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"First Lutheran Church ELCA"



"THE FIRS EDITION"

July



American Zoo Day **July 1st** 

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Nat'l Intern Day July 27th

**CHICKEN BBQ** 





National Kitten Day **June 14th** Visit the Lost Companion N5462 Cty Rd W, Saxeville

#### From Intern Kathy:

### **Time Well Spent**

It is hard to believe that in just a few weeks, my internship year will come to an end. It is amazing how fast time passes, but I can state that this time spent has been very significant in my lifetime. I am grateful for the opportunities I have been involved in, within these two congregations and within these surrounding communities. So many great memories, so many of God's created people here that have touched my life that I will carry forward in my heart, and so much that I have learned.

I soon return to seminary for my final year, but I return as a changed student. A student who has witnessed, learned, grown, and gained confidence beyond anything I anticipated, and I have an affirming sense of knowing I have a good foundation to proceed into my final steps toward becoming a minister, as God has called me to become. Thank you all for your patience, love, and grace during my time here with you.

Is resting also time well spent? A time of fasting from the hustle of life that we live in. Taking a day to rest is frequently perceived as time wasted. Some of us want to thrive on that hustle. In my prior career, that was me. My spiritual practices classes have taught me to thrive through my resting time. Just as Elijah waited for God to pass by, God was not in the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire; the hustle of life. God came in a still soft voice, (1 Kings 19:11-13). I hear God's voice most clearly and frequently in the stillness and quiet time of my mornings after my overnight time of rest.

If you don't have a sabbatical practice of rest, give it a try for a few weeks and see if it sticks. Take a day to do something that helps you rejuvenate, to renew yourself, and refresh yourself to be your current best. Even if that is a day to be in your most comfy clothes, with your favorite beverage and food, and just reflect upon your favorite things that fill you with the most joy. Take time just for you and rest from your routine, so you can renew yourself and hear God's still soft voice.

Blessings, peace, and wisdom on your journey.

Intern Pastor Kathy



## Worship Schedule

**July 2nd** Sunday – 10:30AM - 5th Sunday after Pentecost

July 9th Sunday – 10:30AM -

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 16th Sunday – 10:30AM - D
7th Sunday after Pentecost
Intern Kathy (pastor on vacation)

**July 23rd** Sunday – 10:00AM – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

**July 30th** Sunday – 10:30AM –

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Intern Kathy's last day, potluck luncheon after worship.

### Readers:

Joan Everson

Karin Macijeski

**Dar Cravillion** 

**Diana Krutzik** 

Worship in the park

#### worsnip in the park



### Readers -

If something comes up and you are unable to read on the Sunday you are assigned, make sure to let the office know and who you have reading for you, so that Patti

Thank you Lord, for beautiful days,

for food . .

can email them the readings. Thank you.



# July 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 Wednesday (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 FIRS EDITION"

Please provide the church office with news items for the August newsletter by the **20th of July** to ensure the newsletter is emailed on time. You may **email** your news item(s) in Word format to Diane at <a href="mailto:firstluthpoysippi@gmail.com">firstluthpoysippi@gmail.com</a>.
Thank you, ~The Office



We are happy to announce !!
We have an accepted offer on
the parsonage with a scheduled
closing date of August 3rd.
All borrowed keys should be
returned to the office. Thank you.

2023 Council Members						
Mark Henn	920-566-0454 (President)					
Jerry Wrage	920-290-0986 (V-Pres·)					
Dar Cravillion	920-987-5887 (Treasurer)					
Jan Strehlow	920-572-6098 (Secretary)					
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



# E THANK YOU

A big 'Thank You' to Dan from Custom Wood Finishing for the painting job done on the parsonage. It looks great! Do you have painting needs? You can contact Dan at 920.987.5286, he'd be happy to do an estimate for you.

### Library - Nursery is completed.





Please come take a look at the newly renovated space. Our Library-Nursery is completed with all the comforts of home to sit and meditate or be with your young children.



Thank you to Kelsi & Dar Cravillion for sharing their talent in painting the cute mural! Adorable!! (Check our FB page for the time lapse video Kelsi shared of creating the mural.)



