

Prayers of Healing, Care, and Joy This Week

Please Pray for:

- John Henning, prayers for healing.
- Warren Leonard, prayers for healing from medical issues.
- Woody Fangmeir, prayers for healing.
- Jason Binger (Ken and Ruth Lee's son-in-law), prayers for healing.
- Sue Myers (John Henning's sister), prayers for healing.
- Ed Schramm, prayers for healing.
- All caregivers.

Ezekiel

- Father, as we gather together, make us aware that we are meeting not simply with one another, but with you. Let your presence be real to each of us. Hear our confessions of those things we have done and of those things which we have left undone. Hear our praise and thanksgivings for your blessings and unearned grace given to us. It is in the name of Jesus, your beloved son, that we pray. Amen.

World

- Father God, we pray for our world today. We pray for people in the Middle East who have been impacted by conflict. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need. In Jesus' name, Amen.

If you have a prayer concern please submit your prayer request to the church office 715-425-8294 or info@ezekiellutheran.org. All prayers are confidential.

If you or someone you know is going through a rough time, we have Prayer Shawls available. A shawl filled with prayers wrapped around your shoulders can be very soothing and healing! Contact Lana Bjerstedt at 715-781-1677.



Ezekiel Lutheran Church
General Fund
www.ezeikiellutheran.org



EZEKIEL YOUTH
Ezekiel Youth Instagram
Follow for updates and events.



Thank you, Ezekiel congregation, for your incredible support during our recent Relay for Life events. From your generosity at the Ash Wednesday chili dinner, the purchase of 72 butterflies/flowers and luminarias, over \$400 in contributions to the noisy offering, and gift card donations

for the auction—your unwavering participation and dedication made a significant impact in the fight against cancer! Special thanks to those who volunteered their time to plan, attend, pop popcorn, and support Sandy Tauferner, Honorary Chair, at the luminaria ceremony. Together, we raised over \$9,000 for the American Cancer Society!! Your compassion and contributions are truly appreciated.

Jeanette Juetten, Relay for Life Team Captain

Worship Assistants

Pastor:	Pastor Steve Dow
Speaker:	Matthew Mitchell
Musicians:	Matthew Mitchell, Josh Ashbach, Max Egan, Jenna Juetten, Megan Odegard, Doyle Rundle, Sylvia Rundle.
Reader:	Jeanette Juetten
Sound:	Michael Rundle
Recording:	Stapleton Family
ProPresenter:	Stapleton Family
Ushers:	Ali Massa, Tino Massa, Cheryl Schwantz
Communion Servers:	Jeanette Juetten, Jeanne Solum
Altar Guild:	Cathy Hjersjo, Nicky Thompson, Sandy Tauferner
Coffee Hour:	Barb Kuss, Rich Kuss, Amy Linton, Tyler Linton

Help Wanted: Full Time Custodian

Ezekiel Lutheran Church in River Falls, WI is seeking a full-time custodian (30-35 hours per week). Work hours are flexible and vary depending facility use and seasons. Work performed would include general cleaning of our church facility, our preschool classrooms and restrooms, and child care area, along with some light maintenance. High school diploma or equivalent required. Candidate must have knowledge of standard cleaning procedures, chemicals, cleaning products, and equipment. Must be able to stand, climb, walk, bend, and operate medium-weight equipment. Must pass background check. Must be able to read and understand labels and instructions, particularly on the use and application of cleaning chemicals and products. The right candidate must be able to interact positively with all staff, church members, and the community. Some prorated benefits may be available.

Please contact Steve Devine-Jelinski, Business Administrator for application or more information. sjelinski@ezekiellutheran.org Phone: 715-629-5431

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Portions of our service and today's hymns can be found in the Evangelical Worship (ELW) ©2006 Augsburg Fortress - License #15208-ELW.

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April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m.



202 South Second Street
River Falls, WI 54022

715-425-8294
www.ezeikiellutheran.org

Welcome to



We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today!

*Please stand.

Prelude

Gathering Song "Multiplied"

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

***Greeting**

Prayer of the Day

Reading 1 John 3:16-24

Children's Message Marci Norum

***Gospel** John 10:11-18

Word of the Day "How We Know What Love Is" Matthew Mitchell

Song of the Day "Be Thou My Vision"

***Apostles' Creed**

***Prayers of the Church**

Sharing the Peace *(People may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and say: "Peace be with you.")*

Offering

We will be passing the offering plates or you may give online at: www.ezekiellutheran.org. Know that Ezekiel is most grateful for the gifts of support that you are able to give. May God bless you in your giving.

