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FIRST LUTHERAN FOCUS

July 2018

JULY SERVICE SCHEDULE

July 1 – Service of the Word / Holy Baptism (Reinartz)
July 8 – Holy Communion (rail) /
Holy Baptism (Bachtle and Schultz)
July 15 – Service of the Word
July 22 – Holy Communion (intinction)
July 29 – Service of the Word / Pastor Kristin Engstrom
and YAGM program

PAPERLESS (almost) IN JULY

In an effort to reduce our paper use (and cost) in the summer, no paper bulletins will be printed for the Sundays in July. A single piece of paper will be available with calendar items and announcements. Thank you for helping us with this experiment in saving energy and resources.

IT'S TIME FOR A NEW DIRECTORY!

It has been five years (!) already since First Lutheran Church printed a directory of members – with photographs and contact information. So - - - a new one is in the works!

Here is how you can reserve your appointment with the Lifetouch photographer:

Go to : <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ydh15nm6/> and follow the steps.

NOTE: You may go back and change your appointment if a conflict arises.

Let's continue to be connected through this new directory!

From The Pastor's Desk....

Dear friends,

Although we've already passed the official Midsummer time, many of us probably think that summer is just getting started when we reach July 1st. That is certainly the case for me – although having to think and plan ahead for things at First Lutheran pulls me forward sometimes faster than I would wish.

That is definitely the case this summer when I am (and have been and will continue to be) planning for August and early September when I will be away this year. Those plans are now in place, and here's what you can look forward to at FLC:

August 5, August 19, August 26, and September 2 – a series on the Old Testament book of Ruth with sermons and worship leadership provided by three (wise) men – all retired pastors who live in Mason City – Pastor Tom Dettmer, Pastor Jack Gannett, and Pastor Jim Magelssen.

August 12 – the annual Hymn Sing – a great morning of hearing and singing some wonderful favorites.

September 9 – a musical presentation about the life of Jesus by Kristen and Neal Petersen and opportunities to use your hands for God's work afterwards.

Before we get to all of that we have the month of July and **I John** to attend to.

Looking forward with thanks,
Pastor Judy

THANKS - - - THANKS - - - THANKS

I am grateful for:

- For the teenagers in our Youth Program who planned this year's Day Camp and then were present all week to teach and guide and love the kids who attended!
- Many people who helped the worship at the Fairgrounds on June 17th happen!
- Those who make quilts each Thursday morning at First Lutheran and their gift of quilts to the Anderson family in Northwood after their recent losses!
- Those who reach out to friends and neighbors in times of illness, grief, or recovery with visits, calls, card, soup, or prayer shawls!
- Time for summer activities – the County Fair, picnics, the pool, vacations, parades, outdoor fireplaces, and sitting on the patio!
- Breath!

Blessings on your summertime,
Pastor Judy



FIELD TRIP TO NORWAY (HOUSE) IN MINNEAPOLIS!

Please join me for a day-trip to Norway House in Minneapolis on Friday, July 13th. We'll leave at 9:00 a.m. from the FLC parking lot, arrive in time to eat lunch, and have time to see some of the exhibits as well as browse the gift shop! The plan would be to return to Northwood by 4:30 p.m. Let me know if you are interested – or have any questions.

Pastor Judy

PICTORIAL HOST/HOESSTESS

Looking for volunteers to check in members for their pictures on August 22nd-25th and 28th & 29th. Please call church office to volunteer.

Thanks, DeAnn

ANNUAL BIBLE READING

For the third year, there will be a reading of the entire Bible aloud on the Worth County courthouse lawn. This will take place through July 3rd. Please call Sharyl Ferley 641-324-1279 or go online <http://signup.com/go/bCPKgsW> to volunteer. Family and groups of friends have been blessed by the experience. *Feel free to come and listen.*

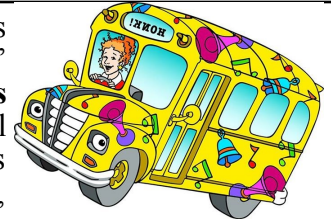
YOUTH NEWS

Sr. High Youth – Wednesday 7:00—8:30

Jr. High Youth – Sunday 6:30-8:00

“Deeper” Group – Monday 5:00-??

Much of this past month was spent focusing on one word – DAYCAMP!!!! This was another great year with our theme of the week being “The Majestic Church Bus.” Our main verse of the week was **Matthew 6:33** “**But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.**” The past several years, we have chosen to use the same verse that Riverside Bible Camp. This helps the kids going to Riverside later in the summer. Attendance was up some this year, with each of the first four days having between 80 and 90 kids.



