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FIRST LUTHERAN FOCUS

February 2018

Worship Schedule for February

February 4 – Holy Communion with communion at the rail
February 11 – Service of the Word – Transfiguration Sunday – Children sing
Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday – worship at 7:00 p.m.
February 18 – First Sunday in Lent – Holy Communion with communion via intinction, Holy Baptism
and Welcome to New Members
Wednesday, February 21 – Lenten Worship with Holden Evening Prayer – 7:00 p.m.
February 25 – Second Sunday in Lent - Service of the Word

Wednesdays during Lent

The season of Lent begins early (February 14) this year, and that means we're making plans for Wednesday evenings. On five Wednesdays, we gather for a simple supper together before the Lenten worship service at 7:00 p.m.

We are looking for individuals, families, groups, and committees to cook and serve a meal for about 40 people at 6:00 p.m. on the following Wednesdays:

February 21
February 28
March 7
March 14
March 21



Our worship service on Wednesday nights will be Holden Evening Prayer – a service written by Marty Haugen for the worshipping community at Holden Village in the state of Washington. Each week a lector (to read the lesson), an actor or actress (to read the script of a monologue), and a cantor (to sing the liturgy pieces) are needed for worship. Please let Pastor Judy know if you'd like to volunteer.

YOUTH NEWS

3.

Sr. High Youth – Wednesday 7:00—8:30

Jr. High Youth – Sunday 6:30-8:00

“Deeper” Group – Monday 5:00-??

With the Lenten season fast approaching, we'll be switching gears a bit for Youth as we go into a 5 week competition called Vets Vs Noobs (The kids who have come to Youth the most vs those who are newer). For the past 6 years we've participated in the Wednesday evening church services and then have gone downstairs for the competition. A highlight for many of our teens is the trivia game where they have to remember what happened upstairs. It's great to see them get so involved and actively inviting others to join us.



On New Years Eve we held our Jr. High + 6th Grade Lock-In at First Lutheran. We had an evening full of games, lessons, food and fun. The current sixth grade class is a great group of kids who are excited about joining Youth when summer begins. Normally we let them come check Jr. High Youth out once in April as a preview night, but this year we decided to switch things up and allow them to join Jr. High Youth for 6 weeks during Vets Vs. Noobs. So each Sunday from February 18 – March 25 the 6th Graders are invited to be here with us from 6:30 to 8:00 on Sunday nights.



We had many great lessons during the month of January. One highlight included “5 Words” where each student wrote down 5 things that they really liked about themselves. Then one at a time, each student left the room and we came up with 5 words that we really liked about them. Afterwards we compared the lists, and focused on what God's 5 words for each of us would be. The challenge becomes trying to get the 3 different lists to be fairly similar. The focus verse of the night was Romans 12:2 “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's?”

PURPLE DAY IS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

Sunday school will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

Singing, crafts for Lent and PURPLE food

Family members are welcome to join in on the fun.

A Record Quarter for Kids' Benevolence!



Back in early October, the FLC Sunday School kids chose their 2017-18 benevolence partner. After a very close vote between several fine candidates, the American Diabetes Association was selected. Little did we know at the time that our first quarter (October-December) would be our BEST QUARTER EVER, allowing us to send a check for \$845.58 to the ADA! These funds are a combination of the weekly offerings from our Sunday School kids and the profits from the fair trade product sales run by our sixth graders. We greatly appreciate the kids (and their supportive parents) who faithfully bring an offering to Sunday School each week, and we are sincerely thankful for those who have purchased fine coffee, tea, chocolate, and olive oil from our fair trade table. Keep up the great work, everybody, and there's no telling what we'll be able to contribute to the fight against diabetes this year!

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH FEBRUARY MISSIONS

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

Distributed through the Worth County Sheriff's Office.

Mission money is collected each month from FLW Circles and from our Noisy Offering during worship

Donations may also be dropped off in the slot below the mission bulletin board or the church office.



**First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2017**

4.

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Attended: Pr. Judy Converse, Judy Stevens, Doug Fallgatter, Russ Knudson, Jake Urbatsch, Sharyl Nestor, Lisa Hagen, Rich Selvig, Nancy Amundson, Lynn Tenold, Jan Thompson, Julia Quisley, Josie Einertson, Shana Brunsvold, Heather Rheingans, Mitch Hanson.