Offering Song "Crowns Down"

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Communion Distribution

Communion Song "God Turn It Around"

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Sending Song "Glory and Majesty"

Dismissal

Scattering Music

As Lutherans, we believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord. All who desire to receive the gifts of grace, forgiveness, and new life are welcome to come to the Lord's table. You do not need to be Lutheran or a member of Ezekiel to receive these gifts from God. Children that have not received their First Communion are invited forward for a blessing. It is helpful to servers if they cross their arms as a clear sign. We will be receiving communion by bread and cup. Both red wine and white grape juice, at the center of the serving tray, are provided. Gluten-free is available. The ushers will direct you to the front to be served.

WELCOME TO EZEKIEL!

In worship and community, we seek to grow in love for God and for our neighbor. We trust that we are called and transformed to create a world of abundance.

Are you visiting today? We look forward to meeting you. Feel free to introduce yourself to those around you and fill out the red welcome pad.

Hearing Devices are located underneath the stairs in the back of the sanctuary.

Children in worship... We love the joyful noises that little ones make! Kids of all ages are invited to come up front for the Children's Message. If your child needs a break or a creative outlet, check out the Playground located along the southwest wall of our sanctuary. For older students, we have an Activity Corner located by the stairs in the back of the sanctuary where they can select a few items to take back to their pew. Children's Bulletins are located in both areas.

WE'RE HAPPY YOU'RE HERE!

Just Sing

Presented by

The Pierce County Ecumenical Choir

Ezekiel Lutheran Church
Sunday, April 28 at 3:00 PM

Refreshments following concert.

Free Will Offering
A portion of the proceeds will be donated to local charities.

LET'S COME TOGETHER

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 2
Theme: Faithfulness

"I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago."
Isaiah 25:1 (NIV)

The word "perfect" defines His faithfulness...there is nothing lacking. The Ezekiel Prayer Team encourages you to set aside some time to pray for our nation and leaders. Watch for suggestions on how to engage physically and deliberately in the act of prayer. Come to prayer, meet Jesus as you are, for Jesus brings His perfect faithfulness to engage with you.

- THIS WEEK AT EZEKIEL**
April 21 - April 28
- Sunday, April 21**
- 7:50 a.m. Prayer Before Worship, Chapel
 - 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sanctuary**
 - 9:40 a.m. Sunday School, 56 Club, Milestone Event
 - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sanctuary**
 - 4:00 p.m. Girl Scouts, Rm 100
- Monday, April 22**
- 4:30 p.m. Prayer Team Meeting, Rm 190
- Tuesday, April 23**
- 12:00 p.m. Rotary Lunch, Rm 100
- Wednesday, April 24**
- 9:00 a.m. Mom's & Dad's Group, FH
 - 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Kuss), Rm 190
 - 4:30 p.m. Homework Help, Rm 200
 - 5:30 p.m. Confirmation
 - 5:30 p.m. High School, Group, Rm 200
 - 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir, Music Room
- Thursday, April 25**
- 1:00 p.m. Bible Study (Bjerstedt), Library
- Saturday, April 27**
- 8:00 a.m. Worship Band, Sanctuary
- Sunday, April 28**
- 7:50 a.m. Prayer Before Worship, Chapel
 - 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sanctuary**
 - 9:40 a.m. Sunday School, 56 Club
 - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sanctuary**
 - 3:00 p.m. "Just Sing" Concert, Sanctuary
 - 4:00 p.m. Girl Scouts, Rm 100, 200

EZEKIEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Summer Blended Services

BEGINNING SUNDAY, MAY 26
SERVICE AT 9:30 AM
COFFEE HOUR TO FOLLOW

ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER

What's with the envelopes?
This is a fundraiser to support students attending the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

How does this work?
We ask that if you'd like to donate, please take an envelope (at random or your choosing) and the amount of the envelope is what you contribute. Please place the filled envelope in the offering basket or give to Allison Klein.

Ezekiel will no longer lend out tables and/or chairs.
Thank you.

Scrip Gift Card Fundraising

LOOK WHAT'S NEW!

E3 Scrip now has the following for sale:

- Dunkin \$25 gift cards
- Kwik Trip Ultimate car wash cards (five washes per card) \$36.00.

Ezekiel Extra Endeavors

Word for the Day

- Mon** - Psalm 80
- Tues** - Acts 8:26-40
- Wed** - Psalm 22:25-31
- Thurs** - 1 John 4:7-21
- Fri** - John 15:1-8