

The First Word

April, 2020



First Lutheran Church — Hayward, Wisconsin

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Due to COVID-19 all activities, worships, and gatherings are on pause. As information is updated we will update you.

For now, pray and connect in other ways and stay tuned to First Lutheran.

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First Lutheran Church Mission Statement:
Let all that you do be done in love.
I Corinthians 16:14



From the Pastor's (Moving) Desk

I am a student of history. History teaches us a lot about how the people of the past, the one's whose DNA, RNA, Faith, customs and recipe books we inherited, did things. I remember reading once about an archeological dig in Iran at what was believed to be the oldest human civilization ever dug up at the time. It was a village and they found burial sites where people were reverently laid to rest and pottery and tools and all the rest. The National Geographic article changed me. One of the graves contained a man who had recovered from a severed forearm. Clearly the arm had been crushed in some way, severed by the crushing, and the bone had healed. Archeologists and sociologists had believed, up to that point, that it was a **dog eat dog-survival of the fittest**, world and here was incontrovertible evidence that people had looked out for each other. He had to have been a liability after his accident, to himself and his village, yet he lived long past his injury and when he died he was reverently laid to rest. This changed me because so much of the science fiction literature and disaster literature I read at the time presented the **dog eat dog-survival of the fittest-God helps those who help themselves** world as being the norm. And when good does happen in that fake world it is often a lone wolf (a violent one, too!), like John Wayne, Clint Eastwood or James Bond, who saves the day.

History does not back up that jaded view of humanity. Over and over again we look out for each other - we find our strength not in selfishness but in honoring communal bonds.

We will have to be creative during this COVID-19 pandemic. At NASA and in the government they talk about **APOLLO THIRTEENing** it - referring to the creativity and incredible improvising the astronauts and ground crew had to come up with to bring the Apollo 13 astronauts safely back to earth. In our culture we talk about **MacGYVERing** it - recalling the popular 90s show where the main character improvised solutions with duct tape and paper clips and household items and rescued the day without violence. On 9-11, a very bad day, people evacuated the Twin Towers in an orderly fashion, looking out for their most vulnerable friends and co-workers while the Firefighters, Policemen and EMTs fulfilled their vows and their training. The best will come out of us as well. There will be news of the actions of selfish people shared by online and social media Chicken Littles but they will not be the norm because they never are.

What to do? If you value your town now obey the recommendations of the health authorities, obey the government, and make sure that it is the same town after we are done with this. Support in creative ways the churches, organizations and businesses you value. I will continue to Church and lead my congregation which I love, I will pastor electronically, pray and care earnestly for those who are isolated and living with postponed grief, take donations for the food pantry and Habitat for Humanity, and make sure that my favorite businesses know I support them. I am leading an effort in my bowling league to donate the league prize fund back to Riverside Lanes. The prize fund builds over the course of the season, it is part of our weekly fees, and then it is distributed back to the bowlers at the end of the year banquet (which is usually prime rib and shrimp from Lynn's Custom Meats). I want us to donate that back so that Riverside Lanes survives this. By the way, I have league high average, league high game and league high series, I have the house high series, I have the highest average of all the bowlers this year, and my team won the first half and would have been in the roll-off for team championship. All those things are worth prize money. In short: I have bowled extremely well this year and no one, no one, has more to lose than me by giving the prize money back to Riverside Lanes. But I thoroughly enjoy bowling, have found that I enjoy coaching even more than my own bowling, and I want there to be a Riverside Lanes in our post COVID-19 world.

I believe there is a future in heaven worked for us by God's Grace in Christ. I believe there is a future for Hayward. I believe both. History shows that when we are tested we give our best. I believe.

In Christ

Pastor Joel

Council Notes March 2020

Upon recommendation of the personnel committee, council voted to fill the vacancy caused by Carol Mooney Williamson's retirement by having Tiffany Chipman move to full time. She will continue in her duties as youth and education leader and will also assume the duties of church office manager. The committee and staff studied the situation and feel that this is the best way to move forward with our staffing situation at this time.

A task force was appointed to move forward with planning for a new church directory. Member Lori Thompson has volunteered to take the photos and do the computer design work. The task force will handle the scheduling for photos and other details. Look forward to this happening this summer after our snowbirds have returned so that they can be included. Thanks to Lori for her generous offer.

Like last month, the last portion of the meeting was spent on the long-range plan. Ideas submitted last month were organized according to which committee may have responsibility for them and whether the goal has a one, five- or ten-year time frame for completion. The plan is to now get this data reorganized for presentation for review by the total membership at some listening sessions where members can review this and offer more ideas. We hope to have the plan completed and ready for adoption at our July congregational meeting.

