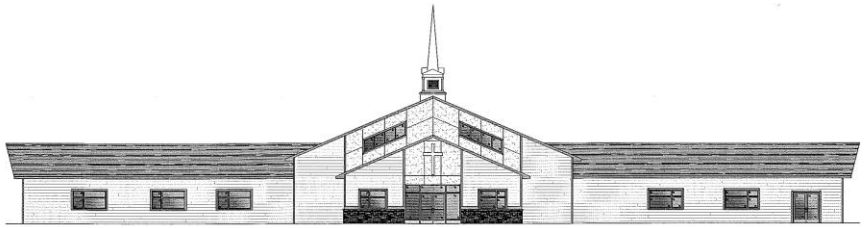
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December 2026

Youth Ministry Leader

It has been said, the youth are the future of the church. Wrong. The youth are the church of today. We don't wait to evangelize and disciple until some later age. From the womb we dedicate a child to Christ in Baptism and welcome them fully into the work and ways of Jesus. That's how it should be. Jesus himself said, "Let the little children come to me!"

We can be thankful our congregation is healthy and growing. Yet there are always growing edges. We need to continue to push ourselves to better fulfill Christ's Great Commission and Great Commandment; to make disciples and to love one another. To provide even better ministry to our youth, we are looking to hire a part-time Youth Ministry Leader.

This leader will work with a Youth Committee to foster outreach and growth to youth both inside and outside the congregation. This will involve developing a calendar of events for youth and their families that highlight fellowship, service and discipleship. They will also oversee a high school Bible study and our annual servant trip. Promotion of Bible camp and cooperation with Wednesday evening activities and the Sunday school will also be expected.

What we need to do is to get the word out. Do you know someone who would be a candidate? Let them know. Ask them to prayerfully consider the opportunity. Interested individuals can contact the church office for the full job description and set up an interview time.

In Christ,
Pastor Bryan





Sunday, December 20th
8:30 AM – Contemporary Worship
10:00 AM–Sunday School Christmas Program

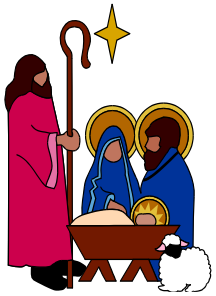
Thursday, December 24th
Christmas Eve
4:00 PM – Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

Friday, December 25th
Christmas Day
10:00 AM – Christmas Day Service
with Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS CONCERT WORSHIP
Sunday, January 3, 2027

The groups to be featured include the United Methodist Handbell Choir and the First Evangelical Lutheran Church Vocal Choir.

ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN AND PARENTS



The Christmas program is scheduled for **Sunday, December 20th at the 10:00 AM worship service**. Every role is important, so please help your child memorize his/her speaking part so they can proclaim the Good News of Jesus! Also, attendance at the Sunday morning rehearsals at 9:45 AM is very important! ☺

The dress rehearsal will be **Saturday, December 19th from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**. This is an important rehearsal as it will be the first time your child gets to practice with the microphone. If your child cannot attend this rehearsal or will NOT be able to be in the program this year, please contact Theresa Anderson at 715-263-2848.



A Birthday Party for Jesus!



Come celebrate
the real reason for the season!

There will be fun & games and of course cake!

When: When: Sat., Dec. 19th. Pick up at 11:30am.
(the party begins immediately after the program practice)

Where: First Lutheran Church

Questions: Call Theresa at 715-263-2848

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Council Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2026

Present: Neil Larson, Kevin Kamm, Liane Petersen, Aaron Johnson, Hannah Eckwall, Laura Lieffring, Anna Buhr, Dan Cain and Pastor Bryan Anderson.

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

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

Committee Reports
Worship – Approved Christmas services as follows: Thursday, December 24th – 4:00 PM; Friday, December 25th – 10:00 AM.

Education – Seeking consistent teachers for Sunday school.

