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“Growing God’s Family by Serving”



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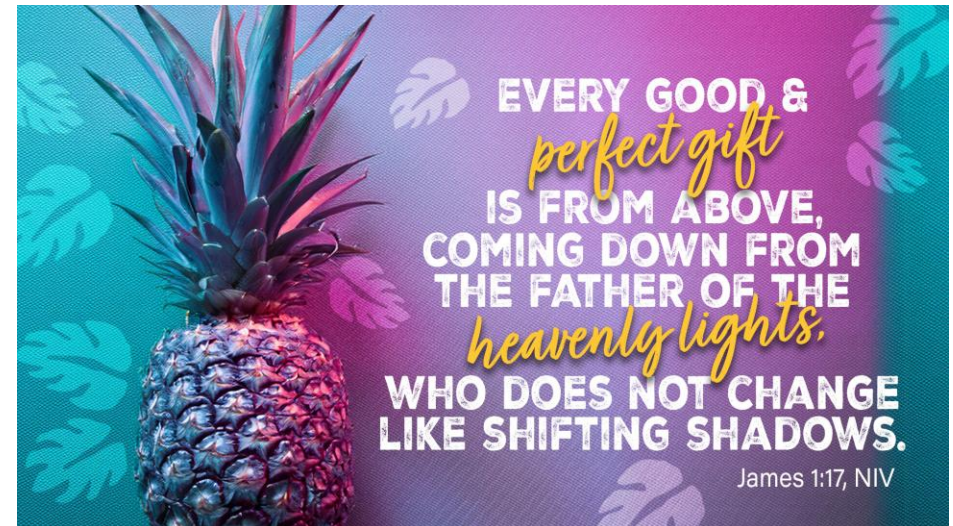
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July 2025

Wednesday Fun Day

Can I let you in on a secret? Wednesday evenings have been a lot of fun around here. What am I talking about? A good many of you already know. We'd like to get the word out to everyone. It began with Tim Wyss. He had an inspiration. One Wednesday evening, not so long ago, we celebrated a baptism before confirmation classes. This brought a goodly number of people to church, along with lots of delicious food. Tim saw all the activity and thought it would be nice to gather like this every Wednesday. The rest is history.

The fun and fellowship begins with a dinner at 5:30 PM. Volunteers have been taking turns sharing their efforts and others have been bringing a dish to pass. We take a free will offering that has been paying expenses. Following the meal we have enjoyed a variety of activities including bingo, crafts, Legos, karaoke, and plain old visiting. The idea at first was to get a regular core group together and build from there.

Ultimately, we would like to see faith building and service activities as well. We've started a group that has been watching the Chosen Series with discussion following. Chosen tells the story of Jesus and his disciples in a historically accurate yet creative manner. Eventually we would like to offer other groups for Bible study. There has even been some hoping to develop a singing group. The sky's the limit as they say.

So how do you get involved? Just show up. And bring a friend with you. It's a great way to make some connections with others no matter your age. We've had groups of close to 80 folks of all ages as well as smaller gatherings. Don't forget to plug yourself in after a while and volunteer to cook or lead some activity. We post sign up sheets at the gathering.

I'll see you Wednesdays through the Summer and beyond,
Pastor Bryan



Dear Church Family,



We are writing to express our gratitude for your generosity in celebrating Isaac and Lily's graduation.

Your thoughtfulness made this milestone very special. You have watched our children grow up and have supported them so much over the years. Thank you for being such an integral part of our lives and for sharing in our family's celebration. Your kindness is a true reflection of God's love, and we are profoundly thankful for each and every one of you. Your presence and well wishes were all deeply appreciated.

With heartfelt thanks and blessings,
Pastor Bryan, Theresa, Isaac and Lily

Many of you requested the recipe for the salad that Theresa's mom made for the twins' graduation. Here it is!

Grandma Chris's Summer Salad

2- 7 oz. packages of the smallest Ring Macaroni Noodles (boil & cool)
1/4 -1/2 cup finely chopped onions
2 cups cucumbers (unpeeled and diced)
2 cups finely chopped carrots
(Optional: 2 cups of cut up celery. I do not add celery to mine)

Dressing:

1 1/2 cups Mayo
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup white vinegar
1 tsp salt
1 tsp black pepper

Can make the day ahead. Keep refrigerated until ready to serve. With the vinegar-based dressing, the salad does keep well for several days in the fridge.



We welcomed 16 new members into our church fellowship on Sunday, June 1st. Please join together in welcoming them into the congregation.

