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The Call Committee unanimously voted to recommend our candidate, BRYANT BAKKUM, to the combined Church Councils for a letter of Call. The church councils voted to recommend to the congregations that they issue a call to Mr. Bakkum. A financial package was prepared and a letter forwarded to the Greater Milwaukee Synod and Bishop Jeff Barrow. This 3 year letter of Call will be sent to our candidate following a favorable vote at the two congregational meetings. He has 3 weeks to accept or reject the Call. By phone he has indicated he is interested in the Call. He has been invited to come on Saturday, June 13th for a reception to meet us. A vote will be taken in the congregations on Sunday, June 14th. You have to be present to vote. The meetings will take place in the Sanctuary of each church after the services. Direct any questions to Dave Wegener or Jim Ribnek, Presidents of the Councils.

**Special Meeting**

On Sunday, June 14, special congregational meetings will be held at both First Lutheran and Nativity Lutheran following the worship service. These meetings will be held in order to vote on extending a call to Bryant Bakkum, to serve as pastor at both churches. All active members, (who have either communed or made a contribution to the church in the past year - according to the constitutions) will be eligible to vote.

**Meet & Greet!**

On Saturday, June 13, you will have the opportunity to meet Bryant Bakkum and his wife, Katie, at a reception held at First Lutheran at 2:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there. Take advantage of this opportunity to get to know Bryant and Katie before the vote on Sunday, June 14.

**First Lutheran Church**

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Vice President: Natalie Jaeger
Treasurer: Werner Bayer

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Evangelism: Joy Dowd
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Memorial Fund: Marie LePage
Mission Interpreter: Shirley Cogan
Social Ministry: Earl Casto
Stewardship: Vacant Position
Worship & Music: John Bennethum

*Reaching out in our community to share the Word of God*

**Nativity Lutheran Church**

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Vice President: Maureen Jones
Secretary: Nicole DeBack
Treasurer: Jill Mickelson
Mission Interpreter: Shirley Cogan

Nativity: an inviting and nurturing community dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel and serving Christ
**Worship and Study**

**Worship Matters**  
by John Bennethum

This year the last three Festivals fall on the last three weekends of May. Ascension Day always falls on a Thursday (May 14th) but we move its celebration to the next Sunday (May 17th) (white). Then Pentecost is the next Sunday (May 24th) --the birthday of the church and arrival of the Holy Spirit (Red). Finally we finish off the festival half of the Church year with The Holy Trinity (May 31st) (white). In June we celebrate the Sundays after Pentecost (ordinary time). The color is green to denote that we are growing in our faith. There are only three Minor Festivals during June: June 11 Barnabas, Apostle (Red); June 24 John the Baptist (White) and June 29 Peter and Paul, Apostles (Red).

**Prayer Can Help...**

If serious illness or other life factors affect you or those you love, contact the church office and we will send your request through our prayer chain. We have people who will pray for your need. If you are interested in joining a prayer chain, contact Marie Le Page (First Lutheran), Laverne Breed (Nativity Lutheran) or the church office.

**For Women Only....**

The Women’s Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room at First Lutheran. They’re studying the 100 most important stories in the Bible. Materials are available and new members are always welcome!

**Tuesday Bible Class**

During June we will begin our summer schedule: June 2 & 9 we will consider "Living with our Losses" and "Living with Hope" with the Rev Dudley Riggle from Carthage College. On June 16 guest Arnie Garber will be with us, and on the 23 and 30 we will be looking at the Ten Commandments in the Small Catechism of Martin Luther. Join us for some lively discussions in the Fireside Room starting at 10:00am. John Bennethum is our Teacher.

**Please keep in your prayers the families of Joseph Armato, who died on May 23, and Ida Long, who died on May 24.**

**Many Thanks!!!** to our Sunday School teachers for the 2014-2015 school year: Linda Grulke, Mari Mitchell, Mary Nyback, Greta Plicka and Jamie Schoberg.

Watch for information in the July/August newsletter about Sunday School starting in the fall.
First Lutheran Sew & Sews

Thank you! Thank you. Thank you to all the folks who contributed to the Lutheran World Relief Quilt Shipping Fund. Your gifts totaled $403, which were matched dollar-for-dollar for a final total of $806. Translated, that means LWR will be able to ship 358 quilts, at a shipping cost of $2.25 per quilt, to countries in need thanks to your generosity!

Needless to say we quilters will be busy in the months ahead. Extra hands are always welcome on Wednesday mornings!

