
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



When Will We Reopen?

We never closed! We adapted; we never stopped. Being a moderate I am sick and tired over how everything is being framed through political lenses. As an historian I am grieved to see history repeating itself in spite of how much information is available from past pandemics. COVID-19 is an airborne pathogen, what is called an aerosol dispersing agent. Translated: it is primarily spread through shared air. Some of the most well documented cases of transmission has been found to have happened in worship spaces and in choir rehearsals where not only are we sharing the same air we are projecting it much farther than six feet and we are breathing in more deeply. Also, religious spaces tend to not have the air exchange systems that are required in modern buildings so shared air hangs out longer. Gathering for worship inside is a Medium to High Risk activity for sharing the virus. It is called a sanctuary because we have named it that. It is a space we have set aside to hear God's Word. Our religious sanctuaries are not magical spaces where all of the world's problems are kept out. There have been shootings in sanctuaries and there has been significant virus sharing in sanctuaries and everything in between. Worship is a human work where we try to set aside some time and space to connect with God. We find strength in being with fellow worshipers. Right now our greatest strength is the mutual encouragement we give each other to keep maintaining our physical discipline. I grieve the public displays of religious devotion that equate faithfulness with stupidity. We can trust God, worship God, and still be smart. Gathering for Choir Rehearsal is a High Risk activity for sharing the virus. This is because of the necessity of being physically close for that is how a choir learns to sing together. We will not be gathering inside for worship or choir rehearsal for June, July or August 2020 – the sooner we accept that the better. Outdoor activities are considered Low to Medium Risk for sharing the virus depending on how we conduct ourselves. Outdoor air dispersal is extremely rapid and the COVID-19 pathogen does not survive sunlight very well. Every Sunday in June, July and August, at 9:00 am, we will gather in the parking lot for Tailgater Worship. You can stay in your car, or near your car, but you will not hang out close together. Families can hang together. Worship will be projected through speakers and through the radio using a short range FM transmitter that will broadcast the worship into your car radio. This activity can be extremely Low Risk if we observe our physical distancing. There is not a 100% guarantee that you will not get the virus, however, it is simply the safest way to still gather and see, but not touch, each other. You will be in no way required to attend. It will be simply offered. We will continue to tape record the worship services and put them online and that will continue to be the primary way our worship life is shared. This is our plan for the next three months. This is what council unanimously approved on May 26th. Our relatives cleared this land with hand tools. Our relatives crossed the Atlantic on ships without radar or GPS and without a home waiting for them. Our relatives defeated the Great Depression, Fascism and Communism while eradicating Lockjaw, Diphtheria, Rubella, Mumps, Measles, Pertussis and Polio. We can do this. Long before this pandemic we were dealing with a self-made crisis here called remodeling. We remodeled according to modern specifications so our normal routines were disrupted. Our motto was: Inconvenient does not mean impossible. COVID-19 should not be taken personally; COVID-19 attacks human beings – period! The measures recommended for slowing this disease down are not personal attacks on our freedoms. COVID-19 is causing many of us to react when we should be responding. If we are reacting then COVID-19 is winning. We have incredible communication technologies that can allow us to maintain physical distancing but still see each other. Our relatives could never have imagined the tools available to us.

Who are we getting our information from? CIDRAP – Centers for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Mike Osterholm, a Lutheran from Northeast Iowa, a graduate of Luther College and the University of Minnesota, a former director of the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, and someone who has served under four US Presidents, two Republican and two Democratic, as its director. This sight offers clarity and sound science from someone who is an outstanding scientist and a faithful Christian. I am choosing CIDRAP because frankly the behavior of the government and the governed has left me perplexed and distressed. This is a public health crisis; it is not a personal freedom crisis. We need facts and truth given to us straight. Be creative in being normal. The Church is being creative in doing ministry. You, too, be creative in caring and sharing. We are amazingly resilient people – made by God to be that way – let's let our best versions of ourselves show up. We still need each other and we need Christ.

“Let All That You Do Be Done in Love.”

In Christ,
Pastor Joel

Council Notes

MAY 2020

The council met via ZOOM on May 12, 2020. We are becoming more adept at all this electronic stuff as we go along.

One of the items discussed was the upcoming election of new council members which is scheduled for July. Four members' terms are ending this year, Carol Nelson, Dale Schleeter, Jim Onarheim and Carol Knudson. Carol N. and Dale have served two consecutive terms and are not eligible to serve another. Carol K. and Jim have served one term and have agreed to be on the ballot for another 3-year term. A nominating committee will be appointed to select additional candidates who would be willing to stand for election and serve on the council. Please be open to such service should you be asked. We will be considering options for this election depending on the virus situation at that time. We should know more at the time of our June meeting.

