

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



As I held my 28-hour-old granddaughter I wondered what I have wondered before: Who'd do this? We know better. Animals are products of lust and overwhelming hormones and such; we are thinking creatures. Little Lyla, like every human baby, is so vulnerable. The human baby is the most vulnerable of all creatures with a big head and tiny limbs and unable to fend for itself for many years. And as physically vulnerable as Lyla is we who already love her, mom and dad, siblings, grandparents, aunts, and uncles, we are vulnerable because our hearts can be ripped right out of us if something were to happen to this precious bundle. Again, who'd do this?

God, that's who.

We celebrate the incarnation at Christmas. That is the in-the-flesh-ness of God. God who is omniscient (all-knowing) and omnipotent (all-powerful) and omnipresent (everywhere always at once) would, with all those cards to play, choose vulnerability.

That is what love is – to be vulnerable. It is in being vulnerable that we develop friendships and loves, it is the ultimate in vulnerable to marry and create a new life. It is, in short, vulnerability that makes us most alive. When we can most be devastated is when we are the most alive.

We are not creatures of lusts and hormones like the animal world. Nor are we logical processors, human computers using our vast intellect to arrive at pure logic. We are drawn into the world of emotions and vulnerability because it is there, not in completing quadratic equations, but in giving ourselves away to each other, that we are most alive.

Holding our little Lyla I was reminded again that the core of Christmas and all the buildup to it is that God chose vulnerability. God chose love. God didn't have to – being omniscient and omnipotent and eternal has its benefits – but God did. Amazing.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "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.



The Power of the Endowment

Supporting the First Lutheran Endowment Fund is one of the best ways you can ensure that our church's mission and vision will thrive for years to come.

Contributing to the Endowment Fund is a way to be a sound financial steward of God's gifts because, in so doing, you give a portion of what you have back to God. Your gifts will be invested and only the earnings will be spent on church, social, and community needs. Consider a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA. Talk to your tax advisor regarding this and other options for tax advantages. A gift to the Endowment Fund qualifies for a current income tax charitable deduction and for an estate tax deduction. The Endowment Funds envelopes are in the church pews or available in the church office.

Following are some examples of recently distributed gifts:

Lutheran World Relief, Area Food Shelves, ALS Association, Operation Christmas, Senior Resource Center Programs, Educational Scholarships, Disaster Relief Programs, Area Shelters, and Social Concerns

Thank you for considering a gift to this fund.

The Memorial & Endowment Committee

AN EVANGELICAL MINUTE A FRIGHTENING COMBINATION

Turning on our televisions of late brings a frightening combination of the current results of an ongoing war steaming from the hatred between peoples. There is especially sadness for it is occurring in Israel, Jesus's home country, and its neighbor country, Gaza.

Unfortunately, hatred occurs in other aspects of our daily lives, but not to such an intensity. It is something as believers that we need to be ready to do something about. We need to remember to care about our fellow man, not HATE! Hatred does nothing, but be an a caustic experience for us. So let us remember as we live our lives, to love one another as Jesus loves us!!

Heavenly Father, we pray for peace once more for the middle East, remembering war is not what you have in mind for us. We thank you for your loving care.

In Christ,
Amen

Columbarium/Memorial Wall Update:

The FLC Columbarium Committee has accepted delivery of the first of two columbarium structures in the Memorial Wall and Gardens area, and brick trim work will be completed in November. A number of memorial plaques have already been installed on the exterior wall of the Church, and the concrete walkways and footings are completed. We look forward to the eventual expansion and beautification of this new addition to our Church home.

The Committee now seeks to expand the sale of niches to our member families. We understand that the cost of \$2,900 (joint) or \$2,700 (single) for each niche is a significant expense, and we are searching for a new approach for those who wish to reserve a niche with a smaller upfront commitment, with the balance to follow at the time of passing. In this way, individuals create a plan for the perpetual care of their ashes within the bounds of their Church home. With a payment of \$1,000 upfront, a niche space will be guaranteed with the understanding that the estate would follow through on the niche purchase at the time of death of either or both parties.