Jackie Bayer in the quilters’ new digs in the “upper room”

The quilters traded spaces with Operation Christmas Stocking and have now relocated to the “upper room”. They continue to meet officially on the first, third and fifth Wednesday morning of each month, and unofficially most other Wednesdays, to tie, sew, chat and snack.

They welcome quilters and quilter-wannabes who want to help make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. No equipment or prior experience needed. Stop up and see them sometime, or better yet, join them for a cup of coffee.

When cleaning out those closets and drawers, remember the quilters. The Sew & Sew Quilters can use the following for their quilt ministry: Gently used bedsheets & pillowcases, blankets (including non-working electric blankets), mattress pads, quilts and spreads, and washable fabric (small pieces up to yardage). Leave donations in the Narthex or church office.

Gail Bartolieria, Dale Bennethum, Marie Casto, Mark Gruetzner, Cheryl Hetzel, Don Leppien, Samantha Matherly, Jill Mickelson, Allan Munkwitz, Lillian Ribnek, Kathleen Santos, Crystal Schuman, Debra Simerl, Michael Vickio and David Wegener.

From Nativity: Helen, Pauline, Ruby, Dorothea, Marion, James, Harriet, Helen and Jeanne.

From First: Marlin, Beverly, Marie, LaVerne, Dorothy, Henry, Bea, John, Earl, Paula, Alfred, Virginia, Marilyn, Betty, Myra, Joyce, Erna, Lois, Barbara and Pat.

Sean Brown, Robert Chrzanowski, Jason Dowhie, Andrew Dowd, David MacDonald, Sam Rogers, Robert Simmer and Zach Tennison.
Thanks to everyone who helped with the Post Office food drive. We especially thank All Saints Lutheran Church, Oak Creek, for allowing us to partner with them. We are so grateful for the 89 bins of food we received for our pantry. It really helps cover demand during the summer.

The Food Pantry will be closed on Friday, July 3rd, so our volunteers can spend the weekend with their families.

Some items that the food pantry can always use are ziplock style bags in the gallon and quart sizes.

From Lutheran World Relief....

With the support of our Quilters, Kit-makers and financial donors, LWR works with partners around the world to distribute Quilts and Kits to vulnerable communities. For example, since the start of the civil war in Syria, over 6.5 million Syrians have been displaced internally and another 2.8 million have fled to Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey and Iraq. LWR worked with a local partner in Jordan to distribute Personal Care Kits and School Kits to these Syrian refugees. These gifts help families stay healthy, while allowing the children in these displaced families to continue their education. Your gift makes it possible to get necessary resources into the hands of these vulnerable families. Thank you!

Read stories from around the world at www.lwr.org, and see how your donations make a difference.

“How we walk with the broken speaks louder than how we sit with the great.”
—Zig Ziglar
Thank you “Happy Scrubbers”

Thank you to the “Happy Scrubbers” who helped clean the woodwork and pews in the church and Pastor’s office and cleaned and organized some areas in the kitchen. Thanks to Cindy, Jamie, Chris, Natalie, Pam, Werner, Delores and Joy. We didn’t quite get everything done, so watch for the next “Happy Scrubbers Saturday” in the spring.

NATIVITY OUTREACH

During the month of June, Nativity will be collecting cleaning supplies such as sponges, dish soap, Windex, Comet, etc. for the Good Samaritan Outreach Center. Place your donations in the box in the narthex.

FIRST LUTHERAN NATIONAL NIGHT OUT BLOCK PARTY

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 6-8 PM

Be sure to join the fun at our neighborhood block party, meet our neighbors, have a picnic dinner on the lawn and enjoy the Christian music of guitarist Ben Janzow. The party also includes crafts for kids, a bounce house, face painting and visits from the fire dept and police vehicles. We will also have several benefit drawing baskets and a free children’s door prize basket.

To help cover expenses, we will be selling soda and bottled water and are requesting donations of each so we can sell it at “family friendly” prices. Any brands or flavors are welcome. We know that July is a way off, but want to give you plenty of time to watch for sales and coupons. Write “Block Party” on the box and drop it off in the office or in the box provided in the narthex anytime now.

We need volunteers to help set up, serve food and clean up. Donations of “heat friendly” dessert, such as cookies and bars are appreciated. Watch for the volunteer and dessert donation sign up sheet on the welcome desk or contact the church office. If you’d like to donate a door prize, make a sponsorship donation or know someone with a business that might be interested, contact Joy Dowd or an Evangelism Committee member.