Tina Anderson
Angela Brandt
Fran Heinbuch
Kellie Kjeseth & Colin Scholz
Joni Perzichilli (Blake, Blaire)
Linda Shafer
Glenn & Linnae Seaman
Jack & Hannah Wickum (Grant, Wesley, Greta)

Property Punch List

The Property Committee met to generate the property punch list. Congregational volunteers are invited to complete any tasks listed below. Please notify the office when an item is completed so we can keep an up to date list.

Thank you in advance for your generous assistance! Any questions can be directed to Bill McIntire at 715-607-1925 or Kevin Kamm at 715-222-1493.

- Weeding the front landscape
- Finish landscape on North side of building
- Replace water damaged tiles in quilt storage room
- Vacuum HVAC vents throughout the building
- Test all emergency lights and replace any batteries as needed



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 kayak, Sports & More in Amery has 10 kayaks for rent (715-268-8685).

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.

The logo features a bear silhouette with a mountain scene inside, flanked by an eagle and a crab, with a dog at the bottom right. The text "TRUE NORTH" is in large letters, with "Trusting Jesus in a Wild World" in a banner below it.

Community VBS

August 11-14, 2025

First Lutheran Church Clear Lake
6:00pm-8:00pm
Ages 4-finished 5th grade

****Register online or by the QR code below****

<https://www.firstluthclearlake.com/>

A square QR code for registration.An illustration of a brown bear sitting down.An illustration of a brown deer standing.



ALTAR GUILD: Jackie Goodmanson & Nancy Luehman

GREETERS: Jennifer (Coco) Morse and Kevin & Lacey Kamm

READERS

6 Patti Wyss
13 Lacey Kamm
20 Hailey Gilbertson
27 Theresa Anderson

COUNTERS

6 & 13 Becky Schramski & Penny O'Connell
20 & 27 Becky Schramski & TBD

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Becky Schramski

USHERS

6 & 13 Ken Iverson
20 & 27 Kevin Kamm

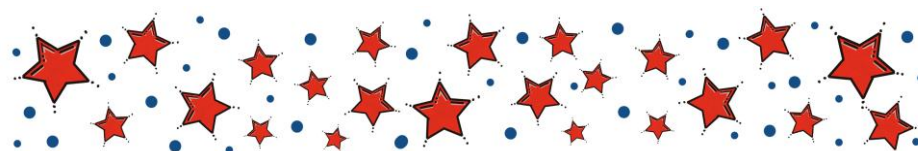
FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

6 Brian & Kathy Wick and Gloria Hedquist
13 Duke & Janet Krueger
20 Tracy Olson, Taylor Cardinal & Jordan Olson Families
27 Matt & Angie Steffen Family

***Please Note: Worship Service starts at 9:00 AM.**



1: Paul Davidson	19: Brittney Davidson
3: Karen Booth	21: Janet Monson
4: Todd Lillie	Dylan LaBeree
5: Amanda Greenlee	22: Betty Jo Warner
7: Griffin Colbeth	Lucille Twining
8: Hallie Tomesh	Seth Brihn
Quinn Smith	23: Carol Clark
Hailey Curtis	Mark Weber
9: Jennifer Johnson	Elaine Solum
Jessica Gilbertson	24: Kyle Christensen
10: Diane Beckman	Judy Witthoft
Abigail Roth	Kinley Witthoft
11: Derry Monson	Lauren LaBeree
Terry Monson	26: Dennis Eckwall
12: Kathy Wick	Melisa Utecht
Andrew Ninke	27: Charles Warner
13: Ryder LaBlanc	Alyssa Anderson
Maverick Sempf	28: Devin Alvermann
14: Gloria Hedquist	Calvin Rosen
Tammy Magnuson	29: Andrew Campion
Melissa (Hallman) Bergman	30: Tim Wyss
16: Gail Kobernick	Jack Peper
18: Pastor Bryan Anderson	Evelyn Strobach
Kermit Thompson	31: John Jungmann
Kolton Goodmanson	
Graham Gorres	



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2025

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

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

Reports: (Secretary, Budget, Pastor)

Correction to April meeting minutes: Strike words "to assume a joint position" as the Council wants it clear there is to be a single Superintendent to head up the Sunday school and they are appointing Emily Larson to that role because of her additional experience. Aaron made motion to correct April minutes, Dan seconded, and motion was carried. All other reports approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Worship- Nothing to report.