Bruce Schmidt, President

Stewardship Message— April 2020

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

Months ago, envisioning this message, it was going to be a thanks to Carol Mooney Williamson for her service and a celebration of the kitchen project and an appeal for the lighting and a thanks for your strong stewardship that has brought us to this point. How quickly the world can change.

We are going to continue to function as a church. There will be worship and pastoral care, we are working on Bible studies and are connecting through ZOOM with the kids and probably soon the adults. We are working and planning for our post COVID-19 world. The building is being maintained and improved. Staff salaries, utilities, obligations will continue to happen and we want to hold our end up with our financial obligations so as to soften the blow that this pandemic is causing to local and world economies.

If you give electronically, thank you, and please consider continuing that. If you traditionally give because you are physically present, remember that you can mail in an offering or you can arrange electronic transfers through giving links on our church webpage. As with all things like this there is a before, a during, and an after. How we conduct ourselves in the during often helps determine the quality of the after.

Please prayerfully consider your continuing support for First Lutheran, its ministries, and its faithful staff.

In Christ,
Pastor Joel

Online Giving:

<https://firstlutheranhaywardwi.org/giving/>

Click the link above to our website for giving. Click the link "Click Here to Check It Out". This will prompt you to First Lutheran e-giving. Start on the right side to either log-in (if you have an account) or "Create Profile". Once you are in your profile you can set up the amount, how often and when. Click continue when ready and your banking or card information will be asked for. **This is secure and safe to use.**

15 March 2020—COVID-19 UPDATE

Being classically educated it is more than a little weird to be writing this pastoral letter on the Ides of March, March 15th.

Christians, of all people, are the most prepared for times like these. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an advisory body supported by the federal government, has recommended that all gatherings that surpass 50 people be canceled for the next 8 weeks. This does go through Easter. Quarantining during outbreaks is not unprecedented although the most recent occurrence that we can find is about 70 years ago when polio was still active.

I said that Christians are, of all people, most prepared for times like these. It is because we already have what we need - forgiveness, salvation, and eternity through Christ - those are the lenses through which we see all of life.

The Apostle Paul, in his letter to the fledgling church in Rome, wrote in chapter 8:38-39: "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

COVID-19 is covered by that list.

We are being advised to limit our public exposure to each other so as to slow down the spread of COVID-19 and ensure that our hospitals, always operating at 2/3 capacity, are able to continue normal operations while absorbing the influx of the Coronavirus patients who will be arriving. This is reasonable.

During times of crisis our leaders and communities are tested. People who are afraid are prey to fear mongerers, panic and profiteers. People who are apathetic risk being the cause of other people's illness and death. Out of our Christian love for the other, the love of neighbor, we will at First Lutheran obey the recommendation by the Centers for Disease Control. I am called through my profession to be an expert in preaching, Bible interpretation, and Christian care-giving - I am not a professional in diseases and their spreading. This is the Centers for Disease Control's area of expertise and it is their time to lead us and I will obey. By the way, Paul also tells us in Romans 13 that the governing authorities are to be respected because, and I quote, "they are God's servants for our good."

So we are canceling all worship and meal activities and church meetings here at First Lutheran until advised otherwise. This includes the Bible Studies and Circles, Wednesday soup and pie, both Wednesday worships, Wednesday Night Dinner, Wednesday Nite Live, as well as the Saturday and Sunday worships. This will inconvenience us, if we are very fortunate that is all it will do, and we have grown up in a convenience culture, but we will make it through this. The staff at First Lutheran will continue their faithful work and we will be reachable through all the communication platforms that are available.

Seventy years ago the people suffering through Polio could not have imagined the communication technologies available to us. We will be live streaming and archiving readings and sermons for the next several Wednesdays and Sundays and we will be able to access that part of church life through the church website as well as Facebook and DVDs sent out to those who request them.

In your personal economics during this time please remember your church and the small businesses that are the fabric of small communities. Opportunities to serve our most vulnerable through delivering the groceries members have ordered at Marketplace and WalMart are being organized through the church office and if you are willing to be part of that loving response please let us know.

Our mission statement from 2nd Corinthians will serve us well at this time: "Let all that you do be done in love."

In Christ's loving service,

Pastor Joel

A Daily Prayer for our Healthcare Workers:

[Please take time a read this prayer every day. Keep our healthcare workers close to you and with you.](#)



Loving God, I thank You for every healthcare worker and I declare that You are their strength and song. You have become their salvation; You are their God and we will praise You. Father I pray that You will be the God of the people every healthcare worker cares for. Lord, despite the trials they are facing and the risks they are encountering, You are their matchless God. You give internal peace. Protect them, strengthen them and guide them with your undying love. Amen.

