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First Edition

"Growing God's Family by Serving"



First Evangelical Lutheran Church ~ LCMC

Clear Lake, Wisconsin

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Sunday, September 7th

8:30 AM - Contemporary Worship with Communion

9:30 AM - Fellowship

10:00 AM - Sunday School

10:00 AM - Traditional Worship with Communion

11:00 AM - Chicken Barbecue Potluck

11:30 AM - Petting Zoo, Wagon Rides & More!

September 2025

Rally Day

Did you enjoy your summer? Our family did. Our calendar brought us to Kenosha for a high school servant trip. Though that was not a vacation, it was a rewarding experience being the hands and feet of Christ. We also spent a week in Chetek at Luther Park Bible Camp. Being out in God's creation renews the soul. It was a bonus our twins worked at the camp all summer and so could spend a week with us too. What did you enjoy this summer?

This summer also brought the experience of a wonderful Vacation Bible School and our church kayak trip down the Namekagon River. Around 70 kids attended the Bible School where we had new participants on the kayak trip. Thanks to the Nelsons who hosted us for an amazing picnic lunch following our time on the water. Plenty happened this past summer.

After summer—now what? We Rally for the Lord. On Sunday, September 7th we have our special youth led worship. We will enjoy their testimonials of experiences at Bible Camp and the servant trip complete with photos. We will bless all the children with backpack crosses as well as introducing the new Sunday School Superintendent, Emily Larson. There will be lots of fun after the worship service with a potluck chicken dinner. Following the tasty treats bring the whole family to enjoy a petting zoo and wagon rides.

This Rally Day would be a great time to invite friends to get their children signed up for Sunday School. It's a great time to consider how we can all involve ourselves in deeper fellowship with our Savior. Join a Bible Study for example or plan to attend our Wednesday evening food and fellowship we started this past summer. Refreshed by summer outings let's return to a routine of worship and discipleship! Don't forget to invite someone to join you! Growing in Christ is best done together, not alone.

Rally for Jesus!
Pastor Bryan





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.

- Paint touch-ups throughout the building
- Spot cleaning the carpet where needed
- Spray weed killer on landscape/sidewalk
- Replace water damaged tiles in quilt storage room
- Vacuum HVAC vents throughout the building
- Test all emergency lights and replace any batteries as needed



As you purchase back-to-school supplies, consider picking up extras to be sent to kids around the world!



Lutheran World Relief School Kit Supplies:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2½" eraser

A drawstring backpack will be provided at church for all of the supplies.

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.

All items should be new and in good condition.

Remove any excess packaging.

Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.



Please return School Kit supplies to First Lutheran by **Sunday, September 7th.**

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ALTAR GUILD: Richard Selvig

GREETERS

7, 14 & 21 Rachel Kaczmariski and Dan & Janette Cain
28 Rachel Kaczmariski and Chris & Liane Petersen

READERS

7 Rally Sunday
14 Jane Scholze
21 Chris Petersen
28 Kiley Munson

COUNTERS

7 & 14 Dan Cain & Richard Selvig
21 & 28 Dan Cain & Dawn Peterson

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Dan Cain

USHERS

7 & 14 Paul Colbeth & Greg Warner
21 & 28 LeRoy Johnson & Dylan Peterson

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

7 Rally Day - Chicken Barbecue Potluck
Brad & Jo Nilssen and Larry & Cindy Nilssen
14 Roxi Anderson & Fran Heinbuch
21 Arlie & Pam Anderson Family
28 Mike & Kim Elwood Family



