

*A Message From Pastor Tom*



**Our Partnership with the Williams Bay Scouts**

When I was a child, I was in Cub Scouts. As a Scout I can remember making all kinds of special projects. My favorite project every year was in making a small wooden car for the annual Pinewood Derby. How fun it was to race those cars with my friends! I also remember going camping, doing volunteer work, and of course, participating in the many Scout ceremonies. I have so many good memories from being a Cub Scout.

For many years now, our church has reached out to the Williams Bay Scouts. The Scouts host all their meetings and their activities at our church. Once a year in February they join us for Sunday worship. On Scout Sunday they participate in the worship service and join us for coffee and treats after worship. I am grateful that we reach out to the Scouts and that we support our Williams Bay Scouts as part of the mission of our church. I hope that our partnership with the Williams Bay Scouts continues for many years. May God's blessings be upon them!

# Happenings



**Join us at 6:00 p.m.  
on Wednesdays  
during Lent for  
mid-week worship.**

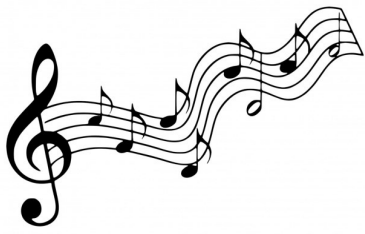


**First-Communion Class** - Pastor Tom is planning a First-Communion class for Sunday school children who desire to receive Holy Communion. Questions, contact Pastor Tom.

**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



**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!



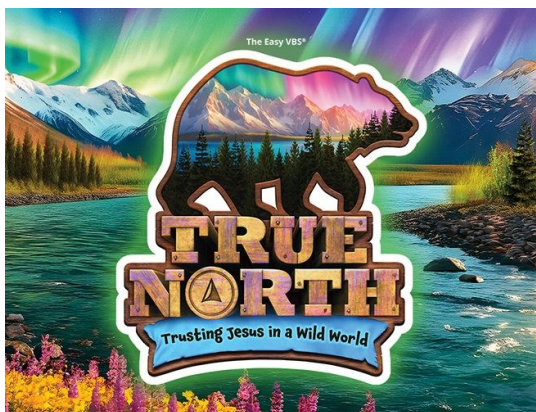
**Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service - 7 AM**

**Community Easter Breakfast - 8 AM**

**Traditional Easter Worship Service - 9:30 AM**

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**Easter Breakfast** - It is our turn to host the community Easter Breakfast on April 20th. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jim Pfeil or Pastor Tom.



**Vacation Bible School** - Our VBS week will be July 28th to July 31st, Monday - Thursday from 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM. The theme this year is: *True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World.* All children going into Kindergarten through Sixth Grade are welcome to attend. Older youth are welcome to come as counselors and to attend a Youth Bible Study with Pastor Tom.

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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 4/22.

# In Our Prayers

## IN OUR PRAYERS

**All our military men and women:** Tom Toyra (Cuba), Clayton Kelley (Pennsylvania), Collins Nash (Africa)  
**New Requests:** Alisha Hines, Scott Barkholtz, Connie Decker, the Britzke family, Lynda Olsen, the family Meta (Fries) Drieser, Marvine 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@wbcl.org](mailto:secretary@wbcl.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  
February 20, 2025-Church Council Minutes**

Members Present (please cross out absent members)

Michelle Love          Karen O'Brien                  Stu Bieber  
Chip Renfro          Pastor Tom

Call to order: Open

Devotion & Prayer – Pastor Tom

Minutes from December Meeting (emailed)

M Chip Renfro                  S Michelle Love                  A X  
(Moved)                                  (Seconded)                                  (Check if approved)

Treasurer's Report (emailed)-

M Karen O'Brien          S Chip Renfro                  A X  
(Moved)                                  (Seconded)                                  (Check if approved)

Committee Reports:

**Youth & Education:** Next meeting on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 PM. VBS is set for July 28-31st from 9am-11:30am. Last day of Sunday school is May 18th. We will also be honoring our graduates that day as well.

**Property and Finance:** The committee is looking into replacing the church signs on the west and east sides of town. Jim Pfeil has contacted Timberline Sign company. A new sanctuary door closer has been ordered to replace the old one that is broken. Mary Mock is looking into options for church bathroom supplies. Next meeting is on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.

**Worship:** Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Lent services will follow every Wednesday evening of Lent. The church choir will be performing on Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. It is our turn to host the Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Worship Service at 7 AM on April 20<sup>th</sup> with the community Easter breakfast following the sunrise service. We will also be participating in the Community Good Friday Cross-Walk in Williams Bay.

**Stewardship:** We need more volunteers to serve as Sunday morning offering counters. Specifically the 4th Sunday of the month.

**Outreach/Evangelism:** We hosted the Williams Bay Scouts on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. A large turnout of Scouts attended and participated in the service.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor will email his report to the church council.

