

A Message From Pastor Tom

“For surely I know the plans I have you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” Jeremiah 29:11



In the Spring of 2014, I received a call from my new Bishop to go from serving a congregation in Iowa to serving a new church in Wisconsin. Before leaving, the church that I was serving at the time, gave me a small, metal cross. The cross had this Bible verse on it. I now keep this very special cross near my desk at church.

The cross with the Bible verse constantly reminds me of this great promise. The Lord is continually guiding our

steps and our ways. God has our best interests in mind and God had a good future in store for us. Knowing this truth gives us great hope. This promise transforms our fears into a living hope.

We share together this hope. Soon it will be the hot months of summer. In the church year we will enter “The Time after Pentecost” or simply “Ordinary Time.” The liturgical color in the church turns to green. We have good things planned for the summer months including an intergenerational baseball outing, our VBS week, and an outdoor worship service and church picnic. On Sunday mornings we will gather to hear Gospel readings from Luke of Jesus teaching, preaching, and healing people. God will open our hearts to receive God’s Word and to receive gifts of forgiveness and grace.

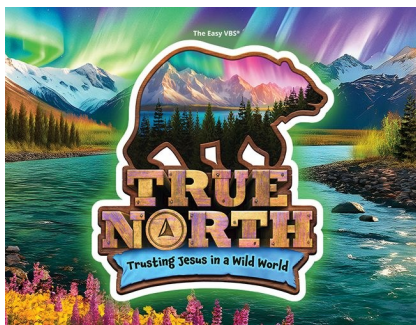
This summer may we deepen our faith in God’s promises and may we be in prayer for one another. May our faith give us joy in the Lord and may we trust that God is giving us a future with hope. In this hope may we give God praise!

Happenings



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.

Contact Jim Pfeil **BY THURSDAY, MAY 29th** at 262-903-4626 if you're interested.



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.

We ask God's blessings upon our recent graduates: Katy Teske and Joshua Martinez from High School and Lauren O'Brien from College. May our prayers be with our graduates.



Welcome
New Members

We recently welcomed new members to our congregation: Robert Deem; Susan Gali; John, Hazel, and Jackie Moore; Jackie Van Hout; and John and Karen Yancey. May we pray for them as they grow in their walk with the Lord. Please introduce yourself and welcome our new members!

Things to Know



The church council members for 2025 are:

Council President: Dr. Wayne Anderson

Vice-President: Allen Filloon

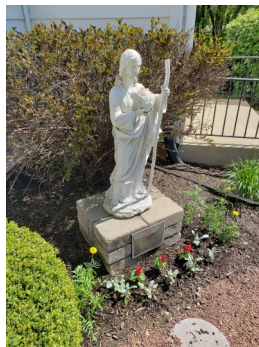
Council Secretary: Stu Bieber

Council Members: Michelle Love, Karen O'Brien, Chip Renfro, and Mike Reno

Mark Reno and Phyllis Mosblack have completed their three year terms.

Thank you, Mark and Phyllis for serving on the church council!

Please keep the church council in prayer.



Thank you to Carolyn Marshall for
planting the church flowers this Spring
and for watering the new trees!



Prayer Shawls - Do you know of someone who needs a prayer shawl? Prayer shawls are given to those who are sick with the prayer that God's healing presence would surround them with warmth and comfort. Contact Pastor Tom for a prayer shawl.

In Our Prayers

IN OUR PRAYERS

All our military men and women: Tom Toyra (Cuba), Clayton Kelley (Pennsylvania), Collins Nash (Africa)
New Requests: Troy Fontana (Stu and Marybeth's son-in-law) Brenda Hausner (friend of Ken Jones), family of Robert Rydin, Bruce Holms (Brother to Natalie Reno), the family of Shari Lundberg, 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, Marvinne 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), 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, 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.

**Williams Bay Lutheran Church
May 15, 2025-Church Council Minutes**

Members Present (please cross out absent members)

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

Meeting was called to order by Stu Bieber

Devotion & Prayer – Karen O'Brien

Minutes from March Meeting (emailed)

M <u>Chip Renfro</u>	S <u>Michelle Love</u>	A <u>X</u>
(Moved)	(Seconded)	(Check if approved)

Treasurer's Report (emailed) (Table and approve March/April/May at next meeting)

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

Committee Reports:

Youth & Education: The last day of Sunday School and Graduation Sunday will be held on May 18th with special refreshments served after the service. The last day of confirmation will be Wednesday, May 28th. Vacation Bible School: *True North – Trusting Jesus in a Wild World* will be July 28th to July 31st. Please spread the news about our summer VBS ministry!

Property and Finance: The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 14th at 5 PM.

Worship: The church season now is Easter. Pentecost Sunday is on June 8th. Members are invited to wear red on Pentecost Sunday to celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit upon the church. An outdoor worship service and church picnic is enjoyed by everyone on a Sunday morning in the summer.

Stewardship: More members are invited to sign up as worship servers on Sunday mornings for both services. The sign-up sheet is located on the narthex table. Highway Pick-Up was held on Saturday, April 12th. Time and talent surveys are in!

Outreach/Evangelism: We participated in the Community Prayer Cross Walk in Williams Bay on Good Friday, April 18th. Ten churches from the area participated in the cross walk with six members from Williams Bay Lutheran attending. Jim Pfeil is planning an intergenerational event for our congregation. Members and guests of our members are invited to a Sky Carp Baseball game in Beloit on Wednesday, June 18th at 6 PM. A meal is included with the game. Last year we did not have enough people to receive the group discount but this year we have met the group discount number. At the game Williams Bay Lutheran Church will be announced on the scoreboard!