This approach may appeal to those individuals and families who would prefer to keep financial resources intact during their lifetime; yet, they want to make their plans for interment clear to their family and executor. It should be noted that the \$1,000 deposit is non-refundable, the niche space will be held for up to three years from the date of death, and the \$1,000 deposit would be credited towards the then current niche price, which could be higher than the current level of \$2,900 (joint) and \$2,700 (single).

If this option is appealing to you, we encourage you to take the following steps:

- Discuss your plan with family and executor.
- Complete an application, available from the committee, for a niche reservation.
- Deposit \$1,000 with the Columbarium Committee to hold a niche space.

Depending upon individual circumstances, the option described above may be helpful to some of our Church families who are searching for the right planning solution to meet their needs. We would be happy to answer any questions that you may have, and we ask for your prayerful consideration of a space in the First Lutheran Church Columbarium.

Faithfully,

Bob Badal, Kathy and Jerry Rasmussen, Pastor Joel, Betty Beckman, and John and Carole Rusch

Poinsettias: the Church will have 30 poinsettias for sale which will be used to decorate for Christmas Eve worships. They are 7 ½ inches and they will be available for \$20 a piece. Any extra proceeds from the poinsettia sales will go to the Hayward Community Food Shelf. Thirty Envelopes for payment and to designate memory and honor will be printed up and available for the first three weekends of Advent, November 25-December 10.





Worship Schedule FOR Christmas

Be sure to join us on Christmas Eve as we celebrate the arrival of Jesus Christ, Our Lord, and Savior.

Family Friendly Worship Service: **4pm**
Candlelight Worship Service: **7 pm**

Bring your family and hold close to the birth of Christ!

Please check out the crafts for sale in Tanya's office and will be in the Narthex throughout this month. My 80 year old mother makes all of them! She appreciates all of your support!

Tanya Ullom
Business Manager



The beautiful Christmas Cards, created by our Card Ladies are on display and available to purchase in the Narthex! Stop by the card rack and check them out!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER



November Weekly Meal Sponsors:

November 1st:	St. Joseph Church
November 8th:	Ascension Church
November 15th:	Hayward Lions Club
November 22nd:	JoEllyn Mulligan
November 29th:	JoEllyn Mulligan

Monthly Overseer:

JoEllyn Mulligan

Thank you!!!



Scandinavian Dinner Thank yous & Notes

2023 Scandinavian Dinner

It was a fabulous evening enjoying a Scandinavian Dinner! There were 238 tickets sold with 18 being take-out.

Our chairpersons stepped right into dinner mode and created a wonderful and successful dinner. It was much easier to find volunteers this year and for that we are beyond grateful.

A big Thank you to the following for their continuous leadership and heading up all the facets that are needed to put on such a great event.

Publicity – Sue Reinardy, Tickets - Kris Treland-Neumann , Bake Sale – Donna Gilbertson/Connie Schield, Meatballs – Jeff Hubbard, Decorating - Gwen Mickelson, Lutefisk-Linda Treland, Rice Pudding – Pat Olson, Cranberry Relish – Gwen Mickelson, Kitchen – Kathy McCoy/Amy Mc Donald, Finance – Maxine Poppe, Desserts/ Breads – Kaye Cammack, Dining Room - Rhonda Passolt, Lefse – Sue Reinardy/Pastor Bacon

We have many people who make this event happen behind the scenes:

Dave Jacobsen for supplying us with the delicious Lingonberries

Pat Day for the wonderful Rye Bread

Thrivent, Walmart, Kwik Trip for their wonderful donation.

Norske Nook for the Krumkake

Treland Resorts for the use of their equipment to cook the lutefisk

The many volunteers that work in each department.

