

The First Word

July 2019



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First Lutheran Church Mission Statement:
A Congregation of Christ's baptized people being led by the Spirit to serve God within our broader community by:
Celebrating the presence of God ~ Cultivating the spiritual growth of members ~
Caring for the needs of all people ~ Communicating Christ to all.



Pastor Joel Bacon

From the Pastor's Desk

July, 2019

I went to the retirement worship service for a pastoral colleague, seminary classmate, godfather to one of our kids, friend. Pete is a very laidback hippie who was able to differentiate between the morals and the ethics of the Hippies. The Hippie ethics of love, acceptance, peace, goodwill easily meshed with his Christianity and he faithfully served the Viroqua, WI area for 29 years.

To give an example of Pete's laidbackness: at dinner one evening at his house ice cream was brought out for dessert. Pete's little son was eating a pickle and he decided to try dipping the dill pickle into the open ice cream bucket to see what the combination would taste like. Since Pete was dishing the ice cream he saw the whole thing happen and with a twinkle in his eye he did nothing to stop it. Most parents would have stopped it, shamed the kid, but Joe tried it and decided it wasn't worth a second go and moved on to his next exploration of the world around him.

Pete, due to his laidbackness, managed to do something that I never would have dreamed of. When it came time to do offering there were no offering plates. Pete served a three-point parish and as happens when more than two people are doing something everyone assumed that someone else from one of the other two churches was taking care of that. They adjusted on the fly. Pete grabbed his antique Milwaukee Braves hat and started it around. Someone else took the empty cooler with which they had brought their pot-luck contribution and started using that as an 'offering plate'. A few others grabbed some gallon Ziploc bags from their picnic basket and those were filled as well.

I praised Pete at his post worship roasting. "Pete, you managed, as only you could, to combine three disparate metaphors. In this sacred offering you managed to 'pass the hat,' and have 'cold cash' while maintaining 'transparency.'" Amazing.

When I think about Pete I think about serendipity. Serendipity is when the Holy Spirit is in charge of coincidence. You're thinking about someone and suddenly that someone calls you. That's serendipity. You don't know what to do about dinner and suddenly your spouse comes home with the restaurant gift certificate he won that day. It is amazing how often interesting coincidences happen in our daily lives and it is quite possible that it is serendipity - the Holy Spirit in charge of coincidence.

So often we see the Holy Spirit in a great and grand way doing fabulous things for great and grand people. Part of that might be the feeling that our lives are unexciting. But part of it might be a lack of recognition and acceptance that the Holy Spirit just might be in the middle of the small things. I go to a nursing home because someone has called and I end up meeting another person who says, 'Pastor I was so hoping you would come.' I don't have the heart to tell them that I came to see someone else - and maybe they were the one I was really supposed to see. Serendipity. One Fall we had been hit with a bunch of unexpected and unplanned expenses. We had seven mouths to feed! That hunting season we got five deer. Good luck? Serendipity? We are encouraged as Christians to be humble but maybe God is looking out for us in quiet yet profound ways. The kids used the refrigerator door as a ladder and broke one of the plastic shelves. I went to the appliance dealer to order a replacement. An impossibly slow and obtuse customer had decided she was important enough to occupy the whole store staff. Not being able to follow the demons of my lesser nature because I was wearing my clerical shirt I followed my nose to some hot cider. While I drank it I filled out an entry form for God-knows-what - I was killing time. The day before Christmas the appliance dealer calls to congratulate me on winning a Maytag Bravo washer-dryer set in their holiday drawing. That was the God-knows-what drawing that I entered only because of an incredibly obtuse woman and because I wouldn't show my Old Adam while dressed like a pastor.

People believe in UFOs. Is believing in serendipity really that big of a stretch.

Pastor Joel

Bible STUDY Groups

FAITH & HOPE & LOVE

The July Summer Salad Luncheon for all Ladies of the Church and visitors will be held on July 16 at noon.

Jubilee Circle

Jubilee Circle will be taking a break from its regular bible study during the summer. Watch for emails regarding a few socials. If anyone has any questions, please contact Rhonda Passolt at 715-634-1062 or email her at passolt0826@yahoo.com.



