

Northwoods STAR Ministries Newsletter

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Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

JUNE
2020

Dear NSM faithful,

Our churches are preparing for in-person worship to resume June 7. But what will "in-person worship" be like during this pandemic?

Lists will be kept of all who come for worship. This will help the County Public Health Departments with contact tracing, if needed. Those at church events can be contacted more quickly to reduce community spread.

Masks are recommended, to protect one another. Even with masks, please greet one another without touching, so no handshakes, hugs, etc.

Please practice 6-foot distancing at all times, except for your own household. Please share one pew/row with your household.

No singing. Singing, whistling, and wind instruments are very risky in this pandemic. This will be true for live musicians in buildings everywhere. Those wearing masks may choose to hum along. Churches must make this sacrifice and set a good example of Christ-like love for one another.

Those wearing masks may speak the liturgy, Lord's Prayer, etc, together until our area has more community spread.

No decision has been made about when in-person Communion will resume. More info may be available after the June parish council meeting.

When worship ends, dismissal will be by pew, to allow distancing. Please take your bulletin home with you, to lower risks of virus spreading if you happen to be infectious without symptoms. Offerings are to be given before or after worship in offering plates near sanctuary entrances, or may be mailed or sent by electronic giving. Checks carry fewer germs than cash, and will help protect your church offering counters.

After worship, please leave the building as soon as possible. There will be no church fellowship time with coffee or food. Outdoor visiting is safer, but not risk-free.

Thanks in advance for your faithful cooperation.

Your Pastors



From Pastor Evelyn and Pastor Steve...

In the midst of this difficult time in our lives and ministry, we can give thanks to God for every blessing. Give thanks that our area has had so little covid-19, and pray that continues. Give thanks that some family, friends, and neighbors have been able to return to work, and pray that more in our area will be able to do so. Give thanks that God's love for us knows no boundaries.

We also give thanks to God for the blessing of funds to support NSM's ministry through the federal government's Payroll Protection Program. Thank you to NSM's leaders, staff, and bank staff who worked on the paperwork. The funds approved in the second round of PPP funding give our churches some financial breathing room. NSM's church and parish leaders give you and all our contributing members our sincere thanks for continuing your offerings to support your church and our parish during this pandemic.

As we begin easing our way back into in-person worship in our sanctuaries, we will continue to follow the guidance of the CDC and medical experts.

Our parish council has voted to resume in-person worship on June 7. (We pastors will be on vacation that Sunday, but a video sermon will be provided by Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA.) We will continue to provide video worship and worship by mail to support those who stay safe at home.

In ordinary times, pastors encourage people to come to worship, but these are not ordinary times. Covid-19 will remain a risk in the months to come. Sometimes we may look for excuses for not coming to church, but now there are some good reasons not to come. Here are a few:

- Doctors say people 60+ years old often are hit harder by this virus, and you don't want to be a burden on your family, friends, or hospital staff.
- Your health already is fragile, and you don't want to make things worse if you would come down with covid-19.
- You are in close contact with someone with health concerns and don't want to put them at risk.
- You know that people are most contagious right before they develop symptoms, and just in case you might be infected, you don't want to put others at risk.
- You have heard of covid spreading after indoor gatherings where no one seemed sick, and you want to avoid the risk of that happening in your community. Sadly, churches often are a location for these "super-spreader" events, especially with singing. If one person later becomes sick with covid, everyone present may be quarantined for up to 14 days.
- You are an essential worker and are committed to remaining healthy to serve our communities.

God will understand if you choose not to come for any of these reasons. As you consider whether to come, please keep in mind God's command to "love your neighbor as yourself." If you believe the best way to do that is to come to worship at the church building with others, by all means do so. If you believe you can best care for others by staying away and reading the print order of worship or watching the video worship later, then that's what you should do.

