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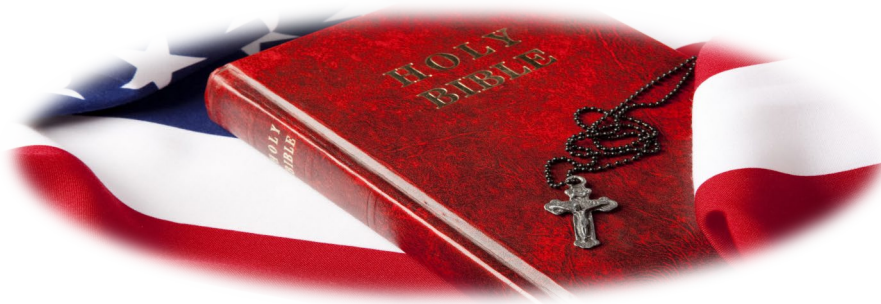
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We are all one body, one spirit, compelled by Christ to share His Word and the promise of salvation. Matthew 28



Memorial Day and the Bible

Of course, the Bible doesn't have any scripture to talk about Memorial Day – it was written before Memorial Day came about. Memorial Day began on May 30th, 1868, and was originally called Decoration Day. The Bible does, however, contain verses regarding days of remembrance that are ordained by God throughout Scripture.

Here are just a few:

~[Psalm 82:3-4](#) ESV - Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

~[Colossians 2:8](#) ESV - See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

~[Exodus 13:3](#) ESV - Then Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten.

~[John 3:16](#) ESV - "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

~[John 10:18](#) ESV - No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

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50 Days of *20 Days of* Easter

Hopefully spring will truly be here soon, and the weather will moderate and warm, the farmers will be able to get out in the fields, and gardens, too, will be planted. The end of school is in sight, and summer plans are being made for camps, vacations, sporting events, and other usual summer activities.

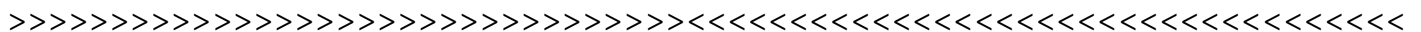
But in the church, the “summer” season doesn’t start quite yet! We are still in the Easter season, the 50 days after Jesus’ resurrection. During those 50 days, Jesus was on earth, interacting with the disciples, continuing to teach and reassure them. Our gospel readings are again coming from the gospel of John, passages taken from Maundy Thursday, where Jesus is teaching the disciples after Judas has left the upper room to prepare to betray Jesus, and from the prayer Jesus prays for his disciples (and those who will come after them). Ascension comes on Thursday, May 18, 50 days after Easter. We don’t often celebrate ascension, since it always comes on a Thursday, but that recognizes the day that Jesus left this world, rising up to heaven, after promising that he will return one day. Since then, Christians have been waiting for Christ’s return. Lots of predictions of when that will be have been proposed throughout the years, but none have been correct. Lots of books have been written and movies filmed about what that day will be like, and what will lead up to it, but they, too, are just guessing at what things will be like. Again, nobody knows!

On May 28, we will celebrate Pentecost, the day when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and really jump-started their ministry. Acts says that tongues like flame came onto the heads of the disciples, and people heard the disciples speaking in their own native languages, which the Galilean disciples wouldn’t have known. Jerusalem is thrown into an uproar, and the spreading of the gospel to the ends of the earth starts with a bang. Then on June 4th we celebrate Holy Trinity, when we celebrate the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in all their uniqueness of attributes, while also celebrating that they are one God.

THEN, on June 11th, we can start the “summer” season, the “green” season (because the paraments are green) of the church year, which runs through November (with a few odd Sundays in there, for Reformation and All Saints Day). This long season of “ordinary time” is when we get Jesus’ teachings. We are still in the year of Matthew, and we will hear many of Jesus’ parables, as well as other stories.

Blessings as we continue through the Easter season, remembering that Christ is Risen – Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

See you in church!
Pastor Ann



Remember

From: **Article by Jon Bloom; desiringGod.org**

Memorial Day, as Americans have come to know it, began in the years immediately following the Civil War. But until World War II, most people knew it as “Decoration Day.” It was a day to decorate with flowers and flags the graves of fallen soldiers and remember those who had given, as Lincoln beautifully said, “the last full measure of devotion” to defend their nation. It was a day to remember what the honored dead had died to defend.