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Simply Giving:

This program allows member to make contributions by electronic funds transfer. This helps save you trying to remember if a check is written or your envelope submitted. You get to set when the withdrawal occurs, and the amount withdrawn each time. Some members already in this program (or considering it) are concerned that they do not have anything to put in the offering plate each week. It is recommended that they use a pew envelope and write “Simply Giving” on the outside and place the pew envelope in the offering plate. For more information please contact Jeannette in the church office or church email jette@firstlutheranhaywardwi.net.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL
GIVING TO THE LORD’S WORK THROUGH
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Jeannette Siemers
Business Manager**

Outreach



The Card Ladies

Canceled for month of April

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 canceled for Month of April

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

Canceled for month of April

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.

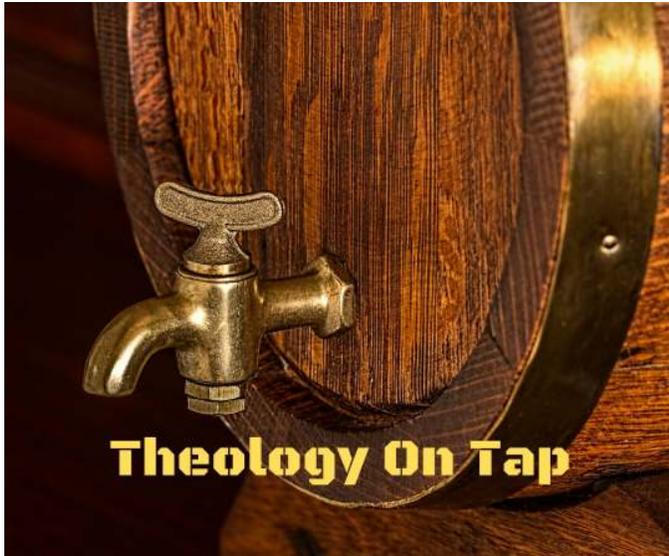
Outreach Paper Drive 2020

The Outreach Committee will hold a paper drive from April 19th through May 10th. The products will be given to the Hayward food shelves.

There will be a collection box in the narthex for the following items:
Toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, tissues, laundry detergent and dish soap.

We thank you in advance for your support of this project.





Theology On Tap

Theology on Tap
April 14, 7pm
"Flat Creek"

Topic
"Morals & Ethics"
(tentative to COVID-19 recommendations)



2020 Grief Support Schedule
Six-Week Group (weekly)

April 15, April 22
April 29, May 6, May 13, May 20

September 10, September 17,
September 24, October 1,
October 8, October 15

*All meetings will be held at 1:00pm
in the library at First Lutheran.*

The Community Grief Ongoing
Monthly Support Group

continues to meet on the
2nd Thursday afternoon
from 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.

*(tentative to COVID-19
recommendations)*



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.

Kitchen Renovation: Update



As you can see the walls and ceiling are finished. Floor and equipment starting soon.

The kitchen remodeling project is right on schedule thanks to the contractors and men from church helping out.

We have been very fortunate that our contractors could meet our time schedule and have progressed fairly fast. Walls and ceiling were done by First Lutheran men and the electrician has the lights up. The HVAC people have the hoods up over the cooking area and the dishwasher. They have also been able to do some outside work thanks to the weather.

Floor was laid the week of March 16th and the plumber is working on installing the sinks and dishwasher.

Monday March 23rd - hanging shelving and other items will begin

At this point odds and ends will be finished up as time allows for the church men working. Still no final date as things need to be finished and an inspection will need to be completed.

Many, Many thanks to people who have been helping and supporting this project. We could not do this without the congregation and community support.

Thanks for your understanding at this time.

Kitchen Task Force

Bible STUDY Groups

(tentative to COVID-19 recommendations)

FAITH & HOPE & LOVE

Faith, Hope and Love Circle

Tuesday, April 14
Church Library
1:30 pm.
Hostess:
Carolyn Simmons
Leader:
Carol Knudson

Jubilee Circle

April 21 at 6pm

Church Library.

We welcome anyone interested to join us.

Please contact Rhonda Passolt at
715-634-1062 or 715-563-2502 or
passolt0826@yahoo.com with any
questions.

