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Sunday Worship

September — May
Sundays—8:00am & 10:15am
June — August
9:00am
(Holy Communion every week)

Wednesday Chapel

September — May
7:00pm
June — August
6:00pm
(Holy Communion every week)

Christian Education

Wednesdays: Sept - May
Intergenerational Meal—5:20 pm
High Five, Confirmation,
Senior High Youth
5:50 pm—6:50 pm

Office Hours

Monday thru Friday
9:00 am—3:00 pm

Mission Statement

Because we are a part of the family of God, saved by grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, we are empowered by God, to provide the means for Christian growth, and to equip the members, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to be the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus Christ in our daily lives.

God's work. Our hands.

Worship and Picnic at City Park
September 11, 2016

This year worship will be held at
Oconto City Park, 5182 County Hwy N, Oconto, WI.

Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Picnic and Games begin at 11:00 a.m.

*Bring a Dish to Pass
FALC will provide Brats, Hotdogs, Lemonade, Milk, Coffee
*Bring a lawn chair if you wish!



September 11th marks the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 attack on the Twin Towers in New York. In recognition of this anniversary, we will be honoring our Firefighters, EMTs, Police Officers and all who serve on a daily basis to keep our community safe. You are invited to bring a card with a note of thanks and encouragement to these folks who serve our community. In addition, we will take up a special collection to be given to their favorite charity.

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT TRAINING
& REFRESHER WORKSHOPS**

Sunday, August 28, at 10:15a.m.
Sunday, September 25, at 9:15 a.m.

If you are currently a Communion Assistant or are interested in becoming a Communion Assistant, please plan to attend one of the above workshops. For more information, contact Pastor Mary.



NEWS AND NOTES

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ Sailing with Our Savior on the SS VBS

First American Lutheran and First Presbyterian joined together once again for Vacation Bible School. Our theme, "Sailing with Our Savior on the SS VBS" offered an opportunity for the children to hear and learn about God through stories from scripture involving water themes! The bible stories we studied during the week included: Noah and the Ark, Jonah and the Whale, Moses and the Red Sea, Jesus calming the storm at sea, and Jesus calling the fishermen to follow him. A special feature this year was an original theme song written by Linda Welch's sister. Linda Welch worked each day with the older students to add verses to the song that carried the theme of each days bible lesson. Each day was filled with fun, fellowship and learning! We had 63 children attending this year, and many volunteers including both adults and youth!

A big "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped to make this another successful event for the children of our churches.



MEMORIALS

Memorial monies were received from Jerry and LaVonne Brown, Marvin Hassenfeldt and Marilyn Hassenfeldt in memory of Oren Woodworth designated for Music and Worship Resource Materials.

PASTORAL ACTS

6.4.2016
 Michael Doll & Sharon Klapperich
 Wedding

HARVEST SUPPER

It is time to plan our annual HARVEST SUPPER. Unfortunately many of our workers have been doing this for decades and need replacements for their duties. So it is imperative that others step up if the Harvest Supper is to continue. The planning meeting is **Thursday, August 4 at 6:30 p.m.** In the lounge. IF we can get enough chairpersons, we will set the date, start the publicity, etc. Please join us at this meeting to find out what our needs are and to volunteer to chair a part of the process or lend a helping hand! If you can help us, but can't attend the planning meeting, please call Dorothy at 834-5758.



HIGH FIVE COORDINATORS

Thank you, Patricia Belongia and Pam Duncan, who have accepted the call to serve as co-coordinators of the High Five program that provides for the faith formation of our pre-K thru 6th grade students. Parents, be sure to check out page 4 for registration information.

We are always eager to have new volunteers to serve as teachers, substitute teachers, kitchen helpers, etc. If you can help in anyway with this exciting ministry of faith formation, either contact Patricia or Pam., or call the church office to volunteer your gifts.