A century and a half has passed since Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox, effectively ending a national nightmare that filled over 625,000 American graves with dead soldiers. Since then, other international nightmares have ravaged the world and put more than 650,000 additional Americans into war graves in Europe, North Africa, the Pacific Rim, Asia, and the Middle East.

Remembering Is for the Future

Memorial Day is an important national moment. It is a day to do more than barbeque. It is right and wise to remember the great price some have paid to preserve the historically unprecedented civil and religious freedoms we Americans have the luxury to take largely for granted.

But the importance of Memorial Day is more for our future than it is for our past. It is crucial that we remember the nightmares and why they happened. We forget them at our own peril. The future of the United States depends in large amount on how well we collectively remember and cherish what liberty really is and the terror of tyranny. There is a high cost to forgetting. In the words of George Santayana’s famous aphorism, “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

A MEMORIAL PEOPLE

Christians, of all people, understand the crucial importance of remembering. Christians are “memorial people” because the whole of our faith depends upon remembering. Those who persevere into the glorious future are those who remember the gracious past.

That’s why God has surrounded us with memorials. The entire Bible itself is a memorial. We meditate on it daily to remember. The Sabbath was a memorial to Israel’s freedom from Egyptian slavery ([Deuteronomy 5:15](#)), and the church switched it to Sundays as a memorial to Christ’s resurrection and our freedom from sin. Israel’s great gathering feast days were memorials ([Exodus 13:3](#)). And now each time a local church gathers, each Lord’s Supper celebration ([1 Corinthians 11:24–26](#)), each baptism, each Christmas celebration, and each Easter celebration is a memorial.

Remembering God’s past grace is necessary to fuel our faith in God’s future grace for us. † This makes the memory one of God’s most profound, mysterious, and merciful gifts granted to us. God designed it to be a means of preserving (persevering) grace for his people. We neglect it at our own peril.

The future of the church, globally and locally, and of each Christian depends largely on how well we remember the gospel of Jesus, all his precious and very great promises, and the successes and failures of church history. Scripture warns us that if we fail to remember, we will be condemned to submit again to sin’s and hell’s enslavement ([Hebrews 6:4–8](#)). Such warnings are graces to help us remember.

So, as we commemorate Memorial Day as Americans, let us do it with profound gratitude for the extraordinary common grace given to us when men and women laid their lives down for the sake of America’s survival. And let us remember the past evils that we may not repeat them in the future.



First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes **March 8, 2023**

Members Present: Craig Thies, Pastor Ann, Kristy Henriksen, Thad Reinert, Cristy Appel, Ingrid Wielenberg, Mike Straw, Nicole Weber and Marah Lytle.

Call to Order: President, Craig Thies, called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

Devotions: Devotion was led by Cristy A. Next month Ingrid W. will lead devotion.

Treasurer's Report: Craig Thies discussed the bills payable explaining that we got the hood in the kitchen cleaned. Thad R is working on a better process with Lori to get the bills paid. The Kinner bill was explained. Net income dipped \$20,000 in February compared to January. Council discussed that this dip is most likely due to the bad weather in February and that January was high due to end/beginning of the year donations. Attendance is increasing. Parsonage expenses are paid. Ingrid made a motion to accept the treasure's report. Mike Straw 2nd the motion and it was approved.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the February meeting were reviewed. Cristy A. made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as written. Kristy H. 2nd the motion and it was approved.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Ann handed out her report for February and this was reviewed. Pastor will be doing Continuing Ed for Festival of Homiletics, May 15-18, in Minneapolis. May 14 will be a travel day, will need pulpit supply, a communion Sunday. Pastor is taking vacation May 19-28, will need pulpit supply on May 21 and 28; neither are communion Sundays.
- Pastor Ann explained that Food for the Poor inquired about sending an ELCA pastor to speak to us about their organization. Cristy A. made a motion to reject the request from the Food for the Poor organization. Ingrid W. 2nd the motion and it passed.
- Pastor Ann discussed the Sioux Falls Canaries are having Faith and Family Day on Wednesday, June 14th. Ingrid W. volunteered to get a group together to go. Sign up deadline May 31.
- Pastor Ann discussed that the Gideons approached her about doing a presentation on a Sunday. Council members agreed that they normally do this every year.
- The Council reviewed Pastor Ann's upcoming date list, from her February report.