Each of the classes had small times focusing on different aspects of the Bible. We had a new class this year called Snacks Class, where each day the kids would create their own snack. The three remaining classes were Arts & Crafts, Games and Storytime. On Thursday, we rode our “Majestic Church Bus” down to the swimming pool for some time to cool off, splash around and just have a great time. It really was a great week, and now as we continue to get back to normal, it gives us a chance to look forward to next year and what lies ahead.

Our upcoming 7th graders had a very different week of Daycamp than what the younger kids experienced. On Tuesday, they went on a scavenger hunt. The class members were to find pieces of a tent scattered around the block. Then had to assemble the tent without using directions or getting help. This forced them to rely on one another, problem solve, and eventually get the tent set up in the hot sun. Wednesday they helped out with the younger kids and participated in a full day of camp. On Thursday, they went with Pastor Judy and Steve to Pilot Knob in Forest City for a hike and lunch. Friday they watched a movie, “*To Save A Life*” in the youthroom and had a pizza party. It was a very busy week for them. We all had an adventure in getting to know one another and figure out more of what faith means to us.



We could never put on such a great community event without the help of the following teenagers who were leaders and teachers throughout the week.



Angel Martin, McKenzie Eastwood, Sarah Yezek, Molly Hunchis, Josie Einertson, Laura Hopperstad, Emily Follmuth, Julia Quisley, Spencer Smith, Andrew Breitsprecher, Drew Wilder, Logan Mayberry, Chasity Christianson, Emma Logeman, Alex Follmuth, Eve Yezek, Nolan Senne, Anthony Martin, Ethan Thofson

Also, a huge “THANK YOU” to Pastor Judy, Troy and DeAnn who do so much for making the week go off almost seamlessly. Without all of their behind-the-scenes effort, the whole program would not be nearly as awesome as it was.

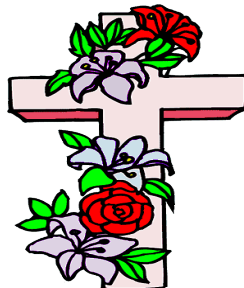
LOST AND FOUND



A few items – and now many more after Day Camp – have been found around FLC. Please check the box in the front entryway of the church to see if anything belongs to you!

MEMORIALS

Sophie Hendrickson and Robert Crane
\$40.00—General Fund
Lavonne Flatness
\$45.00—General Fund
Irma Perkins
\$50.00—General Fund
\$20.00—Youth Fund



DONATIONS

\$250.00—Youth (Kitchen Floor) Fund
\$500.00—Property Fund

**First Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2018 10:15 AM**

4.

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Present: Stuart Anderson, Pastor Judith Converse, Josie Einertson, Doug Fallgatter, Lisa Hagen, Mitch Hanson, Heather Rheingans, Richard Selvig, Judy Stevens and Lynn Tenold. Absent: Shana Brunsvold, Sharyl Nestor and Jake Urbatsch. Guests: None.

WE CELEBRATE OUR PAST

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

President (No report.)

Secretary (Corrections to April minutes made.)

Treasurer (\$1K loss in April reviewed.)

Pastoral (Staff reviews, Sunday service at Fair, late Summer and Fall planning.)

WE PRESENT OUR OFFERING

- Education Committee (next meeting 5/22 6:30PM) - No report.
- Fellowship & Social Ministry Committees (next meeting end of June)
 - Upcoming hospitality event of *Thanks-Living* Sunday brunch 05/27.
 - Street dance being planned for by Social Ministry.
- Finance Committee (next meeting TBD)
 - Discussed management of finances at Committee level as accountable to Council and Treasurer.
 - Pastoral compensation agreement discussed (salary, benefits, vacation and sabbatical). (MMSP Hanson / Hagen)
 - Financial review continues as follows:
 - Special emphasis on finances as approaching summer months.
 - List of checks issued in current month and future month discussed.
 - Human Resource files completed on all employees.
- 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 3 dishwasher discussed. Committee and Pastor Converse to meet with Kitchen Committee on. \$14K remains in Kitchen Fund at this time.
 - Generator for back-up power for lighting and heating discussed, WCDA funding to be explored.
- Stewardship Committee (next meeting TBD)
 - 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. Wish list of items needed on Facebook page suggested (Rheingans).
 - Fall Stewardship campaign discussed.
- Worship & Music Committee (next meeting 06/04 5PM)
 - Discussion of September kick-off theme as "God's work, our hands".
 - Wicks organ project update:
 - Wicks proposal chose over other two proposals.
 - Insurance coverage on organ discussed, part of overall liability insurance coverage program (Finance / Property / Worship).
 - Approved to proceed negotiation with Wicks. (MMSP Fallgatter / Rheingans)
- Youth Representative (next meeting 05/23 7PM)
 - Repainted Youth room.
 - Day Camp on week of June 4th thru 8th. Anticipating 70-80 attendees.
 - Videos to overview for Rally Sunday content.

