

THE STEEPLE VIEW

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



Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
~Colossians 3:14

Every morning begins with a small but meaningful ritual of choosing what to wear for the day. I find myself standing before my closet or dresser and wonder, as many of us do, what I should wear. My choices tend to be shaped by my mood, my plans, and the season. Some days I reach for something comfortable; other days, something practical for whatever tasks are at hand; and sometimes I'm drawn to vibrant colors. Anything from tee shirts and jeans to dresses.

But Paul reminds the church in Colossae—and us—that before we put on anything else, we are invited to “put on” something deeper, something not found on a hanger or folded in a drawer. We are invited to clothe ourselves with love.

Of course, we know what it feels like to clothe ourselves in something other than love. We slip into irritation when the morning starts too early. We pull on resentment when someone disappoints us. We wrap ourselves in fear or defensiveness when the world feels sharp. These garments cling to us more easily than we'd like to admit. And when we wear them, they do not simply affect our own hearts—they ripple

outward. Clothing ourselves in impatience can bruise the people around us. Clothing ourselves in indifference can harm creation itself, leading us to treat the world as disposable rather than beloved. Clothing ourselves in anger can fracture relationships and communities. These garments constrict, divide, and weigh heavily on everyone they touch.

In Lutheran theology, we speak often of vocation—the daily call to live out our identity as God's beloved people. Choosing an outfit becomes a metaphor for choosing how we will show up in the world. Will we wear compassion today? Will we put on patience when we are left waiting in line or put on hold? Will we wrap ourselves in kindness when someone's words or actions sting? These garments are not manufactured or sold, nor can they be earned. They are gifts of the Spirit, freely given, waiting to be slipped over our heads and shoulders like a favorite sweater.

And God does not ask us to wear anything God has not worn first. In Jesus, God clothed Godself in humanity—dust and breath, hunger and hope. Jesus dressed himself in mercy when he healed the sick, in justice when he lifted up the poor, in humility when he washed feet, in forgiveness when he stretched out his arms on the cross. These are the garments of the Kingdom of God: compassion, generosity, courage, truth, and above all, love.

So once you choose your clothes and get dressed, pause for a moment. Take a good look in the mirror. Remember who you are: God's chosen, holy, and beloved. Let that identity be the first thing you put on. Let love be the garment that completes your look—and transforms the world around you.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Kelly



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COUNCIL CORNER

North Cape Lutheran Church
July 14, 2026 6:30pm Church Library

Attendees: Les Gumieny, Mark Ehleiter, Kathy Paul, Maggie Techert, Wyatt Hoffman, Jake Hoffman, Julie Kastenson, Paul Stiener, Laura Sabo, Pastor Kelly Ylitalo

Meeting called to order by: President, Les Gumieny

Minutes read

Kathy made Motion

Mark second the motion

Agenda no changes made

Maggie Motioned

Julie Second the motion

Prayer

Pastor Kelly read devotion and said a prayer

Mission and Vision

Les brought up service times and how many services. Along with times of Sunday school were discussed. May set up a survey. Pastor said she had some homework on this to do.

Community Cook Out

Youth group did July's cookout. Went well. El Salvador Mission is hopefully doing the next cook out. Les will follow up with Mark for August if not may be Welca or committee will do it. Kathy should bug Les to ask Mark.

We will extend Rally Sunday and one worship service for one more week on Sept 13th which will be an outdoor service, the 12th will be cookout.

Will try to get items on Facebook community events. Alyssa will hopefully help or Calie Kastenson.

Super Saturday was brought up in Union grove as well. (for advertisement?)

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Set Office Hours

This was discussed. Pastor was talking about making sure everyone had her number to contact her if they would like to meet. Les will see if phone company can send voice messages to text messages instead of emails. Pastor will add in newsletter to contact her cell number if people need anything.

Fall Worship Hours

Pastor talked about service lengths times of service. Same ideas in Mission and Vision.

El Salvador Accounting

Will find time when meeting as had to settle accounting. We think sept 2025. Julie will look. \$6,300 possibly paid out to settle discrepancies. We will create a policy for going forward. Both parties to provide quarterly reports going forward was talked about. Motion made to freeze spending from church checking to El Salvador mission until Aug 28th, Friday. Les to relay to Mark W. Deposits should be made by Laurel or someone who can code them correctly so we do not lose in the general fund. motion made by Paul
Second by Laurel

Parsonage Update

Will be replacing Sewer line soon. Les will make the call to schedule.

