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## FIRST LUTHERAN FOCUS

## MAY 2018

### Worship Services for May

- May 6 – Easter 6, Holy Communion
  - End-of-Year Sunday School Program
  - First Communion for 5<sup>th</sup> graders
- May 13 – Easter 7 – Baccalaureate / Mother's Day
  - Service of the Word
- May 20 – Pentecost, Holy Communion and Holy Baptism
- May 27 – ThanksLiving Sunday
  - Service of the Word and Holy Baptism



### NORWAY TRIP

Presentation by  
Lowell & Leila Gangstad  
and Sharyl Nestor  
on their 2017 trip to Norway.

Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 10:15 am  
Fellowship Hall

### DayCamp

June 4th-8th

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Open to all preschool thru 6th graders.



Forms are being sent home with  
Sunday School students on May  
6th, are available on the church  
website or you may pick one up in  
church office or by the youth room.

Campers will be sharing their week with us on  
Sunday, June 10th during the 9:00 AM service.



### Have you noticed?

Have you noticed that it's a little chilly in the front entryway? Yes, certainly our extended winter weather doesn't help – but we also have a problem with the pump that gets hot water to the heating unit in that area. It needs to be replaced. If you would like to assist in funding this project, please call the church office or speak to Troy Bachtle. The cost for a new efficient pump is \$755.80.

# From The Pastor's Desk....

Dear friends,

Our 50-day Easter season continues into the first half of May, and then we come to Pentecost – one of the rare RED days of the church's liturgical year.

Pentecost was a day of celebration for the Jewish people long before Jesus told his disciples to be ready for something special after he ascended to heaven. That's why so many people were gathered in Jerusalem on the day when the Holy Spirit blew in with a gusto and landed a little flame of fire on each of the disciples' heads – when they began to speak in languages that were understood by the city's visitors from all over the Roman Empire.

Wind and fire – often seen as hugely destructive forces – are the vehicles for movement and change through the work of the Holy Spirit. A prayer written by (once again!) my favorite theologian, Walter Brueggemann has reminded me of the possibilities for movement and change in our lives too.

With gratitude for the Third Person,  
Pastor Judy

## ***To Make Things New That Never Were – by Walter Brueggemann***

*We name you wind, power, force, and then imaginatively, "Third Person."*

*We name you and you blow . . . blow hard, blow cold, blow hot, blow strong, blow gentle, blow new . .*

*Blowing the world out of nothing into abundance,  
blowing the church out of despair to new life,  
blowing little David from shepherd boy to messiah,  
blowing to make things new that never were.*

*So blow this day, wind,  
blow here and there, power,  
blow even us, force,*

*Rush us beyond ourselves,  
Rush us beyond our hopes,  
Rush us beyond our fears, until we enact your newness in the world.  
Come, come spirit. Amen.*

## **THANKS - - - THANKS - - - THANKS**

In this Eastertide, I am so very thankful for:

The gift of music and the musical gifts that are shared so beautifully at First Lutheran – our adult choir, accompanists, directors, instrumentalists, bell choir, children's choir, soloists, and on and on!

Loving hearts and busy hands that prepare and serve meals for families and friends gathered to remember and celebrate lives of dear ones!

Leaders who look to and work for the good of our whole church family through transparency and good communication!

Teachers and leaders for our children and youth who generously give their time and love in sharing faith!

The time and energy of all our volunteers who greet, usher, care for the altar area, read, set up or serve communion, count our offerings, fold and label our newsletters, deliver soup, serve coffee and goodies, make supper for our confirmation class, and give generously to support the ministries of First Lutheran Church!

Many blessings in this Spring season,  
Pastor Judy



# YOUTH NEWS

**Sr. High Youth – Wednesday 7:00—8:30**

**Jr. High Youth – Sunday 6:30-8:00**

**“Deeper” Group – Monday 5:00-??**

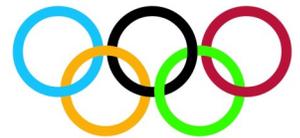
April was an action packed month for our Senior High group. Two of their favorite lessons, Beating The Bunny and \$10 Prom, were in this month and as always made for some great memories. April 11<sup>th</sup> our lesson focused on leadership and trust. This particular lesson had many of the teens being blindfolded and being lead around while trying to accomplish tasks. We focused on the verse Galatians 6:9, which says how we need to try and avoid distractions and listen to the things we know God wants us to do.