Another main item discussed was the guidelines for the PPP loan we received. Jette has taken part in several webinars regarding the requirements that need to be met in order to make sure that the loan is forgiven. She presented a plan to the council which we approved. We should be able to comply with those guidelines. This program was passed by congress in a great deal of haste so now the rules are being changed on the fly. Jette will continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments as needed. Please thank her for her ongoing expertise and dedication.

Our regular contributions have continued to be quite strong through this time of no in-person worship. Thanks to all of you for your ongoing support of our ministry. We also expressed our thanks and support to the staff for all that they have done through these different times to keep our ministry to each other strong.

Bruce Schmidt,
Council President



Stewardship Message

JUNE 2020

Stewardship

“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.”

In the Midwest, asparagus of the wild variety can be found in prolific quantities outside of our normal cultivation areas. This amazing vegetable, tipped with berries, is self-proliferating if left to go to seed and distributed by the wind. Blue Island, Illinois is characterized by the amount of railroad tracks and yards defining its square miles. Two such rail systems ran directly through our west side neighborhood. Some said the wild asparagus loved the creosote in the soil from the rail ties. We had four ditches to hunt for the young shoots at the urging of our Grandma Brish. Grandma would preserve and share this bounty with our family until a new crop emerged the following spring. The hard part of harvesting the asparagus was avoiding the wrath of our neighbor, Herman Kinsair.

My brother and I thought of Herman as a mean old ogre who would chase us out of the ditches claiming he had found the asparagus and it belonged to him. I'm not sure if Herman would have physically harmed us but we managed to keep our distance and still harvested our share. Eventually, we learned that Herman and his mother would can as many jars of asparagus as they could and donate the entire lot to those in need of food at their church. You see, Herman being what we call today, a Special Needs person, was making his life by giving what he could and there was never enough in his mind. What a reminder that God has given us all a purpose.

Your Stewardship Committee,
Jeff Hubbard
Pastor Joel Bacon
Bruce Schmidt



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Simply Giving

With the Simply Giving Program in place at First Lutheran, some congregation members have elected to use this electronic transfer opportunity. It saves you trying to remember if you have written a check or turned in your envelope. You select when the funds are withdrawn each month and the amount each time. You can also set up and manage your offerings by going to the church website: firstlutheranhaywardwi.org. Choose the Giving tab and click on “Click Here To Check It Out”. This will take you to our e-giving website. For more information please contact Jeannette in the church office.

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

FAITH, FELLOWSHIP & FUN

Tailgate Worship

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9 am in the First Lutheran parking lot for Tailgate Worship.

Park your car and tune in to the radio. Communion & Offering will come to you!

Tailgate worship start on Sunday, May 31st at 9 am.

Youth Hangout

Our High School Students are calling all youth to come have some fun! Every Wednesday evening from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Starting, June 3rd!!!!

We will play Gaga, Volleyball, Wiffle Ball, Kickball, and the list goes on.

Bring your water bottle and come have some fun! All ages of youth are invited.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, June 9th @ 7pm
Where: Comfort of your home -
via Zoom
Topic: tbd (potluck?)

Parent Squad

Tuesday, June 30 @ 6pm
Chipman's Backyard
Campfire, Cookout & Yard Games

All parents are welcome! Bring your own beverage and a snack to share!

Zooming Along:

Meeting in person is something we are all missing. However, with the help of Zoom we are able to see each other and have conversations! Currently we offer a few different times for youth, families and adults. If you haven't joined yet, there is always room. Contact Tiffany for the link and password to join. She can also help with any questions.

Adult Bible Studies:

Every Wednesday at 10am
Every Thursday at 7pm

Congregation Council and church committees are using Zoom to conduct meetings as well.

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.

Kitchen Project:



Things are getting near the end on our kitchen project. Wiring will be finished in the next week. There are other odds and ends to be finished. We will need a final inspection. If all goes as expected we could be done with this project by the end of May. If that happens we will need to be trained in running the equipment and then training others for use in June. As always it is a goal and things could change.

We are receiving money from the grant and covering all of our costs.

Thank you for your continue support on this project.

