

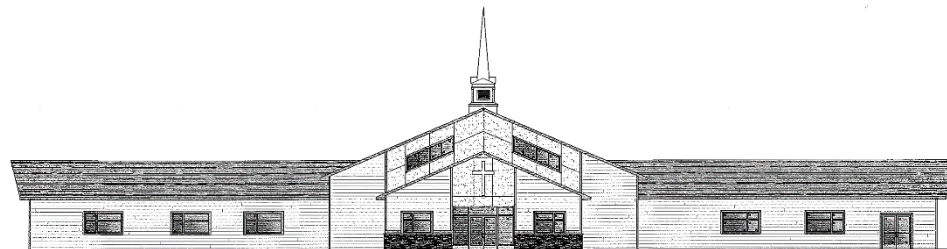
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First Edition

“Growing God’s Family by Serving”



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5th Annual “May Day” Community Dinner

- Thursday, May 1st
- First Lutheran Church
- 11:30 AM – Program
- 12:00 PM – Family Style Dinner
- Complimentary dinner celebrating spring and our retired guests!

Please join us!

May 2025

Church Membership?



Church membership. What does that mean? Let's keep things simple. We join a church in obedience to Jesus. He said, "Where two or three gather in my name, I am with them" (Matthew 18:20). Simply put, no man is an island. You simply cannot be a Christian by yourself.

Why? Can't I just believe and live my life for Jesus? It is neither healthy nor God's plan that we be alone. The Apostle Paul makes this abundantly clear in chapter twelve of his first letter to the Corinthians. "Now you are the body of Christ, and each of you is a part of it" (1 Corinthians 12:27). In that chapter Paul explains each of us has been given a spiritual gift for the good of the many. And everyone has a most important place in the church – no exceptions.

I once heard a tragic report of orphanages in Russia. The babies were regularly fed and diapered by the caring yet understaffed facilities. Despite their best efforts, almost half of the babies died before childhood. Why? The babies received the most basic of cares but spend most of their time crying alone in their cribs. We are not meant to live alone. What is true for life is true for faith. No man is to be an island.

We will be having a New Member orientation class on Sunday, May 18th after the 10:00 AM service. This will be an opportunity to share the faith principles upon which we stand and our ministry practices. Interested folks can then make an informed decision to unify with the congregation. If you haven't yet taken the step into membership I encourage you to do so.

Alternatively, if you know someone who needs encouragement to do so, please help us get the word out. And let us all remember that what a village can do will always be greater than the individual. In the end, the lone wolf quickly starves when he is absent from the pack.

In Christ,
Pastor Bryan

The congregation is invited to Isaac's and Lily's Graduation Party:

Saturday, May 17th; 1-5:00 PM
At First Lutheran Church



ISAAC & LILY ANDERSON



Please celebrate with us!

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Council Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2025

Present: Pastor Bryan Anderson, Aaron Buhr, Jackie Goodmanson, Neil Larson, Kevin Kamm, Bill McIntire, Liane Petersen, Becky Schramski, and Dan Cain.

Meeting called to order by Neil Larson. Pastor led in prayer.

Reports: (Secretary, Budget, Pastor)- Aaron Buhr made motion to approve meeting minutes, Liane seconded, motion unanimously approved. Bill made motion to approve Budget and Pastor's Report, Aaron seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

Education- Emily Larson and Tiffany Wagner will work with Patti Wyss to assume a joint position for Sunday School Superintendent. Education Committee meetings will begin after Easter to plan for the transition.

Finance- \$11,000 was donated towards an outside sign by the Shirley Warner-Buhr Family. Decorating committee will meet to discuss sign options. They have met in the past and have some of the ideas but were waiting for more funds to become available. Liane will bring options back to the Council. A possible campaign for signage may be needed because signs are very expensive. There are rules and city ordinances that must be followed. We will table the discussion until more information is gathered. Another donation of \$25,000 was given to apply to the mortgage principle from LaMoyné & Renee Emerson. Thank you cards will be signed by the Council to thank the families for their gifts.

Property- The basketball hoop on the playground is broke and the Council will search for a replacement. Neil Larson may have a lead on this. The insurance company is asking for a tentative date for the painting job to be started. A work punch list will be created by the Property Committee and members will be invited to help complete these tasks. We will continue to use the sign-up sheet for lawn

mowing. Dan will decrease the mowing area and add it to the pollinator field. A 60-inch TV is being donated to the church and the Council has decided to install that in the youth room. A motion to rescind the fee for Julie to clean after a visitation was made by Aaron and seconded Neil, motion carried unanimously. Dave Scheurmann has agreed to clean up, so the families won't have to pay anything beyond regular cleaning.

