

The First Word

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

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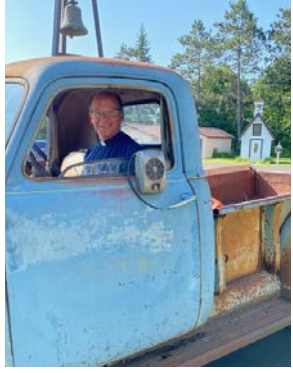
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Church Office closed on
Monday, July 3rd, and Tuesday, July 4th.



First Lutheran Church Hayward, Wisconsin



From the Pastor's Desk

Stanley Kramer, the producer and director of *The Defiant Ones*, *Judgment at Nuremberg*, and *Inherit the Wind*, all heavy movies, wanted to make a movie about the toxic and infectious nature of greed.

The result was the Script: *It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World*. It did not start as a comedy farce but it quickly became that and he quickly started recruiting the comedians of that age to, frankly, be themselves, to use the script as a launch pad for their silliness. Only, he completely whiffed on something. The most popular comedian of that moment he completely forgot about when he went out to recruit. He himself would go to this comedian's shows but when it came time to recruit people for this 1963 movie that became a classic the hottest comedian in entertainment was invisible. It was Don Rickles. Stanley Kramer wanted us to laugh at ourselves. The basis of Rickles' humor was to laugh at others. Rickles' humor genre was insults. He learned that people liked how he handled hecklers more than his prepared material so he just jumped right in and made his whole show about insulting others – laughing at people. It is a verbal form of bullying. Kramer, deep down a decent person, sub-consciously steered away from Don Rickles and his 'humor.'

Insults are the comedy version of self-righteousness as we insult people we feel superior to. I went to the North Star Comedy Hour at the Park Center on June 17th and laughed quite a bit over the course of two hours it was fun and cathartic and, I dare say, healthy. Why healthy? Because we laughed at ourselves. Mary and Tim's comedy draws attention to the human condition we all share together and, in laughing about it, it becomes less threatening and maybe a little more easily fixable. Mary and Tim's humor made me love life more.

There are churches that spend a lot of time talking about what is wrong with THEM. And there are churches that spend more time talking about what is wrong with US. I pray we are the latter. The one condition we all share is that we are sinners who fear the grave. The other condition we share is that we are drawn to love. God calls us to simply go out in the world with forgiveness and eternal life and the command to love. Not ridicule. Not judge. Not turn our sanctuary into a 'clean room' where the filth of the world is kept out. To accept that God loves all and that God's Spirit has gone out to all flesh for the love of the world to be shown.

I hope our Church makes people feel accepted and love life more.

In Christ,
Pr Joe

Memorial & Endowment Notes:

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



We are happy to report that funds from the memorial fund were used to provide financial support to the playground project. It was fun to watch the kids run around and enjoy all the new equipment at the dedication. It is with your generous donations that we were able to contribute to this effort.

The next committee meeting will be on Wednesday, August 9th at 4:15. If you have any projects, you would like considered, please complete the application before August 2nd. The application process is quick and easy. You can complete the request online or simply write a letter and drop it off at the church office.

We thank those who have given so generously to the Memorial and Endowment funds and we will continue to invest and provide financial support to projects and individuals from the earnings. Memorial envelopes can be found in the pews or church office.

Columbarium/Memorial Wall Update:

There have been many changes recently. Cement work for the sidewalk, patio area, and pad for two columbariums has been completed. Only one pad will be used at this time, with the other pad being ready for a future columbarium to be installed when needed. At this time there are 13 niches sold. The Columbarium is scheduled to arrive in late summer or early fall. Also, the memorial plaques are soon to be mounted on the church wall. This is an exciting time, and thoughts and prayers are needed.



Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, July 23rd
(following the 9:30 am worship service)



Committee and Task Force reports for the July Semi-Annual Meeting of the congregation are due by the end of the day, Wednesday, July 5th. Remember, the January meeting is mostly about budget and the July meeting is mostly about reports and electing leadership.

COMMUNITY PARK THANK YOUS

First Lutheran Community Park Dedication June 4th!