Financials

Laurel would like to step down as financial secretary. Willing to help until we find another. May have to hire someone or firm. May have to take applications from perishers. Actuals are exceeding budget at this time

Committee Updates

We will meet in August. Will have a financial team meeting to discuss El Salvador. Golf outing went well. Next year it is June 18th. Mission trip went well. Get more committees in action is a goal.

Action items

Les to send Mark email
Alyssa to make committee aware on Facebook (not sure exactly)
Cooling will be looked at by Paul
El Salvador meeting

Closing Prayer

Adjourn meeting 9:15 p.m.
Maggie motioned



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Steepleview Xpress Online Articles due by noon on Wednesdays.

Newsletter Articles due
August 16, 2026.

August

August 2

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 9

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 16

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

August 23

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 30

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28



Financial Update

This table compares our year-to-date financials (through June) for 2024, 2025 and 2026. Overall our financials have improved each year. Our 2026 financial improvement is powered by higher giving and reduced expenses. Thank you for your increased financial support! It is so appreciated!

	Jan—June 2024	Jan—June 2025	Jan—June 2026
General Fund Offerings	\$ 103,041	\$ 131,481	\$ 132,470
General Fund Expenses	\$ 137,874	\$ 133,331	\$ 129,043
Difference	\$ (34,833)	\$ (1,850)	\$ 3,427

Outdoor Worship

Our next outdoor worship service at the pavilion will be held on **August 9** at 9:00 am. A livestream of the service will also be available on our YouTube channel.

Our final summer worship service will be on **September 13**, which will also be our last outdoor worship service of the season.

Beginning **September 20**, we will resume our regular schedule of two worship services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Kelly's Office Hours

Pastoral needs and duties tend to change and evolve with each week as it unfolds. Rather than posting office hours, Pastor Kelly maintains a flexible weekly schedule and invites you to contact her if you would like to schedule a visit and/or have a pastoral concern. She is available to meet with you in your home, at the church, other location of your choosing, or by phone. To schedule time with Pastor Kelly, please email her at kellyylitalo@hotmail.com or call or text her at 701-898-0149. She is also available for emergency pastoral care. The best way to reach her in the event of an emergency is by calling her phone. Pastor Kelly's regular days are Fridays and Saturdays, unless a more pressing needs arises.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers for AV, Livestream, Acolytes and Treats for the month of August. If you are available to help out, please contact the office or sign up online. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0448ACA828A1F94-49146408-avlivestream#/>

Pastor Kelly's Installation

We thank Pastor Kelly for accepting the call to be our pastor here at North Cape. We held her installation on Saturday, July 11th at 3:30pm. We are also grateful for Rev. Katie Gallagher for preaching on that day, Heide Gallagher for leading a song, Bishop Paul Erickson for installing pastor Kelly and to all who made the installation a wonderful service.



Thanks, WELCA!

A big thanks to WELCA for providing the colorful flowers that adorned our church on July 5th in celebration of America's 250th birthday and for providing cake on Pastor Kelly's installation on July 11th. Your thoughtfulness and generosity helped make both occasions especially meaningful.

Flower Gratitude

A heartfelt thank you to Jerry Nelson for providing the beautiful flowers in the pavilion planter and the planter box at the church entrance. Your generosity and care have added a warm and welcoming touch to our church grounds.

Youth Appreciation

We would like to express our appreciation to the Youth committee for preparing and serving the delicious meal at our Community Cookout on July 11. Thank you also to everyone who brought desserts and helped make the event a wonderful time.



Soccer & Smiles

Veronica, one of the dedicated women in the El Salvador church community, cares for the church and leads a youth soccer program that provides children with a safe place to play and grow.

Thanks to your continued generosity, this ministry is making a difference. During the upcoming delegation visit, soccer balls and goal nets will also be delivered.





Our 2026 Golf Outing Was a Hole-in-One!

Our annual golf outing on Friday, June 26, 2026 was a big success and lots of fun. In honor of our country's 250th birthday, golfers were invited to come dressed in their best patriotic attire, and they definitely showed up and showed off their patriotic spirit! After golfing, everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner, along with lots of fun raffles and great prizes! Save the date for next year's golf outing - June 18, 2027!



Ecclesiastes 4:12

"A cord of 3 strands is not quickly broken". The golf outing committee was made up of many strands that indeed made a strong "cord". Please take time to thank the following individuals who made this event a huge success: Alan Jaspersen, Sue Gordon, Tim Bauer, Ruth Meehan, Tammy Baumann, Linda Hyde, Pastor Kelly, Laurel Rybka, Renae Repta, Robb DeMuth, Mark Ehleiter and Keith Jacobson. There were many hours of planning, organizing and soliciting for the event. However it "takes a village" to complete such an event. Thanks to all who gave of their time, talents or treasures. You have made the "cord" of our Church so much stronger. THANK YOU! -Ginny Strueder

Lutherdale Fest

Lutherdale Fest is celebrating 40 years on August 8, 2026! There are several opportunities for volunteering and participating, but most of all, I would just like to extend an invitation for your congregation to join us in the fun! Your congregation is invited to join us for this fun day of celebration and fundraising for Lutherdale!

