



A message from our Pastor

Summertime Greetings (Finally!),

As we move into the month of June, there is a sense of both gratitude and anticipation for what God continues to do among us as a congregation. The life of the church is always unfolding, through worship, service, learning, and the relationships that bind us together in Christ.

I want to offer a brief update from this year's Synod Assembly, which was held in a hybrid format at First Lutheran Church on May 16th via Zoom. The assembly went smoothly, and it was a joy to welcome the rostered leaders and lay delegates of Conference 4 into our space for this important time of discernment, worship, and decision-making in the life of the synod.

A word of deep thanks is due to all who made this possible. To those who volunteered their time, helped with preparation, setup, hospitality, technology, and cleanup, your work was essential and deeply appreciated. These behind-the-scenes acts of service are a true expression of the body of Christ at work.

Special thanks as well to our congregation's delegates Marla Busakowski and Duff Ahlberg, who represented First Lutheran with thoughtfulness, care, and faithfulness throughout the assembly. Your participation strengthens not only our congregation but our connection to the wider church.

Our Bible study group has begun engaging in a careful and thoughtful study of biblical interpretations of human sexuality. This is a space where we are seeking to listen deeply to Scripture, to one another, and to the lived experiences that shape how we read and understand the Bible.

This study is not about quick answers, but about faithful engagement with a complex and often sensitive topic, exploring how Scripture speaks within its own context and how those texts are understood in our present day. It is, at its heart, a conversation about contextual interpretation and the church's ongoing discernment.

If you are new to the congregation, or if you have been part of First Lutheran for a long time but have not yet joined this group, you are warmly invited to participate. We recognize that this is a meaningful and sometimes challenging topic, and we strive to create a space that is respectful, honest, and grounded in grace. Your voice and presence would be a welcome addition to the conversation.

As summer approaches, we continue to lean into the rhythms of worship, service, and community life together. My hope and prayer is that this season brings opportunities for rest, renewal, and renewed connection with God and one another. Thank you for the many ways you continue to live out your faith in this congregation and beyond its walls.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Lance Crevier



*When you can't find
the Sunshine
be the Sunshine*



The Confirmation of Nevin Porier brought lots of smiling faces!

Finances

The last few weeks have been an exciting time for the finance team. We were saddened by Dale Holm retiring from his long-held position as accounts payable clerk. His caring and diligence will be sorely missed. Thank you, Dale. We also have been working to implement a software change to help manage our finances. The process has gone reasonably well with a few learning hiccups. Unfortunately, in early May we had some unauthorized withdrawals from our credit union account. The team at the credit union quickly addressed the situation. As a result, we have had to change our credit union account numbers. We've been assured the problem is behind us and the funds will be restored.

Our income for the month of April was bolstered by a successful pasty sale. Thank you to all the volunteers and also a big thank you to our customers. Income for April was \$13,796.82 and expenses were \$9725.17. Profits solely from the pasty sale were \$3902.00. Your time, talents and tithes are an amazing blessing for your church. Thank you!

Searching the Heaven
Until day is done,
Nature's disciples
Follow the sun.
Let them be
Our example
When day has begun,
Eyes
Reaching for Heaven
Seeking the Son.

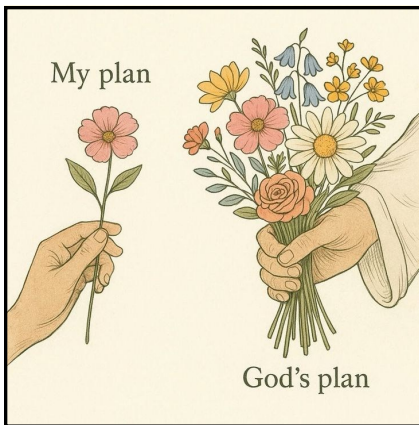
WELCA News

WELCA met on Monday, May 4th. We decided to no longer meet each month due to low attendance. Our Circles will remain intact and we will continue with our projects. If there is a need to meet, we'll make an announcement and try to gather on a Sunday before church.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding WELCA, please contact me or let the office know.

Thank you, Lynn Karvala, WELCA President.





A message from our Council President

Finally, we can put snow into our rearview mirror and look forward to the warm days of summer. This Spring has been quite busy around the church the last few months culminating with the Northern Great Lakes Synod assembly at First Lutheran on May 16. We were one of eight host sites that were attended in-person or via Zoom. Overall, it went quite well in the end.

Pastor Lance already thanked the volunteers that were either directly involved or leading up to it (e.g., cleaning). Pastor Lance is too modest so I'm going to toot his horn on a great job of managing all the pieces including the intricacies of handling the Zoom video during the meeting! Well done everyone!

