

FIRST THINGS

An email newsletter from First German Evangelical Lutheran Church

Online Worship Service/Sermon:: Feel free to watch yesterdays service
from First German:

www.firstgerman.org

Volume 11 Issue 18

Announcements—May 5, 2024

Flowers: Flowers are given to the glory of God from the Schwark family in memory of our beloved wife, mom, and grandmother, Jean Schwark, on her birthday.

Next Weeks Readings: You will be blessed if you have time to examine the readings for next week see: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 24:44-53.

Sunday Bible Classes: Everyone is invited to come down for a cup of coffee, light snack and of course God's Word at 8:00am on Sunday mornings. "I've got that joy, joy, joy, joy... A Study on Philippians" will be the topic for the Adult Bible Class at 8:00am for the next few weeks. Our "Basic Christianity" class will begin at 10:15am on Sunday mornings.

Sunday School: Sunday Bible Stories for children: younger children will hear about heaven from the lesson of Lazarus and the Rich Man; the first to 6th graders will dig into a lesson about a different Lazarus, who Jesus raised from the dead. What confidence these stories from Jesus give the children, yes, heaven is real and God through the saving work of Jesus gives heaven as a gift. Bring the children in your life to these classes from

10:15 to 11:15am in the school classrooms.

Ladies Bible Class: Saturday Ladies Bible class will meet May 4th and 18th at 8am on the upper floor of school across from the elevator. All females are welcome, first-time attendees will be made welcome! The Bible discussion will encourage us with appreciating the freedom God has given us.

Organ Update: This week we reached 65% of our total goal! We received \$1755.50 in donations and have now had \$374,338.97 given toward the organ project!

The Schantz Organ Company continued this week voicing our refurbished organ. The tonal finishing team hopes to be done with the organ by Saturday afternoon! We may be able to hear our organ again very soon!

Since we are covering the remaining balance of the project with three member loans, we strongly encourage our congregation members to continue giving to the organ project so that our fellow members can be reimbursed for their loans.

Please look for our weekly sermon on YouTube, search:

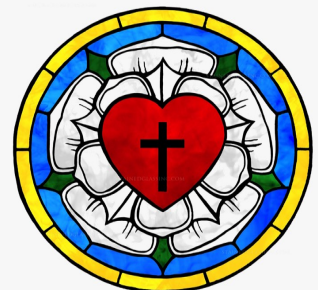
First German Lutheran Church Manitowoc.

Or go to our website:

Firstgerman.org where there is a link to each weekly sermon plus much more information about our church and school.

Office Hours:
M-F : 8am-3pm

Summer Office Hours:
M-F; 8am-noon



Appreciation Celebration: “Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful” (1 Corinthians 4:2). The teachers that are leaving, celebrating an anniversary or retiring from fulltime ministry have been proven faithful. We want to thank God for all those special servants of our Lord: (25 year anniversaries) Peter Buege, Phil Miller; (Retiring) Pastor Norval and Kathy Kock; (getting married and moving to Appleton) Leah Wolfrath; and (Accepted call to MLHS) Carrie Ungemach. Save the date June 2nd: worship of thanksgiving at 9:00 a.m. followed by a reception at City Limits. Tickets for the reception are available after church or in the church office during the week. The suggested donation is \$12 per ticket.

Taste of Missions: Register today for Taste of Missions, a hybrid event that will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2024, at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon. Join us in person OR online to get a “taste of missions” no matter where you might be around the world.

The event kicks off with a special worship service where we will commission new home and world missionaries. Sample ethnic cuisine from some of our mission fields while enjoying fellowship and presentations from home and world missionaries alike. View displays, participate in outdoor family-friendly activities, and ask questions about the ups and downs of mission work during a panel discussion. Registration is \$15 per person, with children 13 and under attending for free. Those attending in person will receive food tickets to sample ethnic food and will have the ability to purchase additional food from the food trucks. Learn more and register at tasteofmission.com.