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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|---|--|
| 1: Anthony J. Buhr
Mike Schramski | 14: Brett Anderson
Tracy Olson
Aaron Johnson
Miley Utecht |
| 2: Brent Marg
Conner Schramski | 15: Desiree Anderson
Kasen Witthoft |
| 3: Linnea Campion
Leann Martinson | 16: Gary Hanson |
| 4: Maggie Rosen | 17: Ryan Kirk |
| 6: Bonnie Paulson
Kate Petersen
Ada Brinker
Grant Wickum | 18: Brad Nilssen
Ron Leslie
Shari Overby
Travis Colgrove |
| 7: Robert Moe
Jennifer Munson | 19: Dennis Eggert |
| 8: Jordyn Amick | 20: Jennifer (Coco) Morse
Braxton Goodmanson
Daxson Bignell |
| 11: Jennifer Arcand-Johnston
Jodi Emerson
Andrew Colbeth | 21: Lois Campion
Hannah Eckwall
Jasic Manning |
| 12: Jessica Dodge
Mariah Anderson-Nelson
Klara Peters
Lacey Curtis | 23: Jane Scholz
Derek Wagner |
| 13: Miken Kuhn | 24: Fran Heinbuch |
| | 26: Austin Moll
Abigail Hoefflerle
Blake Rotter |
| | 27: Rylen Emerson
Gavin Goodmanson |
| | 28: Marlys Lambert |
| | 29: Darren Croes |



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Council Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2025

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

Meeting called to order by Neil Larson.

Reports:

Minutes from May meeting were reviewed and Aaron Buhr made a motion to approve; Liane Petersen 2nd, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Finance: Large gift was given and all has been applied to the mortgage as per their request. We do have plenty of reserves and are sitting good financially so will look at projects and paying off mortgage by end of year: A bell tower, signage, a covered entrance, Clavinova purchase, parking lot lighting, parking lot sealing, Memorial/Prayer Garden, youth leader position, etc.

Property: Punch list was created and some items have already been done. Keep advertisement in newsletters.

Worship: We will be going back to regular worship times with two services starting September 7th. Council would like to consider going to a permanent single blended service after another summer of unity in 2026. Much planning and discussion will be necessary before anything should happen. Aaron Buhr made a motion to approve; seconded by Bill McIntire, motion passed.

Education: Rally Day is Sunday, September 7th. Emily Larson and a planning team has done a great job on getting everything ready for new Sunday School year. We had an excellent VBS led by Lacey Kamm.

Outreach: Hope Alive being held on August 26th, from 5- 8:00 PM. Anna Buhr will reach out to previous volunteers to help.

Old Business:

A. Replacing Kristin LaBaree – we will not be replacing her until Annual Meeting in 2026.

New Business:

- A. Sherry Wirth has been substituting for Brian Wick more often. Council was asked if possible to consider payment to her. Motion by Dan Cain to pay Sherry what musician gets paid per service going forward; seconded by Laura Leiffring, motion passed.
- B. Office Computer – will need to contact Ben Strobach to have him take a look at computer as it is running so slow, or have him look at prices of replacing it with a new one.
- C. Janitorial handbook – will be reviewing the expectations of what needs to be done with Julie at budget meeting.
- D. Will need to get someone for plowing snow. Dan Cain and Aaron Buhr know of others who do plowing and will obtain some pricing for the upcoming winter.

Adjournment

Next meeting to be held on Monday, September 8th at 6:30 PM. Aaron Buhr made a motion to adjourn, Bill McIntire seconded; motion carried.

Closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Schramski

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorials Given to the Unspecified Fund

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Norman Anderson	Paul & Penny O'Connell
Jack Jungmann	Richard & Marlys Lambert
Norman Anderson	LeRoy & Liz Johnson
Jack Jungmann	LeRoy & Liz Johnson
Norman Anderson	Mike & Rosemary Johnson
Jack Steinberger	Mike & Rosemary Johnson
Tom McIntire	Mike & Rosemary Johnson

Puzzle!