Outreach- Feed my Starving Children positions are full. There is a recruitment day for Head Start set for May 2nd.

Youth- The Kayak day for youth and families will occur if enough interest is generated.

Old Business:

- A. There is an open position on the Council, as Kristin LaBeree has resigned. Council will fill after summer.

New Business:

- A. VBS- Dan Pearson & Josh Williamson have stated they will not be participating in the VBS but will let their members decide for themselves if they want to participate.
- B. Mary Porter will head the Rummage Sale for the church. People can start bringing items after May 4th.
- C. The Council would like attendance totals for only the summer months to make an informed decision regarding another Summer of Unity.
- D. Council felt that with monetary donations there should be a THANK YOU to those people. Terri will purchase thank you cards, and Council will sign them as needed.

Adjournment: Bill made motion to adjourn, Aaron seconded, and the motion carried

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

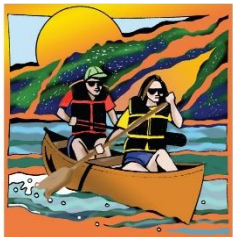
Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Goodmanson



First Fellowship & Fun Every Wednesday

We've begun our Wednesday evening fellowship in April after Easter. The fun will continue as we also seek to expand the evening into opportunities for Bible study and sharing of musical talents. It's important to go slow and grow first. We intentionally began with a meal and games. That will continue as we grow in relationships. Eventually other opportunities will grow out of our fellowship. Perhaps you will also consider helping in some way. Do you enjoy cooking? Is there a game you wish to share? Some may want to get going into a book or topic from the scriptures. Others might share an instrument or vocal gifts. For now, just come and plan to have some fun and let's see where this all goes. Dinner will be at 5:30 PM with activities to follow.

NAMEKAGON RIVER TRIP – JULY 26, 2025 FROM COUNTY HWY K TO WHISPERING PINES



A sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of the sanctuary or you may call the church office 715-263-2846. **Cut off date to sign up is July 12th.**

If you need to rent a watercraft, Jack's Kayak/Canoe Rental Service in Trego may be

contacted at 715-635-3300.

Following the river trip there will be food, fellowship and games furnished for you at Dennis & Cindy Nelson's cabin. Due to preparations, we would like at least a 25 person turnout.

RUMMAGE SALE ITEMS NEEDED

First Lutheran will be having a Rummage Sale Thursday, June 26th; 2:00 PM-6:00 PM and Friday, June 27th; 8:00 AM-4:00 PM during Clear Lake Heritage Days. Donations can be brought to the church during office hours starting the second week of May, after Sunday school is done.

Thank you to all the generous donations and to all the people who help to make this a profitable sale! With that being said...Please be mindful if you are dropping off an item that will cost us to dispose of if it does not sell and be there to pick it up after the sale. Let's make this the best year ever and have fun!

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT:

- **NO CLOTHING**
- **NO TELEVISIONS**
- **NO STEREOS (SMALL RADIOS ARE OK IF THEY ARE WORKING)**
- **NO MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (WALKERS, COMMODE CHAIRS, CRUTCHES, BEDPANS, ETC.)**
- **NO LARGE EXERCISE EQUIPMENT SUCH AS TREADMILLS, ELIPTICALS, ETC.**
- **NO LARGE FLOOR HUMIDIFIERS, DEHUMIDIFIERS**
- **NO LARGE HEAVY VACCUUM CLEANERS (SMALL WORKING & CLEAN ONES MAY BE ACCEPTED)**
- **NO COMPUTERS, MONITORS AND EQUIPMENT**
- **NO CAR SEATS (BOOSTER SEATS ARE OK)**
- **NO SLEEPER SOFAS**
- **NO STACKS OF COMMERICAL CHAIRS**
- **NO LARGE ENTERTAINMENT OR HUTCH TYPE FURNITURE**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mary Porter at 715-263-2949. If no answer, please leave a message and I will contact you ASAP. When it gets closer to sale date, I will keep everyone updated. Again, thank you!

MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ALTAR GUILD: Lacey Kamm

GREETERS: Paul Colbeth and Don & Sheila Dipprey

READERS

4 Jane Scholz
11 Jennifer Munson
18 Kiley Munson
25 Don Dipprey

COUNTERS

4 & 11 Jackie Goodmanson & Tim Wyss
18 & 25 Jackie Goodmanson & Dawn Peterson

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Jackie Goodmanson

USHERS

4 & 11 Aaron Buhr & Ben Strobach
18 & 25 Dale & Chris Wood

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

4 (Senior Recognition) Eva Wilson & Delores Levendoski
11 Aaron & Danette Buhr
18 Dale & Chris Wood/Ben & Amy Strobach
25 Larry & Mary Jo Lien

FINANCES

Giving:

Total offering for March \$18,831.60 (\$20,919.75 needed monthly)
March year to date offering \$49,810.85 (\$62,759.25 YTD Budget)

Bremer Mortgage Remaining Balance \$609,826.44



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| 1: Brad Ayer
Tracy Lillie
Drew Niles
Brooks Cardinal | 15: Heidi Colbeth
Angie Peterson |
| 2: Lisa Everson
Jarric Manning | 18: Scott Colegrove |
| 3: Carole Larson | 19: LeRoy Johnson |
| 4: Hunter Eckwall
Liane Petersen | 20: Robert Paulson
Jake Smith
Linda McIntire
Raelynn Thompson |
| 5: Shaw Magnuson
David Sloan
Grace Isakson | 21: Dylan Peterson |
| 7: Barb Anderson
Lisa Anderson | 22: Jerry Hemauer
Maci Buhr
Brayden Davidson
Jason LaBeree |
| 8: Darcy Bruner | 23: Penny O'Connell
Jody Hadac
Michelle Kuehndorf
Elizabeth Rosen
Kinzie Kuhn
Lennox Ruble |
| 9: Hunter Munson
Hudson Elwood
Shirley Ostrum | 24: Bert Petersen |
| 10: Craig Fouks
Jennifer Haley
Bree Parent | 26: Chris Wood
Debbie Brihn
Thales Kirk, Jr.
Joshua Buhr |
| 11: David Somsen
Paul O'Connell
Deann Wagner | 28: Brayden Christensen |
| 12: Tyler Wirth
Sophia Warner
Michelle Anderson | 30: Kathy Hanson
Richard Selvig
Anthony Holloman |
| 13: Sharon Kuhl
Cindy Nelson | 31: Aaron Paulson |

NEWS & NOTES



We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Jack Jungmann, Dennis Luehman, Levi Ramsey, Jim Greger, brother-in-law of Cindy Nilssen & Terri Moe, Brad Peterson, uncle of Dylan Peterson, Laurie Newville, daughter of Keith & Mary Anderson, Jan Nelson, grandma of Mariah Anderson, and Jake Paulson. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

Sympathy: Our sympathy is extended to the following of the death of a loved one:

- Jason Barney (father, Charlie Barney)
- Bonnie Burns (mother, Norma Solum)
- Wayne Sullwold (uncle, Tom Sullwold)

A Memorial was given to the Outdoor Signage Fund in memory of Shirley Warner-Buhr by the Warner Family.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the annual Easter egg hunt a success. Thank you to those who donated money towards the bikes, the Lord seems to make sure every year half of the bikes are won by kids from the congregation and the other half are won by kids that do not go to this Church. Thank you to the youth who filled over 2,000 eggs, the puppet ministry (the puppet show is always a big hit), those who hid the eggs the day of the hunt, our face painters and everyone who helped in the kitchen and our sound man. It takes a small army, it is a youth event and a lot of the roles are filled by our youth. We heard a lot of positive feedback about the youth doing the puppet show... people thought that was awesome. We were trying to remember how many years we have been doing this and 8 or 9 was the consensus. It continues to be a hit and a great outreach event. Thanks again, without everyone's support it could not happen.

Lawn mowing volunteers are needed by the week throughout the spring and summer. A sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

First Communion: The following youth received their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 17th:

Eli Buhr	Toby Larson
Greyson Buhr	Quinn Smith
Nora Kamm	Evelyn Strobach
Harper LaBlanc	Liam Strobach

Congratulations to the following High School seniors on their upcoming graduation:

Isaac Anderson	Alexis Buhr	Joshua Kaczmariski
Lily Anderson	Evan Cain	Dylan LaBeree
Lisa Anderson	Rayna Case	Jasic Manning
Seth Brihn	Trevor Gilbertson	Brynn Olson

May 4th will be Recognition Sunday for our graduates.

Little Dresses for Africa • Britches for Boys



We are still making Little dresses for Africa and britches for boys and welcome any help sewing these together. Please feel free to grab a few from the box in the display above the children's coat rack. They are already cut out and only need to be sewn together and can be returned to the quilting room when you are done. Also, if you would like to donate pillowcases, they could be dropped off at the quilting room. You can also make a money donation if you like.

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Bible Quiz

What was the name of the wealthy merchant of purple cloth who met Paul and his companions, was baptized and became a leader in the Philippian church?

A. Priscilla
B. Lydia
C. Dorcas
D. Joanna

