

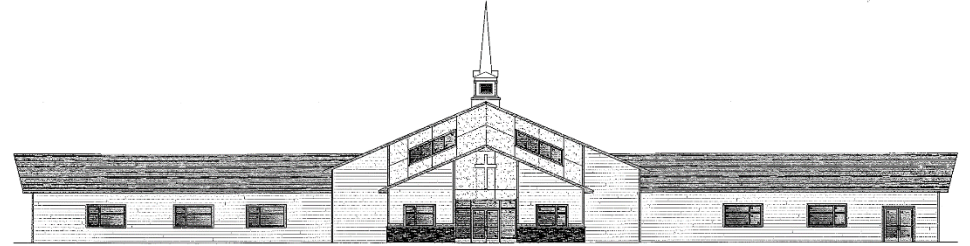
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First Edition

“Growing God’s Family by Serving”



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HIS DIVINE POWER
has given us everything we need
for a godly life through
our knowledge of
him who called us by
HIS OWN GLORY
AND GOODNESS.

2 Peter 1:3, NIV

June 2026

Making Friends

Making friends is becoming a lost art. At least that's what they've said on the news. Our technology is helpful but it's pulling us further apart. One would think things would be different. Having the ability to contact people wherever they are with cell phones should bring us together – hardly. The average person spends 5-8 hours a day on their phones. And that isn't usually with people. Games, social media, and doom scrolling videos take up some 90% of time with phones.

It's so bad among our youth we are facing a mental health crisis. Anxiety and depression are at an all time high among the general population but especially teenagers. Suicides are sadly at their highest levels ever recorded as well. Scary stuff. Many researchers are tracing the trouble to a lack of social interaction. Real physical relationships are what the doctor has ordered. And it's even better when those connections are with different age groups. It's all about making friends.

Did you know your church relationships could add as much as seven years on to your life! More research says connections at church are special. It's something you can't get anywhere else. You connect on a deeper level and face the ultimate questions of life together. Why am I here? What am I supposed to be doing? What happens when I die? Where is everything headed? Important questions indeed. Chances are if you are reading this you are already someone who understands some of this even if you can't put it in so many words.

Let's get to the recommendations. Get to church. Make some friends. Grow in love toward God and your neighbor. And that won't happen without putting the phone down more. You need flesh and blood not plastic and metal. Even better, greet new faces at church. Make it a goal to get to know names. Come to fellowship. Come to Wednesday night Faith, Fellowship and Fun. Just make a connection with someone. Do an experiment. The results will surprise you – make friends.

In Christ,
Pastor Bryan



Welcome, New Members

We welcomed 12 new members into our church fellowship on Sunday, April 26th. Please join together in welcoming them into the congregation.

Jack & Suzanne Barker
Gabe & Emma Flandrick (Clara, Griffin, Hadley)
Andrew & Amy Stender (Wesley)
Dale & Bernadette Strobach

Help Needed

Many hands make for light work. The Property Committee has identified several projects that volunteers are invited to tackle sometime over the summer.

Please notify the office if you can help today. Further questions can be directed to Property Committee leaders Bill McIntire at 715-607-1925 or Kevin Kamm at 715-222-1493.

- Touch up painting bumps and scratches where needed throughout the building
- Paint wall in youth room behind TV
- Check and replace all light bulbs in building as needed except high light fixtures
- Finish staining the ball pit
- Trim all outside landscape bushes (removing dead bushes)
- Spray for sidewalk and landscape weeds as they come in Summer



FAMILY FUN FEST

HOPE aLIVE

JUNE 3*

ALL AGES WELCOME
**FREE FOOD
 FREE MUSIC
 FREE GAMES**

MICHAEL PARK, AMERY, WI
 5 PM TO 8:30 PM

SPONSORED BY

 **Amery Free
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*RAIN DATE JUNE 4

Answers VBS

Mystery Island

Tracking Down the One True God

Clear Lake Community
 Vacation Bible School
 at United Covenant Church
 June 15-18, 2026 // 6-8pm
 for children ages 4-grade 5




Register your child today using the QR Code or go to www.firstluthclearlake.com and click on VBS Registration

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

Bible Quiz

King David wanted to build a glorious temple for worshipping God and for housing the ark of the covenant. God, however, did not permit him to build it. Instead, God chose Solomon, David's son, to head up the building program. Why wasn't David allowed the honor of building the temple?



- David was getting too old to supervise such an undertaking.
- David had been a warrior and had shed blood.
- David had stopped taking God seriously.
- David's attention was required elsewhere.