President's Report:

- Fair Stand Committee – Have approval to build, next step is putting prices together for materials and labor.
- Sound system update – The IT company was here and did an update, still not fixed, working progress.

Vice-President's Report: none

Committee Reports – Round Table:

- Congregational Life – Ingrid W. – Family Day every 3rd Sunday, treats after church. Cynthia Portz and Linda Hollingsworth joined the committee.
- Worship – Cristy A. – working on getting Easter supplies.
- Mission & Outreach – Kristy H. – Noisy offering is going to the Food shelf. It is matched in the month of March.
- Property Management – Mike S. – Griebel came to look at the bell tower last week. He will need to take some measurements before knowing the expense. He is planning to do that once the snow melts. Griebel also looked at the leak in Pastors office. They are still looking at options to help with the icy North Church steps and choir entrance steps.
- Adult Ed - none
- Youth – Nicole Weber – brainstorming ideas to involve youth, congregational, and high schoolers. Ex: Canaries game, Great Bear, bean bag chairs / hangout spot downstairs Craig T. will get guidelines to Nicole from insurance company for chaperones.
- Sunday School - none

Old Business:

- Committee Openings - Positions filling, but still needing adult ed chair and vice president.
- Progress rate increase for 2023- Rates went from \$23 to \$25.
- Church Directory- Cristy A. made a motion to renew the online service for 3 years. Ingrid 2nd the motion and it was passed.
- ABC (Automatic Building Controls, Inc) – alarms were checked on 2/26/2023. Next year’s charge will be \$463.00.
- Paul Lorang at the Star reached out about having an ad placed in the Pipestone Community, Visitor’s & New Resident guide. Cost is \$85. The Council discussed a design change. Cristy A. made a motion to place the ad. Kristy H. 2nd the motion and it was passed.
- Kinner Bill Breakdown: Quoted fees - \$265/month for accounting and \$125/qtr for payroll tax returns. December billing was a little higher for the following:
 - Caught up on accounting bill October -December: \$795
 - 1099 forms needed (once a year): \$109
 - Quarter payroll tax returns: \$125
 - W-2 forms (once a year): \$88 (based on # of employees)
- Church’s Giving and Obligations:
 - First Fruits: Ingrid W. made a motion that payments be made quarterly to PAS programs (Ex: school lunches, tokens, and backpack program), payments be made quarterly to Shetek Camp to help run the camp, a one-time payment of \$300 be made to ministerial, and a one-time payment be made to the Food shelf of \$300 in March because it is matched. Cristy A. 2nd this motion and it was passed. First Fruits is 1.5% of the offering.
 - Synod: Pastor Ann suggested to make these monthly and the Council agreed.
 - Shetek Conference: Council agreed to pay this in June. It is based on membership, \$0.25/baptized member.
 - Shetek Camp (building fund): Council agreed to make quarterly payments of \$550 for the next 2 years.

New Business:

- Family Day – every 3rd Sunday: this was tabled until next month’s meeting.

Adjournment: Cristy A. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Craig T. 2nd the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Marah Lytle, Secretary

Church News & Events



Through Baptism, we welcomed:

Kaysan Lee Ilse
into the family of First Lutheran on Sunday, April 30th.
His parents are Kaitlyn Ilse and Jaydan Kleinsasser
Sponsors: Derek & Kyleen Ilse and Steven & Jessica Willey
Grandparents are Curt & Lori Ilse
Great-grandparents are Barb Benz & the late Tom Benz



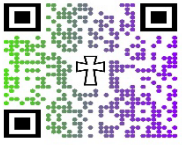
RADIO SPONSORS FOR 2023

**All of the sponsorship spots have been FILLED for 2023!!
THANK YOU to all of our Radio Sponsors for helping us to
continue this wonderful ministry!!**

Join us for **Coffee Fellowship** in the Fellowship Hall
after worship on Sunday mornings!! Sign up to
bring goodies to pass or to help serve. Sign-up
sheets are in the Narthex or call the church office!



