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FIRST LUTHERAN FOCUS

June 2018

CHURCH SERVICE



Community
Worship Service

On Sunday, June 17th, a community worship service will be held at the Worth County Fair Grounds at 9:00 am in the Shelter House Building. There will be no worship service at First Lutheran that morning.

DAYCAMP

June 4th-8th

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Open to all preschool thru 6th graders.



Registration forms 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.

Mission Project for June

Northern Lights
Homeless Shelters

Shelter for men, women and children.
Providing safe, respectful temporary shelter for homeless persons where options for self-help are available.

Worship Schedule for June – all at 9:00 a.m.

June 3 – Holy Communion (at the rail)

June 10 – Day Camp Celebration

June 17 – Worship at the Fairgrounds (Shelter House)

NO Worship Service at First Lutheran Church

June 24 – Holy Communion (continuous via intinction)

and Holy Baptism

From The Pastor's Desk....

Dear friends,

We are now entering the GREEN season – not only outside in the trees and grass and fields – but also inside. As you may have heard our children tell us recently – the color GREEN is used in the church to remind us about newness and growth.

For us – in this Season after Pentecost, we will be hearing about growth and change in our lives – as the Spirit blows where she will!

The Narrative Lectionary gives some options for the summer months – choices regarding short series of readings, songs, and sermon for use. This summer – beginning Memorial Day weekend – we will hear about **Generosity**. (Due to a couple adjustments on Sunday morning for Day Camp and the Worth County Fair, that short series will take us to the end of June.

In July we will take up **I John** – often connected to the gospel of John as a part of the Johannine writings – attributed to the author of the gospel, but more likely written by a group of people who followed his thinking. Four Sunday will carry us through that short book.

On the last Sunday of July, **Pastor Kristin Engstrom** will be here to talk about her work in Senegal. Kristin is the grand-daughter of Thelma Krull-Boutelle, and she coordinates a group of young people living and working in Senegal as part of an amazing program called YAGM – Young Adults in Global Mission. In January, FLC's confirmation class heard from a young man who spent a year in Cambodia with this same program.

August? Well – that's still a ways off. So I'll give you more information on that in the next month's newsletter.

Just wanna say – there's lots going on – even in the Summer – at First Lutheran! Please join us!

Pastor Judy

THANKS - - - THANKS - - - THANKS

Giving thanks for many things:

Sharing times of transition and new beginnings with our graduates!
 Opportunities to reflect and remember those who are no longer walking this earthly journey with us – to hear stories and cry and laugh together!
 Watching children grow and learn in the support and love of caring adults and older youth!
 The 'GREEN-ness' of God's good creation – alongside prayers for those who plant and tend the fields around us!
 Leaders who give generously of their time and energy for the work that happens at First Lutheran!
 The Summertime – a different pace – and times of rest and rejuvenation!



Grateful to share in God's work with you,
 Pastor Judy

FLC Financial Update

April 2018		Fiscal Year as of April 30th	
Income	\$19,919.00	Income	\$151,784.62
Electronic Income	\$1,253.00	Electronic Income	\$8,753.00
Expense	\$22,132.28	Expense	\$135,612.73
End of month	(\$ 960.28)	Year to date	\$24,924.89



YOUTH NEWS

Sr. High Youth – Wednesday 7:00—8:30

Jr. High Youth – Sunday 6:30-8:00

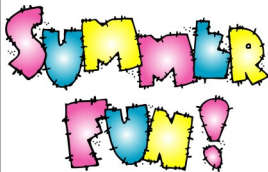
“Deeper” Group – Monday 5:00-??



With the school year over, Summer has officially began for the kids in our youth program. We're currently working over the small details of DayCamp which will be held at the church from June 4 – 8 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM each day. This years theme is The Majestic School Bus, and our older teens are ready for a great week.



If you know of anyone who is interested in attending, please stop in and get a permission slip in the office or go to our website and download one.