FATHER’S DAY – JUNE 21

Be sure to invite your “dad” or someone that was like a father to you to church on Father’s Day weekend. We’ll be honoring fatherhood and mentoring with special prayers during the service.

CHECK OUT FIRST LUTHERAN at West Allis A La Carte

Sunday, June 7th
12pm until 6pm

On Greenfield Ave.
from 70th to 76th Streets
Food, music, games and more!
**First Lutheran Accessibility--------Accomplished!**

No longer will people with physical weaknesses look at the steps going to the lower level and to the Narthex - Sanctuary with the same dread as that of climbing the highest mountain! The new chair lift just installed should be able to accommodate most of those parishioners. A larger lift to accommodate wheelchairs and scooters was proposed but city/state codes prohibited it.

On June 2, 2015, a safety inspector will inspect the chair lift, give us the key and instruct us as to its operation. It should not be used as a toy. Unless they require the lift, children will be prohibited from using it so that it is available to those who need it.

Now that people are able to get to the first floor, they will also be able to use the comfortable, handicap accessible bathroom completed a year ago. No longer does First Lutheran have the formidable barriers experienced by many people for years and which prevented family, friends and others from attending our church!

**AND, BE PROUD!**

*Both Projects are Paid For!!!!!*

The "gold envelopes" for accessibility projects will no longer be in the envelope boxes. However, if you did use them, please consider putting those extra dollars into the General Fund envelopes. We are asking those who didn't use the gold envelopes to also consider putting a few extra dollars into the general fund each week to help First Lutheran maintain its budget.

Thank you for your help accomplishing our accessibility goals!

Lavone Reis

**Words from FDR-------True Today:**

We still remain true to the faith of our fathers who established religious liberty when the nation began. We must remember, too, that our forebears in every generation, and wherever they established their homes, made prompt and generous provision for the institutions of religion. We must continue their steadfast reliance upon the providence of God.

No greater blessing could come to our land today than a revival of the spirit of religion. I doubt if there is any problem in the world today — social, political or economic — that would not find happy solution if approached in the spirit of the Sermon on the Mount.

—Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1938
Nativity’s Annual
Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo
April 18, 2015

Thank You! Goes out to all that contributed their time, energy, bakery and prizes to make this amazing event happen...

Extra “Thanks!” goes to James Ribnek, Don Brauch & Crew 999 for all their hard work in the kitchen, Lillian Ribnek for Ticket Sales, Beverly Neusen & Nicole DeBack for Bake Sale, and Sandie Larson for keeping control of the Drawing Tables & prize distribution.

Attendance: 74 Adults & 4 Children
Ticket Sales: $645.00
Bake Sale: 171.50
Drawings: 357.00
Brewer jacket/Wine purse 200.00
Free Will Donations: 8.00
Total Cash In: $1,381.50
Expenses: -173.50
PROFIT: $1,208.00

All profits are going toward helping to pay our church property insurance.

Nativity’s Spring 2015
Rummage & Plant Sale!

Thank You!!! Goes out to all of the people who generously gave of their time/or possessions to make Nativity’s Rummage & Plant Sale possible. Without you, this event could not ever have taken place...

Special “Thanks” goes out to Don & Joan Brauch for providing the hot dog lunch on Friday, and James Ribnek for pork sandwiches on Saturday! Also, without Joan’s Amazing green thumb, our plant sale would not be possible!

I am happy to announce we had 615 people go through our doors for the two day sale, and we made a grand total of $2,103.62. All profits from our sales go to help support or church and its missions.

Mark your calendars: our “Fall Rummage Sale” is being scheduled for November and will be here before you know it! So, let’s keep collecting!

Jill Mickelson
**WEST ALLIS SENIOR CENTER**  
7001 W. National

The West Allis Senior Center has many helpful programs available.

**Stockbox** - A box of healthy food once/month provided by the Hunger Task Force.

**AARP Tax Assistance Program**

**Senior Nutrition Programs**

**SeniorLAW** - a Program of Legal Action of Wisconsin.

There are also many activities taking place at the center such as trips, classes and support groups. Contact the center for more information at (414)302-8700.

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**CLEMENT MANOR**  
Center for Enrichment  
9405 W. Howard Ave., Greenfield

**Lifelong Learning Book Club** - 1st Tue. at 12pm  
June 2 - Me Before You by Jojo Moyes  
July 7 - House Rules by Jodi Picoult

**Club Loominers** - A No-Needle Knitting Group  
1st Wed. of month.  12pm. No charge.

**Bridge Group** - Every Tues. - 9-11 am

**Movie Matinee** - Tues., June 23, 12:30 p.m. “Heaven is for Real”. Call to register.

Call Clement Manor at 546-7302 for registration or info.