YOUTH EVENT

FALC sponsored a day of Salmon fishing on Lake Michigan for our high school students. Five lucky youth were given the opportunity to spend the day on a chartered fishing boat fishing for Salmon and enjoying God's creation. Thank you to Jon Viestenz for making the arrangements for the day. We look forward to more special youth events in the coming months!



High Five

Faith Formation, Focus on Family and Fun

CHILD'S NAME	AGE	GRADE	BIRTH DATE	FOOD ALLERGIES OR CONCERNS

PARENT/GUARDIAN

NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

CONTACT DURING HIGH 5: _____ PHONE #: _____

PHOTO RELEASE

I will allow the above child's/children's picture to be submitted to:

YES / NO the local newspaper

YES / NO First American Lutheran Website

YES / NO First American Lutheran Facebook page

YES/ NO Church bulletin boards



Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Child/Parent Orientation and Registration for Preschool (ages 3-4)—Grade 6 will be held on September 7 beginning with a meal at 5:30 pm and a parent meeting from 6:00-6:30 pm.

Fall classes will begin on September 7

Family meal is served at 5:20 pm Class runs from 5:50-6:50 pm

**Note— at least one parent/guardian is expected to attend with their child/children*



MEDICAL RELEASE

If deemed necessary I allow the teachers and High 5 staff to seek medical attention for my child/children listed above **YES / NO**

HIGH FIVE WISH LIST

“Supplying the Little Saints at Home”

High Five is looking for your support this fall. As in past years, we’re asking you to consider donating supplies as we start up another year of classes. In particular we could use the following:



**Glue Sticks, Play-Dough, Scotch Tape, Blue Painter’s Tape
Construction Paper, Watercolors & Crayons**

Cash donations or actual items may be placed in the **High Five box** in the narthex or dropped off at the church office. Thank you for your support!



Diane Motiff will continue to serve as our head cook on Wednesday nights. The Wednesday night meal is open to all children and adults who are participating in our Faith Formation Programs (High Five, Confirmation, Senior Youth Group). Parents are encouraged to enjoy the meal along with their children! Thank you to Cindy Evans, Joe Tiegs and Kathy Votava who will be helping in the kitchen on Wednesdays. We could always use extra helpers in the kitchen. Please let Diane Motiff know if that you are able and willing to help!



First American is seeking a part-time Youth Worker. The qualified candidate will be energetic, creative, motivated, and enthusiastic to serve God’s people.
Please contact Pastor Mary if you are interested.

MINISTRY OF ACOLYTE

The ministry of Acolyte is open to the entire congregation youth-adults. Parents and children may acolyte as a team! Any person young or old is invited to be a part of this important ministry. A training session is scheduled for September 10 at 10:00am. If you are interested in serving as an acolyte please let the office know!
***Note— Confirmation students will continue to be assigned as acolytes along with volunteers, and should be present at the training session if they are new to Confirmation Class or have never attended training.**

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Orientation will be held on Wednesday, August 24th at 7:00 pm. The first class will be held on Wednesday, September 7th at 6:00 pm. A meal will be held at 5:20 pm.

9th Grade Confirmation Orientation and Class will be held on Sunday, September 25th at 11:30 am. Students are expected to attend worship prior to class.

Generosity “Generosity with gifts is the way to spiritual maturity. Sacred and secular history and literature are replete with examples of the crippling effects of gifts hoarded and unshared. People are not naturally disposed to giving, yet, the life we all prize, filled with joy and spiritual depth, is closely tied to giving generously and with thankful hearts.

