

The First Word

LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE
1 CORINTHIANS 16:14

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First Lutheran Church
Hayward, Wisconsin



From the Pastor's Desk

Going through some old papers I found some of the heritage work I saved from when our twins had to give a report on their families of origin. One twin took Mandsager (Maran's side) and the other researched the Bacon side. I, of course, took interest in the Bacon things and a lot of interesting items fell to the ground when we shook that tree

(or interesting items came out of the closet ala Fibber McGee). What we learned was that the name Bacon comes from Bacchan, an old word for beech trees, and that the hogs that domiciled near the beech trees and ate beech nuts had better-tasting pork. Who knew? And it makes sense. There is also a Bacon Coat of Arms and it is one of the older names registered in Great Britain's Book of Heraldry. Interestingly enough, it has a wild boar on top of the shield – the wild boar is the European symbol of evil – and on the boar are the medieval symbols of science and Christian faith. Evidently, the family believed that evil could be overcome by a combination of science and faith. Several Bacons were leading science innovators and one, Roger, is considered the father of Western Science and one of the founders of Oxford University. So, I got that going for me – which is nice. And then, I look at the Latin phrase that is the Family Motto – Mediocria Firma. Thanks a lot. Mediocrity is Best! Bland Averageness is Best! Thanks, ancestors, for aiming so high. James Bond got The World is not Enough on his family crest. I get an appeal to be average.

But then I examined it further and learned that in the 12th Century, mediocrity meant the middle way. THE MIDDLE WAY IS BEST sounds more sagely, dare I say liberal artish, then try not to stand out. It reminds me that words are an important thing not just because everyone uses them but because over time their meanings can alter and evolve.

In the Bible the word cosmos is used and is translated as world. When we think of cosmos we think of Carl Sagan's show on how big and fascinating the universe is – "billions and billions." We think about the space race that pitted our Astronauts against their Cosmonauts. In other words, we think about the universe and all of creation when we hear the word cosmos. When Jesus used the word cosmos it meant the way things are done in this part of the world – so it was a political statement about the way of the world. When referring to the cosmos being destroyed the New Testament was referring to Rome's system of empire and governing and abuse being defeated by the ethic of love. That is a lot different than a universal cataclysm as if God is hitting a reset button.

Psalms 23 is simpler. "Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life". One of our favorite lines. Only what follow meant in King James' era was to track down and overtake. Today follow does not mean that. My little brother followed me to school – he never caught up. I follow teams in the sports section to see how they are doing but it doesn't change my life or theirs. A better translation today would be pursued. Which I finally did in worship when we recited Psalm 23 March 18/19.

You are aware that I edited the line in the Lord's Prayer from the archaic construction and lead us not unto temptation (which today sounds like we are begging God not to test us) to the clearer lead us away from temptation (which is how the Olde Englische speaker understood the phrase).

As an interpreter of scripture, a preacher, and a writer, I am a wordsmith – words fascinate me. I am not frustrated in any way by how words change and evolve – on the contrary, I love it. Words are so vitally important that it means we cannot take a single word we use for granted. The dynamic interplay between God and us and us and each other is played out in the exciting world of words.

May the Word of God dwell in us richly.

In Christ,

Pr Joe

Stewardship Committee Message

The Audio/Visual Aspect of our five-plus year project to enhance worship is scheduled to be completed March 27-30. This will greatly improve our online worship experience and give us more options for in-sanctuary worship. We have been raising funds for this through direct donations to the T-Coil, a special offering for the Pastor's 25th anniversary of ordination, cookbooks, a bequest, memorials, and reserve funds, just to name a few. It is very enjoyable to serve in a church where we engage in what is possible rather than simply wish things were different. The improvements happened because of both past and current generosity. Please consider replenishing the reserve funds so that future improvements, when necessary, will be easier to say 'yes' to – freeing up our elected church leaders to simply act and lead because we have the funds available and set aside already. Thank you for your forward thinking that made this possible



Holy Week Schedule:

April 2nd:
Palm Sunday:
9:30am Worship: In-Person & Online

April 3rd:
Holy Monday

April 4th:
Holy Tuesday

April 6th:
Maundy Thursday
6:00pm Worship: In-Person & Online

April 7th:
Good Friday
6:00pm Worship: In-Person & Online

April 8th:
Easter Vigil
5:00pm Worship: In-Person & Online

April 9th:
Easter Sunday
8am Worship: In-Person
8:30am-9:30am: Easter Breakfast (Dine-In or Carry-Out)
9:30 am Worship: In-Person

April 10th:
Easter Monday
Office Closed



Memorial & Endowment Notes:

Plant your seeds now and trust in the Lord that these seeds will bear fruit even when you are gone.



