

THE STEEPLE VIEW

The monthly newsletter of North Cape Lutheran Church, ELCA
2644 124th Street, Franksville WI 53126



Following Jesus in the 21st Century – Part 2

From the Interim Pastor's Desk...

By Pastor Robb Kosky

Okay. I knew what I was going to write for this month's newsletter article, and it is mostly written. It's right there, on my computer screen, below what I am writing now. It goes like this: "Blah, blah, blah, bleh." Believe me, you do not want to read it.

So, now I'm stuck trying to come up with a way to say what I want to say without all of the dumb parts, and to do it without Ann noticing that I've missed the newsletter deadline, yet again.

Basically, it's this:

- Our lives are not our own.
- Our lives belong to God, the God whom we know through Jesus Christ.

- This is a huge expectation. (I mean, our lives are meant to reflect God's love for us and for the world. Everything we do and say is meant to reflect God to others – and let's face it, human beings have been notoriously lousy at that for a really long time now.)
- But this is an expectation coupled with God's grace.

Sometimes, I find, that it's just better to let the scriptures speak, so maybe I just want to say something like this:

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil,
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long." Psalm 23

In Christ's Love and Grace,
Pastor Robb

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COUNCIL CORNER

North Cape Lutheran Church
July 8, 2025 6:30pm Church Library

There was not a quorum, so the July meeting was not held. Our next Church Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 19th at 6:30pm. Please note this date is one week later than usual.

Financial Update

Thank you to all our members who have grown in your regular offerings to our ministry. Your generosity and commitment allow us to focus on worship and ministry opportunities. If you have not yet considered growing in your offering to North Cape, please take some time to join our members who have increased their financial support of our congregation.

Below, you will see our offerings and expenses through June.

Intentional, planned, regular, and generous offerings will make all the difference for North Cape this year. According to our annual Ministry Plan, our expenses average nearly \$6,300 per week. Thank you.

	June 2024	YTD 2024	June 2025	YTD 2025
General Fund Offerings	\$20,078	\$103,041	\$18,893	\$131,481
General Fund Expenses	\$19,647	\$137,574	\$20,798	\$133,331
Difference	\$431	(\$34,533)	(\$1,905)	(\$1,850)

Square Cash Online Giving

Use the convenient QR code to give to NCLC easily through your device! <https://form.jotform.com/73234080366150>

We appreciate your ongoing financial support of the church.



Fish Boil Update

After 40 years, we will not be hosting our annual fish boil this year. Instead we will be having a free Community Cook Out on Sept. 13th from 5-8pm to celebrate our church's 175th birthday. This is our final cook out and our biggest bash! Be sure to attend and spread the word to your neighbors, friends and family. (Note the date changed to Sept. 13th.)

Pavilion Reservations

We have many open dates in August and this fall if you are interested in renting the pavilion for your family gatherings. If you are interested in reserving the pavilion for a special event such as a wedding, bridal shower, baby shower, or birthday party, please contact the church office or Tom Jacobson at nclcpavilion@gmail.com. We would love to work with you to set up the date and help you coordinate the event. You can read our Pavilion Usage policy and download forms on our church website under the Pavilion tab.

Scrip

If you are interested in purchasing Scrip gift cards for gifts or to use yourself at your favorite businesses, please contact Tammy Baumann. She can connect you with cards she has in stock or make an order on your behalf. Scrip will not be for sale at church until this fall. You may reach Tammy directly at 414-573-9068 (cell). All proceeds benefit our El Salvador missions.

Membership Updates

On July 27th, Hayes Christopher Bloodworth was baptized during worship. Hayes is the son of Tyler and Alex Bloodworth and great-grandson of Diane Welch.

August Vacations

Pastor Robb will be on vacation from August 5-14th. Robin Brodie will preside at worship on August 10th. If you are in need of pastoral care while Pastor Robb is away, please contact the church office and we can assist you. Ann will also be out of the office in early August, but dates are still being determined.

If you wish to have your child baptized or wish to get married at NCLC, please go to the church website northcapelutheran.org to find forms. Complete them and return them to the church office to set up dates. You may also contact the church office in person or through email at northcapelutheran@gmail.com.



