

The First Word

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

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First Lutheran Church
Hayward, Wisconsin



From the Pastor's Desk

February 2022

The story is told of an accounting firm that had an incredible talent working in their accounting pool. This man never made mistakes. He worked steadily, faithfully, with 100% accuracy his whole 47 years with the firm. He had an interesting habit of opening his top drawer in his desk and looking at something in it about every hour of every day. Because of his perfect track record, no one dared disturb the karma of his desk but there was lots of speculation about what was in that drawer. They noticed on his retirement day that he did not clean out the drawer that had intrigued the accounting pool for all those years and everyone made sure they lingered. When the now-retired accountant left the firm for the last time the rest of his fellow accountants gathered as one around his desk. What would they find? A photograph? A lucky charm? Something from Confucius? There in the drawer was a dried-out piece of aged paper with a handwritten note: Minuses on the left. Pluses on the right.

We are often told that good results come from good habits. Whenever people are trying to make a positive change in their lives what they are often looking to do is start a new habit. Usually, it involves sleeping, diet, exercise. The success of the change usually depends on how well we keep to the new habit and how positively we frame it. If we can avoid the don'ts we have a much better chance of developing a good and steady habit. If we say to ourselves, don't be lazy, don't drink pop, don't watch ESPN Los Angeles, don't drink, don't smoke, etc., we will have a difficult time establishing a good routine. But if we say: "Go to bed at ten. Walk a mile in the morning. Eat only fruits and vegetables." then our chance of developing a good new routine is much stronger.

I notice that the kids who struggle in confirmation are often the ones without routines. The ones without set meal times or set bedtimes often struggle with other things as well.

My wish for you as we move toward Lent in early March is that you nurture some good habits that will help your life be good. I have received a lot of feedback from people about the daily devotions and how that has become part of their routine. I have found I like it as well. Good to have a reason to wake up in the morning as some of the old folks say. I believe that a positive spirituality is part of those good habits and contributes to a good life as much as any gym shoe or carrot stick ever has.

From good habits come good results.

In Christ,

Pastor Joel

Stewardship Message

“Don't Give 'til it hurts', rather 'give til it feels good”

First of all, thank you for your support of First Lutheran and its ministries. We developed new normals here to live within the new confines caused by the pandemic and you have remained faithful. Thank you.

How we spend our time and how we spend our money is how we truly show what we believe. As I walk through the mall it is very clear to me that a lot of people believe in mobile phones. As I go through the grocery store I come to suspect that a lot of people believe in frozen pizza. The Packers seem to draw a lot of attention and dollars as well. I look at all this church does inside and outside its walls and that only happens because of how you spend your time and your money. As we grow into the future, as we improvise and adapt, thanks in advance for all your support.

In Christ,

Pastor Joel
Member of the Stewardship Committee

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Semi-Annual Budget Meeting

Sunday, January 30th following the 10 am worship service.

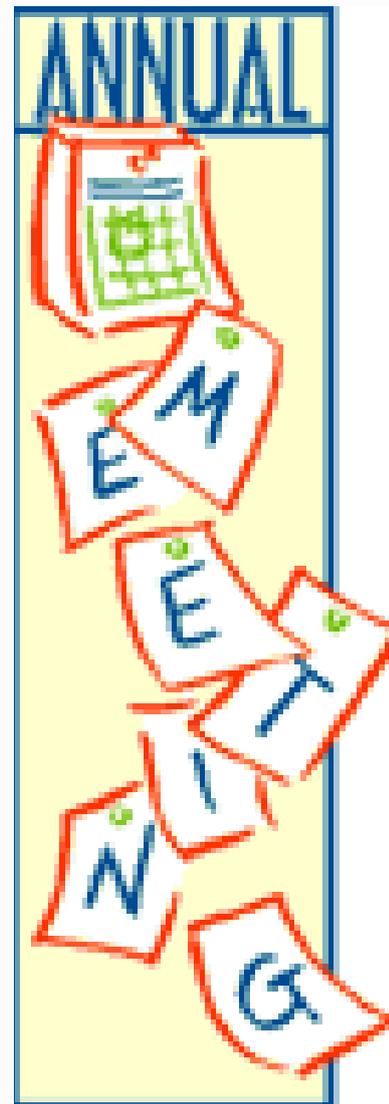
Budget Hearings were on
Wednesday, January 19th at 4 pm

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On Sunday, January 23rd after the 10 am service

Items voted on:

MIF Loan
2022 Budget
Worship Times
Columbarium Task Force



IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Linda Euneau. Her memories will remain within us forever.