**Koinonia* (formerly
Women's Weekly
Study) meets every
Tuesday at 8:00am
in the library
at First Lutheran.**

This group meets each
Tuesday morning for a light
breakfast, fellowship and a
study.
They are currently watching
faith-based DVD's

**(Canceled until further
notice)**



Peace Circle:

April 14 at 9:45 am
Church Library

Hostess: Kathy Rasmussen

Leader: Linda Euneau



ADULT FORUM ON SUNDAYS

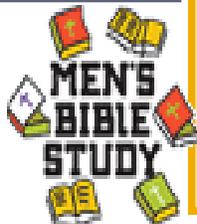
ADULT FORUM from approximately 9:05 - 9:55 in
the Fellowship Hall. Grab a cup of coffee and a
treat and join us for an interesting 50 minutes!

(Canceled until further notice)

Men's Bible Group

meets every week on Tuesdays at 8am.
They are currently watching a video series on the
New Testament.

You are welcome to come join them!
(Canceled until further notice)



A Message from your Youth and Education Director



Bring on Digital Era—How do we stay connected

For a few years now our society has struggled with the differences between in-person and digital communications and connections. It is unfortunate that a time came to when the option wasn't our own. We can take this as a negative or we can find the positive within the chaos. For me, I chose the positive (it is so much lighter on my shoulders). It always seems to take an unideal time to bring a change. So, how do we do this?

Here are 10 ways to stay connected during times without contact:

1. Pick up the phone and call at least 1 person per day. Tell them you are thinking of them, ask how they are doing, and before hanging up pray for and with them. Let them feel you are with them, connected, encouraged.
2. Hand write a letter or card of encouragement to friends, neighbors, nursing home residents. Keep it bright and full of love.
3. Send an email to your friends. Tell them what you have been up to and ask them about their days.
4. Use Zoom Meetings, Google Hangout, Skype or other types of video conferencing. This allows you to see your friends and loved ones during a time of not being able to.
5. Hold a virtual home scavenger hunt where everyone runs to find something, takes a picture and sends it to your group (email, text, a Facebook group—these all work great for something like this!)
6. Share positive messages through social media.
7. As the snow melts, go for walks and pick up garbage off the sides of the roads.
8. Play board games as a family. Enjoy the quality time you have together. You might just learn more about each other in the process!
9. Set up an exercise challenge or book club with friends and family. Competition is always fun!
10. Shower, get dressed and make each day a new day! Trust me...this is great for not just your hygiene but your mental and emotional well-being. Just because you are "stranded at home" doesn't mean you should stay in your PJs!

Above all things, take time for daily devotions, Bible reading, praying. Whether solo, with family or with your friends keep God close and know that He is right here with you during this time. His hands are open to carry you.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

~Joshua 1:9

Many blessings~

Tiffany Chipman

Youth & Education Director

Holy First Communion Classes:

Who: Anyone 1st Grade and older

When: Wednesday April 22 & 29 4-5pm

Blessing and Honor of your Holy 1st Communion will take place on Sunday, May 3rd at the 10am worship service.

All programming is tentative to COVID-19 recommendations. Please watch Facebook and website for updates!

National Day of Prayer—Youth Breakfast:

Mark your calendars now for the annual breakfast and prayer to celebrate National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 7am.

Enjoy FREE breakfast with your friends and families, share a prayer or two together and head of to school

Youth Calendar Planning:

It is time to plan our 2020/2021 Youth Calendar of activities, education, programming and more.

Monday, April 27th @ 5pm

Youth Committee, parents and youth leaders are invited.

Come with ideas. Help with plans. Set a calendar FULL of faith, fun and friends!

Dinner is provided. Please contact Tiffany Chipman if you are attending.

Mark your calendars!!!!

Vacation Bible School

June 21—26, 2020

K-5th Grade (Campers) & 6th—Adults (Helpers, Volunteers, Assistants)

Summer Youth Group:

All youth are invited to "hang out" this summer!!!! Every Wednesday

5:30—8:30pm.

Food, games, campfires

Run by youth—For the youth!!!

Starting Wednesday, May 13th

Rain or Shine!

(Help with food and drinks would be great!)

Noah's Ark Annual Trip:

Let's get ready for some fun in the sun!!!!

Noah's Ark trip has been set for Tuesday, June 9th.

Cost will again be \$30/person.

Permission slips and Adult chaperone forms are available at the Welcome Center.

Forms and payments are due to Tiffany Chipman on or before May 25th.

Late registrations can not guarantee transportation space.

Let's go to Camp!!!!

It is time to register for Luther Park Bible Camp this summer. With so many options for camp it is hard to figure out which ones. All First Lutheran Youth that attend Luther Park this summer will receive part of the registration fees paid for by First Lutheran. Registering before May 1, 2020 will give an additional discount of \$40 by Luther Park. And of course, there are sibling discounts as well.

