

Blest be the

TIE

that binds our hearts in Christian love

First American Lutheran Church
Celebrating 142 Years in 2016
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Treasurer:

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.

Christ is Risen.
He is risen indeed!
Alleluia!

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? Remember how he told you...on the third day he would rise again.” When the women *remembered* Jesus’ words they understood that Jesus was alive and they shared the Good News with the others! This Easter season let’s take some time to remember God’s word to us—words of grace, mercy, and life!



Welcome Children of God!
Adilyn Elaine, daughter of Brian & Kirsten Tesch, along with Ansley Marie, daughter of Tom and Amanda Panetti were welcomed into the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.



Thank you to everyone who assisted our Youth in preparing and serving the Easter Breakfast! Even the Easter Bunny (a.k.a. Carol Heroux) showed up!!!

NEWS AND NOTES



The Youth of FALC raised \$325.00 at the Easter Breakfast. Thank you to everyone who donated food items and those who assisted our youth!

The High 5 “Buck a Chick” offering brought in \$114.75 for the ELCA World Hunger program.



Book Club will meet Sunday, May 8th between services. Our book of the month is *Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith* by Anne Lamott.

THANK YOU!

- * Thank you First American Lutheran Church for the gift of \$50.00 to Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.
- * Thank you to everyone who made the *Taste of Italy Sale* successful. We raised a total of \$1192.89 after expenses were paid.
- * Memorial monies were received for John Evans in the amount of \$30.00.
- * Memorial monies were received for Leo Dumke in the amount of \$20.00 to be used for the High Five Buck-a-Chick fundraiser .

Special thank you to Bonnie Schultz our musician and the choir members for the many hours they put into rehearsing and leading the music at the midweek Lenten Taize services.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	02/24 7:00 pm Taize Service	34
	02/28 8:00 am & 10:15 am	47/40
	03/02 7:00 pm Taize Service	32
	03/06 8:00 am & 10:15 am	62/36
	03/09 7:00 pm Taize Service	31
	03/13 8:00 am & 10:15 am	40/45
	03/16 7:00 pm Taize Service	29
	03/20 8:00 am & 10:15 am Palm Sunday	73/55
	03/24 7:00 pm Maundy Thurs.	32
	03/27 7:00 am & 10:15 am Easter Sunday	134/137

PASTORAL ACTS

FUNERAL—2

Leo Dumke 3.5.16
John Evans 3.15.16

BAPTISM— 2

Adilyn Elaine Tesch 3.27.16
Ansley Marie Panetti 3.27.16

WOMEN OF FIRST AMERICAN

GENERAL BOARD MEETING— The Women of First American will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, April 7th at 6:30 pm. The program will begin with Deb Doubek, who will be speaking on herbs and their uses. Naomi Circle members will be hosting the meeting. All women of the church are invited to attend.

WELCA SHAWANO CONFERENCE— will be held on Saturday, April 16th. Sign up at the General Meeting on April 7th. The Conference will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Shawano.

VOLUNTEER TREASURER POSITION

VOLUNTEER TREASURER POSITION AVAILABLE— The treasurer will have accounting responsibility of all funds of the congregation and shall receive and disburse such funds in accordance with the decisions of the Congregation Council. The treasurer shall submit regularly a financial statement to ascertain that the expenditures are within the budget approved by the congregation. The treasurer must attend regular council meetings or report by special means to be determined by the Congregation Council.

Please Contact the Church Office:

920-834-2460

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VOLUNTEER HIGH FIVE COORDINATOR

Sally Krueger will be stepping down as our High 5 Coordinator at the end of this school year (May 2016). She is finishing up her two year commitment and will surely be missed. We thank her for all her hard work with our teachers and students.

We are now looking for a new coordinator who would be willing to work with our education team to oversee and coordinate the Christian Formation program for pre-kindergarten through 6th grade. Pastor Mary is our supervisor and our team meets every second Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer your time and talents for this rewarding ministry, please call Pastor Mary at 920-834-2460.

