

**First Lutheran Church**  
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**First Lutheran Focus**

**October 2022**

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**Join us on Wednesday's at  
7:00 pm for fellowship, fun,  
and music!**

**Come as you are!**

# PASTOR'S PAGE

Fall is in the air. The temperature is cooling, the days are getting shorter, and the leaves are displaying the beauty of change. And harvesting has begun! Change is all around us.

In a sermon a few weeks ago I told you about a card I received a while back that says, "The world is a better place because of those who refuse to believe they can't fly." My parents were the first to instill that deep desire to dream and then put in place the courage and the drive to keep on going. I am deeply grateful that they believed that a cornerstone of life is faith expressed and nurtured in worship as well as how they lived each day.

I believe there are times when it is easy to dream and there are plenty of times when it would be nice to hang on to the way we have always done something. The change of seasons reminds us that change is ongoing. Change can be predictable, and change can be beautiful. I think it's funny and beautiful to see trees that have changed to beautiful orange and red colors on one side while the other side is still green.

One of the gifts that we live with in this part of the world is the freedom to express our faith openly and to gather for worship. We have the freedom to read and study scripture, to engage in conversation and to express our own opinions. I invite and/or challenge you to do something different this fall. Change up your routine a bit and dig deeper into scripture.

A couple of ways you can be picking up a copy of *Christ in Our Home*. You are invited to join the conversation at Pub Theology on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays each month. Do you have a topic you would like to study or book you have read that we could gather a group around?

Another way you can be involved in worship is as an assisting minister or lead the children's sermon. Yes, I love worship and I love children, but my call is to nurture and call forth your gifts and talents. The assisting minister leads the Kyrie, Hymn of Praise, Prayers of the Day, the Creed, and the Prayers of Intercession. But, you say, 'I shan't chant'. Let's talk anyway. You can have lessons/themes to plan a children's sermon. It would help my planning to have a few people who would rotate and expand the voices of faith that our children hear.

Dare to dream big. Celebrate the changes that are taking place. And come, let dream out loud and celebrate out loud in worship.

-Pastor Becky Sogge



## PASTORAL ACTS - 2022

### **Wedding:**

9/24/2022

Kelsey & Ethan Choronzky

### **Baptisms:**

9/18/2022

Reid Patrick Stevens

### **Funerals:**

9/19/2022

Carolyn Kalvig

9/30/2022

Dan Johnson

# YOUTH NEWS



With Inspire up and running on Wednesday evenings, we have had to move Senior High Youth back later in the night as well. Our official start time is now 7:50pm and we will be done at 9:15pm. Junior High Youth will continue at its normal time of 6:30pm to 8:00pm on Sunday nights.

This past month just seemed to fly by, but we had some great lessons in Youth. A few of the highlights were the Strong Person Competition which focuses on our weaknesses and how we need to ask for help from family, friends and God to get through the hard times (Matthew 26:41). Another great night was a lesson about Freedom which had us in painting faces in blacklight and realizing how we can do such great stuff for God with one hand, and bring such shame with the other – and how can young people contemplate that (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 3:17). We ended the month learning about how sin can easily slide into our lives and before we know it, takes control, and how do we get away from that (James 1: 13 – 18).

Our annual Halloween trip to ValleyScare won't be happening this year as they are doing a different thing for much younger kids, so we'll be going to Adventureland instead. Our trip is scheduled for October 8 and is only open to the 14 students who have attended Youth the most since the beginning of the summer.

On Halloween Night I'm planning on having a combined Junior/Senior High Youth night of fun and games, depending on if students are interested or not. Last year we had an absolute blast, and I'm hopefully this happens again this year. It's always a fun time to put both groups together and just enjoy how blessed we are.



## QR Code for Vanco Online Giving

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Open the camera app on your cell phone or tablet. Point the camera at the QR code. Tap the banner that appears on your phone or tablet. Follow the instructions on the screen to create an account to manage your online offerings.