How do you honor a loved one who has passed? Make a tribute donation to the First Lutheran Memorial Fund. Your gift will honor their life and their name will be written in the memorial record book and displayed in the Narthex for years to come. Your gift will be invested with other memorials and together we can complete current special church needs and projects. If you want your gift to fund a project that is special to you or your loved one, just note it on the donation.

If you have a request for funding a project, please complete the easy online application prior to our next meeting to be held on May 10th at 4:15 pm for committee consideration.

Contact the office or Kris Treland-Neumann, committee Chair with any questions you may have regarding making a request or donation.

NEW EMAILS FOR FIRST LUTHERAN STAFF

Pastor Joel, Tanya & Ray now have new emails, please update your address book

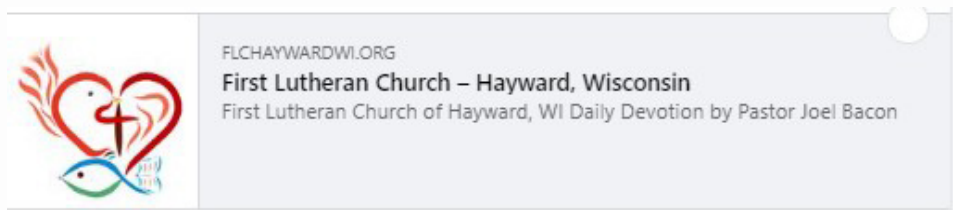
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Visit Us ONLINE



WEBSITE: Please note the change in our website address (i.e. domain name or URL), it is now www.flchaywardwi.org. The "flc" – as in First Lutheran Church. The address has been changed to make it shorter but still recognizable to our users. If you use the old address it will automatically forward to the new one for the next few months. Please change your bookmarks to the new address. Church email addresses will be changing soon as well to reflect the new address.



Directory - Reminder to please stop by the church and get your copy. We have put labels on each directory with your name on them. The directories are in alphabetical order. Each family unit will receive one copy. Please note that the cost to print was about \$10 per copy. We have put an envelope in each directory if you are able or choose to make a \$10 donation to help offset the cost. Your donation is completely optional. Thank you again for your patience in allowing us to complete this project.

Enjoy!



Columbarium/Memorial Wall Update:

Work continues on the Memorial Wall and Columbarium. The first group of ordered wall plaques have arrived, and are very impressive. The Columbarium fund has received between funeral memorials, money for brickwork from the Memorial Endowment Committee, and money from the Church Council for landscaping. Columbarium niches continue to sell. If you have considered a columbarium as your final resting place, now is the time to make that thought a reality.

Please continue to keep this project in your thoughts and prayers.



First Lutheran Community Park

Fish Fry for FUN on May 5th

It's been a FUN journey working to revitalize the First Lutheran Community Park and so FUN to do this work with all of you!

We're gearing up for some more FUN and we hope you'll join us.

On Friday, May 5th Treeland Resorts will be kicking off their seasonal Fish Fry as a fundraiser for the First Lutheran Community Park. They will generously donate all proceeds from this fish fry to the park and we'll be hosting a meat raffle throughout the night...how FUN is that?

So, come on out...feast on some fish, join in on the meat raffle, enjoy the camaraderie and FUN with our community, and help us reach our fundraising goals.

What: Fish Fry for FUN When: Friday, May 5th, 2023 Time: serving from 4 PM - 9 PM

Thank you for your support and blessings.

First Lutheran Community Park Task Team



Parent's Legacy of Gratitude & Generosity by Julie Jolivette

I am 68 and have never known anything but gratitude and generosity! As I look back, I realize this is the legacy of my parents.

When I was in kindergarten, I remember feeling so grown-up on Christmas Eve when only I – the oldest child of 5 – got to go to Midnight Mass with my dad and grandparents. My dad gave me a nickel to put into the offering plate and I took this responsibility very seriously. There were many “magical” moments for me that night. As we arrived home I took a peek. The bride doll Santa left for me was beautiful, but even at that young age I recall being aware that it didn't top the feeling I experienced giving that nickel in the offering and participating in such a special worship service. I'm guessing that awareness was one of my first spiritual experiences of gratitude and generosity.