Young Adults Summer Ministry



Hello, I am Sydnee Hubner a graduate of PAS and currently a college student at SDSU. I'm starting a Young Adults Ministry this summer in the Pipestone area, so if you like having fun, learning about God, and meeting new people this is the group for you! We will be meeting up this summer to give us young adults (anyone age 18-30) ways to connect and build communities while we are home for the summer. No matter what your home church is, where you go to college, or where you are in life, I would love to get to know you and grow with you this summer! We will be doing fun things all summer like going to the lake, having bonfires and worship nights, Bible studies, and even airsoft. Scan this QR code to learn more and get connected, I hope you can join us!

CHURCH DIRECTORY 2022

Our church directory is a continual project that has no deadline. We are able to update the pictures and information on a regular basis. If you have any pictures that you take while attending church activities, please share them with the office so that we can add them to our directory. We hope to have much more added to the directory by the beginning of summer so that we can print out some copies for those members who are not able to view it electronically. If you have been able to get the directory app on your mobile devices or your computer, you can print a copy of the directory any time.



If you have any questions or problems accessing your directory, please contact the church office. Information is kept up to date on our website in case you have questions.

Community Needs and Programs

United Community Action Partnership is in need of volunteers! U.C.A.P. is starting a rider companion program in our community. Rider companions will provide light-duty assistance so people can continue to live as independently as possible. If you might be interested, give Amanda a call at 507-847-2632 ext. 1119 or send an email to: communityconnection@unitedcapmn.org.



Pipestone County Hospice Grief Counseling

Pipestone County Hospice will be holding a 6-week adult grief support from April 13th to May 18th at the Pipestone County Hospice House. Grief support groups allow individuals mourning the loss of a loved one the chance to come together in a safe environment to discuss their experiences. Mourners are given a space to share his/her thoughts and emotions. The group will discover coping skills, discuss identity changes, and find support. Meetings will be on Thursdays from 7:00pm – 8:00pm. For more information or to register, please call (507) 825-6024.



UPCOMING EVENTS at New Life Treatment Center:

- **Thursday thru Saturday, May 4th – 6th** - New Life Treatment Center Rummage Sale – **DONATIONS NEEDED!** We are looking for donations of gently used clothing (all ages), home décor, books, children’s toys, furniture, etc.
- **Friday, June 9th** – an alcohol-free barn dance, meeting and bonfire from 6pm – 10pm at Diamond H Acres in Edgerton. Camping available – call to reserve.
- **Saturday, June 10th** – Horses to Horsepower – Horse and wagon ride to Woodstock at 8:15 a.m. from the Pipestone Fairgrounds. Tractor Show in Woodstock with some prizes & trophies.
- **Sunday, June 11th** – Outdoor church service at New Life Treatment Center with the Woodstock Community Church. Meal following the service.

DETAILS FOR ALL EVENTS are posted on the flyers hanging in the Narthex or check out their website:
www.newlifetreatment.com/events

F.L.C.W News and Activities

Noisy Offering for May will be collected for:
Lutheran Emergency Response



Noisy Offering for April & May is being raised for the Lutheran Emergency Response.

The total amount collected thus far is: **\$135.32.**

Thank you for your support of these important Outreach needs.



2023 SWO Convention
Date: Friday, May 5, 2023
@ Shetek Lutheran Ministries,
14 Keeley Island Drive, Slayton, MN
Theme: Renew, Redo, Rejoice
Theme Verse: Zephaniah 3:17b



SAVE THE DATE!!

FLCW Fiesta Primavera (a.k.a. Spring Salad Luncheon)

Wednesday, May 10th, 2023
From 11:00 am – 1:00pm



May 2023

Dear FLCW,

Spring is here! I hope you had a blessed Easter.

FLCW was held on Tuesday, April 25th with a potluck lunch. The GATHER lesson was on the last of the 10 Commandments. Salad Luncheon details were also discussed.