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 -





On Sunday, July 23rd, First and Grace will join together at <u>10:00am</u> for a worship service in Riverside Park – North Shelter, Berlin.

There will be a potluck lunch following worship.

Please check the sign-up sheets — one for attending, the other for bring an item to share for the meal.

There are picnic tables for seating or you may wish to bring your own chair. There will be communion and singing. Offering envelopes will be sorted out for each congregation and any loose offering collected that day will go to the Noisy Bucket Mission Fund.

Hope you will join us for this special day!

### Blessings to our July Birthdays:





Judy Button - 2nd Brianna Macijeski - 6th Nick Strehlow - 6th Chelsea Warning - 8th Joe Andersen - 10th Mali Beine - 14th ~~ Rachel Nelsen - 16th ~~ Jim Laird - 21st Linda Nitzke – 23rd Judy Vergin - 23rd Ben Strehlow - 25th John Langkau - 26th Krista Nelson - 27th Don Strehlow - 29th ~~ Rochel Nelsen - 30th ~~ Eleanor Fenner - 31st

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





Mark & Karin Peterson- Austin - 1st Sam & Chelsea Warning - 4th Pastor Rebekah & Jeff Tarras - 15th Shannon & Tara McPeak - 31st

> "May the dear Lord bless you both."



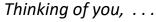
If I have missed anyone, dated anyone incorrectly, or misspelled a name, please let me know. Thank you. ~Diane



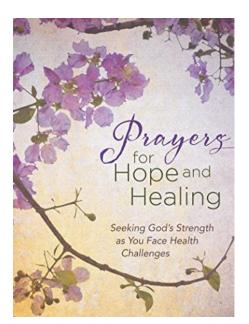


Please Pray for ...





For The Families of Jake Dodd, Rodger Kindschi, Adeline Abel, and Libby Struve.



- \* For Todd & Tina A. \* For Linda N.
- \* For Vi S. \* For Rev. Dale B.
- \* For Bill J. \* For Julie A.
- \* For Shannon M.
- \* For JoAnn Y.
- \* For Dave L. \* For Josh G.
- \* For Bev T.
- \*For Dani
- \* For Carol K. \* For Liz B.
- \* For Sue L.

- \* For Sam B.
- \* For Jerry W.
- \* For Marcella J.
- \* For Mali B.
- \* For G.F. Jenny
- \* For Kevin H.
- \* For Annie R.



**Upcoming** events to note on vour schedule . . .

July 23 Worship in the Park

July 30 Potluck for Kathy's last day

August 13 Legacy Sunday - honoring those age 80+

Sept 24 Combined worship at Grace

with Drawn to the Word and potluck

Oct 1 Polka 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

### 2023 July Noisy Bucket Mission of the Month

Our focus for the month of July is the Poy Sippi Community Betterment.

This group is led by Reggie Vergin to discuss upcoming events as well as develop new events to promote our small town and show our pride with the upkeep of our park which is used by community families for reunions, graduations, or other family get togethers. They are looking at purchasing new Christmas decorations decked out in lights for along the main street of town and have discovered the decorations are pricey. Any loose change or monetary gifts are very helpful with the maintenance of grounds equipment, etc.



Members of First & Grace gather at Riverside park in Berlin for the Brat Fry hosted by the men of Grace, followed by a fun game of Bingo with prizes.



#### Church M-Team -**Funeral**

If you should receive a phone call starting with the area code (303), please answer

or call them back, it just might be Jim or Georgia Lee Laird calling for help with an M-Team function or a funeral luncheon.

They are the new chair people of the M-Team.

#### **Wisconsin Festivals**

Fourth of July Celebration, Waupaca 7/04

Thursday Night Concerts-Waterfest, Oshkosh July

Iola Car Show & Swap Meet, Iola 7/06-7/08

Taste N Glow Balloon Festival, Wausau 7/06-7/08

Colby Cheese Days,

Colby 7/14-7/16

and many more.

Google WI Festivities near me.









### The Library Lion



The Library Lion is busy this month prowling for the next book to feature for you, watch next month for a new review.





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.



