

A Message From Pastor Tom

Jesus Christ the Light of the World

Our stewardship theme was: “Celebrate the Past, Envision the Future.” This past year we celebrated the past in grand fashion as we celebrated our 75th Church Anniversary on Reformation Sunday. On that day we took time to reflect on all the past ministry that has happened at Williams Bay Lutheran Church.

Now it is time to envision new ministry as we move forward into a new year. As we envision the future, we trust that Jesus Christ will go with us. He continues to shine his light upon us.

On Christmas Eve we celebrated the light of Jesus. Jesus’ light goes with us into 2025. He gives us light for our paths. Please keep our congregation in prayer as we seek the Lord’s will in the New Year. God’s blessings!



Happenings

First Communion Classes



First-Communion Class - Pastor Tom is planning a First-Communion class for Sunday school children who desire to receive Holy Communion. Questions, contact Pastor Tom.

HELP US
UPDATE THE
**CHURCH
DIRECTORY**



We are currently working on our church address directory to have available by the annual meeting on February 2nd. Please provide any updates to the church office secretary@wbcl.org or 262-245-5995 **by February 2nd.**

DON'T MISS
the DEADLINE

Please submit reports for the annual meeting **by January 15th**, so we have enough time to assemble and distribute them prior to the meeting. Thank you!

ANNUAL
MEETING

Mark your calendars!
WBLC Annual Meeting will be on
Sunday, February 2nd. Please join us!

Things to Know

PLEASE KEEP JONATHAN LEWANDOWSKI IN PRAYER. Jonathan is at Children's Hospital in Milwaukee. Please also keep his parents, Ryan and Jessica in prayer and his sister, Julia and brother, James in prayer.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES - Please pick up your 2025 offering envelopes in the narthex.

2025 CALENDARS - Please pick up your 2025 church calendar in the church narthex. Thanks to Spark and Shari Lundberg for donating the calendars.

OFFERING GIFTS - Please put your donation amount on the outside of your offering envelope with your name, especially if you are giving cash. This will help the counters and give you credit for your donation. Thank you.

ALTAR GUILD - The Altar Guild committee is looking for one or two more volunteers. Please let Jorine Granberg or Pastor Tom know if you are interested in serving on the Altar Guild.

STEWARDSHIP 2025 - We have received 19 pledges for \$86,930 and 18 Time and Talent forms for 2025. Thank you for sharing your time and talents and offering gifts to our congregation!

NEXT NEWSLETTER - Our next newsletter will be for February. If you have any announcements, please send them to the secretary by 1/22.

In Our Prayers

IN OUR PRAYERS

All our military men and women: Clayton Kelley (Pennsylvania), Collins Nash (Africa)

New Requests: Jonathan Lewandowski, Abundant Life Christian School, San Jose Mission Church in Beloit, Stacy Creed, Mike Reno, Rev. Mark Danczyk, Jo Ann (friend of Reno's), Brandy, Harold Friestad, Helen Hawkinson (sister-in-law of Barb and Chip Renfro), the family of Jerry Amend (Marianne Peterson's friend), Earl Gunsolus (Marie Stewart's father), Gordon Kohnke (brother of Sharon Yanz), David Mock, Rev. David Groth, the family of Dennis Tanking, Tim Dunn, Rich Weeden, Apple Grove Lutheran Church in Argyle, WI, Susan Johnson, Meta (Fries) Drieser, Craig Davis, Elisa Corcoran's family, the family of Michelle Strom, the family of Rick Fritz, the family of Sarah Greene, the family of Larry H. (father to Tiffany Frey), Muriel Thompson, Mardee Wojcik, Sarah Keith's family, Neill Frame, the family of Minerva Bauer (Marilyn Carlson's mother), Debbie Garcia (mother-in-law of Zach Frame), Dennis Tanking, Sarah and Thelma (Stu's co-workers), Jerry Amend (Marianne Peterson's friend), Lauren Aramini, Teresa Davis's sister, Marilyn DeMore, Fran Burda, Lynne Swatek, The family of Lena Maude Mueller, Connie Decker, Sharon Yanz, Dean Barney, Randy Hauschildt (Chad Beth's step dad), David Burrough, Fran Flucke, Ron Fry, Jill and Wendy (friends of Biebers), David Reddy and family, Karin Slayton and family, Dave Mock, Mike Reno, Sarah Wollman (friend of the Frame's), Jennifer (friend of Lynn Peterson), Paul Swatek, Larry H. (father to Tiffany Frey), Kathy Tanking, Wayne Anderson, Al Austin, Audrey (friend of the Beth family), Brett (Chad Beth's brother-in-law), Ron Bieber (Stu Bieber's brother), Dorthey Boss, Bud Breen, Donna Ceschi, Shelly Daniels (friend of the Biebers), the parents of Craig Davis, Jim Davis (Craig Davis's father), Terri DeVries (friend of the Biebers), Don Effenheim (Stu Bieber's brother-in-law), Lauren Fontana, Debbie Garcia (Emily Frame's mother), Kira Granberg, Gordie Grender, Timothy Gebauer, Jack Hagele, Randy Hauschildt (Chad Beth's stepfather), Taylor Heinberg (Chad and Bridget's niece), Judy Hirsch, George Holmes (Natalie Reno's father), Eric Johannesson, Lynn Lange, the family of Paul Lopez (grandson of Diane Sherin), Michael Lois, Curtis Lundin, Jerna Madero (friend of Stu Bieber), Renee McAdamis (friend of Deena Putnam), Emily Newell, Shar Newman (family member of Deena Putnam), Marianne Peterson, Roger Peterson (Laura Breen's father), Stephen Porter (Angela Porter's husband), Michael Reno, San Jose congregation in Beloit, Evie Schultz and Janet (Linda's sister), Bruce Sienkowski (friend of the Putnam family), Lynne Swatek, Larry VanHout (Bridget Beth's father), Dale Vavra, Ursula Wellhausen, Scott Wild, and the people of Ukraine, those impacted from the Turkey and Syria earthquake.