Our Salad Luncheon this year will be held on Wednesday, May 10th from 11am – 1pm and tickets will be \$10. The theme this year is "Fiesta Primavera". The meal consists of all the items needed for the perfect taco salad plus some fun salads to accompany all the spice. Dessert will be bars and frozen fruit cups. Tickets will be available at the door and from FLCW members. Thank you so much for volunteering to help via the clipboards passed during worship! It saves so many phone calls. We have not held this even since 2019 – pre-pandemic so it will be interesting to see how this goes!

We collected items for about 30 Personal Care kits during Lent. They will be assembled and taken to the LWR warehouse this summer. Thank you for your donations! These kits are a blessing to people affected by tornadoes, hurricanes or other disasters.

Our next FLCW meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 23rd at 9:30a.m. for coffee and treats. We will be planning some summer events as well as doing the Bible Study.

Quilting continues on the second & fourth Thursday of each month at 9:30a.m. More help is always welcome. Graduate quilts will be presented on Sunday, May 21st to five of our graduates. Come and see the quilts and wish the 2023 graduates a wonderful future.

The SW MN Women of the ELCA Convention will be held on Friday, May 5th at Shetek Lutheran Ministries. Katie Chapman is the speaker. Darlene Muller is our voting member for business related items, such as elections and budget. The theme for the even is "Redo, Renew, Restore" from Zephaniah 3:17

Summer is approaching – time to rest and relax. For me, it will be a different kind of busy but still busy with a wedding, vacation, family visits – FUN STUFF! I hope you have planned some fun for yourself as well!

See you in church, *Kristy*

Women
of Faith™

Shetek Happenings



Pre-Marriage Workshops

Saturday, September 30th, 2023

8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Shetek Lutheran Ministries

14 Keeley Island Drive; Slayton, MN

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage! Shetek Lutheran Ministries would like to be a part of helping you get your marriage off to a strong start, by offering you and your fiancée a chance to think about some key marriage issues, together with other couples also ready to get married.

You probably know that the state of Minnesota offers couples a reduced rate on the marriage license if they put in at least twelve hours of pre-marriage instruction. This day will qualify for eight of those hours. The other hours you will want to spend with your pastor in planning your wedding and talking about your specific relationship.

Some of the topics we will cover will include:

- ✓ Communication skills and conflict resolution
- ✓ Financial matters and budgeting
- ✓ The spirituality of marriage

You can see that this is not a “wedding fair!” We won’t be selling wedding gowns, or offering services for catering, etc. The focus on this workshop will be on what happens **after** you say “I do,” and how to keep your relationship healthy.

Come and join us at camp on the shores of beautiful Lake Shetek. Directions and a printable registration form are available online also. You may also register online. Registration is only \$30 per couple. Included are rolls and coffee in the morning and lunch at noon. You don’t have to be Lutheran to attend!

May 2023



14 Keeley Island Drive
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507-763-3567
camp@shetek.org
www.shetek.org

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



Work at camp this summer! -
shetek.org/work-at-shetek



Join us for our Pelican Fun
Run/Walk

Mark your Calendar

- May 6 Spring Clean Up Day
- May 13 Spring Clean Up Day
- June 11 First Day of Camp
- June 19 Golf Tournament
- June 23 Quilt Auction Preview
- June 24 Quilt Auction
- June 24 Pelican 5K Walk/Run

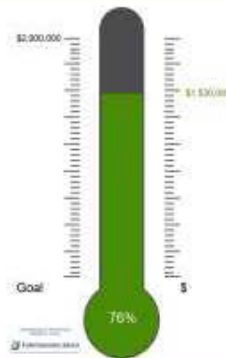
Register at shetek.org or

Call [507-763-3567](tel:507-763-3567) for more information

Wish List

- 17 foot Aluminum canoe
- Vest style life jackets
- Office supplies - reams of paper
- Flat screen computer monitor
- Volunteers

We met our Phase 1 goal!
\$1,530,000 in gifts and
pledges! Our challenge
goal is \$2,000,000 and
with increased costs, our
budget has changed for
our different phases.
More info on our website.
[https://shetek.org/slm-
master-plan/](https://shetek.org/slm-master-plan/)



Help send kids to Camp...Become a
Pelican Club or Timber Society member
today. Pelican Club members support
the ministry with a gift of \$100 - \$499 a
year and Timber Society members give
\$500 or more a year. Thanks for your
support!



