



# THE VOICE

of the First Lutheran Congregation

**August 2023**

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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*



As I write this at the end of July, I am excited for August. I am excited to experience my first Pipestone County Fair, and the First Lutheran Fair Stand. I am excited to see more community members, and church members other than at church. I am excited to be a spectator at some of the animal and exhibit presentations, the midway, and the programs. I am excited to eat the food, see the sights, smell the smells, and hear the sounds. I also know that I will be glad when the fair is over, when I can get some rest, and continue to gear up for the fall programming year, which will be upon us quicker than we believe!

After the freedom and busy-ness of August comes the shock of September, when school and other activities resume in earnest. Please see elsewhere in the Voice for important dates coming up! Please put them on your calendars now, so you know what is happening when.

In our gospel readings in September, we continue to follow Jesus on his journey, as he preaches, teaches, and heals throughout the countryside. We see more about what Jesus does, rather than hearing the parables and other classroom-style teaching that we have had in July.

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For now, enjoy the last third of summer! Don't wish it away, but revel in the heat, the time with family, the freedom (or at least change of pace) that comes with summertime schedules. Remember, you are always welcome at church for worship, even if you haven't been here for a very long time! As the father welcomed the son who left home when he returned, so you shall be welcomed back to worship. We won't kill the fatted calf for you, but we will be glad to see you again, and invite you to stay for a cup of coffee, a treat, and conversation after worship.

See you in church!

*Pastor Ann*



Families of Children and Youth!

Here are some important dates for you to put on your calendar now, so you can be ready for the fall season. More information will be coming out as fall gets closer, so be watching for that on the church's website ([www.firstlutheranpipestone.org](http://www.firstlutheranpipestone.org)), the church's Facebook page, the LIFT Facebook page, the weekly bulletin (which is also available on the church's website), and next month's Voice newsletter. All of the dates below are tentative, in pudding (not cement), subject to change.

### **Rally Day**

~Rally Day will be **September 10<sup>th</sup>** – for ALL ages!

We will celebrate with a blessing of the bags/backpacks/briefcases/whatever you carry with you to school and/or work, for all ages!

~God's Work, Our Hands Day is also **September 10<sup>th</sup>**. We will be assembling the school kits (that we are collecting items for through August) after worship, and there will likely be other activities, so keep your eyes open for those opportunities!

### **LIFT (preschool through grade 5)**

~LIFT will begin on **Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**.

~LIFT students will sing in church the **first Sunday of each month**, beginning in October.

~The Christmas program will be on **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**, during worship. Rehearsal information will be forthcoming.

~There will be **no** LIFT on **October 18 (MEA), November 22 (Thanksgiving), December 20 and 27 (Christmas break), March 27 (Holy Week)**.

~LIFT **will** meet during Lent (Feb 14, 21, 28, Mar 6, 13, 20) after Wednesday Lenten worship for a craft and snack (like last year)

~The last Wednesday of LIFT will likely be May 1, with the children singing in church on May 5.

**Presenting Bibles to Children**

~Grade 4 (which didn't happen in grade 3 last year) will be **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** .

~Grade 3 (this year's students) will be **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** .

~Age 4 (which didn't happen last year when they were 3) will be **September 24<sup>th</sup>** .

~Age 3 (those already 3 by September 1) will be **October 1<sup>st</sup>** .

Going forward, on a rolling basis, the month a child turns from 2 to 3 they will receive their 3-year-old Bible.

Contact the church office if your child will not be able to receive their Bible when scheduled.

**Confirmation for grades 6, 7 and 8**

There will be a parent and student meeting for all confirmation students and their parents on **Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> , at 6:15 pm**. I will be giving out information, and students will have acolyte and usher training.

Confirmation students will be serving at The Banquet on **Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** .

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## June / July 2023 Offerings

<i>Monthly Income Needed to Operate</i>	<i>\$17,800.00</i>
<b>Weekly Offering – June 4<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – June 11<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – June 18<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – June 25<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – July 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – July 9<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – July 16<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – July 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – July 30<sup>th</sup></b>	

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3. Below is a Quick Response (QR) code. When you scan this barcode-like QR code image with a smartphone's QR decoder, it will instantly connect you to the mobile version of the church's web page.



**If you need more offering envelopes, please stop into the church pick up another book.**



**Noisy Offering for June & July was collected for:  
Ondini Circuit Project in South Africa**

The total amount collected was: **\$415.83**.