Motion to approve all reports above:

M Chip Renfro                      S Michelle Love                      A X  
(Moved)                                      (Seconded)                                      (Check if approved)

**Old Business: (NONE)**

I. M \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_  
(Moved)                                      (Seconded)                                      (Check if approved)

**New Business:**

1. Council President, Vice-President, and Council Secretary for 2025-**TABLE THIS UNTIL NEXT MEETING-NO VOTE.**

M \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_  
(Moved)                                      (Seconded)                                      (Check if approved)

2. Open Arms Free Clinic Request – Helping Hands Fund Donation. (Needing UBER drivers). **TABLE THIS UNTIL NEXT MEETING-NO VOTE.**

M \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_  
(Moved)                                      (Seconded)                                      (Check if approved)

3. Other Agenda Items?-**NONE**

M \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_  
(Moved)                                      (Seconded)                                      (Check if approved)

Motion to adjourn: Karen O'Brien                      S Chip Renfro                      A X  
(Moved)                                      (Seconded)                                      (Check if approved)

The next council meeting will be on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Sign-up for church council devotions. Karen O'Brien will do the March 20th devotion

Meeting adjourned at \_\_ 7:38 pm \_\_\_\_\_

Close: The Lord's Prayer

# Pastor Tom's Mission and Ministry Report for February 2025

## Ministry Highlight:

- Ann Garey, activity director at Sherwood Lodge in Williams Bay, recently contacted me to offer worship services for the senior residents. I led my first worship service at Sherwood on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM in the chapel at Sherwood Lodge. I will now be on their monthly calendar to offer worship services the first Tuesday of every month at 10:30 AM. This is a great outreach opportunity for me and I am happy to offer these services for community members in Williams Bay.
- For the last three years I have served as the ecumenical community organizer of Williams Bay. In the last year our clergy group has grown to eleven pastors! We currently meet on Thursday mornings at Boxed & Burlap in Williams Bay for conversation and to plan our next ecumenical events. I have volunteered to serve again this coming year as the ecumenical organizer.

## Forward-Looking:

- This Spring I am planning a New Member Sunday. Currently, I am working with seven people interested in joining the congregation. I am working to schedule a date to welcome these new members to the congregation.
- For the five Wednesdays of Lent, after Ash Wednesday, I will be offering a sermon series on the topic of: *Following Jesus*. We will be using the Holden Evening Prayer service with Marianne Peterson accompanying the service on piano.

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The congregation came together last month to pray for and to support the Lewandowski family in the passing of Jonathan Lewandowski. Jonathan's funeral service was held at our church on January 17<sup>th</sup> with the committal service following the funeral at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Elkhorn. The visitation was held at Haase Lockwood Funeral Home in Elkhorn on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Please continue to keep the Lewandowski family in prayer.

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.

# March Sign-Ups

<b>March 2</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
Usher	<i>Not Needed</i>	Chad Beth
Lector		Jim Pfeil
Cantor	<i>Not Needed</i>	
Comm. Assist. (2 needed)	<i>Not Needed</i>	
	<i>Not Needed</i>	
Altar Guild	Carole Choyce	
Altar Flowers		
Refreshments		Karen Yancey
Offer. Counters (2 each week)	Allen Filloon	
	Stu Bieber	
SS Teacher	Paula Williams	
<b>March 9</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
Usher	<i>Not Needed</i>	Jim Pfeil
Lector	Dori Freundt	Jen Galvin
Cantor	<i>Not Needed</i>	
Comm. Assist. (2 needed)	<i>Not Needed</i>	
	<i>Not Needed</i>	
Altar Guild	Carole Choyce	
Altar Flowers		
Refreshments		Jen Galvin
Offer. Counters (2 each week)	Jack Williams	
	Dinah Harner	
SS Teacher	Paula Williams	
<b>March 16</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
Usher	<i>Not Needed</i>	Chad Beth
Lector	Natalie Reno	Mary Mock
Cantor	<i>Not Needed</i>	Mary Mock
Comm. Assist. (2 needed)	<i>Not Needed</i>	Mary Mock
	<i>Not Needed</i>	
Altar Guild	Carole Choyce	
Altar Flowers	Reno Family	
Refreshments		Dinah Harner
Offer. Counters (2 each week)		
SS Teacher	Paula Williams	

<b>March 5 Ash Wednesday 6:00 p.m.</b>	
Usher	
Lector	
Cantor	
Comm. Assist. (2 needed)	Jorine Granberg
Altar Guild	

<b>March 23</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
Usher	<i>Not Needed</i>	
Lector	Dori Freundt	Linda Cook
Cantor	<i>Not Needed</i>	
Comm. Assist. (2 needed)	<i>Not Needed</i>	Diane Sherin
	<i>Not Needed</i>	Linda Cook
Altar Guild	Diane Sherin	
Altar Flowers		
Refreshments		Karen Yancey
Offer. Counters (2 each week)	Dottie Lock	
SS Teacher	Paula Williams	
<b>March 30</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
Usher	<i>Not Needed</i>	Chad Beth
Lector		Bridget Beth
Cantor	<i>Not Needed</i>	Bridget Beth
Comm. Assist. (2 needed)	<i>Not Needed</i>	
	<i>Not Needed</i>	
Altar Guild	Diane Sherin	
Altar Flowers		
Refreshments		Bieber Family
Offer. Counters (2 each week)	Allen Filloon	
	Stu Bieber	
SS Teacher	Sarah Keith	



# March 2025



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8 am Simplified Worship 9:30 am Worship Service	3 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	4 10:30 am Worship at Sherwood Lodge in Williams Bay	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> 5 9:30 am Senior Coffee 6pm Ash Wednesday Service	6	7	8
<b>Daylight Savings</b> 9 8 am Simplified Worship 9:30 am Worship Service	10 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	11	12 9:30 am Senior Coffee 5 pm Property & Fin. 6 pm Lent Worship 6:30 pm Handbell Pract.	13	14	15
16 8 am Simplified Worship 9:30 am Worship Service	17 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	18	19 9:30 am Senior Coffee 6 pm Lent Worship	20 7 pm Council	21	22
23 8 am Simplified Worship 9:30 am Worship Service	24 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	25	26 9:30 am Senior Coffee 6 pm Lent Worship	27	28	29
30 8 am Simplified Worship 9:30 am Worship Service						