



First Lutheran Church  
W2314 Prospect Street  
Poy Sippi, WI 54967

**July – 'The 1<sup>st</sup> Edition' First Lutheran Church, Poy Sippi, WI**



### Sunday Worship Services at 10:30am

\* Unable to attend? \*

Listen to worship @ 9:45am via radio station 93.1 FM or 1600 AM  
or watch live at 10:30am on our Facebook page

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M/W 9am-noon

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M/H 9am-1pm





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## 150 YEARS STRONG!

After months of planning, prayer, and anticipation, the big day is almost here - Sunday, August 10. We will gather together not just to celebrate a building or a historical timeline, but a living, breathing community of faith that has faithfully endured for 150 years, all by the grace of God.

This milestone is not just a reflection of our past; it is a testimony to the ongoing work that God is doing in and through each of us. It is a day to honor the stories, the sacrifices, and the countless lives touched by the ministry of First Lutheran Church. It's a day to laugh, cry, remember, and most importantly, to give thanks for God's faithfulness throughout the years and God's continued guidance as we move forward.

We've walked through joys and challenges, triumphs and heartaches, but through it all, God has been our anchor, and the church has stood strong by God's grace. This celebration will not only look back but also look forward as "By Faith" we continue to trust God will lead us. Let's gather to celebrate not just the past, but the promise of what is yet to come.

The RSVP deadline for the lunch has passed, but you are still invited to join us for worship and celebration.

*Let's come together with joy, gratitude, and hope, as we celebrate  
where we've been, who we are, and where we are headed - by faith.*

See you on August 10! It will be a day to remember.

Blessings,  
Pastor Rebekah Tarras

**P.S.** For those who are more able-bodied, we have received permission from the Catholic Church, Barbola's Funeral Chapel, and the old bank to park in their lots on August 10. We want to make sure there's enough space for everyone, so please consider using these parking options!

**P.P.S.** All current and former choir members are invited to join in singing in the Alumni Choir. Rehearsal will be at 9:30 am. A copy of 'O Day Full of Grace' can be picked up in the office.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9-10:30 Food Pantry 1:00 Stampin'! 3-4:30 Food Pantry	2
3 10:30 Worship Cupcake Sunday!	4 12:30 Worship Committee 1:30 Bible Study 5:30 Finance Mtg. 6:30 Stampin'!	5 6:15 Women's Salad Supper @ Grace	6	7	8	9 9am-4pm Craft Day @ Grace!
10 <b>150<sup>th</sup> Celebration!</b> 9:00 Breakfast 10:30 Worship 12pm Lunch 1:30 Program	11 1:30 Bible Study 2:45 M-Team	12 12pm Book Club @ Grace 6:30 Council	13	14	15	16
17 10:30 Worship 6:30 Mutual Ministry Mtg	18 1:30 Bible Study 6:00 Lay Preaching Class @ Grace	19 6:30 Endowment	20 5:00 Grace Men's Steak Fry	21	22	23
24 8:30 Polka & Pie @ Grace 10:30 Worship	25 1:30 Bible Study	26 10:30-5:30 Blood Drive @ Grace	27	28	29 	30 
31 10:30 Worship	<u>September 1</u> 	2	3 	4 11:15 Archive	5 9-10:30 Food Pantry 1:00 Stampin'! 3-4:30 Food Pantry	6



August  
BIRTHDAYS

1 Marisa Jewell	11 Roger Bahr
2 Paige Goehring	21 Brenda Goehring
8 Brielle Behnke	21 Tammy Tracy
9 Joyce Jorgensen	27 Ruth Hanson
10 Brenda Schroder	28 Bill Behnke



August  
ANNIVERSARIES

4 Ray & Judy Schierland
5 Bill & Tory Behnke
20 Robert & Tammy Hansen
27 Terry & Brenda Schroeder

## Worship Notes for August

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Text</b>	<b>Serving</b>
<b>August 3</b> 8th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am	Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9, 43 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21 Communion at the rail Birthdays & Anniversaries Cupcakes after Worship Assemble School Kits after Worship	Greeter: Diane Warning Reader: Diane Warning Communion: Diane Warning Bread Maker: Chris Monroe
<b>August 10</b> 9th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am 150th Anniversary	<b>150th Anniversary</b> Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	Greeter: Pattie Langkau Reader: Dar Cravillion
<b>August 17</b> 10th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Psalm 50:1-10, 14-17, 22-23 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56	Greeter: Joan Everson Reader: Gary Boening
<b>August 24</b> 11th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 Luke 13:10-17	Greeter: Mark Henn Reader: Lenny Langkau
<b>August 31</b> 12th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am	Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:7-14 Service of the Word - no communion	Greeter : Chris Monroe Reader : Dar Cravillion