Huge and sincere thanks to the incredible team of Cheryl Treland, Kris Neumann, Linda Treland, Sari Torstenson, and Trisha Brassill-Domagala. (Not pictured: Jeff Reiche)



May this community park be blessed by the joy and delight of play and physical activity.

May it connect all who use it with God, the source of all goodness and love.



Dear First Lutheran Members and Friends,

Following our June 4th dedication of the revitalized First Lutheran Community Park, we continue to feel blessed with the outpouring of support by members and friends throughout the last year.

With your support our team was able to kick off the project, raise funds, and acquire and install the new park equipment in just under a year. It's been an inspiring and amazing process to be a part of and an honor to witness the generosity of our wider community.

We truly hope you all have fun with the new park and invite your family and friends to enjoy it as well.

Thank you all, once again, for your partnership!

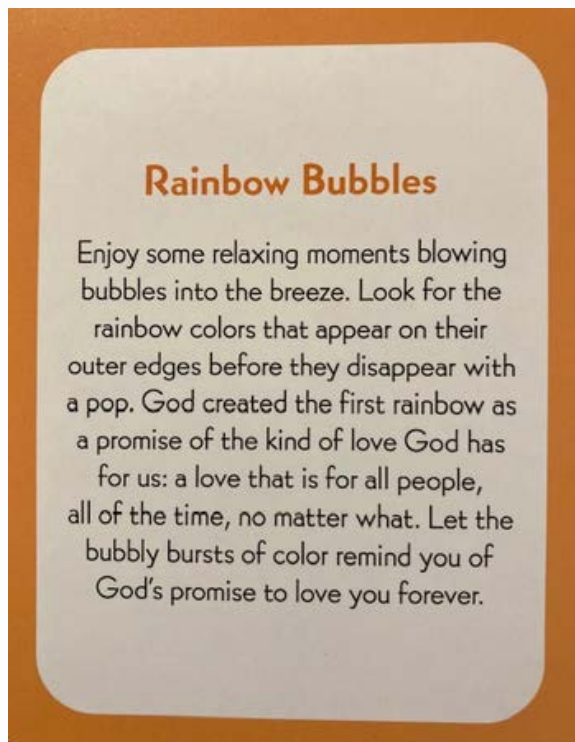
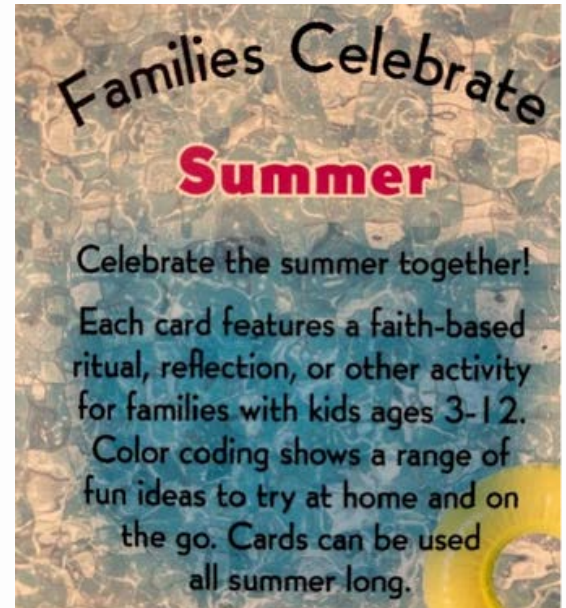
Kris, Sari, Cheryl, Jeff, Trisha, Linda, and Victoria



CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Children, Youth & Family Summer Prayer Requests

- May our busy families make opportunities to play together and refresh their spirits together over the summer.
- May the "Families Celebrate Summer Cards" bring blessings when used.
- May our kids who attend Bible Camp continue to shine like stars and reflect God's love in the world all year long.
- May Julie, Pastor, Jill, Jeff, Bob and Dave be given extra wisdom and guidance as they re-imagine Confirmation at First Lutheran.
- May God nudge the heart of someone who loves youth and God to step forward to help Julie with our High School Youth Group.
- May the 2023-24 Terrific Tuesday Schedule come together in a way that best honors and engages our young families.