Many of our college students have returned home for summer break. Monday nights have gotten very busy down in the youth room as well as outside in the church yard. One week we were able to celebrate Tanna Quisley's graduation from the University of Iowa with a surprise party in her honor. We recently purchased a new grill and have gotten a lot of use out of it with some great Monday evening weather.

The students who just finished 6th grade have now joined Jr. High Youth on Sunday nights. It's always exciting to meet up with the new kids and show them all that we do here at First Lutheran. We've also recently had to say goodbye to one of our Junior High students as Aiden Kollars and his family have moved away.

With school ending, it's time to look back on the students who made Youth a big priority this past year. The following teens made it at least 50% of the time.

Senior High

- Sarah Yezek
- Angel Martin
- Spencer Smith
- Tyler Husske
- Allie Carman
- Chasity Christianson
- Denali Herbert
- Josie Einertson
- McKenzee Eastwood
- Julia Quisley
- Molly Hunchis

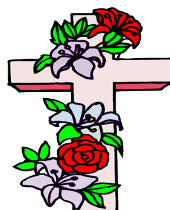


Junior High

- Alex Follmuth
- Andrew Breitsprecher
- Anthoni Martin
- Aiden Kollars
- Logan Mayberry
- Ian Husske
- Monte Sims
- Nolan Senne
- Hayden Moore

MEMORIALS

- Keith Julson
 - \$45.00—General Fund
 - \$25.00—Educate (Sunday School) Fund
 - \$25.00—Youth Fund
- Donna Frederick
 - \$10.00—General Fund
 - \$20.00—Worship & Music Fund
- MaryBelle Block
 - \$10.00—Youth Fund
 - \$170.00—Property (Organ) Fund
 - \$20.00—Worship & Music Fund



- Jeanette Knutson
 - \$20.00—Worship & Music Fund
 - \$10.00—Property (Organ) Fund

DONATIONS

- Lenten Service and Meal Donations
 - \$591.86—Community Kitchen of North Iowa
 - \$1,183.70—MANNA of Worth County

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

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

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

WE CELEBRATE OUR PAST

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

President (No report.)

Secretary (Committee work in-flight to be reflected as "Parking Lot" items in future Council minutes).

Treasurer (\$2K loss in March reviewed.)

Pastoral

WE PRESENT OUR OFFERING

Education Committee (next meeting 5/22 6:30PM)

Upcoming events include: May 6th last day of Sunday school as children singing on White & Gold Day, Day Camp June 4th thru 8th.

Lauren Severson is moving away, therefore new Sunday school music coordinator is needed.

Fellowship & Social Ministry Committees (next meeting early June)

Upcoming hospitality events include Town Hall breakfast 04/29, White/Gold "Color Day" for Sunday school and *ThanksLiving* brunch 05/27.

Nothing currently being planned for by Social Ministry.

Finance Committee (MMSP Falgatter / Hanson)

New check request form reviewed by Council.

Financial review continues as follows:

Worship funding over time from both General Fund and Trust Fund discussed.

\$1,776 collected during Lenten meals and services collected.

\$1,146 in additional cabinetry work discussed.

Property Committee (next meeting in June 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:

Kitchen – Phase 2 completed. Phase 3 addition of new dishwasher discussed. \$14K remains in Kitchen Fund at this time. Committee to meet with Property Committee for status check-in.

Fireside room remodel pending.

Parsonage repair and upkeep discussed.

Generator for back-up power for proper lighting and heating discussed, WCDA funding to be explored.

Stewardship Committee (next meeting 05/02 6PM)

ThanksLiving Sunday will be on 05/27 during which organizations supportive of younger children will be honored.

Committee in need of "tech" savvy volunteer to assist in build-out of FLC's online presence.

Worship & Music Committee (next meeting 05/07 5PM)

Available funding reviewed. Dry cleaning of Choir robes discussed.

Discussion of September kick-off theme as "God's work, Our hands".

Wicks organ project update:

Site visits have been completed.

Submittal to Council of Committee discovery phase pending.