CONGRATULATIONS to our 2023 First Communion Students

Our current 5th graders received their First Communion during the Maundy Thursday worship service on Thursday, April 6th. Congratulations to these students on their First Communion:

Coral Dengler
Rowan Heidebrink

Kale Mastbergen
Oliver Sterud



It's Graduation Time!

It is May and the time for graduations. Senior Recognition Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 21st during our 9:30a.m. worship service. First Lutheran would like to congratulate our Class of 2023 High School Seniors:



- ∞ Madison Gunnink – daughter of Naomi & Matt Gunnink
- ∞ Merrick Heidebrink – son of Troy & Heather Heidebrink
 - ∞ Traeten Rustad – son of Nick & Kayla Schulze
 - ∞ Caleb Velde – son of Jake & Gen Velde
 - ∞ Brandon Willey – son of Tom & Amy Willey

We would also like to CONGRATULATE Bradley Willey who will be graduating from SDSU on Saturday, May 6th, 2023. Bradley will be graduating with a major in Business Economics and a minor in Accounting and a minor in Legal Studies.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR GRADUATES AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN ALL OF YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS!!

Advice for Graduates

+ **Sleep.** Do it now, as there will be a time not so far off into the future when you will give away your left arm for just five more minutes.

+ **Don't think high school-or even college-is the pinnacle of your life.** These years shape you, but they don't define you. You may not know what the future holds, but you don't want high school to be the best years of your life. It's nice to keep your old friends close, but don't be afraid to branch out and widen your circle either. Different experiences will always help you to grow both professionally and personally.

+ **You don't have to have it all figured out.** Life is fluid. Just because you haven't found your passion yet doesn't mean you are a failure. I know a woman who went to law school and then found her calling when she opened a coffee shop, and men who received their teaching degrees at forty years old and finally found fulfillment. Your college major doesn't determine your destiny. Keep searching for your joy and look at every opportunity as a learning experience.

+ **Find a hobby** that you love. Networking for business is important, but networking for life is essential. Take a rock-climbing class, learn to play golf, get your black belt, join a bike riding club, create pottery, or find a book club. Do something besides work, because someday you may have a family and real responsibilities, and your "passion" may be the only thing that keeps your sanity. Trust me.

+ **Go to the dentist.** Root canals ARE THE PITS! Take care of your teeth, and they will take care of you.

+ **Always say yes** when someone asks you to go for a cup of coffee or a meal. Building relationships can help your career, but it also helps you live a happier life. Connection is the key to fulfillment.

+ **Don't ever be afraid to start at the bottom and do the grunt work.** No matter what age you are. You learn the most by doing and you never know when you can pick up a valuable new skill. There is no job too menial and if/when you are the boss, your employees will appreciate you so much more if they know you are willing to get your hands dirty.

+ **Live frugally.** You will feel like you are making a ton of money, but that will not stop Visa from knocking on your door. Stuff will never fill a void caused by insecurity.

+ **Trust your gut.** Believe in that spidey-sense when something feels off and listen to your instincts when it comes to taking risks and chasing your dreams. You don't need anyone's permission to kick ass in this world.

+ **Travel. Go. Anywhere.** Vacation abroad, take a drive, go to a museum. Volunteer for the overseas assignment if it makes sense. Take the day trip to a different city. Explore every nook and cranny of where you live. Experience life and don't be scared of new places. It will change who you are as a person for the better. Because one day, you will be so busy that a three-day trip to your parents will seem like a small military maneuver.

+ **Find a mentor.** I don't care what your degree is in; you have no idea what you are doing. Find someone you admire and ask them to be available for your questions. Take them to lunch or coffee. Appreciate their knowledge even if you don't always agree with it. Then when you get some experience under your belt, do it for someone else.