As we were browsing all the cards and reading some, the kids gravitated towards Rainbow Bubbles because they just got some for end of school baskets. They had fun trying to find the rainbows in the sunshine before they popped. I'm sure we will be asked a lot which cards we can do and when. So fun!
Ashley Montroy

FAITH, FELLOWSHIP & FUN

BIKING

The group will meet every Monday.

The group meets at random locations at 5:00 pm.

Please contact Jim Schreiber



TABLE TALK

No table talk in July.



Purls of Prayer

Saturday, July 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.

COVER GIRLS

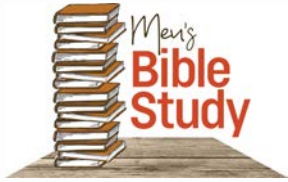
July 13th & 20th from 9 am to 11 am

When we make and send a Quilt, we are not only comforting someone we have never met, but 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 sunshade;
- a shawl; and most importantly
- a constant reminder that someone, far away, cares a lot.



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.



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 does not meet in the summer. Jubilee will start up again in September. Jubilee Circle meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm. Please contact Rhonda Passolt with any questions at 715-563-2502, 715-634-1062, or passolt0826@yahoo.com.



First Lutheran Church Women are all encouraged to attend our July Summer Supper Gathering on Tuesday, July 18th at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish, salad or dessert to share with others. Betty Beckman will share her recent experiences in Germany where Martin Luther lived, worked and traveled! Guests are welcome!



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Women of First Lutheran

Sometimes there are no words

I recently read an article that included Roman 8:26: "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that the very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words."

Many times we are faced with situations where there are no words. I remember a good friend who had a son the same age as our son. They were best buddies! Her son developed a difficult health issue in junior high - anorexia. It was unusual for a boy and someone that young. We would go for walks and pray but many times there just were no words. Why? What to do for him? Which doctors to trust?

May we remember that the Spirit surrounds us in love even when we don't know how to pray or which way to turn.

It is these times in our life when we rely on the Spirit to intercede for us and prays for what we need when we have "no words".

May the Spirit guide you on your life journey,
Carol Schmidt



First Lutheran Church Women

AN EVANGELICAL MINUTE A MATTER OF CHOICE

Summer Supper Gathering

Join us for

**"Walking in Martin
Luther's Footsteps"**

On

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

at 5:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite dish, salad, or dessert to share with others. Betty Beckman will share her recent experiences in Germany where Luther lived, worked and traveled! Guests are welcome!

If we stop and think about it, our lives are a matter of choices along the way from youth to and through our golden years. Most choices were fairly meaningless, such as when asked as a youngster, "which color balloon do you like best?" All the way to "Mom & Dad, Doug has asked me to marry him, and my answer is "YES". This is one of our most important choices.

We make choices about what we will buy grocery-wise, as it leads to what we will prepare to eat at that particular time, choices. We choose restaurants for their menu choices. We chose our clothing with color, style, and store choices involved.

And then there are the all-important choices before us as people of faith. For example, we have opportunities to form new friendships from time to time. And we always have choices to be kind and helpful to others when possible. These are very good and important choices to make.

Holy Father, we ask your help with our life challenge of choices. We love you forever more.

In Christ,

Amen

The Love of Our Altar

Eternal Candle Sponsors for July

Dave & Linda Napieralski
Carol Nelson
Dick Gillis
Nels & Betty Beckman

In memory of our parents
In memory of Mark Nelson
In memory of Shirley Gillis
In memory of our parents

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

Practices: Thursdays at 4:30 pm

Choir:

Worships:

Sunday, July 2nd, 9:30 am
Sunday, July 16th, 9:30 am

Rehearsals: Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm



July Communion Bread Bakers:

July 1/2:	Liz Dokkestul
July 8/9:	Michelle Forrester
July 15/16:	Shara Fredrickson
July 22/23:	Lori Labaree
July 29/30:	Georgia Frye



Lectionary Readings

July 2, 2023: 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Preface: Sundays Color: Green

Prayer of the Day: O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Alleluia. (1 Peter 2:9)

Readings and Psalm

Jeremiah 28:5-9 (The test of a true prophet)

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 (Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing. (Ps. 89:1))

Romans 6:12-23 (No longer under law but under grace)