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CONCERNS FOR THE PRESENT

- NE IA ELCA Synod Assembly
Steve Converse and Richard Selvig will represent First Lutheran at annual conference. (MMSP Nestor / Brunsvold)
- Fireside Remodeling
Remodel Committee assembled comprised of Dan & Carolyn Reeder, Dennis & Janet Reeder, Janelle Johnson and Patti Trenhaile. Doug Fallgatter had initial discussion with Patti Trenhaile.
- Landscaping Committee
Will involve Property Committee. In formative stage now.
- Manna of Worth County (MWC)
Tom and Terri Sculley who coordinate organization are leaving Northwood.

WE GO OUT IN GOD’S NAME

- Lord’s Prayer
- We Adjourn to Serve (upcoming dates)
 - May 27** Thanks-Living Sunday
 - June 3** Communion (Rail) – Josie Einertson & Doug Fallgatter
 - June 8-10** NE IA ELCA Synod Assembly
 - June 10** Council monthly meeting 10:15 AM

“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.

First Lutheran Missions	
<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	\$ 214.04
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	\$ 365.35
Northern Lights	\$ 330.00
Total	\$ 3,421.42

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms
River Sue Flattum—June 22nd
Henry Horning-June 24th

Weddings
No weddings in June

Funerals/Memorial Services
Alex Ritzert—May 30th
LaVonne Flatness—June 1st



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers for July are given by Troy & Dawn Bachtle in honor of our grandson Koen’s baptism and our 32nd wedding anniversary.



July Volunteers



Ushers

July 1st—Jake Urbatsch, Dan Reeder, Dennis Reeder, Hal Johnson
 July 8th—Harlan & Barb Helgeson, Colton Moretz, Casson Moretz
 July 15th—Brian Costello, Dave Capitani, Richard Butler, Samantha Butler, Landon Perkins
 July 22nd—Eric Foss, Austin Foss, Tom Stevens, Josh Stevens, Cade Hengesteg
 July 29th—Sawyer & Michelle Schulz, Mitch & Jessica Hanson, James & Steph Eskildsen



Greeters

July 1st—Greg Nystuen and Steve Converse
 July 8th—Don & Doris Johnson
 July 15th—Wayde & Jill Willand
 July 22nd—Barry & Lisa Wangsness
 July 29th—Gretchen Hengesteg

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



Coffee Servers

July 1st—Judy Stevens and Nancy Amundson
 July 8th—Ray & Wanda Hoffman and Shirley Olson
 July 15th—Carol Liljedahl and Linda Loken
 July 22nd—Leila Gangstad and Gloria Fallgatter
 July 29th—Molly Bachtle, Betty Goodrich, Troy & Dawn Bachtle



Acolytes

July 1st—Nolan Senne and Wyatt Willand
 July 8th—Josh Stevens and Trace Low
 July 15th—Jace Gentz
 July 22nd—Madison Berry
 July 29th—Kennedy Christianson

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Lay Readers

July 1st—Jan Thompson
 July 8th—Stu Anderson
 July 15th—Patti Trenhaile
 July 22nd—Lisa Wangsness
 July 29th—Madelyn Midtgaard

Assisting Ministers

July 8th—Steve Converse
 July 22nd—Dennis Johnson

Altar Guild & Share Shoppe

Leah Circle



Offering Collectors/Counters

July 1st—Lowell Gangstad and Lee Okerlund
 July 8th—Gloria Fallgatter and Nancy Amundson
 July 15th—Russ & Delores Knudson
 July 22nd—Mike Stevens and volunteer
 July 29th—Lowell Gangstad and Lee Okerlund

FLC Financial Update

May 2018		Fiscal Year as of May 31st	
Income	\$15,665.00	Income	\$101,758.62
Electronic Income	\$1,258.00	Electronic Income	\$15,702.00
Expense	\$16,923.00	Expense	\$153,515.75
End of month	(\$ 980.02)	Year to date	\$23,944.87

Mission Project for July

Lutheran World Relief Kits

Layettes, School Kits,
 Personal Care Kits, and Soap
 All donated items will be assembled
 into appropriate kits.



God's work. Our hands.

As a social ministry organization of the ELCA, Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) is so thankful for your partnership in ministry! Thanks to you, we're able to provide education for young parents and empowerment to some of Iowa's most vulnerable children and families. This month, we would like to give special thanks for those of you who have made LSI a focus of your congregation's "God's work. Our hands." project.