+ **Be uncomfortable.** Sign up for new things that make you feel weird. Challenge yourself and your thinking. Read books from people you disagree with and volunteer for a cause you know nothing about. Step out of your comfort zone whenever you can. Expose yourself to everything you can and see how your mind and empathy develop in ways you never thought possible.

+ **Don't be fooled by shiny things** — that shine fades over time, while the gold of strong relationships never tarnishes. No amount of money makes being miserable in your job day in and day out tolerable. If possible, find what you love, and then do that. When looking for a job, ask

about the company culture, opportunities for growth, and creativity. Do they value work-life balance or want total allegiance to their bottom line. Successful people often come out of dynamic corporate cultures that value their employees and help them along their career path. Don't get so caught up in working for a brand that you burn out from the onset.

+ **Don't think you will be happy "one day" if only** you scored the perfect job, found the perfect partner, buy the perfect car. Happiness exists down almost any life path as long as you are grateful for the present and develop meaningful relationships.

+ Also, you **don't have to do something extraordinary to succeed or have a meaningful life.** Focus on doing something good for one person every day, and you will leave behind a powerful legacy.

+ **If you feel like you are the smartest person in the room, you're in the wrong place.** You will never grow if you aren't with people who can challenge you to think differently, expand your view, and show you how to approach problems from a different perspective.

+ **Whenever possible, call your mom and dad.** Often. They invested a lot in your upbringing, and you owe it to them. Ask their advice, even when you don't need it. But don't ask for money. Even though they'll give it to you anyway.



Kidz + Teenz

Bible Pathway
Adventures

BIBLE QUIZ

BIBLE HEROES

Match the Bible hero on the left with the facts on the right.



- ___ Noah
- ___ Moses
- ___ David
- ___ Daniel
- ___ Paul (Sha'ul)
- ___ Yeshua
- ___ Joseph
- ___ Abraham
- ___ Samson
- ___ Esther

1. Lived in the kingdom of Persia. Helped save the Hebrews from destruction.
2. Anointed by Samuel as king of Israel. Fought the giant Goliath and won.
3. A Nazirite. Helped saved the Israelites from the Philistines.
4. Grew up a prince in Egypt. Asked Pharaoh to free the Hebrews and later led them out of Egypt.
5. Born in Bethlehem. The Savior of Israel.
6. Was a Pharisee. Became a follower of Yeshua. Traveled around Asia Minor teaching people about Yeshua the Messiah.
7. Left his family in Haran and moved to Canaan. Married Sarah. Had a son named Isaac.
8. Sold into slavery by his brothers. Thrown into prison in Egypt. Later became a ruler of Egypt.
9. Followed Yahweh's instructions and built an Ark. Survived the great flood.
10. Taken prisoner to Babylon. Became chief of the Magi. Thrown into the lion's den and survived.



Answers: Esther = 1, David = 2, Samson = 3, Moses = 4, Yeshua = 5, Paul = 6, Abraham = 7, Joseph = 8, Noah = 9, Daniel = 10.

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ARMOR OF GOD



Read Ephesians 6: 11-17. Fill in the blanks with the words at the bottom of the page.

“Put on the whole _____ of God so you can stand against the wiles of the devil. For our fight is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and _____ and rulers of the darkness of this age, and spiritual forces of wickedness in _____ places. Put on the whole armor of _____ that you can _____ in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand. Stand, having the belt of _____ buckled around your _____ with the _____ of righteousness, and having fitted your _____ with the preparation of the Good News of _____; Take up the shield of _____ with which you can quench the fiery _____ of the evil one. Take the _____ of salvation and the sword of the _____, which is the _____ of God.”