Our thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Irene Ahrenkiel.
A celebration of life will be held in the Spring.

AN EVANGELICAL MINUTE

Weather Times of Late To Try The Soul

This is surely one winter that will go down in history. From snowstorms, followed by rainstorms with our green lawns showing up again. Our temperatures have certainly been extreme at times. But, we have escaped the horribly destructive tornadoes that have battered other parts of our country. The first of many was in Kentucky, with complete destruction of homes, churches, towns, etc. Probably, the worst was the loss of life. All this is as we were all preparing to welcome once more the Christmas celebrations & birth of our Savior.

What seemed appropriate was prayer---for those who were suffering, for those who had to work through the rubble, for health care workers, for those working to meet the needs of the survivors.

This is what is so very wonderful about our God. We can turn to him in prayers always. There have been times when this season has been JOYLESS instead of JOYFUL. But, God is with us always, no matter what. O' Wonderful Father, we thank you for your ever-presence. Help us to respond in whatever way we can to help others, especially those so hard hit recently.

In Christ,
Amen

FAITH, FELLOWSHIP & FUN



Biking/Hiking/Skiing

The group will meet every Monday.

It is time for skiing. The group meets at random locations at 5 pm. Please contact Jim Schreiber.

TABLE TALK

Tuesday, February 8th @ 6:30 pm

Where: First Lutheran Church - Fellowship Hall

Topic: Are being Godly & Humane the same thing?

Potluck dinner starts at 6:30. Discussion to follow (about 7:15)



Light the Night for a Cure



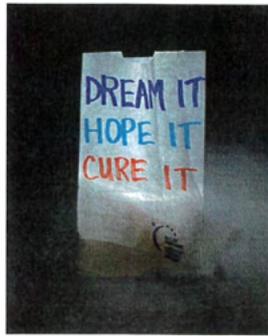
Join us to cross country ski and/or snowshoe a lit trail!

We encourage social distancing during this event. Updates will be posted on our website: www.relayforlife.org/sawyercountywi

Sponsored by



First Lutheran Church



Purbs of Prayer

- Saturday, February 19th @ 9:30am
- Location: Library
- Are you interested in knitting or crocheting prayer shawls or for charity?
- Join us each month; no experience is needed. We can provide all supplies and instructions.

When: **Sunday, February 6th**
Where: OO Trailhead, Hayward, WI
Time: 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Join us for:

Hot cocoa and a snack
Lit ski loop and snowshoe trail
Luminaria loop for prayer/reflection
Bonfire
Fun night out!

Pre-registration strongly encouraged
Although accepted in person at the event.

NAME: _____

\$10 donation per person to attend
+\$10 for each luminaria.

Payment to "American Cancer Society".
Drop donation and form off at First Lutheran Church in Hayward or register on-line at www.relayforlife.org/sawyercountywi
Click **Donate**, select **Light the Night**.
Also order luminaria online with the link provided.

I hereby release the sponsoring organizations, its members or agents and any person officially connected with this event from all liability for any injury or damages.

Meet our new Business Manager/Office Coordinator



Let me introduce myself. My name is Tanya Ullom. Spent my childhood in Barnes, WI. Moved to Hayward when I was 15. I went to college in Eau Claire and have an accounting degree. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, yard work, spending time with my great nieces, my mom, and my dog. I am beyond excited for my new career at First Lutheran Church!!

CHILDREN + YOUTH MINISTRIES

Terrific Tuesdays BACK!!!

TERRIFIC TUESDAY began Tuesday, January 25th! (Previously known as "Arise" on Wednesdays.)

There is a great new energy and a lot of excitement building at First Lutheran! The youth leaders will be Rhonda Passolt, Kris Treland-Neumann, Julie Jolivette, Patty Van Landschoot, Janet Rivard, Linda Treland, Tatum Treland-Schlapper and Mallory Treland. We have a fun new curriculum that will engage your child to get excited and learn about God's love!

