

The monthly newsletter of
First United Lutheran Church Sheboygan, Wisconsin

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May

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Sharing God's Word * Strengthening Faith * Serving Community

As we continue to celebrate the Risen Christ throughout the Easter Season, May brings new reasons to celebrate! We celebrate the new life which blooms around us and the warmth of the sunshine. We celebrate special occasions with family and friends. We also celebrate many wonderful occasions here as a church family!

On Thursday, May 4th at 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday, May 7th at 10:30 a.m. we will be confirming 13 youth who have chosen to continue the promises made on their behalves in their baptism. Please join us in person or virtually as we pray for and celebrate with them as we continue to walk in faith with them.

On Sunday, May 21st we will have one service at 9:30 a.m. followed by a time of fellowship and celebration as we lift up our Director of Music, Wayne Wildman, and give thanks for his almost 29 years of music ministry here at First United. We have been richly blessed by Wayne's gifts and this is our opportunity to celebrate him and all that he has shared with us.

In our celebrations we give thanks for God's love and grace, Jesus' power over death, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. We pray: Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever. Amen.

May you experience the joy and hope of the resurrection promise as you celebrate with loved ones both near and far.

God's peace,



FULC HAPPENINGS

May Worship Schedule

Thursday, May 4

CONFIRMATION THURSDAY

6:30 PM - Contemporary Worship Service & Confirmation

Sunday, May 7

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

8:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service
 9:30 AM - 7th & 8th Grade/Sunday School
 9:30 AM - Adult Ed.
 10:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service & Confirmation

Thursday, May 11

6:30 PM - Contemporary Worship Service

Sunday, May 14

8:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service
 9:30 AM - 7th & 8th Grade/Sunday School
 9:30 AM - Adult Ed.
 10:30 AM - Blended Worship Service

Thursday, May 18

6:30 PM - Contemporary Worship Service

Sunday, May 21

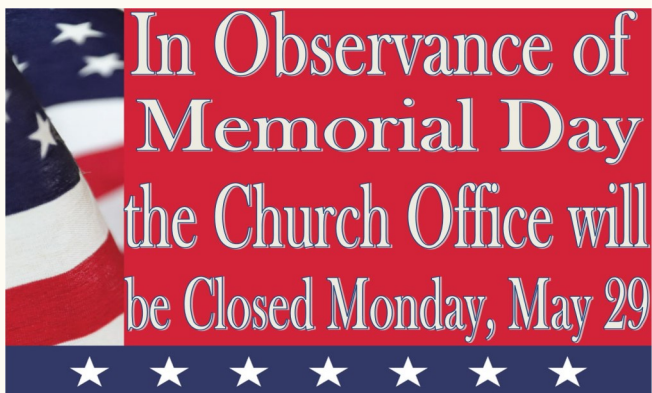
9:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service
 10:30 AM - Wayne Wildman Celebration

Thursday, May 25

6:30 PM - Contemporary Worship Service

Sunday, May 28

9:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service



ATTENTION 2023 GRADUATES

Please send a digital copy of your senior photo to Thom Nicla by June 1.

thom@firstunitedelca.org



Our Staff

Senior Pastor • Todd W. Smith
 Associate Pastor • Tina Kieckhafer
 Children & Family/ Great Beginnings Preschool
 Administrator • Mary Gorges
 Youth/Technology • Thom Nicla
 Director of Music • Wayne Wildman
 Church Administrator/
 Discipleship • Debbie Schneider
 Administrative Assistant • Kelly Stoelb
 Preschool Lead Teacher • Ellen Yedica
 Financial Secretary • Cheryl Nicholson

Let us know how we can help you. 920-452-2401

WAYNE WILDMAN'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, MAY 21



9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 AM RECEPTION



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If you wish to share your appreciate for Wayne Wildman as we celebrate his retirement, we have a couple suggestions:

-  Send an email message of thanks and appreciation to be printed as a keepsake for Wayne. Send your message by **Sunday, May 14** to: debbies@firstunitedelca.org
-  Provide an appreciation gift by **Sunday, May 14**. If you would like to contribute to a charity, Wayne suggests the following: The Manitowoc Symphony, the Humane Society of Sheboygan County, or the ELCA's Disaster Relief efforts for Ukraine and America.