Women's Weekly Study meets every Tuesday at 8:00am in Room 4 (during the summer) at First Lutheran.

They enjoy a light breakfast and are currently starting a DVD series "Great Figures of the New Testament." All are welcome to attend.

The August Summer Salad Luncheon for all Ladies of the Church and visitors will be held on August 13 at 12:00 Noon.

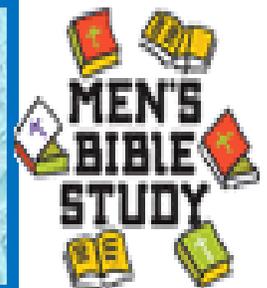
All are Welcome!



Men's Bible Group

meets every week on Tuesdays at 8:00 am.

They serve a light breakfast at the meeting.



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An Evangelical Minute

Boundless

The mission statement for our church, First Lutheran of Hayward, is found on the front of every weekend worship bulletin. It states what we are about in our greater community. Our church is but one of many belonging to the ELCA. It is through this relationship that the presiding ELCA Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton has chosen to hi-light the newest member of the communication efforts of the ELCA. It is the newsletter, "Boundless". The Newsletter is especially aimed at supporters of ELCA's ministries & at general overall education of ELCA members through "stories of Christs love & grace. Here, "Boundless", especially aimed at supporters of ELCA"s ministries will carry "stories of Christ's love from across the ELCA & it's global companions. Stories of Christ's abounding love & grace & how they play such an integral part when working with & for others."

Normally, one does not recognize someone featured in these articles & this may continue true after reading about Amelia Schurke, from Maplewood, MN. She was active with Youth Program activities & sang in the Choir at her church, St. Andrew Lutheran, Mahtomedi. Later, studying at St. Olaf College, "she felt called to engage her faith in the needs of the world".

That led to a call to a small indigenous mountain community in Puebla State, Mexico. Here, she has spent a year as part of the Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM). As she finishes her year, she feels overwhelmed by the positive way she has been treated. For instance, they have shown her great patience, generosity, & kindness. And she, upon her return to the states, feels great eagerness to engage her new-found perspective & daunted by "the vast need for systemic change within the church, as she sees it, in order to shine Christ's light of inclusivity, equality, & justice-oriented perspective in her faith life upon return to the U.S.

She is just about set to begin the next step in her life's journey. She will become a first-year medical student at Medical College of Wisconsin-Green Bay. She has served among the youth of another country & has been a positive influence among their youth. Further, it is she who has been influenced, also. She has found something of value to share with people of faith here.

Stay tuned. Next month, we'll explore the ELCA Disabilities Ministries in light of two very different Disasters to hit Ventura County, CA within 2 days of each other in 2018.

O Heavenly Father,

Help us to learn from the misfortunes of others. And to learn how to be of help. Here are opportunities to learn about what lasting efforts our greater church is involved in. Your help would be of great help

In Christ, Amen

First Lutheran Church Women ----- July 2019

We are so blessed here in the north to have the seasons and the warmth of summer. When the snow melts and the green grass grows, the birds sing, and the days are longer we also come alive. We plant gardens, we use our bounty of waterways, we welcome the tourist, and we enjoy family reunions. So we thank our wonderful God who supplies all our needs and blesses us with His constant love and the wonderful season of summer.

Our Women of First Lutheran continue to meet and grow together in studying Gods Word in four different study groups. When summer comes in the months of July and August we join together and engage in **Summer Salad Luncheons**. Our Pastor Joel joins us and blesses us with his wonderful insights, gives us food for thought, and new visions on Bible lessons.



Summer Salad Luncheons

All women are invited!

Date: Tuesday July 16th and August 13th

Time: 12 o'clock Noon

Place: The Fellowship Hall

Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

We will provide beverages.

Women's Weekly Study meets at their regular time every Tuesday at 8:00AM in Room 4 for an interesting study on "*Great Figures of the New Testament*". All are welcome to join them.

Jubilee Circle takes their summer recess; they get together occasionally to touch base with each other during the summer; We look forward to having them back in the fall.

"Peace" and "Faith, Hope and Love" In July and August we will hold Salad Luncheons instead of meeting.