Our goal as leaders is to collaborate, using our individual God-given strengths, to design fun and interactive Terrific Tuesday curriculums that foster faith formation. We pray that participating children will grow a firm foundation of God's unconditional love and in ways they can respond in gratitude using their God-given strengths in the world. Critical thinking and questions will always be welcome.

As in the past, the children will be picked up from school and escorted to the church. While at the church, our time together (3:15-5:00 pm) will include snacks, prayer, faith rituals, creative Bible lessons with accompanying videos, games, crafts, and/or activities, and we are super excited for the addition of music! We encourage parents to visit with their children about what happened at each Terrific Tuesday and give us feedback. And if you are able, we invite you to attend Terrific Tuesday with your child. We want Terrific Tuesdays to be a partnership between the church and the parents of the children who attend.

We look forward to this new semester of Terrific Tuesdays! If you have any questions please contact Tatum Treland-Schlapper at 715-699-1113.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING 2022

Gathering Dates: July 24-28, 2022 Registration paused because of COVID

GATHERING BIBLE STUDY:

FEBRUARY'S BIBLE STUDY IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND AT 7 PM.

THESE STUDIES ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO BUILD GROUP RELATIONSHIPS, CONNECTIONS, AND LEARNING. AS WE MEET EACH MONTH, THE PARTICIPANTS AND LEADERS BUILD THE TOOLS FOR A SAFE AND HEALTHY TRIP.

PARENTS, PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY--ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT YOUR PARTICIPANT!

EVERY WEDNESDAY PASTOR JOEL WILL BE LEADING CONFIRMATION AT 6 PM AND AT 7 PM HE WILL LEAD SENIOR HIGH MINISTRY.

Women of First Lutheran

Where did January go, the months, even though cold, seem to fly by? We will be looking for the Ground Hog to see his shadow, or not? When did we put so much stock in the Pennsylvania Ground Hog? We have so many idiosyncrasies, old sayings, and superstitions. Where did they come from and it is miraculous that they are still remembered. Soon we will be watching Robin's back for snowfall. "Three flurries of snow on a robin's back" and then spring is around the corner. We are interesting people seeking signs. John the Baptist gave us signs, As one crying in the wilderness "Prepare the way for the Lord." He baptized Jesus, one whom he said he was not worthy to tie His sandals. John and a crowd saw God send down a Dove (the Holy Spirit) when God told Jesus "You are my beloved Son, in You, I am well pleased", this was real not a sign, and it was the beginning of Jesus' ministry. A Savior was born and a star was a sign, but now this man, Jesus came to bring the good news of the kingdom and He dwelt among us. We pray "thy kingdom come, thy will be done" in the Lord's Prayer, the prayer He taught us. He wants us to live in this kingdom (earth) with Him as our Savior, and for us to follow Him as His children doing His will. We don't need signs to see Him all around us. We are so blessed where we live to see the seasons. We know that after Winter comes, Spring, Summer, and Fall, just as we know He is present in our lives. We were baptized with water and the Holy Spirit and marked with the sign of the cross forever, we too are changed. Open our eyes, Lord, let Your kingdom come to us and You will be done here on earth. Make us willing workers in this kingdom doing your will.

One of His Children, Linda Gordon President of FLCW

February Plans and updates:

By now we have held our General Meeting and I hope you were able to attend to vote on the designation of our Love Gifts and select the election of new officers. I pray that God will bless and give our new officers Joy to share new enthusiasm and energy to engage the Women of First Lutheran.

Circles Peace and Faith Hope & Love have studied from the Gather Magazine, a four-part study on The Kingdom of God. As you can see we gleaned a lot from the first study about the Kingdom of God, by my references of The Kingdom in my article. I am looking forward to the next three studies looking at the present, future, and eternal life through Jesus's parables.

Peace Circle meets on Tuesday, February 8th at 9:45 am in the church Library.

All are invited and welcome to join them. Leader Ardie Littlefield, Hostess Georgia Frye; you can contact her by calling 715-634-8376. All are welcome.