Please join us!

Anita J. Ramage

Lutherdale Fest Quilt Auction Assistant (Volunteer)

Fertilizer Distribution

I'm happy to share that we distributed fertilizer today, and people are very happy to receive it. They send their gratitude to the North Cape Lutheran Church. I hope everything is well. So, thank you for the fertilizer, which will help prepare the cornfields and produce a better harvest so that our brothers and sisters, who are very grateful, will also have food. Blessings.,
Pastor Mártir Vigil



Church Grounds Appreciation

A sincere thank you to Jeff Klaus for spraying the weeds and helping keep our church grounds looking beautiful. Your time and hard work are greatly appreciated!

Worship & Music

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Coordinator: Robbyn Wilks 262-857-3407 drwilks1@gmail.com



Readers/Communion Assts Coordinator

Chris Luedtke is looking for a replacement in her role as a reader and communion assistant coordinator. If you are interested to fill-in in her role, please reach out to either Chris or the office. We'd be happy to have you!

Outdoor Service

Outdoor worship service will be held on **August 9** at 9:00 am.

Community Cook Out

Our August Community Cook Out will be on **August 8** from 5:00 - 8:00 pm at the Pavilion.

August Worship Volunteers

	AV & Sound	Ushers	Readers	Communion Asst.	Acolytes	Treats	Livestream Operator
August 2	9:00 Roy Gawlitta	9:00 Angela Thomas & Jim Petersen	9:00 Robin Gavigan	9:00 Robin Gavigan	9:00 Volunteer Needed	9:00 Volunteer Needed	9:00 Robbyn Wilks
August 9 (Outdoor)	9:00 Volunteer Needed	9:00 Patrick Wittbrot & Mel Hebron	9:00 Angela Thomas	9:00 Angela Thomas	9:00 Volunteer Needed	9:00 Volunteer Needed	9:00 Robbyn Wilks
August 16	9:00 Volunteer Needed	9:00 Jessica & Jocelyn Ward	9:00 Tammy Baumann	9:00 Tammy Baumann	9:00 Volunteer Needed	9:00 Lee Toll	9:00 Sue Gordon
August 23	9:00 Sue Gordon	9:00 Amy & Michael Stillson	9:00 Ginny Strueder	9:00 Ginny Strueder	9:00 Volunteer Needed	9:00 Volunteer Needed	9:00 Robbyn Wilks
August 30	9:00 Roy Gawlitta	9:00 Jim Petersen & Jorge Garcia	9:00 Stephanie Sorenson	9:00 Stephanie Sorenson	9:00 Volunteer Needed	9:00 Volunteer Needed	9:00 Volunteer Needed

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 betsbauser@gmail.com)

AV/ Livestream:

Sign up online

Communion Set Up:

Brenda Nelson (262-994-8992)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. — Philippians 4:6-7



Sunday School News

Important Dates

Mark your calendar:

- Aug 4-5—VBS 9-3pm
- Aug 6—VBS 9-11am
- Sept. 13—Sunday School Kick Off
- Sept. 20—Sunday School Starts at 9:15am

We will have only one service on Sunday, September 13 at 9:00. It will be our last outside service of the summer.

Sunday school kick off will be on Sunday, September 13 at 9:00 church. There will be a lot of fun activities including a backpack blessing, so we hope to see ALL youth at church on September 13. Formal Sunday school classes will start at 9:15 on September 20.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held on **August 4-5** from 9am-3pm and **August 6** from 9am-11am. Please register your children and grandchildren

and share with your neighbors and friends! (Registration form in also attached)

We're looking for volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School. Please contact Angela if you are interested in helping! If you cannot physically help out, but would like to support us by donating supplies, please check out the table with a list of items needed or buy off our amazon wishlist using the QR code.



VBS AMAZON
WISHLIST

Mission Trip 2027

The 2026 Mission Trip was a huge success. The youth had a great time, and they were able to form new friendships while serving others. We painted, built stairs, decks, did lawn work, and learned new skills. Next year the mission trip will take place from June 20-26, 2027, and we will be going to Imperial, Pennsylvania which is located near Pittsburgh. Watch for more information/emails about how to join or contact Angela at nclcyouthfam@gmail.com. You must be either 14 years of age or entering 9th grade in the fall of 2027 to attend.