Matthew 10:40-42 (Welcome Christ in those he sends)



July 9, 2023: 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Preface: Sundays Color: Green

Prayer of the Day: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed these things to infants. Alleluia. (Matt. 11:25)

Readings and Psalm

Zechariah 9:9-12 (The king will come in humility and peace)

Psalm 145:8-14 (The Lord is gracious and full of compassion. (Ps. 145:8))

Romans 7:15-25a (The struggle within the self)

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 (The yoke of discipleship)



July 16, 2023: 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Preface: Sundays Color: Green

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. The word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart. Alleluia. (Deut. 30:14)

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 55:10-13 (The growth of the word to accomplish God's purpose)

Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13 (Your paths overflow with plenty. (Ps. 65:11))

Romans 8:1-11 (Live according to the Spirit)

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (The parable of the sower and the seed)

July 23, 2023: 8th Sunday after Pentecost
Preface: Sundays Color: Green

Prayer of the Day: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. My word shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. Alleluia. (Isa. 55:11)

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 44:6-8 (There is no other God than the Lord)

Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 (alternate) (God's sovereignty: both righteous and forbearing)

Psalms 86:11-17 (Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth. (Ps. 86:11))

Romans 8:12-25 (The revealing of the children of God)

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (The parable of the weeds)



July 30, 2023: 9th Sunday after Pentecost
Preface: Sundays Color: Green

Prayer of the Day: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Many will come from east and west and will eat in the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia. (Matt. 8:11)

Readings and Psalm

1 Kings 3:5-12 (Solomon's prayer for wisdom)

Psalms 119:129-136 (When your word is opened, it gives light and understanding. (Ps. 119:130))

Romans 8:26-39 (Nothing can separate us from God's love)

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (Parables of the reign of heaven)



FINANCIAL FOCUS

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GIVING TO THE LORD'S
WORK THROUGH FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Tanya Ullom
Business Manager

thank you

Many thanks to Linda Graham for all the times
you have stepped up to be a communion
assistant at a moment's notice. You're truly
appreciated!

Patty Treland
Volunteer Coordinator

Council Seats



There are 4 seats that are expiring on the Council. Each Council member serves a 3-year term. You do not have to be at every meeting in order to serve on the Council. It is understood that members might have to miss on occasion. The Council meets on the second Monday of every month at 5:30 pm. The meeting generally takes 1 hour. If you would like to serve on First Lutheran Church's Council, please give your name to Tanya in the office. All of the names will be presented and voted on at the annual meeting.

The annual meeting is on July 23, 2023. We hope you will prayerfully consider being on the ballot. If you have any questions, please contact Randy Neumann or Rhonda Passolt.

Church
COUNCIL



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE--FUNERAL COMMITTEE: As a service to First Lutheran families at the time of the death of a family member, a meal is often served after the funeral or memorial service. We are seeking to add to our volunteer list in serving these meals with anyone over the age of 16 – men and women. You will be added to our email list and when there is a meal to be served a request for volunteers is sent out. You can then sign-up if available for the job or time slot of your choice. There are several jobs including set-up, serving, clearing tables, and dishwashing. Please contact Kay Sieh at siehkay@gmail.com or call/text her at 715-558-6563 if you are interested or have questions about serving with this group.



Thank you to Patti Nier, Tammy Vergeront, Kim Molitor, and Rhonda Passolt for helping pick up garbage. They picked up from Ranger Station Road to Carol Drive on Highway 27 South. Thank you for helping keep God's earth clean. Cheers!



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
Tanya Ullom
by **4:00pm on July 15th for**
the August 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:

July 9
July 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

Water's Edge
11044 N State Rd 77
Hayward, WI 54843

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
John Malchow



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.

2023 July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	Jun 30	1 5pm Worship
2 9:30am Worship 7pm NA	3 Office Closed 7:30am Online Devotion 5pm Biking	4 Office Closed 7:30am Online Devotion	5 7:30am Online Devotion 5pm Community Supper 6pm Choir Rehearsal	6 7:30am Online Devotion 4:30pm Spirit Within Rehearsal 7:30pm AA	7 7:30am Online Devotion	8 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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