Faith Hope & Love Circle: Meet on Tuesday, February 8th at 1:30 pm in the church Library.

Gwen Mickelson is the leader, Hostess Linda Gordon; you can contact her by calling 715-634-3538. All are welcome.

Jubilee Circle meets on February 15th, Tuesday at 6 pm in the church Library.

They're enjoying the DVD entitled "Women of The Bible" with an interesting discussion to follow. Rhonda Passolt leads this fellowship of women; you can contact her by calling 715-563-2502. All are welcome.

The Love of Our Altar

Eternal Candle Sponsors for February

John & Joyce
Morelnad

In memory of Helmer & Helen Aasmundrud

Suzie Slota

In memory of Joan Slota-Pedersen

*Please sign up on the Eternal Flame clipboard if you wish to be a sponsor.
Please drop the sponsor funds and information in the dropbox outside of the office door when
you sign up.*

*There is room for more Eternal Candle Sponsors; please sign up and let the office know. Thank
you!!!*

February Communion Bread Bakers:

February 5/6: Pam McClelland
February 12/13: Erinn Bratley
February 19/20: Sherry Beckman
February 26/27: Grete Schuenzel



February Altar Guild Schedule:

	<u>Sat. 9am</u>	<u>Sat. 5pm</u>	<u>Sun. 8am</u>	<u>Sun. 10am</u>
February 5/6:	Michelle Forrester	Michelle Forrester	Kay Sieh	Patti Stone
February 12/13:	Pat Olson	Pat Olson	Kay Sieh	Sue Reinardy
February 19/20:	Donna Gilbertson	Donna Gilbertson	Karen Geise	Nancy Woodbeck
February 26/27:	Sue Reinardy	Pat Olson	Linda Graham	Nancy Woodbeck

Music Ministry.

Voice Choir:

Worships Schedule:

Sunday, February 13th at 10 am

Saturday, February 19th at 5 pm

Sunday, February 27th at 10 am

Rehearsals: Every Wednesday at 6:05 pm in Room 4.

The Spirit Within

Worship Schedule:

Sunday, February 13th at 10 am

Sunday, February 27th at 10 am

Practices every Thursday at 5 pm.

Chime Choir:

Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 5:15 pm - 5:55 pm.



Handchimes



Lectionary Readings

February 6, 2022: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Preface: Epiphany Color: Green

Prayer of the Day: Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Jesus says, Follow me, and I will make you fish for people. Alleluia. (Matt. 4:19)

Readings and Psalm:

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13] (Isaiah says, Here am I; send me)

Psalm 138 (I will bow down toward your holy temple. (Ps. 138:2))

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (I am the least of the apostles)

Luke 5:1-11 (Jesus calls the disciples to fish for people)

February 13, 2022: Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Preface: Epiphany Color: Green

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Jesus says, Rejoice, and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia. (Luke 6:23)

Readings and Psalm:

Jeremiah 17:5-10 (Blessed are those who trust the Lord, they are like trees by water)

Psalm 1 (They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps. 1:3))

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (Christ has been raised, the first fruits of those who have died)

Luke 6:17-26 (Jesus speaks blessings on the poor and hungry; woes on the rich and full)

February 20, 2022: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Preface: Epiphany Color: Green

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Love your enemies, and you will be children of the Most High; forgive, and you will be forgiven. Alleluia. (Luke 6:35, 37)

Readings and Psalm:

Genesis 45:3-11, 15 (Joseph forgives his brothers)

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 (The lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace. (Ps. 37:11))

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 (The mystery of the resurrection of the body)

Luke 6:27-38 (Love your enemies)

February 27, 2022: Transfiguration of Our Lord
Preface: Transfiguration Color: White

Prayer of the Day: Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him! Alleluia. (Luke 9:35)

Readings and Psalm

Exodus 34:29-35 (Coming down from Mount Sinai, Moses' face shone)

Psalm 99 (Proclaim the greatness of the Lord; worship upon God's holy hill. (Ps. 99:9))

2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2 (With unveiled faces we see the Lord's glory as we are transformed)