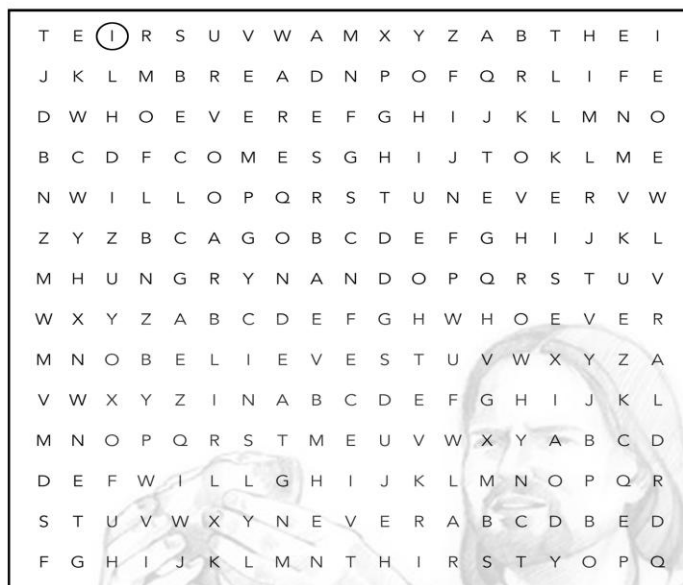
Find and circle all the words horizontally. Then, starting on the top line and moving across from left to right, read John 6:35 (NIV). Put the words in order on the spaces below to complete the Bible verse.

JOHN 6:35

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WORD LIST

am and be believes bread comes in whoever
hungry go life me me never to never the the of will
will thirsty whoever



"I _____

_____."

- John 6:35, NIV

Answer: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35, NIV

NEWS & NOTES



We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Jenny Haley, John Robers, Judi Desmond, Travis Anderson, Darlene Jungmann, Carole Larson, and the Clear Lake football team as the season begins.

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

BAPTISM: Dylan Curtis, son of Amanda Buhr & Joseph Curtis

It is time for our church choir to begin the work of making a joyful noise unto the Lord. We will have our first rehearsal on Sunday, September 14th, after the second service. We invite anyone who would like to sing with the choir to come and join us. Contact Brian for more information or if you have questions.

Time to be planning for the raffles that will take place during the Church Dinner in November!

We need items for the general raffle. If you have an item you would like to donate, we ask that you let Kathy Wick or Terri Moe in the church office know by October 5th. Our popular basket raffle is also planned. Empty baskets will be available at church. If you would like to make a monetary donation and have a basket made, donations can be made until October 12th.



Save the Date to Celebrate!

Pastor Bryan is reaching a ministry milestone this fall!

25th Anniversary of Ordination

A special recognition will be held during the worship services on Sunday, September 28th.

FINANCES

Giving:

Total offering for July \$15,327.30 (\$20,919.75 needed monthly)

July year to date offering \$129,480.95 (\$146,438.25 YTD Budget)

Bremer Mortgage Remaining Balance \$38,041.87

2025-26 Sunday School Calendar

- September** 7- **Rally/Youth Sunday** (Sunday school begins); Blessing of backpacks/children.
Children are asked to bring a set of school kit supplies as described on the enclosure.
14- **Award Sunday**: Last year's attendance awards and 3rd grade bibles will be presented. First 3rd grade **Bible Orientation Class** with parents at 11:00am.
- October** 2- **Bring your bible to school day!**
- November** 16- Christmas Program rehearsal begins during Sunday school time
30- **No Sunday School** (Thanksgiving Weekend)
- December** 20- (Saturday) Christmas program rehearsal (9:00-11:00am)
 "Birthday Party for Jesus" from 11:00am-12:00pm
21- **Children's Christmas Program** (meet at 9:15am)
28- No Sunday School (Christmas Vacation)
- January** 4- Sunday School resumes after Christmas break
11- **Bible Camp promotion Sunday**
- March** 15- **First Communion Classes** begin for 5th grade & parents (11:00am)
22- Final First Communion Class
28- **Palm Sunday**: Children in procession of palms & will sing.
- April** 5- **No Sunday School** (Easter Sunday)
- May** 3- **LAST SESSION FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR**
 Children sing at 10:00 service; **dress for outdoor activities**

SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME FRAME

- ☐ 10:00 am- Service begins with children in attendance
- ☐ 10:15 am- (approximately)- Children are dismissed to classroom after the children's sermon
- ☐ 11:00 am- Sunday School ends; children join parents in the Fellowship Hall (or for communion at 10:50am)