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First Edition

"Growing God's Family by Serving"



First Evangelical Lutheran Church ~ LCMC

Clear Lake, Wisconsin

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April 2024

Summer of Unity

We benefit greatly from having two different services on Sundays. Music is an important part of any worship. The opportunity to have different music styles appeals to more people than everything being the same. Some find modern praise music very inspiring. Others enjoy the liturgy and older hymns. Whatever the music, the most important thing remains. We read the same scripture and preach the same sermon at both services.

With all the benefits, there has come one concern. Folks from the two services don't get to know each other as well as in the past. Fellowship between services has helped but only so much. We don't want to have two churches. We want to be unified. Toward that end, it was proposed at a recent Council meeting that we should unify the services over the summer. After discussion, the Council voted unanimously to do just that. They shared this decision at the Annual Meeting.

They are calling the experiment, a "Summer of Unity". A committee is being formed to tackle the logistics. This committee will include our music director, Brian Wick, the first service worship team coordinator, Patti Wyss, as well as two Council representatives. Interested members at large are also welcome to add their voice. Simply indicate your desire to do so by contacting the church office.

There are lots of questions to be addressed, such as the time of the new service. They don't know if they will blend the music or choose to alternate service types. As soon as the committee makes decisions, we will share this with the congregation. Until then, let's do what we've always done. Let's come together in love and clarity to make the best of a new opportunity. It can be tempting to get frustrated or even angry with change. But that would serve no useful purpose. Let the world know who we are by our love for one another. Bury any contempt with Satan. Let us instead be alive with His Spirit. The Spirit that wants us to be as one: *"I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one."* John 17:11

In Christ,
Pastor Bryan



We welcome our new Council leaders.

Tim Wyss, President	715-263-2118
Aaron Buhr, Vice President	715-263-3824
Jackie Goodmanson, Secretary	715-607-0621
Anna Buhr	715-263-3006
Dan Cain	715-554-2052
Linn Case	715-222-1823
Hannah Eckwall	715-607-0426
Kevin Kamm	715-222-1493
Kristin LaBeree	715-245-3977
Neil Larson	715-554-1774
Laura Lieffring	715-977-1770
Bill McIntire	715-607-1925

You are welcome to contact any of our Council members at any time with any concerns or suggestions you may have with the functioning or leadership of the congregation.

Council meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the entry.

Vacation Bible School



**June 17th-20th at
United Covenant Church
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Dive Below the Surface to Build a
Strong Faith

Take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the everflowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!



APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ALTAR GUILD: Brad & Jo Nilssen

READERS

7 Theresa Anderson
14 Isaac Anderson
21 Lily Anderson
28 Bill McIntire

GREETER: Liz Johnson

COUNTERS: Aaron Buhr & TBD

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Aaron Buhr

USHERS

7 & 28 Travis Anderson & Tim Wyss
14 & 21 Isaac & Lily Anderson

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

7 Chris & Liane Petersen Family
14 (**Potluck**) Kevin & Lacey Kamm and Coco Morse Families
21 Roy & Nancy McQuinn
28 Diane Paulson and Aaron & Cassie Paulson



APRIL BIRTHDAYS




1: Keith Anderson, Jr.
Carol Somsen
2: Kathy Eggert
Michael Kuhl
4: Cory Paulson
Lucas Kaczmariski
Judi Desmond
5: Blake Harris
Molly Petersen
Debra McMahan
7: Jane Ayer
8: Arlie Anderson
Walker Olson
10: Dale Rosen
12: Taryn Niles
16: Wendy Campion
Shaylee Krohn

17: Cassandra Aeschliman
Jordan Haley
19: Alex Colbeth
20: Darlene Neitge
Abby Warner
21: Marvin Aeschliman
Selena Levendoski
Mark Peper
23: Christopher Witthoft
Jamie Wood
24: Stephanie Tolzman
Paul Colbeth
26: Emma Schmidt
Alexis Witthoft
27: Anna Buhr
Mary Jo Lien
29: Amanda Kobernick
Gene Kuhl
Leonard Murray
30: Blake Johnson
Issac Elwood
Case Elwood

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

What does the newly risen Jesus tell his disciples – twice – when he appears in the locked room where they are hiding?

A. "Love one another as I have loved you."
B. "Peace be with you."
C. "The last shall be first and the first shall be last."
D. "I am risen!"



Answer: B (See John 20:19, 21.)

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorials Given to the Building Fund

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Marlys Link	Tim & Patti Wyss
Harold Levendoski	Tim & Patti Wyss
Dick Sullwold	Tim & Patti Wyss
Don Althoff	Tim & Patti Wyss

Memorial Given to the Memorial Garden Fund

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Dick Sullwold	Gayle Sullwold

Memorials Given to the Sunday School Fund

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Gail Clark	Gene & Sharon Kuhl
Harold Levendoski	Gene & Sharon Kuhl
Dennis Bliese	Gene & Sharon Kuhl
Lyle Anderson	Lyle Anderson Family

Memorials Given to the Unspecified Fund

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Gail Clark	John & Darlene Jungmann
Lyle Anderson	Lois Campion
Marlys Link	Dennis & Cindy Nelson
Harold Levendoski	Delores Levendoski
Harold Levendoski	Bob & Brenda Campion
Harold Levendoski	Diane Kuhl
Gail Clark, Chris Skoglund, Harold Levendoski	Gloria Hedquist
Jeff Junkans, Jim Morelock, Dick Sullwold	Gloria Hedquist
Dick Sullwold	Larry & Mary Jo Lien
Marlys Link	Mike & Rosemary Johnson
Robert Hammer	Mike & Rosemary Johnson
Dick Sullwold	Mike & Rosemary Johnson
Marlys Link	Eva Wilson
Dick Sullwold	Dean & Jane Scholz
Dick Sullwold	Bob & Brenda Campion

Memorials Given for Easter Egg Hunt

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Robert Hammer, Dick Sullwold	Gene & Sharon Kuhl

NEWS & NOTES



We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Dennis Luehman, Levi Ramsey, Cyndy Witthoft (sister of Deann Wagner), Maddi Wilson (daughter of Paul & Heidi Colbeth), and Bud Moe (brother of Bob Moe).

If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.

Our sympathy is extended to Bob Moe on the death of his brother, Tony Moe.

FINANCES

Giving:

Total offering for February \$16,704.30 (\$20,728.09 needed monthly)

February year to date offering \$32,941.41 (\$41,456.18 YTD Budget)

Bremer Mortgage Remaining Balance \$640,286.07

ONLINE GIVING!

A simple and convenient way to give!

First Lutheran wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. Online Giving lets you go to our website: www.firstluthclearlake.com at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.



You may also consider giving via our QR code provided here, which will connect with our online giving portal.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are also available from the church office.