Kitchen Task Force



**The church is open Monday - Thursday 8:30 am until 4 pm.
If you are in need of time at the altar please feel free to
stop in.
Small group meetings/gatherings are welcomed on the
church grounds.**



The Hopes in Spring

A message from your Youth & Education Director

There is something about the smell of spring that brings a smile to my face. The first time smelling fresh-cut grass, the first thunderstorm, and budding flowers.

I was walking into work today and Ray was cutting the grass. As I approached the area he was at the wind blew just right to give that "stopping in your tracks" smell of fresh-cut grass! You know that smell I am talking about? The clean, crisp fragrance of the grass. It is almost like the grass is shouting, "Good morning! I am alive!!!!".

Throughout the last couple of months we have faced uncertainty after uncertainty. We have wandered aimlessly around our homes and continuously asking the questions, will this ever end? Will we have a sense of 'normal' soon? Where do we go from here? There are doubts. There are disagreements. There are opinions and facts...and sometimes a difficulty in knowing one from the other.

Today. This morning. I am reminded of hope.

Hope is what we need right now. Hope for new life. Hope for a new normal. Hope for a better tomorrow.

This pandemic will end. We will have the tools necessary to battle against this. It is part of our prayers, our conversations with God. And when He is ready to answer them, He will.

As the weather continues to grow warmer, I encourage all of you to step outside and take in the great smells of spring. Enjoy the fresh-cut grass. Remind yourself that our world is alive! Listen to the birds, they are singing songs of beauty. Admire the baby bunnies hopping around. Embrace God's creations.

Every spring we are blessed with the reminder of hope. I ask you to set aside your worries of the pandemic for a moment and embrace the newness we have today. Trust that God will do what is right for all. And know that He will answer your prayers.

We are not alone. God brings us new life, rejuvenation, growth and strength. Love them moments. Amen.

Many blessings~

Tiffany Chipman

Youth Action



Vacation Bible School is available for all youth who have completed grades Kindergarten – 5th Grade. Meeting times are Monday (June 22) – Friday (June 26) from 9 am – 12 pm each day.

Daily Schedule:

9-9:30 am: Large Group Opening
9:30-10:30 am: 30-minute small group rotations
(story/discussion, games, crafts)
10:30-11 am: Snack & Recess
11-11:30 am: Final group rotation
11:30-12 pm: Large Group Closing

Due to the uncertainties of COVID-19, Vacation Bible School is planned under a 3-option event:

Option #1: VBS is attended under regular circumstances and in-person here at First Lutheran Church.

Option #2: VBS is attended in-person, with multiple locations through small groups of 10 or less. With the option to participate through online collaboration with Zoom.

Option #3: VBS is attended through online collaboration with Zoom only. (packets for all materials will be given to every 'camper')

Watch for email announcements and Facebook posts as time gets closer.

All registrations are DUE by Monday, June 15, 2020.

Let's break out of the ordinary and in to the extraordinary together!!!

"He has rescued us from the power of darkness
and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son"
COLLOSSIANS 1:13

Summer Splash 2020

Welcome to Summer!

It is time to kick off our Summer Splash programming...and this year we need the help of ALL our families!

This year, we will do Summer Splash a little different. Families and friends will work together to accomplish serving our Hayward community.

Each month, we will have two tasks to work on. Some individually and some in small groups. I ask everyone to send in photos of work-in-progress and completed work. The hope is to have a slideshow this fall of the work we completed over the summer.

So, without further ado, here is June's list of service projects:

1. June 1 - 15: Yardwork at First Lutheran.
 - a. weeding flower beds
 - b. stacking wood (brush clean up)
 - i. More details to come soon!
2. June 16 - 30: Pick up trash on Nursery Rd and Nyman Rd. (this would be great for a couple of families to do together)

God's Work is in Our Hands!

Youth Hangouts:

Join us EVERY Wednesday at 5:30pm for some youth fellowship. All ages are welcome! This is time dedicated to our youth for fun, games, and laughter! Meet at the church!

Class of 2020

Congratulations:

Anya Bacon Jakob Shaw Connor Abrie Tommy Tiffany Mason Chipman Jake Torstenson

Thomas Tiffany



Bible Verse: “And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face on the ground.” 1 Samuel 14:49

This verse is quote in Tommy's favorite movie Hoosiers”.

Church Memory: Going to Crosswoods Camp

Future Plans: Northland College in Ashland, WI – majoring in secondary education. He will also play basketball for the Lumberjacks!



Jake Torstenson



Bible Verse: “Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.” Proverbs 13:20 (KJV)

Church Memory: Going to Houston for the Youth Gathering. It was fun to help at the food bank and meet other people.