The next Christmas my mom took us four oldest children shopping. We were each given a couple of dollars and instructed to buy something we would really like ourselves. Our next stop was to drop these gifts off where they would later be shared with children who would not receive a Christmas gift otherwise. Again, this act of giving felt good. It wasn't until I was much older that my parents shared how financially challenged they were that year – my dad stayed home with us 5 kids and we lived on my mom's long-term teacher sub job. At the time, I had no idea we ourselves may have been considered poor.

I'm not sure when our family started sponsoring children through Christian Children's and Compassion International – for most of my life a picture and bio of one would hang on our refrigerator and we would have fun corresponding and feeling connected as we personally knew someone halfway around the world.

When I received my first paycheck, I immediately started my own sponsorship. Now I see pictures of sponsored children on the refrigerators of my own grown children and our son has even traveled to Haiti several times to spend time with the young boy he sponsors.

Our family has multiplied from seven original members to 60. When we get together for Christmas it often includes projects like two hours of food packing at the area "Kids Against Hunger" location and/or accompanying my mom as she took her turn collecting recycling in our little hometown. It's also pretty common to have a jar on the table collecting donations for a “special project” – The most recent one was collecting \$900 for a body brace for Bhekani, a young man in rural Eswatini with cerebral palsy and advanced scoliosis. This brace now helps keep his twisted body straighter so he can breathe better.

One year at Thanksgiving my mom gave everyone money to give away by Christmas. “Give it to something or someone in need that you feel passion about and be prepared to share when we get back together at Christmas.” As stories were shared, I was overwhelmed by two things - the glimpses into the hearts of my family members and the collective contribution our variety of gifts made in the world. In some cases, even by grandchildren, donations were expanded and even doubled with their own money!

That was the first year Claire, our then 3-year-old granddaughter, participated in sharing how she chose to give her money. She presented her great grandma with a box of cards received as a thank you from the organization that helps save endangered animals. She proceeded to tell her the name of each animal and how much she liked them and wanted them to stay on the earth. I'm not sure if Claire even knew what the words gratitude and generosity meant yet, but I did know that she was headed into a life that would practice both because of the family in which she was born.

While dying of cancer 27 years ago, “Thank you” was the phrase that my Dad spoke the most – to the personnel from Hospice and to his family and friends who came to visit. He clearly entered the next life filled with gratitude. Mom continues to live this life filled with gratitude and outpouring actions of generosity! For this legacy, I am sincerely grateful. Thank you, Dad and Mom!

Research supports how strongly children are influenced for a lifetime from what they watch their parents and grandparents do and from what they hear them say.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 9
8:30-9:30am (Dine-In)
Free-Will Donation
Support First Lutheran Youth

Menu:
quiche (with ham)
fresh baked sticky buns
& cinnamon rolls
fresh fruit
juices/milk/coffee



Bible Camp

From campfires to conversations, laughter to new experiences, Wapo Camps are places of grace, forming people of faith. Here is a little video about Camp Wapo: <https://vimeo.com/236342998>
First Lutheran believes Bible Camp experience positively impacts faith formation of kids and we encourage parents to send their kids to camp.
We believe this so strongly that we are ready to pay their way minus the deposit.

Completed grades 1-3/June 23-25
Completed grades 4-9/June 25-30
Our specific registration link for First Lutheran/Hayward:
<http://lwlbc.com/first-hayward>
Join the 11 kids from First already registered to attend camp this summer!

Questions or if the deposit payment prevents you from sending your child to camp:
Call/text/email Julie Jolivette
612-210-5327
Julie.jolivette5@gmail.com



COVER GIRLS

April 13th & 20th from 9 am to 11am

Where did the Lutheran World Relief Quilts go in 2022? The quilts made here at First Lutheran are taken to the warehouse in St. Paul, MN. From there the quilts are sent throughout the world. This last year the quilts from Minnesota went to Burkina Faso, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti, Niger, Peru, Sierra Leone, and Tanzania. The other warehouse in the United States is in Maryland, and sends the quilts to other areas of the world. A total of 19 countries received over 220,300 quilts.