Our very talented musicians, Patty, and Joey

Our awesome staff, Tanya, Ray, Julie, Patty, and Pastor Joel.

Each year our processes get tuned up a bit, making the overall event more efficient. It is a pleasure to work with such hardworking and gracious people, you all make my job easy!

God's Blessings to all, Kris Treland-Neumann, Chair

Thank you so much to my outstanding dining room team! You were a big part of why the overall experience of this year's Scandinavian Dinner was wonderful for all our guests. Special thanks to:

Tom Matthiae, Mary Doig, Mary Marienfeld, Karyn Tiffany, Kim Molitor, Bill Olson, Patti and Scott Nier, Georgia Frye, Janet Rivard, Gwen Mickelson, Randy and BJ Schwartzhoff, Erinn Bratley, Marlo Schield, Janet Narveson, Liz Robbins, Mary Just, Sue and Jeff Schneeman, and Dave VanLandschoot.

Special THANKS to our pianists who offered a festive atmosphere the minute our guests arrived in the Narthex. Patty VanLandschoot and Joey Falch
God Bless You All
Rhonda Passolt – Dining Room Chairperson



The Outreach Community and the area Primary Schools thank you for the underwear etc. that you donated in September and October .

They were appreciated !!

THANK YOU

To all our good friends at First Lutheran.
Who helped us find a new owner for our puppy,
Who helped transport us to and from Duluth,
Who provided us with food and fellowship as we went through and recovered from our surgeries.
Your help, thoughts, and prayers were much appreciated during these last few weeks.
John and Carole Rusch



We recognize these Altar Guild members who have retired this year:

Bonnie Larsen, Kathy Rasmussen, and Nancy Woodbeck.

Thank you and we appreciate your many years of service.



I want to thank you for giving your time to help out at First Lutheran Church worship services!
You are a blessing to this Church and me. I appreciate the willingness, energy and talent you shared these past 8 years. As this year ends, a new one begins. May you find spiritual peace and joy.

God's Blessings to all.

Merry Christmas
Patty Treland



Operation Christmas 2023

OPERATION CHRISTMAS 2023 is underway once again this year. First Lutheran Church along with United Methodist Church and Ascension Episcopal Church will be working together to help make a blessed Christmas for 210 families again this year. Each family will receive the following: a tote/basket filled with nonperishable food items like peanut butter, cereal, etc.; a holiday pie, fudge, a ham, a bag of potatoes and carrots, frozen hamburger, coupons for milk and eggs, and fresh fruit (apples, oranges, and bananas.). In addition, each child in the family is provided a gift. This is truly a blessed Christmas for those who receive these baskets.

We will still be providing cookies for shut-ins. Cookies can be dropped off at church on Sunday, December 17th. No nuts and please follow good hygiene practices.

We will begin taking telephone calls and completing request forms for food boxes November 20th and the last day to take requests is December 6th. Call center hours are 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Call 715-634-2141. Distribution this year will again be curbside: Friday, December 15th, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM and Saturday, December 16th, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

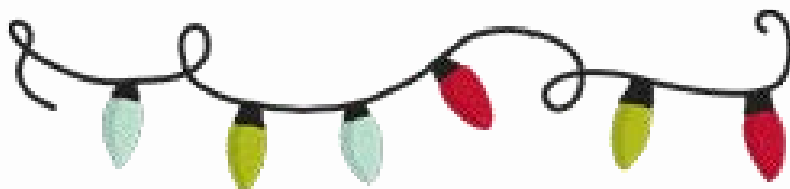
Since we are able to purchase food through Feed My People at a much lower price, we are asking you to consider a monetary donation to be used to purchase the food items for the baskets.

The Operation Christmas Bulletin Board will be in the First Lutheran Church narthex. It will have red and green tree tags for the gifts for the children (\$15-\$20 each) through grade 12.

