



Pastor Erik Olson holds his mixed-breed dog Leinie as he conducts a pet-blessing service at First English Lutheran Church in Wausau, Sunday, August 26, 2012.



Jessica Olson has her dog, Honey, on a leash during a pet blessing service at First English Lutheran Church in Wausau, Sunday, August 26, 2012. She is the wife of the church's pastor Erik Olson.



From left, Kathi Zoern, Wausau, with her cat Boomer, Pam Engelmeier, with an unidentified dog, and Sherry Larson with her just-adopted West Highland White Terrier, Piper, participate in a pet-blessing service at First English Lutheran Church in Wausau, Sunday, August 26, 2012.

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Pastor Erik Olson is pulled by his dog Leinie during a pet blessing service at First English Lutheran Church in Wausau, Sunday, August 26, 2012.



Pastor Erik Olson blesses Boomer, the cat of Kahi Zoern of Wausau, during a pet blessing service at First English Lutheran Church in Wausau, Sunday, August 26, 2012.



Delphine Saeger of Rib Mountain pets O'Grady and English Cocker Spaniel during a pet blessing service at First English Lutheran Church in Wausau, Sunday, August 26, 2012. She lost both her husband and dog during 2009 and said she feels "comforted" by being able to interact with others pets.



Sherry Larson of Wausau sings and holds her just-adopted dog Piper, a West Highland White Terrier, during a pet blessing service at First English Lutheran Church in Wausau, Sunday, August 26, 2012. Piper's previous owner died and Sherry and her husband Dan adopted Piper on Saturday.