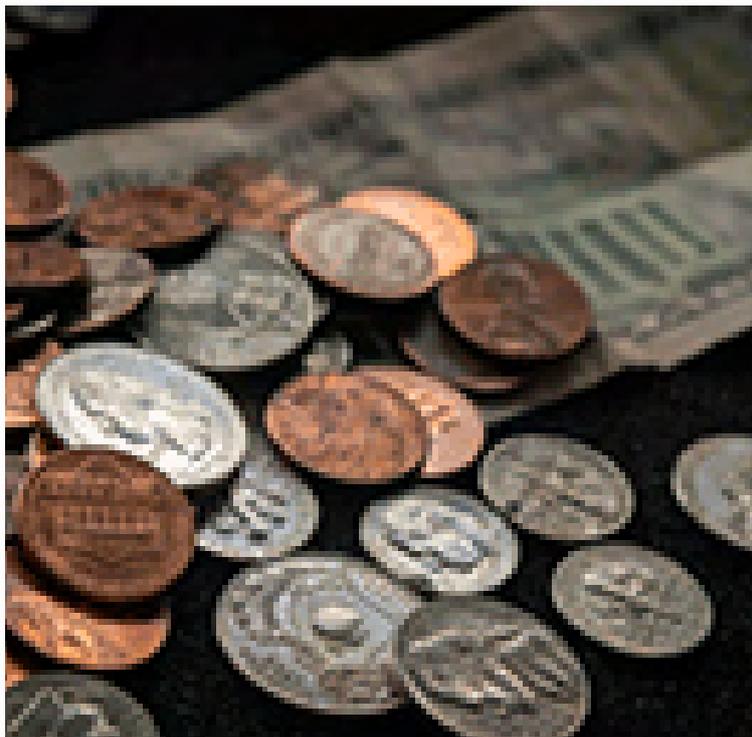
Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a] (Jesus is transfigured on the mountain)

FINANCIAL FOCUS

We ask for grace and mercy.

First Lutheran Church is under some transitions. Please bear with us as we work through the job details and expectations.

We apologize for the blank section and lack of financial updates.



Wednesday Night Supper



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

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 and volunteers within the community.

If you wish to help in this important ministry, please look at the sign-up sheets hanging at the Welcome Center. See who is in charge for the month and give them a call or sign-up to help.

Monthly Overseer:

Jim & Maureen
Schreiber
Thank you!!!

January Weekly Meal Sponsors:

January 5:	Maureen Schreiber
January 12:	Hayward Loins
January 19:	St. Joseph Church
January 26:	Schreiber's

Chairperson Note

Wednesday Night Supper monthly leaders needed. We have some wonderful people leading each month to ensure each week's meals are covered and running smoothly, but things have changed in their lives, and they no longer can do it. So, we are looking for new monthly leaders for October and November. There are some other openings also.

Are you wondering what you can do? Join our team and learn about the meals and how easy it is to volunteer to help with the meals or oversee a month. We are still doing carry-outs for around 70 meals every Wednesday. Don't wait for a call asking you to help; step forward and give your name to the church office or call Betty Beckman.

If you never served a meal, please ask the person in charge of the month to help and learn about doing it. (This is posted at the Welcoming Center in the Narthex). The more hands we have, the easier the task is. Thanks again to all who have helped serve the Wednesday night meal for over 25+ years. First Lutheran – Faith in Action – become part of the team.

Betty Beckman
Community Supper Chair

Website Wanderings

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.

Online Giving at
<https://onrealm.org/FirstLutheranCh49566/give/now>

Text Giving is now available!
Text: FLC54843 to
73256



A link will be provided. Click the link to be directed to the online giving.

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



<https://www.facebook.com/pg/firstlutheranhaywardwi/about>



"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:

January 16 in memory of Don Harms by Judy and Family

January 30 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 the church office by **4:00pm each Tuesday**

First Word:

ALL ARTICLES for the First Word newsletter are to be sent to church office by **4:00pm on February 15th for the March First Word**



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Hayward, WI 54843

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- *Janis Bergum*

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- *Ralph and Carol Cornell*
- *Colleen Moreland*

Assisted Living:

- *Clare Jacobson*
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- *Dennis Marquardt*
- *Gene Nelson*
- *Joyce Zaspel*
- *Henry Aukee*
- *Palmer and Fern McCoy*