SHAWANO CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY SERVICE PROJECT

This year the Oshkosh Conference will be the recipients of our Assembly Service Project, Solutions Center Shelters and Support Services. Solutions Center Shelters and Support Services offers the only domestic violence and homeless shelters in Fond du Lac County. They house 24 women and children, 15 men, a warming shelter that provides an evening meal and a light breakfast for 16 adults and a family shelter that has the capacity to house a family of 8. They offer legal advocacy, individual and family therapy, structured support groups, youth and teen advocacy, safety planning, 24/7 crisis intervention, case management, homeless prevention planning, and eviction/disconnection assistance. Their caring and dedicated staff is on hand 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They rely heavily on donations, material and monetary, to provide life saving programs and services. We can help those in need by bringing in, garbage bags (sizes 13 gallon kitchen or trash). This organization will benefit greatly from your giving. Thank you so much for helping out with this year's service project.

ANNUAL AWESOME APRIL AUCTION

13th Annual Awesome April Auction Set for April 23, 2016



It's time to think spring and prepare for the 13th Annual April Auction. This year the auction will be on Saturday, April 23rd starting at 6:00 p.m. We had another outstanding auction last year, raising almost \$7500. Over the years the auctions have raised just over \$83,000 for FALC. This big event is not only a great fundraiser ... it's a lot of fun, too. Many people donate wonderful items that have added to the rich tradition of the April Auction. Please take some time to make, bake, prepare, buy, or think of a service to donate, that will help make the 2016 version of the April Auction another big success.

The funds will be used for the on-going ministry and projects of the church. Each year there are many unique items for bidding and it is fun to see the workmanship and generosity that go into the donations. Donations from our congregation members are very important along with the generous donations from area businesses.

Your attendance and participation are equally important to the success of the auction, and we look forward to another great crowd on April 23rd to have fun, bid, and enjoy

the food and fellowship involved. If you have never attended the April Auction make this year your first. For those of you who have attended before, we look forward to seeing you again. We also encourage you to invite friends and relatives to attend as well. Together we can make it another

Awesome April Auction.

13th Annual Awesome April Auction – Saturday, April 23, 2016

Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by **Wednesday, April 13**. Please bring your items to the church office during the week of April 18-April 22, but no later than between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 23.

Item _____

Description _____

Name(s) to be listed in booklet _____

Phone _____

Email _____

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS

MINISTRY OF CARE

Care Team March 8, 2016

- * Pastor Mary and Cathie Connell will update church brochures and order
- * Lunch with confirmation students and mentors will be April 10, 2016 for lunch
- * Confirmation April 17, 2016 at 10:15 am with lunch to follow
- * Suzy Wagnitz will start interviews with new members
- * In need baby girl clothing sizes 0-12 months for baptism baskets and also *Veggie Tale* videos

Next meeting will be April 12, 2016 at 6:30 PM

CHRISTIAN FORMATION MINISTRY TEAM

Christian Formation Ministry Team March 10, 2016

Present: Heiser, Krueger, Welch, Pastor Mary

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. with prayer. Paul Welch was welcomed as a new member of the team.

Reports:

High Five will need a new coordinator for 2016 – 17. Pastor and Sally have met to discuss possible candidates for the position. Paul shared a copy of Oconto School District's calendar for next school year. There are seven early release days scheduled on a Wednesday. High Five classes will not be canceled on those days. Sally reported that for "Souper Bowl Sunday," 304 cans of soup and \$202.50 were collected and delivered to Bread by the Bay. Wednesday, March 16, is the last class before Easter break. Students will be treated to pizza and a movie. The "Buck-a-Chick" campaign continues and on Monday, March 28th, High Five will serve the Manna Meal.

Confirmation continues to be progressing through the new curriculum. Paula Moe and Cathie Connell are teaching the remaining units for the year and remarked to Pastor that "the students are asking hard questions!" The celebration of Ninth Grade Confirmation is set for April 17th at the 10:15 service. All students have met the requirements for Confirmation. On April 10th, a dinner will be held for the students to meet their prayer partner/mentor.