When we make and send a Quilt, we are not only comforting someone we have never met but are providing an object that is useful in ways you probably never imagined. In addition to being a cozy, clean new bed cover, it can be:

- a baby carrier, tied around a mother's back;
- a market display, spread on the ground and piled with vegetables;
- a sack for transporting those goods to market;
- a wall in a small living area;
- a sunshade;
- a shawl; and most importantly
- a constant reminder that someone, far away, cares a lot.



We welcome anyone who can thread a needle and tie a knot to join us on the 2nd and 3rd Thursday of every month from 9 am to 11 am. Also, don't forget we can use washable material to make the quilts.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Each year we pick a charity to benefit from our special Lenten offerings which come through our 'coin folders.' The folders are actually designed for dollar bills, but are still called "coin folders". This year's beneficiary is Missionary Aviation Fellowship, which is an agency that serves the world's most isolated areas. Their mission statement is: "Help, Hope, and Healing" for the Isolated. This ministry serves missionaries and workers in some of the world's most geographically isolated areas: areas with terrain so inaccessible that customary transportation cannot serve them. Missionary Aviation Fellowship serves these areas and delivers post, medicine, education materials, and transportation in emergencies, that allows missionaries and other workers to do their good work.

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE WILL MEET APRIL 3 AT 3PM. WE ARE OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS AND NEW IDEAS. WE DO GOOD THINGS!!



Thank you to the blessed members of the First Lutheran Church community who attended Palmer McCoy's funeral, the many wonderful cards received, and the wonderful support, hugs, and prayers bestowed on our family.

In appreciation Fern, Kathy, Allen McCoy, and families.



AN EVANGELICAL MINUTE

Something Worth Sharing

From time to time do you ever read something that you then think to yourself, "This is something that is really worth sharing"? This was the case for me when my daughter shared with me the results of an exercise in her congregation "The Good Word of the Day".

"The Good Word of the Day is WRITE

As a former third-grade teacher, I used to love to teach my kids to write. We used an approach that mimicked what authors do choose a topic, plan your writing, write your piece, make edits as needed, proofread, and publish. What always amazed me is how deeply many of my students could go into their writing. We talked about how good writers wrote from the heart and wrote about things that they knew or had experienced. It brought tears to my eyes to read stories about beloved grandparents who had passed away, a father who was deported, and other topics where students expressed deep feelings, hopes, and fears. All this from eight and nine-year-olds who had found a voice.

Fast forward to three years ago this coming March. My dear mother-in-law had recently been diagnosed with brain cancer, my own mother's health was suffering, and the pandemic began. As with so many, I felt a mix of emotions but was never sure what to do with them. One day I decided, like my third graders, to put a pencil to paper and write. I wrote poetry, I wrote laments, I wrote about the beauty of nature, I wrote prayers ... I just wrote. I poured out my feelings to God. After each piece of writing, I noticed a letting go of fear, anger, unrest, sadness, hopelessness, or confusion. In its place was room for God's peace to grow.

Below is one of the things I wrote during the pandemic. A Lament on JOY (June 16th, 2020)

Where is the joy, Lord, in a world consumed by sickness and hatred? How do you feel joy when you can't put your arms around someone you love or even travel to see them? How long, Lord, will people refuse to love others as you commanded. Teach us to redefine joy as those tiny moments of connection, those little steps toward justice, and those small glimmers of hope.

For you, Lord God, are the one who reminds us through the words of Psalm 30:5 that "weeping may endure for the evening, but joy comes in the morning."

Lately, as things are getting back to "normal" and activities are starting up, I haven't written as much. I definitely felt God gently poking me with a pencil when I read the request for writers for the "Word of the Day." And maybe, just maybe, I've inspired a few of you to put pencil to paper and WRITE".

Kathy Ginsbach

This touched me in more ways than one, for she has always teased me about her writing. How for some reason she was influenced while growing up. I hope you will appreciate my sharing this with you this month.

Dear Father, There are so many ways in which we appreciate you as the center of our lives. Through Your Word, your influence in our lives, and the love you have for all.

In Christ,
Amen

FAITH, FELLOWSHIP & FUN

Skiing

The group will meet every Monday.

The group meets at random locations at 5:30 pm.

Please contact Jim Schreiber



TABLE TALK

Tuesday, April 11th @ 6:30 pm

Where: Church Fellowship Hall

Topic: Whom does forgiveness help more: the forgiven or the forgiver?