The Church Council did something a little unusual at the last meeting on May 11. Typically, we have met at 6 pm on the second Tuesday of the month. The last meeting we met at 1 pm on a Wednesday. We're going to try the Wednesday afternoon meeting for a while and see how it goes. It is hoped that the Wednesday afternoon meeting will enable Pastor Lance to better manage his time helping with their newborn. Since all of the Council members are essentially retired, the afternoon option should work for all. Our meetings are open so you're always welcome to sit in.

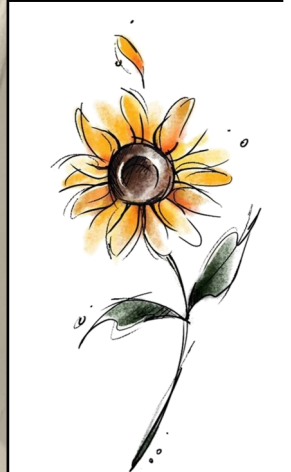
You will start seeing the approved meeting minutes posted on the bulletin board outside Kristina's office. This is being done so you can be more informed of what the Council is working on and certainly voice an opinion. The key word here is "approved". The meeting minutes are not approved until the next month in case there are any corrections or clarifications needed. If you have a few minutes, then please review and bring your questions. And while you're there, please sign up to volunteer for Sunday service. Lately, we've had a lot of vacancies for the various tasks. Let's spread it around so it doesn't fall upon just a couple individuals at the last minute.

I received a request from WELCA to consider re-installing the chair lift by the door nearest the Pastor's office. Most of the handicap parking is near this doorway. The elevator which offers service to all floors is on the other end of the church and is typically only used on Sunday when the big doors are unlocked. There is nothing to prevent using the elevator during other days of the week but admittedly it would take some effort to walk around and unlock the big doors. It is my understanding there used to be a chair lift near the door to the Pastor's office many years ago and then was removed at some time. The Council hears you as we recognize that as our congregation ages, more individuals need a little assist. The Council wants to ensure we eliminate as many accessibility barriers as we can so everyone can participate on Sunday and any other day we have activities at church. Those activities may be in the Luther Room or Sanctuary on the upper level, or the Fellowship Hall on the lower level. As a building celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, we have no easy and cost-effective solutions. At this time the Council is taking no action but wishes to study our options. Perhaps you have something we haven't considered? Thanks to WELCA for bringing the issue forward and I hope we can provide a solution in the coming months.

In Christ,
Dave Schumacher

Who is your yellow?

Yellow is someone who brings sunshine into your life without even trying. They're your warmth on a bad day, your loudest laugh, your comfort in silence. They brighten even your darkest moments just by being there.



Work Bee

Thank you to everyone who chipped in to beautify the church before Synod Assembly– scrubbing, sweeping, mopping, hanging pictures, installing new handrails, painting the Fellowship Hall, installing carpet and new stair treads on the back stairs and so much more. A job thoroughly well done, everybody! (And check out those cinnamon rolls Lois brought to fuel the fun!)

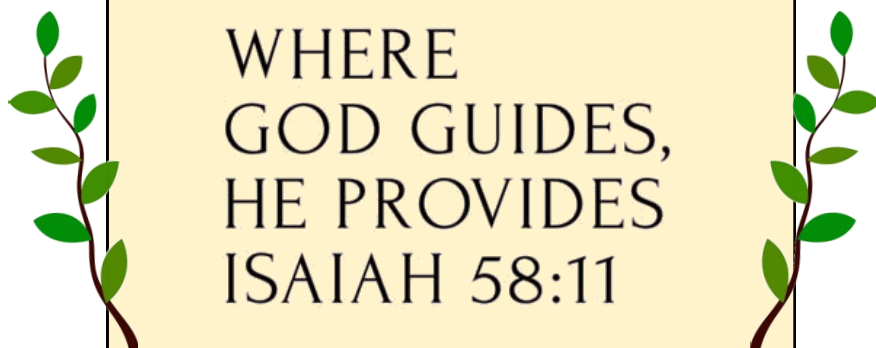


TODAY IS A GOOD DAY
TO HAVE A GREAT DAY
TO SMILE MORE
WORRY LESS
TO BE THE VERY
BEST VERSION OF
YOU
TO DO MORE OF WHAT
MAKES YOU HAPPY
EVERY DAY
TO BE POSITIVE
AND REGRET NOTHING
TO BE HUMBLE AND WORK HARD
EVERY DAY MAY NOT BE GOOD BUT
FIND SOMETHING
GOOD IN EVERY DAY
LAUGH
LOVE
LIVE
FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS
BELIEVE IN
YOURSELF
AND REMEMBER TO BE
AWESOME



Baccalaureate Sunday

Congratulations to Bryton Brozak on his graduation from West Iron!