New members are always welcome.

Be thinking of the **Summer Retreat at Luther Park** in Chetek, Wisconsin. This is a gathering of the Women of the Heart of the North Conference. It is a nice time to get together and meet our fellow Christian Women and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and the campgrounds. The dates are August 12 & 13th. The second date interferes with our Salad Luncheon, but we will car pool to the event on the 12th. Mark it on your calendars. I will give you updates on the speakers and times.

Continue to pray for our families who are grieving the loss of loved ones, are in the throngs of illnesses, and those who are recovering from surgery. God, our ever help in times like these, listens and comforts and strengthens us. And always be grateful for the blessings He continues to shower on His children.

Love in Christ, Linda Gordon FLCW President.

Choir Schedule

The Choir will be singing at the following worship services

8am July 7
10am July 14
8am July 21

Rehearsals resume on July 3,
Wednesdays at 6pm

"Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitation of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us."
Martin Luther



The Spirit Within will be playing at the following services:

10am Worship
July 21
July 28

Thank you...*Shelley, Julie, Ann, Rhonda
Randy, Pete, Mike, Ray
Lea and Dennis*

Practice times are every Thursday at 6:00pm

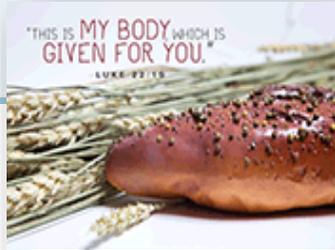


The Spirit Within



**Communion Bread Makers
for the Month of July**

Patty Van Landschoot	July 6,7
Kay Sieh	July 13,14
Liz Dokkestul	July 20,21
Kathy McCoy	July 28,29



**Altar Guild
members for the month
of July are:**
Pat Olson, Chairperson
 Kathy Rasmussen
 Liz Robbins
 Pam Swanson
 Kay Sieh
 Rose Frisch
 Sue Vortanz

**Thank you for your willingness
to serve**



Eternal Candle Sponsors for July

	Shirley & Harold Tiffany	in Honor of our Grandchildren
	Dana & Richard Gilbertson	for Our Family
	Carol Nelson	in Memory of her grandmother, Grace Rosen Courtright
	Linda Gordon	in Memory of Cal Gordon

Please sign up on the golden sheets on the back
of the burgundy cart if you wish to be a sponsor.
Please give Jeannette the sponsor funds when you sign up.



Community Kitchen Project

\$50,577



God's Team:

For a great portion of our summer we live and breathe baseball and softball. There are many weeks we are at the fields more than at home. With a house full of ball players, it becomes engraved in every day life. To no surprise, almost all of life's aspects can be compared to a ball game. As a matter-of-fact, God's will for us can be explained through a ball game as well.

Picture this: God is the pitcher...we are the batters...and life's obstacles are the defense players. The ball...what God wants us to do. Oh yes...let's not forget the umpires...this is God as well (He is the 3-in-1, the almighty, the beginning and end after all).

Batter up! Time to step up to the plate. Take a couple practice swings...step into the batter's box and take the stance to be ready for the pitch. God winds up and throws the ball right down the middle. Let's just say we watch (like so many do with a first pitch). Ump calls - Strike 1. God pitches again...this time a little high and outside. Swing and a miss - Strike 2. Pitch 3 comes in way inside - Ball 1. Again - Ball 2. Again - Ball 3. It's a full count. Batter is set...God goes to the wind up and throws a beautiful curve ball. STRIKE 3. Batter is out. (Thank you, Jesus, for giving us forgiveness so we can try again). Back to the dugout to try again later. Okay.... you are up to bat again and this time you swing and hit the first pitch...the fast ball down the middle and send it flying to just past the short spot. You run as fast as you can and make it first base. SAFE! Your team continues through the rotation as you continue from base to base. You are at 3rd base...waiting to come home. There are 2 outs and the batter is at full count. Final pitch comes in and BOOM...ball is hit to the outfield and everyone is running. You cross the home plate! You have completed that task of God's will.

