

A Message From Pastor Tom

Running the Race of Faith with Perseverance



Recently, I have been thinking about a story that we probably first heard as children. It is the story: *The Hare and the Tortoise*. Here is the story:

“A hare was making fun of the Tortoise one day for being so slow. ‘Do you ever get anywhere?’ he asked with a mocking laugh. ‘Yes, replied the Tortoise,’ and I get there sooner than you think. I’ll run you a race and prove it.’

The Hare was much amused at the idea of running a race with the Tortoise, but for the fun of the thing he agreed. So, the Fox, who had consented to act as judge, marked the distance and started runners off. The Hare was soon far out of sight, and to make Tortoise feel very deeply how ridiculous it was for him to try a race with a Hare, he lay down beside the course to take a nap until the Tortoise should catch up.

The Tortoise meanwhile kept going slowly but steadily, and after a time, passed the place where the Hare was sleeping. But the Hare slept on very peacefully; and when at last he did wake up, the Tortoise was near the goal. The Hare now ran his swiftest, but he could not overtake the Tortoise in time.”

It is a simple story with a very powerful message. The Tortoise’s slow and steady pace won the race. It is the same with our faith. It is the persistent and faithful effort that we put into our faith that makes all the difference. Consistently reading Scripture, praying every day, worshiping regularly, and always serving others, over time, grows our faith.

In Hebrews 12:1 we hear that we are to run with endurance the race that is set before us. The Apostle Paul encourages us to maintain an unwavering, steady commitment to Christ. We all have a calling to fulfill with our lives. In Jeremiah 29:11 we hear that the Lord has good plans for us. God wants to give us a future with hope. As we stay centered on Christ and abide with him each day, we will grow in our faith. We will fulfill God’s will for our lives as we remain faithful to him. We will experience deeper and richer fellowship with Jesus as we take the “slow and steady pace.”

Happenings



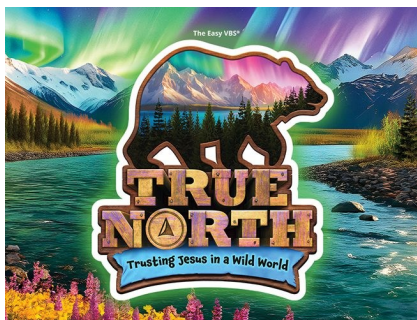
First-Communion Class - Pastor Tom is planning a First-Communion class for Sunday school children who desire to receive Holy Communion. Questions, contact Pastor Tom.

Graduation Sunday May 18th

Please let Pastor Tom or Kari Pfeil know of 2025 high school and college graduates. Pastor Tom will offer a prayer and a blessing for our graduates during worship and the Education Committee has special treats that Sunday.



GRADUATION SUNDAY



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.

Things to Know

Welcome

New Members - We recently welcomed new members to our church! Please introduce yourself and welcome: Robert Deem; Susan Gali, John, Hazel, and Jackie Moore; Jackie Van Hout; and John and Karen Yancey to our church. May God's blessings be upon our new members.



WBLC is again holding a family event - at the Beloit Sky Carp minor league baseball stadium on Wednesday, June 18th. To get the group discount, we need 25 signed up. Tickets include entry to the game, a 2-hour buffet, baseball cap, and recognition on the scoreboard. Tickets are only \$20. The signup sheet is in the narthex. If any questions, please call Jim Pfeil at 262-903-4626.

In Our Prayers

IN OUR PRAYERS

All our military men and women: Tom Toyra (Cuba), Clayton Kelley (Pennsylvania), Collins Nash (Africa)
New Requests: Ellen, David, Don, Bob Aalund, Safety for people on our lakes this summer, Larry VanHout, the Fitch family, Gabe Dowling, 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, 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, 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@wblc.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.

May

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.

May 4	8:00 am	9:30 am
Usher	<i>Not Needed</i>	Jim Pfeil
Lector		Wayne Anderson
Cantor	<i>Not Needed</i>	Wayne Anderson
Comm. Assist. (2 needed)	<i>Not Needed</i>	Wayne Anderson
	<i>Not Needed</i>	
Altar Guild	Nancy Swatek and Lynne Swatek	
Altar Flowers	Dinah Harner	
Refreshments	The Keith's	
Offer. Counters (2 each week)	Allen Filloon	
	Stu Bieber	
SS Teacher	Paula Williams	
May 11	8:00 am	9:30 am
Usher	<i>Not Needed</i>	Chad Beth
Lector	Dori Freundt	Wayne Anderson
Cantor	<i>Not Needed</i>	
Comm. Assist. (2 needed)	<i>Not Needed</i>	
	<i>Not Needed</i>	
Altar Guild	Nancy Swatek and Lynne Swatek	
Altar Flowers	Pastor Tom	
Refreshments		Nancy Swatek
Offer. Counters (2 each week)	Dinah Harner	
	Jack Williams	
SS Teacher	Paula Williams	

May 18	8:00 am	9:30 am
Usher	<i>Not Needed</i>	Jim Pfeil
Lector		Marilyn Carlson
Cantor	<i>Not Needed</i>	Marilyn Carlson
Comm. Assist. (2 needed)	<i>Not Needed</i>	
	<i>Not Needed</i>	
Altar Guild	Diane Sherin	
Altar Flowers		
Refreshments		Ed. Committee
Offer. Counters (2 each week)	Dottie Lock	
	Connie Decker	
SS Teacher	Last Day - Paula Williams	
May 25	8:00 am	9:30 am
Usher	<i>Not Needed</i>	Chad Beth
Lector	Dori Freundt	Linda Cook
Cantor	<i>Not Needed</i>	
Comm. Assist. (2 needed)	<i>Not Needed</i>	Linda Cook
	<i>Not Needed</i>	Diane Sherin
Altar Guild	Diane Sherin	
Altar Flowers		
Refreshments		
Offer. Counters (2 each week)		
SS Teacher	SS will resume in September	



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 8 am Simplified Worship 9:30 am Worship Service	5 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	6	7 9:30 am Senior Coffee 6:30 pm Confirmation	1 8	2 9	3 10
11 8 am Simplified Worship 9:30 am Worship Service	12 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	13	14 9:30 am Senior Coffee 5 pm Property & Fin. 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Handbell Reh.	15 5:45 pm Youth & Ed. 7 pm Council	16 17 Pastor Tom at Synod Assembly	
18 Graduation Sunday Last Day of Sunday School 8 am Simplified Worship 9:30 am Worship Service	19 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	20	21 9:30 am Senior Coffee 6:30 pm Confirmation	22 23 24		
25 8 am Simplified Worship 9:30 am Worship Service	26 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	27	28 9:30 am Senior Coffee 6:30 pm Confirmation	29 30 31		