Want to make sure you attend with your First Lutheran friends as well as making new ones. Here are a couple of weeks to look at planning:

**Vacation Bible School here are First Lutheran is set for June 21 – 26
(make sure to be here for this!!!)**

July 19 - 24 at Luther Park:

- ◆ 1st and 2nd graders can enjoy Discovery Camp (This camp is perfect for those campers who prefer a shorter week or for whom this may be their first overnight camp experience. All the fun and excitement of a full week is packed into a few days complete with s'mores and campfires! Check in is 3pm on Sunday or 9:30am Wednesday and check out is either Tuesday at 5:00pm or Friday at 12:00pm.)
- ◆ 3rd – 5th graders can enjoy Seekers Camp (Seeker Camp is five days of absolute fun and craziness. Archery, canoeing, swimming, cooking out, crazy games, worship, songs, s'mores all make for a full and fantastic week. Seeker Campers will stay in the cabins and experience much of what makes Luther Park great. Join us for a wonderful week with many old and new friends!)
- ◆ 6th – 8th Grade students: Pathfinders Camp (Campers stay in cabins and experience a wide variety of fun activities available at Luther park including the High Ropes course and Disc Golf course. Along with swimming, games with your new and old friends, you will get to experience amazing and creative Bible Studies, worships, campfires, and meaningful small group discussions. This camp may compliment your church confirmation classes.)
- ◆ 9th – 12th Grade students: Boundary Waters Canoe Trip (This trip is sure to offer adventure for the camper who loves enjoying time out in God's creation. Arrive at camp on Sunday to plan and repack for a week out on the water. Campers and trained staff will canoe the Boundary Waters Canoe Area with all their supplies needed for the week, cook over a fire, camp in tents, and enjoy God's beautiful creation!)

There are many other camps available to all ages of youth: Day Camp (for the younger ones), Basketball Camp, Bike Camp, Art Camp, Backpack Camp, Canoeing Trip, etc. Check out www.lutherpark.org/summer-camp for more details and information.

Registration is online through Luther Park's website. At time of registration make sure to contact Tiffany Chipman so she can add all students to the list for discounts.



Holy Week & Easter Events

Due to COVID-19 all worship services and gatherings are on hold until the CDC grants the return of group gatherings. Below is the tentative listing of Holy Week worship services. If we are not able to meet in person, we will have digital avenues in place so we can join together as one congregation.

Be sure to check our website and Facebook page for up-to-date information.

Procession of Palm Branches to the Risen Lord! Holy Week is April 5th—12th and all are welcomed to embrace the somberness of the week with us.

Palm Sunday (April 5th) - Procession of Palms

Join us via Digital avenues

Maundy Thursday (April 9th) - Jesus's last supper & stripping of the altar

6pm

Good Friday (April 10th) - Mourn with us as we remember Jesus's death

6pm

Easter Vigil (April 11th) - Sit with us outside the "tomb" and remember what Jesus taught us

5pm

Easter Sunday (April 12th) - Rejoice! Christ Has Risen! Celebrate Jesus's Resurrection

Worship times: 6:30am, 8:00am and 10:00am.



EASTER BREAKFAST PREP:

Help is needed on Saturday, April 10th starting at 10am to prepare for Easter Breakfast. This will entail food prep and decorating. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Easter Breakfast: Sunday, April 12th 7am—9:30am

First Lutheran Youth are serving up our annual Easter morning breakfast.

Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Baked Ham, Sausage Links, French Toast, Cheesy Potatoes, Fresh Fruit, Breakfast desserts, milk, juices and coffee.

This is a free-will donation fundraiser as an effort to help our youth attend camps, events and activities. Come to worship, stay for food and fellowship!

Easter Games starting at 9am:

9am: Toddler—5th Grade Easter Egg Hunt

9am: 6th—12th Grade Easter Scavenger Hunt.

9:30am: 4th Annual Egg Jarping Contest Begins!!!!

All ages invited! Take a chance on not get "cracked"!

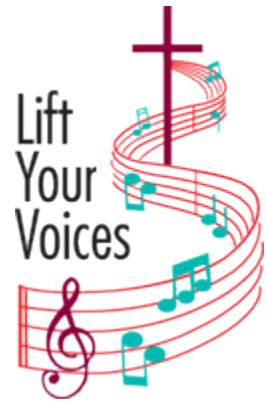


Choir Schedule

*The Choir will be singing at the following worship services
(Shall regular worships be back in action)*

April 5th	8am
April 9th	6pm (women's choir)
April 10th	6pm
April 12th	8am & 10am
April 19th	10am (with Kidz Bellz)

Rehearsals Wednesdays at 6pm
(tentative to resume Wednesday, April 8th)



First Lutheran Church has inherited a four-octave set of Schulmerich Handchimes.