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Steepleview Xpress Online Articles due by noon on Wednesdays.

Newsletter Articles due
August 17, 2025.

August Bible Lessons

August 3

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Psalm 49:1-12

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

August 10

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalm 33:12-22

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

August 17

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalm 82

Hebrews 11:29—12:2

Luke 12:49-56

August 24

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalm 103:1-8

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

August 31

Proverbs 25:6-7a

Psalm 112

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14



August Worship Schedule

During the summer we have one service on Sundays at 9:00am. This schedule runs through Labor Day weekend. We will have outdoor worship with the praise band on Sunday, August 3rd. Livestreams of services are available on our YouTube channel for all services.

AV & Livestream Volunteers Needed

We are in great need for more AV and livestream volunteers, especially during the year when we have two services. We thank the current volunteers for their dedication to ensuring we have coverage each week. Please let the church office know if you are willing to be trained and help out. The more volunteers, the less work it is each month for everyone. If you are trained already, please use the QR code to sign up for slots this summer.



Acolyte Sign Up

All students in Grade 5 or older are asked to sign up to acolyte throughout the year. Please use the QR code to see which dates work with your schedule. Please check the schedule regularly as dates are continually added. Currently dates are available through Christmas. For training or a refresher, contact Betsy Bauer.



Sound System Update

The contract for the new sound and AV system upgrade has been finalized and the down payment of 50% of the total was paid in mid-July. (\$46,178) System components are being ordered and will be installed sometime this fall. Thank you to all who donated memorial funds, thanks to the golf outing for designating their 2025 profits, and thanks to all who have shared an extra donation towards this project so far. We still need to raise \$30,873.20 to complete the final payment. Donations large and small are still being accepted and welcomed. Thank you for supporting this important project!

Items Ordered		Funding Commitments	
SPEAKERS & AMP	\$37,450	Memorials for Sound	\$25,452.80
AUDIO SYSTEM (sound board)	\$15,540	Endowment fund	\$4,410
MICS & MUSIC SOURCES	\$6,464	WELCA	\$5,000
VIDEO	\$19,214	Golf outing 2025	\$20,000
INTEGRATED CONTROL	\$7,040	Donations through 7/6/25	\$6,620
CONFIDENCE MONITOR	\$4,850	TOTAL	\$61,482.80
LIVESTREAM MIC	\$1,798	We need to raise	\$30,873.20
Total	\$92,356.00		
Down payment pd 7/15/25	\$46,178.00		
Outstanding Balance	\$46,178.00		



Summer Sunday Bible Study

Pastor Robb is hosting a Summer Bible Study after worship on Sunday mornings at 10:15. This is open to anyone who is interested in discussing and learning about the Word of God as it is presented in the scriptures. The study is focused on the weekly Gospel lessons.

August Worship Volunteers

	AV & Sound	Ushers	Readers	Communion Asst.	Acolytes	Treats	Livestream Operator
August 3 Outdoor Worship w/ band	9:00 Doug Liesch	9:00 Mark & Megan Lambert	9:00 Robin Gavigan	9:00 Robin Gavigan	9:00 None Needed	9:00 Volunteer Needed	9:00 Volunteer Needed
August 10	9:00 Paul Kaprelian	9:00 Mark & Tara Kowalski	9:00 Angela Thomas	9:00 Angela Thomas	9:00 Volunteer Needed	9:00 Volunteer Needed	9:00 Volunteer Needed
August 17	9:00 Roy Gawlitta	9:00 Jeff & Sue Klaus	9:00 Ginny Strueder	9:00 Ginny Strueder	9:00 Harrison Bauer	9:00 Volunteer Needed	9:00 Robbyn Wilks
August 24	9:00 Volunteer Needed	9:00 Mel Hebron, Jim Petersen	9:00 Chris Luedtke	9:00 Chris Luedtke	9:00 Volunteer Needed	9:00 Kay Lecus	9:00 Volunteer Needed
August 31	9:00 Bob Benson	9:00 Joel & Jana Kopac	9:00 Rhonda Smerchek	9:00 Rhonda Smerchek	9:00 Volunteer Needed	9:00 Volunteer Needed	9:00 Robbyn Wilks