Potluck dinner starts at 6:30. Discussion to follow (about 7:15)



Purls of Prayer

Saturday, April 15th @ 9:30am

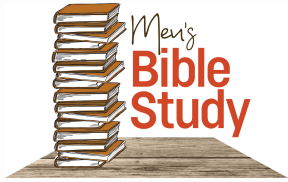
Located in the Church Library

Are you interested in knitting or crocheting prayer shawls or for charity?

Join us each month, no experience is needed. We can provide all supplies and instructions.



SMALL GROUPS & STUDIES



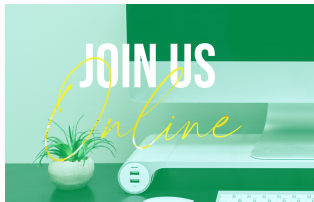
Men's Bible Study
Every Tuesday at 8 am in Fellowship Hall.
Snacks and beverages are provided.
All men are welcome.



Koinonia: A fellowship and community of women.
Topic: DVD & Discussion
Every Tuesday at 8 am in the Church Library.
Bible studies ~ Conversations ~ Connections
All women are welcome.



Adult Faith Forum
10:45 am in Fellowship Hall on Sundays
All are welcome. This year's study will be the scripture readings for the upcoming week's worship.



Online Bible Study is available via Zoom. All are welcome to attend. We will meet on Tuesday nights at 7 pm and Wednesday mornings at 10 am. Explore the Bible in a fun and laid-back way. It will be led by Pastor Joel, with a fantastic discussion.
Zoom link: [Click Here to Join](#) or on our website at – First Lutheran Church www.firstlutheranhaywardwi.org/outreach/virtually



Jubilee Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, April 18th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our leader will be Liz Robbins. All Are Welcome To Join Us. Please call Rhonda Passolt at 715-563-2502 or 715-634-1062 or email passolt0826@yahoo.com with any questions.



Peace Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 11th at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue our study from the "Gather" magazine as our Bible study on the Ten Commandments, Session 4 exploring . All are welcome to join.
Hostess – Linda Napieralski and Bible study leader - Carol Schmidt



Faith Hope and Love Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 11th at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be using the "Gather" magazine as our Bible study this month and next. All are welcome to join. Hostess - Carol Nelson and Bible study leader – Amy McDonald

Women of First Lutheran

Easter is fast approaching as we prepare for Holy Week. It is a special time to remember God's precious gift of salvation and love for us.

One Easter morning when our family traveled to my hometown, I remember a sunrise service at the cemetery of our church. It was a new idea by the young pastor we had at the time. Our cemetery is out in the country where the original "white church" stood on a hill. The new church is in town but the cemetery remains there. It was a simple Easter service with no "hallelujah" singing just a quiet time to watch the sunrise and remember the women who came to Christ's grave only to find Jesus alive! After the service we walked among the stones, remembering our great-grandparents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles. I love the Easter songs and singing hallelujahs but this simple service touched me – it helped me to remember how quietly the first Easter began.

My brother loves to sing and has written a special song about our "White Church on the Hill". Here are parts of that song:

*Are the memories all that remain at this place, Surrounded by stones with dates and names? For this once was the Sunday home to many hearty souls, who lie in silent rows beneath the haze.
Though our time on earth goes swiftly, the love of God goes on through his children of the white church on the hill.
We are children of the white church on the hill.*

May you have a blessed Easter as we remember to carry on the grace and love of God as children of the "white church on the hill".

Christ has risen, He has risen indeed!

Carol Schmidt

You are welcome to join any of the circles, Cover Girls (quilters), Card Ladies, and Purls of Prayer. Please check the "Small Groups & Studies" page.



FIRST FOODIES:

Fruit Dip

1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup butter, softened
1/2 cup marshmallow creme
1 carton (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed
Assorted fresh fruit

In a small bowl, beat cream cheese and butter until smooth.
Beat in marshmallow creme. Fold in whipped topping.
Serve with fruit. Store in the refrigerator.



← CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT OF THE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE →



Over the last five years, we have been improving the worship experience through upgrades in the Sanctuary including technology and lighting. We now have a robust online community served by live videos of Sunday sermons and daily devotions; supported by Zoom meetings, our website, and social media. This meets the needs of our shut-ins whether home-bound, lacking transportation, a pandemic, or due to inclement weather. It has allowed our Snowbirds to stay connected, provided Church seekers a way to check us out, and is a new avenue for our young people to be involved with worship. As an indicator of how important our broadcasts have become, each week at least half of First Lutheran's worship attendance is online vs in-person.

