as we enter the season of waiting. As we prepare our "house" for the birth of Christ.



Blue Christmas Evening Prayer Service

December 17, 6:30 pm at Grace Lutheran, Berlin

In the Northern Hemisphere, December 21 is the longest night, the winter solstice. It marks the shortest day of the year, the official start of winter. Tradition says that nature and all her creatures stop and hold their breath to see if the sun will turn back from its wanderings, if the days will lengthen and the earth will once again feel the sun's warmth. Watch for more details in the December newsletter.



☞ May you enjoy your day and receive blessings from above. ☞

- Norah Deppe - 5th
- Mike Andersen - 8th
- Norman Schwebs - 10th
- Tara McPeak - 16th
- Patrick Nelsen - 17th
- Emily Deppe - 18th
- Samantha Deppe - 18th
- Tim Andersen - 19th
- Georgia Lee Laird - 21st
- Jerry Strehlow - 21st
- Steve Monroe - 24th
- Deb Smith - 24th
- Lloyd Nelsen - 26th
- Makenna Jewell - 29th
- Darwin Larson - 29th
- Chris Monroe - 29th
- Joel Beine - 30th



Lenny & Patti
Langkau - 3rd

Gary & Jaci
Boening - 29th



"May the dear Lord bless you both throughout the year and always."

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

A Prayer of Remembrance

Lord, have mercy on those who mourn, who feel numb and crushed and are filled with the pain of grief, whose strength has given up, you know all our sighing and longings: be near to us and teach us to fix our hope on you through Jesus Christ our Lord. ~Amen.



Prayers of Concern & Healing

* For all those who have gone on before us.

Please
Pray
for...

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| * For Pastor Dean D. | * For Georgia Lee L. | * For Diane H. | * For Jasper N. |
| * For Vicky | * For Kelly B. | * For Baby Ryder | * For Marcella J. |
| * For Hailey L. | * For Shannon M. | * For Mali B. | * For Carol K. |
| * For Bill H. | * For Liz B. | * For Jerry W. | * For Bill J. |
| * For Dave L. | * For Annie R. | * For Piper | * For Donna M. |
| * For Patti C. | | | |





Coffee Fellowship



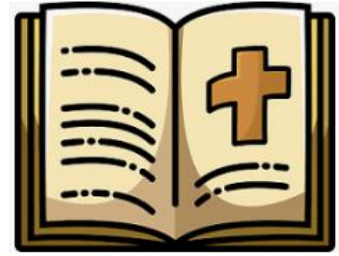
November hosts

- 5th - Ruth Hanson
- 12th - open
- 19th - open
- 26th - open



The M-Team is looking for weekly hosts, please talk with an M-Team member. Thank you.

Adult Bible Study



The Monday afternoon Bible study will begin a study on the Book of Isaiah.

The group meets at 1:30 pm on Monday afternoons.

Extra bibles are available if needed.

No preregistration required, come when you can.



Lord's Acre Produce Stand Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who brought and gave produce to the Lord's Acre food stand this year. We live in a community that has so many of God's people, that give from the bottom of their hearts, you are a blessing to us all. A very special thank you to Dar & Steve Cravillion, for helping me more than you will ever know. Thank you & God Bless you all !! -Lee Chase



Vanco online giving:

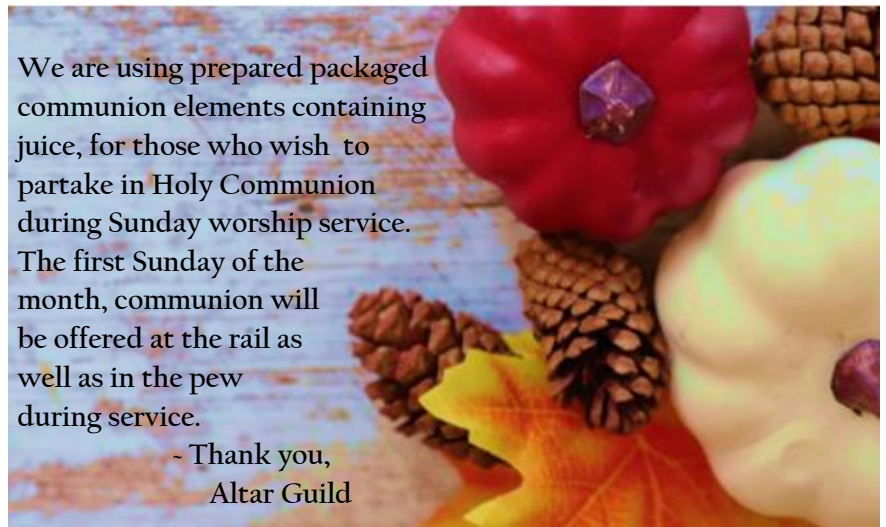
First Lutheran Vanco online giving has added additional category choices to giving for expanded ministry outreach beyond the church and into our community. Online giving is easy and convenient thru either the church website online or the mobile app. We hope these added features will make it even easier for you to give anytime/anywhere. Feel free to speak with pastor or Diane with any questions you may have.