WE CELEBRATE OUR PAST

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the following reports:

- * Public input: None at this time
- * Secretary: No corrections needed.
- * Treasurer: Jan Thompson distributed information about the "proposed spending plan" and the expenses for the year to date. Discussion was held on whether we should consider the total insurance bill to be paid quarterly. Suggestion was made to investigate competing bids with similar coverage. Motion by Sharyl N., 2nd by Doug F. to pay lump sum amount as billed.

Several categories of mission/action items have some \$ balances, it was decided to keep them to be used when needed at a later date. Motion by Lisa H., 2nd by Jake U. to accept consent agenda.

WE PRESENT OUR OFFERING

- ◆ Education committee: Plans for the Christmas program are well under way.
- ◆ Finance/Stewardship: Next meeting 12/14 7:00 pm. Pledge cards have been gathered. Mail appeal will commence. Report later on total amount pledged.
- ◆ Property: Phase two of the kitchen remodel will go forward with help of the WCDA grant funds received. Automatic door will soon be installed. Next meeting. TBA
- ◆ Worship: Plans are moving forward for Candlelight Service and Christmas services. Russ K. commented on the new banners on display. The committee likes the new app being introduced for contributions. No meeting in December. The organ committee will be meeting with David Grandel and the Wicks rep. They are gathering information on repair and other options.
- ◆ Fellowship and Social Ministry: Plans are underway for the Christmas dinner.
- ◆ A schedule will be provided to the council of the intended Mission/Action projects for the upcoming year.
- ◆ Youth Representative: The outgoing and incoming representatives were both present. Josie recently presented a lesson to the church youth group about "Doing something because it is right". It was a good experience for leadership and discipleship with the youth. She will report in January about some possible youth involvement within our church. Julia reported that a group are already making plans for 2018 Day Camp.

CONCERNS FOR THE PRESENT

A Thank You was received from Mary Irons for the scholarship toward her university studies.

After some discussion, the decision to discontinue offering the cafeteria plan was passed. Motion by Doug F., 2nd by Russ K.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

We adjourn to serve

Communion schedule:

December 24-Christmas Eve(4:30) intinction-Judy Stevens, Rich Selvig

December 25-Christmas Day (10:30 am) intinction-Doug Fallgatter, Sharyl Nestor

January 7, 2018-at the rail-Lisa Hagen, Jake Urbatsch

The Lord's Prayer

Next Council meeting: January 14, 2018

"That all may know the love of God in Jesus Christ"

The following council members will be liaisons to Council for these groups:

Education: Jake Urbatsch Fellowship: Judy Stevens

Finance/Stewardship: Sharyl Nestor and Rick Selvig Property: Doug Fallgatter and Mitch Hanson

Worship and Organ Committee: Lisa Hagen Social Ministry: Shana Brunsvold and Heather Rheingans

Officers of the Congregation:

President: Judy Stevens Vice President: Heather Rheingans Treasurer: Lynn Tenold;

Assistant treasurer: TBD @ January meeting Secretary: Rich Selvig

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Join us on Tuesday, February 13th for a Midwestern Mardi Gras - otherwise known as Shrove Tuesday or Fat Tuesday. We'll gather at 5:30 p.m. for an All-You-Can-Eat pancake supper and then sing a few favorite songs of the season. Our ecumenical neighbors are invited to come, and our Fellowship Committee aided by the Monday night College kids will cook! A free-will offering will be received.



First Lutheran Church Organ Restoration Committee

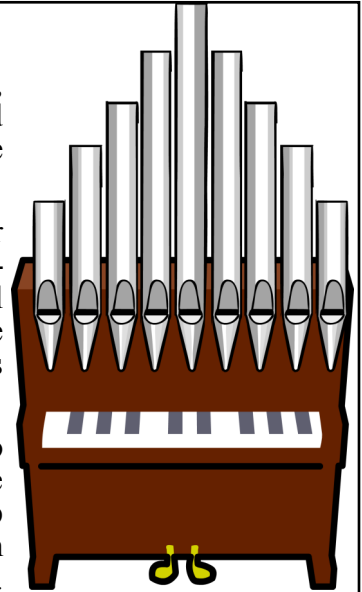
Fifty-one years ago First Lutheran Church installed a new Wicks pipe organ, purchased to replace a tracker organ that was already fifty years old when it had been moved from the old church (located where Northwood True Value Hardware stands today).

