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First Lutheran Focus

January 2022

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January 2	Team 3	TBD	Eli Mix
January 9	Team 4	TBD	Hayden Moore
January 16	Team 5	TBD	Logan Mayberry
January 23	Team 1	TBD	Hayden Moore
January 30	Team 2	TBD	Hayden Moore

PASTOR'S PAGE

Do you remember hearing, "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, our Lord and Redeemer?" On occasion I still will hear a similar beginning or conclusion of a sermon. When I hear this, it often brings to mind the very first words of the gospel of John, "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God and the Word was God."

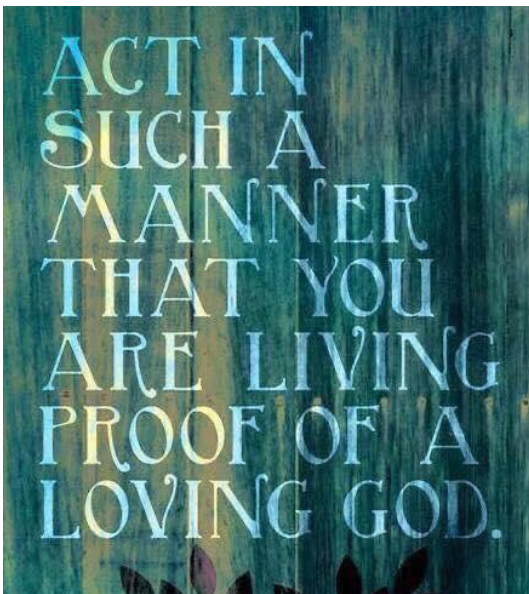
Words matter. What we say and how we say it matters. I grew up in a home that was reserved and careful of what was said. There were things that we were not allowed to say, and the same thing carried through as I raised my family. For the most part that has served me/us well. I wish we would have been a bit more outspoken about our love and care of each other but that was not a Scandinavian trait which I trust many of you can relate to.

This is on my mind these days because of all the words we hear/read throughout our day and start believing to be the way everyone thinks or speaks. And, in turn can be what we start saying. Most of us have plenty of stories of hearing young children saying things that we wish they wouldn't have said but we also know that they didn't just come up with it on their own.

Here's a challenge. Let's challenge each other to a 'words matter, choose kindness' lifestyle. For many this will be easy in most areas of your life which is great. But I wonder what it would be like if at the end of each day you think over the day and reflect about how the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to God. We can add our actions to the reflection. Do the words I choose speak my understanding the in the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God and the Word was God.

Words Matter – Choose Kindness

Let's try it. Let's be intentional about what we say and how we treat everyone we meet throughout the day. At the end of the day think back over the day and write down what went well as well as what was challenging. If you screw up, apologize and sort out what you need to do different to avoid the same harsh actions. Let me know how it's going. Pastor Becky



PASTORAL ACTS - 2021

Funeral:

Jerry Grundel	12/01/21
Edna Turvold	12/10/21
Della Turvold Newlin	12/17/21

YOUTH NEWS

2022 is upon us! I know we're all praying for a year where things get back to normal!

On the last day of school for the year we had our Senior High Lock-In. Around 40 students gathered at the church for a night of food, fellowship, and staying up late.... really, really LATE... as in some didn't go to sleep at all. This Youth Director is getting too old!!! One of my favorite things about doing an overnight event is the opportunity for conversations to happen that wouldn't during a normal night of Youth with teens who don't always show up. We'll also have a Lock-In for the Junior High and 6th Graders on New Years Eve.

I was able to catch up with quite a few of our "20 Somethings" the day after Christmas. Earlier this Fall many of us crossed paths at a wedding and picked December 26th as the day we'd meet back up. The night was spent just hanging out, sharing stories, and many laughs. It was also a chance to make plans for this coming Summer as many of them will be chaperoning the Wisconsin Lifest. The night ended with about 6 of them finishing a jigsaw puzzle in about 5 hours!

January is always one of the slowest months for Youth. With the excitement of the Christmas season past us, and what seems like 100 more months of Winter ahead, it gets to be a long month. This month we're aiming many of the lessons towards being much more upbeat and being content with all that God has blessed us with. Much of the up-beatness is aimed at the events for this Summer.