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



Poverty Simulation October 1, 2023

I had the opportunity to be a volunteer for CAP Service's Poverty Simulation which was held at the WWII Building in Wautoma on October 1, 2023. In addition this event was co-sponsored by Thrivent, Waushara's Vision and We ARE in Christ group.

If you ever have an opportunity to participate in a Poverty Simulation, I would strongly encourage you to do so. A Poverty Simulation consists of *volunteers* who are given roles such as a Medical Facility, a General Employer, a Grocery Store, Homeless shelters, and more. *Participants* are given roles of families. These families had to muddle through four weeks of common scenarios for families. They needed to work a job, do the banking, buy groceries, care for children when they were not in school, take care of the family's medical needs and more.

I was given the role of a Banker. My duties were to take loan payments on vehicles or general loans, accept deposits or make withdrawals from savings accounts and most importantly, cash checks. One rule to cashing checks was the "customer" needed to have an account at my bank. If they did not, I was to send them to the PayDay Loan facility. Unfortunately, there are many people living in poverty who do not have a bank account because most banks demand a minimum balance. If that minimum balance is not maintained, the account is charged monthly until nothing is left.

The *volunteer* who ran the PayDay Loans could charge whatever she wanted to cash a check. This *volunteer* charged an outrageous fee and noticed the clients never recounted the cash given to them. She even tested that fact by shorting some of them a few dollars and they never noticed. It is easy to take advantage of people.

In the beginning of this event, the *participants* (families) seemed to be able to maneuver their week with a good attitude. This attitude deteriorated quickly and the *participants* found themselves very stressed. Did they cheat? You bet. Some *participants* left work "early" in order to get to the bank or to pay their utilities.

An older couple actually left the poverty simulation due to the stress they were feeling...thus leaving their pretend 17 year old daughter to fend for herself. This is sad in more than one way. Sad because those folks struggling with poverty can't afford to go to the clinic to help them deal with their stress. The clinic in this event had only two *participants* approach them. One qualified, but didn't have the money for the co-pay and the other didn't qualify for services. Unfortunately, sometimes 17 year old children (and possibly younger) are left to fend for themselves because their parents left.

There are services available to assist those struggling with poverty. But those services have long lines and wait periods. Some people simply can't take the time to apply for those services.

Maybe you know someone like that personally. Maybe the gal down the road had to quit her job because she lacked transportation to get to and from work. Maybe the guy on the next block has a hard time getting around and can't get to the food pantry. Maybe you know someone who is struggling with heating costs or child care or transportation or maybe even keeping a roof over their head.

If you do, please offer a helping hand. Waushara County has many services available for assistance. Information can be obtained by calling Waushara County Human Services at (920) 787-6550; Waushara's Vision at (920) 787-6600 and CAP Services at (920) 787-3949. CAP Services also has many programs such as the Volunteer Tax Assistance Program (VITA) who will prepare income taxes and Homestead Credits free of charge for low to moderate people, the Skills Enhancement program with tuition assistance and more in order to improve the likelihood of better paying employment, Auto Lending programs to secure reliable transportation, Weatherization programs and much, much more.

If you see something, say something.

Yours in Christ,
Connie Henn



Sign-up for this one-day session, Dec. 2nd at Grace, starting at 2pm, ending around 4pm. You can register to attend on the sign-up sheets, or call the church office.



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Jim & I are very thankful and feel truly blessed, that when we need help with the M-Team, people have stepped up and graciously helped and covered for me while I have been healing; which is not an easy thing for me to sit idle. We wanted to express our dearest and sincere thanks to our loving and caring church family.