Future Plans: Montana State University in Bozeman, MT – majoring in Mechanical Engineering



Jakob Shaw



Bible Verse: “I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:14 (ESV)

Church Memory: Going to Noah’s Ark and swimming all day

Future Plans: UW-LaCrosse – majoring in Computer Science



Class of 2020

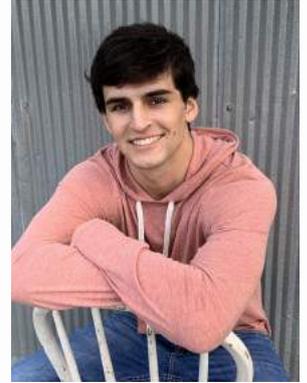


Connor Abric

Bible Verse: "A man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps." Proverbs 16:9

Church Memory: Attending Summer Splash because it gave me something to look forward to every week when I was little.

Future Plans: UW-LaCrosse – undecided major. Will play club hockey.



Anya Bacon

Bible Verse: "Do not fear. Only believe." Mark 5:36

Church Memory: The whole ELCA Youth Gathering trip to Houston, Texas.

Future Plans: Luther College, Decorah, IA - majoring in Nursing



Mason Chipman

Bible Verse: "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV)

Church Memory: Teaching Sunday School

Future Plans: Bemidji State University - majoring in Nursing.



Graduation Ceremony: July 16th - The date is set. The planning continues. Watch for July's First Word for the final information.

Minutes of Special Council Meeting, May 26, 2020. ZOOM

Meeting called to order by Bruce Schmidt at 5:05pm.

Present: Carol Knutson, Carol Nelson, Erinn Bratley, Ron Kirchdoerfer, Linda Beck, Troy Morgan, Bruce Schmidt, and Pastor Joel Bacon. Sharing their views earlier were Jim Onarheim, Dale Schleeter and Sam Shaw.

The purpose of the meeting was to decide whether or not to add parking lot worships to our summer worship offerings. This would accent, not replace, the online worship which will continue to be the primary way we worship. After much discussion it was agreed that the preferred way of bringing the worship to the parking lot will be through a short range FM transmitter that will go to the car radios. Next would be through amplified speakers. Thirdly, through creating a 'wifi hotspot' and people using their devices. Homework for the meeting was viewing a presentation by Dr. Mike Osterholm to the ELCA Clergy of Minneapolis Area which was then opened up and offered to the whole church. Ron K. moved and Erinn B. seconded. It was voted, unanimously, to pursue the FM radio option with the understanding that online worship would be our primary worship format still. The 9:00am Sunday Tailgate Worshipers would run from May 31st to the end of August 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted,
Pastor Joel Bacon, May 27, 2020

AN EVANGELICAL MINUTE *The Greatest of These Is Love*

We have been "sheltering" for sometime now and during this time it seemed like one had opportunities to focus on different aspects of our lives.

This was brought home to me a few weeks ago when I found a gift and envelope on my front porch. Here were some baked goodies and sweets, a number of homemade straw-stemmed colored paper flowers, a beautiful handmade card with prayer and all of this from our First Lutheran Youth.

My first thoughts were for their caring thoughtfulness. That their focus had to have included God's love for them and thus, their love for others. And how we can be so very proud of them and their efforts in their "intergenerational ministries". As a result, God's light is shining in them and pointing others to God's light.

Holy God,

Bless our youth as they mature in their faith journeys, showing your love for them by loving others.

In Christ,
Amen

Women of First Lutheran

June is a wonderful month and because our lives have slowed down and we have to “shelter and stay”, we need to stop and watch God's handy work. I had a special gift this morning as a Cardinal walked along my deck railing and a Blue Heron walked along my shoreline. The trees are budding and the perennials are peeking their heads above the ground looking for the sun. We live in a wonderful world and our Creator God made a beautiful place for us. This is “the normal”!!

Today our lives are upset by a virus that is taking lives and making us fearful because this COVID-19 is invisible and we can't see it. Not normal!! It is causing our lives and country to feel the effect of loss of jobs, commerce, farmers are suffering, and retirees are seeing their savings dwindle. We are remembering the Great Depression and what our ancestors went through years ago and now we feel it.

There is someone who we can't see, like the invisible virus, but is so present in our lives. He is there at our beck and call, “He walks with us, He talks with us, and He tells us we are His own”. I've felt Him at the bedside of the sick and comforting those in sorrow. We have all felt His presence. He is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit to all of us. Psalm 91 is a wonderful comforting Psalm. Psalm 91:2-4 “I will say to the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust’. Surely He will save you from the Fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge.”

