

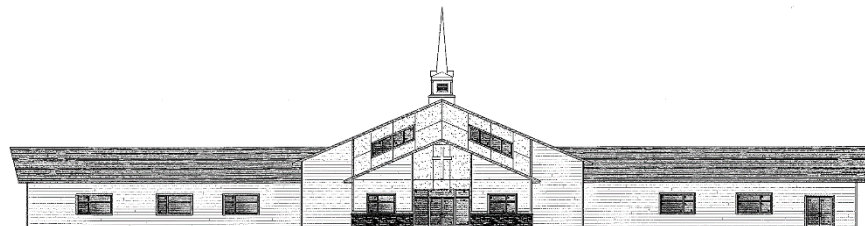
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"Growing God's Family by Serving"



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November 2025

Give Thanks

November is a special time to give thanks. And I am thanking God for you!

Recently I celebrated my 25th Anniversary of Ordination into the ministry. Thank you Theresa for leading the celebration and for the congregation's support. What a special day for me. I was surprised to see all the faces from the past. And I was so happy to see all of the faces of the present. Thank you all!

I have enjoyed our time together here so very much. This is the place where our twins were born. They came early at 29 weeks as many will recall. We were surrounded with love and showered with gifts by the congregation. Thank you for that.

Right away we picked up on a building project and because of the hard work and generosity of so many, we struck ground in 2012. Not too long thereafter we were able to finish the project and now have all the debt paid off. Thank you!

During our time together we also changed our denomination affiliation to Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. This reflects our mission statement well, "Growing God's Family by Serving". It was not an easy decision. There were challenging moments but now we can put all that behind and focus on knowing Christ and making him known. Thank you all for working through those matters with grace.

We've tried different programs and outreach efforts over the years. I so appreciate the active attendance at Bible and book studies. What a joy to have had three Bible Marathons. Two services allow us to reach more people with different music styles. Youth mission trips have inspired the young. And consistently strong efforts by our Sunday school really bless the children. Thank you for all the hard work!

As I write this I see quilts draped over every pew and a large pile of school kits and about a hundred dresses for girls in Africa. You all support ministries here and abroad. This congregation reaches in and out with big hearts. Thanks.

So I simply want to say – thank you all. Indeed, thanks be to God who ultimately makes it all possible.

Happy Thanksgiving! Join in the Community Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 26th. We have much to celebrate.

Pastor Bryan



Fall Dinner with a Touch of Norsk



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025

**Serving: 4:00 p.m. – until gone
(Basket viewing begins at 3:00 p.m.)**

MENU

Swedish Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Squash, Corn,
Bean Salad, Coleslaw, Cranberries, Lefse, Rye & White Bread,
Choice of Beverage (Milk, Coffee or Water),
Dessert Table with Scandinavian Delicacies

Free-Will Offering

****There will also be a basket raffle and general raffle
during the Dinner.****

"Just a Reminder"

During this year's Fall Dinner we **WILL NOT** be holding a traditional bake sale – but we **WILL** have a table set up selling nonperishable items such as:

- Jams/Jellies
- Syrup
- Honey
- Pickles/Canning

Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

***Please price your items accordingly.**

We will also be selling packages of our "Lutheran Ladies Lefse".

A Big "Thanks" for giving this a try!

First Lutheran Church Raffle!

First Lutheran Church will again be holding our popular basket raffle during the church dinner on November 12, 2025. Raffle starting at 3:00 PM with drawings at 7:00 PM. Baskets will be ready for bidding during a sneak peek on Sunday, November 9, 2025 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.



Tickets \$1.00 each, 6/\$5, wingspan \$25 (40 tickets). Come join the fun & take a chance on winning one or more of our beautiful baskets.

Tickets are now available for the general raffle. Bucket raffle ~ you pick which items you wish to win. It is time to return the favor to all your family, friends & co-workers who sell you stuff all year long! Please help by buying or selling raffle tickets to support our church mortgage. Tickets are available in the church office or from Kathy Wick.

General Raffle - Tickets: \$2 each or 6/\$10

- Handmade Full Size Quilt
- 10# Hamburger
- 10# Alaskan Fish
- Handcrafted Oak Trash Bin
- Smoker Grill
- Handcrafted Wood & Metal Side Table
- \$100 Nilssen's Gift Card
- \$100 Walmart Gift Card
- \$100 Cash



Drawing to be held at church November 12, 2025, at 7:00 PM.
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Youth Apologetics Conference



At this year's Student Apologetics Conference, we are pulling back the curtain to show junior high, high school, and college-aged students how Christianity has impacted our world for the better. In other words, we answer the question: What has Christianity ever done for us? Hint: It's made the blessings of the modern world a reality!

We will carpool from church for the Saturday programming. If you want to attend, let Pastor Bryan know and get yourself registered today at the link here: <https://www.realityapologetics.com/mn/>

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

James 1:17 reminds us about the source of every blessing. According to this verse, how is God described?