~ Jim & Georgia Lee Laird *dtw*



The Library Lion



I don't know about you folks, but the longer evenings make me think of one thing, well actually two.....

movies and popcorn!



Our library at First has some good DVD's Like: 'When Calls the Heart' (season 1), '24 Hours That Changed the World', 'The Ten Commandments' and there are even some Veggie Tales too.



If you want to fill the fall and winter season, we have the series The Chosen (parts 1,2 & 3). So if you need to fill some blustery evenings or snowy ones, pick up a DVD at church and pop that popcorn!



November Mission: Old Glory Honor Flight

THE IMPORTANCE OF HONORING OUR VETERANS

Veterans Day is November 11 each year and was originally called "Armistice Day". This is to commemorate the first anniversary of the end of WWI, which ended November 11, 1919. Congress passed a resolution for an observance, and November 11th became a national holiday beginning in 1938.



The classical image of the American Veteran seems to be the older man who proudly served his country during one of the "Great" wars. But did you know that veterans come from all different walks of life and in all different ages? Some are older, some are younger. Sometimes veterans are women. Some veterans span numerous generations. But they all have one thing in common. They all have served you. They protected our country and its values. Without the service of veterans, we would not have the freedoms we have today.

This November our "Mission of the Month" will be going to Old Glory Honor Flight.



This organization was founded in 2009 by a loyal group of volunteers based in Appleton. They fly veterans to Washington DC several times a year out of the Appleton Airport. They provide a day long trip that has the veterans best interests in mind to ensure they have a safe, memorable trip. On each flight there are trained volunteers who act as guardian escorts, volunteer medical team, a professional photographer, and a host of others. The veteran is treated like a king during the entire and all of this is at no cost to the veteran. I was honored, and privileged, to have flown on one such flight November 9, 2022. It was a busy day,

but it also provided me an opportunity of a lifetime to interact with fellow veterans who served and together we revisited long dormant memories. It truly was a humbling, yet healing, day. Our hope is to be able to present a check to Old Glory Honor Flight in the amount of \$500.00, which is the cost to cover one veteran on the flight. Please give as you are able. Your support will change a veterans life.

Thank you, Lenny Langkau



Save the Dates:

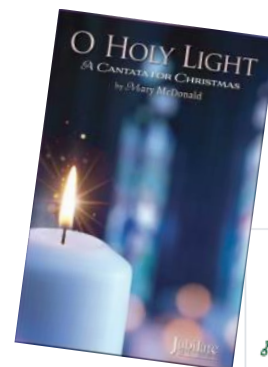
Cantata teaser –

Dec. 3rd 8:30pm at Grace

December 17th 8:30am at Grace

December 17th 10:30am at First

December 20th 6:30pm at Grace





**First Lutheran Church
Stamp'n Ministry**



Stampin' Ministry of First Lutheran -

The Stampin' Ministry will be working on upcoming holiday/service projects. If you would like to assist in the creating and making, they will be gathering at church for a couple hours on Sunday, November 12th at 2:30pm.

Thank you to our new volunteer, Kay Cutts, who joined us in creating the Trunk or Treat bags for Halloween; trick or treating-Sun. 10/20, 3-5pm.



We will be working on more cards for the November Mission of the Month: Old Glory Honor Flight.



If your interest is peaked on what we create, come to our next crafting day, scheduled November 12th. ~Diane, Patti, Kim, Linda & Katie



Watch for an upcoming fun event at the Poy Sippi Library – save the date: Nov. 30th!!

Advent Event for All Ages

On **Wednesday, November 29th**, from 5:30pm-7:00pm, Grace will be hosting a special Advent Event for all ages. We invite all families



of all sorts to participate, parents and kids, grandparents and grandkids, baptism sponsors and godchildren, aunts and uncles with nieces and nephews, neighbors and friends.

Everyone is invited!

Confirmation Class

There are four students in the confirmation class this year. This fall they have been covering the Old Testament story and will soon be shifting to the New Testament.

Note: There will not be a class on Wednesday, November 29 so that Students and families can participate in the Advent Event and no class on November 22 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.



We will begin with a spaghetti supper at 5:30pm followed by a short learning event and the making of an advent wreath to take home and use during the season of Advent. To ensure we have enough food and wreath supplies, sign up at the kiosk or by calling or emailing the church office by Sunday, November 26.



The Poy Sippi Community Food Pantry News:

The food pantry is located at
First Lutheran Church in Poy Sippi.