June is here, God is working His miracles with this earth and His people. We will see God's New Normal. WAIT FOR IT, Shelter and stay, wash our hands, wear our masks, and wait for God's Hands to work His miracles. We have faith and we trust in Him. We pray for His loving care to come to all His people.

I want to thank all who have made these times of confinement a blessing. Pastor Joel, for your extra time given to us, giving us God's word and for all the special music on Sunday mornings. The services are beautiful and worshipful. Tiffany, for your tech knowledge and all you do in the office. Jeannette, for keeping the bills paid and I know you do much more. I saw you and Pastor carrying a large cupboard last week! Ray, for all you do in the chaos of remodeling and for sharing your voice and faith on Sunday mornings. We have a special congregation, we are so blessed.

I am missing all of you our members and the Women of First Lutheran and will rejoice when we can open our doors and carry on the mission of the church. For now, let all we do be done in love!

Your President, Linda Gordon

Thank you!!!!

Thank you to everyone for the opportunity to work with such a dedicated congregation and staff. Your faith is evident in every project you undertake. First Lutheran is a special group of people, and I have been honored to work with you. Thank you for the opportunity to work for such a mission-oriented group of people.

I greatly appreciate the "card shower" that Pastor Joel and the staff planned for my retirement. It was fun going to the mail box each day to see if I received a card! I was very fortunate for all the cards, gifts, caring words, flowers and sincere "fare wells" I received. Needless to say, it has been a strange retirement and period of time for all us. I am so grateful for my First Lutheran family. May you each be blessed with good health and happiness. I miss you!

Carol Mooney Williamson

The Love of Our Altar

Eternal Candle Sponsors for May

Colin & Lori Laberee
Jan Wege
Dick Gillis
Carol Nelson

In honor of Fathers
In memory of Bert Wege
In memory of Shirley Gillis
In honor of great-grandson: Brooks Alan
Nelson (Born May 3, 2020)

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!!!

Sanctuary Lighting Project:

Goal: \$48,000
Funds: \$32,150.52

Sample of what lighting will look like -->



Lectionary Readings

June 7, 2020: The Holy Trinity

Preface: Holy Trinity Color: White

Prayer of the Day: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: - Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; God's glory fills the whole earth. Alleluia. (Isa. 6:3)

Readings and Psalm:

Genesis 1:1--2:4a (The creation of the heavens and the earth)
Psalm 8 (How majestic is your name in all the earth!) (Ps. 8:1)
2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (Paul's farewell to the church at Corinth)
Matthew 28:16-20 (Living in the community of the Trinity)

June 14, 2020: Second Sunday after Pentecost

Preface: Sundays Color: Green

Prayer of the Day: God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. The kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. Alleluia. (Mark 1:15)

Readings and Psalm

Exodus 19:2-8a (The covenant with Israel at Sinai)

Psalm 100 (We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.) (Ps. 100:3)

Romans 5:1-8 (While we were sinners, Christ died for us)

Matthew 9:35--10:8 [9-23] (The sending of the Twelve)

June 21, 2020: Third Sunday after Pentecost

Preface: Sundays Color: Green

Prayer of the Day: Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation - Alleluia. Jesus says, The Spirit of the Lord will testify on my behalf, and you also are to testify. Alleluia. (John 15:26, 27)

Readings and Psalm

Jeremiah 20:7-13 (The prophet must speak despite opposition)

Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18 (Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind.) (Ps. 69:16)

Romans 6:1b-11 (Buried and raised with Christ by baptism)

Matthew 10:24-39 (The cost of discipleship)

June 28, 2020: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Preface: Sundays Color: Green

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

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

Reading and Psalm

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

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

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

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

With Deepest Sympathies



Obituary of: Dolores "Dode" Maxine (Anderson Marquardt): September 5, 1933 - May 3, 2020 (age 86) Dolores Maxine Marquardt of Hayward, WI left her earthly life and passed into Heaven on Sunday, May 3, 2020, at the Hayward Hospital. Dolores, known by all who knew her as Dode, Dodes, or Dodie, will be missed by her family, friends, and community. Dolores was born the daughter of Selma Flatness and Carl Olaf Anderson on September 5, 1933. She was born on the family farm in Cuba Township, Becker County, Minnesota. For 8 years she attended District 42, a country school, and her experiences there influenced her life and career. She characterized herself as a tomboy who would rather play ball than put on dresses; this grew into a