Please take the tags, purchase, and wrap the gifts, and tape the tags back on the gift. Alternatively, we will be happy to mail trees to anyone who wants to save a trip into town to pick them up – just call First Lutheran during call center operation hours and they will be sent to you. Monetary donations are always welcome (let us do your shopping for you). Gifts can then be placed in the designated box in the narthex. Because of size variation, clothes are not recommended. Gift cards are a great idea for teens.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- DONATE CASH TO OPERATION CHRISTMAS FOR FOOD PURCHASES
- BUY AND WRAP GIFTS FOR CHILDREN OR DONATE FUNDS AND LET US DO YOUR SHOPPING FOR YOU.
- BRING IN NEW HATS AND MITTENS (NO SCARVES PLEASE)
- VOLUNTEER BY SIGNING UP TO WORK
- BAKE COOKIES
- INCLUDE FIRST LUTHERAN, UNITED METHODIST, AND ASCENSION EPISCOPAL OUTREACH PROJECT IN YOUR PRAYERS.



Hayward Churches: First Lutheran Church, United Methodist Church, and Ascension Episcopal Church present:

Operation Christmas

Providing food baskets and children's gifts to families in need.

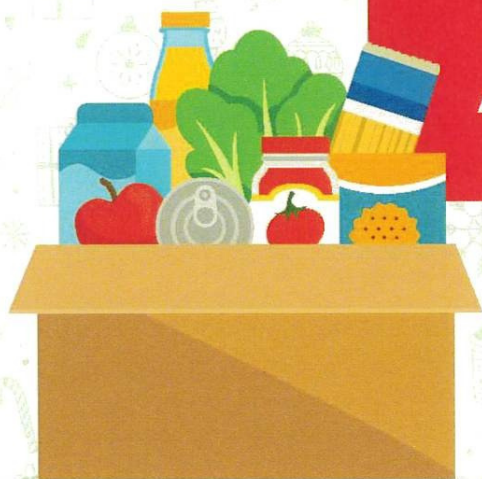
REQUEST FOR YOUR FAMILY OR A FAMILY IN NEED:
Monday, November 20 - Wednesday, December 6
(Closed for Thanksgiving on Nov 23 & 24)

Call: 715-634-2141
Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

CURB-SIDE BASKET/GIFT PICK-UPS:
Friday, December 15 • 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday, December 16 • 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

CASH DONATIONS CAN BE MADE TO:

First Lutheran Church,
United Methodist, or
Ascension Episcopal Church
in Hayward



CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

**"Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and love your neighbor as yourself."
MY LIFE COUNTS!**

We confirmed, commissioned and celebrated Tara, Sam, Trevor & Jack on Oct. 29th!



6th Grade Confirmation distributed candy at Trunk or Treat on Oct. 31st.



Youth Group made fleece tie blankets for chemotherapy patients on Nov. 8th.



On Nov. 15th, 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation had engaging discussion about why Jesus went to hell after he died on the cross.



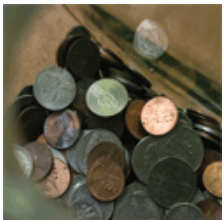
CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Terrific Tuesday Kids have been preparing for the Dec. 10th Christmas Pageant when they get to tell the story of Jesus coming to earth as a baby.



SAVE THE DATE!

**Dec. 10th; 9:30am during worship at First Lutheran
"O Come Let Us Adore Him" Christmas Pageant
Remember your coins for the noisy can offering.**



FAITH, FELLOWSHIP & FUN

BIKING/HIKING

The group will meet every Monday.

The group meets at random locations at 5:00 pm.
Please contact Jim Schreiber



TABLE TALK

Tuesday, December 12th @ 6:30 pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

Topic: Are emotionality and rationality mutually exclusive or should coexist?

Potluck at 6:30 pm discussion follows



Purls of Prayer

No meeting in December

Saturday, January 20th @ 9:30am

Located in the Church Library

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

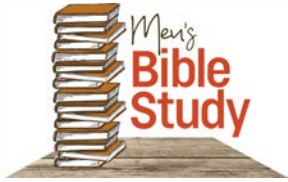
Join us each month, no experience is needed. We can provide all supplies and instructions.