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Good Friday Children's Service



OUR 2023 CONFIRMANDS

Adam Eugene Dierksheide - Lamentations 3:22 (NIV) Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

Mentor: James McGowan

Cole Tanner Gierke - Isaiah 41:10 (ESV) Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Mentor: Scott Mellesmoen

Brodie Nolan Hilbelink - Philippians 4:13 (NRSV) I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Mentor: Mark Duff

Elise Johnson - Philippians 4:6 (NRSV) Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Mentor: Sara Larson

Emily Klitzke - Romans 12:2a (NIV) Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Mentor: Bridget Boy

Hunter Michael Kuehl - Isaiah 40:31 (NIV) But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Mentor: Mike Johnson

Madelyn Grace Mellesmoen - Luke 21:19 (NIV) Stand firm, and you will win life.

Mentors: Laurie Seymour & Pastor Tina

Madisyn Marie Ortlieb - 2 Timothy 4:7 (NRSV) I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Mentor: Jaime Hilbelink

Brynn Marie Ostermann - Psalm 143:8 (NIV) Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.

Mentor: Sherry Duff

Megan Lee Peterson - Proverbs 3:5-6 (CEV) With all your heart you must trust the Lord and not your own judgment. Always let him lead you, and he will clear the road for you to follow.

Mentor: Sara Stalzer

Rebecca Corrine Pittner - Isaiah 41:10 (NRSV) Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

Mentor: Tracy Cinealis

Owen Andrew Ramos - Joshua 1:9 (NRSV) Be strong and courageous, do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Mentor: Brian Hanes

Cameron Wyatt Smith - Isaiah 41:10 (NIV) So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Mentor: Chuck Stalzer

Grief Support

All are welcome to join us the first Wednesday of every month in the chapel at 7:00 p.m.

First United FOOD PANTRY

If you or anyone you know needs food, please check out our Food Pantry located in the Serenity Room. We have everything from canned goods to baking supplies to household items. The front office can assist you if you need help.

Mondays 9AM - 12PM
Wednesdays 1PM - 4:00PM

Great Beginnings Preschool

2023-24 enrollment is now open!



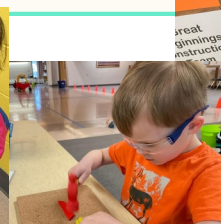
Tours & enrollment packages are available

For more information, call Church Office 920-452-2401 or email Mary Gorges at: mary@firstunitedelca.org or email Ellen Yedica at: eyedica@firstunitedelca.org

Great Beginnings

April was so much fun! We were invited to the Good Friday Children's Service held here at the church for a morning of breakfast, crafts and worship. We have been hard at work learning about construction and how a house is built! There were a lot of new words to learn about like: architect, bulldozer, excavator, screwdriver, bolts and nuts. We also learned about spatial concepts: on, under, above, below, between, and next to. In math we worked on matching, patterns, and our counting. We have also been hard at work learning our upper case letters and creating construction drawings, prints, and "blueprints". Check back next month to see what we did!