Jr. High Youth had a rough month. We didn't have Youth on April 1<sup>st</sup> because of Easter, then the next couple of Sundays had quite a bit of snowfall and many students were not able to make it to the church. One of the great things that happens, when we have a much smaller group, is the ability to truly get to know each other better. Recently we had a lesson completely revolving around who we are in Christ and how did we get to be who we are. The students were asked some pretty hard hitting questions that allowed them to comfortably share answers with each other

With May, comes many adjustments to our youth groups. Current 6<sup>th</sup> graders are allowed to join Jr. High Youth at 6:30 on Sunday evenings starting May 20<sup>th</sup>. Current 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be able to join Sr. High Youth starting May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be allowed to participate in both youth groups all summer.

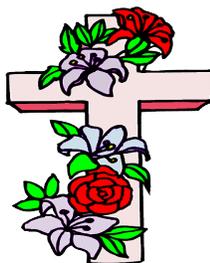
All our students will join together for our annual Youth Olympics on May 20<sup>th</sup>. This is a night full of games, a small lesson to get us ready for the upcoming summer, as a way to get to know each other much better.



DayCamp will be soon upon us from June 4 – 8 going from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM each day. Info and sign up sheets will be given to all the kids on the last day of Sunday School. Forms will be mailed to daycare providers in town. If you have any questions, please call the office at 324-2984.

## MEMORIAL

- Jon VanSabben  
\$10.00—General Fund
- Keith Julson  
\$65.00—General Fund  
\$10.00—Property (Organ) Fund
- Gary Bachtle  
\$425.00—General Fund  
\$15.00—Property (Organ) Fund
- Pat Low  
\$500.00—General Fund
- Marybelle Block  
\$25.00—Heifer Project  
\$20.00—Worship (Music) Fund



## DONATIONS

- \$2,10.00—Library Remodeling Fund  
– In honor of Mary Ihnen
- \$531.56—American Diabetes Association  
\$276.41 from Sunday School offering  
\$255.15 from Fair Trade Sales

## 2018 FIRST LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Madison Avelar, Briar Buechele,  
Paige DeArmoun, Mackenzi Duvall,  
Morgan Johnson, Colton Moretz, Alex Shoger,  
Ashlynn Srigley, Jayme VanSabben,  
Michael Waller, Jenna Weitzel

*Graduates will be recognized  
on Sunday, May 13th*

## Mission Projects for May

Dayspring Children's School  
in South Africa  
Kim Thorsfeldt Katuta, Administrator



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**First Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2018 10:15 AM**

**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Attended: Pastor Judith Converse, Josie Einertson, Doug Falgatter, Mitch Hanson, Heather Rheingans, Richard Selvig, Judy Stevens, Lynn Tenold, Jan Thompson and Jake Urbatsch. Absent: Stuart Anderson, Shana Brunsvold, Lisa Hagen and Sharyl Nestor.

**WE CELEBRATE OUR PAST**

**Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the following reports:** (MMSP Rheingans / Urbatsch)

- President (Synod Pastoral compensation guidelines reviewed.)
- Secretary (Corrections to February minutes made.)
- Treasurer (\$4K loss in February reviewed.)
- Pastoral (03/21 Lenten meal volunteers needed, Worship coverage during extended Pastoral time-off August thru early September).

**WE PRESENT OUR OFFERING**

Education Committee (next meeting TBD)

- Pam Perkins stepping down from her Pre-school Sunday School volunteer position, is being replaced by Morgan Johnson. A very special thank-you to Pam for her dedicated service to FLC Sunday school program...what a blessing you are to those who know you!
- Upcoming events include: Palm Sunday (Children sing during service, First Communion for 5th Grade children), May 6th last day of Sunday school, Day Camp June 4th thru 9th.
- Flat panel TV and cart purchased for Theater room at cost of \$1K. (MMSP Urbatsch / Rheingans)

Fellowship & Social Ministry Committees (next meeting TBD)

- Upcoming hospitality events include ham balls fund raiser, Town Hall breakfast 04/29 and White/Gold "Color Day" for Sunday school.
- The inaugural "Lutheran Shuffle (board)" event was much fun and raised \$189 in donations.
- A summer "parking lot" event is being discussed.