We are still trying to gather pictures for the photo directory. You may submit a picture of your own for the directory or have us take your picture at the church in front of our backdrop. We will be scheduling a time in October to do photos at LRH, The Pines and Maple Court.

**First Lutheran Mission**

**January 1 – August 31, 2022**

Bremwood	\$ 155.36
Operation Christmas Child	\$
Education Fund	\$ 200.00
Youth Fund	\$ 665.00
Youth Campership	\$ 220.00
Caring Tree	\$
Meals on Wheels	\$
Manna	\$
Heifer International	\$ 188.96
Riverside Bible Camp	\$ 80.55
Campers Fund	\$
Good Samaritan Fund	\$ 125.00
Lutheran Services	\$ 1,000.00
Dayspring Children's Village	\$ 115.00
Northern Lights Shelter	\$ 245.00
LRH Auxiliary	\$ 220.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,184.87</b>

**First Lutheran Financial Update**

**August 2022**

Income	\$11,207.35
Electronic Income	\$3,829.57
Expense	(\$21,942.63)
End of Month	(\$6,905.71)

**YTD as of August 31**

Income	
Electronic Income	
Expense	
End of Month	

**August General Budget Expenses**

PAYROLL:	\$ 16,219.16
E-GIVING EXPENSE	\$ 68.36
CHURCH MAINTENANCE	\$ 270.00
PARSONAGE MAINTENANCE	\$ 173.35
UTILITIES	\$ 1,269.96
TELEPHONE	\$ 215.31
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$ 526.74
INSURANCE	\$ 3,199.75

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ (21,942.63)
INCOME	\$ 15,036.92
NET	\$ (6,905.71)

**Donations**

**\$155.36**

**Bremwood**

**Memorials**

<b>Caroline Kalvig</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>General Fund</b>
<b>Jan Wilder</b>	<b>\$140</b>	<b>General Fund</b>

**October Share Shoppe**

**LEAH Circle will be working October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Mission Project for October**

**The Caring Tree and Operation Christmas Child**

**Staff Phone Numbers**

Pastor Sogge	612-718-9151
Mark Willand	641-390-1032
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# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Sunday School children** will be singing next week, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a council meeting after worship.

**The funeral** for Melissa Hauge Olson will be on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at Schroeder and Sites Funeral Home. Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family and friends of Melissa.

**We extend our sympathy** and prayers to the family of Dan Johnson who passed away on September 26<sup>th</sup>. His funeral was held on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at Schroeder and Sites.

**We extend our sympathy** and prayers to the family and friends of Jan Wilder who died on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Her funeral was here at FLC on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. She will be remembered for her active role in the church and kind heart.

**The Altar flowers** were donated by Betty & Dewey Kruger and arranged by Mary Reyerson.

**Thank you** to everyone who helped with our Welcome Day and thank you to the Inspire group for their special music. A special thank you to Judy Stevens for preparing all of the food and to Josh and Tiffany Trenhaile for the use of their bounce house.

**Congratulations to** Aaron and Sarah Stevens on the baptism of their son, Reid Patrick Stevens. His sponsors are Neil Meincke, Ryan Meincke, Elizabeth Kennebeck and Morgan Hamlin.

**Thank you to Kim Katuta** for sharing her time with us during and after worship speaking about Dayspring School.

**The Trust Fund** grant application forms are available in the Church Office. Grants are recommended for new ministries, separate and apart from the day-to-day operation of the Church. Please submit your application to the appropriate committee of the church for review and approval. The deadline for committees to submit approved applications to the church office is noon on December 7, 2022. Please contact any Trust Fund member with questions.



