

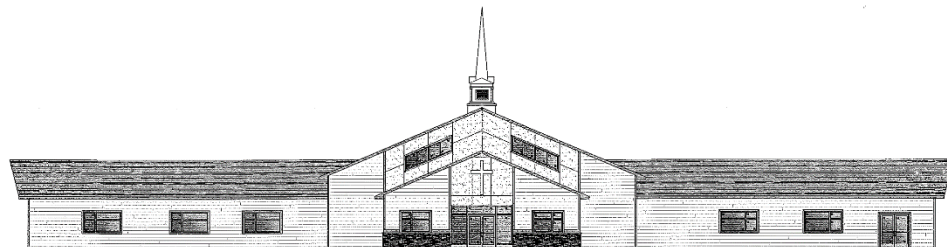
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# First Edition

*“Growing God’s Family by Serving”*



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## Wednesday Night Live

You've heard of Saturday Night Live. Let me introduce you to Wednesday Night Live:

What is one of the biggest problems facing people today? Isolation. One would think our technology would be bringing us together. Its having the opposite effect. Its driving us apart. In addition, older folks get locked out of interaction with younger people. Trying to keep up with the latest technology is impossible for many.

Yet another problem is the growing movement away from Christian faith. This issue became particularly acute after the Pandemic. People were locked away and left to their own devices. Every church across the land took a big hit in attendance and discipleship. Ignorance of the Bible is at an all time high.

So what do we do? A suggestion was made during a Council meeting to use Wednesday evenings to build up our fellowship and offer faith strengthening opportunities. The desire was to get all ages together for fun, service and spiritual growth. First we are focusing on getting to know one another with food and games. If you don't have people you won't have anything. This will be our focus for the next few months of Summer.

Next, after a core fellowship forms we hope to encourage spiritual growth. This will take into account the interests and needs of the community. We plan to survey participants to best address needs. Would you like to have a Christian parenting group? Are you interested in making a joyful noise in a singing team? Do you struggle with prayer or understanding the Bible? Etc.

Of course all of the activity will require a team of volunteers. Cooks will be needed. Small group leaders will be sought. How will you pitch in to bring all ages together in Christ?

Join us on Wednesdays then for a free-will offering supper at 5:30 PM. Games and activities will follow. And soon we will ask: Where is God wanting you to grow in your faith? Be sure to invite friends!

In Christ,  
Pastor Bryan



## Summer of Unity 2.0

The Council has decided to try another Summer of Unity joint worship service. The decision was unanimously made taking into account two key ideas. First, when you try something new you can't give it up without adequate trial. And secondly, the need to foster unity between the members of the two services is keenly felt. We don't want to devolve into two congregations.

Your Council appreciated the input received from the congregational survey. The results are tabulated in the office should any member desire to read over the results. Most of the surveys expressed a desire for the joint Summer service to continue. A few did have concerns. Those expressing concerns indicated they would have like more contemporary service elements such as videos. One suggested we play more songs on the piano and less organ. We plan to take those suggestions into account.

**The joint service will be at 9:00 AM followed by fellowship. We hope more folks will plan on staying for this important time. Readers, ushers, greeters, altar guild, and fellowship servers should take note of the time change and plan accordingly. Help spread the work about the joint service and invite a friend.**



# JUNE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**\*Please Note: Worship service starts at 9:00 AM.**

**ALTAR GUILD:** Diane Paulson

**GREETERS:** Larry & Mary Jo Lien

## **READERS**

1 Eva Wilson  
8 Griffin Colbeth  
15 Bill McIntire  
22 Linda McIntire  
29 Aaron Johnson

## **COUNTERS**

1 Coco Morse & Kevin Kamm  
8 Coco Morse & Aaron Buhr  
15 Becky Schramski & Tim Wyss  
22 Jackie Goodmanson & Tim Wyss  
29 Liane Petersen & Tim Wyss

## **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

1 Kevin Kamm  
15 Becky Schramski

## **USHERS**

1 & 8 Denny Benson  
15, 22 & 29 Richard Selvig

## **FELLOWSHIP SERVERS**

1 Bob & Barb Anderson  
8 Don & Sheila Dipprey  
15 Richard Selvig  
22 Jack & Hannah Wickum  
29 **FELLOWSHIP SERVERS NEEDED**





# First Lutheran Church



**Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>; 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

**and**

**Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>; 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

## RUMMAGE SALE ITEMS NEEDED

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

Donations can be brought during office hours and put in the far Sunday School Rooms. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mary Porter at 715-263-2949.