➔ Soup and Fruit Cocktail

The food pantry will be open the first and 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 graciously accepts 'in date' food 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 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.



New gift items are being collected for the food pantry clients of adults and young adults. These items should be dropped off here at church no later than Monday, November 27th. That will give the volunteers time to sort and organize the items before the food pantry clients start shopping on that Friday, December 1st.



Holiday



Sunshine Bags

The M-Team will be working with the Stampin' Ministry of First Lutheran in assembling packaged snack items, fruit, candy, Jello cups, crackers, or any type of small items such as puzzle books, postage stamps, etc. that would work well in the Sunshine Bags that will be delivered to our shut-ins this holiday season.

Thank you to those who have already dropped off items. If you have items you wish to donate, please make sure

you have your items marked "For the Sunshine Bags" and brought here at the church by Sunday, December 10th, as the group will be packing them on Monday, December 11th.

If you know of someone who could use a basket of sunshine, please let an M-Team member (Jim Georgia Lee L., Patti L., Kim H., Germaine S., Diane W.) know. Thank you.



Saturday, November 11th ~ 8:00am at First Lutheran



Enjoy food and fellowship with other men from both congregations. R.S.V.P is helpful for food preparation. You can R.S.V.P. on the sign-up during Sunday announcements or call the office by Monday, November 6th.



Book Club



Grace Lutheran's Book Club Choice for November :

“A Full Life” by Billy Carter



At ninety, Jimmy Carter reflects on his public and private life with a frankness that is disarming. In his “warm and detailed memoir” (Los Angeles Times), Carter tells what he is proud of and what he might do differently. Anyone who would like to join our discussion, please join us. Contact Cindy Wallace for a copy.



May you pause . . .



and give thanks and share the blessings God has given to you.



“Light Up Bethany” Fundraiser

We need your help to help “Light Up Bethany” on December 1st, 2023

Bethany is looking for businesses, organizations, families, or individuals to sponsor and decorate an indoor Christmas Tree to across our campus

For \$25 Bethany will provide a pre-lit tree for you to decorate.
Bethany will provide signage along with promoting your tree at our event on December 1st.

Prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place voting will take place by purchased ticket from December 1st to 17th.

Tree's will be lit on the date of the event!

If you are interested in further information or would like to sign up. Contact Casey Brown Ph. 715-942-1441 Email. caseyb@bethany-home.com



Deadline for the December First Edition Newsletter items is Sunday, November 19th!



First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2023 at 6:30pm



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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Mark Henn at 6:37PM.

Devotions: Pastor read Matthew 18: 15-20, discussion followed, ending with prayer.

Visitors: No visitors.

Approval of minutes: Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

New Business:

- A. Well expenses: The Finance Committee (Dar, Connie, Diane, Pastor Rebekah) worked up a new expense sheet listing all expenses.
- B. Final HND sale & expense sheet: This was also done by the Finance Committee. It showed expenses, and investments at Community First Credit Union in Waupaca. Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve disbursements of funds made by the Finance Committee.
- C. Funding for other projects: This includes water heater and hearing loops to take money from remaining memorial and money market funds at Fortifi. Motion made, seconded, motion carried.
- D. Mission Invest Funds: Motion was made, seconded and carried to move three of the current ELCA Mission Investment Funds to Community First Credit Union.
- E. House Next Door Tithing: Motion was made, seconded and carried to recommend to the congregation the distribution of the \$19,415.00 as follows - \$ 13,415.00 to Endowment fund, Food Pantry to receive \$5,000.00 and \$1,000.00 to the NE Old Glory Honor Flight.
- F. Congregation Meeting set for Sunday, September 17th following worship service.

Unfinished Business:

1. Financial Reports for June and July: Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the revised reports from the Financial Committee.
2. Proposed flooring project: The amount is estimated at \$20,000.00. A motion was made, seconded and carried to bring this proposal to the Congregation meeting.
3. Proposed parking lot repairs: One estimate was \$24,500.00 to do parking lot, in front of church and an extra driveway. We will wait to see if another estimate is received.
4. Water heater: Two estimates were received. Motion was made, seconded and carried to purchase a water heater from Johnsons at \$ 1,355.00.
5. Hearing Loops: The estimate was \$10,000.00. A notion was made, seconded and carried to bring this proposal to the Congregation Meeting.
6. Update on defibrillator and first aid kit: The kit was put together by Lenny and will be available. Lenny suggested that an incident report card be put in the box. The batteries and filters needed for the defibrillator were approved at the last council meeting and will be ordered.
7. Insurance for the HND has been canceled and shed has been added.
8. Money policy: tabled until next meeting.
9. Holy Conversations: tabled until next meeting.
10. Suggestion Box: two more suggestions were added and this be added to the list available for view in the fellowship hall. The council will address each suggestion.