*Donald W. Hinze, To Give and Give Again:
A Christian Imperative for Generosity, p. ix.*

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS

CARE TEAM

The Care Team did not meet in June or July.
Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

STEWARDSHIP

NO REPORT SUBMITTED
Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 5:00 pm

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Worship Team Meeting Notes June 7, 2016



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- ◆ Plan outdoor Wednesday service in July
- ◆ Schedule a full service healing service for July 31
- ◆ Look into purchase of new candle lighters for acolyte use
- ◆ Acolyte, Communion Assistant, Usher, and Lector training to take place in August, September and October
- ◆ Proceed with joint planning for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday Outdoor service with the Stewardship team, service set for Sunday, September 11 at City Park

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 6:00 pm

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Christian Formation Ministry Team June 9, 2016

Present: Pastor Mary, Heiser, Welch
The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

Information/Discussion Items

- ◆ At the time of this meeting, there is still a need for a High Five Coordinator and a Youth Director. Pastor does have someone in mind for the High Five position and has been in contact with this person.
- ◆ It was suggested that the Youth Director could be a shared position between two people. If there is not a person or persons in place soon, there will be no Youth sponsored rummage sale this year.
- ◆ Letters have been sent to the Parents of this coming year's Ninth Grade Confirmation Students listing the requirements that the Students must complete before Confirmation. During the year, the Parents of Students who fall behind in their course work will be contacted.
- ◆ Starting in the fall, the Christian Formation Team needs a High Five Teacher (or two) to be a part of the Team.

Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on August 11 at 6 p.m.

BUILDING & PROPERTY

Building & Property Meeting Notes June 14, 2016

Present: Pat Scanlan, Dick Jacquart, Jeff Werner
Absent: Ron Frease, Ron Filter, LeRoy Bitters, Rueben Meisner, Pastor Mary



Old Business:

- ◆ Water fountain still not fixed, Jeff will contact Filz again
- ◆ Downspout extension still missing

Parking Lot Bids by Dick Jacquart (parking lot is 25,720 sq. ft.)

- ◆ From Jeff Bickel
\$4,250.00— includes seal coat, fill cracks & stripping lot
- ◆ From Nick Heise of Bayland Sealant
\$1,750.00— includes cleaning cracks, seal coat with cold tar spray, strip lot
+\$200.00— for scraper

Decided to go with Bayland to take care of our parking lot needs

Catch Basin Bids

- ◆ From Delane
\$4,000.00— includes removing concrete, installation of 2 new inverter drains and meta tops
- ◆ From City of Oconto
\$2,600.00— includes 2 basins installed at \$1,300.00 each, solid units, will drain water, add gravel and cement
does not include blacktop or cement around top of basin

Decided to go with City of Oconto in July or August. The City Contractor will also do street work which we will get a bid for in the near future. The total cost for the parking lot is about \$5,000.00

- ◆ No meeting in July unless it is necessary

Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 6:00 pm

COUNCIL REPORT

Congregational Council Meeting

June 21, 2016

Present: Pastor Mary, Neta, Carson, Rhode, Jacquart, Welch, Viestenz, Yudes, Berry, Riley, Heiser, Werner, and Treasurer Tammy.

Excused: Rhode

Absent: Flint

Call to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Neta. Prayer offered by John Carson.

Agenda set

Council minutes of May 25th, 2016 were accepted with one correction, Heiser needs to be added as present at meeting. M/S/C Heiser, Carson

Treasurer's report Approved with following corrections. 1) Fundraising Accounts need to be broken down into specific accounts on report. 2) The cost for the appliances for the Parsonage need to come out of Parsonage maintenance account not out of the General maintenance repair account. M/S/C Carson, Jacquart. Treasurer Tammy recommends that there should be no couples as money counters in future.

Pastor's report: 1) Pastor was involved with leading openings/closings at VBS. The program was hosted a First Presbyterian this year. Thank you to the folks and youth who volunteered. Approx. 50-60 children were involved. FALC will be the host church for VBS 2017. 2) Since we do not currently have a Youth Worker, we will not be having a church rummage sale. The Youth Worker and youth were in charge of running the event and earning money for the youth account. If anyone is interested in heading a rummage sale, please let Pastor know. 3) Bobby Jo went through membership files and divided members into groups based on constitution's guidelines for membership. We would like to take the next step and move/remove members to inactive status for a year and then to prayer/concern status thereafter. Pastor will have a letter ready by next meeting to send out to inactive members 4) Need to have small group to plan details for "God's Work. Our Hands" outdoor worship and pot-luck at City Park on Sunday, September 11. If interested contact Pastor or let the church office know. 5) Wednesday, July 6th, Chapel service will be held outdoors around the fire pit behind the back parking lot. After worship we'll enjoy S'mores!!!!