Unfinished Business
A. Committee Organizer: Canopy – Jackie Goodmanson; Shed – Bill McIntire; Sign/Bell – Hannah Eckwall.
B. Kevin Kamm will empty storage shed.
C. Discussed amending Constitution to give Council the power to spend more than $2,500 on maintenance or replacement of current infrastructure and items. Tabled. Pastor will review with Bert Petersen.
D. Youth Pastor job description approved. Motion made by Bill McIntire to post position. Seconded by Aaron Johnson. Motion approved.

New Business
A. Dan Cain made a motion to purchase a OptiSigns Pro Digital Signage Player for Entry TV and subscription not to exceed $600 plus license. Motion seconded by Bill McIntire. Motion approved.
B. New Copier for Office Bid – Bill McIntire made a motion to purchase copier for $4,156 plus $340/quarter service contract. Motion seconded by Laura Lieffring. Motion approved.
C. Pottery Communion Set – Liane Petersen will make pottery.
D. Snowplow Bid – Keep current provider. Pastor to reply to Steve.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Liane Petersen

DECEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ALTAR GUILD: Richard Selvig

READERS

6 Patti Wyss
13 Chris Petersen
20 Sunday School Christmas Program
27 Eva Wilson

GREETERS: Tim & Patti Wyss

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Liane Petersen

COUNTERS

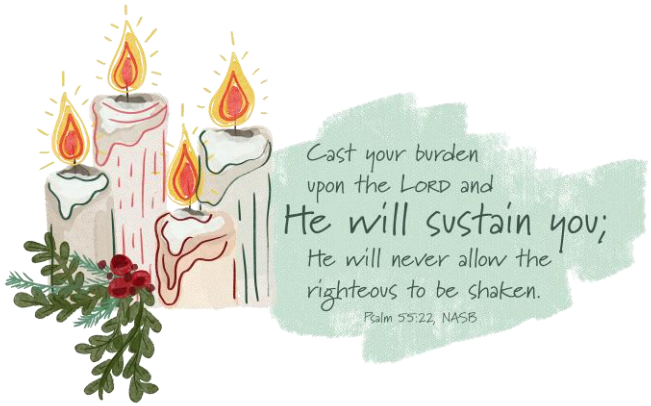
6 & 13 Liane Petersen & Richard Selvig
20 & 27 Liane Petersen & **TBD**

USHERS

6 & 13 Colin & Kellie Scholz
20 & 27 Barb Anderson & Derry Monson
24 ***(Christmas Eve)*** **4:00 PM** Keith Anderson & Richard Selvig
25 ***(Christmas Day)*** **10:00 AM** Richard Selvig

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

6 Neil & Emily Larson
13 (Potluck) Lacey Kamm & Coco Morse
20 Derek & Katie Wagner
27 Jason & Kristin LaBeree





1: Jim Witthoft
3: Braxton Harper
4: Brett Magnuson
5: Jennifer Bylander
Suzanne Barker
7: LaMoyne Emerson, Jr.
Trevor Gilbertson
8: Matt O'Connell
Alice Sullwold
9: Mike Elwood
10: Mitchell Paulson
Mitchell Anderson
Jaxson Peterson
14: Darlene Briesemeister
Waylon Harper
15: LaMoyne Emerson, Sr.
16: Hadley Flandrick
17: Kelly Doeden
19: McKenna Moll
Ricky Anderson
Carol Kobernick
20: Brian Wick
Marty Bruner
22: Julie Barfknecht
Patty Sullwold
Wyatt Brihn
Haydin Cain
23: Ed Neitge
25: Joni Perzichilli
26: Zach Kirk
27: Jennifer Strenke
28: Camden Steffen
Harper Goodmanson
30: Emma Colgrove
31: Hailey Gilbertson

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorials Given to the Memorial Garden Fund