June 21st **HAPPY FATHERS DAY**

Mother's Day Brunch

We had a crowd attend our Annual Mother's Day Brunch put on by the First Lutheran's Men's Group. The food was good and the company even better! Thank you to everyone who came in to share the day and a great BIG thank you to the men who made it possible.



WIDL hosts eggs, tadpoles, froglets and frogs

West Iron County Seniors



Bryton Brozak



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the editor,

Since 1775 men and women have made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our nation free, and allow us to enjoy the freedoms we take for granted. So on this 250th Anniversary of the United States, let us take a little time out this Memorial Day and honor all who made the ultimate sacrifice.

-s- Don Wolf
Iron River



Miss Johnson held a frog to show the students what a frog looks like up close.

Lemonading

a way of approaching problems or challenges in life that involves remaining positive and optimistic and seeing them as opportunities for growth or improvement.



West Iron's Reese Ahola and Kendall McDonald execute a perfect handoff in the 4x100 relay.

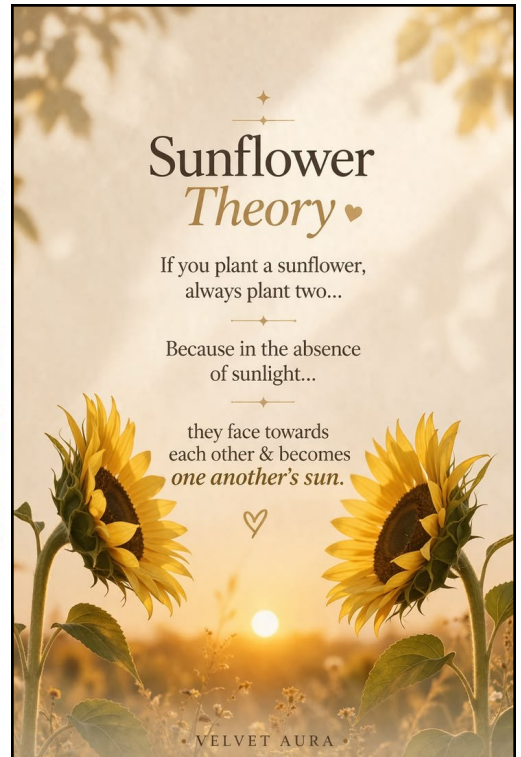
West Iron County School Spring Sports Teams

~ Photos by Kevin Zini ~



WIC Girls Track Team

Pictured are, front row from left, Violet Allen, Hanna Skoglund, Arian Lewis, Jamie Stapleton, Krissalynn Jines, Ella Swanson, Lucy Farley, Anastasiia Dudiak, Kendall McDonald, Genesis Robles and Ella House. Middle row, from left, Natalie Tape, Marlo Bunniss, Natalie Walsh, Dakota Autio, Addison Bortolameolli, Amelia Carpenter, Abigail Webber, Cami Alexa, Lily DeSousa, Reese Ahola and Grace House. Back row, from left, Ashlynn Nichols, Eriana Sucholl, Laurel Johnson, Kaylee Zimmerman, Kristi Berutti (Coach), Jessi Makuck, Bristol Shamion, Lacey Shamio and Audra Oberlin.



2026 Season Wrap-Up — The Automaton 7768



WIC AutoMats with 7768, pictured are, kneeling in front, Edue Spencer, Danny Elich and Brie Porier. Back row, from left, Cooper Hill, Jeffery Knipp, Ray Guzowski, Coach Van, Bryton Brozak, Jeff Davis and Abigail Davis.



WIC Drive team, pictured are, Bryton Brozak, Edue Spencer, Cooper Hill, Brie Porier and 7768.

Bowling News

CRYSTAL BOWLERETTES 4-16

STANDINGS: 1. Logan's Place 36-16; 2. Crystal View 28-24; 3. Snoopy's Strikers 28-24; 4. Marla Shamion State Farm 25 ½-26 ½; 5. Elvay Girls 25-27; 6. Loud Acres Farm 25-27; 7. Idlewild Farm 24 ½-27 ½; 8. Amsoil 16-36

HIGH SCORES OF THE WEEK: HTG: 1. Logan's Place 572; HTM: Amsoil 1546;

HIG: 1. Lisa Masnova 175; 2. Cindy Herman 174; 3. Terri Takala 161; **HIM:** 1. Cindy Herman 446; 2. Lisa Masnova 440; 3. Riki Rouse 439

SPLITS: Marni Suliin 5-6 and 3-10, Lisa Masnova 2-7, Dana Kittleson 2-10, Anita Berno 2-7 (2 times), Bev Eggert 5-7-8.