If you choose to come, please consider wearing a mask that covers your mouth and nose. A mask doesn't really protect the wearer from infection. But if you happen to be infected but not yet sick, a mask will reduce the risk of spreading covid to others. Wearing a mask shows others that you care about them, and everyone who wears a mask is showing that they care about you

Pastor Evelyn and Pastor Steve



Upcoming Events, Opportunities and Information...



Bible Study Opportunities

Pastor Steve will continue hosting Zoom bible studies for the month of June. Dates are listed below:

Wednesdays at 2 pm:
June 10 and June 17

Thursdays at 10 am:
June 11

Bible studies are open for members & non-members. If anyone is interested in participating, please email Pastor Steve at pastorsteve@1stfamily.org



"Special Thank You" to Dennis and Cathy Scheithauer from the First Lutheran Westboro Congregation for the new sign that they made for church.

Women of the ELCA News



Upcoming Meeting—OGEMA
Wednesday, June 10 at 12:30 pm

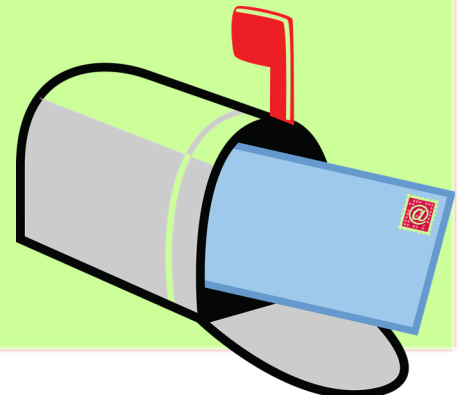
Upcoming Meeting—PRENTICE
Sunday, June 28 at 9 am

Offering Information...

We give thanks for all the ways you bless our ministry together— through worship, gathered together in body, mind, and spirit; through prayer, wherever each of us may be; through all the ways the Spirit leads us to reach out to others— we give thanks for your partnership in Northwoods STaR Ministries. Some will worship in NSM's church sanctuaries soon. Some will continue worshipping at home (maybe pastors, too— no one knows). Wherever you are, the greatest offering each of us brings to God is ourselves— willingly offering ourselves in service to Christ. What might God call you to do for the sake of your church, our communities, and God's world? Christ is counting on you!

If you aren't able to bring your financial offering to church yet, we encourage you to continue mailing your offering to your church:

FLC-P, 670 Main Street, Prentice, WI 54556
FLC-W, P.O. Box 214, Westboro, WI 54490
FLC-O, W4950 State Hwy 86, Ogema, WI 54459
Zion LC, c/o Karin Kivela, W2476 US Hwy 8, Brantwood, WI 54513



JUNE WORSHIP LEADERS & VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

First Lutheran—Ogema

Greeters/Ushers

OPEN

Acolytes

OPEN

Altar Service

Pat Schnepf

Food Service

N/A

Lawn Mowing

Lynn Granberg

First Lutheran—Westboro

Greeters/Ushers

MEMBERS

Acolytes

MEMBERS

Altar Service

MEMBERS

Food Service

N/A

Reader

MEMBERS

Cleaner

MEMBERS

Lawn Mowing

MEMBERS

First Lutheran—Prentice

Shepherding Group

Betty Grunwald

Deb Strobl

Rebekah Bergman

Amy Esterholm

Acolytes

OPEN

Food Service Chairperson

N/A

Zion Lutheran—Brantwood

Cleaning Duty

Becky Heikkinen & The Ladies of Zion

June Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1 James Hook
- 3 Kay Rinehart
Dennis Carlson
Sandy Zimmerman
- 5 Hezekiah Bant
- 6 Dyann Filenius
- 10 Phyllis Lundeen
Vanessa Peterson
Jordan Hora
- 12 LeAnn Raab
Larry Zimmerman
- 13 Jason Berg
- 14 James Strobl
- 15 Tracy Raab
Paul Liu
Dusty Petkovsek
- 16 Chris Vanderhoof