- A. The one who changes like shifting shadows
- B. The giver of wisdom to the faithful
- C. The Father of heavenly lights who does not change
- D. The one who rewards those who are generous



Answer: C (See James 1:17)

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Council Meeting Minutes - October 13, 2025

Present: Pastor Bryan Anderson, Aaron Buhr, Jackie Goodmanson, Neil Larson, Kevin Kamm, Liane Petersen, Becky Schramski, Anna Buhr, Hannah Eckwall, Laura Leiffing, and Dan Cain. Special guest- Brian Wick.

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

Brian Wick took the Council on a "Field Trip" to help them envision proposed layout for the Memorial Garden. Council had no changes to the plans. Brian Wick also gave an update on the recommendations for going to one service. The committee that met had decided it would be more beneficial to continue with two services. They also recommend promoting Wednesday nights as a time to focus on unity. He also brought to the Council's attention an update on the current livestreaming equipment. This will be at no cost or a very minimal cost to the church thanks to Ben Srobach.

Reports (Secretary, Budget, Pastor):- All reports approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

Worship- After discussion Council agreed to continue with two services times at this time.

Education- Nothing to report.

Finance- Aaron made a motion to take the \$35,047.35 out of the Bremer Mortgage Fund and pay off the remaining loan balance of \$29,717.47. The remaining money will be put into the General Fund. Laura Seconded it and motion was passed unanimously.

Property- Pastor reported we are working with Cedar Corporation on a contract for completing the canopy with possibility of incorporating the bell. Aaron was checking into the cost for a possible new shed for Storage. Two snowplowing bids were submitted, and Aaron made a motion to accept A&E's bid at \$150/plow. Kevin seconded, and motion was passed.

Outreach- Trunk or Treat is on October 25th from 3-5:00 PM. Lacey Kamm is the contact for this and candy donations are being sought.

Youth- Underground Church is October 25th. We will need volunteers to help with this event. Youth must sign a release form before attending.

Old Business:

A. Church signage/Bell canopy/Mortgage- see above

B. Neil will settle up with Ben Strobach on any cost for new TV installations.

New Business:

A. Memorial Prayer Garden Plans-see above

B. Possible cake for celebration of "Mortgage Free"

Announcements: Council was instructed to be more aware of procedures during counting.

Adjournment with the Lord's prayer.

Submitted by Jackie Goodmanson



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1: Alexis Buhr	12: Roxanne Anderson
Curtis Glaesemann	Blaire Perzichilli
2: Jeff Paulson	15: Bodey Paulson
Lori Levendoski	16: Brennon Colbeth
Larry Lien	19: Bennett Colbeth
3: Evan Cain	Travis Anderson
4: Wayne Alvermann	20: Kathleen Barney
5: Miles Johnson	22: Karter Kuhl
Greyson Buhr	23: Michael Lund
7: Olivia Buhr	24: Landon Kamm
8: Emily Larson	25: Linda Marg
9: Hunter Gilbertson	26: Michael Barfknecht
10: Leah Isakson	Ella Pittman
Linnea Fouks	27: James Anderson
11: Janet Logan	Emmett Goodmanson
Tanner Goodmanson	28: Alex Cain
Wesley Wickum	Tristan Barney
	30: Hunter Strenke
	Evan Larson

CHILDREN & PARENTS



Christmas program practice will begin on **Sunday, November 16th**. Each child will have a part to memorize which will be sent home with him/her. Every role is important, so please help your child memorize their speaking part so they can proclaim the Good News of Jesus! The Christmas program is scheduled for **Sunday, December 21st at the 10:00 AM worship service.** Help your child attend all rehearsals during the regular Sunday School time at 10:00 AM each Sunday. We will be meeting in the blue room. Please contact **Theresa Anderson at 715-263-2848** if you have any questions or if you know your child will **NOT** be participating in the program so changes can be made. We will be excited to see your child at church! Thanks!

NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ALTAR GUILD: Brad & Jo Nilssen

READERS

2 Linda McIntire
9 Aaron Johnson
16 Patti Wyss
23 Lacey Kamm
30 Eva Wilson

COUNTERS

2 & 9 Laura Lieffring & Richard Selvig
16, 23 & 30 Laura Lieffring & TBD

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Laura Lieffring

GREETERS: Laura Lieffring and Jane Scholz

USHERS

2 & 9 Anthony Holloman & Dale Wirth
16, 23 & 30 Keith Anderson & Dave Somsen

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

2 Wayne & Patty Sullwold & Michelle Kuehndorf Families
9 Aaron Johnson Family
16 Potluck – Youth Group Serves
23 Dave & Carol Somsen
30 Derek & Katie Wagner Family

FINANCES

Giving:

Total offering for Sept. \$16,343.68 (\$20,919.75 needed monthly)
Sept. year to date offering \$165,532.93 (\$188,277.75 YTD Budget)

Bremer Mortgage Remaining Balance \$29,717.47

CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN 2025

The Clear Lake United Methodist Church will be sponsoring the “Christmas for Children” drive again this year to provide gifts for area children who otherwise may not receive gifts at Christmas time. “Christmas for Children” is designed to reach more needs of our local community. We are coming up on our 32nd year and are so grateful for all of the support that we have received from everyone.

All gifts will be given to children ages 0-18 in the Clear Lake School District Area.