So how does God play into all of this? Imagine if you will that God is pitching life to you "the ball". He is giving you exactly what you need. Sometimes we fear being hurt (the fast, inside pitches), sometimes we are scared of failure (the curveball), sometimes we aren't paying attention (the too high or too low pitches) and we swing anyways, and sometimes we just simply do not want to do what God is asking (the first pitch). Sometimes we strike out the first time God gives us a task. Sometimes we hit but send directly to a fielder and get out. Sometimes we hit it out of the park.

Once we commit to hitting the ball and getting to first base, God puts the obstacles into play. Health - Financials - Family - Society - Community. These obstacles come about as your teammates are up to bat. And, as you are running the bases, you must be cautious not to fall into pickles or flyouts or double plays. Home base is the goal...it is the final check off for each task God gives you.

The game continues throughout life. You are always either at bat, on base or awaiting your turn in the dugout. Each of these "positions" are extremely important in your life and your team's life. Up to bat - your team is counting on you to get on base, God is counting on you to accept His will, and you are counting on yourself to be ready. On base - your team is counting on you to continue forward and not get out, God is counting on you to overcome the obstacles life has for you with bravery and confidence, and you are counting on yourself to believe you can do it. In the dugout - your team is counting on you to cheer them on, God is counting on you to have faith in your team, and you are counting on yourself to be the teammate your team needs.

As with team sports "there is no "I" in team". God's teams are the same way. Our team is made of families, friends, neighbors, enemies, communities, believers and non-believers. Our game bounces from fast-paced to slow-paced, tied to blowout, winning to losing and short to long. Teams are strongest when they work together, cheer each other on and believe in their team.

1 Corinthians 12:1 says, **"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ."** Apostle Paul teaches that although we are individuals we are part of something much greater...God's team. We are humans...made to be individual bodies that form together in unity a strong force team led by God, strengthened by Jesus and embraced by the Holy Spirit. ~Amen~

Many Blessings~

Tiffany Chipman

Youth & Education Director

JULY Dates to Remember:

7th: VBS Kickoff party 6pm-9pm
8th: VBS 9am - 2pm
9th: VBS 9am - 2pm
10th: VBS 9am - 2pm
11th: VBS 9am - 2pm
12th: VBS 9am - 12pm
14th: Youth Car Wash Fundraiser
15th: Summer Splash 9am -3pm
16th: Youth Committee 1pm
19th: Valleyfair Registration Forms DUE
22nd: Summer Splash 9am -3pm
23rd: Parent Squad 6pm (at Chipman's)
30th: Valleyfair Trip 8am—11pm

July 2019						
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Vacation Bible School is here!!!!

July 7 - July 12

Kick off start at 6pm on Sunday, July 7th with a campfire and games, dinner, music & more

Monday - Thursday camp is from 9am - 2pm

Friday camp is from 9am - 12pm

(End of Camp Program begins at 11am)

All students should bring a sack lunch. Snacks and Beverages will be provided.

Youth Car Wash:

Sunday, July 14th from 9am – 12pm.

First Lutheran Church parking lot.

Funds to help with buses for summer trips to Noah's Ark & Valleyfair.

Summer Trip Valleyfair:

Time is now to sign up for our annual trip to Valleyfair in Shakopee, MN!

Who: Anyone...everyone!!! (youth under 6th grade **must** be accompanied by an adult)

When: Tuesday, July 30th

Cost: \$50/person (includes park entrance, transportation & dinner)

We will leave Hayward at 8am and return about 11pm.

Registration forms and payment are due to Tiffany Chipman by Friday, July 19th.

Late registration cost is \$60/person and based on bus capacity.

July Summer Splash:

Our 4th – 8th grade youth will meet the following Mondays for our July Summer Splash:

Monday, July 15th: Habitat Restore & Swimming. (We will need drivers for this day)

Bring swimwear, sunscreen and sack lunches.

Monday, July 22nd: Road Clean-up & Nerf "war". (youth should bring their Nerf guns)

As a reminder, all attending should bring a sack lunch.