Youth Representative

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

Council Minutes continued on page 5.

CONCERNS FOR THE PRESENT

Lindflott Scholarship (MMSP Nestor / Hagen)

After review of graduating Senior class, Council voted to grant scholarship to Paige DeArmoun in recognition of her service to First Lutheran and her academic excellence as a high school student.

Constitution Committee

CC team almost fully rostered and will convene in near future to begin work. Council representative to CC is Stuart Anderson.

NE ELCA Synod

Pastor Judy Converse has accepted role of Secretary on interim basis with NE Iowa Synod.

Steve Converse and Richard Selvig will represent First Lutheran at Synod Assembly. (MMSP Nestor / Brunsvold)

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

Goals and intentions to be submitted annually to Council.

WE GO OUT IN GOD’S NAME

Lord’s Prayer

We Adjourn to Serve (upcoming dates)

- April 29** Town Hall Meeting in Fellowship Hall
- May 6** Communion (Rail) – Heather Rheingans & Jake Urbatsch
- May 20** Council monthly meeting 10:15 AM
- May 20** Communion (Continuous) – Stuart Anderson & Lisa Hagen
- May 27** Thanks-Living Sunday

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

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Selvig, Secretary

NEW OPPORTUNITIES



Library Remodeling Committee

First Lutheran received a monetary gift from Mary Ihnen’s family to honor her 90th birthday in April. If you would be interested in being part of a group to put together some plans for the library, please call the church office or speak to a member of the Congregation Council or Pastor Judy.



Landscaping Committee

The Congregation Council is seeking a group of people interested in talking about and designing some landscaping plans for the church property. If you would like to be a part of this group, call the church office or speak to a member of the Council or Pastor Judy.

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms

Emmet Mikel Urbatsch-May 27th

Weddings

No weddings in May

Funerals/Memorial Services

Jeanette Knutson– May 12th
Kathy Ann Hanson—May 16th



First Lutheran Missions

October 1, 2017-September 30, 2018

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
Day Springs	\$ 198.00
Total	\$ 2,800.03



June Volunteers



Ushers

June 3rd—Sawyer & Michelle Schulz, Mitch & Jess Hanson, James & Steph Eskildsen
June 10th—Jerry & Jan Hopperstad, Larry Foley, Doug Fallgatter
June 17th—Dan Hendrikson, Bernie VanVeldhuizen, Mike & DeAnn Read
June 24th—David & Sharon Petznick, Kevin and Maeghan Petznick



Greeters

June 3rd—Robert & Jan Wilder
June 10th—Thelma Krull-Boutelle and Shirley Ausenus
June 17th—Coni Butler
June 24th—Troy & Linda Einertson

Coffee Servers

June 3rd—Molly Bachtle, Betty Goodrich, Troy & Dawn Bachtle
June 10th—Maynard & Madelyn Midtgaard and Dianne Johnson
June 17th—Patty Irons and Avis Lehman
June 24th—Sharyl Lunde and Jan Wilder

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



Acolytes

June 3rd—Ian Husske and Mason Thofson
June 10th—Emmalee VanSabben
June 17th—Trace Low
June 24th—Drew Wilder

Lay Readers

June 3rd—Larry Klitzke
June 10—Patty Irons
June 17th—Myra Harris
June 24th—Delores Knudson

Assisting Ministers

June 6th—Julia Quisley
June 24th—Tim Knutson

Altar Guild & Share Shoppe

Julia Circle



Offering Collectors/Counters

June 3rd—Lowell Gangstad and Lee Okerlund
June 10th—Gloria Fallgatter and Nancy Amundson
June 17th—Russ & Delores Knudson
June 24th—Mike Stevens and volunteer

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

FIRST LUTHERAN WOMEN

"Blessed are you among women" Luke 1:42

Julia	June 4th	2:00 pm	Linda Loken's home or cabin
Leah	June 7th	9:00 am	Maple Court, Avis Lehman-Hostess
Lydia	June 6th	1:30 pm	Lois Hogen's home
Rebecca	June 6th	1:30 pm	Fireside Room, Phyllis Berg-hostess
Sarah	June 5th	1:00 pm	Fireside Room, Steph Perkins-hostess

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

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June 2018, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Happy Father's Day!