Noisy Offering for August will be collected for World Hunger.

*Thank you for your support of these important Outreach needs.*

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**First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes – May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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

**Call to Order:** President, Craig Thies, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**Devotions:** Devotion was led by Cristy A. Next month Kristy H will lead devotion.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Thad R. went over the bills and pointed out that One Office Solution and True Value had an outstanding balance due to those companies sending the bill to an old email. These bills were paid to not acquire additional fees. Cristy A. made a motion to pay the bills and Nicole W. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was approved.

**Secretary’s Report:** The minutes from the April meeting were reviewed. Cristy A. made a motion to accept the Secretary’s Report and Mike S. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was approved.

**Pastor’s Report:**

- Pastor Ann handed out her report for April 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, pulpit supply Rev Dr Dave Christenson, a communion Sunday. Pastor is taking vacation May 19-28; worship team will do pulpit supply on May 21 and Ingrid W. will on May 28; neither are communion Sundays.
- Craig T. asked Pastor Ann to begin making pastoral visits monthly instead of quarterly.
- The Council reviewed Pastor Ann’s upcoming date list, from her April report.

**President’s Report:**

- Fair Stand Update – the old stand was demolished, and Cristy A. is going to reach out to the Catholic church about buying the old benches. The fair stand was removed by Musch Construction on 5/7/23. The area for the new fair stand will be staked out, Mark Christenson will trench in electrical and Musch Construction will trench in water.
- Craig T. met with an insurance agent to insure the church and the council members.

**Vice-President's Report:** none

**Committee Reports – Round Table:**

- Congregational Life – Ingrid W. – none
- Worship – Cristy A. – got pulpit supply covered while Pastor is gone, doing flowers for Mother's Day, and cupcakes for graduates on Graduation Sunday.
- Mission & Outreach – Kristy H. – Noisy offering is going to Lutheran Disaster Response in May and Companion Synod in Africa in the month of June.
- Property Management – Mike S. – Scott will replace 3 door locks on parsonage all with the same key. Mark is installing Preen throughout all the rock area of the church. The church and parsonage lawns will be sprayed 3 different times a year. The NE entry steps to the church will be fixed or replaced, whichever is required. The block will be replaced as needed and reglued. Craig T. will get Mike S. a list of blocks. Mike S. will be making 2 coat hangers for kids, 1 for each side of the window. Cement will be poured on north side of parking area by the bushes to cover up electrical work. Mike S. discussed with Kelly Weber about putting up a sign for First Lutheran pointing North at Dari King.
- Adult Ed - none
- Youth – Nicole Weber – putting together a scholarship form for kids wanting to go to camp outside of Shetek. Going to meet with Sunday School committee about combining committees.
- Sunday School – none

**Old Business:**

- Chuck Sendelbach came to our meeting to discuss the 3 endowments that the endowment committee take care of. He asked that we accept Paul Henriksen as a new member of the Endowment Committee. Cristy A. made a motion to accept Paul H. as a new Endowment Committee member. Mike S. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was accepted.

**New Business:**

- Thomas and Diane Dunn were approved to be members at last month's council meeting, Craig T signed off on the request form at this month's council meeting.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday activity to increase attendance – council discussed a potluck July 16<sup>th</sup>. Cristy A. will work with Ingrid W. on putting this together.
- Spring Cleanup – each committee will do their room, youth will help with 3<sup>rd</sup> level, extra books from library will be available to members and then they will be donated or disposed of.
- Lawn mowing volunteers needed at the parsonage. Council discussed hiring/paying someone in our congregation to do it. Also, discussed potentially buying a lawn mower to keep at the parsonage.
- Personnel committee recommended to increase the Admin. Assistant (Lori Isle) pay by \$1.00/hour. (Hourly pay would then be \$20.79/hour). Cristy A. made a motion to increase the Admin. Assistant pay by \$1.00/hour. Kristy H. 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion was passed.
- SW Synod thank you letter was read by Council.
- Checking accounts / checkbooks need to be updated for the Youth and Sunday School Committee. Cristy A. made a motion to remove Nancy Johnson and Erin Musch from the Youth checkbook and add Jason Weber and Craig Thies. Also, remove Nancy Johnson off of the Sunday School checkbook and add Craig Thies and leave Kristin Brockberg on it. Kristy H. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was passed.
- Kristy H. made a motion for First Lutheran to become a part of the Chamber. Cost is \$319/year and they promote the church via social media. Mike S. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was approved.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm so Council is able to attend the Canaries game June 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes – June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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**Call to Order:** President, Craig Thies, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**Devotions:** Devotion was led by Kristy H. Next month Craig T will lead devotion.

