



THE "FIRST" EDITION



Confirmation Is Changing

This fall, we are launching a revamped confirmation program. Confirmation has been an important part of the life of our churches for many years. At the same time, we've recognized that our current format wasn't meeting the needs of all of our students and families as well as it could. This new approach is designed to build community, encourage family involvement, and help students develop a lasting faith in Jesus.

Details

- **Who?** Students entering 6th, 7th, or 8th grade.
- **When?** The **third Sunday** of September, October, November, January, and April from **12:15–3:15 p.m.**
- **Where?** Grace Lutheran Church in Berlin (384 Oak Street) because it is the most central location for all of the participants.
- **Lunch Together.** Every session begins with lunch as we build relationships and community.
- **Faith That Lasts.** We'll explore the big story of Scripture, learn the Small Catechism, practice prayer, ask honest questions, and discover what it means to follow Jesus in everyday life.
- **Hands-On Learning.** Discussion, activities, service, and experiences—not just sitting through another class.
- **Parents Matter.** Parents are invited and encouraged to participate. Faith grows best when home and church work together, and we hope parents will be part of the journey.
- **One Church Family.** Students from Grace and First Lutheran will learn together, giving them the opportunity to build friendships across both congregations.

While the schedule will look different, the purpose remains the same: helping young people grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

This is an exciting new chapter, and a work in progress. We ask for your prayers. Pray for our students as they grow in faith. Pray for their families as they nurture faith at home. Pray for our teachers and leaders as they share the good news of Jesus. Thank you for encouraging our young people and walking alongside them as they grow in Christ.

For the month of August, our Noisy Bucket offering will support:

Foundations for Living

Foundations for Living in Waupaca, a nonprofit organization that provides hope, healing, and practical support for individuals and families facing difficult circumstances. Through counseling, advocacy, education, and community programs, Foundations for Living helps people find stability, strengthen relationships, and move toward healthier lives. Every coin - and every dollar - makes a difference. Thank you for filling the Noisy Bucket and helping us extend Christ's love and compassion!

Our June Noisy Bucket Mission, Lutheran Disaster Response, raised \$244!

If you are unable to attend in person, join us online on Facebook, watch on YouTube, or listen to worship via radio station 93.1 FM or 1600 AM at 9:45 am.

August 2 10 th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30am	Psalm 42 Communion at the Rail Birthdays & Anniversaries Cupcakes after Worship	Greeter: Dar Cravillion Reader: Diane Warning Usher: Harold Nigbor Bread: Chris Monroe Communion: Dar Cravillion
August 9 11 th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30am	Psalm 100 Communion in the pew	Greeter: Diane Warning Reader: Karin Macijeski Usher: Mark & Joel
August 16 12 th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30am	Psalm 139:1-12 Communion in the pew Legacy Sunday with Potluck (Honoring members 80+)	Greeter: Joan Everson Reader: Gary Boening Usher: George Huerth
August 23 13 th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30am	Psalm 46 Communion in the pew	Greeter: Mark Henn Reader: Joan Everson Usher: Harold Nigbor
August 30 14 th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30am	Psalm 21 No Communion/Service of the Word	Greeter: Colleen Hein Reader: Mali Usher: Mark & Joel

LeRoy

Baby Maverick – son of Macy Goehring

Jerry Wrage – Health Concerns

Rich Evans – Stroke – Friend of the Lairds

Jeri Latshaw – Arm Surgery – Coworker of Linda N.

Michelle Nelson – Health – Germaine's Daughter-in-Law

Jaci Boening – Surgery – Healing

Pastor Bill Meier

Carol Bergeon – Stroke - Germaine Schwebs' Cousin

Wiggie Benton – Cancer – Germaine Schwebs' Nephew

Russ Hofer – Overcoming Grief – Friend of the Lairds

Kathy Piper – Friend of Judy V.

Sue – Health & Continued Healing – Friend of the Lairds

Craig Monroe – Health – Son of Gary & Chris

Chris Monroe – Healing

Mike C. – Continued Healing – Friend of Vergins

Kay Jeske – Continued Healing

Doris – Cancer & Heart

Linda Ewald – Healing – Sister in Law of Judy Vergin

Phyllis Jenks – Continued Prayers - Lee Chase's sister

Pastor Rick Rieten – Health – Friend of Laird's



Judy Button

Craig Smith – Heart – Friend of Monroe's

Joe & Marilyn Smith

Peter – Health Issues

Patti Christie – Friend of the Langkaus

Tammy Kretzmann – Healing

Jaci Boening – Surgery, Healing

Lee Nelson – Healing

Julie – Terminal Cancer

Corrine – Healing – Cousin of Judy B.