The Wicks organ was a significant upgrade in its time and has served our congregation exceptionally well during those years. However, as with any electro-mechanical device, age brings gradual deterioration both in function and musical performance. While the basic sound producing ability of this organ, its pipes, are solid, it is felt that a comprehensive restoration will address the functionality of this grand instrument.

This past summer, the Church Counsel authorized the formation of a committee to focus on this issue, examine alternatives, and bring a recommendation back to the Counsel. In September this committee held its first meeting with a membership consisting of Lowell Gangstad, Lisa Hagen, Larry Klitzke, Tim Knutson, Jan Mielke, and Loraine Mix. At this first meeting the committee members asked Mr. Knutson to be the coordinator/chairman of the committee.

In subsequent meetings, the committee has been educating itself on the current issues that will need to be addressed in a restoration. For this the committee has relied on input from Ms. Mix and occasional guest organist, Ryan Hulshizer and a report and proposal from Grandall and Engen, LLC, the firm primarily responsible for tuning the organ for the past 4 years. The committee, in November, met with Mr. Dewey Kruger to hear his company's approach to a restoration. In early January, the committee met with Mr. Grandall and Mr. Engen who reviewed and explained their proposal. On Jan. 23rd the committee met with the local representative and the President of the Wicks Organ Company and heard their proposal. Each company has a different overall approach to a restoration and different ideas on how it should/might be done. Now that those meetings are complete the committee plans to make several road trips to hear organs, similar to ours, that have been restored by the respective companies.

Respectively submitted,
Tim Knutson, Chairman



BELL CHOIR

The bell choir will be meeting for planning and rehearsal on Sunday, February 4th at 1:00 pm at the Methodist Church in Northwood. Planning will include Lent and Easter season rehearsal and "performance" scheduling.

If you haven't played with us yet, please come the meeting on February 4th or call the FLC office to let us know that are interested.

February Volunteers

Ushers

February 4th—Brian Costello, Dave Capitani, Richard Butler, Samantha Butler, Landon Perkins
 February 11th—Eric Foss, Austin Foss, Tom Stevens, Josh Stevens, Cade Hengesteg
 February 14th—Sawyer & Michelle Schulz, Mitch & Jess Hanson, James & Steph Eskildsen family
 February 18th & 21st—Jerry & Jan Hopperstad, Larry Foley, Doug Fallgatter
 February 25th & 28th—Dan Hendrikson, Bernie VanVeldhuizen, Mike & DeAnn Read



Greeters

February 4th—Andy & Amber Julseth
 February 11th—Harlan & Barb Helgeson
 February 18th—Scott & Deanna Halbach
 February 25th—Roger & Jane Odegaard and Marilyn Severson

Coffee Servers

February 4th—Patty Irons and Avis Lehman
 February 11th—Maynard & Madelyn Midtgaard and Dianne Johnson
 February 18th—Sharyl Lunde and Jan Wilder
 February 25th—Judy Stevens and Nancy Amundson

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



Acolytes

February 4th—Madison Berry and Jace Gentz
 February 11th—Kennedy Christianson and Jason Hanson
 February 14th—Nicholas Hanson and Carly Hengesteg
 February 18th—Ian Husske and Tyler Mills
 February 21st—Eli Mix
 February 25th—Madison Berry and Hayden Moore
 February 28th—Kennedy Christianson



Lay Readers

February 4th—Carolyn Reeder
 February 11th—Larry Klitzke
 February 18th—Sixth Grade Students
 February 25th—Patty Irons



Assisting Ministers

February 4th—Rich Selvig
 February 14th—Julia Quisley
 February 18th—Mary Irons



Altar Guild & Share Shoppe

Sarah Circle

Offering Collectors/Counters

February 4th—Russ & Delores Knudson
 February 11th—Mike Stevens and volunteer
 February 14th & 18th—Gloria Fallgatter and Nancy Amundson
 February 21st & 25th—Russ & Delores Knudson
 February 28th & March 4th—Mike Stevens and volunteer