Worship Volunteer Coordinators

Readers/Communion Assts:
Chris Luedtke (262-488-4951)
Miriam Dziekan (262-878-4730)

Altar Guild:
Bob Benson (262-497-1648 or rben-song@gmail.com)

Ushers:
Mel Hebron (262-835-1775 or mfortytwenty@aol.com)

Treats: Sign up sheet

Acolytes:
Betsy Bauer (262-818-5971 or betsbauer@gmail.com)

AV/ Livestream:
Sign up online

Communion Set Up:
Brenda Nelson (262-994-8992)



Community Cook Outs

North Cape will be hosting a Community Cook Out on **Friday, August 15th**, from 5:00 - 8:00 pm at the North Cape Lutheran Church Pavilion. Members of the congregation and the public are welcome. This free event will be repeated monthly through September. Be sure to attend and spread the word to friends and neighbors! This is one way we will be commemorating our 175th Anniversary as a congregation! Our final date will be Sept. 13 (Sat.). The August date will be hosted by the El Salvador team and feature El Salvadoran food.

Thank You

To my church family,
Thank you for the cards and concern shown during the recent death of my brother. I am blessed.

-Maxine Brown



Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated food and helped pack grab n go meals for the July 20th Community Meal at Living Faith Lutheran in Racine. We served 120 people again this time. Thanks also to Thrivent for an Action Team Grant of \$250 to help cover most food and packing supply costs. Our final meal of 2025 will be served on October 19th. Watch for sign ups in September.

Union Grove Food Bank

If you have food donations for the Union Grove Food Bank, please drop them off in the blue basket in the south entry. Items that are often needed include canned goods (at least 6 months until expiration), cleaning supplies like dish or laundry soap, and personal care items like shampoo or toilet paper.

Magazine Donations

If you have magazines you are done reading that are fairly current, please drop them off in the box in the south entry to be donated to Oak Ridge Care Center in Union Grove.



Important Dates

Mark your calendar:

- VBS July 28-August 1, 2025 9:00-11:00am
- Sunday School Begins Sept. 7th 9:15am
- Confirmation Meeting Sept. 14th 11:30am
- Mission Trip Information Meeting Sept. 21 11:30am



Vacation Bible School

VBS will meet July 28-August 1st from 9-11am daily. Be sure

to attend! Register ahead of time or drop in. Whether your child can attend all days or a few, we'd love to have them involved in this fun program! Games, lessons, music, crafts and lots of fun are in store!

Thank you to everyone who donated supplies!

Sunday School Teachers Needed!

Sunday School teachers and substitutes are desperately needed. Even if you can only volunteer once a month, it would be helpful! Please contact Angela if you are interested.

Sunday School Registration

The first day of Sunday School is Sunday, September 7. Sunday School meets from 9:15-10:15 for students 4 years old-Grade 12. Hope to see all of the kids there!! Please register using the form in this newsletter or use the link in this QR code.



Confirmation Meeting

There will be a Confirmation Meeting on Sunday, September 14 at 11:30am. All students in 7th-10th grade and their parents should meet in the church basement for a quick meeting about 2025-2026 confirmation requirements.

Mission Trip 2026 Information Meeting

There will be a Mission Trip Information Meeting on Sunday, September 21 at 11:30am. Anybody interested in attending the 2026 mission trip should attend. Youth must be at least 14 or entering 9th grade in Fall 2026. Watch for more details.

LWR School Kits Collection

We're collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief starting in August through September 21. Use the list below as you shop for school supplies this fall. Drop off donations in the narthex.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH SCHOOL KIT

- ☐ **FOUR** 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 1/2"; no loose leaf paper
- ☐ **ONE** 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ☐ **ONE** pencil sharpener
- ☐ **ONE** pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- ☐ **FIVE** unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- ☐ **FIVE** black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ☐ **ONE** box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ☐ **ONE** 2 1/2" eraser

Sunday School Registration 2025-2026

Four Years of Age through 12th Grade

Please complete one form per child and return it to the church office.