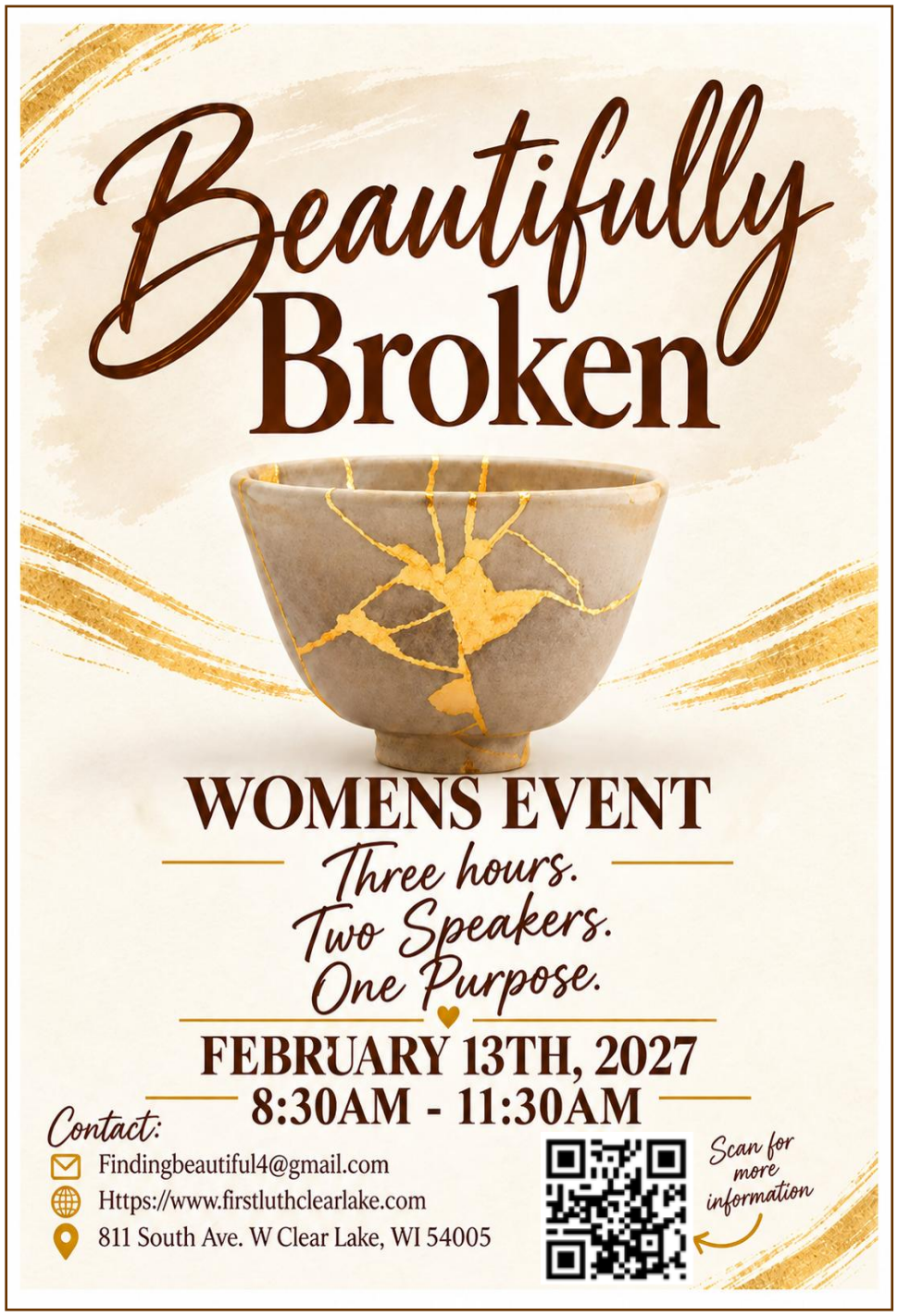
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Janet Nelson, Mathilda Hannemann	Gene & Sharon Kuhl
Marilyn Bottolfson, Tim Dreier	Gene & Sharon Kuhl

Memorials Given to the Sunday School

In Memory of	Given by
Mathilda Hannemann	Tim & Patti Wyss
Mae Ona Repp	LeRoy & Liz Johnson

Memorials Given to the Unspecified Fund

In Memory of	Given by
McKenna Christensen	Bob & Brenda Campion
Neil Lillie, Mathilda Hannemann, Joleen Hanson	Brad & Jo Nilssen