Gifts are always needed for older teens, guys and girls. Personal care, nail items, cosmetics, hair products and gloves. Art supplies for all ages, canvases, sketch books, paints and drawing pencils. Guys can use small tools, personal care items, gloves, outdoor sports items for hunting and fishing and team sports.

Anyone wishing to donate items to the “Christmas for Children” drive can do so by leaving them in the container labeled “Christmas for Children” in the Church Entry or at True Value Hardware and Pillar Bank beginning November 3rd.

If you are in need of gifts for your children or if you know of other families in the Clear Lake School District area who are in need of Christmas gifts for their children, we would like to hear from you. Call Debi Ahrens 715-441-5477 (if no answer, please leave a message). All names are kept strictly confidential.

To mail a donation please send to:
Christmas For Children
Box 42
Clear Lake, WI 54005

Christmas for Children
United Methodist Church

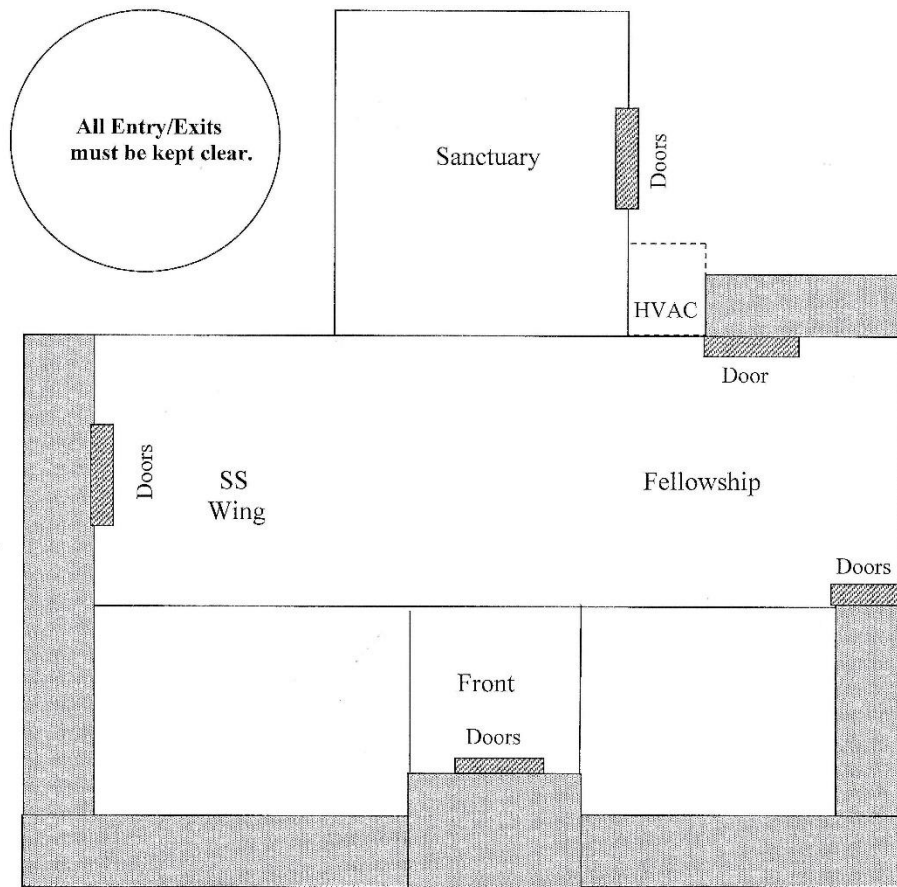


PLEASE HELP!

Snow shoveling volunteers are needed by the week throughout the winter. A sign-up sheet is posted on a clipboard at the back of worship. Thank you for your service.

Snow Shoveling Volunteer Map

Volunteers will clear all sidewalks and entrances as shaded below. All auto parking is cleared by a hired plow.



The church supplies shovels, ice chippers, salt or you may bring your own.

NEWS & NOTES



We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love:
Judi Desmond, Dick Lambert, Becky Peterson and Jeff Jungmann & Family (Brother of Brenda Campion).
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 niece, Lisa Morey.

Congratulations to the following 10th grade students who will be confirmed on Sunday, October 26th:

Piper Bylander	Hayden Peterson
Lydia Humpal	Elizabrin Thorud
Taryn Niles	

Needed to decorate the altar for Thanksgiving:

Gourds, small and medium pumpkins. Please leave in the office.

Jane Scholz

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorials Given to the Sunday School

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Darlene Jungmann	Lois Campion
Darlene Jungmann	Linnea Campion
Dean Scholz, Charlie Clark, Janet Field	Gene & Sharon Kuhl
Darlene & Jack Jungmann	Gene & Sharon Kuhl

Memorials Given to the Unspecified Fund

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Darlene Jungmann	Paul & Penny O'Connell
Dean Scholz, Darlene Jungmann	Brad & JoAnne Nilssen
Jim Tobiason	Brad & JoAnne Nilssen
Charlie Clark	Bob & Brenda Campion

HONORARIUM

Given by Brad & JoAnne Nilssen to the Unspecified Fund in honor of the 25th Anniversary of Pastor Bryan's Ordination.