

## A Message From Pastor Tom

(The congregation annual meeting was held on February 2, 2025.

This was my report for the annual meeting.)

***“I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.”*** Ephesians 1: 15-16

Time and time again, I have been greatly blessed to witness the faith of God’s people at this place. For this reason, I too give thanks to God for the faith and for the love of the people of this congregation. This past year was a very good year for our congregation. We welcomed new members to our church, we brought back Holden Evening Prayer during Lent, we had a wonderful week of Vacation Bible School in the summer, we celebrated our 75<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary, we brought back our church choir under the new direction of Susan Gali, and we finished the year with a full, worshipping congregation on Christmas Eve.

But the year was not without deep sadness and great loss. We said good bye to Dennis Tanking, a faithful and very kind member of our congregation. Most recently, we said good bye to Jonathan Lewandowski. Jonathan’s sudden passing broke our hearts. Jonathan was a very wonderful, little boy who had a lot of good energy and love. We will always miss both Jonathan and Dennis. Being the people of God in this time and place we came together with Dennis’ funeral and with Jonathan’s funeral. We prayed for and supported the Tanking family and the Lewandowski family and we grieved with both families. We now entrust both Dennis and Jonathan to God’s everlasting care.

As we move forward into 2025, we ask that God would continue to shine light upon our congregation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us and to show us the way. We trust that God has good work for us to do in God’s future.

In closing, I am very grateful to our staff: Jennifer Vaun Coil, our church secretary; Marianne Peterson, Susan Gali, Chris Groth, Lynn Peterson, and Aaron Johnson, our church musicians; Mary Mock, our church custodian; Gunnar Olsen, our church landscaper, and Judy Newell, our financial secretary. I am also very grateful for our church leadership: Wayne Anderson, our council president, Allen Filloon, our Vice-President, Neill Frame, our church treasurer, Karen O’Brien, our council secretary, and for all our council members. Finally, to all the members and friends of our church - thank you for all that you do. I certainly notice all that you do to make our church the life-giving and welcoming, little church that it is and so I say a humble, heartfelt: ***thank you.***

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Tom

# Happenings



**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.

Please welcome the Williams Bay Scouts to the 9:30 worship service on February 16th. They will be participating in the Sunday service.



**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

March 5th is Ash Wednesday. We will gather together at 6 pm for a service of Holy Communion and to receive the cross in ashes.

**new MEMBER SUNDAY**

Pastor Tom is planning a New Members Sunday for the Spring. If you have any questions or are interested in joining the church please contact Pastor Tom.

# Things to Know



## End of Year GIVING Statements

**Please pick up** your 2025 giving statements from the table in the narthex. Feel free to email Judy Newell with any questions at [finance\\_secretary@wbic.org](mailto:finance_secretary@wbic.org)



**Church Choir** - Join the church choir as Susan Gali leads us to sing for Good Friday worship on April 18th at 6 PM. Choir rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings between the 8:00 and 9:30 services at 8:50 AM on March 30th, April 6th and April 13th. All are welcome to sing in our church choir!



**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**  
January 2025

Please pick up your new 2025 Church Directory on the table in the narthex.

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

**NEXT NEWSLETTER** - Our next newsletter will be for March. If you have any announcements, please send them to the secretary by 3/22.

# In Our Prayers

## IN OUR PRAYERS

**All our military men and women:** Tom Toyra (Cuba), Clayton Kelley (Pennsylvania), Collins Nash (Africa)  
**New Requests:** the family Meta (Fries) Drieser, Marvin Engel and family, the family of Jonathan Lewandowski, Abundant Life Christian School, San Jose Mission Church in Beloit, Stacy Creed, Mike Reno, Jo Ann (friend of Reno's), Brandy, Harold Friestad, 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, 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](mailto: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.

# February 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.

<b>February 2</b>		<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
Usher		<i>Not Needed</i>	Jim Pfeil
Lector			Wayne Anderson
Cantor		<i>Not Needed</i>	Wayne Anderson
Communion Assistants		<i>Not Needed</i>	Wayne Anderson
		<i>Not Needed</i>	
Altar Guild			Carol Choyce
Refreshments			Church Potluck
Offering Counters (2 needed each week)			
SS Teacher	Bridget Beth		
<b>February 9</b>		<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
Usher		<i>Not Needed</i>	Chad Beth
Lector		Dori Freundt	Laurel Schulz
Cantor		<i>Not Needed</i>	
Communion Assistants		<i>Not Needed</i>	Laurel Schulz
		<i>Not Needed</i>	
Altar Guild			Carol Choyce
Refreshments			Bieber Family
Offering Counters (2 needed each week)	Jack Williams		
	Dinah Harner		
SS Teacher	Bridget Beth		
<b>February 16</b>		<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
Usher		<i>Not Needed</i>	Chad Beth
Lector			Marilyn Carlson
Cantor		<i>Not Needed</i>	Marilyn Carlson
Communion Assistants		<i>Not Needed</i>	
		<i>Not Needed</i>	
Altar Guild			Carol Choyce
Refreshments			Evie & Pastor Tom
Offering Counters (2 needed each week)	Dottie Lock		
	Connie Decker		
SS Teacher	Bridget Beth		
<b>February 23</b>		<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
Usher		<i>Not Needed</i>	
Lector		Dori Freundt	Laurel Schulz
Cantor		<i>Not Needed</i>	
Communion Assistants		<i>Not Needed</i>	Diane Sherin
		<i>Not Needed</i>	
Altar Guild			Carol Choyce
Refreshments			
Offering Counters (2 needed each week)			
SS Teacher	Bridget Beth		

# February 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 8 am Simplified Worship 9:30 am Worship Service Annual Meeting & Potluck	<b>3</b> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:30 am Senior Coffee 6:30 pm Confirmation	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 8 am Simplified Worship 9:30 am Worship Service	<b>10</b> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:30 am Senior Coffee 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Handbell Pract.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 8 am Simplified Worship 9:30 am Worship Service & Scout Sunday	<b>17</b> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:30 am Senior Coffee 6:30 pm Confirmation	<b>20</b> 5:45 pm Youth & Ed. 7 pm Council	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 8 am Simplified Worship 9:30 am Worship Service	<b>24</b> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9:30 am Senior Coffee 6:30 pm Confirmation	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	