The first few Youths in January we will spend time preparing for DayCamp 2022. While it seems so far away, it always sneaks up on us, so we start planning early. We will announce the official dates in June for this very soon.

For the festivals for this summer we now have 70 adults and kids signed up to go. For Lifest Wisconsin we have 60 people which is the largest amount we've ever taken to a festival. We're going on a special trip to Lifest Tennessee later in July with some of the students who will have just graduated. It will be a unique way to spend some final times together before they all head down their next paths, and I'm excited to participate in this festival with them.





Poinsettias



*In Memory of Hellen Holstad,
given by First Lutheran Altar Guild*

*In Memory of Gary Bachtle,
given by Molly Bachtle & Family*

*In Memory of Norance & Nancy Reyerson,
given by Mary Reyerson*

*In Memory of Ronald Severson,
given by Troy & Dawn Bachtle*

*In Memory of Darroll Julson,
given by Matt Julson*

*In Memory of Gerry Thein,
given by Jan & Duane Thompson*

*In Memory of Merle, Steve & Sharon Aase,
given by Sally Aase*

*In Memory of family & friends,
given by David & Sharron Petznick*

*In Memory of Judy Olthoff, In Honor of Ina Lester
given by Dennis Lester*

*In Memory of Gaberial Wheeler,
given by Kris & Jayne Wheeler*

*In Memory of Mary Chinnock,
given by Brad, Shana, Piper and Callan Brunsvold*

*In Memory of Ed & Nina Hrubetz,
given by Dennis Johnson*

*In Memory of Elizabeth Rupert and Caroline Plagge,
given by Ray & Janelle Johnson*

*In Memory of Ed & Helen Senne,
given by Mary Jo Senne*

*In Memory of Our loved ones,
given by Jerry & Bonnie Bakken*

*In Memory of Elaine Hill & Kevin Klitzke,
In Honor of Florence Klitzke,
given by Larry Klitzke*

First Lutheran Mission

January 1 – November 30, 2021

Bremwood	\$
Operation Christmas Child	\$ 225.35
Youth Fund (Bibles & Catechisms)	\$ 990.00
Caring Tree	\$ 450.37
Meals on Wheels	\$ 375.43
Manna	\$ 1,608.94
Heifer International	\$ 36.00
Riverside Bible Camp	\$ 25.00
Campers Fund	\$ 50.00
Good Samaritan Fund	\$ 1,803.94
Lutheran Services	\$ 72.14
Dayspring Children's Village	\$ 575.00
Northern Lights Shelter	\$ 459.92
LRH Auxiliary	\$ 20.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,692.09

Donations

\$320	- Manna - FLW
\$275	- Youth Fund
\$320	- Good Samaritan Fund - FLW
\$36	- Heifer International
\$350	- Caring Tree
\$125	- Operation Christmas Child

Memorials

Jerry Grundel	\$115	- General Fund
	\$25	- Organ Fund
	\$20	- Education Fund
Quilt Raffle	\$150	- Quilt Raffle
Andy Anderson	\$50	- General Fund
Oletta		
Gilman & Marion		
Steve & Merle Aase		
Donald Hogen		

First Lutheran Financial Update

November 2021

Income	\$22,244.10
Electronic Income	\$3,145.33
Expense	(\$20,797.06)
End of Month	(\$4,592.37)
<u>YTD as of November 30</u>	
Income	\$160,106.52
Electronic Income	\$33,632.03
Expense	(\$201,165.58)
End of Month	(\$7,427.03)

November General Budget Expenses

PAYROLL:	\$ 14,090.23
E-GIVING EXPENSE	\$ 44.05
CHURCH MAINTENANCE	\$ 381.98
PASTORS EDUC. EXPENSE	\$ 105.85
UTILITIES	\$ 1,663.13
TELEPHONE	\$ 213.99
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$ 1,478.08
INSURANCE	\$ 2,678.25
WORSHIP	\$ 141.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 20,797.06
INCOME	\$ 25,389.43
NET	\$ 4,592.37

January Share Shoppe

Circle will be working January 1st

Mission Project for January

Riverside Bible Camp and Campership

Staff Phone Numbers

Pastor Sogge	612-718-9151
Mark Willand	641-390-1032
Troy Bachtle	641-430-8305
Jan Thompson	641-390-0883
Christa Larson-Trenhaile	641-390-0484

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend our sympathy and prayer to Sue Grundel on the passing of Jerry. Jerry Grundel passed away November 26th and his funeral was held here on December 1st, 2021.