**On October 30<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Reformation Sunday and the Affirmation of Baptism with the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade students.**



**Shoe boxes are available in the Narthex. Please bring your assembled box back to the church no later than November 6<sup>th</sup>.**



# October

- 1 Randy Buehrer, Ila Jensen, Lois Meyer
- 2 Daryl Hennigar, Lisa Irons, Tyler Mills
- 3 Lane Ballandby, Phyllis Mortenson, Larry Perkins, Rachel Ritzert, Dale Sime
- 4 Janet Reeder, Ryan Wahl
- 5 Dustin Hodson, Russell Olson, Jill Willand
- 6 Harley Severson, Sandra Thoen
- 7 James Medlang
- 8 Katie Baker, Trey Gonzales, Maggie Rye
- 9 Keith Braun, Linda Loken, Paige McClure, Daniel Reeder, Dennis Reeder
- 10 Lisa Christianson, Sharron Petznick, Judy Wangen
- 11 Gloria Fallgatter, Douglas Krull, Tayah Lande, Danneka Love
- 12 Mitchell Athey, Kimberly Helgeson, Vivian Peterson, Mark Severson
- 13 Gavin Hankins, Kelvin Hendrikson, Tony Katcher
- 14 Anthony Hauge, Ben Johnson, Reese Nielsen, Jessica Paulsen, Ashton Kroneman
- 15 Deanna Gentz, Michael Kuhlmann, Bryan Odegaard
- 16 Becky Logemann, Ronnie Stricker
- 17 Kenneth Schmidt
- 18 Harold Van Sabben
- 19 Lynn Schaub
- 20 Chris Thofson
- 21 Sydney Harris, Suzanne Senne
- 22 Arly Hillman
- 23 Axel Flattum, Sandra Madden, Marcia Price
- 24 Mark Midtgaard, Lawson Perkins,
- 25 Becky Haberman
- 26 Marcia Kraft, Kaelix Iverson, Journey Thompson, Emmalee Van Sabben, Lisa Wangsness
- 27 Allix Braun, Jacob Katcher
- 28 Dwayne Wright
- 29 Sue Anderson, Kali Butler
- 30 Candace Low
- 31 Baylor Abrams, Patricia Brekken, Damon Reyerson, Raegen Reyerson, Dennis Schutz, Alex Shoger, Ella Stevens, Daniel Turner, Weston Willand

# October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b>
<b>2 Pentecost 17</b> 9:00am- Service with H.C. 10:10am- Sunday School 6:30pm- JH. Youth	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 11:00am: Staff Mtng. 6:00pm: Worship Committee 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	<b>5</b> 5:00pm: Confirmation 5:30pm: Choir 7:00pm: Inspire 7:50pm: SH Youth	<b>6</b> 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Pastor is doing a Funeral at Schroeder & Sites
<b>9 Pentecost 18</b> 9:00am- Service with N.O. Sunday School Sings 10:10am- Council Meeting 6:30pm- JH. Youth	<b>10</b>  Columbus Day	<b>11</b> 11:00am: Staff Mtng. 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	<b>12</b> 5:00pm: Confirmation 5:30pm: Choir 7:00pm: Inspire 7:50pm: SH Youth	<b>13</b> 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo 7:00pm: Pub Theology	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Pastor is doing a Wedding - Not at FLC
<b>16 Pentecost 19</b> 9:00am- Service with H.C. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade receives Bibles 10:10am- Sunday School 10:10am- Care Group Mtng. 3:00pm- LRH Service 6:30pm- JH. Youth	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	<b>19</b> 2:00pm: Chapel Worship at M. Court 5:00pm: Confirmation 5:30pm: Choir 7:00pm: Inspire 7:50pm: SH Youth	<b>20</b> 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
	Pastor Gone at Theological Conference					
<b>23 Pentecost 20</b> 9:00am- Service with N.O. 10:10am- Sunday School 6:30pm- JH. Youth	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 11:00am: Staff Mtng. 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	<b>26</b> 5:00pm: Confirmation 5:30pm: Choir 7:00pm: Inspire 7:50pm: SH Youth	<b>27</b> 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo 7:00pm: Pub Theology	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30 Pentecost 21</b> 9:00am- Service with N.O. Affirmation of Baptism 10:10am- Sunday School 6:30pm- JH. Youth	<b>31</b>  Halloween					