WIC Boys Track Team

Pictured are, seated in front, Jeff Taff (Coach). Second row, from left, Christian Robles, Brady McDonald and Kyle Tape. Third row, from left, Edueel Spencer, Liam Meske, Saul Kobussen, Gavin Groff, Remy Torres and Alex Ghiggia. Back row, from left, Solomon Stubrud, Blayze Schueler, Tanner Nordstrom, Seth Oberlin, Jessiah Smith, Joseph Martin, Wyatt Brozak and Brayden Bennett.



WIC Boys Golf Team

Pictured are, front row from left, Jared Pietila, Mason Ahola, Dirks Hill and Dominic Mottes. Back row, from left, Ryan Dallavalle, Gatlin Gillaspie, Mike Dallavalle (Coach), Colin Fritz and Alex Ghiggia.

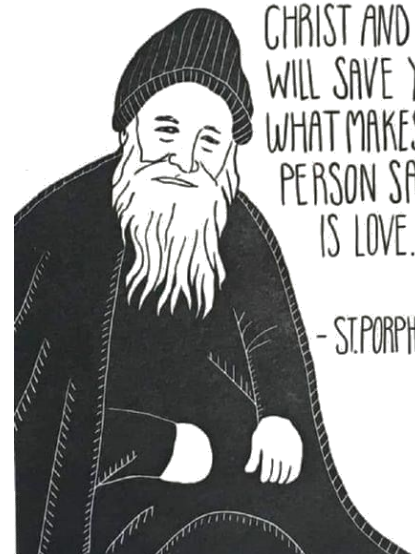
Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 4 Betty Petroski
- 6 Michael and Lois Brozak
Daniel and Brenda Grubbs
- 7 Crystal Mazurek
- 8 David and Pamela Barry
- 9 Jay Barry
- 10 Larry and Deborah Quarford
- 11 Nancy Porier
- 13 Carol Tresedder
- 14 Marcus and Alisa Porier
- 16 Lois Brozak
- 18 Donna Lord
Geoffery and Deborah Sitkoski
- 20 Marcus Porier
- 21 Geoffery Sitkoski
- 24 Jay and Kay Barry
- 24 Peter and JoAnn Wedegartner
- 26 Donna Ahlberg
- 30 Stephen Mazurek

Xanthophile

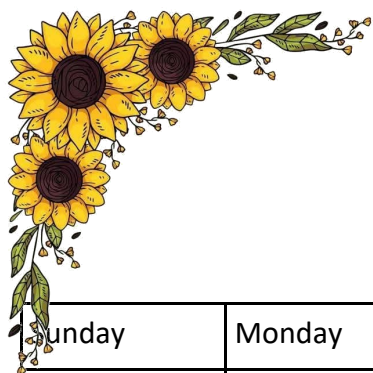
a lover of the color yellow

"YOU DON'T BECOME HOLY BY FIGHTING EVIL. LET EVIL BE. LOOK TOWARDS CHRIST AND THAT WILL SAVE YOU. WHAT MAKES A PERSON SAINTLY IS LOVE."

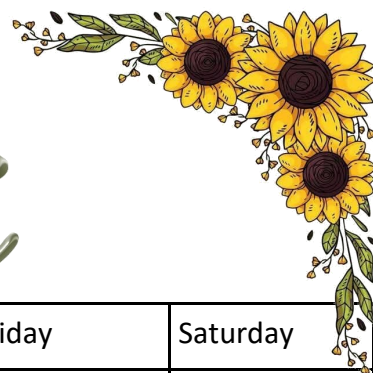


- ST. PORPHYRIOS





June



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9:00 Quilting	3 10:00 Bible Study	4	5	6
7 9:30 Coffee 10:00 Service	8	9 9:00 Quilting	10 10:00 Bible Study 1:00 Council Mtg.	11	12	13
14 9:30 Coffee 10:00 Service Curt Poulos	15	16 9:00 Quilting	17 10:00 Bible Study	18	19 8:30 Men's Group 8:30 Women's Group	20
21 9:30 Coffee 10:00 Service Noisy Offering Father's Day Brunch	22	23 9:00 Quilting	24 10:00 Bible Study	25	26	27
28 9:30 Coffee 10:00 Service	29	30 9:00 Quilting			May your day be filled with  God's light	