- ◆ **Thank you so much to Tiffany** for the awesome box of goodies and snacks during finals week. It means so much that someone from my church is thinking of me. *Josh Passolt*
- ◆ **Members of First Lutheran:** Thank you for the quilt, recognition and breakfast after the Baccalaureate service. I will definitely use the quilt this fall in college. Thank you Tiffany for letting us choose our breakfast menu! *Max Okamoto*
- ◆ **To all the wonderful members** of First Lutheran Church and Pastor Bacon: Thank you for all your prayers on my behalf. It was a long stretch to get where I am now. I am using a cane to walk, but I am able to drive since only my left leg was affected. I could not have done it without the help of your faithful prayers and God's grace shed on me. It was also a comfort to my mother. *Sincerely, John Schuenzel*
- ◆ **“Thank you”** Thank you my dear family of First Lutheran and Pastor Bacon for all your prayers and healing wishes for my daughter, Jill Larson (after she fell off a cliff in Hawaii while hiking with her husband.” We know that our loving God saved her life and with the amazing Rescue Team and Medical Staff in Honolulu and St. Paul—she is still with us.
(Update): Jill has returned home now in Minneapolis and is in a wheelchair and getting lots of P.T. and healing more everyday. Hopefully, she will be walking soon. We will be eternally grateful for all your prayers and God's love. We are truly blessed with love. *Janyce Link and Jill Larson and family*
- ◆ **Dear Tiff and Quilt Ladies,** I just wanted to thank you for the special service for the 2019 graduates and also the beautiful quilt I received at the service. It will be nice to have at college. Thanks again, *Sincerely, Ellie Strapon*
- ◆ **Dear Congregation of First Lutheran,** Thank you all so much for the special service honoring the graduates. Thank you also for the beautiful quilt, I love it so much. I'd also like to thank everyone for the nice birthday card. Thank you all for everything else you've all for me over the years, my childhood would've been so much different if I hadn't received all the love and support from everyone. *Love, Emma Bratley*



The Sympathy of the Congregation is extended to the family and friends of Filene Harper.

Eilene Jean Harper, age 85, a lifelong resident of Hayward, passed away Wednesday May 9, 2018 at Cumberland Healthcare. She was born March 6, 1933 in Hayward, the daughter of Harry and Agnes (Egge) Munson. She was united in marriage to Caryll Martin Harper.

Eilene worked as a beautician in Duluth during the time her husband was finishing his education. After being told she would never be able to have children, she delivered her “miracle baby” and proudly stayed home to raise her daughter. She worked for the Northern Lakes Co-op as a cashier in the restaurant and later in the grocery store.

Eilene was a very proud and independent woman. She and her husband were parental figures to many children in need at Northwood's School in Minong and the surrounding community. Eilene always had an open door policy and people were welcomed into her home for coffee and good conversation. She was incredibly upbeat and always ready to give love. She had a wonderful sense of humor even when the jokes were at her expense. Eilene loved nature and was a good outdoors woman, enjoying both fishing and hunting. She was an avid Green Bay Packers and Wisconsin Badgers fan, as well as an animal lover, especially her beloved Rat Terrier, Tippy. Eilene has been a faithful member of First Lutheran.

She is survived by her daughter, Cara (Jonathan) Harper-Pasko of Cumberland; her grandchildren, Konur and Valkyra Pasko both of Cumberland; her honorary children, Mark and Holly Kelsey of Hayward; her niece, Karla McGhee of Colorado; and her nephew, Craig Anderson of California.

In addition to her parents, Eilene is preceded in death by her husband, Caryll Martin Harper; and her sister, Evelyn Anderson.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at Hayward Funeral Home, Pastor Joel Bacon officiated the service. Interment followed in Greenwood Cemetery in Hayward.



COMMUNITY MEAL

**Every Wednesday
Night
At 5:00 pm**

~THANK YOU~

Kathy Rasmussen

For overseeing the month of June

Everyone is welcome!

A community meal is served in Fellowship Hall here at First Lutheran Church every Wednesday evening at 5:00pm.

The meal is free of charge, or if you wish, you may make a free will donation. The meals are nutritious and are prepared and served by volunteers from the Church congregation, as well as volunteers within the community.

If you wish to help in this important ministry, please look at the sign-up sheets on the cart located on the left side of the Church as you enter. See who is in charge for the month and give them call or sign-up to help.