The Audio/Visual Task Force has been working for many months and now the plan has come to fruition. At the end of March, First Lutheran installed upgraded technology in the Sanctuary. It brings together three cameras, a more vibrant projector, and screen, and a centralized computer in the Audio/Visual booth. The new software broadcasts in a modern format that switches between cameras to allow the viewer to see projected slides directly as well as the speaker. It allows the projectionist to be anywhere to create more room for our growing band. It connects The Spirit Within to our in-person and online system. This provides a better viewing experience for worship services, funerals, baptisms, and weddings. We thank the volunteers and staff who have been doing the nerve-racking work of holding together the disparate and sometimes failing technology to make it all work. Now those jobs will become easier.

All this has been possible with a generous bequest and the use of various church reserve funds. Our Council committed to this important upgrade that greatly enhances both the online and in-person worship experience. Now is the time to pay it forward. If you wish, contributions can be made to the Audio/Visual Project. Contributions will reimburse the various reserve funds so that future needs can be met.

Checks can be made out to "First Lutheran Audio/Visual Project" or click the link below for an online giving option. In the dropdown menu select "Audio/Visual Project" or write it in the menu section.
Online Giving at: www.onrealm.org/FirstLutheranCh49566/-/form/give/now

The Love of Our Altar

Eternal Candle Sponsors for April

Randy & Kris Neumann
Carol Nelson
Jan Wege
Nancy Woodbeck

In memory of Harold & Cora Thorson
In memory of my sister in law
In memory of Bert Wege
In memory of Bob Woodbeck

Please sign up on the Eternal Flame clipboard if you wish to be a sponsor.
Please give Tanya the sponsor funds when you sign up.

There is room for more Eternal Candle Sponsors, please sign up and let the office know. Thank you!



Music Ministry.

The Spirit Within

Worships:

Sunday, April 9th, 9:30 am
Saturday, April 22nd, at 5 pm
Sunday, April 23rd, 9:30 am

Practices: Thursdays at 5 pm

Choir:

Worships:

Sunday, April 2nd, 9:30 am
Friday, April 7th, 6 pm
Sunday, April 9th, 9:30 am
Sunday, April 16th, 9:30 am

Rehearsals: Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Chimes:

Rehearsals: Every Wednesday at 5:00 pm starting
April 12th.



April Communion Bread Bakers:

April 1/2:	Maran Bacon
April 6:	Judy Timmerman
April 8/9:	Kay Sieh & Liz Dokkestul
April 15/16:	Pat Olson
April 22/23:	Carol Schmidt
April 29/30:	Sandy Ferris



Lectionary Readings

April 2, 2023: Palm Sunday

Preface: Sunday of the Passion Color: Scarlet or Purple

Prayer of the Day: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name. (Phil. 2:8-9)

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 50:4-9a (The servant of the Lord submits to suffering)

Psalm 31:9-16 (Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5))

Philippians 2:5-11 (Humbled to the point of death on a cross)

Matthew 26:14--27:66 (The passion of the Lord)



April 9, 2023: Easter Day
Preface: Easter Color: White or Gold

Prayer of the Day: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia. (1 Cor. 5:7, 8)

Readings and Psalm

Acts 10:34-43 (God raised Jesus on the third day)

Jeremiah 31:1-6 (alternate) (Joy at the restoration of God's people)

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24))

Colossians 3:1-4 (Raised with Christ to seek the higher things)

Acts 10:34-43 (alternate) (God raised Jesus on the third day)

Matthew 28:1-10 (Proclaim the resurrection)

John 20:1-18 (alternate) (Seeing the risen Christ)



April 16, 2023: Sunday of Easter
Preface: Easter Color: White

Prayer of the Day: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. Alleluia. (John 20:29)

Readings and Psalm

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 (Christ's resurrection: the fulfillment of God's promise to David)

Psalm 16 (In your presence there is fullness of joy. (Ps. 16:11))

1 Peter 1:3-9 (New birth to a living hope through the resurrection)

John 20:19-31 (Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ)

April 23, 2023: Third Sunday of Easter

Preface: Easter Color: White

Prayer of the Day: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures. Alleluia. (Luke 24:32)

Readings and Psalm

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (Receiving God's promise through baptism)

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (I will call on the name of the Lord. (Ps. 116:13))