Name of child _____

Date of birth _____

Nickname _____

2025-26 School Grade or age group (please check)

☐ 4-yr old ☐ Kindergarten ☐ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☐ 4th ☐ 5th ☐ 6th ☐ 7th ☐ 8th ☐ 9th ☐ 10th ☐ 11th ☐ 12th

Contact Information

Parent / Guardian Contact Names

1. _____ Name, Relationship

Home phone _____ Cell _____

2. _____ Name, Relationship

Home phone _____

Cell _____

Home Address _____

City _____

Emergency Contact Information

Name, relation & contact phone number

Name, relation & contact phone number

Allergies: _____

Pick Up Authorization for Children Under Eight Years of Age

Youth under age eight will only be released from activities at NCLC into the care of parents, legal guardians, or other authorized individuals. Please provide a list of individuals below who are authorized to pick up your child.

1. Name, relation & contact phone number

2. Name, relation & contact phone number

Sunday School Begins September 7, Sunday School Hour 9:15 AM — 10:15 AM

Sunday school is open to children, ages four and older at the beginning of the school year.

Note: It is the policy of North Cape Lutheran Church not to administer either prescription or non prescription medication to youth under our care. Exceptions may be granted to parents of youth with potentially life-threatening conditions (such as asthma or severe reactions.) Parents should contact Angela Thomas about their situation.

Birthdays

LUEDTKE, Chris	08/01
BARTOL, Abby	08/02
RICHTER, Fred	08/02
LOFQUIST, Leah	08/03
MOLINARO, Danielle	08/03
SMITH, Morgan	08/03
BENSON, Connor	08/04
MOSHER, Dale	08/04
WEST, Jayden	08/04
MAUSING, Karley	08/05
PASSLER, Jill	08/05
LAUER, Yvonne	08/06
GREENTHAL, Karlie	08/07
MOSHER, Ruth	08/07
WILKS-MUTH, Kristyn	08/07
MCCANN, Janice	08/10
MUTH, Levi	08/10
WARD, Jackson	08/10
MUSZYNSKI, Jim	08/11
NELSON, Abigail	08/14
BARWICK, Carson	08/15
CASTERTON, Will	08/15
STRITESKY, Neil	08/15
GORDON Jr., Stephen	08/16
HANSEN, Erik	08/16
HINTZ, Deborah	08/16
STILLSON, Emerson	08/16
NELSON, Todd	08/17
MICHELS, Hunter	08/18
BABEL, Madison	08/19
FRIEND, Wayne	08/21
GIESE, Carson	08/22
STEGMAN, Timothy	08/22
GOETZKE, Grady	08/24
KAPRELIAN, Anna	08/24
KOWALSKI, Tara	08/24
DINAUER, Lillian	08/25
MCBRYDE, Rosalind	08/25
NEILS, Molly	08/25
LIESCH, Mary	08/27
ROUSAR, Joe	08/28
STILLSON, Michael	08/28

VOIGHT, Bob	08/28
HARCUS, Carol	08/29
HOFFMANN, Jake	08/29
SHERWOOD, Cooper	08/29
JASPERSON, Paula	08/30
STILLSON, Amy	08/30
NELSON, Peter	08/31
WELCH, Diane	08/31

Anniversaries

SORENSEN, Stephanie & Mike Graf	08/01
LEITZKE, Nicole & Mat	08/03
DINAUER, Jacob & Monica	08/04
BULGRIN, Pat & Sheryl	08/07
SERVI, Sally & Fred	08/10
NELSON, Jerry & Barb	08/11
LOFQUIST, Scott & Dawn	08/14
KURHAJEC, Samuel & Anna	08/20
LAGO, Janet & Jason	08/21
GRIPH, Gregory & Gail	08/23
LOREY, Douglas & Deborah Hintz	08/27
BLUM, Bill & Janet	08/28

Please Remember our Shut Ins

Jackie Becker
7631 W 5 Mile Road
Franksville WI 53126
Birthdate 05/23

Martin & Sheila Hummel
8800 Shannon Lane
Sturtevant, WI 53177
Birthdates (M) 12/21
(S) 02/26