Mark Bongart – Continued Healing

Mark Kretzmann – Continued Healing

For those battling cancer: Tom, Dave L.

Heavenly Father,

We lift to You all who are in need of healing, comfort, and strength. Wrap them in Your loving care, calm their fears, ease their burdens, and renew their hope each day.

When life feels uncertain, help us to trust in Your perfect plan. Give us the faith to rest in Your promises, knowing that You are always with us, guiding us with love and mercy.

May Your peace fill every heart, Your healing touch bring renewal, and Your grace sustain us through every season. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

august

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10:30am Worship 11:30am Cupcakes!	3 12:30pm Worship 1:30pm Bible Study 6:00pm Stampin! 6:00pm Parish Council Mtg	4 5:30pm Men's Steak Fry, Berlin 6:30pm Endowment Mtg	5 3:15pm Finance Mtg 5:30pm Lay Preaching Class, Grace 6:15pm Salad Supper, Grace	6	7 9-10:30am Food Pantry 1-3pm Stampin! 3-4:30pm Food Pantry	8 9am-4pm Craft Day at Grace Noon-3pm Back to the Beach @ Kusel
9 10:30am Worship	10 Mtg 1:30pm Bible Study 2:45pm M-Team	11 6:30pm Council Mtg	12	13	14	15
16 Legacy Sunday! 10:30am Worship 11:30am Potluck 6:30pm Mutual Ministry, First	17 1:30pm Bible Study Carolynn OFF	18	19	20	21	22
23 10:30am Worship 11:00am Potluck	24 NO Bible Study Pastor OFF	25	26 Pastor OFF Carolynn OFF	27	28	29
30 10:30am Worship	31 1:30pm Bible Study 6:00pm Stampin!	1	2	3	4	5



1 Marisa Jewell
2 Paige Goehring
8 Brielle Behnke
9 Joyce Jorgensen
10 Brenda Schroeder

11 Roger Bahr
21 Brenda Goehring
21 Tammy Tracy
27 Ruth Hanson
28 Bill Behnke

Cupcakes & Celebrations!

We invite you to stay a little while after worship on the first Sunday of each month as we gather to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries with cupcakes & fellowship!

And for those unable to join us in person, please know that you remain an important part of this church family. You are prayed for faithfully, and surrounded by God's grace & love wherever you are.

****If we missed a special day or have a date wrong, please contact the office!**



4 Ray & Judy Schierland
5 Bill & Tony Behnke

20 Robert & Tammy Hansen
27 Terry & Brenda Schroeder



Financial Summary through June 30, 2026

General Operating Bank Accounts	
CFCU #0002 15 Mo CD	\$ 10,366
CFCU #2650 60 Mo CD	\$ 21,724
CFCU #9481 60 Mo CD	\$ 10,931
Mission Investment Fund	\$ 8,000
Checking account	\$ 11,329
Savings account	\$ 146
Total General Operating Balance	\$ 62,496

Designated Projects Bank Accounts	
CFCU #1428 60 Mo CD	\$ 28,337
CFCU #6849 60 Mo CD	\$ 28,430
CFCU #6856 36 Mo CD	\$ 113,730
Money Market Savings	\$ 9,276
Total Designated Projects Balance	\$ 179,773

Other Fund Balances	
Building and Grounds	\$ 8,993
Library	\$ 820
Lord's Acre	\$ 400
M-Team	\$ 684

General Operating Receipts & Expenses		
	YTD	2026 Budget
Donations & Interest	\$ 60,609	\$ 120,000
Expenses:		
Mission Support	\$ 3,835	\$ 7,836
Worship	\$ 1,112	\$ 6,245
Education	\$ 417	\$ 2,150
Fellowship & Caring	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Property	\$ 5,731	\$ 15,895
Administration	\$ 41,141	\$ 96,538
Outreach	\$ 84	\$ 500
Total Expenses:	\$ 52,320	\$ 131,164

Our budget year is 50% complete.	
total revenues = 51% total expenses = 39%	

Myndi distributed everyone's mid-year giving statements the first week of July. If you did not receive yours, you would like to have a printed copy, or if you have ANY questions, please contact her! Also contact her if you have a good joke! firstluthbook@gmail.com, office hours M & W 9:45am-2:45pm.

My wife re-arranged the labels on my spice rack... haven't confronted her yet but the Thyme is Cumin.

Why did the pony ask for a glass of water? -Because it was a little horse.

I can't take me dog to the park anymore. The ducks keep biting him... he's pure bread.