lifelong love of sports and competition. Her childhood was filled with a constant flow of relatives and visitors to the family farm and was the source of many of the stories she liked to tell throughout her life. After graduating from Lake Park High School and Moorhead State College, she taught school in Pelican Rapids and Benson, Minnesota. In 1957, she married Dennis C. Marquardt. They lived in Moorhead, Minnesota, where they started a family, and Dode worked for General Motors Insurance. In 1963 they moved to Tioga, North Dakota and in 1965 to Hayward, Wisconsin. Dennis was the hospital administrator and she taught elementary school. Together they raised 5 children. Dode earned her Master's Degree from the University of Wisconsin System, and after over 30 years as an educator, retired from teaching in 1997. As a teacher, she strived to make each child feel safe and accepted. As a mom, she allowed her kids the freedom to learn and grow through play. Dode was proud of her farm background. It instilled in her the toughness and neighborliness for which she was known. Dode was proud of her family. They will miss the stories she told around the kitchen table and the sense of fun with which she approached everything in life. Dode was proud of her Scandinavian heritage. She delighted in delivering her homemade lutefisk and lefse to fellow Scandinavians each Christmastime. Anyone fortunate enough to receive a loaf of her Swedish rye or oatmeal bread knew it was baked with love. Dode was also proud of being a Minnesota Viking fan. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Dennis; sisters Lorraine Jacobsen of Ulen, MN and Barb (Robert) Wold of Los Angeles, CA; children Dwight (Lynda) of Spooner; Dale (Brenda) of Oconomowoc; Daidre (David) Bartz of Hayward; Denise (fiancé Rob Mittlesdorf -- Eli, Emma, José) of Hayward; and Daniel "Hutta" of Hayward; grandchildren Kelsy (Bill) Richardson, Dean (Danielle), Will (Katri Olsen), Dennis, Ben (Corri McHugh), Phoebe, and Grant Bartz; two great-grandchildren Donovan and George; and dear nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind many cherished lifelong friends. She was preceded in death by her parents. "And until we meet again, may God protect you from unnecessary Uff-das." Due to the current pandemic, a funeral service and celebration of Dode's life will be scheduled in the future. Those who wish to remember Dode with a memorial may direct it in her name to either organization below: Hayward Community Schools Education Foundation% Anderson, Hager, and Moe P.O. Box 986, Hayward, WI 54843 OR First Lutheran Church P.O. Box 346 Hayward, WI 54843

With Deepest Sympathies



Erik Lowell Kees, age 51 of River Falls, WI, passed away on April 13, 2020 in Durand, WI. Erik was born August 26, 1968 in Menomonie, WI to Lowell and Mary (Bushland) Kees. Erik was an active, spontaneous and talented man. In his early days, he was proud and appreciative to earn his Eagle Scout award, wrestle at the state wrestling championships, participate in many outdoor adventures and develop many amazing friendships with his River Falls High School classmates. He graduated in 1986 by the narrowest of margins, but had about as much fun as one could have in doing so. Erik had a very successful career as a sales representative for Andersen Windows for 20 years and then at Fargo Glass and Paint for the following ten years. Throughout his working career, Erik had many wonderful opportunities to travel and live in many different places throughout the United States. He was a diligent worker who always went above and beyond for his employers and customers. Erik acquired many new and enduring friendships throughout these years as well. Erik especially enjoyed his time in the outdoors and with nature and spent a considerable amount of time hunting, fishing and hiking. He made many trips to the mountains and he especially treasured his considerable time spent in Alaska. A farmer at heart, Erik loved working the land, acquiring tractors, and raising everything from pheasants, goats, chickens and pigs. His heart was happy with the unconditional love and companionship from his dog, Stella, who preceded him in death. He was a complex man who had an amazing sense of humor and proclivity for pranks, could be the most kind and gentle person you could find one day, and as stubborn and ornery as you could find the next day. He was willing, however reluctantly to be transparent and let those closest to him in on the things in life that presented challenges for him. Erik was a wonderful son and an amazing brother and uncle, who will be forever remembered and dearly missed. Erik is survived by his parents, Mary and Lowell Kees of River Falls; brother, Ian Kees and his daughter, Marin Kees, who loved uncle Erik so dearly (along with Bren, Jack and Ella who brought additional joy to his life these last two years); sister, Kealynn Kees of Brooklyn, NY; godfather and uncle, Forrest (Kathy) Bushland; aunt, Zona Kees; aunt, Sally Weisenbach; aunt, Nancy Johnson; uncle, John (Bev) Kees; uncle, Curt (Betty) Kees; aunt, Verona Kees; aunt, Roberta (Rod) Bauer; uncle, Bob (Helen) Kees; aunt, Candace (Tom) Harris; and uncle, Bruce Kees; and well over 150 cousins. Erik was kind and generous to many and especially appreciated his wonderful group of friends who benefited his life in so many ways. Erik was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lloyd and Irene Bushland, Hayward, WI, and William and Theone Kees, Durand, WI, each of whom he honored and had deep and meaningful relationships with. Due to the current coronavirus concerns and restrictions of gatherings, all services for Erik are private at this time. A Celebration of Erik's life will be planned for the future for family and friends to come together. Funeral services are entrusted to the O'Connell-Benedict Family Funeral Home and Trusted Cremation Provider of River Falls, WI (715) 425-5644.

