

# Northwoods STaR Ministries Newsletter

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**Shawnda Hora**  
**Deb Strobl**

## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH—OGEMA

W4950 State Highway 86  
Ogema, WI 54459

Worship Service: 9:00 AM  
3rd Sunday: 10:30 AM

## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH—WESTBORO

N8909 Business Hwy. 13 PO Box 15  
Westboro, WI 54490-0214

Worship Service: 10:30 AM  
3rd Sunday: 9:00 AM

## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH—PRENTICE

670 Main Street  
Prentice, WI 54556

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Office Hours: by appointment  
715-428-2575

Worship Service: 10:30 AM  
3rd Sunday: 8:30 AM

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH—BRANTWOOD

N5090 County Road D  
Brantwood, WI 54513

Worship Service: 8:30 AM  
3rd Sunday: 10:30 AM

**Visitors and new members are  
always welcome!**



**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

**May  
2024**

## From Northwoods STaR Ministries...

### NSM COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

Please join our four congregations of Northwoods STaR Ministries—  
First Ogema, First Westboro, First Prentice and Zion Brantwood in  
worshiping together.

**The joint worship service will be held at First Westboro on  
Sunday, May 26, 2024, at 10:30 am.**

**(Fellowship potluck will follow the service.)**

This will be the only worship service on May 26.

## COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

BORN OF  
**WATER &  
SPIRIT**

**SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024 | 10:30 am**  
**First Lutheran Church — Westboro**

## Offering Information...



Your generosity allows our churches to keep moving forward and fulfill the mission, vision, & call God has placed on them. We thank you for your support!

Offerings can be mailed to your church anytime:

**FLC-Prentice**, 670 Main Street, Prentice, WI 54556

**FLC-Ogema**, W4950 State Hwy 86, Ogema, WI 54459

**FLC-Westboro**, P.O. Box 15, Westboro, WI 54490

**Zion LC**, c/o Karin Kivela, W2476 US Hwy 8, Brantwood, WI 54513



So we, being many, are one  
body in Christ, and  
individually members of one  
another. Romans 12:5

# Upcoming Events, Opportunities and Information...



Our best wishes to the graduates of Northwoods STaR Ministries

A special recognition will be held for the following graduates during worship at our NSM congregations on Sunday, May 19, 2024



**First Lutheran—Prentice | 8:30 am**  
Liam Raab

**First Lutheran—Ogema | 10:30 am**  
Leah Nehls

As you look to the future, may the goals you have set be accomplished and your lives fulfilled with God's Blessings.



**Synod Assembly 2024**  
**Water is Life**  
Synod Assembly  
**Northwest Synod of Wisconsin**  
**June 7-8, 2024**  
**Davies Center— UW Eau Claire**

Rostered leaders, SAMs, congregational delegates and guests will be attending the annual Synod Assembly. This year's theme is "Water is Life." This two-day event will include learning, resolutions, partner ministry updates, and a bishop election.

To look at the list of Bishop Nominees with their biographies and video, go to [Northwest Synod of Wisconsin | Synod Assembly 2024 \(nswi.org\) :](http://Northwest Synod of Wisconsin | Synod Assembly 2024 (nswi.org) :)

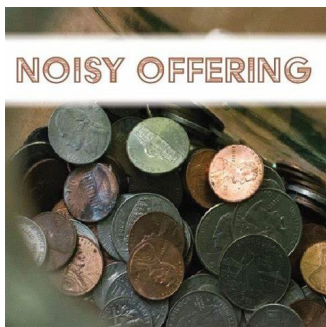
- Reverend Chad Anderson
- Reverend Karen Behling
- Reverend Elizabeth Bier
- Reverend Martin Halom
- Reverend Diane House
- Reverend Judy Kincaid
- Reverend Kristina Weber

**BIBLE STUDY**  
*Acts*  
**AWAKENING TO GOD**  
in Everyday Life

**Thursday, May 2, 2024 | 5:30 pm**  
**Thursday, May 16, 2024 | 5:30 pm**

**First Lutheran Church - Prentice**

**NORTHWOODS**  
STaR MINISTRIES  
*"United in Christ, Sharing God's Love"*



Zion Brantwood Noisy Offering for the 2nd Quarter will go to **His House of Hope** and **Northwoods Living Hope.**



Zion Lutheran Church Palm Sunday and Easter

# NSM Vacation Bible School 2024



Our Parish-Wide VBS will be a splash. Be sure to join us!



**First Lutheran Church-Ogema**  
**July 28—August 1, 2024**  
**(Sunday—Thursday)**  
**5:00 - 8:30 p.m. (Supper @ 5)**  
**All kids are welcome!**  
**Age 4k—5th Grade (Entering Fall 2024)**

This year's theme: **SCUBA**

Kids will dive into a friendship with God and go on an amazing undersea adventure as they experience His ever-flowing, never-ending love!



Sponsorship forms to help cover VBS expenses are printed below. Your help is greatly appreciated in making this amazing week happen for so many kids in our community.



## Vacation Bible School July 28—August 1, 2024

### Sponsorship Form



Thank you for sponsoring this important children's ministry.

At **Scuba VBS**, Kids will dive into a friendship with God and go on an amazing undersea adventure as they experience His ever-flowing, never-ending love!