Our condolences to the family of Betty Peterson who passed away on November 7th at the Lake Mills Care Center.

We extend our sympathy and prayer to Sue Grundel and family on the passing of Jerry. Jerry Grundel passed away November 26th and his funeral was held here on December 1st, 2021.

We extend our sympathy and prayer to the family of Edna Turvold and Della (Turvold) Newlin. They passed away within days of each other and are both buried in the South Shell Rock Cemetery.

Our condolences to the family of Zorka Stricker who passed away on December 20th at the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood.

Dear Pastor Becky and First Lutheran Church, Thank you very much for baptizing Valerie and for the beautiful gifts. It was a great service that we will never forget. Hope to be back soon. *-The Johnson family*

Thank you for the fun and useful gifts I have received over the last few weeks. For the beautiful quilt from the quilting group is a wonderful way to be wrapped in kindness and care. For the gifts of goodies and money are always useful. Socks!!! You have been listening! *-Pastor Becky*

Thank you to the Quilting ladies for the beautiful quilt I received. It is so cozy and I love the colors used to make it! I would also like to thank the FLW for their card and Christmas gift. Your generosity was heart warming and I loved the Christmas card with the beautiful picture of the sanctuary. *-Christa Larson-Trenhaile*

First Lutheran, thank you for your generous gift of money to Manna of Worth County. It is greatly appreciated.

Dear First Lutheran, thank you to everyone involved in the wonderful Choir Candlelight concert. It was such a refreshing musical gift of the Advent message. The songs were serious in their complicated rhythms, but so lighthearted. I was tapping my toes! Keep up the good work. I'm sure Lowell was there in spirit as well as in all the voices he once taught and led. *-Sincerely, Chris Forland Moore*

The Quilters of First Lutheran packed up and donated 38 quilts to those who were devastated by the Kentucky tornados.



CARE GROUPS

Who, What, When Where and Why? The **who** is everyone who makes the spiritual home at First Lutheran. Everyone will be placed in one of eleven groups. **What:** each Care Group will be assigned a month where they will be covering the many tasks of ministry that are needed. The groups will provide the readers for Sunday morning worship, ushers, altar guild/care (don't panic, we will teach you), greeters, serve at funerals as needed and available. Your **when** will be some time the next eleven months, watch for letters/emails or phone calls when your group is coming up. **Where?** Usually at church but your group will include some of our members who are no longer able to get out so you will have an opportunity to reach out and include them in you Care Group. **Why?** This is a way to involve all members in the life and ministry of the church. We need to move away from a small group of people doing things like setting up for communion or serving at funerals. This invites you to be on duty for a month and teaches everyone the tasks of our work together. If you have questions, please talk to Pastor Becky who will connect with each group as it gets organized for their month.

The Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 23rd at 10:10 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please turn your reports into the office if you have not turned them in yet.

Adult Bible Study

Mark your calendars and come on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 for a Bible study on the Bible basics. This begins on January 11. We will talk about different approaches to reading and studying the Bible and dig into the Gospel of John.

Covid. We realize that most people are so 'over' covid but covid is not done with its presence in the world. At this point we need to figure out how best to move forward safely. The most basic step everyone can take is to be vaccinated. Wearing a mask adds to your level of protection as well as staying home when you are sick or know you have been exposed



Come and See! Come and Hear! Come and Experience INSPIRE!

First Lutheran Church is offering a new, uplifting **additional style of worship**. Worship dates are set for **Wednesday, January 26th, February 9th and 23rd**, with additional dates to be announced soon.

INSPIRE will be held in the **sanctuary from 6:00-6:45 pm**. All ages are welcome and will be engaged through music, video, the message theme, and reflection. Coffee, water and snacks can be picked up in the narthex. T-shirts (with logo) will be available sometime in the future!

INSPIRE is meant to **uplift** your spirit, bring a message related to **present day life**, and engage people in **music** enhanced by guitar, keyboard, and at times hand instruments for those present.