#### **Book Club**



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

**"Unbroken"** A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption is a 2010 non-fiction book by Laura Hillenbrand.

This book tells the story of Louis Zamperini, who as a boy was a horrible delinquent, but in his teens channeled his discontent into running which led him to compete in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. However, when the war came, Louie the Olympic Athlete became Louis the Airman embarking on a journey that led to a doomed flight, a tiny raft and a journey into extremity, **Unbroken** is a testament to the resilience of the human mind, body, and spirit.

We will be meeting to have lunch and discuss this book at El Charro Mexican Grill, 103 W. Huron Street, Berlin, at 12 Noon on Tuesday, July 11th. If you have read this book, please consider joining us. If you are interested in reading the book, please contact Cindy Wallace at 920-229-3772 for a copy.

Happy Reading! - Cindy W.



### **First Lutheran Endowment Committee Members:**

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

Next Meeting: August 1st at 6:30PM



All children in the community going into 1st through 5th grade this Fall are invited to attend this year's VBS being held a at Grace Lutheran, Berlin, Gathering for three nights July 11-13, 2023 from 5:30-8:00PM. There will be a meal together, followed with sports activities, devotions (lead by Jeff Tarras) and possibly crafts.

A number of young volunteers from Grace have stepped forward to help out during these three evenings and many of the Christian Education Committee adults will give of their time and talents to make this happen. Registration will be required so that we know how many youth we are feeding and have plenty of athletic supplies.

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Dut - this will be a free event and registration forms are due in the office by July 1st.

Tell your friends and families and watch for the fliers to come out soon!



### 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 '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 Suprise, 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.





#### **Thank You for 15yrs**

of laughter, memories, fellowship, that you gave all of us by sharing your home (HND) and giving us something to look forward to every week. We will never forget your kindness for taking us in. Thanks-Thanks

Flo Brown, Love ya! Sandy Anderson, Sandy Kettlewell, Johnny T'-Jr., Harold Nigbor, Patti & Lenny Langkau, Germaine Schwebs, Lonnie Selthofner (meal site coordinator).



Ingrid Kundinger from Wisconsin Senior Medicare Patrol along with the Waushara County Sheriff's Department invite you to learn how to protect yourself and your finances, how to recognize a fraudulent situation when you are faced with one, and what to do if you fall victim to scams or fraud.

### **NEW LOCATION:**

Waushara-Wautoma Senior Center

W8220 Cottonville Ave, Wautoma

### Volunteer mowers for cutting grass needed – Can you help?

Please contact Harold Nigbor if you are able to assist with cutting the lawn this season. 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





#### Would you consider becoming part of the Altar Guild?

Pastor Rebekah is seeking several more volunteers to be part of the Altar Guild. Ideally, we would have at least 24 people so that each person would only need to serve one month a year.

#### What is the Altar Guild?

The Altar Guild is a ministry of serving God in the house of worship. The altar guild prepares the Chancel (front of church)

for worship each week. This includes setting up the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism, changing paraments and banners when needed, preparing the altar, and other details as needed for special events. Two people will be scheduled for each month to share the responsibilities.

#### Weekly Duties

- Check to see the paraments are the proper color, change as needed (see the colored calendar
  or check with the pastor if you have questions)
- Change banners as needed for the season or any special holy days (again see the posted calendar or check with the pastor)
- Prepare for and clean up after Holy Communion (step-by-step directions provided)
- Prepare for and clean up after Baptisms (directions provided)
- Fill candles
- Dust the altar area as needed
- Look around the altar area to be sure it is orderly and ready for worship
- Put distilled water in the small font.

If you would like to see the entire job description, Pastor Rebekah has copies available and one is posted in the sacristy. If you are willing to serve on the Altar Guild, please talk with Pastor Rebekah so we can get a schedule together.



It would not have been possible for the quick and expedient transactions of the parsonage if it were not for all the hard work put into moving, sorting, cleaning, cleaning, etc.

Because of all the hard teamwork done in accomplishing so much in so little time,

we would like to acknowledge you and thank each and every one that was involved.

THANK YOU !!

