



First Things – June & July, 2023

Pie with Pastor & Sue

What's this? It occurred to me a while back that:

- I don't always know what's going on in the lives of our members, even those who are in worship pretty much every Sunday
- It would be good for everyone to have an opportunity to sit down with me and Sue, and a member of the Board for Lay Ministry to:
 1. Ask any questions you may have
 2. Make suggestions
 3. Express concerns

So in the next couple of weeks, I'll be setting up some times – some during the day and some in the evening – when you can come over, see your parsonage, and have pie with me and Sue. So watch for further announcements...and think about what kind of pie you like best!

A Summer without Worship is just Warm Weather

If you're gone for a weekend, we have **Monday evening worship** at 6:30 PM, OR...

Watch the worship service you missed – our website, KeepChristFirst.com, will direct you to our church's Vimeo page, OR...

Worship at other WELS congregations. You can find other WELS congregations and their worship service schedule by going to WELS.net and clicking on [Find a Church/School](#). Or just call the church office or me, and we'll help you out.

Coming Up This Summer

The **First Women** will be gathering at **River View Winery** on Thursday, July 8 starting at 3:30 PM.

The **First Steps Early Learning Center** received a \$20,000 grant to do a **playground makeover** on the pre-school playground – that’s the one closest to the alley. We’re in need of able-bodied men, women, AND TEENS to help. Here’s the schedule:

Saturday, June 10 from 8:00 AM – Noon – **Disassembly** of the present playground apparatus
Wednesday, June 14 starting at 8:00 AM – **Makeover and Reassembly**
Thursday, June 15 starting at 8:00 AM – **Makeover and Reassembly**
Friday, June 16 starting at 8:00 AM – **Makeover and Reassembly**
Saturday, June 17 starting at 8:00 AM – **Makeover and Reassembly**

If you can stop by and offer some help, it would be greatly appreciated!

On Sunday, June 18 we’ll start our **summer sermon series** on the Old Testament book of **Joshua**. The 2nd annual **Father’s Day Cornhole Tournament** will take place after worship that day.

I’m planning to start **Old Testament Bible Story evenings** with our sixth graders.

We’re hoping to **paint the entryway** this summer. Watch for details.

Coming Up



WELS Night at the Brewers will take place on July 7. And, just so you know, I did contact WELS and asked if they could arrange **WELS Night at the TWINS** for us Minnesotans!!!

WELS Night at the Loggers is Friday, July 14 at 6:35 PM. Scan the QR code on the right or go to <https://la-crosse-loggers.nwltickets.com/Buy/Tickets> and use the promo code FriendsOfLuther.



The 60th **Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) Convention** will take place at the La Crosse Center June 22-25.

You can learn more about it [HERE](#).

You can register to attend [HERE](#).

Even if you don't register, plan to attend the **opening service** on Thursday, June 22 at 7:00 PM at the La Crosse Center – IT'S A GREAT EXPERIENCE!

St. John's Lutheran Church of Lewiston will be hosting the **Flourish 2023 Retreat for women** on Saturday, August 26. Find out more information, including sessions and presenter bios, [HERE](#). Early Bird registration goes until July 31.

God Bless,

Pastor Mark