Update The Prayer List - Please review the church prayer list. If you wish to add a name to the list or remove a name from the list, please let us know (secretary@wbic.org).



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THE MISSION OF THIS CONGREGATION IS TO:

PRAISE God

PROCLAIM the message of Jesus Christ

REACH OUT with this message to people of
all backgrounds and cultures

CREATE A COMMUNITY of Christian support, love, and forgiveness.

Williams Bay Lutheran Church
December 19, 2024-Church Council Minutes

Members Present (please cross out absent members)

Michelle Love Karen O'Brien Allen Filloon Mark Reno Pastor Tom
Wayne Anderson

Call to order: Wayne Anderson

Open with Devotion & Prayer – Wayne Anderson

Minutes from November Meeting (emailed)

M Mark Reno S Michelle Love A X
(Moved) (Seconded) (Check if approved)

Treasurer's Report (emailed)

M Allen Filloon S Mark Reno A X
(Moved) (Seconded) (Check if approved)

Committee Reports:

Youth & Education: Everyone enjoyed the Sunday school Christmas program, *The Manger Tales* on Sunday, December 15th! Nine children participated in the Christmas program. The children told the Christmas story anew through the lens of the animals that were present at the birth of Jesus. After the Christmas program members of the congregation provided Christmas cookies for refreshments.

Property and Finance: The committee will meet on Wednesday, December 18th at 5:00 PM to finish the 2025 budget.

Worship: The handbell choir performed, *Let All Mortal Flesh keep Silence* on Sunday, December 15th at the 9:30 AM service. The church choir will be performing, *Bethlehem Lullaby* at the Christmas Eve service on Tuesday, December 24th at 5:00 PM. We are looking for one more church musician for the 8:00 service and more substitute church musicians.

Stewardship: Stu is organizing Salvation Army Bell-Ringing for Monday, December 23rd at Daniels in Walworth. We have received 16 pledges for \$82,020 and 16 Time and Talent forms for 2025.

Outreach/Evangelism: Our mission church, San Jose congregation in Beloit is reaching out to churches in the Synod for prayers and for support. On Monday, December 16th the congregation held a Synod-wide meeting. The meeting was a listening session for partner churches in the Synod. We are collecting mittens, gloves, hats, and scarfs for those in need in our community. A large basket is in the narthex for the donations.