Rehearsals for April is tentative for April 19th at 9:05am, between services

**The Spirit Within will be playing at the following services:
(Shall regular worships be back in action)**

April 18th	5pm
April 19th	10am

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

*Practice times are every Thursday at 5:15pm
(tentative to resume practice on April 16th)*

The Spirit Within

~Our Deepest Sympathy~

Maysie Bierbrauer – September 7, 1934 – December 7, 2019.

A Celebration of Life Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2020 from 12-3pm at Heckrodt Wetland Reserve: 1305 Plank Rd, Menasha, WI 54952.

In lieu of flowers, a Memorial Tree will be planted on the Reserve in Maysie's Honor. Please send any memorial donations to: Heckrodt Wetland Reserve, Attn: Andrea Bierbrauer, 1305 Plank Rd, Menasha, WI 54952. RSVP to Andrea Bierbrauer at andreab@heckrodtnaturecenter.org or 920-585-7418.

Happy Retirement Carol Mooney Williamson!!!!

Our celebration for Carol was postponed. We will have the celebration at a later date when all is cleared and we can be together in person again. Please watch for updates.

If you have not sent in a card for the Card Shower and would like to do so, please mail a card for Carol to: Carol Mooney Williamson, 15521 Metcalf, Hayward, WI 54843.

Country Capers with Jan presents



PORTUGAL & SPAIN: TREASURES ALONG THE GOLDEN DOURO

Departure Date

April 9, 2021 - April 23, 2021

Join us on this picturesque cruise & tour into the heart of the Douro Valley. You will revel in beautiful landscapes and verdant countryside, where roads lead to medieval hillside towns. Discover the cultural capitals of Spain and Portugal, including Lisbon, Madrid, and Porto. From town to country are 29 included sightseeing tours and Cultural Connections. We have fifteen days to learn about the economy and lifestyle of these beautiful countries. Please join us.

Contact:

Jan Wege at 715/634-8101, Email: muskymania@centurytel.net

Brochures are available in the church office.



Altar Guild
members for the month
of April are:

Kaye Cammack*
Kris Treland-Neumann
Joanne Zaspel
Michelle Forrester
Liz Dokkestul
Pam Swanson
Patti Stone
Pat Olson

* Team Leader

**Thank you for your willingness
to serve*

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

Apr 4/5 Ethel Morse
Apr 9 (Maundy Thursday) & Apr 12 (Easter)
 Cheryl Treland & Pam McClelland
Apr 18/19 Patty Van Landshoot
Apr 25/26 Liz Robbins
 (will resume once worship comes to
 in-person again)



Eternal Candle Sponsors for April



Jan Wege
Mackenzie & Parker Forrester
Sandy Klevgard
Nancy Woodbeck

In Memory of Bert Wege
In Memory of Rose Forrester
In Memory of Dale Klevgard
In Memory of Bob Woodbeck

Please sign up on the Eternal Flame clip board if you wish to be a sponsor.
Please give Jeannette 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!!!

Photo of proposed
lighting pendants.



IRENSHAW



Sanctuary Lighting
Project
We have met
\$31,895.52

of our 48,000 goal!

First Lutheran Church Women

I have been thinking about pearls, as I have been walking by the ocean in Florida seeing all the sea shells. In Jesus time pearls were counted of great value and still are today. Their beauty made by the elements of the sea. They were considered precious. I have thought of the song "Take my hand Precious Lord". Matthew 13:45,46 tells in Jesus parable of the pearl of great price of the merchant seeking beautiful pearls, and when he finds one of great price he sold all he had to buy this precious pearl. Jesus says the kingdom of heaven is like this merchant. This merchant diligently searched and was willing to sell all for this precious pearl. No matter how a person is led to Christ the values and delights will be beyond our measure. So this Lenten Walk we seek this precious Pearl as merchants knowing It is worthy of all glory, honor and praise. If He expects us to sell all, are we sold out.

Our morning and afternoon Circles meet Tuesday, April 14th in the Church Library.

PEACE CIRCLE meets at 9:45 am. Leader is Linda Euneau and the Hostess is Kathy Rassmussen

FAITH HOPE & LOVE, Meet at 1:30 pm. Leader is Carol Knudson and Hostess is Carolyn Simmons.

Jubilee meets on April 21st at 6pm in the library.

KOINONIA meet each Tuesday morning at 8:00am also in the library.

