

FIRST THINGS

An email newsletter from First German Evangelical Lutheran Church

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from First German:

www.firstgerman.org

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Announcements—April 21, 2024

Flowers: Flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Carl Nickels, given by Larry Nickels. Thank you!

Next Weeks Readings: You will be blessed if you have time to examine the readings for next week see: Acts 4:32-37; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8.

Sunday Bible Classes: We will not be having a regular Bible Class on April 28th, but instead, you are encouraged to join as at 8:00am for the examination of our confirmands. It will be a great review of our Christian beliefs for our own selves. Our "Basic Christianity" class will begin at 10:15am on Sunday mornings.

Sunday School: Classrooms and teachers will happily be waiting for children at 10:15am on Sunday to share with them the Words from God! Infants with care givers and older children through 8th grade are welcome. If you have any questions you can call 920-374-8105 to speak with Jane.

Ladies Bible Class: The next Saturday morning Ladies Bible Class will meet on May 4th.

Call Updates: On Tuesday, March 26th we called Mrs. MacCartney Durkee to be our 2nd grade teacher. She is a current

member of First German, and her husband Paul is a teacher at MLHS. We also called Miss Karen Mendoza for 1st grade, who lives here in Manitowoc and is teaching at Head Start. **She has accepted our call!** Rather than having another call meeting, we will be going to the assignment committee in May to see if we can get a graduate to fill our positions. Please place them in your prayers and continue to pray that we may be fully staffed for the 2024-2025 school year.

Confirmation: Confirmation will be next Sunday, April 28th. Our confirmands are: Michaela Harper, Zander Hasler, Lasami Her, and Brielle Stecker. Examination will take place at 8:00am and they will formally profess their faith during the Confirmation service at 9:00am.

Organ Update: Quite a lot of news in the Organ Refurbishment area this week!

The Schantz Organ Company arrived on Monday evening and have been working diligently to install our refurbished organ. They

Please look for our weekly sermon on YouTube, search:

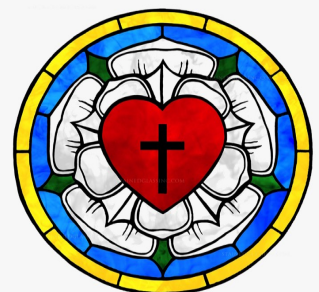
First German Lutheran Church Manitowoc.

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



will continue work this coming week and hope to finish by the end of the week. The tonal finishing team will begin their work during the week of April 29th. All work on the new organ should be complete by May 8th or 9th.

The First German Stewardship committee reported to the PPC on Monday that 3 member loans for the organ project were submitted and accepted to make the payments on the remaining balance of the Organ Fund. We are thankful for the willingness of these members to help cover the expenses for the organ project. A strong encouragement for our congregation members to continue giving to the organ project so that our fellow members can be reimbursed for their loans.

We had a very good week of donations toward the organ project. This past week we received gifts of \$2,434.50. Since August of 2022 God's people have donated \$368,093.26 towards the First German organ project! What a tremendous blessing!

That means that this week we have reached 63% of the donations needed to complete the organ project! We continue to praise the Lord for the blessings that He continues to shower on us here at First German.

If you have any questions on the project, please contact any of our committee members: Mr. Joel Ungemach, Mrs. Jennifer Knutson, and Pastor Mark Zarling.

Voter's Meeting: The next quarterly voter's meeting will be held on Monday, April 29th at 6:30pm. We will be voting on accepting the proposed constitution and bylaws. Everyone is welcome to attend and keep up to date about what is happening at your church and school.

Appreciation Celebration: "Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you" (Hebrews 13:7). At First German, we especially want to remember with thanksgiving the ministries of those who served us with the truths of salvation. We are celebrating anniversaries, retirements or those finding new roles in ministry: Peter Buege, Phil Miller, Pastor Norval and Kathy Kock, Leah Wolfrath, Carrie Ungemach, and Kelly Loberger. Save the date: June 2nd: worship of thanksgiving at 9:00 a.m. followed by a reception at City Limits. Tickets for the

reception will be available beginning May 1st after church or in the church office during the week.

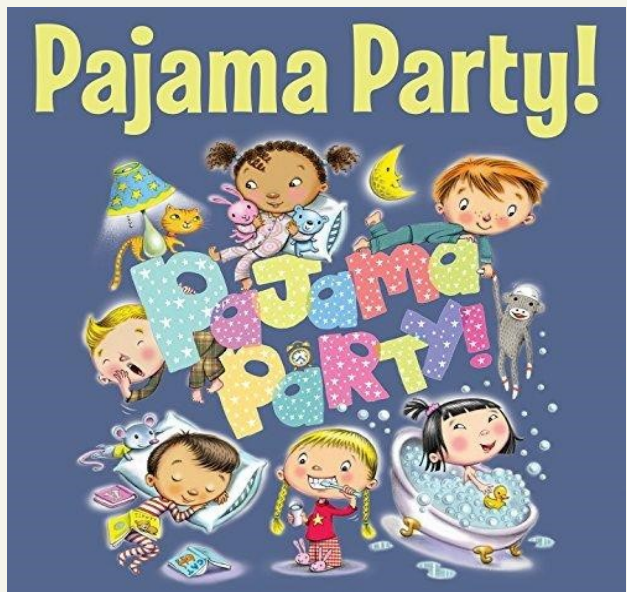
Suggested donation is \$12 per ticket.

MLHS News: 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 ir 7:00pm.

SCHOOL NEWS

School Registration: All families (new & existing) need to come in to the office to register their children for the 2024-2025 school year. Registration dates are Wednesday and Thursday, May 1st & 2nd from 7:00am until 7:00pm, and also Friday, May 3rd, from 7:00am until 5:00pm.

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.



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>

Church Attendance

Our Attendance in God's House: 178

Thursday—49

Sunday—129

YouTube views— 27

Our Gifts to the Lord

Unified Budget Offerings:

Received Last Week: \$ 7252.89

Needed Each Week: \$10,000

Building Fund: \$ 265.75

Other Gifts: \$ 2456.88

Church Calendar

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| 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. |
| THURSDAY | 4:30 PM | Word & Sacrament |
| SATURDAY | 8:00 AM | Men's Bible Study |
| SUNDAY | 8:00 AM | Examination of Confirmands |
| | 9:00 AM | Confirmation Service |
| | 10.15 AM | Family Bible Hour |
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Service Teams

April—Reneau

May—Fischer

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