Thank you to the June Weekly Wednesday Night Supper Sponsors

- 5 Charlie and Ventures**
- 12 Kathy Rasmussen and Peace Circle**
- 19 FLC Youth Group**
- 26 Lynn Schuman & Friends**

MOVIE NIGHT FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2019

“SHOPLIFTERS”

On the margins of Tokyo, a band of outsiders is united by fierce loyalty and a penchant for petty theft.

The Palme d’Or-winning “Shoplifters” opens with a perfectly calibrated scene that sets the table for what’s to come. A man and a boy are in a store. They keep making eye contact, moving slowly through the aisles. They clearly have a level of non-verbal communication that feels like a ritual. They’ve done this before. They will do this again. And doing this brings them somewhat closer to each other, even if it’s illegal.

When the young son is arrested, secrets are exposed that upend their tenuous, below-the-radar existence.

Pizza & Beverages at 5:30pm

Suggested Donation \$5

Sign up on back of burgundy cart.

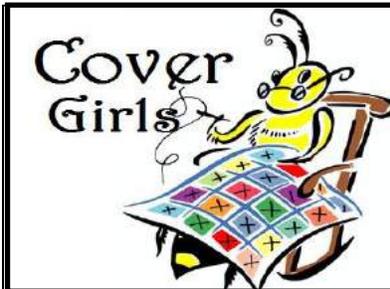


Outreach



The Card Ladies will not be meeting in July or August

Our new greeting card creations are from donated birthday, anniversary and sympathy cards. Check out our display located in the Narthex near the main entrance. Our prices are reasonable!



The Cover Girls will meet on Thursday, July 18 at 9:00 am

Our group makes quilts which are given to Lutheran World Relief, as well as to various needs within the Hayward community.

Everyone is welcome to join our group. You don't need to be a seamstress – if you can tie a knot and enjoy fellowship, you can be a Cover Girl!

Donations of material and crochet thread are greatly appreciated.



Purls of Prayer will meet on July 20 at 9:30

We are an on-going outreach ministry for those in need of comfort and prayer, or are celebrating a special occasion.

We knit or crochet prayer shawls from yarn that has been donated to us. These beautiful creations are then blessed and given to friends and relatives so that they may feel the love of our Lord and Savior.

Sanctuary Lighting Project
We have met \$20,968
of our \$40,000 goal!



**2019 Grief Support Schedule
Six-Week Group (weekly)**

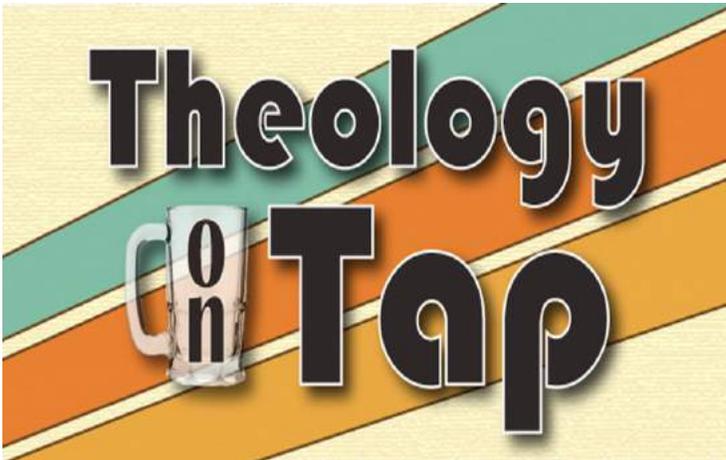
Fall Schedule

September 12-October 17
Thursdays 1:00pm—2:30pm
First Lutheran Church
10680 North Main Street
Hayward, WI

**The Community Grief Ongoing Monthly
Support Group**

continues to meet on the
2nd Thursday afternoon
at 1:00 to 3:00 pm at
First Lutheran Church.

This is a program of education and renewal
for any person who has experienced loss
through the death of a loved one.