Ministry Team Reports: a) **Budget & Finance:** Will meet in July. b) **Building & Property:** Had quotes come in for seal coating and repairing cracks in parking lot. Still checking on pricing for catch basins.

c) **Christian Formation:** Still in need of High Five Coordinator and Youth Director. The Team would like to see a High Five Teacher join the Ministry Team. d) **CARE:** No meeting. e) **Personnel:** No meeting. f) **Stewardship:** No meeting. g) **Worship:** July 6th out-door service. July 31st Healing Service. Chalice in need of polishing. Candle lighters need to be replaced, worn out. (Need to get 2 new ones.) Sept. 11th, "God's Work, Our Hands" at Bostad Pavilion, in City Park. Outdoor Service followed by Potluck picnic.

Leadership Formation: Postponed due to time. Pastor handed out article for everyone to read.

Old Business: a) **Higher interest bearing accounts.** Team updated everyone on information that was gathered. Approx. \$153,000.00 in numerous savings accts., with low bearing interest rates.

It was decided that The Intern acct. amount will be put in a CD and the remaining in a money market acct. these will be changed to Capital Credit Union. The church checking account will be kept at First Merit. M/S/C Yudes, Riley

New Business: a) **Church Renovation Committees:** Scott Early volunteered to help with anything. Linda Welch is interested in helping with audio. John Carson suggested that we hire a Color Coordinator consultant and Building Construction Consultant. b) April auction donations: E.L.C.A. World Hunger- \$300.00, Bread by the Bay- \$300.00, Rainbow House- \$300.00. c) Robert Mitchell Trust- Pastor looking into possible grants for a Youth Food Program.

Correspondence – Thank-you letter from Ronald McDonald House.

Publication Items: a) "God's Work, our Hands" Sunday Sept. 11th, 2016. Worship & Picnic at City Park.

Next Meeting – No July Meeting. The next council meeting will be Tues. Aug. 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Executive meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Adjourn: M/S/C Werner/ Yudes at 7:55 p.m. with prayer

*As for me and my house,
we will serve the Lord.
- Joshua 24:15*

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	6/1 6:00 pm	12	7/3 9:00 am Favorite Hymn Sun.	69
	6/5 9:00 am	81	7/6 6:00 pm Outdoor Service	13
	6/8 6:00 pm	21	7/10 9:00 am	75
	6/12 9:00 am	71	7/13 6:00 pm	23
	6/15 6:00 pm	18	7/17 9:00 am	63
	6/19 9:00 am	56	7/24 9:00 am	65
	6/22 6:00 pm	18	7/27 6:00 pm	18
	6/26 9:00 am	70		
	6/29 6:00 pm	21		

The American Legion Auxiliary plays BINGO at three assisted livings and the nursing home. We have members of our church at all these places. We go through a lot of prizes because we want everyone to win. They love stuffed animals and jewelry. If you have any of the above we really would appreciate it. Please label items with the name Liz Duket and leave them in the church lounge or bring them to the church office. Thank you!

WISH YOU A VERY JOYOUS DAY FILLED WITH LOVE, PEACE, PROSPERITY.

A Very Happy Birthday!