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| 1: Sally Wirth           | 14: Gary Twining         |
| 3: Jared Levendoski      | 15: Evan Solberg         |
| Carrie Buhr              | 16: Melvin Ramsey        |
| Mary Benware             | 17: Kim Murray           |
| Michael O'Shea           | 18: Hazel Cain           |
| 4: Walker Jarchow        | Kristin LaBeree          |
| Dan Cain                 | 19: Aubree Schramski     |
| 6: Jill Buhr             | Joshua Kaczmariski       |
| Lilly Hanacek            | Andy Dimler              |
| Annette Gilbertson       | 21: Dale Wirth           |
| 7: Robert Campion        | 22: Piper Bylander       |
| Amy Strobach             | Bristle Ninke            |
| Carl Alvermann           | 25: Janet Krueger        |
| 8: Addison Christensen   | 27: Richard Lambert, Sr. |
| 10: Russell Sloan        | 28: Sherry Buhr          |
| Ryan Kerns               | Mark Gilbertson          |
| Jack Petersen            | Charles Buhr             |
| 11: Jack Somsen          | 29: Kelly Kobernick      |
| 13: Jeanne Briesemeister | Nicole Fritz             |
| Michael Johnson          | Seth Cain                |
| Pat Haley                |                          |



## MEMORIAL GIFTS

### Memorials Given to the Building Fund

In Memory of	Given by
Dennis Luehman	Larry & Mary Jo Lien
Marvel Nielsen	Bob & Barb Anderson

### Memorials Given to the Sunday School

In Memory of	Given by
Dennis Luehman	Bob & Barb Anderson

### Memorials Given to the Unspecified Fund

In Memory of	Given by
Dennis Luehman	Lutheran Men in Mission
Ray Hanson	Larry & Mary Jo Lien
Dennis Luehman	Larry & Cindy Nilssen
Dennis Luehman	Tim & Patti Wyss
Dennis Luehman & Jim Greger	Mike & Rosemary Johnson
Charlie Barney & Norma Solum	Brad & Jo Nilssen
Dennis Luehman & Jim Greger	Brad & Jo Nilssen
Charles Barney, Myrna Olson & Earl Larson	Gloria Hedquist
Norma Solum, Dennis Luehman & Jim Greger	Gloria Hedquist

### Memorial Given to the Playground Maintenance Fund

In Memory of	Given by
Dennis Luehman	Bob & Terri Moe



### Community VBS at First Lutheran Church 811 South Avenue W. Clear Lake, WI 54005

Trusting Jesus in a Wild World. This year local youth will take an ultimate Alaskan Adventure. As they explore the wild they'll learn Jesus is a faithful friend we can ALWAYS TRUST.

#### SAVE THE DATES:

**Monday August 11th- Thursday August 14th, 6:00-8:00 PM**

More Details to come!

## NEWS & NOTES



We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love:  
Jack Jungmann on hospice. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to the following on the death of a loved one:

- Nancy Luehman (husband, Dennis Luehman)
- Cindy Nilssen & Terri Moe (brother-in-law, Jim Greger)

## FINANCES

### Giving:

Total offering for April \$20,627.30 (\$20,919.75 needed monthly)  
April year to date offering \$70,438.15 (\$83,679.00 YTD Budget)

Bremer Mortgage Remaining Balance \$582,484.64

### 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 12<sup>th</sup>.**

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.