**Treasurer's Report:** Thad R. went over the bills and pointed out that Auto Owner's Insurance was added after the report came out. Kristy H. made a motion to pay the bills and Ingrid W. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was approved.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the May meeting were reviewed. Cristy A. made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report and Mike S. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was approved.

### **Pastor's Report:**

- Pastor Ann handed out her report for May and this was reviewed.
- Pastor Ann discussed how great the Suicide Prevention Skills for Rural Ministry classes were.
- The Council reviewed Pastor Ann's upcoming date list, from her May report. A few notes are potluck after worship on July 16<sup>th</sup> and VBS in Jasper put on by Shetek Lutheran Ministries July 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 1-5 pm.

### **President's Report:**

- Canaries game June 14<sup>th</sup> – great turnout, almost all of the tickets are spoken for

**Vice-President's Report:** none

### **Committee Reports – Round Table:**

- Congregational Life – Ingrid W. – working on getting the potluck on July 16<sup>th</sup> together
- Worship – Cristy A. – discussed that paint, pop, and prayer went well with the youth.
- Mission & Outreach – Kristy H. – Noisy offering is going to Companion Synod in Africa in the months of June and July. Looking for a Companion Synod in Africa member from Shetek to come talk to the congregation.
- Property Management – Mike S. – Main focus right now is the Fair Stand. Got the children coat hangers up
- Adult Ed - none
- Youth – Nicole Weber – none
- Sunday School – none

### **Old Business:**

- Fair stand Update: Congregation approved to continue. Cristy A. made a motion to accept the fair stand congregation meeting and minutes. Mike S. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was approved. Framing of the building is scheduled to begin this week. Then trenching the sewer and electrical in after that. The sewer has to be looked at to see if it is the clay tile or not. Lori Ilse is going to look into stainless steel appliances.

### **New Business:**

- Gustavus Church and College Grant match for Dawson Kellen was approved by the Council

- Cristy A. made a motion to change the QuickBooks account administrator and primary contact for all QuickBooks modules (including, but not limited to, our billing, payroll and general accounting) to Jennifer Nordmeyer. Ingrid W. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was approved.

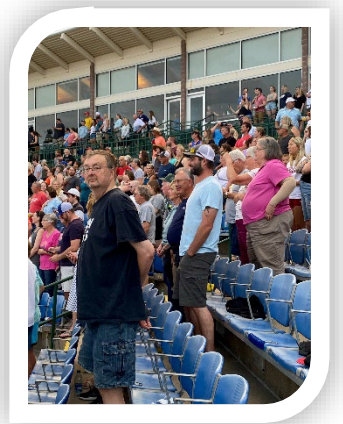
**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm with the Lord’s Prayer. Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

*Marah Lytle, Secretary*

# Church News & Events



On Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> several members enjoyed the free Canaries baseball tickets that were available and attended the Canaries game in Sioux Falls. Dancing the YMCA on the field, inflatables and great food were enjoyed by all. The best part was the Canaries won against the team from Canada!!!



If you are interested in purchasing discounted Canaries tickets for any of their remaining games, scan the bar codes on the flyer OR go online to purchase your tickets. Dates for the games are:  
August 16<sup>th</sup>, August 25<sup>th</sup> & August 30<sup>th</sup>.

**SIOUX FALLS CANARIES BASEBALL NIGHTS**

Promo Code: **CHURCH** Ticket Only **\$10**

ONLINE ONLY: USE PROMO "CHURCH" BELOW TO RECEIVE A DISCOUNTED TICKET!

JULY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup>

**THE BIRDCAGE**  
1001 N WEST AVE SIOUX FALLS SD, 57104



On Sunday, July 16th, there was a potluck at the parsonage. Around 30 people were in attendance and the food was amazing! Thanks to all who came and shared their recipes, spent time in conversation, and played yard games. Special thanks to Pastor Ann for letting us gather at her home and for showcasing all the efforts of the remodel. Maybe next time someone will remember to take more pictures!