1 Peter 1:17-23 (Born anew through the living word of God)

Luke 24:13-35 (Eating with the risen Christ)

April 30, 2023: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Preface: Easter Color: White

Prayer of the Day: O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Jesus says, I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia. (John 10:14)

Readings and Psalm

Acts 2:42-47 (The believers' common life)

Psalm 23 (The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1))

1 Peter 2:19-25 (Follow the shepherd, even in suffering)

John 10:1-10 (Christ the shepherd)

FINANCIAL FOCUS

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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Tanya Ullom
Business Manager

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

March Weekly Meal Sponsors:

March 1st:	HAMH/Water's Edge
March 8th:	HAMH/Water's Edge
March 15th:	HAMH/Water's Edge
March 22nd:	HAMH/Water's Edge
March 29nd:	HAMH/Water's Edge



COMMUNITY DINNER

Monthly Overseer:

Maxine Poppe

Thank you!!!

With Deepest Sympathies



Palmer Edward McCoy, 89, passed away on February 20th, 2023 in Hayward, Wisconsin. He was born September 19th, 1933, to parents Dyke and Helen McCoy.

He attended Hillsboro high school where he was voted most athletic, he lettered in baseball, basketball, and football. While in high school he met his wife, Fern Kahler. They married on September 3rd, 1955 in Hillsboro Wisconsin. He attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison and graduated in Spring of 1956. While attending university he enlisted in ROTC. After graduation he served four years of active duty in the US Air Force. He then served in the Air National Guard for over 30 years and

at retirement he was the District Director and a full professor.

In retirement Palmer spent his summers on Round Lake in Hayward and winters in Englewood Florida. He and Fern enjoyed golfing and he was very proud of the fact that he got a hole in one on four separate occasions. He was active in the Lutheran church in both Florida and Hayward. He served as President of First Lutheran Church of Hayward for several years. An avid outdoorsman he took satisfaction in hunting in the fall and winter. He was always quick with a joke and approached life with a simplistic and straightforward outlook.

He is preceded in death by his parents Dyke and Helen McCoy, and his sisters Rosemary Holak and Sandra Kurtz.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Fern, of 67 years and his children Kathy McCoy, (Peter Sievert) and Allen McCoy (Maureen); grandchildren Paul and David Sievert, Samantha (Joseph), Brady, and Catrina McCoy.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at First Lutheran Church, 10680 Main Street in Hayward, where visitation was held from 1:00 P.M. until the hour of the service. Interment will be held privately.



Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday
8:30—4:00
Friday
8:30—12:00

Weekly Bulletin:

If you would like to submit
information for the weekly
bulletin, it is due to
the church office by **4:00pm**
each Tuesday

First Word:

ALL ARTICLES for the First Word
newsletter are to be sent to
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by **4:00pm on April 15th for**
the May First Word

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"Day 1" Radio Ministry.

"Day 1", a voice of mainline Christian Churches, presents messages by clergy representing mainline Christian faiths, including those of the ELCA. Peter Wallace, host for each broadcast, facilitates discussion with clergy on timely topics. This radio ministry reaches our shut-ins, visitors to the area, and others for whom regular worship and Church affiliation are not a part of their daily lives. The cost per broadcast is \$30.

We have First Lutheran members sponsor the "Day 1" weekly segments on radio station WRLS-FM (92.3). These segments air at 8:30am every Sunday. The sponsorship of a broadcast may be in honor of a person, or special occasion, or in memory of a loved one and is open to all.



Day 1 Sponsors:

April 9
April 23

in memory of Don Harms by Judy and Family
in memory of Doug Wikum and Bill and Diane Weinstock by Jane and Family

Our Caring Prayers:

Care Centers:

Aspen Acres
10214 Rock Creek Rd
Hayward, WI 54843

- *Sharron Probyn*
- *Rose Frisch*

Care Partners Assisted Living
15497 Pinewood Drive
Hayward, WI 54843

Hayward Health Center
10775 Nyman Avenue
Hayward, WI 54843

- *Liz Webber*
- *Janis Bergum*
- *Joanne Lamphear*

Country Terrace
10260 White Birch Lane
Hayward, WI 54843

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11044 N State Rd 77
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Care Center:

- *Ralph and Carol Cornell*
- *Colleen Moreland*

Assisted Living:

- *Karen Luebke*
- *Dennis Marquardt*
- *Gene Nelson*
- *Henry Aukee*
- *Fern McCoy*
- *Barb Klippel*
- *Jane Wikum*

Chronic & Long-term Illness:

John Jaeckel *Anna Suzan*
Don Sheehan *Dawn Saxum*
Kay Edwards

Please Pray For:

John Schuenzel
Phil Pierce
Rosalie Schreiber
Will Wege
Pastor Mike Pancoast
John Malchow
Terrell Boettcher
Dawn Saxum



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF COFFEE

LWR coffee is available for purchase

Coffee choices include:

- Dark Roast - Whole Bean
- Dark Roast - Ground
- Medium Roast - Whole Bean
- Medium Roast - Ground
- Decaffeinated - Ground
- Hazelnut-Ground

Stop by First Lutheran for your coffee fix...anytime during office hours.

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Daniel Beckman	Rocky Mulligan
Terrell Boettcher	Matthew Neff
Hayley Braun	Jeff Reiche
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Ralph Cornell	John Rusch
Addison Domagala	Cole Schobert
Nils Eckstrom	Howard Sieh
Rick Filter	Ed Simons
Karen Giese	Dante Snider
Lori Good	LeAnne Stamp
Tysa Goold	Mike Stamp
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Laurie Jacobs	Shirley Tiffany
Donna Jacobson	Marlene Tremblay
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Ben Laberee	Jeanne Urban
Krystina Laberee	Bob Von Arb
Abigail Larson	Laura Weber
Jill Larson	Shannon White
Louden Lohman	Luke Yackel
Corrine Malcolm	Erica Young
Thomas Malcolm	
Denise Marquardt	
Colleen Moreland	
June Mueller	



APRIL



Bob & Pam McClelland
John & Susan Pahn
Brandon & Jessica Sams
Bill & Susan Vortanz

Happy
Anniversary

Each month we take a moment to celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries of our friends at First Lutheran. Let's take this time to pray for joyful birthdays and anniversaries. Please do not call the office for actual dates or ages.

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
26		27		28		29		30		Mar 31		1	3pm Wedding 5pm Worship
2		3		4		5		6		7		8	
Palm Sunday		7:30am Online Devotion 3pm Outreach Committee Meeting 5pm Property Committee 5:30pm Skiing		7:30am Online Devotion 8am Koinonia 8am Men's Bible Study 9:45am Music & Worship 3pm Terrific Tuesdays 7pm Zoom Bible Study		7:30am Online Devotion 10am Zoom Bible Study 5pm Community Supper 6pm Choir Practice		Maundy Thursday 7:30am Online Devotion 9:45am Nursing Home Worships 4pm Spirit Within 6pm Worship 7:30pm AA		Good Friday 7:30am Online Devotion 6pm Worship		Vigil of the Resurrection 5pm Worship	
9		10		11		12		13		14		15	
Easter		Office Closed		7:30am Online Devotion 10am Peace Circle 1:30pm Faith, Hope & Love Circle 3pm Terrific Tuesdays 6:30pm Table Talk		7:30am Online Devotion 10am Zoom Bible Study 5pm Chimes Practice 5pm Community Supper 6pm Choir Practice 6pm Confirmation 7pm High School Youth Group		7:30am Online Devotion 9am Cover Girls 1pm Grief Support Monthly 1pm Grief Support Weekly 5pm Spirit Within 7:30pm AA		7:30am Online Devotion 1pm Pages for Paws		9:30am Purls of Prayer 5pm Worship	
16		17		18		19		20		21		22	
9:30am Worship 10:30am Assisting Minister Meeting 7pm NA		7:30am Online Devotion 5:30pm Skiing 6:30pm Children, Youth and Family Meeting		7:30am Online Devotion 8am Koinonia 8am Men's Bible Study 3pm Terrific Tuesdays 6pm Jubilee Circle 7pm Zoom Bible Study		7:30am Online Devotion 10am Zoom Bible Study 5pm Chimes Practice 5pm Community Supper 6pm Choir Practice 6pm Confirmation 7pm High School Youth Group		7:30am Online Devotion 9am Cover Girls 1pm Grief Support Weekly 5pm Spirit Within 7:30pm AA		7:30am Online Devotion		5pm Worship	
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Worship With Us!
Saturdays: 5 pm
Sundays: 9:30* am
***Live on Facebook**
Everyone is Welcome!

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