Finance Committee (MMSP Fallgatter / Hanson)

- TASC program terminated.
- Financial review continues as follows:
  - ◆ To improve stewardship on spending dollars, will formalize protocol on pre-approval of disbursements via purchase order process.
  - ◆ Committees to know available funding in advance of future purchases.
  - ◆ Quick-Books for Churches accounting system discussed.

Property Committee (next meeting TBD)

- Council tasked Committee to assess independent appraisal of assets for appropriate coverages with insurance carrier. Report back to Council pending.
- Projects at or nearing completion:
  - ◆ Elevator update – Electronic "eye" sensor installed.
  - ◆ Heating system – New controller ordered for system upgrade.
  - ◆ Kitchen – Cabinetry installation in-flight. Committee to meet with Property Committee for status check-in.
  - ◆ Hearing loop - \$4K cost overrun for longer amplifier and four headphones sets add. Cost covered by Sound Equipment and Coffee Funds. (MMSP Fallgatter / Selvig)
  - ◆ Stained glass windows repair scheduled for June.
  - ◆ Fireside room remodel pending.

Stewardship Committee (next meeting TBD)

- Many thanks to those commitment pledges. Ongoing message of "Attitude of Gratitude" to continue.
- Thanks-Living Sunday will be on 05/27 during which organizations supportive of Youth will be honored community-wide.
- Committee in need of "tech" savvy volunteer to assist in build-out of FLC's online presence.

Worship & Music Committee (next meeting 04/02 5PM)

- Phone and internet service changed from Mediacomm to WCTA. Will enable live streaming for Sunday service broadcasts to LRH.

- Wicks organ project update:
  - ◆ Team to visit Boone, IA church 03/10 with Dewey Kruger to review organ.
  - ◆ Team to visit Rochester, MN church 03/11 with Wicks to review organ.
  - ◆ No site visit scheduled yet with Grandal & Engen yet.

Youth Representative

- Day Camp planning ongoing. Scheduled for June 4th thru 8th.

**CONCERNS FOR THE PRESENT**

Mutual Ministry (MMSP Fallgatter / Urbatsch)

- Delores Knudson and Pat Nelson have agreed to join MM team. Committee is now fully staffed.

Constitution Committee

- Recruitment of one other member being sought. CC team with convene once fully staffed to begin work.

Share Shoppe

- Arlene Rosedahl, the FLC representative, is stepping down after serving two years. Thank-you to Arlene for her service to this organization. Judy Stevens to be representative.

Committee liaison role

- Guidelines for Council involvement reviewed most notably Committee reports to be submitted to Council liaison.
- To streamline purchasing of goods and services, pre-approvals are to be solicited at the Committee level by that Chairperson for Council review as needed.

Town Hall “FLC Finance 201” invitation (04/29 10:15AM)

- Open meeting will discuss finances, governance and succession planning for various FLC organizations those being: First Lutheran Women, Altar Guild, Men in Mission, Trust Fund and Thrivent Financial.
- Pastor Converse reviewed invitation letter to these organizations requesting participation is this review. Emphasis is to streamline finances and improve communication across all entities.

**WE GO OUT IN GOD’S NAME**

Lord’s Prayer

We Adjourn to Serve (upcoming dates)

**March 18** Communion (Continuous) – Doug Fallgatter & Judy Stevens

**March 29** Communion (Rail) – Doug Fallgatter & Judy Stevens

**April 1** Communion (Continuous) – Doug Fallgatter & Heather Rheingans

**April 15** Communion (Continuous) – Richard Selvig & Jake Urbatsch

**April 15** Council monthly meeting 10:15 AM

*“That all may know the love of God in Jesus Christ”*

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Selvig, Secretary

<b>First Lutheran Missions</b>	
<u>October 1, 2017-September 30, 2018</u>	
Caring Tree	\$ 355.29
Operation Christmas Child	\$ 348.82
Youth Fund (Bibles & Catechisms)	\$ 45.00
Bremwood	\$ 5.00
Opportunity Village	\$ 5.00
Lutheran World Hunger Relief	\$ 90.00
Meals on Wheels	\$ 229.66
MANNA	\$ 154.65
Heifer International	\$ 233.73
Good Samaritan Fund	\$ 350.22
Lutheran Services of Iowa	\$ 322.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,602.03</b>

