

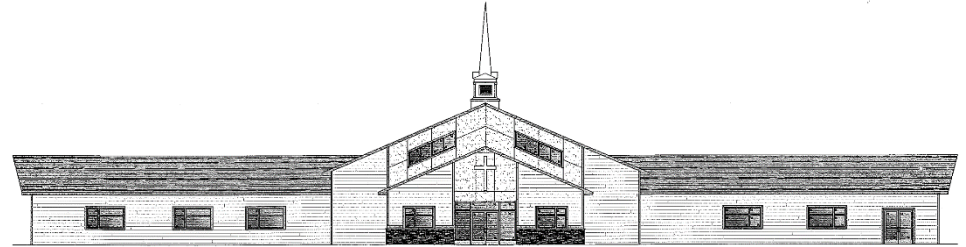
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First Edition

“Growing God’s Family by Serving”



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6th Annual “May Day” Community Dinner

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

Please join us!

May 2026

April Showers

April showers bring May flowers. Life is sprouting once again. Trees are budding. The lilies have popped. Robins are feasting on worms. It's been windy. It's been rainy. The grass is growing.

There is a lesson from nature. With a little rain to wash and nurture growth, the cycle of life begins again. Though the winter wasn't too bad this year, it's still a long time to be looking at black branches without any green leaves. It's still a long time to get up and continuously see all the ground covered with the dirty snow.

Thankfully Spring has sprung! This is how it is with us. We go through our own cycles of life and growth. We also have our time of decline and even death. Up and down we go in life. Kind of like the ocean waves. There is one difference between us and nature. We are not tied to the rotation of the planet like the seasons. We can have a springtime of renewal whenever we return to the water – the Water of Life.

Spring is here. As with the flowers, let us drink deeply of the refreshment God gives. Let's be in his Word and seek his ways. He will meet the cold and dark moods. He will bring forth new growth. As it says in the Song of Solomon, "For behold, the winter is past and the flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come". Let us sing the praise of the Lord. Let us rejoice in his goodness and share his love.

May this Spring be a time of spiritual renewal for you!

In Christ,
Pastor Bryan



MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ALTAR GUILD: Lacey Kamm

GREETERS: Paul Colbeth and Don & Sheila Dipprey

READERS

3 Eva Wilson
10 Bert Petersen
17 Jane Scholz
24 Kellie Scholz
31 Theresa Anderson

COUNTERS

3 & 10 Neil Larson & Richard Selvig
17, 24 & 31 Neil Larson & TBD

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Neil Larson

USHERS

3 & 10 Aaron Buhr & Ben Strobach
17, 24 & 31 Dale & Chris Wood

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

3 (Senior Recognition) Aaron & Danette Buhr
10 Linda Shafer & Eva Wilson
17 Dale & Chris Wood/Ben & Amy Strobach
24 Jack & Hannah Wickum
31 Don & Sheila Dipprey





MAY Birthdays

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| 1: Brad Ayer
Tracy Lillie
Drew Niles
Brooks Cardinal | 15: Heidi Colbeth
Angie Peterson
Wesley Stender |
| 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
Hudsyn 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
Griffin Flandrick | 31: Aaron Paulson |

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorial Given to the Crisis Fund

In Memory of	Given by
Larry Lien	Russ & Deb Arcand

Memorials Given to the Memorial Garden Fund

In Memory of	Given by
Larry Lien	Dennis & Cindy Nelson
Larry Lien	Bob & Terri Moe

Memorial Given for Parking Lot Lights

In Memory of	Given by
Larry Lien	LaMoyné & Renee Emerson

Memorials Given to the Sunday School Fund

In Memory of	Given by
Larry Lien	Larry & Cindy Nilssen

Memorials Given to the Unspecified Fund

In Memory of	Given by
Larry Lien	Derry & Janet Monson
Larry Lien	Gary Hanson
Larry Lien	Bob & Brenda Campion
Larry Lien	Brad & Jo Nilssen

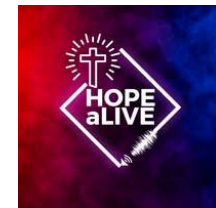
Memorials Given for Youth/Mission Trip

In Memory of	Given by
Larry Lien, Robert Priebe, Donald Thufin	Gene & Sharon Kuhl

Hope Alive 2026

Wednesday, June 3rd

Michael Park, Amery WI



A time for the Evangelical Christian Churches of Amery and Clear Lake to come together reaching out with the love of Christ. The event is free and open for all ages. There will be music, games, food, Good News and prayer. Bring a friend. Start out Summer right.



Get ready for four exciting evenings packed with adventure, discovery, and tons of fun as we learn about God's character and love for us! We'd love for your child to be part of it all.



Register your child today using the QR Code or head to www.unitedcovchurch.org and click the "REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL" button.

Many VBS Volunteers Needed!

Sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/8PKPT>
 Volunteer training will be held June 10 at 6:00 PM.

Community VBS is brought to you by the following area churches: United Covenant, United Methodist, and First Lutheran.

NEWS & NOTES



Mark Gilbertson, Levi Ramsey, Cyndy Witthoft (sister of Deann Wagner), and Jim Peterson (husband of Dawn Peterson and brother of Kathy Eggert & Leann Martinson). *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:

- Mary Jo Lien (husband, Larry Lien)
- Brenda Johnson & Anna Buhr (uncle, Robert Priebe)
- Nicole Witthoft (father, Todd Criego)

First Communion: The following youth received their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 2nd: Clayton Gilbertson, Braxton Harper, and Brantley Harris.

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

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| Alyssa Anderson | Anthony Holloman |
| Lydia Buhr | Natalie Jarchow |
| Abigail Hoeffler | Jack Peterson |

May 3rd is Recognition Sunday for our graduates.

Good News" Sponsor a Child through COMPASSION. Child packets are in the entry way or scan the QR code to find another child. There is no shortage of children in need. Learn about the child, learn about their culture, learn what helping others is all about. 98% of your monthly donation goes to helping the child with food, clothing, school, and learning about Jesus. This outreach program is completely run by volunteers and churches. You will get photos and letters from your child. You can send photos and letters to your child. Any questions please contact Jackie 715-607-0621.

FINANCES

Giving:

Total offering for March \$20,965.10 (\$21,874.25 needed monthly)