The Lord's Acre is officially open! And we invite you to share the abundance of your gardens, kitchens, and talents! If you have fresh garden produce, flowers, jams, crafts, or other items you'd like to donate, we'd be grateful for your generosity. Every donation is a wonderful way to share God's blessings with our church family and community. The Lord's Acre has long been a reminder that God provides in countless ways. As Scripture reminds us, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace." (1 Peter 4:10)

If you'd like to donate items or arrange a drop-off, please contact Judy Shierland at 987-5582.

Thank you for sharing the fruits of your labor and your generous hearts.
May God continue to bless your gardens, your homes, and all who give so faithfully!

Back to the
BEACH



Kusel Lake
N5245 24th Ave - Wild Rose
Noon - 3pm
Bring a beach chair & a dish to pass!

SATURDAY
AUGUST 8TH



Distribution Date:

August 7th, 9-10:30am & 3-4:30pm

Collection: Applesauce & Fruit Cocktail!

These shelf-stable fruits are always appreciated. Thank you for helping us share Christ's love by caring for our neighbors in need.

CRAFT DAY @ GRACE

August 8th, 9am-4pm

Bring your art/craft, enjoy fellowship and a light lunch!

Stay the whole time or drop in!



"One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts." — Psalm 145:4

Legacy Sunday

Special Worship Service and Potluck!

We are delighted to invite all members to a very special Legacy Sunday Worship Service on Sunday, **August 16th** at 10:30am. This special service is dedicated to honoring and celebrating the incredible contributions and lives of our cherished members who are 80 years and older.

Join us as we come together to show our appreciation for their wisdom, love, and faith, which have been our community's cornerstone. It's a time for gratitude and celebration of the legacy they continue to build within our church family.

Following the service, we invite all to stay for a potluck. Enjoy delicious food, fellowship, and the warmth of our community as we continue to celebrate the blessings of our senior members.

We look forward to sharing this special day with you and your loved ones. Let's come together to honor the legacy of those who have given so much to our church and community.

A Friendly Reminder

Need to borrow tables, chairs, serving items, or other church equipment for an event? We're happy to share when we're able! To help avoid scheduling conflicts and ensure items are available, please contact the church office before borrowing anything. A quick phone call or email lets us know what's being used, when it will be returned, and helps us keep track of our church resources.

Thank you for helping us care for these shared items and for being considerate of your church family!

Men's Steak Fry, Tuesday,
August 4th @ 5:00 pm.



Open to men from Grace, First, and guests. The location has not been finalized yet. The cost will be based on the cost of the event but is anticipated to be \$20 each. We will need the final count by July 29th to get the steaks ordered. Please sign-up at ASAP and if you have any questions, please contact Terry Wallace at 920-344-1523.

be still and know that
I AM GOD



Women's Salad Supper, Wednesday,
August 5th 6:15 PM

All women are invited to the annual salad supper. Please bring a salad to share (2 people to a salad) Plates, silverware, dinner rolls/butter, dessert, and beverages will be provided. Our speaker will be Jennifer Hockenberry, the new director of the Women of the ELCA. We hope you will join us!

The salad supper is also a baby shower for Lutheran World Relief. Please consider bringing an item for the layettes (baby blanket, sweater, diapers, etc). We especially need baby socks and ivory soap.



First Communion Class

Is your child ready to receive Holy Communion?

A First Communion class will be held on **Sunday, October 4**, from **1:00–4:00 p.m.** at **First Lutheran Church** (W2314 Prospect St., Poy Sippi). [For questions & to register, please contact Pastor Rebekah or the church office.](#) This class is open to any student who is interested in and ready to begin receiving Holy Communion. Parents are encouraged to attend with their child as we explore what Holy Communion is, why it matters, and the wonderful gift Jesus gives us through this meal.

Students will celebrate their **First Communion** with their own church family during regular worship on **Sunday, October 18:**

- **8:30 a.m.** at Grace Lutheran Church, Berlin
- **10:30 a.m.** at First Lutheran Church, Poy Sippi



What a beautiful day of worship! ❤️

First Lutheran and Grace Lutheran gathered together in the park to worship our amazing God. Even with the hazy skies and smoky air drifting in from the Minnesota and Canadian wildfires, God's presence shone brightly among us. It was a gentle reminder that while the world around us isn't always perfect, the hope we have in Christ remains clear and steadfast.

Surrounded by God's creation, we lifted our voices in praise, heard His Word, shared Holy Communion, and celebrated the joy of being one family of faith. There is something special about worshipping outdoors, where every breeze, bird song, and towering tree points us to our Creator.