**PASTORAL ACTS**

**Baptisms**

Cambria Ann Schreiber-April 28th  
Clayton Ford Ogea-April 29th

**Weddings**

No weddings in April

**Funerals/Memorial Services**

Gary Bachtle-April 3rd  
Keith Julson-April 6th  
Marybelle Block-April 23rd

**SPRING CLEANING???**

If you have blankets and/or bedding that have seen better days and you wish to dispose of them, the quilters would be happy to take them. They make great middles for their quilts. Donations may be dropped off in Room B1 in the church basement.

# May Volunteers



## Ushers

May 6th—Jake Urbatsch, Dan Reeder, Dennis Reeder, Hal Johnson  
 May 13th—Harlan & Barb Helgson and Mike & DeAnn Read  
 May 20th—Brian Costello, Dave Capitani, Richard Butler, Samantha Butler, Landon Perkins  
 May 27th—Eric Foss, Austin Foss, Tom Stevens, Josh Stevens, Cade Hengesteg



## Greeters

May 6th—Jake, Anneke, Ivy, Olivia & Emmet Urbatsch  
 May 13th—Ron & Judy Wangen  
 May 20th—Jordan, Kally & Kenlyn Reindl  
 May 27th—Nancy Amundson and Elaine Hill

## Coffee Servers

May 6th—Ray & Wanda Hoffman and Shirley Olson  
 May 13th—Graduation Celebration  
 May 20th—Carol Liljedahl and Linda Loken  
 May 27th—Leila Gangstad and Gloria Fallgatter

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



## Acolytes

May 6th—Madison Berry and Calli O'Neill  
 May 13th—Kennedy Christianson  
 May 20th—Dylan Tews  
 May 27th—Nicholas Hanson

## Lay Readers

May 6th—Leila Gangstad  
 May 13th—Heather Rheingans  
 May 20th—Laure Buehrer  
 May 27th—Carolyn Reeder

## Assisting Ministers

May 6th—Rich Selvig  
 May 20th—Julia Quisley

## Altar Guild & Share Shoppe

Lydia Circle



## Offering Collectors/Counters

May 6th—Lowell Gangstad and Lee Okerlund  
 May 13th—Gloria Fallgatter and Nancy Amundson  
 May 20th—Russ & Delores Knudson  
 May 27th—Mike Stevens and volunteer

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

## FIRST LUTHERAN WOMEN

*"Blessed are you among women" Luke 1:42*

Julia	May 7th	2:00 pm	Becky Hickman's home
Leah	May 3rd	9:00 am	Maple Court, Thelma Krull-Hostess
Lydia	May 2nd	11:30 am	R-80 in Kensett
Rebecca	May 2nd	1:30 pm	Fireside Room, JoAnn Julson-hostess
Sarah	May 1st	1:00 pm	Sue Grundel's home

Please contact Pastor Judy or the church office  
 if you or a loved one is or will be hospitalized.

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**May 2018, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story**

**Happy Mother’s Day!**

Mother’s Day is a time to celebrate the strong, loving women in your life. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we see thousands of Iowa moms through their journey to build the brightest future for their children.

We see moms turning to LSI’s Mental Health or Behavioral Health Intervention Services to ensure their child is receiving the coping skills and behavioral supports they need to thrive. In our Early Childhood Services, we see young first-time moms who are eager to join our parenting education classes and support groups. In 2016, LSI’s Early Childhood programs provided support to 552 first-time parents. We are so inspired to hear their stories and see their hard work pay off as they raise our next generation.

As you celebrate Mother’s Day this year, remember how many Iowa moms are being empowered because of your support. If you are looking for a way to honor your mother this year, please consider giving a gift in her name at [LSIowa.org](http://LSIowa.org).