**Ingrid Wielenberg, Congregational Life Committee**



**Our new fairstand was built and completed just in time for the fair. On Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> we did a trial run for members so everyone could check out the new building and enjoy some hot dogs and hamburgers.**



**We were also blessed to have a special visitor from the Ondini Circuit in South Africa visiting us. Sicelo Masando and Marv Nysetvold, from Shetek Ministries were here visiting and we were thankful to have them join us for worship service followed by some good food and fellowship at our beautiful new fairstand.**



**In loving memory of**

**Norman Paul Perschke (April 6, 1936 – August 11, 2008) and  
Wilhelmina (Minnie) Bernadette Mosbrucker Perschke  
(June 7, 1935 – January 16, 2023)**

Buried June 16, 2023 at Old Woodlawn Cemetery

Parents of Jenny Mathews  
Grandparents of Erin (Kris) Mastbergen & Lynn (Edison) Dengler  
Great-Grandparents to Coral & Molly Dengler and Kaden, Kale & Ellie Mastbergen

### **2023 Shetek Quilt Auction**

The auction was attended by around 400 people with a total of \$43,596 raised!! First Lutheran contributed 8 rugs (\$375), 2 vintage quilts made by Gail Johnson (\$170 & \$175), and 4 items from Kristy Henriksen (\$590).

THANK YOU to all who donate jeans, khakis & corduroys to make the rugs! You are helping to send our youth to camp and helping to minister to them! Your support is GREATLY appreciated!!







June 28, 2023

*Thank You*

First Lutheran Church  
401 7th Ave SW  
Pipestone, MN 56164-1166

*Thank You*

Dear First Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$306.46 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

*Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God (Romans 5:1-2).*

As a church, we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings us peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA you share this amazing grace with others and help people around the world feel the transformational power of God's love.

Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.

In Christ,

*Amanda White*

Amanda White  
Director, Congregational Generosity



First Lutheran Church-Pipestone, MN  
401 7th Ave SW  
Pipestone, MN 56164

June 1, 2023

Dear First Lutheran Church-Pipestone, MN,

The Banquet ministry is blessed to have contributors who care deeply about our guest and their children. With generous donors, The Banquet can assist hundreds of families who seek food for the body and spirit.

- The Banquet began in 1985, serving one meal per week
- We now prepare and serve 16 meals per week at two permanent locations - The Banquet Downtown and The Banquet West
- The Banquet annually serves nearly 200,000 meals, with 30,000 served to children
- The Banquet meals help many families stretch their grocery budget
- The Banquet relies 100% on private donations to sustain this ministry
- The Banquet's holiday Shower Our Guest's With Care program provides over 700 hygiene bags
- The Banquet's Project: SOS provides 6,200 local students with the supplies they need to succeed

The Banquet's guests are truly grateful for the support and gifts they receive through this life-changing ministry. With your financial commitment, The Banquet can serve the most vulnerable members of our community.

***We are grateful for your gift of \$450.00 made on May 11, 2023 that was designated for the Food fund.***

Sincerely,

Tamera Jerke-Liesinger  
The Banquet Executive Director  
tamera@thebanquetsf.org

Please consider this letter as your tax receipt. The Banquet is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization. No goods or services were exchanged for this contribution nor is our mailing list sold or shared with any other agency.



**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 & Joyce Kunz	Good Samaritan Communities, Pipestone
Carol Foss	Good Samaritan – Prairie Creek, Sioux Falls
Darrell Foss	Good Samaritan, Sioux Falls

Make sure to join us for **Coffee Fellowship** in the Narthex after worship every Sunday!! It's a great time to visit with visitors to our church as well as other members. If you would like to bring goodies to pass or help serve, there are sign-up sheets are in the Narthex or you can contact Lori in the office!!



Are you looking for a great gift idea for a wedding or even Christmas?

We have beautiful quilts and sturdy jean rugs for sale here at the church. The rugs and quilts are displayed in the Fellowship Hall so stop in and take a look! Quilts are \$40 and rugs are priced on their individual tags. We also have our church cookbooks available for \$5.00! Payments can be made to FLCW and put in the office mailbox.

**DON'T FORGET THE CHURCH DIRECTORY!**

If you have any pictures that you would like to share in the directory that you have taken at church activities, contact the church office. We would like to get more added so that we can print out some copies for those members who are not able to view the directory 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 or printing out a copy, please contact the church office.