Youth - No report

Other discussion: The issue of should FALC continue High Five on Wednesdays or should we return to Sunday School was discussed. This topic seems to resurface from time to time, with no easy solution.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Next Christian Formation team meeting: Thursday, April 14th at 6:00 pm

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Worship Team March 8, 2016

Members present:

John Carson, Linda Welch, Nancy Rhode and Pastor Mary

- * Preparation for Palm Sunday services, obtained fresh palms.
- * Maundy Thursday, more of a traditional type service with a communion like procedure for stripping the altar. – March 24th at 7:00 pm.
- * First Presbyterian will host the Ecumenical Service on Good Friday beginning at noon. There will be no evening service at FALC.
- * Preparation for the Easter environment will take place after the noon Good Friday Ecumenical service.
- * Adding a little more color to the environment and outside was also discussed and planned.
- * Voted to propose that the Wednesday Chapel service be cancelled the Wed. following Easter.

Next Worship team meeting: Tuesday, April 5th at 6:00 PM



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COUNCIL REPORT

**Congregation Council Meeting
First American Lutheran Church
March 15, 2016**

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

Call to order by council President Neta with opening prayer by Pastor Mary.

Agenda Set after deleting *Item 9d. Annual all team meeting discussion*, and moving 9e. East Central Synod of WI financial contribution report to correspondence.

Council minutes of February 16, 2016 were approved as written. M/S/C Carson, Rhode

Treasurer's report Showed solid giving and maintaining expenses for the first month. M/S/C Jacquart, Yudes to accept report as presented.

Pastor's report: 1) Shawano Conference is looking for host families for visitors from our African Companion Synod. Five students will be Confirmed on April 17, 2016. Pastor has been in touch with the ELCA Mission Investment Fund regarding our renovation project. Looking for volunteers to serve on a short-term ad-hoc committee to brainstorm ideas for engaging the parents of our youth in the life and ministry of the congregation.

Ministry Team Reports: a) **Budget & Finance** Did not meet b) **Building & Property** Updated 5 year building and property plan. Team recommended looking into new appliances for the parsonage. The team will be looking into alternatives for either preserving existing parking lot or resurfacing. c) **Christian Formation:** High Five donation total for Souper Bowl of Caring was just over 300 cans and over 200 dollars raised. Confirmation for 2016 set for April 17th at the 10:15 service. Team is putting together an ad hoc committee to review the Faith Formation program from Prek-6th grade. d) **CARE Team** In process of updating church brochures. Suzie Wagnitz will be interviewing new members for 201. Mentor meeting with confirmation students April 10th with lunch. e) **Personnel** Did not meet, looking for additional team members. f) **Stewardship** Did not meet; g) **Worship** Preparation for Palm Sunday services, obtained fresh palms. Set plans for Maundy Thursday service. 1st Presbyterian to host the ecumenical service on Good Friday beginning at noon. There will be no evening service at FALC. Preparation for the Easter environment will take place after the noon Good Friday ecumenical service. Team proposed cancelling the Wednesday chapel following Easter Sunday.

Leadership Formation article discussion Topic: *Attractional Church No Longer Works*

Old Business: a) Looking into higher interest bearing type of account for monies that are kept in standard savings type of accounts. The goal is to put such monies into a semi-liquid money market with a higher rate of interest. b) Treasurer position duties, Jeff Werner to continue for the time as interim Treasurer.

New Business: a) Parsonage appliances looking to pricing for Dishwasher, range, and refrigerator. b) Water fountain in the education wing may need to be replaced, if so approved up to \$600 to come out of the maintenance budget to replace M/S/C Yudes, Rhode c) ELCA Mission Investment Fund has been contacted to assist with the plans for renovating the interior of the church. Consultant will provide information and guidance on a step by step plan to include financing if necessary.

Correspondence: a) East Central Synod communication and letter.

Publication Items: a) No Wednesday service following Easter.