- 1: Dane Helnore
- 2: Ethan Schultz
- 3: Kirk Yudes
- 4: Frank Votava
- 6: Becky Schlueter
- 7: Joyce Nelson, Michelle Mraz
- 9: Brian Tesch, Brooklyn Demuth
- 10: Florence Zimmerman, Alexa Olson
- 11: John Matravers, Cheryl Muhowski
- 12: Scott Gabriel, Miranda Seefeldt
- 13: Emily Ellman
- 14: Jesse Tielens, Hayden Honish
- 15: Scott Earley, Cathie Connell
- 16: Betsy Bailey

- 18: Betty Speller, Barb Gallagher
- 19: Latimer Bina, Judy DeLano, Brian Donlevy, Troy Gossen, Jaimee Martin, Sophie Hurtado
- 20: Eugene Wusterbarth, Abbey Miller
- 21: Mick Fonder, Morgan Welch
- 24: Ron Filz, Nathan Stamsta, Jacob Griffin
- 28: Delia Beekman, Jane Jeske
- 30: Jerry Duncan, Rose Matravers, Connor Moe
- 31: Ken Cisar, Bonnie Reed, Alexis Witak



We pray daily for the following:

For Safety, Courage and Perseverance for those serving our Country: Michael Dorn, Brian Zenz (Iraq), Aaron Larson (Colorado), Jeremiah Dettman (Maryland), Edward Ellman (State-side) and Samantha Jepson

For Help and Healing: Mike Doll, Sherrie Duoss, Merrick, Pat Stibbe, Carole Bartanen, Carol Bushmaker, and Carole Heroux

Homebound/Shut-In: Florence Zimmerman, Carroll Dumke, Marceil Schumacher, Elaine Heroux, Betty Speller, Veiga DeBenedetto, Bonnie Milan, Melva Heise & Loretta Lipp



If you would like to be added to the prayer list, know of someone serving in the military, or of someone who would like to be prayed for, please call the office at 834-2460. Other than those in the military we will maintain people on the prayer list for a two week period, unless notified otherwise.

Please note—for privacy reasons, we must have an individual's permission to add their name. If your name is removed in error, please accept our apologies and contact the office to let us know. Thank you.



Bulletin/Technology Sponsors

7: Eileen Retzlaff—In memory of her Mother’s birthday
 14: Irene & Don Nerenhausen—
 In celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary
 21: The Welch Family—Morgan Welch is 21!
 28: In honor of all the Veterans

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1 <i>Pastor’s Day Off</i> 7:00pm AA Mtg.	2 5:00pm Stewardship 6:00pm Worship Team Mtg.	3 10:00am AA Mtg. 6:00pm Chapel	4 6:30pm Harvest Supper Planning Mtg.	5 7:00pm AA Mtg.	6
7 Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Worship w/HC 10:00am Coffee Fellowship 6:00pm Boy Scout Mtg.	8 <i>Pastor’s Day Off</i> 7:00pm AA Mtg.	9 6:00pm Building & Property Mtg.	10 10:00am AA Mtg. 6:00pm Chapel	11 1:30pm Sun Valley 6:00pm Christian Formation Team Mtg.	12 7:00pm AA Mtg.	13
14 Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Worship w/HC 6:00pm Boy Scout Mtg.	15 <i>Pastor’s Day Off</i> 7:00pm AA Mtg.	16 5:30pm Executive Council Mtg. 6:00pm Council Mtg.	17 10:00am AA Mtg. 1:30pm Naomi Circle Mtg. 6:00pm Chapel 7:00pm Omega	18	19 7:00pm AA Mtg.	20
21 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Worship w/HC 10:00am Coffee Fellowship 6:00pm Boy Scout Mtg.	22 <i>Pastor’s Day Off</i> 7:00pm AA Mtg.	23	24 10:00am AA Mtg. 6:00pm Chapel 7:00pm 7/8 th Confirmation Parent/Student Orientation	25 7pm High 5 Teacher Meeting	26 7:00pm AA Mtg.	27
28 Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Worship w/HC 10:00am Communion Assistant Workshop	29 <i>Pastor’s Day Off</i> 7:00pm AA Mtg.	30	31 10:00am AA Mtg. 6:00pm Chapel			



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS/HOSTESSES

August 7th: Janelle Roske & Erin Rosenfeldt **21st:** Sara Moss & Ruth Moss

For anyone interested in hosting our Coffee Fellowship and not quite sure what’s expected, there is a list in the kitchen (on the cabinet door) of suggestions of what to bring and how to go about setting it up. If you have questions you may contact any member of the CARE Team or the church office.