ELCA Youth Gathering 2027

We have another exciting opportunity for the youth next summer. The ELCA Youth Gathering is taking place in Minneapolis, Minnesota from June 28-July 2, 2027. Youth participants must be in eighth to 12th grade at time of registration (fall 2026). Adult leaders accompanying youth to the Gathering must be at least 21 years old at the time of the Gathering. Watch for more information/emails about how to join or contact Angela at nclcyouthfam@gmail.com.

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.

Membership Updates

On July 19th, we welcomed Kinsey Lynn Henningfeld into the family of Christ through her baptism. Kinsey is the daughter of Richelle & Tony Henningfeld. Her sponsors are Kallie Coates and Hanna Henningfeld. Kinsey is the granddaughter of Rick and Julie Kastenson.

North Cape Lutheran Church

Vacation Bible School

4 yrs - 5th grade

August 4-5, 2026-9am - 3pm AND August 6, 9am-11am



To register your child for VBS, please complete one form per child, and place in the "Completed Registration" box located at the Welcome Center. Or email to nclcyouthfam@gmail.com.

Name of student _____

Home Address _____ City _____

Zip _____ Home Phone: _____

E-mail _____

Last School Grade Completed (circle) Preschool K 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th

Home church _____

For children under age 8, please provide names of those approved individuals for us to release your child to

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name, relationship & contact phone number _____

Name, relationship & contact phone number _____

Allergies or other medical conditions _____

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers are needed to assist or lead crafts, snack, activities/games, story time, openings, and decorate. We are also looking for volunteers to help plan and organize the program with Angela. Please let us know if you can help out! Fill out the form below, drop in the VBS registration box or contact VBS Director, Angela Thomas (cell: 262-880-4354 or email: angthomas2727@gmail.com)

Name _____ Phone number _____

Email _____ Are you a youth or adult? (circle one)

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
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
MACKEY, Kimberly	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

Sheila Hummel 8800 Shannon Lane, Apt. 103 Sturtevant, WI 53177 Birthdates	02/26
Linda Petersen 3950 N. Main St. #11 Racine, WI 53402 Birthdate	11/24
Darleen Peterson Waterford Senior Living 301 South Sixth Street APT 117 WATERFORD, WI 53185 Birthdate	10/09
John Stalbaum Waterford Senior Living 301 South Sixth Street Apt. 208 Waterford, WI 53185 Birthdate	05/03
Wayne Friend Waterford Senior Living 301 6th St, Apt. 602 Waterford, WI 53185 Birthdate	08/21
June Decker Waterford Senior Living 301 6th St, Apt. 508 Waterford, WI 53185 Birthdate	06/29

Prayer Chain Please contact the church office at 262-835-2206 or northcapelutheran@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 email Pastor Kelly at kellylitalo@hotmail.com

Remember in Your Prayers

Patti Brouwers, Toni Cocherl, Renee D., Jacob Epping, JR Farrar, Ron Gawlitta, Deborah Hintz, Brian Lauer, Lee Rasmussen, Bev Simas, Mark Spika, Starr family, John Thelen, Judy Zeisse, Sue Minton, Sheila Hummel, Patricia K., Janice Leach, Linda Spencer, Linda Waldron, Bill Blum, Dennis Kasprowicz, Bev Gawlitta, Art Peters, Michael Kurt, Helen Ujvarosy, Jerry Wittenberg, Steve Cicchini, Randy Koerber, Chris Poorman, Bob Luedtke, Steephon Peebles

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

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 9am - Worship Vacation: Dan	3 8am - Office Open	4 8am - Office Open 9am - Mission Quilter 9am - VBS 12:45pm - Piano Lessons	5 9am - VBS	6 9am - VBS 6pm - Legacy Quilters	7	8 5pm - Community Cook Out at Pavilion
9 9am - Outdoor Worship Vacation: Dan	10 8am - Office Open	11 8am - Office Open 9am - Mission Quilter	12	13	14	15
16 Newsletter Articles Due 9am - Worship	17 8am - Office Open 11am - Staff Meeting 1pm - Private Event	18 8am - Office Open 9am - Mission Quilter 1:15pm - Piano Lessons	19	20 7:30am - Newsletter Crew Meets 6pm - Legacy Quilters	21	22
23 9am - Worship	24 8am - Office Open	25 8am - Office Open 9am - Mission Quilter 1:15pm - Piano Lessons	26	27	28	29
30 9am - Worship	31 8am - Office Open TBD - Piano Lessons					

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