Next meeting is **Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 6 p.m.**

M/S/C Jacquart, Werner to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. with prayer.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

- 1: Kate Cisar
- 2: Mitchell Spice, Ophelia Neta
- 3: Trey Hipke & Justin Belongia
- 5: Joan Shaw, Ken Sharkey, Casey Peterson & Hadley Helnore
- 6: Bonnie Milan & Jerry Hanson
- 8: Wendy Dumke
- 9: Sally Witak, Cynde Allen & Aaron Behnke
- 10: Patti Ernst
- 11: Jeanette Wusterbarth & Mike Bickel
- 12: Lori Tonn, Chris Carper & Patricia Belongia
- 13: Carole Heroux & Robin Albert
- 14: Amber Sohn, Nathan Sowle & Phleecee Young
- 16: Jeffrey Muhowski
- 17: Deborah Struck & Teresa Nelson
- 18: Mark Nerenhausen
- 19: Madison Sowle & Loudon Woodworth
- 20: Alex Lipp, Eathien Gossen & Hannah Moe
- 21: Diana Tiegs, Gottlieb Gannigan & Sam Viestenz
- 25: Ken Altergott & Cory Muhowski
- 26: Mary Pillsbury & Tyler Nordquist
- 27: Clarence Spice & James Mitchell
- 28: Mike Loomis & Graham Welch
- 29: Kathy Votava
- 30: Jenelle Sowle



Calling on all graduates—High School, Technical School, College—if you will be graduating this Spring, please contact the church office as we would like to honor you at a worship service in May 29th.



We pray daily for the following:

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

For Help and Healing: Don Rhode & Marilyn Hanson

Homebound/Shut-In: Florence Zimmerman, Carroll Dumke, Marceil Schumacher, Elaine Heroux, Betty Speller, Veiga DeBenedetto, Bonnie Milan and Joan Shaw

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

APRIL

3rd

Jeremy and Ophelia Neta—
In celebration of Ophelia's birthday

10th

Cindy Lipp—
In celebration of April birthdays

17th

Eileen Retzlaff—
In memory of Betty Strutz's birthday

24th

Bobby Jo Lipp & Family—
In celebration of Alex's birthday

You can become a bulletin/technology sponsor too! It's easy, just pick an available date and write your name on the sign-up sheet in the back of the church or contact the church office at 920-834-2460. The cost is only \$20.00 per date.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:00pm AA Mtg.	2
3 Second Sunday of Easter 8:00am Worship w/HC 9:00am Coffee Fellowship 10:15am Worship w/HC 4:30pm Boy Scout Mtg.	4 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 9:00am Sewing Ministry 4:15pm Zumba 7:00pm AA Mtg.	5 11:00am-1:00pm Election Luncheon 6:00pm Worship Team Mtg.	6 10:00am AA Mtg. 5:20pm High Five Meal 5:50pm High Five, 7/8 th Confirmation & SHY Classes 7:00pm Chapel	7 4:15pm Zumba 6:30pm WELCA General Board Mtg.	8 7:00pm AA Mtg.	9
10 Third Sunday of Easter 8:00am Worship w/HC 10:15am Worship w/HC 11:30am 9 th Grade Final Confirmation Class, Con- firmand—Mentor Lunch & Rehearsal 4:30pm Boy Scout Mtg.	11 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 4:15pm Zumba 7:00pm AA Mtg.	12 <i>Pastor Out of Office— Shawano Conference</i> 6:00pm Building & Property Mtg. 6:30pm Care Mtg.	13 10:00am AA Mtg. 5:20pm High Five Meal 5:50pm High Five, 7/8 th Confirmation & SHY Classes 7:00pm Chapel	14 1:30pm Sun Valley Visit w/HC 4:15pm Zumba 6:00pm Christian Formation Ministry Team Mtg.	15 7:00pm AA Mtg.	16 6:00pm Open Gym Night hosted by SHY
17 Fourth Sunday of Easter 8:00am Worship w/HC 9:00am Coffee Fellowship 10:15am Worship w/HC & Confirmation 11:15am Confirmation Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall 3:00pm Cub Scout Crossover Ceremony 4:30pm Boy Scout Mtg.	18 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 4:15pm Zumba 7:00pm AA Mtg.	19 5:30pm Executive Council Mtg. 6:00pm Council Mtg.	20 10:00am AA Mtg. 1:30pm Naomi Circle Mtg. <i>No Classes Due to Early Release</i> 7:00pm Chapel 7:00pm Omega Circle Mtg.	21 4:15pm Zumba	22 7:00pm AA Mtg.	23
24 Fifth Sunday in Easter 8:00am Worship w/HC 10:15am Worship w/HC 4:30pm Boy Scout Mtg.	25 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 5:00pm Manna Meal	26	27 10:00am AA Mtg. 5:20pm High Five Meal 5:50pm High Five, 7/8 th Confirmation & SHY Classes 7:00pm Chapel	28 4:15pm Zumba	29 7:00pm AA Mtg.	30

APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

DATE:	USHER CAPTAINS:	ACOLYTES:	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	LECTORS:
4/03 8:00 am	Frank & Kathy Votava	Alison Earley Alexis Witak	Cindy Evans	Bruce Bartanen
4/03 10:15 am	Jeff & Kitty Werner	Cameron Boucher Abigail Mahoney	Sandra Riley	Nancy Rhode
4/06 7:00 pm	N/A	Bryce Hosking	Sue Jacquart	N/A
4/10 8:00 am	James Viestenz	Ophelia Neta Lillyan Neta	Jeremy Neta	Pam Meisner
4/10 10:15 am	Tim & Karen Cox	Logan Klein Makayla DeGrave	Diane Motiff	Val Filz
4/13 7:00 pm	N/A	David Exworthy	Kelly Sikma	N/A
4/17 8:00 am	Lloyd & Pat Heier	Montana Fonder Adam Fonder	Mary Heiser	Robin Fonder
4/17 10:15 am	John & Paula Moe	Breanna Duncan Emily McKay	Jean Rockwell	Sally Krueger
4/20 7:00 pm	N/A	MacKenzie Honish	Cathie Connell	N/A
4/24 8:00 am	Eugene Wusterbarth	Mike Doll	Liz Duket	Paul Welch
4/24 10:15 am	Helen Weber	Hannah Moe Caleb Moe	Helen Weber	Paula Moe
04/27 7:00 pm	N/A	Louden Woodworth	Rueben Meisner	N/A

MUSICIAN ON SUNDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: Bonnie Schultz	CHANCEL HOST: Wally & Sally Krueger
MONEY COUNTERS: Mary Heiser & Dorothy Calvert	COMMUNION BREAD MAKER: Charlotte Ihde

APRIL COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS/HOSTESSES

3rd: Janelle Roske & Erin Rosenfeldt **17th:** Volunteer Needed

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.



****TIE DEADLINE****

The date for TIE articles to be submitted is the 21st of each month. If you are able to have information into the office prior to the 21st it would be much appreciated. Articles may be submitted via email. Thank you.

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April 2016



Confirmation Sunday

Sunday April 17, 2016

Our 9th Grade Confirmation Students will make Affirmation of Baptism thru the Rite of Confirmation at the 10:15am worship service. We rejoice with these young people as they affirm their Baptism. Join us after the service for refreshments in the Fellowship hall.

Affirming their Baptism:

Makayla DeGrave — *Life Verse* — *Philippians 4:13*

Collin Ebben — *Life Verse* — *John 6:35*

Hayden Honish — *Life Verse* — *Proverbs 16:9*

Brian Messenger — *Life Verse* — *Matthew 6:34*

Phleecee Young — *Life Verse* — *Romans 12:2*

***Reminder to 9th grade students – Sunday, April 17 we will meet at 9:10 a.m. in the Youth Room. Pictures will be taken at 9:20am on Sunday, April 17.**