- Pastor Rebekah & Intern Kathy





Pictured below is the result of hard work done by men of First, to work the ground, level it, seed and water it. Thank you all!!

### Kathy's Kasserole Kapers - Food & Fellowship - Sunday, July 30th

July 30th will be Intern Kathy's last day with us before getting ready to head back to classes for her final year. After worship that Sunday we will be enjoying a time of food and fellowship with 'kasseroles' (yes with a 'K').

Intern Kathy loves them!! Come enjoy a time of

food and fellowship and check the sign-up sheet for food items to bring that day, place your name in one or more of the food choice columns of your choice.

Thank you and see you there. Jim Laird, M-Team



After having just received what we believed to be a terminal diagnosis, I delivered my (3rd) precious baby boy on June 3rd, 2022. But it was merely four days after his arrival that so definitively marks the worst day of my life. I landed in the ICU for nearly two weeks after



"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

Proverbs 3:5-6

the surgery to place the chemotherapy port went horribly wrong, delaying the cancer treatments we already feared were too late to receive and abruptly separating me from my family in what I believed could be the final days we had left. I needed to undergo the additional obstacle of a major lung surgery that made me feel as though I was being held hostage from what we already believed was a Hail Mary pass at survival. I wanted to give up, but a visit from Dr. Susan Trocciola changed my doubt into hope. She's been by my side quite literally every step of the way, in the darkest moments and the sweetest victories. June 10th marked the one year anniversary of my surgery with Susan — a day quite honestly one year ago we thought may never come. Instead, it was a day filled with love and laughter and the miraculous words "no evidence of disease" among two breast cancer survivors as we shared a picnic lunch with my husband and sweet boys in a quiet park. A perfect day.

I would like to thank you everyone who kept my daughter's best friend, (G.F. Jenny), in your prayers during her difficult time. ~ Diane W.



Mango – Cilantro Salsa Ingredients:
2 fresh mangos, diced
1/4 red onion, diced
2 jalapeño peppers, minced
1/2 sweet red pepper, minced
1/2 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
Juice from one fresh lime
Combine all the ingredients.
Squeeze lime juice over the
salsa and toss to coat. Enjoy!

Tasty over grilled chicken.

### First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

### May 9, 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 at 7:01 by President Mark Henn.

**Devotions:** Everyone read a prayer with Pastor Rebekah reading last.

Visitor(s): None.

**Approval of April Minutes:** M/M, seconded to approve as read. Motion carried.

#### **New Business:**

- A. Shared Ministry Covenant: Discussion as to 60/40 or 50/50 with Grace. The Covenant will be updated and signed after the June 5th meeting with Grace.
- B. Sign-up sheets for cleaning the HND: Connie will do bathrooms, Dar will do kitchen, Jan and Kathy will do bedrooms and living rooms.
- C. Suggestion box: A box will be available for suggestions after the sale of the HND.
- D. All Council members meeting with Grace at First Lutheran Mon. June 5 at 7pm.
- E. Congregational meeting will be Sunday, June 4th to sell the HND.
- F. Determine duties for the sale: House, Garage, Shed Done
- G. Look for storage: Done
- H. Streaming Technology, New computer for office is in progress
- I. WI Dept. of Hygiene: Done
- J. Curtains between fellowship hall and sanctuary: on hold
- K. Counting Committee/procedures: The current policy is outdated. M/M seconded and carried to have Dar, Joan, Connie, Ruth do the counting with Dar as lead person until the annual meeting. The policy will be updated and reviewed.

#### **Old Business:**

- 1. HND: Survey is done and filed, electric for the well is done, house inspection is done, Jenks is coming in Wednesday or Thursday, to hook everything up.
- 2. Review surveyed plot: Done

**Other Business:** Sesquicentennial Committee met. August 10, 2025 has been set for this event. The event will start with a breakfast and then follow with an all-day event. Approximately 200-250 persons may be attending.

#### **MINISTRY REPORTS:**

Monthly Financials: M/M seconded carried to except as printed.

Parish Council Committee: The officers meeting with Grace on June 26th has been canceled.