# Community Events

# Pipestone Area Calendar of Events

☐ August 2023 ☐

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			Pipestone County Fair Farmers Market	Pipestone County Fair School Yard Games One-Room Schoolhouse in Session!	Pipestone County Fair Bird Walks Baby Pig Storytime	Pipestone County Fair Farmers Market HPI Used Book Sale Youth Ribbon Auction Rib Feed Fundraiser
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Farmers Market Pepsi Plunge Pool Party	School Yard Games One-Room Schoolhouse in Session! Hamburger & Sweet Corn Community Supper Summer Games & Grub		Farmers Market
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social Last Day Season for Pool		PHS Class of 1965 Reunion Doggy Day at the Pool	PHS Class of 1965 Reunion Farmers Market Annual Backpack Distribution Day 6th Annual Kids' Fishing Derby Auditions for Calumet Players	PHS Class of 1965 Reunion Museum's Monthly "Coffee Talk" School Yard Games One-Room Schoolhouse in Session!	Artist-in-Residence: Tammy Faw Faw	Farmers Market Mobile Sign Program
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	PCMC Community Blood Bank Drive		Farmers Market	Pipestone City-Wide Rummage Sales School Yard Games One-Room Schoolhouse in Session!	Pipestone City-Wide Rummage Sales	Pipestone City-Wide Rummage Sales New Life Treatment Center Golf Tournament & Silent Auction Farmers Market Pipestone National Monument's Founders' Day
27	28	29	30	31		
Artist-in-Residence: Tammy Faw Faw			Farmers Market	One-Room Schoolhouse in Session!		

# F.L.C.W News and Activities

August 2023



Dear FLCW,

Just a quick letter for this end of summer month.

We are currently gathering items for the School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Items needed are notebooks, rulers with centimeter and inches, crayons 16-24 per box, scissors, pens- no gel, unsharpened pencils, pencil sharpener, and erasers (we have plenty of these). We recently assembled 70 kits. We have 130 bags, so more kits can be made. Bring items to church by Sunday, August 20. We will then assemble what we can. We especially need notebooks. 4 are needed per kit. Thank you for your generosity!

August 9 is the day to visit Painted Prairie Winery. Meet at the church at 11:30 am to pool rides. Lunch is on your own. There is also a fee at the winery, which will be paid by FLCW.

Quilting continues this summer. Meet at the church at 9:30 am on Thursday, August 10 and Thursday, August 24. We could use more help. No experience needed.

The Shetek Conference Fall Gathering will be held at Shetek Lutheran Ministries on Saturday, September 30 from 8:30am to noon. Brunch will be served to end the morning. The registration fee is \$12.00 which covers the meal.

Group Circle is scheduled to meet next on Tuesday, September 26. We will be travelling to Shetek Lutheran Ministries for the day, including lunch. We had a wonderful time last year, so we are going again. 11 will have information on the cake pan fundraiser. Think about how many you need for gifts or yourself. Kaffi Ti planning will also be on the agenda.

I hope you enjoyed your time at the Pipestone County Fair and supported the new Fairstand serving your favorite fair food. It is great we are back with the new building!

I will be traveling to Phoenix in September to attend the Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering. I really hope the temperature is below 100 while I am there! I hope to learn new things and meet new people that have ideas for us to try in our corner of the world.

See you in church!

*Kristy*

# Shetek Happenings



## *Pre-Marriage Workshops*

**Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**August 2023**



14 Keeley Island Drive  
Slayton, MN 56172  
507-763-3567  
camp@shetek.org  
www.shetek.org

**Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers**



Thanks for all those that help out with  
SOS (Sharing our Services) camp!



Thank you for another great Quilt  
Auction! We raised \$43,646!!

We met our Phase 1 goal!  
\$1,533,000 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/)

Goal	Current Amount	Percentage
\$2,000,000	\$1,533,000	76%

## **Mark your Calendar**

August 16-20 – Come see us at the Murray  
County Fair

September 30 – Pre-Marriage Retreat

Register at [shetek.org](https://shetek.org) or

Call 507-763-3567 for more information

## **Wish List**

- 17 foot Aluminum canoe
- Vest style life jackets
- Office supplies – reams of paper
- Good Vacuums
- Volunteers

**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**



## What Religion Offers Teenagers: The Benefits of Religion for Teens

By Randi Mazzella ([yourteenmag.com](http://yourteenmag.com))

At a young age, many children start learning about religion at home with holiday celebrations and rituals and in the community through services and religious education classes. But when they become teens, **religion** may become less of a priority.

