

FORGIVEN LUTHERAN CHURCH HISTORY

In Spring of 2023, the Western Wisconsin District Mission Board was approved for funding a new mission start in Kronenwetter, WI. 30 years earlier, the mission board had closely researched this area, but decided to start a new mission in Rib Mountain instead. The Lord saw fit to wait until 2023 to approve and fund this mission in Kronenwetter.

The target area would be south of Highway 29, East of Highway 51, North of Highway 153, and West of Country Road J. This area consists of around 15,000 souls. Northland Lutheran High School (2107 Tower Road, Kronenwetter, WI) graciously offered its facilities for the new mission church. Area churches (Mountain of the Lord in Rib Mountain, St. Peter in Schofield, Our Savior's in Wausau, Redeemer in Weston, Immanuel in Mosinee, and Trinity in Berlin) offered prayers, support, and manpower for the effort.

After nearly a year of calling various pastors from throughout the Synod, Pastor Fred Berger (previously serving St. Paul's in Livingston, MT for 5 years and St. Paul's in Plymouth, NE for 10 years) accepted the Call to this new mission start and was installed September of 2024.



Pastor Berger started meeting with anyone interested in helping start this gospel sharing outpost on Sunday evenings. They discussed various aspects of sharing the gospel and started brainstorming what a new church that meets at Northland might look like. They read the Book of Acts two times and evaluated how a new church in the 21st century could replicate the mission and values of the Early Christian Church.



With the help of the Board for Home Missions and District Mission Board Chairman, Pastor Jeff Mahnke of St. Peter in Schofield, WI, they purchased chairs to set up in the gym, two projectors, 150 Bibles, signage, and a sound system.



After much discussion, thought, and prayer, they decided to call this gathering of believers Forgiven Lutheran Church, holding to the following mission, vision, and core values.

The mission of Forgiven Lutheran Church is to do anything to share the Gospel so all may be saved!

Forgiven Lutheran Church is a body of believers who strive to replicate the values of the Early Christian Church as recorded in the New Testament. Our church family focuses on gathering together, growing in our faith through Word and Sacrament, going into the world to share Jesus, and glorifying Him in service to others.

- Gather:** ³⁴"A new commandment I give you: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also you are to love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34,35).
We strive to be a church family that knows each other well and cares about each other. Gather events are fellowship events so that we connect as a church family.
- Grow*:** ²¹After they preached the good news in that city and had gathered many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, ²²strengthening the souls of the disciples and encouraging them to continue in the faith. They told them, "We must go through many troubles on our way to the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:21-22).
The Holy Spirit strengthens believers as we daily remember our baptism, daily study his Word, and weekly receive the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of our sins.
- Go*:** ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).
As believers are strengthened through Word and Sacrament, we are compelled to be his witnesses, striving to do anything (short of sin) to share the message of Jesus with the unchurched, invite them to worship and Bible Class, and learn to systemically teach the basics of the Word.
- Glorify:** ¹²Live an honorable life among the Gentiles so that even though they slander you as evildoers, when they observe your noble deeds, they may glorify God on the day he visits us (1 Peter 2:12).
We look for personal and corporate opportunities to put our faith into action among our neighbors in the local community. We remember that we are serving God in our everyday lives in the vocations He has placed us.
- Admin:** ⁴⁰But let all things be done decently and in good order (1 Corinthians 14:40).
We believe that a church that functions smoothly is able to successfully and efficiently focus on the mission of the church. Operating under the guidelines of our constitution, the pastor and leadership team ensure that we are organized and ready to pursue the main areas of our ministry to gather, grow, go, and glorify.

*** Out of the four areas of ministry, these are the main focal points of our church.**

They worked with Grace Ungemach (<https://lutheran.marketing/>) to create a LOGO, website, and social media accounts.



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They gathered to hold their first public Bible Instruction Class at Blissful Bites Restaurant in February of 2025.



34 baptized members were officially commissioned from St. Peter in Schofield, Our Savior's in Wausau, Redeemer in Weston, Mountain of the Lord in Rib Mountain, and St. Paul's in Plymouth, NE to form Forgiven Lutheran Church. Their leadership team consisted of Guy Russ (chairman), Matt Schmidt (GROW leader), Ryan Wiechmann (GO leader), Dale Voigt (GATHER leader), and Pastor Jeff Grundmeier (GLORIFY leader). They were incorporated and also received their non-profit tax exempt status. They were also accepted as an associated congregation of Northland Lutheran High School.

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FORGIVEN LUTHERAN CHURCH INC.

is a domestic corporation or a domestic limited liability company organized under the laws of this state and that its date of incorporation or organization is April 11, 2025.

Their first public worship service took place on May 18, 2025 with Branches Band (WELS band out of Milwaukee) leading the songs.



Their official launch service was held on September 14, 2025 with Branches Band again coming to lead the songs.



Forgiven Lutheran Church continues to meet every Sunday at 9:30AM for worship at Northland Lutheran High School (2107 Tower Road, Kronenwetter, WI) and would LOVE to have you join us!

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