After worship came an incredible potluck filled with delicious food, laughter, conversation, and fellowship. Like the early believers who "broke bread together with glad and sincere hearts" (Acts 2:46), we were reminded that sharing a meal is one of God's wonderful gifts for building community.

Thank you to everyone who attended, brought food to share, helped with setup and cleanup, and offered your time, talents, and prayers! You made the day a true celebration of Christ's love.



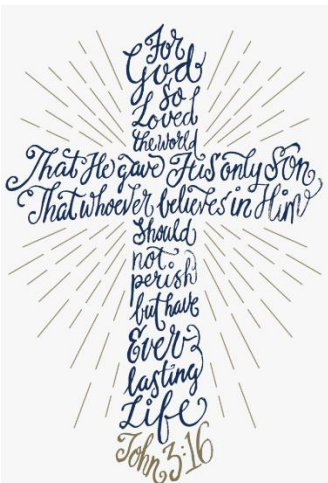
JOHN 1:16
Blessed

What a wonderful and memorable time at
Camp Senior!

We are so thankful for everyone from First
Lutheran and Grace Lutheran who joined
us for this special time of worship,
fellowship, and growing together in faith.

It was a beautiful reminder that no matter
our age, God continues to strengthen us,
encourage us, and bless us through
Christian community.

Thank you to all who attended and made
Camp Senior such a joy! We hope even
more of our church family will consider
joining us next year. We'd love to share
this meaningful experience with you!



The June 9th, 2026 meeting of the First Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President Bill Deppe at 6:30pm. Members present were Bill D., Mark H., Aron N., Mali B., Pastor Tarras, Judy S. & Jim L..

There were no visitors.

Devotion by Pastor Tarras.

Minutes from last meeting were approved except for a few typos by Mark H. & seconded by Bill D.

Financial Minutes were read and approved by Jim L., seconded by Judy S.

New Business:

1. Electrical – Jim Laird met with Don Betler. Just a few minor change to worship section. Classrooms will cost about \$200 for each light to replace. This will be turned over to the Building & Grounds Committee.
2. Synod Assembly Summary: Mali, Eric & Pastor went to the Assembly in Oshkosh. The theme was “To strive for peace and justice in all the earth.” They voted on budget, title of bishop, ELCA and World Hunger, re-elected bishop for another 6 years. Synod Weekly Wave signup sheet was discussed. Most impressive, our church was #11 in all the churches in our synod for helping world hunger.
3. The ladies of the church would like to have a craft fair. Permission was given to use the church.

Unfinished Business:

1. Pastor has ideas for library fund monies. Checking with SS teachers and lay people. Also purchasing season 4 & 5 of The Chosen. Motion made by Mali & seconded by Mark.

Other Business:

1. Bench has arrived. Will probably install to the right of the front door outside.
2. Joint Worship in the Park, M-Team will do meal & Worship Team to do worship, Council to greet people.
3. New permission to use the tables will be wrote up.
4. Judy Schierland will handle Lords Acre in the summer.

Reports:

President – All is well with joint ministry.

Pastor – Will try to visit all home bound members. Ideas for helping Pastor Bill to church. With the help of a “signing person” she will have a confirmation class. Will preach at Kathy Cartwright’s ordination on July 18th at Calvary Church in Oshkosh. Will try some ideas on teaching a class on Baptism to perspective parents.

Parish Council: next with Grace and went thru covenant. All went we...

Worship – Working on Legacy Sunday in August and Veteran’s Sunday.

Children’s Ministry – Done for the season

M-Team – Father’s Day breakfast June 21st. Worship in the Park July 19th. Back to the beach August 5th with brats, hot dogs & German potluck at Kusel Lake. Legacy Sunday August 16th. Pack the Pews, Pack the Pantry & Pancake Palooza September 13th. Party on the Pont September 26th. Aebleskiver Dinner – October ?0

Property – Harold, Kevin & Mark will do the mowing. Will seal coat the driveway next year.

Endowment – Meets in August.

Archive – On hiatus until October

Staff – Right now, Joan needs time off. Sign up sheet will be put up for volunteers to help with cleaning the church.

Motion Made by Jim L. to adjourn, seconded by Mark H. at 7:55pm. Seconded by Mali.

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Meeting: July 14th at 6:30pm

Submitted by Judy S.

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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday 9 am

Newsletter Deadline:

20th each month

Worship 10:30am Sundays

If you are unable to attend in person, join us online
on our Facebook page or listen to worship via radio
station 93.1 FM or 1600 AM at 9:45 am.



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