## **Church Council**

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Attendance:

June 1 – 53	July 6 – 45
June 8 – 48	July 13 – 51
June 15 – 43	July 20 – 32
June 22 – 52	July 27 –
June 29 – 48	

**Please pray for:**

Lloyd Nelson – Healing from Accident  
Linda Ewald – Sister-in-Law of Judy Vergin  
Baby Nyla – Granddaughter of Sandy Anderson  
Linda Nitzke – Breast Cancer – Healing  
Jim Laird – Continued Prayers  
Ruth Hanson – Prayers for Healing  
Chris Monroe – Continued Prayers for Healing  
Keith Krause – Cancer – Friend of Judy Vergin  
Patty C. – Cancer - Friend of Judy Vergin  
Kay Jeske – Prayers for Healing  
Roxie Andersen  
Corrine – Healing – Cousin of Judy B.  
Lilyana Marauder – Continued Prayers - Tammy Hansen  
Donna Christie – Continued Strength– Friend of Patti  
Darlene Christie – Continued Prayers– Friend of Patti  
Mark Bongart – Continued Prayers – Linda N. Coworker's Husband  
Dick Tuner – Cancer – Nephew of Sandy Anderson  
Gen Everson – Continued Prayers  
John Trochinski - Continued Prayers  
Phyllis Jenks – Continued Prayers - Lee Chase's sister  
Pastor Rick Rieten – Health – Friend of Laird's  
Bill H – Health – Friend of Dan and Judy Button  
Jaci Boening – Continued Prayers  
Lee Nelsen – Health - Germain's Son  
James Cartwright – Health – Lenny's Cousin  
Mark Kretzmann – Continued Healing  
Tammy Kretzmann – Healing  
Sue – Health & Continued Healing – Friend of the Lairds  
Carl Anderson- Continued Healing – son of Sandy A.  
For those battling cancer: Tom, Dave L, Vicki



**CRAFT DAY – ALL CRAFTERS WELCOME!**

August 9<sup>th</sup> 9am-4pm

Do you like crafting? But not alone? Then join us at Grace August 9<sup>th</sup> and craft with fellow crafters! Sewing, knitting/crocheting, scrapbooking, and all the fun things! You bring what you want to work on and enjoy fellowship as well as sharing ideas & enjoying a light lunch. Feel free to bring your favorite snack(s) and beverage. The crafting fun begins at 9am at Grace English Lutheran Church, 384 Oak St., Berlin and ends at 4PM.

Please sign up on the activity sheet, so we know how many crafting stations to have prepared.

Come for as long as you like - stay the whole time or drop in for a bit.

We can't wait to see what you're working on!



## **We're Celebrating 150 Years of Faith and Fellowship!**

### **Event Details:**

- **Date:** August 10, 2025
- **9:00 am:** Continental Breakfast
- **9:30 am:** Alumni Choir Rehearsal
- **10:30 am:** Worship Service
- **12:00 pm :** Catered Lunch (Reservations Required)
- **1:30 pm:** Program & Fellowship



**Rejoice with us as we reflect on God's faithfulness, celebrate our journey, and look forward to the future with hope and purpose!**

- Unable to attend but want to give to this occasion & future celebrations? Online giving is greatly appreciated & can be done by scanning the QR code or through this secure link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZX48>. Thank you!!



*Let's make this a day to remember – celebrating 150 years of ministry and trusting that God's not done with us yet!*

**80** years of loving our neighbors



## **Mission of the Month for August: Lutheran World Relief**

In 1945, our Lutheran forebearers joined together to be the Body of Christ in the world, responding boldly to the needs of our neighbors in Europe after World War II. With each passing year, God has opened our hearts to the ever-growing needs in our hurting world, and our ministry has grown.

When they founded Lutheran World Relief in 1945, the outpouring of love was immense. Our grandparents got busy sewing quilts and organizing fundraising drives. Within just 14 years, American Lutherans had provided more than \$100 million worth of aid. And we were just getting started.

Over these 80 years of faithful service, our ministry together has grown. Today — together — we go where no one else goes ... to the front lines of war and to places even cars can't reach. And we stay as long as we're needed to help families recover and rebuild.

We can't predict where or when the next urgent need may arise. But we know we can always count on YOU to respond in love and create a brighter future for the next generation.

As we reflect on 80 years of faithfully working together to break the cycle of poverty, we invite your congregation to join us by marking this milestone and continuing our Lutheran legacy of love.