- 17 Terry Teeters
- 18 Karagan Esterholm
- 21 Dawn Teeters
- 22 Jeremy Eden
Cody Esterholm
- 23 Cassidy Strobl
Senja Koch
- 26 Jamie Kalander
- 29 Jeremy Voda
- 30 Jacob Brehm
Robert Larson



- 1 Scott/Carrie Komarek
- 7 Bernie/Jennifer Kraimer
- 11 Joe/Connie Kurten
- 12 Al/Pat Schnepf
- 13 Gary/Virginia Nelson
Arland/Nancy Meye
Hank/Pat Zomchek
- 14 Jim/Mary Ann Peterson
- 15 Todd/Amy Foster
Jessie/Alicia Eisner
- 17 Jason/Melissa Raab
- 18 Tim/Gale Klimpke
- 20 Don/Darlene Gustafson
- 22 Bob/Rhonda Cummings
Danny/Sadie Jensen
- 24 Ben/Dawn Nelson
- 30 David/Sandra Nehls



- 6 Helena Hall
- 7 Braylan Bogdan
- 9 Chelby Hartmann
- 11 Jody Hartmann
- 15 Jordan Hora
- 18 Annette Larson
- 21 Ron Larson
- 23 Ruger Carlson
- 24 Tonya Kirchmeyer
- 27 Noah Gruber



Bread From the Heart

Bread from the Heart will provide a home cooked meal, as well as a prayer of healing and hope to people in need in our community. Please call one of the following coordinators, they will make the necessary arrangements.

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| Amy Esterholm | 715-428-2200 |
| Shawnda Hora | 715-428-2026 |
| Rebekah Bergman | 715-922-0374 |
| Dallas Severson | 715-564-3328 |



June 2020 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 Pastors' Vacation June 1-7	2	3 NO ZOOM BIBLE STUDY	4 NO ZOOM BIBLE STUDY	5	6
7 8:30 am Worship (Z) 9 am Worship (O) 10:30 am Worship (P) 10:30 am Worship (W)	8	9	10 12:30 pm W/ELCA Mtg (O) 2 pm Zoom Bible Study 6:30 pm Council Mtg (P)	11 10 am Zoom Bible Study	12	13
14 7:30 am Council Mtg (O) 8:30 am Worship (Z) 9 am Worship (O) 10:30 am Worship (P) 10:30 am Worship (W) 11:30 am Council Mtg (W)	15 Pastors' Day Off	16	17 2 pm Zoom Bible Study	18 NO ZOOM BIBLE STUDY	19	20
21 8:30 am Worship (Z) 9 am Worship (W) 10:30 am Worship (P) 11 am Worship (O) 4 pm Parish Council Mtg (W)	22 Pastors' Day Off	23	24 NO ZOOM BIBLE STUDY Pastors' Vacation June 24-30	25 NO ZOOM BIBLE STUDY	26	27
28 8:30 am Worship (Z) 9 am Worship (O) 9 am W/ELCA Mtg (P) 10:30 am Worship (P) 10:30 am Worship (W)	29	30	1	2	3	4

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2020

Sunday June 7

Holy Trinity Sunday—1st Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Zion Brantwood 10:30 am Prentice

Lay-led worship with video sermon by
ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

9:00 am Ogema 10:30 am Westboro

Lay-led worship with video sermon by
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Sunday June 14 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Zion Brantwood 10:30 am Prentice

Pastor Steve leading worship

9:00 am Ogema 10:30 am Westboro

Pastor Evelyn leading worship

FATHER'S DAY

Sunday June 21 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Zion Brantwood 10:30 am Prentice

Pastor Evelyn leading worship

9:00 am Westboro 11:00 am Ogema

Pastor Steve leading worship

Sunday June 28 4th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Zion Brantwood 10:30 am Prentice

Worship Leader TBD

9:00 am Ogema 10:30 am Westboro

Worship Leader TBD

On-line video of our worship services will continue to be available for those who wish to worship at home.