First Foodies:

Rhubarb Dream Bars *By: Connie (Vallem) Carlson*

Ingredients:

2 cups flour

3/4 cup powdered sugar

1 cup butter

Combine and press into a 9x13 greased pan Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes.

4 eggs

2 cups sugar

1/2 cup flour

1 teaspoon salt

Beat together until well blended.

4 cups chopped rhubarb

Add to above mixture and mix.

Spoon over baked crust and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

Cool and cut. Keep in fridge if there are leftovers.



Rhubarb season will soon be upon us, and many of us rhubarb growers and lovers will be looking for great recipes! Here is one of my FAVORITES!! This recipe is very delicious and easy to make! Try it! - Connie

Have a recipe you would like to share???

Submit your recipe to Tiffany Chipman at tchipman@firstlutheranhaywardwi.net



Weekly Community Suppers

Our goal is to start, by training our monthly team leaders and the servers for funerals. If all goes as expected this will be done in June as we open up Wednesday Night Supper with carryouts. It will give members of First Lutheran a chance to use and learn about the new kitchen.

May Day of Thanks to our Youth

From phone calls to letters to cards...great job First Lutheran Youth!!!!
Your May Day Baskets were a HUGE hit!

We want to thank you thoughtfully for sending the basket of goodies to us on a dreary & dismal day. It certainly brightens our day. Many thanks & God Bless You.
Jayne Zempel
Gene Nelson
Walter Edge

I want to thank you for remembering me at this time - Daycare long, but good - The May Basket was a treat in its self - Pumpkin cake, a hit, because I don't bake now - I'd just get just to cook dinner - Love to you - Jane

I thank you, members of First Lutheran Church for the nice variety of gifts. That was very thoughtful of you, also the eatable pieces are delicious. God bless you for your kindness and caring.
Sincerely,
Irene Ahrens



Dear Tiffany and Youth of First Lutheran,
Marlo and I want to thank you for the beautiful May Day baskets they were filled with beautiful hand-made flowers and delicious goodies! I loved the bag of Raisinets is L.P.H. It was so nice to have the Morning Prayer tucked into the basket. These were our first May Day baskets! We were so surprised that anyone would give so far to deliver them! Love to all of you! Marlo & Connie



Note:
I would like to thank the First Lutheran church youth and their drivers. The May Basket was perfect. It brought a smile to my face. You made my Day!
Thank You!
Dawn Saxon

Dear FLC,
Thank you so very much for the beautiful May Basket full of flowers! I've enjoyed the delicious pumpkin bread and chocolate cookies a lot. It was a wonderful surprise. Thank you for your thoughtfulness + kindness.
Sincerely,
Flo Biederback

Also a big thank you for the May Day basket. What a nice surprise to be remembered. Thanks also for the young boy that delivered it.
Joanne

For the golden Basket - It cheered me! I am 105 1/2 years old of age. I was a Pastor's Wife, my hobby was quilting over 50 years ago or all of North America & most of the world - Mother & most fun! I'd welcome a visit when allowed

God Bless you - as you mature Best wish.
Vi Jacobson



What a sweet May Day surprise you gave to me! The basket was filled with delicious goodies I can eat. And the flowers are beautiful. I have them in a vase on my table. I loved the card. You are such a special youth group from church. God bless you.

Dear First Lutheran youth
Big
Just a little thank you...
...for everything!
With love from me,
Barbara Klippel

Social Media

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

Giving Options:

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.