Please Pray For:

Mary Beaver
John Schuenzel
Phil Pierce
Rosalie Schreiber
Keith Schuman
John Poppe
Will Wege
Joyce Zaspel
Jo Dahlin
Barb Klippel
Emily Hutchison
Jane Wikum
Family of Irene Ahrenkiel
Family of Ruth Hamdort
Family of John Bihun
Family of Linda Euneau

Chronic & Long-term Illness:

John Jaeckel *Anna Suzan*
Don Sheehan *Dawn Saxum*



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF COFFEE

LWR coffee is available for purchase

Coffee choices include:
Dark Roast - Whole Bean
Dark Roast - Ground
Medium Roast - Whole Bean
Medium Roast - Ground
Decaffeinated - Ground

Stop by First Lutheran for your coffee fix...anytime during office hours

Our Deepest Sympathies

Linda Elise (Maland) Euneau

April 20, 1950 ~ December 30, 2021 (age 71)



Act I

Once upon a time, there lived a musical, motherly, whimsical, outgoing woman. This dynamic gal was a star in life! The wearer of many hats, a woman that touched the souls of many, her vibrance is one that was impossible to not draw you in. Our story begins on Thursday, April 20th, 1950 in Minneapolis, MN, when Linda Maland was born to Bud and Helen Maland. This shy little Scandinavian gal moved to Pelican Rapids, MN where she grew up before finding her way to Moorhead State College. There, Mindy Maland became a teacher. Breaking out of her shell, she embarked on a fulfilling 30 plus year career educating students from preschool to adults.

Act II

The beginning of an epic 48-year love story with her beloved husband, Craig, began in a tiny town. A blink town as you'd call it, Solen, North Dakota. Never heard of it? Us either, but nevertheless the story began here, at a quaint gathering with mutual friends. The two were introduced. Love, and some corn dust, was in the air. Engaged after just two weeks, the two young educators embarked on a marriage that would stand the test of time and their share of challenges. A marriage that showed their family and friends what true love looked like. Mr. and Mrs. Euneau's marriage legacy showed their loved ones that loving through the hard times, being each other's friend, and never giving up on each other is a precious gift, one they cherished daily and that will never be forgotten.

Act III

These two love birds raised a family of quirky kids in South Dakota before ultimately landing in Hayward, WI. There, the committed giver of her time & her talents, Mindy became a part of her community through her heartfelt involvement in her church, Habitat for Humanity, The Lions, The Re-Store, and other local groups. Through this journey, the once shy gal found her voice. She was quite musical and shared this talent through singing in the choir, being a part of the Christmas Cantata and many theater productions. An avid reader, she was truly the Kindle Queen, enjoying book club and logging hours a week lost in a book.

Final Act

The woman that brought joy to all she knew, who was affectionately known as Mindy, Mom, Nana, Mrs. Euneau, Ms. Linda, and a loving wife, was lost on December 30th, 2021. Linda Euneau passed away unexpectedly while visiting family in South Dakota with her best friend and accomplice in this life, Craig. She will always live on through the incredible love they shared with each other, family and friends.

If you knew Linda, you've heard many stories about her family. Linda is survived by her husband and best friend, Craig; her brother Mark Maland; her sons Howard Euneau (Mellissa), Mikel Euneau (Jeanette) and daughter Alicia Whitcomb (Seth); and her 11 beloved grandchildren Logan, Emma, Ethan, Nathan, Moira, Ryan, Allison, Ian, JT, Angie, and Betty.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, January 6th at 4pm at First Lutheran Church, 10680 N. Main Street, Hayward, WI, where visitation will be held from 2pm until the hour of the service. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to her home away from home, First Lutheran Church at <https://firstlutheranhaywardwi.org/giving/> or to her favorite organization, Habitat for Humanity of Sawyer County at <https://habitatsawyercounty.com/give/>. Please help her legacy live on by volunteering in your local community.

Our Deepest Sympathies

Irene Amelia Ahrenkiel

April 26, 1921-January 7, 2022 (age100)



Irene Amelia Ahrenkiel, age 100, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 7, 2022, in Hayward, WI. She was born April 26, 1921, near Long Lake, Town of Sarona, WI. She was the youngest of the three daughters born to Hans and Rose Nelson.