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

Motion to approve all reports above:

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

Old Business:

1. Council President, Vice-President, and Council Secretary for 2025

Nomination was made by Stu Bieber to nominate Wayne Anderson -President, Allen Filloon for Vice President and Stu Bieber for Secretary.

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

2. Open Arms Free Clinic Request – Helping Hands Fund Donation of \$1000.00 for 2025

M Stu Bieber S Chip Renfro A X
(Moved) (Seconded) (Check if approved)

New Business:

1. Church Treasurer (Neill Frame may be stepping down soon but official notice has not been given. Neill will keep us posted when the has come to bring in a new Treasurer). Nothing was voted on.

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

2. Other Agenda Items? NONE

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

Motion to adjourn:

M Karen O'Brien S Michelle Love A X
(Moved) (Seconded) (Check if approved)

The next council meeting will be at 7:00 PM on June 19th . Pastor will provide a sign-up sheet for devotions at the council meeting. Mike Reno will do the devotion for June.

Meeting adjourned at ____ 7:38 pm _____

Close: The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Tom's Mission and Ministry Report

May 2025

Ministry Highlight:

- “To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.” 1 Peter 2: 21 For the five Wednesday Lent worship services I preached on this verse from Scripture. As the year goes on, I will continue to ponder what it means to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and pray that we all do the same. For the Wednesday services we used the Holden Evening Prayer service and ELW Vespers service for our liturgy. One Wednesday service the confirmation students helped me lead the evening worship music. Everyone in attendance appreciated seeing the confirmation students participating in the service.
- We recently welcomed new members to our congregation: Robert Deem; Susan Gali; John, Hazel, and Jackie Moore; Jackie Van Hout; and John and Karen Yancey. I am very grateful that we are continuing to grow as a congregation. May we pray for them as they grow in their walk with the Lord. Please welcome our new members!

Forward-Looking:

- On Thursday, May 22nd, from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm I will be teaching the First Communion class. Three students will be attending the class: Kaitlyn Keith, Raven Kemp, and Hazel Moore. After the class the students will participate in a First Communion Sunday. When the students attend Confirmation, they will continue their study of Holy Communion.
- Sugar Creek Lutheran Church is looking to call an assistant pastor. The congregation reached out to me to help them with the process. I have been a consultant for interviewing Lutheran churches in the past and I am happy to help Sugar Creek Lutheran. I will offer a practice interview for their call committee. I will also offer feedback to them on the interviewing process and will pray they are able to call a pastor that is a good match for their church.

June 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.

June 1	8:00 am	9:30 am
Usher	<i>Not Needed</i>	Jim Pfeil
Lector	Lynne Swatek	Marilyn Carlson
Cantor	<i>Not Needed</i>	Marilyn Carlson
Comm. Assist. (2 needed)	Mary M	
Altar Guild	Nancy Swatek and Lynne Swatek	
Altar Flowers		
Refreshments		Bieber's
Offer. Counters (2 each week)	Stu Bieber	
	Allen Filloon	
SS Teacher	Sunday School Resumes in Sept.	
June 8	8:00 am	9:30 am
Usher	<i>Not Needed</i>	Jim Pfeil
Lector	Jen Galvin	Laurel Schulz
Cantor	<i>Not Needed</i>	
Comm. Assist. (2 needed)		
Altar Guild	Nancy Swatek and Lynne Swatek	
Altar Flowers	Reno Family	
Refreshments		
Offer. Counters (2 each week)	Jack Williams	
	Dinah Harner	
SS Teacher	Sunday School Resumes in Sept.	
June 15	8:00 am	9:30 am
Usher	<i>Not Needed</i>	Chad Beth
Lector	Lynne Swatek	Mary Mock
Cantor	<i>Not Needed</i>	Mary Mock
Comm. Assist. (2 needed)	Mary Mock	
Altar Guild	Nancy Swatek and Lynne Swatek	
Altar Flowers	Jorine Granberg	
Refreshments		
Offer. Counters (2 each week)	Connie	
SS Teacher	Sunday School Resumes in Sept.	

June 22	8:00 am	9:30 am
Usher	<i>Not Needed</i>	
Lector	Dori Freundt	Linda Cook
Cantor	<i>Not Needed</i>	
Comm. Assist. (2 needed)	Diane Sherin	
	Linda Cook	
Altar Guild	Jorine Granberg	
Altar Flowers		
Refreshments		
Offer. Counters (2 each week)	Dottie Lock	
	Connie Decker	
SS Teacher	Sunday School Resumes in Sept.	
June 29	8:00 am	9:30 am
Usher	<i>Not Needed</i>	Chad Beth
Lector	Natalie Reno	Marilyn Carlson
Cantor	<i>Not Needed</i>	Marilyn Carlson
Comm. Assist. (2 needed)		
Altar Guild	Jorine Granberg	
Altar Flowers	Choyce Family	
Refreshments		
Offer. Counters (2 each week)		
SS Teacher	Sunday School Resumes in Sept.	



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8 am Simplified Worship 9:30 am Worship Service	2	3 10 am Worship at Sherwood Lodge	4 9:30 am Senior Coffee	5	6	7
8 8 am Simplified Worship 9:30 am Worship Service	9 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	10	11 5 pm Property & Fin. 9:30 am Senior Coffee	12	13	14
Father's Day 15 8 am Simplified Worship 9:30 am Worship Service	16 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	17	18 9:30 am Senior Coffee Sky Carp Baseball Game	19 7 pm Council	20	21
22 8 am Simplified Worship 9:30 am Worship Service	23 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	24	25 9:30 am Senior Coffee	26	27	28
29 8 am Simplified Worship 9:30 am Worship Service	30 <i>Church Office Closed</i>					