Branches: The next Branches meeting will be Tuesday, May 14th. The board will meet at 6:00pm and the regular meeting will follow at 6:30pm in the second floor classroom across from the elevator. The Branches is a service group made up of the ladies of the congregation. If you are a woman 18 years and older and are a member of First German, you are a member of Branches. Please come to one of our meetings and find out more of what we do.

OWLS: The next OWLS meeting will be Tuesday, May 14th, at Immanuel beginning at 1:00pm. We will be having a pie and ice cream social along with a short business meeting. A donation of your favorite pie is appreciated.

Please RSVP to Ralph Schwark by Sunday, May 12th at 920-684-5892 or at jeanemil99@att.net

SCHOOL NEWS

School Play: It's time for bed...but wait! What's that noise I hear under my bed? Where's my teddy bear? See how bedtime can really be a blast in our school musical “Pajama Party!” It will be on Friday, May 10th at 10:00am and again at 6:00pm. All students will be participating. Help is needed for decorating, setting up, taking down, and for serving snacks. If you would like to help, please go to this sign up link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/>

[go/10C0F45AFA62CA6F8C61-49006705-spring](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45AFA62CA6F8C61-49006705-spring)

Last Day of School: The last day of school will be on Wednesday, May 22nd. We will close the year with a Closing and Graduation Service at 4:30pm.

Recital: Piano and violin students of Mrs. Jen Knutson will be having their recital on Sunday, May 19th at 3:00pm in church.

MLHS NEWS

Prism Concert: The Annual Prism and Honors Art Show will be in the MLHS gymnasium and will showcase fine student performances and art displays. The show will be on Saturday, May 11 at 4:00pm and 7:00pm.

Host Families Needed: MLHS will have 15 international students this coming school year! Host Families are needed for the 2024-2025 school year. These students are coming from China and Spain. This is one-way MLHS carries out its mission in God's Kingdom. We have an international mission field right here in our own backyard! In order to carry out this mission, it is important to have host families who are willing to love, care for, and share their faith with these international students. The international students' families value the experience their children have in your homes and provide a substantial stipend to offset the costs of the experience with you. Are you interested in becoming a Host Family or learning more about the International Student Program at MLHS? If so, please contact Nathan King.

Email: nking@mlhslancers.org / Phone: (920) 682-0215 x 42

Church Attendance

Our Attendance in God's House: 216

Thursday—44

Sunday—172

YouTube views— 44

Our Gifts to the Lord

Unified Budget Offerings:

Received Last Week: \$ 8299.05

Needed Each Week: \$10,000

Building Fund: \$ 232.75

Other Gifts: \$ 1838.16

Church Calendar

TODAY	8:00 AM	Adult Bible Class
	9:00 AM	Divine Service
	10:15 AM	Family Bible Hour
	12:00 PM	Hmong Divine Service
MONDAY	6:00 PM	Ladies Christ Light B.C.
	6:30 PM	School Board Meeting
THURSDAY	4:30 PM	Word & Sacrament
FRIDAY	10:00 AM	School Play
	6:00 PM	School Play
SATURDAY	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	4:00 PM	MLHS Prism Concert
	7:00 PM	MLHS Prism Concert
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Adult Bible Class
	9:00 AM	Word & Sacrament
	10.15 AM	Family Bible Hour
	12:00 PM	Hmong Word & Sacrament

Service Teams

April—Reneau

May—Fischer

Contact Information

Pastors:

Jacob Hoff 703-297-5072

jhoff@firstgerman.org

Mark Johnston 920-374-8106

pastormjohnston@gmail.com

Principal:

Peter Buege, Principal 714-553-5679

Philip Miller, Vice Principal 920-382-6853

principalteam@firstgerman.org

Church Office:

920-684-0101

Julia Schwark, Secretary

secretary@firstgerman.org

Mike Miller, Office Manager

officemanager@firstgerman.org

Aug-May Office Hours:

M-F 8am-3pm

Summer Office Hours:

M-F 8am-noon