FIRST LUTHERAN WOMEN

"Blessed are you among women" Luke 1:42

Julia	February 5th	2:00 pm	Fireside Room, Sharyl Nestor-hostess
Leah	February 8th	9:00 am	Maple Court, Sharyl Lunde-hostess
Lydia	February 7th	1:00 pm	Church, Nancy Amundson-hostess
Rebecca	February 7th	1:30 pm	Fireside Room, Wanda Hoffman-hostess
Sarah	No meeting		



February

- 1) Tyler Trenhaile
- 2) Courtney Jorgensen, Christine Hulsing
- 3) Mary Dodd, Emily Toresdahl
- 4) Lucus Hoffman, Ohin Shackleton, Darlene Toft, Ryan Tufte
- 5) JoAnn Julson
- 6) Elaine Butler, Anne Marie Kinnin, Amanda Maricle
- 7) Monte DeArmoun, Leland Swenson
- 8) Nancy Hengesteg, Zach Nelson, Kinley Thompson
- 9) Allyson Carlson, Mary Kalvig, Kenlyn Reindl, Mabel Welch
- 10) Clare Hengesteg, Caroline Hengesteg, Matthew Johnson, Jaden Lafferty
- 11) Lon Christianson, Debra Rustad, Roger Rustad
- 12) Nancy Amundson, Janice Hopperstad, John Janssen, Collin Jaspers, Delores Knudson, Sophie Rye
- 13) Wendy Davis, Deb Hanson
- 14) Abby LaRue
- 15) Callie Carlson, Kent Nitcher, Carol Paulson
- 16) David Capitani, Matt Thompson, Mark Willand
- 17) Kristoffer Kenison
- 18) Dexter Duvall, Larry Kenison, Avery LaRue
- 19) Jeri Severson
- 20) Alison Gores, Nicole Husske, Jordan Kenison, Dawson VanRyswyk, Betsy Wright
- 21) Wanda Hoffman, David Irons, Robert Reeder, Tyson Werner
- 22) Henry Houg, Helen Ringham
- 23) Diane Myli
- 24) Daniel Bestul, Nathan Buehrer, Haddie Hanson
- 25) Michael Davey, Dori Kostka, Casson Moretz, Zachary Roppe, Scott Severson
- 26) Mary Bloomingdale, Susan Gaskill, Zachary Katcher, James Kostka, Tracey Severson, Irene Stricker
- 27) Jody Christianson, Keith Julson, Connie Kenison, Annika Schreiber
- 28) Nicholas Shackleton, Ellen Van Sabben, Brian Waller, John Weitzel, Betty Goodrich
- 29) Shirley Ausenhus, John Berg



February 2018, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Happy Valentine's Day from LSI!

"We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

Lutheran Services in Iowa's (LSI) mission is about love: responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. We give thanks for all the ministry partners, both individuals and congregations, who help share this love for Iowa children, families, and adults!

We see this love in newly adopted children and their families, in teens who learn to trade self-harm for self-worth, in Iowans with disabilities who are growing their independence and confidence, in new parents who are raising strong and healthy families, and in so many other moments of joy. If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

Thank you for the love you share and create through LSI. Happy Valentine's Day!

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service.

LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations.

Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Healing through Harmony

Jaden doesn't have many memories of his father.

When Jaden was 5 years old, his father unexpectedly passed away. Now 14, Jaden has grown up without that loving connection. Through his grief, his connection to his mother became strained, and he struggled to manage his anger at home.

After being placed in LSI's Bremwood Residential Treatment Center in Waverly, Jaden connected with LSI's Spiritual Life program. The voluntary program connects youth with faith-based art, music, and film. It serves as a safe space for children to open up about their emotions and get the support they need to thrive.

"Jaden is one of the few kids who would actively set up lunch appointments with me," says Pastor Dennis Bauer, who leads the program. "He's really benefitted from being able to talk during the day."

Having access to a support network and a trusting relationship with Pastor Dennis has helped Jaden feel empowered to make a positive change during his time at Bremwood. Jaden is finding his faith through music, and he's learning how to talk about his trauma and become a role model for other Iowa youth.

Jaden has now been adopted into a loving family. As he finishes up his treatment at Bremwood, his family visits frequently and worships with him, and Jaden is enjoying being a new big brother.