**Theology on Tap
7pm—9pm on
July 9
Black Iron Bar & Grill
"Civil Religion"**

A food donation bin is located in the Narthex at all times and the food is picked up each Monday morning. Your food or monetary donations would be greatly appreciated. Please note that monetary donations for the food shelf should be brought to the Church Office.



July 7, 2019

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 66:10-14

Jerusalem, a nursing mother.

Psalm 66:1-9

All the earth bows down before you and sings out your name. (Ps. 66:4)

Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

Do what is right now

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Jesus sends out seventy disciples

Preface Sundays

Color Green



July 14, 2019

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, Your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and your neighbor as yourself. *Alleluia.* (Luke 10:27)

Readings and Psalm

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

God delights in your fruitfulness.

Psalm 25:1-10

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. (Ps. 25:4)

Colossians 1:1-14

The gospel is bearing fruit

Luke 10:25-37

The parable of the merciful Samaritan

Preface Sundays

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July 21, 2019

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Blessed are those who hold the word fast in an honest and good heart, and bear the fruit with patient endurance. *Alleluia.* (Luke 8:15)

Readings and Psalm

Genesis 18: 1-10a

The hospitality of Abraham and Sarah.

Psalm 15

Lord, who may abide upon your holy hill? (Ps. 15:1)

Colossians 1:15-28

A Hymn to Christ

Luke 10:38-42

Choosing the better part

Preface Sundays

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July 28, 2019

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Ask and it will be given you; search and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you. *Alleluia.* (Luke 11:9)

Readings and Psalm

Genesis 18:20-32

Abraham bargains with God.

Psalm 138

Your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands. (Ps. 138-8)

Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

Buried with Christ in baptism.

Luke 11:1-13

Jesus teaches prayer

Preface Sundays

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Check out our First Lutheran Church Website at:

<http://www.firstlutheranhaywardwi.org>

We have several online ways to contribute to First Lutheran Church ministries.

Give+ Mobile

The Give+ Mobile app offers you a way to make convenient credit or debit card donations quickly through your Android or Apple phones.

The Give+ app is free, secure and easy to use. Simply go to the App Store and search for "**give plus Church**" to download and start donating today.

Automatic withdrawal from your banking account. You may set the amount of your contribution, the date, the frequency. Contact the office for more information.

Upcoming Events

Be sure to continue to visit First Lutheran's website for the latest in events that can be found in the box titled "Coming Up!" on the home page.

Daily Devotionals

Check out the home page: there is a new devotional every day sponsored by Luther Seminary titled **God Pause Daily Devotion**. Clicking on the devotion box will take you to the entire devotional.

Weekly Sermons

Sermons are available the following Monday and are available for four weeks.

If you have additional ideas for our website or updates, please contact Sue Reinardy at sreinardy@centurytel.net



"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.

June 16th : In memory of Don Harms by Judy and Family

June 30th : In memory of Doug Wikum and Bill and Diane Weinstock by Jane and Family



We are a Church that is deeply rooted—and always being made new.

If anyone is in Christ...

We are deeply rooted. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is still comparatively new as a Church body, and yet our roots are much deeper than our 25 years together. The taproot of our life extends through the histories of predecessor Churches in the United States, through the formative witness of the 16th century evangelical reformers and their confessional writings, to the Scriptures and the word of Christ. Our life is in Jesus Christ. We are deeply rooted in his word of forgiveness and the promises of God's steadfast love and mercy. The word of Christ dwells in us richly. God nourishes us as one body in Jesus Christ with companions from around the globe who meet us at Christ's table of grace.

...there is a new creation

We are being made new every day. In Jesus Christ we are not unchanged. What God does in Christ is as radical as the death and resurrection of baptism, where new creatures in Christ rise to live "no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them." God is bringing that new creation to life among us in the ministry of reconciliation. In that service we no longer see each other as we did before. We are no longer strangers, competitors or enemies to each other. We are beloved companions in one body, restored to a communion where the rich diversity of our experiences, wisdom and abilities serve the common good in Christ. The new creation in Christ rises to life **among us** every day.