- 1 Sing Huai Vung
Trent Rammer
Elijah Wagner
Estella Wick
- 2 Mollie Bergsbaken
Keri Prueter
Brandon Schwarz
Michael Speckman
- 3 Eliza Knowles
Elijah Ortlieb
Karen Raffel
Tyson Roth
Erin Spaeth
- 4 Cole Gierke
Alice Homstad
Quinton Schulz
Zach Trescher
Scott Winkler
- 5 Hudson Hein
Nem Sian Muang
Peyton Roth
- 6 Jen Eggers
Cynthia Zimmermann
- 7 Chloe Dirker
Stacie Nicla
Ellie Schaefer
Gunner Thomas
Mark Vincent
- 8 Alexa Butler
Brad Hoffmann
Sue Pantel
Peter Reinke
Teri Schwensow
Paige Thede
- 9 Josh Batzner
Austin Campbell
Jun Jie Jiang
Chauvin Kamana
Christopher Krause
- 10 George Menart
Brayden Saeger
Linda Schulz
- 11 Pat Eirich
Christine Garnett
Jessica Meade
- 12 Mardi Clarke
- 13 Carol Buschmann
Tommy Moore
Shirley Peterson
Debra Wachholz
Glenn Zeinemann
- 14 Daniel Daun
Benjamin De Pagter
Shelley Dierkes
Tom Frick
Caley Hildebrand
Owen Ramos
Matthew Stanford
Anthony Stanford
- 15 Max Krueger
Steven Stockdale
Jeremy Tock
- 16 Jackson Harmelink
Joan King
Madeline Kovacic
Marisol Lucatero
Gavin Saxe
- Gail Showerman
Margaret Voorhans
- 17 Fred Gould
Alyssa Hoffmann
Ashley Horst
Emma Tipple
Renee Wilke
Donna Willman
Karen Wodach
- 18 Terri Jeske
Kenlyn Schmidt
Christopher Weeden
- 19 James Aldag
Anna Fogle
Elise Johnson
Kate Kellner
Beate Lucynski
Mariah Smith
- 20 Rick Curtiss
Judy Farwig
Cin Pum
Judy Rammer
- 21 Ben Batzner
Austin Chambers
Veronica Jackson
Christopher Roth
- 22 Keri Oldenhoff
Soren Pelzel
- 23 Dennis Guetschow
Lori Hamilton
Jake Kuhfuss
Emjay Ortlieb
Zachery Rosenthal
Becca Stayner
William Zamora
- 24 Tyler Chambers
Brian Dierksheide
Jared Martin
Paige Mikkelson
Gregory Pittner
Syd Smith
- 25 Sylvia Green
Ralph Puffpaff
Patricia Rammer
- 26 Lloyd Bleucl
Mady Blonigen
Brian Freund
Charlie Kolb
- 27 Phoebe Rudlaff
Sarah Sonnentag
- 28 Jackson Hogle
Scott Mellesmoen
Cheryl Tank
- 29 Jackie Baughman
- 30 Caitlynn Acy
Judi Jackson
Pete Olsen
- 31 Amanda Evraets
Lisa Horst
Bryson Klahn
Chloe Lang
John Shaefer
Gregory Weeden



Calendar of Events

May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Food Pantry 1:15 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Scouts	2 6:00 PM Pickleball 6:30 PM Scouts	3 9:00 AM Wednesday Guys 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Food Pantry 6:00 PM 9th Grade Confirmation 6:00 PM Laundry Love 6:00 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Grief Support	4 9:00 AM Prayer Group 6:00 PM Handbell Choir 6:30 PM Contemporary Worship Service & Confirmation	5  <i>Cinco de Mayo</i>	6 11:00 AM Joyce Milsted Service
7 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 10:30 AM 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 9:30 AM Adult Ed 9:30 AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service Confirmation	8 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Food Pantry 1:15 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Scouts	9 1:30 PM Naomi Circle 6:00 PM Pickleball 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM New Spirit Circle	10 9:00 AM Wednesday Guys 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Food Pantry 5:30 PM Blended Rehearsal 6:00 PM Scouts 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	11 9:00 AM Prayer Group 6:30 PM Contemporary Worship Service	12	13 10:00 AM Blended Rehearsal
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You are invited to join us for in-person and online Worship Services:

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Important Dates

Thursday, May 4 - Confirmation Thursday 6:30 p.m. Service

Sunday, May 7 - Confirmation Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Service

**Sunday, May 21 - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service followed by
Wayne Wildman Retirement Celebration
at 10:30 a.m.**

**Sunday, May 28 - Summer Worship Schedule Begins
with one Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday, June 4 - Graduation Sunday, Graduates meet
by Bell Tower at 9:00 a.m. for Group
Photo followed by 9:30 a.m. Worship**

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