Education- Sunday School transitions meeting will start in June. VBS will be August 11-14th.

Finance- Council would like to see a report of the last 5 years giving receipts for January-May. Also, Liane mentioned that the passthrough line on the report is only for funds that are collected and paid out immediately. This should be zeroed out monthly after passthroughs are complete. Neil made a motion to remove \$50,000 out of general fund and put into a CD with the highest rate for 6 months, at an institution with the highest return rate. Becky Schramski will find best rate and work with Terri to complete. Bill seconded motion and motion was passed unanimously.

Property- Committee will meet to establish a punch list.

Outreach- Postcard outreach mailings will be updated to include a free mug/item when they come in and bring the card- Jackie made motion for this to happen, Becky seconded motion carried. Hope alive is scheduled for June 3rd in Amery. Anna Buhr will be heading it up and a sign-up list will be

set out for volunteers. We will serve ice cream in cups instead of cones. Compassion for Jesus is going well. Several child packets have been picked up. Two more weeks so a push will be made again. Baby bottle campaign is going well. Bottles have already started to come in. This goes until Father's day.

Youth- The Canoe/Kayak trip July 26th. Sign-up sheet is needed for this, and a number needs to be given to Cindy. Bill will be bringing a donated basketball hoop from a coworker and dispose of broken unit.

Old Business:

A. Summer Worship Survey- Aaron Buhr motion to continue with one service for the summer again, Becky seconded- motion was carried. The joint service will add more contemporary aspects this summer. A change from organ to piano is suggested for the summer months. The service will be at 9:00 with fellowship to follow.

New Business:

- A. Jackie made motion to make Emily Larson the Sunday School Superintendent to eliminate any confusion, Dan seconded, and motion was passed.
- B. Council decided to table the signage for now but there will be window signage put on the entry doors with our office hours and service time.
- C. June counters and communion assistants are as follows: Kevin- June 1st, Aaron- 8th, Becky- 15th, Jackie- 22nd, Liane- 29th.
- D. Dale Wirth made a proposal to mow the churches lawn for \$75.00 per cut and Terry Monson agreed to be his sub when Dale cannot make it. Aaron made motion to accept this proposal, Jackie Seconded, motion passed.
- E. Council will not meet June and July but will resume August 18th at 6:30 PM.

Announcements: Council Signed thank you cards.

Adjournment: Jackie made motion to adjourn, Becky seconded, and the motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Goodmanson

Puzzle!

Fill in the blanks with the correct words. Then transfer the letters to the numbered boxes below to complete Psalm 107:1, NIV.

Shape that symbolizes love 31 15 7 18 5

Part of a stove used for baking 12 3 24 39

Color made by red and yellow 28 42 7 8 27 37

A present 1 32 20 11

Clothing a girl wears 19 22 43 44 33

Something you open to go into a room 40 29 17 47

Opposite of soft (sound) 34 17 41 30

To take a long walk 14 2 9 38

A high body temperature 45 50 49 48 42

Items used to build or fix things 13 35 21 16 26

Edge of the sea 10 23 46 51 4

Home for a bee 6 25 36 4

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	23	24		25	26		27	28
29	30		31	32	33		34	35
36	37		38	39	40	41	42	43
44		45	46	47	48	49	50	51

Answer: heart, oven, orange, gift, dress, door, loud, hike, fever, tools, shore, hive; Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1, NIV

NEWS & NOTES



We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Jack Jungmann, on hospice, Amy Bernstein, daughter of Linda Shafer, and Thomas McIntire, brother of Bill McIntire. *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:

- Rachel Kaczmariski (father, Jack Steinberger)
- Eva Wilson (brother-in-law, Ronnie Wilson)

BAPTISMS

- Bodey Alan Paulson, son of Aaron & Cassie Paulson
- Graham Lee Gorres, son of Kalee Cipra & Mitchell Gorres

WEDDINGS

- Kellie Kjeseth & Colin Scholz (June 14th)
- Angie Peterson & Matt Steffen (June 21st)



Thank you to the kind and wonderful people that sent cards, flowers, and made calls to see how I was doing after my recent surgery. All the kind words and prayers were sure day brighteners. May God bless each and every one of you.

Gratefully,
Sharon Kuhl

FINANCES

Giving:

Total offering for May \$26,445.95 (\$20,919.75 needed monthly)
May year to date offering \$96,884.10 (\$104,598.75 YTD Budget)

Bremer Mortgage Remaining Balance \$579,955.37