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From Desk of Pastor Bill

When I was younger, I would hear older people say that as you get older, time seems to move more quicky. I guess I must be old, because I can't believe how quickly we move from one season to another. Here it is...August. The stores are full of back-to-school sales and the nights are getting cooler. Fall is just around the corner.

Like New Years Day, for many, Fall is another opportunity to make a new start. Especially for kids, with the beginning of a new school year, so much is new. ...new teachers, new schedule, new classes, new friends, new opportunities to improve on all the things of the last year that need improving. It's a new beginning.

For us as Christians, each day is a new beginning... new opportunities to improve on all the things of the last day that need improving...new opportunities to experience God's blessings, His grace and His forgiveness. In the book of Lamentations, the prophet, Jeremiah writes,

Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Look at the words, "never "and "every". God's love NEVER ceases, and His mercies Never come to an end and those mercies are new EVERY morning. To me, that's a tremendous encouragement.

Our life is a series of new beginnings. We do not need to be stuck in the past with its disappointments and failures. Each day is a new day to start again with new mercy from God. I ,for one , am so thankful for that.



1st Bryan Louison, Nicholas Louison

6th Hannah Melum, Lily Pagel

7th Roger Erickson, Sue Stukenberg

8th Gordon Wrolstad, Keith Reagles

9th Jeff Rice

10th Carter Melum

11th Brett Allred

16th Robert Gerhardt

17th Sally Van Epern

18th Kevin Dahle, Jerelyn Amundson

19th Thor Patrick

21st Jade Wogsland, Sharon Thompson

22nd Brook Patrick

23rd Theodore Moen, Charles Vatter, Janet Tofte

24th William Lashua

25th Josephine Lashua

27th Shirley Hanson, Casey Wiza

28th Sherman Wogsland, Roberta Gambsky, Amber Olson

29th Amy Rustad

AUGUST AT A GLANCE

August 3 WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 AM COMMUNION at rail, MEN'S MINISTRY after service

August 10 WORSHIP 9:00 AM Council meeting after service

August 17 WORSHIP 9:00 AM Kevin D. Impact Ministry International 2nd Special offering, Music by Frye Family

Communion Intinction

August 24 WORSHIP 9:00 AM

August 31 Worship 9:00 AM <u>Lutefisk Supper Chairman meeting</u> after Church

USHERS Pam and Kevin Dahle

ALTAR GUILD PERSON Lana Reagles

AUGUST 11 Town of Harrison Meeting 6:30PM

AUGUST 19 Tuesday Quilters 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE August 15th

AA MEETINGS Every Thursday at 7:00 PM

OFFICE HOURS Every Thursday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

PROJECTOR OPERATORS

August 3 Carl T August 10 Dale T.

August 17 Craig A. August 24 Kevin D.

August 31 Bruce M.

Mark your calendars.

Sunday School will start September 7.

That means Church Service time change September 7 Sunday School 9:00 AM Church service 10:00 AM!!!!!

Lutefisk Supper chairman meeting August 31 after Church.

Meatball rolling set for September 20 9:00 AM

Northland Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes June 13, 2025

Members present: Robbie L, Lana R, Pastor Bill, Larry B, Richard K, Jessie G, Bill H Pam D Members absent: Shelly E, Daniele O, Tom K Guests: Keith R, Bob M

President Bill H called meeting to order at 10:09 am and Pastor Bill opened with a prayer. Secretary's report was accepted without opposition.

Treasurer's report was accepted without opposition.

Pastor's report: He is gearing up for the fall, planning a possible adult bible study and preparing for this year's confirmation class. Pastor feels our policy on catechism class should be to have 2 adults present at each class. Sally V has kindly volunteered for a majority of classes this year, but substitutes may be needed on occasion.

The church roadsign was refreshed with a new decal. The lighting part needs some rewiring to bypass ballasts to operate LED bulbs. Robbie L has volunteered to work on it.

The Pork Extravaganza served 84 people this year. Discussions are being had on whether to continue this annually or not, or a potential date change.

Helping Hands has been meeting and working on proposals for the council budget meeting in October.

The Nominating Commitee has filled the last position. Carl Thompson has agreed to serve on the Commitee along with Dianne Erickson and Jessie G.

For the MFL project wrap-up, Keith R communicated with our contractor as to why the payments fell short of the bid. Derek said there was a lot of unexpected rot in many of the trees, which brought some of our loads down in price significantly. Many trees are suspected to have been damaged by the last logger, as falling trees fell against and damaged other trees in their process. Robbie L will contact Overdahl about a tree project at the church/cemetary property. Northland Picture Directory project moving forward. Lori B and Jessie G are collecting members and fellow worshipper's photo contributions and information and working on a book to assemble for the congregation. We plan to have the pages printed locally and utilize the church's spiral binding machine.

The Parking Lot project has retrieved one bid in 2 parts from Wolf River Asphalt & Sealcoating. Concerns about the landscaping addressing the water drainage aren't handled by this company and will require more research to

solutions. Robbie will consult with his contacts for more ideas and affordable solutions.

It was suggested to fill the propane tanks at church, as prices are low right now.

Richard K made a motion to adjourn, second by Lana R.

Meeting closed with the Lord's prayer at 11:11am.

These minutes have not been approved. Secretary Jessie Glodowski

NORTHLAND CHURCH LADIES

The Northland Church Ladies met in the church basement on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 1:00 P.M. There were 7 women present.

The secretary read the minutes from the last meeting. A motion was made by Pat Olson and second by Fran Moen to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given. The beginning balance was \$5223.54. The deposits totaled \$178.00 and the checks written totaled \$42.57 leaving a balance in the account on June 18, 2025 of \$5358.97.

NEW BUSINESS: The funeral food plan was discussed and a few changes were made to bring the plan up to date. A copy of the plan will be made available to our members. A minor change was made to the menu available and the suggested donation for the meal was raised \$100.00 due to the economy.

The Ladies of the church will get together for a meal at Girts & Grace in Amherst on Tuesday, July 15th at 12:00 P.M. Anyone wishing to attend may call Marilyn at 715-677-4277 to make a reservation. This will give the restaurant an idea of how many people they will be serving.

The Pork Extravaganza will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2025 at the church from 1:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. There will be a craft and bake sale. You may drop your items off at the church on Friday or Saturday after 10:00.

A motion was made by Dianne Erickson and second by Fran Moen to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 P.M.

Submitted by (Fran Moen) Sec.

FUNERAL FOOD PLAN FOR NORTHLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH IOLA. WI

The staff of Northland Lutheran Church work hard to accommodate the needs of family and friends who have lost a loved one. During the day of the funeral emotions are high and the stress of service is prevalent. However, the Northland Church Women volunteer their time and work hard to provide a meal for the friends and family of the deceased as their way to honor them and give the family and friends a time to join with each other and share memories.

Prior to the funeral Dianne Erickson may be contacted at 715-677-4683 to discuss the luncheon options. All of our workers donate their time for members of Northland for a suggested donation of \$300.00 per funeral, paid to the "Northland Ladies Group" on the day of the funeral service, for the use of the kitchen equipment, paper products, etc. The meal will consist of hot chicken sandwiches served of white or wheat buns, pickles, chips, coffee, water, bars and cookies. Any additions to the menu will be paid for in full by the family prior to the service. The meal will be served buffet style. We will need to know an approximate number of people expected at the meal. Our basement seats about 80 people. The family may, at their own expense, contract a licensed caterer or restaurant to bring in a variety of salads to supplement the luncheon. The family may also choose to have the licensed caterer provide an entire hot meat. The Northland Church Women can coordinate and serve the meal buffet style. The suggested donation applies.