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**Catch Us on the Web...**  
Check out First Lutheran’s website at:  
[www.firstlutheranelca.org](http://www.firstlutheranelca.org)

You can find information on our activities, view an online version of the First and Nativity newsletter in color (and save postage), and see upcoming events.

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**It’s Fish Fry Season at Lutherdale!**

Head to Lutherdale Bible Camp for a delicious fish fry on Friday, June 19, from 4:30-7pm. Dinners include baked or fried cod, choice of potato, cole slaw, bread & butter, applesauce, beverage and dessert. A specialty fish choice will also be available. Cost is $12 for adults and $7 for youth 12 and under.

While you’re there, take a walk around the camp, sit by the lake, and enjoy the outdoors. Contact the church office for more information on the camp.

Lutherdale Bible Camp is located at N7891 Hwy. 12, Elkhorn.

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**ST. JOHN’S MUSIC CAMP**

**“GO AND TELL OF JESUS AND HIS LOVE”**

Singing! Drumming! Movement! Bible Stories! Handbells! Drama! And….Lots of Fun!

June 15-18 from 9am-12pm  
St. John’s Lutheran  
20275 Davidson Rd., Brookfield

For children who have completed 4 yr. old Kindergarten through 6th grade by June, 2015.

Cost: $15 for first child, $10 for each additional child in the family. Includes T-shirt, daily snacks and Thursday Family Picnic

Register at [www.makedisciples.com](http://www.makedisciples.com) or call (262)786-6887 for forms.
CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS

to Madelyn Herbert as she graduates from Mount Mary University with a Masters in Writing.

FOR FUN

Feeling footloose and frisky, a featherbrained fellow forced his fond father to fork over the farthings and flew far to foreign fields and frittered his fortune, feasting fabulously with faithless friends.

Fleeced by his fellows in folly and facing famine, the fellow floundered as a feed-finger in a filthy farm. Fairly famished, he fain would have filled his frame with foraged food from fodder fragments. “Fooey, my father’s flunkies fare far finer!”

The frazzled fugitive forlornly fumbled, frankly facing facts. He fled forthwith to his family. Falling at his father’s feet, he forlornly fumbled, “Father, I’ve fruitlessly forfeited family favor.”

The farsighted father, forestalling further flinching, frantically flagged his flunkies to fetch a falling from the flock and fix a feast. The fugitive’s fault-finding brother frowned on fickle forgiveness of the former folderol. But the faithful father figured, “Filial fidelity is fine, but the fugitive is found! What forbids fervent festivity? Let flags be unfurled! Let fanfares flair!”

—The Treasury of Good Clean Church Jokes

THE ORIGIN OF FATHERS’ DAY

One Sunday in 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd listened to a sermon honoring mothers. Her mother had died some years before, so her father had raised her by himself. Dodd wondered why there wasn’t a day to honor fathers, so she arranged a tribute to her father at a church in Spokane, Washington. The date was June 19, 1910. Many people believe this was the beginning of Father’s Day.

Another account holds that a West Virginia church held a tribute service for fathers in 1908, following a mine explosion that killed 360 men. Regardless of which story is correct, President Calvin Coolidge was the first president to designate a special day to honor fathers. In 1924, he proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father’s Day.

CAMPING WITH CHRIST

COMING SOON!

Camp with Christ at First Lutheran’s Vacation Bible School on Saturday, August 1st. Tents! Games! Campfire! Songs! A day-long adventure! More details in next issue. Contact the church office if you’d like to help.

FLAG DAY

JUNE 14TH
FIRST LUTHERAN FINANCES 2015

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Note: Expenses include a $7,261.50 down payment for chair lift.

FIRST LUTHERAN ATTENDANCE

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On the Lighter Side

BIBLE QUIZ...

Which of the following is an accurate husband-wife match from Scripture?

A. Abram and Ruth
B. Boaz and Ruth
C. Hosea and Ruth
D. Ananias and Ruth

Answer: (See Ruth 4:13.)
WHAT IS A DAD?

A dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again.

A dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes but instead lets you find your own way, even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt.

A dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail.

—Unknown

Worship With Us

Saturday
5:30 p.m. at
First Lutheran

Sunday
9:00 a.m.
at First Lutheran
11:00 a.m. at
Nativity Lutheran

If you no longer wish to continue receiving this newsletter, please contact the church office.