May God bless all our women's studies. May they be worshipful and may we all grow in faith and welcoming in fellowship. Sending blessings from sunny Florida. See you soon. Missing my church family.

Linda Gordon.
FLCW President

******All circle meetings are tentative. Once more information from the CDC is released an updated will be given to all. Thank you for your understanding during this time.******

An Evangelical Minute ~ A Pandemic of Emotions

With so much uncertainty in our world and at our doorstep, health wise in particular these days it is easy to feel a certain amount of helplessness. And yet we are aware of factions of our country's health field busy working at ways to address both immediate and longer range patient needs, planning and care.

And most of all, lest we forget, we have our God, whose ever presence; His words, ever ready to draw us close, quiet us and lead and empower us. His words- - - wise, comforting and eternal, just like His love for us.

Heavenly Father,

Let us always remember your word is life. It breathes hope and renewal into our weary bones, just like what we need now during these days. We give you thanks for this blessed assurance.

In Christ, Amen

Lectionary Readings

April 5, 2020 ~ Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Prayer of the Day

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

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

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 50:4-9a: The servant of the Lord submits to suffering
Psalm 31:9-16a: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)
Philippians 2:5-11: Humbled to the point of death on a cross
Matthew 26:14–27:66: The passion of the Lord



Preface—Lent Color—Purple

April 12, 2020 ~ Easter Sunday

Prayer of the Day

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

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

Readings and Psalm

Acts 10:34-43: God raised Jesus on the third day
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)
Colossians 3:1-4: Raised with Christ to seek the higher things
Matthew 28:1-10: Proclaim the resurrection



Preface—Easter Color—White

April 19, 2020 ~ Second Sunday of Easter

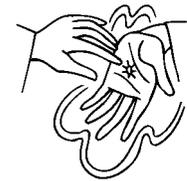
Prayer of the Day

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

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

Readings and Psalm

Acts 2:14a, 22-32: Christ's resurrection: the fulfillment of God's promise to David
Psalm 16: In your presence there is fullness of joy. (Ps. 16:11)
1 Peter 1:3-9: New birth to a living hope through the resurrection
John 20:19-31: Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ



Preface—Easter Color—White

April 26, 2020 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

Prayer of the Day

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

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

Reading and Psalm

Acts 2:14a, 36-41: Receiving God's promise through baptism
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19: I will call on the name of the Lord. (Ps. 116:13)
1 Peter 1:17-23: Born anew through the living word of God
Luke 24:13-35: Eating with the risen Christ



Preface—Easter Color—White

Welcome **First Word Last Bite** recipe sharing column.
If you have a favorite recipe, please submit to
Tiffany Chipman at
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Patty's Pizza Crust & Sauce

Pizza Crust:

1/2 packet Dry Yeast
1/2 c Warm Water
1 1/4 c Flour
1 1/2 Tbsp Olive Oil
1/2 tsp Sugar
1/2 tsp Salt

1. Dissolve yeast in warm water in medium bowl.
2. Stir in remaining ingredients
3. Beat vigorously 20 strokes
4. Let rest 5 minutes or so
5. Knead and roll out on floured board
6. Press into round pan or cookie sheet
7. Pre-bake 4 minutes at 425 degrees.
8. Put on sauce and toppings and bake at 425 degrees for 15-18 minutes.

Makes 1 Crust

Pizza Sauce:

1-6oz can Tomato Paste
6oz Warm Water
3 Tbsp Grated Parmesan Cheese
1tsp Minced Garlic
2 Tbsp Honey
1 tsp Anchovy Paste (optional)
3/4 tsp Onion Powder
1/4 tsp Oregano
1/4 tsp Majoram
1/4tsp Basil
1/4 tsp Pepper
1/8 tsp Cayenne Pepper
1/8 tsp Dried Red Pepper Flakes
Salt to Taste

1. In small bowl combine all of the above, breaking up the clumps of cheese & stir until combined
2. Sauce should sit for 30 minutes to blend flavors
3. Spread sauce over dough or ready crust and add your favorite toppings.

Makes enough sauce for 2 round pizzas.



Recipe submitted by:
Patty Van Landschoot





COMMUNITY MEAL

Every Wednesday
Night
At 5:00 pm

~THANK YOU~

John & Maxine Poppe
For overseeing the
month of March

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 at the Welcome Center. See who is in charge for the month and give them a call or sign-up to help.