In partnership,

REV. LISA KIPP - Director of Congregational Engagement [lkipp@lwr.org](mailto:lkipp@lwr.org)

**Until your love reaches every neighbor!**

During August, the noisy bucket collection will go towards Lutheran World Relief in gratitude for their 80 years of ministry to be used where it is needed most, like the recent flooding in Texas.

**June's Noisy Bucket raised \$587.20 for Waushara County K-9! Thank you!**



### Food Pantry:

August 1, September 5

Regular times: 9-10:30am & 3-4:30pm

Items Needed:

Cereal, Pancake Mix, Boxed Mashed Potatoes

### The Lord's Acre!

**The Lord's Acre is ready to receive any and all of your extra garden goodies! If you have been blessed with a bountiful garden & would like to donate, contact Judy: 920-987-5582.**



Looking ahead to fall, confirmation classes begin on September 10 @ 6:30pm for students in 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Classes will be held at Grace Lutheran.

This year our focus will be on an overview of the Bible.

If you have questions, please contact pastor Rebekah Tarras.



We are incredibly grateful to the amazing volunteers who dedicated their time and talents to updating various areas of our fellowship hall. Your hard work, creativity, and willingness to serve have made a meaningful difference in our shared space.

Every improvement - big or small - reflects your love and commitment to our community.

**Thank you** for helping make our fellowship hall a more welcoming, beautiful place for all!



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Jessie Winckler and family were in town on Thursday afternoon, July 3. They met with us to give an update on their ministry and thank us for our support of their work with CRU!



**Worship in the Park - A Beautiful Day of Faith and Fellowship**

What a wonderful day we had for our joint outdoor worship service in the park! It was so encouraging to see such a great turnout, with many hearts coming together in praise, prayer, and community. The spirit of worship was alive under the open sky, and the joy was truly felt by all who attended.

A special thank you to **Grace Lutheran** for helping to provide a delicious meal! Your generosity helped make the day even more meaningful, and the fellowship that followed was a true blessing.

We're grateful for these moments that remind us of the strength and unity we share as a faith community. Here's to more beautiful gatherings like this one!





**PARTY**  
*on the Pond!*

**FREE CONCERT**

- The Desperate Ottos
- Food!
- Drinks!
- Community!

**SEPTEMBER 13**  
**SATURDAY 2pm-6pm**  
**Poy Sippi Park**

**Benefits**  
PSFD  
Library  
Lions  
PS Betterment

Hosted by:  
First Lutheran Church  
firstlutheranpoysippi.org

### Women's Salad Supper

All women are invited on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm at Grace Lutheran in Berlin.

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 Cully from the Damascus Road Project in Oshkosh.

Also, a reminder that the Salad Supper also serves as a baby shower for Lutheran World Relief – please bring items for the LWR layettes!



I would like to thank my church family for your visits, cards, well-wishes and prayers after fracturing my hip. Your concern was appreciated. May God bless you!

-Ruth Hanson

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**First Lutheran Church Council Agenda**

**June 10, 2025 at 6:30 pm**

**Bill Deppe X**

**Dar Cravillion A**

**Mali Beine A**

**Joan Everson X**

**Jim Laird X**

**Lenny Langkau X**

**Judy Schierland X**

**Pastor Tarras X**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by President Bill Deppe at 6:38

**Devotion:** Romans 5 vs 1-2

**Visitor(s):** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Approved as printed

**Approval of Monthly Financial Reports:** Review Summary Trial Balance, General Operating 13 month and Special Funds. May financial reports have been approved and second. Report approved.

**New Business**

1. Office Windows: Quote from Drexel for window replacement. Quote is for cost of windows only. Additional money needed for installment and trim. Will need congregational approval with council recommendation. Total cost will be approximately \$8000. Motion made and seconded for council to approve estimate and take to congregation. Motion approved. Has to be announced 2 Sundays in a row. Possible date for this is June 29<sup>th</sup> (Dar) or July 20<sup>th</sup> or July 27<sup>th</sup> (Bill). Bill not available on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Bill will contact Dar and determine date for meeting.
2. Bingo Committee: Need members from First to be on Bingo Committee. Joan will check with Harold, Kevin & Ruth.
3. Anniversary special offering: Wondering if offering on Anniversary Sunday should be designated to a special event. Ideas are ELCA World Hunger, or possibly Endowment Fund. Could also be a regular offering that goes into the checkbook. Crossway Camp is another idea. Seminary School also another idea. Also make a donation for Pastor Selle Scholarship fund. Revisit at next meeting.
4. July and August Mission of the Month focus
  - Pastor proposes Lutheran World Relief either for their 80 year challenge or their response to the tornadoes and flooding in the Midwest and southern US. Another option could be preparing school kits
  - July School kits
  - August Lutheran World Relief 80 year challenge
  - September 2025 School Lunch Debt Relief
  - October 2025 Heat for Heroes
  - November 2025 Honor Flight
  - December 2025 ELCA Good Gifts