At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we strive to build up and empower Iowa kids and families. For us, Father's Day is a time to celebrate all the fathers and male role models we see every day.

Many of the boys and young men that LSI serves in our Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers have never had a positive male role model in their lives. But our caring volunteers are there to help guide them. In our Early Childhood fatherhood program, young men are learning to become dads. They're becoming confident and active in their child's life, and they are creating loving, bright futures for their families.

You are making all of this possible through your support of LSI. Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

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 and [Facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

On the Road to Success

As everyone was preparing for the Christmas season last year, Ali was eager to finally give his family a gift he'd been dreaming of: a second car.

After Ali came to the U.S. as a refugee from Somalia in 2014, he dedicated his time to finding a job and building a better life for his family. But he and his wife struggled to keep up with both of their busy jobs and caring for their four children with one vehicle.

"It was a very stressful time for my family, especially when emergencies happened or schedules changed," Ali says.

Ali decided to make it his goal to set aside money for a second car. He used LSI's Refugee Community Services Individual Development Accounts (IDA) program to save the money he needed.

Through the program, Ali has received guidance through basic financial literacy classes and one-on-one coaching to prepare him for the new car-buying experience.

Now, Ali and his family are thriving. They have reliable transportation, and Ali feels confident knowing his family's needs will be met every day.

"I'm very thankful for LSI and this opportunity," Ali says. "It is really good of them to offer this program, and it has made a great impact for my family."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 1 Eli Mix
- 2 Jayme Van Sabben
- 3 Carolyn Kalvig, Torin Newell-Thofson, Brianna Perkins, Betty Peterson-Fosness, Danielle Taylor-Carter
- 4 Taryn VanRyswyk, Janell Iverson
- 5 Keith Harmon, Kevin Petznick, Dale Thron
- 6 Thelma Krull-Boutelle
- 7 Jessica Reyerson
- 8 Shari Frederickson, Loraine Mix
- 9 Lana Anderson, Angela Shackleton
- 10 Ron Dodd
- 11 Linda Einertson, Rosemary Fredericks, Barbara Stricker, Skyler Wright
- 12 Brenda Flatness, Jerry Olson, Aydan Schutz, Mike Severson, Ethan Thofson
- 13 Brock Johnson
- 14
- 15 Timothy Knutson
- 16 Ellie Butler, Sharyl Nestor, Reese Wahl
- 17 Stuart Anderson, Henrik Reding
- 18 Dawn Bachtle, Jessica Hanson, Pam Perkins
- 19 Brett Bachtle, Paige DeArmoun, Peggy Patterson, Sharon Schaub, Ronald Skellenger, Dylan Tews, Garrett Waller
- 20 Mackenzi Duvall, Donald Harang, Cody Wahl
- 21 Alexia Gentz, Kim Hendrikson, Kimberly Hennigar, Eric Schaefer, Megan Turner, Michael Waller
- 22 Jacob Gentz, Jayn Iverson, Rachel Taylor, Jason Weisert
- 23 Jayn Iverson
- 24 Kathleen (Larry) Gentz, Michael Van Sabben
- 25 Cade Hengesteg, Rebecca Houg, Caden Mattern, Darla Otis, Derek LaRue
- 26 Dean Christianson, Tamara Severson
- 27 Alan Myli, Brian Schutz, Harrison Vandell, Jennifer Wahl
- 28 Nicolas Hanson, Skyler Hulshizer, Abigail Wahl
- 29 EmmaLee Hendrikson, Hannah Hunchis, DeAnna Katcher, Doug Meyer
- 30 Jorene Gunderson, Harlan Helgeson, Scott Kalvig