Thank you for standing alongside our Iowa families.

*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 [LSIowa.org](http://LSIowa.org) and [Facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

**“LSI has been a Lifesaver”**

No parent should feel alone or hopeless when it comes to caring for their children’s health. But those emotions were common for Judy four years ago.

It started when her son began seeing a litany of different doctors and specialists. Judy needed to coordinate his many appointments and medications, but it was difficult to keep track while still caring for her three other children as a single parent.

Judy found LSI’s Pediatric Integrated Health services, which were a shoulder for her to lean on. Judy’s LSI worker, Wyndolyn, coordinated medical appointments and counseling sessions. When Judy’s daughter required an Individualized Education Program (IEP) at school, Wyndolyn was there to keep in contact with the school and attend IEP meetings with Judy. When Judy’s child began attending school at LSI’s Bremwood Residential Treatment Center, Wyndolyn checked on him and provided updates to Judy. Wyndolyn also helped Judy to set up respite care through LSI’s Services for People with Disabilities. Now, Judy can get a much-needed break while her children receive quality care from an LSI respite provider.

“We’re one team now, we’re on the same page,” Judy says. “LSI has been a backbone for me when I wanted to give up. Wyndolyn talks to me when I’m stressed and ready to call it quits. She’s really an advocate for my family. LSI has been a lifesaver.”

<b>FLC Financial Update</b>			
<b>March 2018</b>		<b>Fiscal Year as of March 31st</b>	
Income	\$14,278.47	Income	\$ 131,471.92
Electronic Income	\$ 1,253.00	Electronic Income	\$ 7,500.00
Expense	\$17,560.15	Expense	\$ 113,688.94
End of month	(\$ 2,028.68)	Year to date	\$ 25,282.98

<b>Weekly Sunday Attendance and Giving</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Giving</b>
April 22nd	142	\$2,670.00
April 15th	Canceled	
April 8th	96	\$3,042.00
April 1st	352	\$6,947.00

**FIRST LUTHERAN OFFERING ENVELOPES**  
 If you need offering envelopes, please stop in or contact the church office.

# MAY BIRTHDAYS

1. Andrew Husske, Makayla Reyerson, James Tanner, Clifford Zipse
2. Kash Hickle, Justin Mills, Bruce Rheinfels
3. Dana Borcharding
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5. Rhonda Tufte, Lucille Watney
6. Angela Gaskill, Terran Haberman, Eric Otis, Michael Otis, Taylor Otis, Trey Waldemar
7. Lee Nelson
8. James Krull, Brock Nelson
9. Tyler Husske, Silas Waller, Cambria Schreiber
10. Michael Bachtle, Casey Gentz, Ray Larson
11. Spencer Capitani, Douglas Helgeland, Alyssa Iverson, Casey Carlson, Lois Nelson, Sawyer Schulz
12. Raymond Hoffman, Scott Moretz, Hayden Olson, Wayne Trenhaile
13. Teresa Krull, Joseph Read
14. Florence Klitzke, Tanner Wright
15. Joseph Kuennen, Joanne Moretz, Colby Severson, Tracy Van Sabben
16. Owen Binnebose, Taylor Foss, Jordan Reindl
17. Tucker Duvall, Jesse Olson
18. Eunice Bendickson, Jerry Hopperstad, Julia Quisley, Briar Tenold, Ashley Thompson
19. Mikaela Butler, Patricia Nelson, Bernon VanVeldhuizen
20. Roger Harris, Jason Johnson
21. Teri Dahlby, Tyler Julson, Terri Olson, Tinzley Robb, Jace Shackleton
23. Gene Severson
24. Clara Helgeland, Ryan Kalvig, Cheryl Nitcher, Pamela Williamson
25. Roy Welch
26. Richard Gores, Barbara Helgeson, Dylan Hengesteg, Patricia Irons, Duane Thompson
27. Heather Rheingans, Michael Weisert
28. Gloria George, Kimberly Hengesteg, Colton Moretz
29. Breanne Lombard
30. Courtney Meyer, Aaron Stevens
31. Lois Hogen, Marlys Johnson, June Nerlien, Eric Thron



# KIDS EASTER WORD SEARCH

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