With less free time, teens may not want to attend weekly services or participate in daily prayers. In addition, they may become disillusioned with religion and wonder how these old traditions are relevant in their modern world.

But for teens who find a way to connect with their religion, there are benefits. The National Study of Youth and Religion reports that compared to their less-religious peers, religious 12th graders:

- are less likely to drink alcohol, smoke cigarettes, or use drugs
- tend to be better behaved in school

In addition to these positives, religion seems to provide a variety of emotional benefits.

### **The Benefits of Religion: Belonging, Direction, Structure**

The teen years can be confusing and stressful. Teens may yearn for independence but also crave a sense of belonging. They may distance themselves from their parents, yet still want advice as they face big decisions and moral conflicts.

“Many teens find themselves at a crossroads, looking for direction,” says Scott Chapman, director of the Christian-based Glorieta Camps and Wilderness Programs.

“Religious programs can offer teens support. They can provide a community of like-minded peers and older mentors that can give them guidance.”

Belief in a higher power and a sense of spirituality can help some teens make better decisions, especially about ethical issues.

“Religion can serve as a protective factor for teenage struggles and experimentation,” says Sarah Sayeed, a board member of the Women of Islam Inc., a Muslim women’s human rights organization. “It can provide structure at a time when there is a lot of boundary-testing.”

It can also help them get outside of their own little worlds, adds Chapman. “In general, teens tend to be self-absorbed and believe they are immortal,” he says. “But belief in a higher power can steer them toward humility and patience. Religion can help teens understand not only who they are, but who they want to become.”

### **Activities Designed for Teens**

Passively attending a worship service—or as Chapman describes it, “sitting in a chair listening to some old guy talk”—may not be the best way to interest a **teen in religion**.

“To participate in our programs, kids don’t have to put on their Sunday best (clothing). They don’t even need to be their Sunday best personality,” he says. “Instead, we encourage them to share their true selves and discuss their problems in an environment where they will be accepted and listened to.”

Being a part of a religious youth group or volunteer organization can also strengthen a teen’s sense of community and belonging.

“Participating in these meaningful activities and communities helps teens think beyond themselves. It inspires them to make a positive impact in their community and in their world,” notes Micol Zimmerman, Director of National Federation for Teen Youth, Union for Reform Judaism.

### **What Can Parents Do?**

Even when kids start becoming more independent, the parent’s role is still important in teen’s religious development. Eighty-two percent of children raised by religiously active parents were themselves religiously



active as young adults, according to 2014 research from “The National Study of Youth and Religion” at the University of Notre Dame.

In addition to being religious role models for teens, parents can also influence their teens by engaging in honest discussions about spirituality and beliefs. Rather than forcing teens to practice religion in ways they are not comfortable with, encourage them to participate in religious activities that are meaningful to them.

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## Samson in the TEMPLE



**Read Judges 16:21-31. Find and circle the words below.**

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- PHILISTINES
- GRIND GRAIN
- DAGON
- TEMPLE
- HAIR
- PRISON
- CHAINS
- SAMSON
- STRENGTH
- BLIND
- JUDGE OF ISRAEL
- COLUMNS

## August 2023 Worship Assistants

Date	Worship	Reader	Acolytes	Communion Assistant(s)	Ushers *(captain)	Sound
<b>8-6-2023</b> *Holy Communion	9:30 a.m.	Ingrid Wielenberg	Troy Chaulsett	Cristy Appel	*Rollie Wolff (cpt) -Robert Baerenwald -Creighton Schroyer -Scott Rudie -Brandan Alfson	Mark Zinnel
<b>8-13-2023</b> *Holy Communion	9:30 a.m.	Jerry Brockberg	Josie Danks	Jerry Brockberg	*Rollie Wolff (cpt) -Robert Baerenwald -Creighton Schroyer -Scott Rudie -Brandan Alfson	Jason Weber
<b>8-20-2023</b>	9:30 a.m.	Jerry Brockberg	---	---	*Rollie Wolff (cpt) -Robert Baerenwald -Creighton Schroyer -Scott Rudie -Brandan Alfson	Neil Johnson
<b>8-27-2023</b>	9:30 a.m.	Gen Velde	---	---	*Rollie Wolff (cpt) -Robert Baerenwald -Creighton Schroyer -Scott Rudie -Brandan Alfson	Mike Straw