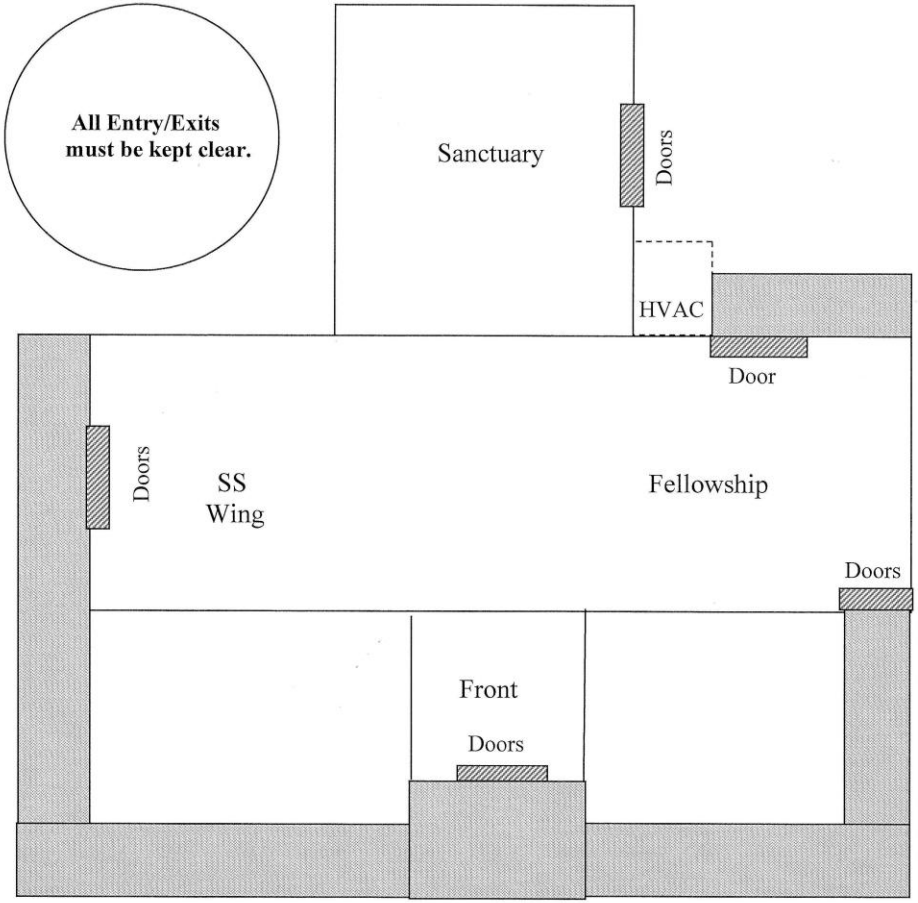
PLEASE HELP!

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.



Puzzle!

FOLLOW THE STAR

Start at Clue 1. Choose the correct answer, record its star letter, and follow its number.

1. The Wise Men came from the:
   - East — J — go to 4
   - West — P — go to 2
2. Herod asked when the _____ appeared.
   - angel — T — go to 3
   - star — S — go to 5
3. Warned in a dream, they returned:
   - another way — S — Finish
   - to Herod — D — go to 4
4. The prophecy pointed to:
   - Nazareth — R — go to 5
   - Bethlehem — E — go to 2
5. They found the child in a:
   - house — U — go to 3
   - stable — M — go to 1

Who did they find?
Matthew 2:1–12

___ ___ ___ ___ ___

Answer: Jesus

NEWS & NOTES

Our Love & Prayers Go Out To...

We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Judi Desmond and Barb Juleff. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Diane Beckman on the death of brother-in-law, Neil Lillie.

Thank you to all who helped with this year's Fall Dinner.
Free-will Offering $4,177.00
General Raffle $1,252.00
Basket Raffle $3,459.00

CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN 2026

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 33rd 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. 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

TOYS FOR KIDS