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May 2023 Worship Assistants

Date	Worship	Reader	Acolytes	Communion Assistant(s)	Ushers *(captain)	Sound
5-7-2023 *Holy Communion	9:30 a.m.		Tommie Chaulsett		*Rob Woodbury (cpt) -Gene Spicer -Mike Wussow -Derek Ilse -Scott Sterud family	Brandon Willey
5-14-2023 Pastor Ann gone *Holy Communion	9:30 a.m.		Rhaelee Heidebrink		*Rob Woodbury (cpt) -Gene Spicer -Mike Wussow -Derek Ilse -Scott Sterud family	Jason Weber
5-21-2023 Senior Recognition (Worship Team) Pastor Ann gone	9:30 a.m.	2023 Seniors??	---	---	*Rob Woodbury (cpt) -Gene Spicer -Mike Wussow -Derek Ilse -Scott Sterud family	Neil Johnson
5-28-2023 GRADUATION (Ingrid Wielenberg) Pastor Ann gone	9:30 a.m.	Lori Ilse	---	---	*Rob Woodbury (cpt) -Gene Spicer -Mike Wussow -Derek Ilse -Scott Sterud family	Mark Zinnel

VISITATIONS

If someone is ill or in need of a Pastoral visit, please call Pastor Ann or contact the Church office@ 825-5837. Please remember the following First Lutheran Church members in your prayers, send them a card, or stop to visit them.



Kay Buranen.....	Good Samaritan, Pipestone
Carol Foss.....	Good Samaritan – Prairie Creek, Sioux Falls
Darrell Foss.....	Good Samaritan, Sioux Falls
Joyce Kunz.....	Good Samaritan, Pipestone

May 2023 Birthdays



5/3	*Glenda Carstensen	*Dan Scotting	5/19	*Sharon Blom	*Josie Danks
5/4	*Carmen Skyberg		5/20	*Andrew Barduson	*Ron Carlson
5/5	*Kristen Brockberg	*Halie Schaap	5/20	*Kyree Hazelton	*Rachel Skyberg
5/7	*McKenzie Dulas	*Shelby Evans	5/21	*Zoe Velde	*Bree Woelber
5/8	*Elle Brockberg		5/22	*Tommie Chaulsett	*Troy Chaulsett
5/9	*Sydnee Hubner		5/22	*Karen Hellie	
5/10	*Paul Johnson		5/24	*Olyvia Weber	
	*Emery Musch	*Ethan Musch	5/26	*Julie Colvin	*Spencer Hazelton
5/14	*Sarah Meyer		5/26	*Andrew Muller	*Darlene Muller
5/15	*Ellen Dulas	*Kayla Royer	5/30	*Laura Thode	*Deb Smith
	*Traeten Rustad		5/31	*Josh Mabon	
5/16	*Nicole Buffington	*Wade Smith			
5/18	*Miley Gunnink				

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HAPPY Anniversary

May 6th Ron & Deanna Ahlers

May 11th Jim & Karina Lanoue

May 20th Chris & Shelby Evans

May 23rd Chuck & Colette DeSchepper

May 24th Joe & Doreen Henderson

May 26th Bill & Marlys Winter

May 27th Curt & Lori Ilse

May 29th Jason & Nicole Weber





May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Lori gone OFFICE CLOSED	3 ~6:15pm – Confirmation ~7:00pm - Church committee mtgs	4 ~1:30pm – P.I.M meeting	5 ~SW MN Synod convention	6 ~9:00am Pastor Ann at Synod Council in RWF
7 ~9:30am Worship *Holy Communion (live-streamed)	8	9 ~8:30 – 9:30am – Pastor Ann @Ministerial Assoc	10 ~FLCW Salad Luncheon 11am – 1pm ~T.B.D. – Confirmation ~8:00pm Church Council	11 ~9:30am– Quilting	12	13
14 <i>Mother's Day</i> ~9:30am Worship *Holy Communion (live-streamed) ~PM – Pastor Ann to conference in the Cities	15 Lori gone - OFFICE CLOSED	16	17	18	19	20
21 Senior Recognition Sunday ~9:30am Worship (live-streamed) PASTOR ANN ON VACATION	22	23 ~9:30 am -FLCW Group Circle Potluck luncheon	24 Baccalaureate @St. Leo's ~7:30pm	25 ~9:30am– Quilting	26	27
28 ~9:30am Worship- (live-streamed) ~High School Graduation – 2pm <i>Congratulations, Graduates!</i>	29 OFFICE CLOSED 	30	31			

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*Radio – on KLOH (1050AM) at 10:30am every Sunday

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*Facebook Page - Live-streamed every Sunday morning at 9:30am.

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