March 4: Hayward Area Memorial Hospital

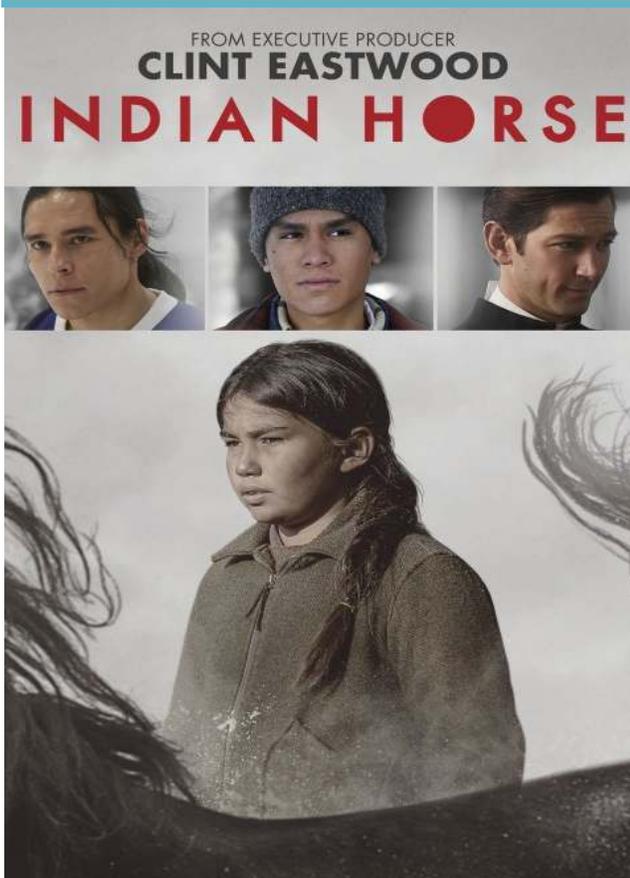
March 11: Hayward Area Memorial Hospital

March 18: cancelled

March 25: cancelled

Inconvenient but not impossible

We were managing quite well with the Wednesday night suppers until COVID-19 became an issue. We decided to cancel the community Wednesday night supper, per recommendations, until further notice for the protection of our people. This was a very hard decision but felt lives were more important than not breaking our record of never missing a meal in 23 years. That is right, March was 23 years of continue service to the community. Once we get an ok that it is safe to start serving again we will be right back at it. By then we may be in our new kitchen. Let us all pray that this will not be a long time.



Friday Night Movie Friday, April 17, 2020

5:30pm

Pizza & Beverages

\$5.00 Donation

Saul Indian Horse, an Ojibway boy, is torn from his family and committed to a residential school. At the school, Saul is denied the freedom to speak his language or embrace his heritage and is a witness to abuse by the people sworn to protect him. But Saul finds salvation in the unlikeliest of places - the rink. His incredible hockey talents lead him away from the school to bigger and better opportunities, but no matter how far Saul goes, the ghosts of his past are always close behind.

Cast: Sladen Peltier, Forrest Goodluck, Ajuwak Kapasheslt, Michael Huisman, Martin Donovan, Michael Murphy.

Director: Stephen S. Campanelli

Genres: Drama

Moods: Inspiring, Emotional

(this is a tentative meeting time. Please watch for announcements as time gets closer)



Check out our First Lutheran Church Website at:
<http://www.firstlutheranhaywardwi.org>

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

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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 and Facebook page for the latest updates and events.

Weekly Sermons

Sermons are available on our website Wednesday (during Lent) & Friday evenings. Worships services are also "LIVE" on Facebook every Wednesday and Friday at 12pm.

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.

Day 1:

March 15 in Memory of Don Harms by Judy and Family

March 29 in Memory of Doug Wikum and Bill and Diane Weinstock by Jane and Family



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

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

Tiffany Chipman by noon each Thursday

FIRST WORD

ALL ARTICLES for the First Word newsletter are to be sent to **Tiffany Chipman**

tchipman@firstlutheranhaywardwi.net
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Caring and Praying

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- ◆ Mel Friske

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- ◆ Liz Webber

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- ◆ Vi Jacobson
- ◆ Colleen Moreland
- ◆ Paul Pedersen
- ◆ Joyce Zaspel

Assisted Living

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

CHRONIC/LONG-TERM ILLNESS

John Jaeckel

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Lucille Ackley
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Mary Crippen
Catherine Cushman
Kay Edwards
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Dode Marquardt
Palmer McCoy
Colleen Moreland
Dawn Saxum
Connie Schield
Anna Suzan
Liz Webber
Jane Wikum
Barbara Williamson



Kitchen Renovations ~ In Pictures



Worship With Us!

Saturday—5:00 pm

Sunday—8:00 am and 10:00 am

Everyone is Welcome!

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