## August Anniversaries



8-1	~Lance & Tammy Oye ~Mike & Jennifer Thode	8-13	~Harold & Sarah Meyer ~Dan & Nicole Buffington ~Alex & Jessica Abrahamson
8-5	~Chuck & Dorie Sendelbach	8-22	~Terry & Theresa Swenson ~Brad & Erica Hazelton
8-10	~Scott & Gail Barduson	8-23	~Al & Linda Hollingsworth ~Jim & Bridget Benz
8-11	~Dale & Jenny Mathews ~Dan & Mari Wagner	8-24	~Dave & Ellen Dulas ~Dave & Jill Boucher
8-12	~Bob & Tami Taubert	8-26	~Jerry & Gaile Brockberg
		8-28	~Dan & Kristen Lee ~Mark & Darla Christensen

*Wishing you a day of special moments for thankful remembering of all that has made your adventure of love a blessing and a joy.*



## August Birthdays

<b>8-1</b>	Tish Abrahamson    Sheila Horton	<b>8-18</b>	Kaitlyn Maschino    Kennedy Maschino
<b>8-2</b>	Marj Christensen    Drake Hamner Jenn Weber	<b>8-19</b>	Kayla Houselog    Keaton Kirlin
<b>8-3</b>	Taylyn Burtzel    Pat Clark	<b>8-20</b>	Rita Hazelton
<b>8-4</b>	Shannen Muller	<b>8-21</b>	Patti Peterson    Amy Willey Brianna Woodbury
<b>8-5</b>	Kynlee Ilse    Zavion Johnson Dawson Kellen	<b>8-22</b>	Titan Burnett    Claressa Kent Mason Kent    McKenna Musch
<b>8-6</b>	Ellie Mastbergen    Ryan Woodbury	<b>8-23</b>	Jerry Brockberg    Brandon Prouty
<b>8-7</b>	Bradley Willey    Rachel Wolff	<b>8-24</b>	Joan DeWitte    Boyer Heidebrink Craig Thies    Hailey Thode
<b>8-8</b>	Rysley Borman    Mildred Carstensen Jason Weber	<b>8-25</b>	Duane Mabon    Ashley Petersen Bob Taubert
<b>8-11</b>	Rollie Wolff	<b>8-26</b>	Jim Hartke    LaDonna Myers
<b>8-12</b>	Randi Delaney	<b>8-27</b>	Oakley Burtzel    Jeff Griebel Kale Mastbergen
<b>8-13</b>	Mason Gunnink	<b>8-28</b>	Renee (Hubner) Baumann
<b>8-14</b>	Jaime Danks    Matthew Dulas Andrew Larson    Arvid Maschino Thad Reinert    Tanya Schroyer	<b>8-29</b>	Haven Bush
<b>8-15</b>	Silas McCorquodale    Dorie Sendelbach	<b>8-30</b>	Ron Ahlers    Jim Delaney Cason Harms    Chris Hollingsworth Emma Velde
<b>8-16</b>	Morgan Maschino	<b>8-31</b>	Molly Dengler
<b>8-17</b>	Oliver Sterud		

May God give you the strength and wisdom to smoothly overcome all the challenges life brings you.

Stay blessed and enjoy your day!!

# August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 ~7:00pm - Church committee mtgs	3	4	5
6 ~9:30am Worship *Holy Communion (live-streamed)	7	8	9 ~11:30am – 5pm Women’s Day Out @Painted Prairie Winery in Currie.  ~7:30pm - Church Council	10 ~9:30am– Quilting	11	12
13 ~9:30am Worship *Holy Communion	14	15 ~4:00pm– Worship Committee mtg	16	17	18	19
20 ~9:30am Worship (live-streamed)	21	22	23 ~8:15am– Pastor’s prayer meeting	24 ~9:30am– Quilting	25	26
27 ~9:30am Worship- (live-streamed)	28	29	30	31 ~First Lutheran help at the Food Shelf  ~9:30am– Quilting		

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- 9:30am Sundays at Church & live-streamed on Facebook
- Radio Worship Broadcast: 10:30am Sundays on KLOH 1050AM
- TV Public Access: Wednesdays @12pm & 5pm on Channel 3

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