August & September Assistant Schedule

DATE:	USHER CAPTAINS	ACOLYTES	LEAD COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	LECTORS	TECHNOLOGY OPERATORS
8/3 6:00 pm	N/A	Justice Mitchell	Kelly Sikma	N/A	N/A
8/7 9:00 am	John & Paula Moe	MacKenzie Honish Breanna Duncan	Cindy Evans	Paula Moe	Rachel Griffin
8/10 6:00 pm	N/A	David Exworthy	Sue Jacquart	N/A	N/A
8/14 9:00 am	Lloyd & Pat Heier	Bryce Hosking Abigail Mahoney	Linda Gallagher	Nancy Rhode	Terri Nelson
8/17 6:00 pm	N/A	Hannah Moe	Paula Moe	N/A	N/A
8/21 9:00 am	Eugene Wusterbarth	Lillyan Neta Ophelia Neta	Linda Welch	Pam Meisner	Sharon Doll
8/24 6:00 pm	N/A	Louden Woodworth	Cathie Connell	N/A	N/A
8/28 9:00 am	Ron & Val Filz	Logan Klein Sophia Moody	Sandra Riley	Charlotte Ihde	Bobby Jo Lipp
8/31 6:00 pm	N/A	Emily McKay	Rueben Meisner	N/A	N/A
9/4 9:00 am	Robin Fonder	Adam Fonder Montana Fonder	Bruce Bartanen	Lloyd Heier	Makayla DeGrave
9/7 7:00 pm	N/A	Bryce Hosking	Kelly Sikma	N/A	N/A
9/11 10:00 am City Park Service	John & Rose Matravers	MacKenzie Honish Alexis Witak	Jeremy Neta	Charlotte Ihde	N/A
9/14 7:00 pm	N/A	Louden Woodworth	Sue Jacquart	N/A	N/A
9/18 8:00 am	Jack & Phyllis Donlevy	David Exworthy Sophia Moody	Linda Welch	Paul Welch	Katie Hiott
9/18 10:15 am	Wally & Sally Krueger	Logan Klein Caleb Moe	Linda Gallagher	Paula Moe	Terri Nelson
9/21 7:00 pm	N/A	Emily McKay	Rueben Meisner	N/A	N/A
9/25 8:00 am	Liz Duket	Justice Mitchell Alison Earley	Cindy Evans	Mary Heiser	Sharon Doll
9/25 10:15 am	Terri Nelson Joe Tiegs	Isabelle Tiegs Cameron Boucher	Sandra Riley	Val Filz	Bobby Jo Lipp



MUSICIAN ON SUNDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

Bonnie Schultz

MONEY COUNTERS

Mary Heiser & Dorothy Calvert



CHANCEL HOST

Liz Duket

COMMUNION BREAD MAKER

Jessica Honish



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Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done.

While I was away on vacation I worshiped at a church near my sister's house. The gospel lesson was from Luke—the section where the disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray. I admit that as I listened to the sermon my mind wandered off to the bit in the Lord's prayer that reads: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." We say it all the time. Every Sunday we pray the Lord's prayer and we pray that God's kingdom would come and that God's will would be done. I wondered...do I *really* want God's kingdom to come and God's will to be done? I wondered...how often have I stopped to consider what it would be like to live in God's kingdom and to seek to do God's will. How would life here and now look if we were truly seeking God's will in our lives?

With all of the unrest in our country, with a political season that feels a bit out of control, with all of the daily demands that each of us faces in our personal lives—I wonder if it might do us good to dwell with this piece of the Lord's Prayer. Ask ourselves as we make decisions, "Is this thing I am about to say or do truly in line with God's will? Will the decision I'm about to make reflect God's kingdom?"

Something to think about! Something to pray about!

God's Peace, Pastor Mary