<u>Noisy Bucket</u>: April - PSC Food Pantry- total \$360.48. May - Veterans Home in King. Future suggestions: Welcomed (foster Care), Foundations for Living. Pastor is getting more information. Lenny suggested Honor Flight and would like this for November.

Children's Ministry: Dar mentioned two students, Mia and Eva, 3rd graders who could go to camp.

Worship: Altar Guild: Responsibilities have been reviewed, seeking more persons to help.

<u>M-Team</u>: Jim Laird is the new chairperson, a pot luck is being planned for July 30th in honor of Intern Kathy's last day with us.

Endowment: The committee is doing well.

<u>Property</u>: Painting the yellow strips along the edge of the front steps. Mark will talk with Bill about doing this. Kevin and Harold are working on the drain west of the church.

#### Staff Reports:

#### **Pastor**

Official Acts-

Visits by Pastor Rebekah: Marcella Jorgensen

Visits by Intern Kathy: Victor Hansen

<u>Custodian</u>: There will need to be a separate room with a door to store supplies and also paint, or a cabinet with a lock. Mark is looking into this.

Adjourn: M/M seconded to adjourn at 9:19PM. Pastor led us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Strehlow Church Council Secretary



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday June 4, 2023

Pastor Rebekah opened with prayer. President Mark Henn called the meeting to order at 11:30AM for the purpose of proceeding with the sale of the House Next Door (parsonage).

#### Updates:

- 1. Survey is completed and filed with the courthouse.
- 2. Well is installed and completed, (220' down). The Geneva Woodard memorial funds were used to pay for the cost of the well.
- 3. Painting is in progress- trim needs to be finished.
- 4. House inspection has been completed.
- 5. HND-there is a small committee to finish cleaning.

#### Sale discussion:

a. The realtor did a market analysis and has suggested listing for \$190,000. Commission to be 5%. Once the congregation approves proceeding with the sale, the realtor will prepare the paperwork and begin marketing. Connie Henn made a motion to proceed with the sale of the HND and give the church council the authority to accept or decline by verbal majority vote offers deemed in the best interest of the entire congregation and giving the council president the authority to sign any necessary paperwork. The motion was seconded by Jim Laird. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bill Deppe to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Harold Nigbor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:40AM.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Strehlow, council secretary



# Grace Lutheran/First Lutheran Joint Council Meeting Monday June 5, 2023

Mark Henn brought the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Pastor read a passage from Matthew, followed by discussion and prayer.

The Shared Ministry Covenant was discussed/reviewed. Another joint council meeting will be held in December before the budget is set for the 2024 year. The previous shared ministry covenant was signed by both councils.

"Drawn to the Word" service is planned 9/24/23 at Grace. First Lutheran is invited to attend this service at 10:00 am with pot luck to follow.

Service in the park will be at the Riverside Park in Berlin with Grace hosting. The service will be July 23rd at 10:00 am. A sign-up sheet will be available for foods to be brought. Next summer, First Lutheran will host service in the park.

Winter Bingo: A date has been set for Saturday February 3, 2024. It will go from 12-noon till 3:00 pm. B-B-Q, chips, beans, fruit and desserts will be served. This will take place at Grace. Three persons from each congregation will form a committee by the August council meeting so they may get started on preparations.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Motion carried. Pastor closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Strehlow First Lutheran council secretary

# July 2023 First Lutheran Church, Poy Sippi, WI

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT Jul 1
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5th SunPentecost	No Activities today	Happy Independenc	9am Pastor in		Office closed	
Bulletin Deadline	Offices closed	No Activities today			• 9:30am Food Pant	
10:30am Worship		Offices closed			3:30pm Food Pant	
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6th SunPentecost	9am Pastor in	Bulletin deadline	9am Pastor in		Pastor - vacation	
10:30am Worship	1:30pm BibleStudy	6pm Council Mtg.			Office closed	
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7th SunPentecost	Deadline for Newsk	Bulletin deadline		• 12:30pm Dept. of /	• 9:30am Food Pant	
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9th SunPentecost	9am Pastor in	Bulletin deadline	9am Pastor in		Office closed	
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11:30am Potluck					• 3:30pm Food Pant	