COVER GIRLS

Will not meet in December



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 9:30 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 ringing bells for the Salvation Army on Tuesday, December 19th at 5 pm in lieu of their regular bible study. The group will meet at Rhonda Passolt's home for a Christmas social after the bell ringing. If you have an interest in joining Jubilee Circle to ring bells, please contact Rhonda Passolt at 715-563-2502 or passolt0826@yahoo.com.



Peace Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 12th at 10:00 am in the Church Library. We will use the Bible study in the December issue of the "Gather" magazine, "Holy Places". Please invite a friend or a new member to join us. All are welcome!
Hostess – Carol Schmidt and Bible study leader - Linda Napieralski



Faith Hope and Love Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 12th at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be using the "Gather" magazine as our Bible study. All are welcome to join. Hostess - Amy McDonald and Bible study leader – Georgia Frye

Women of First Lutheran

Comfort Food

We all have certain meals or dishes that bring back memories – comfort food.

During Covid my son called up for a recipe that I used to make when he was much younger. It was not a special secret recipe. In fact we called it “cabbage stuff” but it was comfort food for him!

My sister and our families started gathering for a Scandinavian dinner (yes we even had lutefisk!) to celebrate my mom and dad’s birthdays (December 2 and 3). Now as we gather in early December it is a “comfort” meal that still connects us with the parents that are no longer with us. Some would call it a tradition!

Communion is also “comfort” food as we remember together that we are one body in Christ. We remember what Christ has done for us as we eat the bread and drink the wine. He is with us!

Hopefully our food boxes at Operation Christmas bring comfort and a connection this Christmas season with others in the community. Please volunteer or contribute as you are able to this amazing project.

May you have a blessed Christmas as you gather and share your “comfort food” with family and friends

Note when circles and other groups meet on the “Small Groups & Studies” page. All are welcome!!



Volunteer Coordinator(s) Help Wanted - It will take a village to replace Patty Treland and all the time and work she has put into finding volunteers for our worship services. As you know, she is resigning from this volunteer job but that doesn't mean it can go undone. We understand the whole year is overwhelming -- but what about 1 month? Would you be willing to find volunteers for 1 month of the year? The sign-up sheets will still be there for those who sign up - you will just fill in the blanks. The new directory is the perfect resource. Please contact Rhonda Passolt at 715-563-2502 or passolt0826@yahoo.com if you are willing to help. We can do this!

The Love of Our Altar **Eternal Candle Sponsors for December**

Linda Graham
Craig Euneau
Georgia Frye
Jan Wege

In memory of Warren and Vivian Ogren
In memory of Linda Euneau
in memory of Leonard & Virginia Hohman
in memory of Bert Wege, Frank and Evie Malchow

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. Thank you.



Music Ministry.

The Spirit Within

Worships:

Sunday, December 10th, 9:30 am

Practices: Thursdays at 4:30 pm

Choir:

Worships:

Sunday, December 3rd, 9:30 am

Saturday, December 9th, 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 17th, 9:30 am

Sunday, December 24th, 7pm

Rehearsals: Every Wednesday at 6 pm

Chimes:

Rehearsals: Every Wednesday at 5 pm



December Communion Bread Bakers:

December 2/3:	Kris Neumann
December 16/17:	Maran Bacon
December 24:	Judy Timmerman & Liz Dokkestul
December 30/31:	Carol Schmidt



Lectionary Readings

December 3, 2023: Second Sunday of Advent

Preface: Advent Color: Blue

Prayer of the Day: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; 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. Prepare the way of the Lord. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia. (Luke 3:4, 6)

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 40:1-11 (Good news of God's coming to a people in exile)

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (Righteousness shall prepare a pathway for God. (Ps. 85:13))