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

Carol Williamson by 4:00pm each Wednesday

FIRST WORD

ALL ARTICLES for the First Word newsletter are to be sent to **Carol** at carolmw@firstlutheranhaywardwi.net

by 4:00pm before the 20th of each month

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Caring and Praying

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Aspen Acres

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Service July
11 at 9:45 am

- ◆ Irene Ahrenkiel
- ◆ Mel Friske

Care Partners Assisted Living

15497 Pinewood Drive
Hayward, WI 54843

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10260 White Birch Lane
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10775 Nyman Avenue
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11044 N State Rd 77
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Care Center

- ◆ Irene Byerly
- ◆ Ralph and Carol Cornell
- ◆ Jane Hoivick
- ◆ Colleen Moreland
- ◆ Paul Pedersen
- ◆ Joyce Zaspel

Assisted Living

- ◆ Clare Jacobson
- ◆ Vi Jacobson
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- ◆ Dennis and Dolores (Dode) Marquardt
- ◆ Gene Nelson
- ◆ Dorothy Persson



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John Jaeckel

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Rev. Charles Ager
Celia Anderson
Nels Beckman
Larry Bloom, Jr.
Billy Cline
Catherine Cushman
Noel Estenson
Joey Falch
Carmen Gillis
Diane Hedin
Jane Hoivik
Brad Johnson
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Denise Leasure
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Dode Marquardt
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Jim Probyn
Suzy Ruoss
Dawn Saxum
Joe Sisco
Dorene Snider
Abby Steinke
Liz Webber
Jane Wikum
Joyce Zaspel

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jun 30	1	2 8:00 AM Men's Bible Group & Women's Weekly Study 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:45 AM Music & Worship	3 8:45 AM GHAVA - Pastor 5:00 PM Community Supper 5:15 PM Outreach 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	4 Office Closed Holiday	5	6 5:00 PM Worship
7 6pm VBS Kick-off 8:00 AM Worship 9:00 AM Coffee & Fellowship 9:05 AM Adult Forum 10:00 AM Worship	8 VBS 5:00 PM CC Exec Meeting- Library 5:30 PM Congregational Council	9 VBS 8:00 AM Men's Bible Group & Women's Weekly Study 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Sawyer County Connecting for Kids 7:00 PM Theology On Tap	10 VBS 5:00 PM Community Supper 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	11 VBS 9:00 AM NO Cover Girls 9:45 AM 9:45 Aspen Acres Communion 10:30 AM Hayward Health Communion 11:15 AM Water's Edge Communion 1:00 PM Grief Support Monthly 6:00 PM The Spirit Within	12 VBS	13 5:00 PM Worship
14 8:00 AM Worship 9:00 AM Youth Car Wash 9:00 AM Coffee & Fellowship 9:05 AM Adult Forum 10:00 AM Worship	15 9:00 AM Summer Splash	16 8:00 AM Men's Bible Group & Women's Weekly Study 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM Summer Salad Luncheon 1:00 PM Youth Committee Meeting 5:00 PM Kitchen Meeting	17 8:45 AM Pastor-GHAVA 4:00 PM Visitation Meeting Rm 4 5:00 PM Community Supper 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	18 9:00 AM Cover Girls 6:00 PM The Spirit Within Rehearsal	19 Valleyfair Registration Forms DJE 5:30 PM Friday Night Movie	20 9:30 AM Purts of Prayer 5:00 PM Worship
21 10:00 Baptism 8:00 AM Worship 9:00 AM Coffee & Fellowship 9:05 AM Adult Forum 10:00 AM Worship- Youth Led	22 Summer Splash	23 8:00 AM Men's Bible Group & Women's Weekly Study 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Parent Squad	24 4:00 PM Fellowship 5:00 PM Community Supper 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	25 8:30 AM Many Hands Day 6:00 PM The Spirit Within Rehearsal	26	27 5:00 PM Worship
28 8:00 AM Worship 9:00 AM Coffee & Fellowship 9:05 AM Adult Forum 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting	29	30 8:00 AM Valleyfair Trip- 8:00 AM Men's Bible Group & Women's Weekly Study 10:00 AM Staff Meeting	31 5:00 PM Community Supper 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	Aug 1	2	3
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Worship With Us!

Saturday—5:00 pm

Sunday—8:00 am and 10:00 am

Everyone is Welcome!

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