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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:

May 17 in memory of Don Harms by Judy and Family

May 31 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 12:00pm each Thursday

First Word:

ALL ARTICLES for the First Word newsletter are to be sent to Tiffany Chipman by 4:00pm on June 18th for the July First Word



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Please Pray For:

Catherine Cushman
Denise Leasure
Dawn Saxum
Palmer McCoy
Barbara Williamson
Kay Edwards
Colleen Moreland
Lucille Ackley
Brenda Hanson
Ferry Bernard
Bonnie Larsen
Shirley Arcand
Jane Wikum
John Poppe
Jean Christianson
Todd Swanson
Emily Hutchison
Donna Gilbertson
Paul Pedersen
Scott Gregerson
David Grothe
Liz Webber
Ashleigh Magnuson

Chronic & Long-term Illness:

John Jaeckel





JUNE
Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy Birthday:



Dorothy Woodcock
Dorothy Hedman
Joanne Lamphear
Becky Iverson
Bob Bergum
David Grothe
Andrey Yunker
John Poppe
Alan Wunsch
Linda Gordon
John Pahn
Maxine Poppe
Gary Anderson
Al Weber
Ginny Simons
Bill Vortanz
Barb Onarheim
Carol Knudson
Michael Persson
Linda Beck

Dana Bates
Liz Robbins
Shelley Turner
David Jacobsen
Carol Gucinski
Harry Malcolm
Barb Jacobsen
Mark Jacobs
Jillian Kuczenski
Truit Campbell
Jessica Sams
Laramie Mittlesdorf
Carly Toder
Sara Klongerbo
Andrea Mast
Karla Haskell
Josh Guslander
Carly Fredrickson
Alyssa Dettloff

Grant Jacobs
Josh Passolt
Ian Okamoto
Josie Nowak
Kylie Gilbert
Calia Sieh
Emma Bratley
Connor Abric
Trevor Lohman
Drake Marks
Emma Kuczenski
Alesandra Lehouillier
Alice Laberee
Annabelle Laberee
DJ Woelber



Happy Anniversary:



Pastor Joel & Maran Bacon
Jean Christiansen
Dan & Carol Gucinski
John & Deanna Jaeckel
Colin & Lori Laberee
Pete Seivert & Kathy McCoy
Jim & Nancy Schemensky

Doug & Linda Beck
Mel & Jean Friske
Jeff & Jan Hubbard
Bob & Kym Kirk
Chris & Jill Larson
John & Constance Olson
Dean & Carol Schleeter

Jayne Buchman
Tim & Sue Gardner
Larry & Gayle Huseth
Jim & Pat Klabough
Joe & Aimee Lehouillier
Keith & Lois Sanders
John & Lynn Syverson

2020 June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 31	1 9am Online Devotion	2 9am Online Devotion 10am Staff Meeting	3 9am Online Devotion 10am Zoom Bible Study 5:30pm Youth Hangouts	4 9am Online Devotion 7pm Zoom Bible Study 7:30pm AA	5 9am Online Devotion	6 9am Online Devotion
7 8am Online Worship 9am Tailgate Worship	8 9am Online Devotion 5pm CC Exec Meeting-Library 5:30pm Congregational Council	9 9am Online Devotion 10am Staff Meeting 7pm Theology On Tap	10 9am Online Devotion 10am Zoom Bible Study 5:30pm Youth Hangouts	11 9am Online Devotion 7pm Zoom Bible Study 7:30pm AA	12 9am Online Devotion	13 9am Online Devotion
14 8am Online Worship 9am Tailgate Worship	15 9am Online Devotion 5pm Youth Committee	16 9am Online Devotion 10am Staff Meeting	17 9am Online Devotion 10am Zoom Bible Study 5:30pm Youth Hangouts	18 9am Online Devotion 7pm Zoom Bible Study 7:30pm AA	19 9am Online Devotion	20 9am Online Devotion
21 8am Online Worship 9am Tailgate Worship	22 9am VBS 9am Online Devotion	23 9am VBS 9am Online Devotion 10am Staff Meeting 6pm Parent Squad	24 9am VBS 9am Online Devotion 10am Zoom Bible Study 5:30pm Youth Hangouts	25 9am VBS 9am Online Devotion 7pm Zoom Bible Study 7:30pm AA	26 9am VBS 9am Online Devotion	27 9am Online Devotion 12pm Wedding
28 8am Online Worship 9am Tailgate Worship	29 9am Online Devotion	30 9am Online Devotion 10am Staff Meeting	Jul 1	2	3	4
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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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