2 Peter 3:8-15a (Waiting for and hastening the day of God)

Mark 1:1-8 (John appears from the wilderness)



December 10, 2023: Third Sunday of Advent

Preface: Advent Color: Blue

Prayer of the Day: Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; 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. I am sending my messenger before you, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia. (Matt. 11:10)

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 (Righteousness and praise flourish like a garden)

Psalm 126 (The Lord has done great things for us. (Ps. 126:3))

Luke 1:46b-55 (alternate) (You, Lord, have lifted up the lowly. (Lk. 1:52))

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (Kept in faith until the coming of Christ)

John 1:6-8, 19-28 (A witness to the light)



December 17, 2023: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Preface: Advent Color: Blue

Prayer of the Day: Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; 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. I am sending my messenger before you, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia. (Matt. 11:10)

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 (Righteousness and praise flourish like a garden)

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1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (Kept in faith until the coming of Christ)

John 1:6-8, 19-28 (A witness to the light)



December 24, 2023: Christmas Eve

Preface: Christmas Color: White

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; 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. I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. Alleluia. (Luke 2:10-11)

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 9:2-7 (Light shines: a child is born for us)

Psalm 96 (Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad. (Ps. 96:11))

Titus 2:11-14 (The grace of God has appeared)

Luke 2:1-14 [15-20] (God with us)

December 31, 2023: First Sunday of Christmas

Preface: Christmas Color: White

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Alleluia. (Col. 3:15, 16)

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 61:10--62:3 (Clothed in garments of salvation)

Psalm 148 (The splendor of the Lord is over earth and heaven. (Ps. 148:13))

Galatians 4:4-7 (Children and heirs of God)

Luke 2:22-40 (The presentation of the child)

FINANCIAL FOCUS

November 2023

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The gift of generosity

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported First Lutheran this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings, or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to look into our electronic giving options. As our Online Services continue during this holiday season, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Contact the church office for more information.

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

Tanya Ullom
Business Manager



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 December**
15th for the January 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:

December 10
December 24

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

Our Deepest Sympathies

Fern Eileen McCoy

August 28, 1934 ~ October 13, 2023 (age 89)



Fern McCoy passed away peacefully with her daughter, Kathy, at her bedside on October 13, 2023. Fern was the youngest of seven children born to Marie (Mary) and Charles Kahler on August 28, 1934, in Hillsboro, WI. They lived on the family farm in Hillsboro until Fern was 10, then moved into town. The family spent summer vacations in Hayward at a cabin on Round Lake purchased in 1949. Fern attended Hillsboro High School where she began

dating Palmer McCoy. She graduated at the top of her class in 1952. After graduation, she moved to Madison and worked for Madison Gas and Electric while taking evening classes in accounting and business at Madison Vocational School. Later she worked for Reynolds Transfer and Storage. Fern and Palmer married on September 3, 1955.

Palmer was serving in the Air Force, and they moved seven times including assignments to Texas, Illinois, Minnesota, and South Dakota. While in South Dakota Fern gave birth to their daughter, Kathy. A few years later they moved to Beaver Dam, WI and Fern gave birth to their son Allen. While the children were still young, they moved again to Portage, WI. In Portage Fern worked at J.C. Penney and then at the Production Credit Association.

In 1971 the family moved to Eau Claire, WI. While living in Eau Claire Fern worked for H&R Block as a tax preparer. In 1979 they made their final move to Hayward, WI. Fern purchased a H&R Block business in Spooner. Then later added another office in Hayward. Fern ran both offices for several years. In 1985 she opened an additional business, financial planning services, IDS, in Hayward. When she wasn't working, she enjoyed playing cards, curling, golfing, bowling, and gardening.