**Unfinished Business**

1. Copier replacement update - Lenny & Jim: New copier installed today. Carolyn got one on one training. No PW required at this time. If needed we can add one at a future date. Office will need to contact Marco to remove the old copy machine.
2. Outreach Committee members: No members at this time. Still looking for members. Table for now.
3. 150th Anniversary plans update: Invitations and RSVP cards have been sent out. Asking for RSVP for the lunch. Congregation members asked to get RSVP card to family, friends, etc. FB event created and also on webpage. Grace has volunteers coming to serve and clean up. Breakfast at 9am. 9:30 alum choir rehearsal. Church service at 10:30am. Communion will be in the pews. Crossways bringing lunch. 2 registration tables will be available with swag bags and itinerary. History room in Pastors Office. Working on slide show and looking for permission to use Catholic Church and old bank parking lot for parking. Afternoon program at 1pm. We can borrow 4 tables from Grace to set up for lunch.





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<b>Other Fund Balances</b>	
150th Anniversary Celebration	\$ 5,000
Building and Grounds	\$ 10,294
Door Project	\$ 4,588
Library	\$ 820
Lord's Acre	\$ 400
M-Team	\$ 820
Sound Technology	\$ 505
Steeple Memorial	\$ 2,653
Youth	\$ 3,210

**Financial Summary through May 31, 2025**

<b>General Operating Bank Accounts</b>		<b>General Operating Receipts &amp; Expenses</b>		
14 Mo CD CFCU #265	\$ 20,722		<i>YTD</i>	<i>2025 Budget</i>
14 Mo CD CFCU #9481	\$ 10,442	<b>Receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 56,137</b>	<b>\$ 130,000</b>
Mission Investment Fund	\$ 8,000			
Checking account	\$ 13,667	<b>Expenses:</b>		
Savings account	\$ 145	Mission Support	\$ 2,772	\$ 8,003
<b>Total General Operating Balance</b>	<b>\$ 52,976</b>	Worship	\$ 1,096	\$ 4,900
		Education	\$ 539	\$ 1,350
		Fellowship & Caring	\$ -	\$ 1,000
		Property	\$ 8,212	\$ 15,170
		Administration	\$ 41,530	\$ 94,420
		Outreach	\$ -	\$ 1,000
		<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 54,149</b>	<b>\$ 125,843</b>

<b>Designated Projects Bank Accounts</b>	
10 Mo CD CFCU #6849	\$ 27,178
15 Mo CD CFCU #1428	\$ 27,125
36 Mo CD CFCU #6856	\$ 108,949
Money Market Savings	\$ 10,117
<b>Total Designated Projects Balance</b>	<b>\$ 173,369</b>

<b>Other Fund Balances</b>		Lord's Acre	\$ 400
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**Congregational Meeting, June 29, 2025**

**Call to Order**

Meeting Called to Order at 11:26 by Council Vice President Dar Cravillion

**Opening Devotion**

Led by Dar Cravillion.

**Purpose**

Dar summarized the purpose of this meeting:

The purpose of this meeting is to hear a proposal regarding the replacement of the church office windows and seek congregational approval for the project cost of no more than \$8,000. This discussion and vote will help us ensure that our church facilities remain safe, functional, and welcoming for all who serve and visit here.

**Project**

Mark Henn presented the current state of the building and the proposed solution from the building and facility ministry.

- Windows across the front of the building (office, and men’s restroom) are single pane and very energy inefficient. It is difficult to keep the offices comfortable.
- Propose replacement of these windows including new exterior flashing and completed trim work on the interior.

Mark answered questions and provided details about the project

- Exterior will be white metal trim (aluminum)
- Windows will be sourced from Drexel
- Windows that need to open will be double hung. Windows that will not require opening will be picture windows to reduce cost.
- Restroom windows will be frosted glass.
- Will be installed by same contractor who recently completed the exterior door replacement.
- Mark will donate his time and skill to assist the contractor, and Mark will complete the interior finishing to reduce project cost to the church.
- Cost will not exceed \$8,000.
- \$4,500 remain from the door project. Remaining money could come from donations directly to the windows project, or from the building fund.

Thank you to Dar, Connie, and Joan for completing additional painting projects this week!

MOTION by Harold Nigbor to approve the replacement of the church office windows up to \$8000 as presented. Seconded by Chris Monroe. Motion carries.

**Closing Prayer**

MOTION by Harold Nigbor to adjourn. Seconded by Joan Everson. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 am.