Pastor's Report: Pastor will email his report to the church council. *Attached to the end of the minutes.*

Motion to approve all reports above:

M Mark Reno (Moved) S Michelle Love (Seconded) A X (Check if approved)

Old Business:

NO OLD BUSINESS

M _____ (Moved) S _____ (Seconded) A _____ (Check if approved)

New Business:

Agenda Items? NO NEW BUSINESS

M _____ (Moved) S _____ (Seconded) A _____ (Check if approved)

Motion to adjourn:

M Allen Filloon (Moved) S Mark Reno (Seconded) A X (Check if approved)

Close: The Lord's Prayer

The next council meeting will be on February 20th at 7:00 PM. The church council does not meet in January. Please turn in your committee reports to Jennifer by January 15th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm

Pastor Tom's Mission and Ministry Report

Ministry Highlights:

- Our congregation participated in the ecumenical Thanksgiving worship service on Tuesday, November 26th at UCC – Williams Bay. Four churches participated in the community service: United Church of Christ of Williams Bay, Chapel on the Hill, First Congregational United Church of Christ of Lake Geneva, and our congregation. I was very happy to see that eight members from our church attended the Thanksgiving service. Our members found the service to be very special and meaningful. The next ecumenical event will be the Good Friday Cross Walk in Williams Bay followed by the Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast. This year it is our turn to host the early morning Easter service and breakfast.

Forward-Looking:

- There are a few Sunday school children in our church who have not yet received Holy Communion instruction. I am planning to offer a class next year. I will reach out to the parents to see which children would be interested in taking the class. I am planning on offering the class on Sunday mornings or on Wednesday evenings depending on what works best for the parents. Then I will plan a First-Communion Sunday.
- Andy and Chris Groth are currently Associate Members at Williams Bay Lutheran Church. Their primary membership is in another congregation. They have indicated to me that they desire to change their Associate Membership to Full Membership at Williams Bay Lutheran Church.

I will be taking vacation time at Christmas from December 25th to December 27th and New Year's Day, January 1st.

January Sign-Ups

If you wish to be a worship server, please contact the church office and you will be added to the list or put your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

January 5	8:00 am	9:30 am
Usher	<i>Not Needed</i>	
Lector	Natalie Reno	Bridget Beth
Cantor	<i>Not Needed</i>	Bridget Beth
Communion Assistants (2 needed each week)	<i>Not Needed</i>	
	<i>Not Needed</i>	
Altar Guild		
Refreshments		Olivia Beth
Offering Counters (2 needed each week)		
SS Teacher	Paula Williams	
January 12	8:00 am	9:30 am
Usher	<i>Not Needed</i>	Chad Beth
Lector	Dori Freundt	Linda Cook
Cantor	<i>Not Needed</i>	
Communion Assistants (2 needed each week)	<i>Not Needed</i>	Diane Sherin
	<i>Not Needed</i>	Deena Putnam
Altar Guild		
Altar Flowers		
Refreshments		Pastor Tom & Evie
Offering Counters (2 needed each week)	Jack Williams	
	Dinah Harner	
SS Teacher	Paula Williams	
January 19	8:00 am	9:30 am
Usher	<i>Not Needed</i>	Chad Beth
Lector		Jim Pfeil
Cantor	<i>Not Needed</i>	Wayne Anderson
Communion Assistants (2 needed each week)	<i>Not Needed</i>	Wayne Anderson
	<i>Not Needed</i>	
Altar Guild		
Refreshments		Wayne & Susan Anderson
Offering Counters (2 needed each week)	Dottie Lock	
	Connie Decker	
SS Teacher	Bridget Beth	
January 26	8:00 am	9:30 am
Usher	<i>Not Needed</i>	Jim Pfeil
Lector	Dori Freundt	Laurel Schulz
Cantor	<i>Not Needed</i>	
Communion Assistants (2 needed each week)	<i>Not Needed</i>	Laurel Schulz
	<i>Not Needed</i>	
Refreshments		Nancy Swatek
Offering Counters (2 needed each week)		
SS Teacher	Bridget Beth	



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			New Year's Day 1	2	3	4
5 8 am Simplified Worship 9:30 am Worship Service	6 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	7	8 9:30 am Senior Coffee 6:30 pm Confirmation	9	10	11
12 8 am Simplified Worship 9:30 am Worship Service	13 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	14	15 9:30 am Senior Coffee 5 pm Property & Fin. 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 pm Confirmation	16	17	18
19 8 am Simplified Worship 9:30 am Worship Service	20 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	21	22 9:30 am Senior Coffee 6:30 pm Confirmation	23	24	25
26 8 am Simplified Worship 9:30 am Worship Service	27 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	28	29 9:30 am Senior Coffee 6:30 pm Confirmation	30	31	