Linda Petersen
3950 N. Main St. #11
Racine, WI 53402
Birthdate 11/24

Darleen Peterson
1775 N. Newman Rd., Apt. 108
Mt. Pleasant, WI 53406
Birthdate 10/09

John Stalbaum
Waterford Senior Living
301 South Sixth Street
Apt. 208
Waterford, WI 53185
Birthdate 05/03

Prayer Chain Please contact the church office at 262-835-2206 or north-capelutheran@gmail.com if you would like to have prayers lifted up on your behalf for any reason. If you would like to be removed from the prayer chain, please contact the church office. If you are in need of pastoral care, please email the church office or call Pastor Robb at 608-345-2463 or email him at pastorkosky@gmail.com.

Remember in Your Prayers

Jackie Becker, Diane Bisci, Bill Blum, Carol Bracy, Patti Brouwers, Drew Casterton, Toni Cocherl, Renee D., Mike Dittmar, Jacob Epping, JR Farrar, Mark Farrar, Micky Farrar, Ron Gawlitta, Rick Geiss, Dave Gustin, Paul Hayek, Les Hedrington, Marty Hummel, Deborah Hintz, Dennis Kasproicz, Warren Klandrud, Brian Lauer, Bob Luedtke, Rochelle Neu, Barb Perdzock, Donna Polston, Mark Spika, Harry Sylvester, John T., Del Thomas, David Thompson, Kelly, Dale, Dave Voltz

We also pray for those serving in our armed forces: Russell Hebron, Agustin Juarez, Zachary Klabunde

North Cape Lutheran Church

August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9:00 am Vacation Bible School	2
3 9:00 am Outdoor Worship 10:15 am Summer Sunday Bible Study	4 1:30 pm Office Closed Piano Lessons	5 7:30 am Office Open 9:00 am Mission Quilters	6 8:00 pm Cemetery Board Meeting	7 7:30 am Office Open	8	9
10 9:00 am Worship	11 Office Closed	12 7:30 am Office Open 9:00 am Mission Quilters	13	14 7:30 am Office Open	15 5:00 pm Community Cook Out - El Salvador Style	16
17 9:00 am Newsletter Articles Due Worship 10:15 am Summer Sunday Bible Study	18 12:30 pm Office Closed Piano Lessons 1:00 pm Private Event	19 7:30 am Office Open 9:00 am Mission Quilters 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	20	21 7:30 am Newsletter Crew 7:30 am Office Open	22	23
24 9:00 am Worship w/ Witbrot Baptism 10:15 am Summer Sunday Bible Study	25 1:15 pm Office Closed Piano Lessons	26 7:30 am Office Open 9:00 am Mission Quilters	27	28 7:30 am Office Open	29	30
31 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Summer Sunday Bible Study						



FRI AUG. 15TH

5-8:00PM

COMMUNITY

Cook Outs

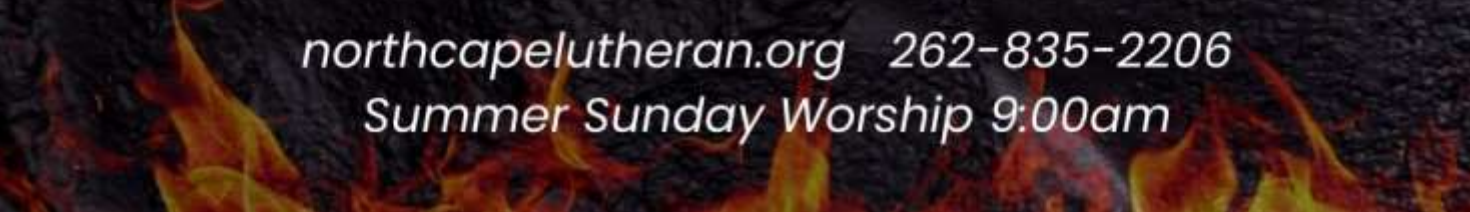
Help us celebrate our 175th year of ministry by joining us for FREE monthly Community Cook Outs this summer at North Cape Lutheran Church's pavilion. Watch for dates each month to be posted. 5:00-8:00pm

NORTH CAPE LUTHERAN

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Summer Sunday Worship 9:00am



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