**You can choose to sponsor any number of children, or just provide a financial gift.**  
**Please mark your choice (X).**

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We would like to sponsor 1 child at \$30.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ (list number) children at \$30.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We would like to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ (any amount) toward Vacation Bible School.

Your name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

OR \_\_\_\_\_ I/We wish to remain anonymous.



# Women of the ELCA



All women who are members are also members of Women of the ELCA (W/ELCA). We are involved in many areas to promote health and well-being of our church and those who need our help elsewhere. Please join us!



### Upcoming Meeting—PRENTICE

Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 9:30 am

### Upcoming Meeting—OGEMA

Sunday, May 5, 2024—following worship

## Sunday School, Confirmation and Youth...



### Confirmation Schedule for May

May 5, 2024—PRENTICE at 11:30 am  
 May 12, 2024—WESTBORO at 11:30 am  
 May 19, 2024—PRENTICE at 11:30 am  
 May 26, 2024—WESTBORO at 11:30 am

**PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE**



## May Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 3 Kevin Pokela
- 4 Courtney Peterson
- 5 Megan Maki
- Olivia Slattery
- 7 Tanner Mindock
- 10 Lois Berg
- Kris Gerstberger
- Lyla Voda
- 13 Cathy Cummings
- Sharon Dering
- Kurt Mueller
- 14 Lori Tlusty
- Deb Strobl

- 17 Joyce Cummings
- Arya Enders
- 19 Alyson Nehls
- 20 Scott Raab
- 21 Grady May
- 23 Kari Rodman
- Candy Zutavern
- 27 Bernie Kraimer
- 29 Michelle Brehm
- Jacky Peterson
- Mary Hora



- 6 Noah Schantner
- 8 Breydon Johnson
- Je'Ann Johnson
- 9 Sofie Staroba
- 10 Carli Frombach
- 11 Olivia Slattery

- 13 Logan Geiger
- 15 Ryan Bergman
- 17 Beverly Hartmann
- 18 Garret May
- Grady May
- 24 Micky Esterholm



- 15 Bruce/Bonnie Mueller



## MAY VOLUNTEERS

### First Lutheran—Ogema Food Service

Dolores Olson



### Zion Lutheran—Brantwood Cleaning Duty


The Ladies of Zion





# May 2024 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
				5:30 pm Bible Study @ First Prentice		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:30 am Worship (Z) 9 am Worship (O) W/ELCA Mtg after worship (O) 9:30 am W/ELCA Mtg (P) 10:30 am Worship (P) 10:30 am Worship (W) 11:30 am Confirmation (P)	9 am Quilters (O) 6:30 pm Council Mtg (P)					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
 7:30 am Council Mtg (O) 8:30 am Worship (Z) 9 am Worship (O) 10:30 am Worship (P) 10:30 am Worship (W) 11:30 am Confirmation (W)	9 am Quilters (O) 7 pm SAM Zoom Mtg			5:30 pm Bible Study @ First Prentice		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Grad Recognition— Prentice & Ogema 8:30 am Worship (P) 9 am Worship (W) 10:30 am Worship (Z) 10:30 am Worship (O) 11:30 am Confirmation (P)	9 am Quilters (O)					
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
10:30 am Joint Worship Service at First Westboro (Potluck to follow worship) 11:30 am Confirmation (W)	9 am Quilters (O) 					



**June Community Worship Service**  
 Sunday, June 30, 2024 | 10:30 am  
 Lion's Park —Prentice  
*This will be a community worship service in the park led by the Christian Band, Breaking Chains.*



**Next Parish Council Meeting**  
 Sunday, June 30, 2024 | 9 am  
 Lion's Park—Prentice

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## COME WORSHIP WITH US

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2024

#### Sunday May 5 6th Sunday of Easter

<b>8:30 am Zion Brantwood</b> Linda Heikkinen—Leader	<b>10:30 am Prentice</b> Shawnda Hora—Leader
<b>9:00 am Ogema</b> Mark Nyberg—Leader	<b>10:30 am Westboro</b> Dennis Scheithauer—Leader

#### Sunday May 12 7th Sunday of Easter

<b>8:30 am Zion Brantwood</b> Linda Heikkinen—Leader	<b>10:30 am Prentice</b> Deb Strobl—Leader
<b>9:00 am Ogema</b> Shawnda Hora (SAM) leading worship services (Communion)	<b>10:30 am Westboro</b> (Communion)

#### Sunday May 19 Day of Pentecost

#### **Graduation Recognition—Prentice & Ogema**

<b>8:30 am Prentice</b> Deb Strobl (SAM) leading worship services (Communion)	<b>10:30 am Zion Brantwood</b>
<b>9:00 am Westboro</b> RuthAnn Pipkorn—Leader	<b>10:30 am Ogema</b> Jeanne Cummings--Leader

#### Sunday May 26 The Holy Trinity

#### **10:30 am Joint Service at First Westboro**

Deb Strobl/Shawnda Hora (SAMS) leading worship  
**POTLUCK MEAL TO FOLLOW WORSHIP**

Please Note: If you need pastoral care or if you know of anyone who should be contacted about receiving a Communion or home visit, please contact the parish office at 715-767-5155 or email [office@1stfamily.org](mailto:office@1stfamily.org).