In 1990 Fern and Palmer retired. Fern loved her work and continued to volunteer preparing taxes in retirement. She also enjoyed playing golf and Bridge. In the winter they spent time in Florida to escape the cold winters in Hayward. She and Palmer also traveled to see many different places around the world. But they came home for Christmas to be with their children and grandchildren. She loved to host a big Christmas meal with all the trimmings on her good china. Grandma made sure everyone was well fed and taken care of. Many long conversations over coffee were had to get caught up on what was happening in everyone's lives and discussion on how the real estate market was doing. It brought her great joy to be surrounded by her family.

Fern excelled at being Grandma. She always made sure no one ever went hungry, and every birthday was celebrated with a hearty sit down meal finished off with birthday cake topped with candles and served with ice cream. She liked to have the grandchildren assist her in making cookies when they visited, and every morning started with a pancake breakfast. She also enjoyed supporting her grandchildren in their many activities including water-skiing, cross-country skiing, hockey, baseball, log rolling, show choir, ice skating and fishing. Grandma was a competitive opponent when playing Monopoly and Go Fish with anyone.

Fern is being welcomed to heaven by her parents, brothers, sisters, many cousins and especially by her beloved husband of 68 years Palmer. She is survived by her daughter Kathy, son-in-law Peter Sievert and their children Paul and David, her son Allen, daughter-in-law Maureen and their children Samantha (Joseph), Brady and Catrina. She is greatly missed, but the memories live on in all those she loved.

Funeral services were held November 4, 2023, at First Lutheran Church 10680 Main Street Hayward, WI. Visitation at 10:00 am, service 11:00, lunch followed the service at the church.

Memorials in honor of Fern can be sent to the Endowment Fund of First Lutheran Church, a Foundation Fern was instrumental in establishing at P.O. Box 436 Hayward, WI 54843. (This fund is used to support people and organizations that serve local and global communities worldwide in times of need). Or to the Hayward Community Food Shelf at P.O. Box 779, Hayward WI 54843.

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- *Jane Wikum*
- *Shirley Tiffany*

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2023 December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	Nov 30	1	2
9:30 AM Worship 7:00 PM NA	Operation Christmas Call Center 8:30-4 7:30 AM Online Devotion 10:00 AM Hello Yoga- Chair 1:30 PM Property Committee 5:00 PM Hiking	Operation Christmas Call Center 8:30-4 7:30 AM Online Devotion 8:00 AM Koinonia 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:45 AM Music & Worship 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 3:15 PM Terrific Tues 7:00 PM Zoom Bible	Operation Christmas Call Center 8:30-4 7:30 AM Online Devotion 9:30 AM Zoom Bible 3:30 PM 6th Grade Conf- in Library 5:00 PM Chimes 5:00 PM Community Supper 6:00 PM 7th & 8th Grade Confir 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Youth Group (9- 12 grade)	7:30 AM Online Devotion 9:45 AM Nursing Home Worships 4:30 PM Spirit Within 6:00 PM Hello Yoga-Mat 7:30 PM AA	Operation Christmas Call Center 8:30-4 7:30 AM Online Devotion	5:00 PM Worship
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10 9:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Youth Christmas Pageant 7:00 PM NA	11 7:30 AM Online Devotion 10:00 AM Hello Yoga- Chair 5:00 PM Hiking	12 7:30 AM Online Devotion 8:00 AM Koinonia 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Peace Circle 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:30 PM Faith, Hope & Love Circle 3:15 PM Terrific Tues 6:30 PM Table Talk	13 7:30 AM Online Devotion 9:30 AM Zoom Bible 5:00 PM Chimes 5:00 PM Community Supper 6:00 PM 6th-8th Grade Confirmation 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Youth Group (9- 12 grade)	14 Operation Christmas Assembly 7:30 AM Online Devotion 1:00 PM Grief Support Monthly 4:30 PM Spirit Within 6:00 PM Hello Yoga-Mat 7:30 PM AA	15 7:30 AM Online Devotion 10:00 AM Operation Christmas Pickup	16 10:00 AM Operation Christmas Pickup 5:00 PM Worship
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