At 7 months old, Irene's parents moved to rural Hayward, where Hans purchased land in Hunter Township, bordering the Chippewa Flowage. They built and settled in a small log cabin. At age 7, In 1931, her family moved to Robertsdale, Alabama, to help on her uncle's farm. Life in the segregated south was extremely challenging as a Northerner. After completing eighth grade, Irene moved to Pensacola, Florida to attend

Business school.

In 1940 Irene returned to Hayward and became reacquainted with Elmer Ahrenkiel -- they soon fell in love. Irene and Elmer were married March 8, 1941, at the Congregational Church in Hayward. The young couple settled in a small apartment Elmer built above his parents' farmhouse, where they lived until they finished building their own home. Their first child, Rose Marie, was born in 1944 and a son, James, followed in 1948. Elmer and Irene worked to keep up the family farm. For entertainment they enjoyed dancing and frequently went to the country dances at Round Lake School.

In 1966 Elmer and Irene sold their farm and moved to Anna Marie, Florida. Irene worked at Dunaway's Restaurant, which was owned by the parents of the famed actress Faye Dunaway. When they returned to Wisconsin, Irene worked at Camilletti's Italian Restaurant.

Over the years, Irene stayed busy as a member of First Lutheran's quilting, card making and Bible study groups, volunteering at the Hayward Hospital gift shop, sewing, embroidering, and baking. Her family feels blessed to have had her in their lives this long and to benefit from her wisdom learned over 100 years.

She is survived by her children, Rose Marie Dignan of Coon Rapids, MN and Jim (Pam Judd) Ahrenkiel of Hayward, WI; her grandchildren, Marie (Kevin) Stockman, Kristi (Bryan) Gloppen; Laura (Terry) Bruce and Nelson (Stacie) Ahrenkiel; her great-grandchildren, Jessica, Corey, Leah, Benjamin, Heidi, Holly and Heather; her great-great-grandchildren Carson and Bella; niece Catherine, and nephews Robert and Ronald.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents Hans and Rose Nelson, sisters Mildred and Hazel, husband Elmer Ahrenkiel, son-in-law William Dignan.

A celebration of life will be held in the Spring. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to First Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 346, Hayward, WI 54843 or to Regional Hospice, 15910 W Company Lake Road, Unit 3, Hayward, WI 54843.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Irene Amelia (Nelson) Ahrenkiel, please visit our [floral store](#).



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2022 February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	Jan 31	1	2	3	4	5
		7:30am Online Devotion 8am Koinonia 8am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Card Ladies 9:30am Music & Worship 11am Staff Meeting 1pm Text Study-Pastor 3pm Terrific Tuesdays 7pm Zoom Bible Study	7:30am Online Devotion 8:45am GHAMA - Pastor 10am Zoom Bible Study 4pm Outreach Committee 5pm Community Supper 5:15pm Chimes Practice 6pm Confirmation 6:05pm Choir 7pm Senior High	7:30am Online Devotion 9:45am Nursing Home Worship 5pm Spirit Within 7:30pm AA	7:30am Online Devotion	5pm Worship
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8am Worship 9:15am Adult Forum 10am Worship	7:30am Online Devotion 5pm Property Committee 5pm Bike/Hike/Ski	7:30am Online Devotion 8am Koinonia 8am Men's Bible Study 9:45am Peace Circle 11am Staff Meeting 1pm Text Study-Pastor 1:30pm Faith, Hope & Love Circle 3pm Terrific Tuesdays 6:30pm Table Talk 7pm Zoom Bible Study	7:30am Online Devotion 10am Zoom Bible Study 5pm Community Supper 5pm Memorial & Endowment 5:15pm Chimes Practice 6pm Confirmation 6:05pm Choir 7pm Senior High	7:30am Online Devotion 9am Cover Girls 1pm Grief Support Monthly 5pm Spirit Within 7:30pm AA	7:30am Online Devotion 1pm Pages for Paws	5pm Worship
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27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4	5
8am Worship 9:15am Adult Forum 10am Worship	7:30am Online Devotion 5pm Bike/Hike/Ski					
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