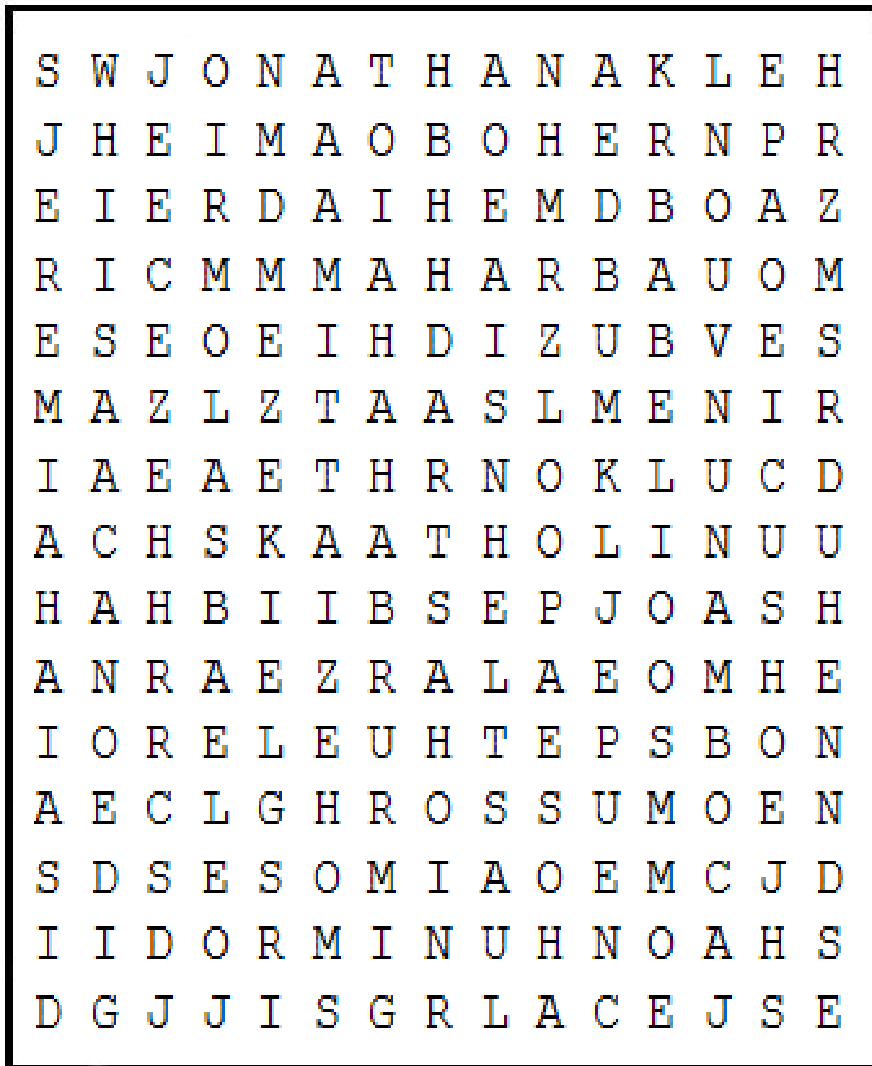


Bible Wordsearch

Fathers & Sons

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

Puzzle #134



ABEL	ISAAC
ABIMELECH	ISAIAH
ABRAHAM	JACOB
ABSALOM	JEREMIAH
ADAM	JOASH
AHAB	JOEL
AHAZIAH	JONAH
AMITTAI	JONATHAN
AMOZ	JOSEPH
BEERI	JOSHUA
BOAZ	MOSES
BUZI	NIMROD
CUSH	NOAH
DAVID	NUN
EHUD	OBED
ELKANAH	OMRI
ENOSH	PETHUEL
EPHRAIM	REHOBOAM
EZEKIEL	REUBEN
EZRA	SAMUEL
GERA	SAUL
GERSHOM	SERAIAH
GIDEON	SETH
HILKIAH	SHEM
HOSEA	SOLOMON

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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