Answer: B (1 Chronicles 28:3)



JUNE Birthdays

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| 1: Sally Wirth | 14: Gary Twining |
| 3: Jared Levendoski | 15: Evan Solberg |
| Carrie Buhr | 17: Kim Murray |
| Mary Benware | 18: Hazel Cain |
| Michael O'Shea | Kristin LaBeree |
| 4: Walker Jarchow | Bethany Harper |
| Dan Cain | 19: Aubree Schramski |
| 6: Jill Buhr | Joshua Kaczmarski |
| 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 | 28: Sherry Buhr |
| 10: Russell Sloan | Mark Gilbertson |
| Ryan Kerns | Charles Buhr |
| Jack Petersen | 29: Kelly Kobernick |
| 11: Jack Somsen | Nicole Fritz |
| 13: Jeanne Briesemeister | Seth Cain |
| Mike Johnson | |
| Pat Haley | |

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Council Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2026

Present: Pastor Bryan Anderson, Laura Lieffring, Bill McIntire, Aaron Johnson, Kevin Kamm, Neil Larson, Aaron Buhr, Hannah Eckwall, Becky Schramski.

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

Reports: (Secretary, Budget, Pastor)- Reviewed all reports.

Committee Reports

Worship – Will keep two services this year for the Summer.

Property – Bill McIntire will be ordering trees. A volunteer list will be published for various projects.

Education – Wednesday night Faith, Fun and Fellowship will continue.

Outreach – Hope Alive is June 3rd in Amery.

Youth – Will be seeking a youth leader after job description is prepared.

New Business

- A. WAPO Relationship – Let kids/families choose where they want to go. Not promoting just one. Aaron made a motion to stop benevolence payments to WAPO. Motion seconded by Hannah. Motion approved.
- B. Building Use Policy – Policy will be revised to simplify and allow members to use church without any fees if they clean up after themselves.
- C. Summer Meetings – Will have summer meetings.
- D. Neil requested purchasing a TV stand for the entryway. Aaron made a motion to purchase TV stand from memorial fund. Laura seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- E. Aaron Buhr will contact Jason Monson to complete the parking lot light upgrade.
- F. Will let the church's CDs roll over as money not needed.
- G. Council decided there will not be a Rummage Sale for lack of leader and space needs.

Aaron moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Kevin. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Becky Schramski



JUNE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ALTAR GUILD: Diane Paulson

GREETERS: Jennifer & Hunter Munson

READERS

- 7 Jennifer Munson
- 14 Kiley Munson
- 21 Linnae Seaman
- 28 Hailey Seaman

COUNTERS: Aaron Johnson & TBD

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Aaron Johnson

USHERS

- 7 & 14 Denny Benson
- 21 Richard Selvig
- 28 Travis Anderson & Richard Selvig

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

- 7 Bob & Barb Anderson
- 14 Denny Benson
- 21 Linda Shafer & Eva Wilson
- 28 FELLOWSHIP SERVERS NEEDED

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorial Given to the Crisis Fund

In Memory of	Given by
Dave O'Connell	Russ & Deb Arcand

Memorials Given to the Unspecified Fund

In Memory of	Given by
Larry Lien	Tim & Patti Wyss
Jeaneane Moe, Richard Moe, Illa Mae Neville	Gloria Hedquist
Larry Lien, Robert Priebe, Joanne Hemauer	Gloria Hedquist

NEWS & NOTES



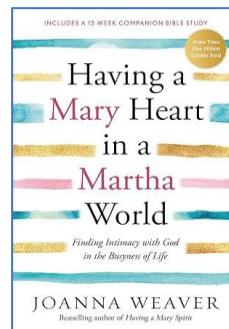
We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Carole Larson, Levi Ramsey, and Cyndy Witthoft (sister of Deann Wagner). *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

Sympathy: Our sympathy is extended to Jerry Hemauer on the death of his wife Joanne Hemauer.



This is a big THANK YOU to all my brothers and sisters in Christ for the thoughts, prayers, cards, and words of encouragement that have come my way during the recovery time from the back surgery I had. The healing process has been very positive and a definite answer to prayers. Thanks also go out to Sherry and Amy for filling in for me in my absence. It is wonderful having great musicians in our congregation that can fill in as they did.

Thank you again. Blessings and Love to all through Christ our Lord!
 Brian Wick



WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY. A sign-up sheet is available at church for the next book, Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World by Joanna Weaver. The book study will begin in September. Join us for a summer get together with some faith, fellowship, and devotion time on Saturday, June 13 at 7:30 AM in the church fellowship hall. Any questions please see Laura Boche-Case.

FINANCES
<p>Giving: Total offering for April \$16,286.30 (\$21,874.25 needed monthly) April year to date offering \$68,129.95 (\$87,497.00 YTD Budget)</p>