Other Business: Lee Chase has been managing the Lord's Acre Stand this season.

Reports:

Monthly Financials: Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve as read.

Parish Council Committee: Upcoming events: Drawn to the Word Joint Worship at Grace, September 24th at 10AM with potluck following, (*no service at First that morning*). Next meeting is scheduled for September 18th at 6:30 at Grace. (officers only).

Noisy Bucket: September - P.S. Food Pantry, October - Luth. Disaster Response (Maui), November - Honor Flight (\$500 to sponsor one veteran), December - ELCA Good Gifts.

Worship:

- Altar Guild
- Technology: Lenny said the computer fan is making noise. A new computer may be needed.
- Worship Committee: All Saints Sunday is Nov. 5th, Ella Fenner Baptism Oct. 8th, Community church New Hope is hosting Thanksgiving Eve service Nov. 22. Advent Dec, 3rd start decorating church and more.

M-Team: October 1st - Polka Service with potluck. November 12th - Veterans service with potluck. Jim Laird will be the speaker. Jim will check with Marisa Jewell for a cake.

Endowment: Meeting is scheduled for November 7th, 6:30pm at First.

Property: Kevin likes the idea of having a low maintenance fence of shrubs, bushes, plants, trees, etc. on the east property line of the church.

Staff Reports:

Pastoral Acts: Funeral: Lucy Leach 8/15, Roy Chadwick 8/21
Visitations: Jim & Georgia Lee Laird

Organist: Deb will be playing September 3rd and 10th., will revisit a new schedule for the fall-winter.

Custodian: A new vacuum was purchased.

Adjourn: Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn at 8:53PM. Next meeting will be October 10th at 6:30PM. The meeting ended with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Strehlow
Church Council Secretary



Grace Lutheran/First Lutheran **Parish** Council Committee
Monday, September 18, 2023

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Grace Lutheran President Heidi Schramer. Pastor Rebekah read scripture from Exodus 16:2-15 followed by discussion and prayer.

New Business:

1. Advent: The Cantata will be sung at both Grace and First on December 17th . The Blue Christmas service will be at Grace on 12-17-23 at 6:30pm. The Cantata will be at Grace on 12-20-23 at 7:00 pm.
2. Christmas: Christmas Eve (12/24) service will be at 4:00pm at Grace and 6:30pm at First. There will be a survey to see if there will also be morning services at each church and services on Christmas Day.
3. Lent: The lent season begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14th. Services will be at 1:30pm at First and Grace at 6:30pm.
4. Holy Week: Palm Sunday service at Grace with brunch following. Maundy Thursday at First. Good Friday at Grace.
5. Easter: Services will be at the regular service times at both churches (8:30am & 10:30am).
6. Puppet Service: Grace will have a puppet service on January 28, 2024. Everyone is invited to attend. First has an annual meeting following their service that day.
7. Bingo update: This is scheduled for February 3, 2024 at Grace. It is a fund raiser for the Berlin food pantry and Poy Sippi food pantry. There will be food, silent auction items along with the bingo prizes. Lots of fun for all.

Old Business:

A. Pastor's insurance package: Grace approved the 2.5% increase. First's Executive board made a motion and seconded to approve the 2.5% increase. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be at First Lutheran Thursday, Dec. 14th at 6:30pm. Pastor closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Strehlow,
First Lutheran council secretary

November 2023 First Lutheran Church, Poy Sippi, WI

SUN 29	MON 30	TUE 31	WED Nov 1	THU 2	FRI 3	SAT 4
Reformation Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Sun.School Class 9:30am Coffee Fellow 10:30am Worship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Pastor in 9am Rebekah Tarras a 1:30pm BibleStudy 	Bulletin deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Pastor in 6:30pm Confirmation 7pm Choir - cantata pi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am First Luthera 12:45pm Soul Food - \ 	Office closed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Food Pantry 3:30pm Food Pantry 	Daylight Savings Ends
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