COME and SEE!!!!

COME and HEAR!!!!

COME and EXPERIENCE INSPIRE!!!!

The committee:

Alyssa Iverson: (Committee chairman) T-shirts, Video, Etc.

Lauren Welty and Loraine Mix: Music & Instruments

Pastor Becky: Message, Video ideas, Guidance

Sasha Holstad - Logo design, Video

Sue Waller: Keyboard

Mark Willand: Youth connection, Video, Message


Marcia and Jim Price: Consulting- valuable knowledge to share from past experiences

Janelle Johnson: Miscellaneous



- 1) Isaac Adams, Gretchen Hengesteg, Eric Roerish, Grady Walk
- 2) Ethan Binnebose, Tristan Hanson, Shelby Mattern, Sawyer Ogea, Diane Ubben
- 3) Michael Read
- 4) Chase Boyden
- 5) Michelle Schulz
- 6) Bryck Abrams, Kristen Eilertson
- 7) Stephanie Harmon
- 8)
- 9) Sandra Sime
- 10)
- 11) Amy Hennigar, Justin Nerlien
- 12) Roger Odegaard, Joann Ogea, Zoey Andreasen
- 13) Jayson Olson
- 14)
- 15) Connie Fett, Eldora Stehn
- 16) Brian Costello, Dayna Strauss, Landen Nelson, Michelle Petznick, Nolan Senne, Blake Stevens
- 17) Zachary Costello
- 18) Breckan Willier
- 19) Bonnie Roppe, Jason Solberg
- 20) Collin Houg
- 21) Shana Brunsvold, Carl Dralla, Olivia Urbatsch
- 22) Charles Hengesteg, Travis Johnson
- 23) Josh Mattern
- 24) Chad Nelson, Loghan Nelson, Judy Stevens
- 25) Hallie Hanson, Jason Hanson, Dianne Johnson, Emersyn Wahl, Nate Wilder
- 26) Josie Einertson, Sonya Medlang, Michele Schaefer, Matthew Tufte
- 27) Megan Gentz
- 28) Barnes Toresdahl
- 29) John Midtgaard, Galen Pixley, Karen Pixley, Thomas Watts
- 30) Sally Aase
- 31) Douglas Fallgatter, Tanya Olson, Ward Willand

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 <u>Christmas 2</u> 9:00am- Service with H.C. 6:30pm- JH. Youth	3 7pm: Property Mtng.	4 11:00am: Staff Mtng. 6:00pm: Worship & Music Mtng. 7:00pm: AA-Al-Anon	5 4:30pm: 7 th & 8 th Confirmation 7:00pm: Choir 7:00pm: SH. Youth	6 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	7	8 
9 <u>Baptism of our Lord</u> 9:00am- Service with N.O. 10:00am- Council Meeting 10:10am- Sunday School 6:30pm- JH. Youth	10	11 11:00am: Staff Mtng. 6:00pm: Bible Study 7:00pm: AA-Al-Anon	12 4:30pm: 7 th & 8 th Confirmation 7:00pm: Choir 7:00pm: SH. Youth	13 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo 7:00pm: Pub Theology Pastor's Conference	14	15
16 <u>Epiphany 2</u> 9:00am- Service with H.C. 10:10am- Sunday School 3:00pm- LRH Worship 6:30pm- JH. Youth	17  M L King Day	18 11:00am: Staff Mtng. 6:00pm: Bible Study 7:00pm: AA-Al-Anon	19 2:00pm: Sr. Comm. 4:30pm: 7 th & 8 th Confirmation 7:00pm: Choir 7:00pm: SH. Youth	20 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	21	22 
23 <u>Epiphany 3</u> 9:00am- Service with N.O. 10:10am- Annual Meeting 10:10am- Sunday School 6:30pm- JH. Youth	24	25 11:00am: Staff Mtng. 6:00pm: Bible Study 7:00pm: AA-Al-Anon	26 4:30pm: 7 th & 8 th Confirmation 6:00pm: Inspire 7:00pm: Choir 7:00pm: SH. Youth	27 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo 7:00pm: Pub Theology	28	29
30 <u>Epiphany 4</u> 9:00am- Service with N.O. 10:10am- Sunday School 6:30pm- JH. Youth	31					