This project began in 2013, the 25th anniversary of the ELCA, as a day dedicated to doing service work alongside neighbors in communities across the country. On a chosen day in September, each congregation is encouraged to participate in a project for "God's work. Our hands." This is a perfect opportunity to do special projects and/or to raise money as a church body for a nonprofit like LSI.

We thank you for your witness of God's love and your service! If you are interested in supporting the Iowa children and families served by LSI and would like to know more about our current needs, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

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.

Striving Towards Her Highest Peak

Eight-year-old Kendale felt nervous and scared.

For years, she had struggled with lying, manipulating, and acting out violently toward her peers. Her family turned to residential treatment facilities across Iowa for help. But nothing worked. Kendale showed no signs of progress.

Her last hope was LSI's Beloit Residential Treatment Center in Ames, and she was anxious and didn't know anybody.

But as each day passed, Kendale began feeling more comfortable and open to LSI staff, especially Ashley, a Youth Associate at Beloit.

Ashley and the LSI team have been working with Kendale on communicating and building positive relationships, as well as developing healthy decision-making and anger management skills.

Kendale has a caring support system at Beloit. She has developed a routine and is surrounded by a passionate LSI team that makes her feel confident and empowered.

"It's beautiful to see Kendale blossom. She is a lovely little lady with an incredible imagination and a big heart," Ashley says. "I'm so proud of how far she has come and the joy she exudes every day."

July

- 1.
2. Ross DeArmoun, Kelsey Tenold
3. Brandon Severson
4. Kenneth Block, Shirleen Julson
5. Thomas Felland, David Petznick
6. Casey Dahlby, Graham Holstad
7. Jim Dahle, Dylan Nitcher
8. Madison Berry, Kennedy Eskildsen, Mallory Rheingans
9. Marjorie Hengesteg, Robin Hopperstad, Jessica Iverson, Blake Peterson, Tanna Quisley, Justin Read, Brynlee Stricker

Happy Birthday

- 10.
11. Lorna Christianson, Richard Davis, Delores Frederickson
12. Carol Hillman, Peyton Shoger, Ivy Urbatsch
13. Jacob Gordon, Marissa Nitcher
14. Eugene Eilertson, Joshua Einertson, Orin Liljedahl, Joseph Stricker
15. Dan Hendrikson, Laura Kuennen, Matthew Lowe, Janet Severson, Abel Wheeler
16. James Berg, Aidan Gores, Kendra Julseth, Jodi Kilborn, Marjorie Lau, Shannon Moore, Deanna Schutz, Carter Severson, Kelli Wallin
- 17.
18. Briar Buechele, Mark Buehrer, Robert Hickman, Robert Johnsrud, Matthew Moyer, Arlene Rosdahl
19. Maylynn Lande, Susan Nelson, Camryn Rheingans, Lori Turner
20. Marlin Liljedahl, Belinda Nelson, Peyton Pangburn



21. David Gentz, Janet Wilder
22. Nancy Franke
23. Kimberly Anderson, Kelsi Brockman, Jacob Mix
24. Ronald Gentz
25. Troy Bachtle, Danny Werner
26. Jackie Moyer, Marjorie Olson, Rodney Stehn
- 27.
- 28.
29. Allie Branstad, Ned Doan, Richard Selvig, Myra Werner
30. Phyllis Berg, Joel Gordon, Ronald Myli, Heidi Tufte
31. Bonnie Bakken, Tyler Binnebose, Haddie Hanson, Carly Hengesteg, Gary Hennigar, Kathryn Mills, Nickey Stricker

SUMMERTIME!



It's a time of sunshine, vacations, reunions, picnics, and fun!

It is also a time when numbers take a down-turn at church – in both attendance and in income. Because when people don't come to church, they forget to give to their church!

But the church still has to pay its bills.

YOU can help in a couple different ways:



- **Give in advance.** When you know that you're going to be away for a week or two, make your regular donation for those weeks when you are worshipping at FLC.

- **Catch up as soon as you can.** After you've been away, come back to church and give your regular donation for the weeks you missed.



- **Mail your donation to the church** – 309 9th Street N, Northwood, IA 50459.

- **TRY OUR ELECTRONIC GIVING!** It's fast and easy and safe!



With your cell phone, send a text to 779-77 with the message 'flcnw'. A message will come back to you with a link to a screen where you can designate an amount and whether you want that to be one-time or recurring. First Lutheran will receive notification about your donation, and it will be recorded as a gift from you.



With a computer or tablet or smart phone, go to our church website: www.flcnorthwood.org Look for and click on the 'GIVE' button. You will be connected to our Pushpay account. Follow the simple directions to make a contribution.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US SUSTAIN OUR MINISTRY!

