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FIRST LUTHERAN FOCUS

September 2018



Sunday School

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH
SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION
AND VOLUNTEER FAIR**

Fellowship Hall

10:10 am

(Sunday School will be from 10:10-11:00 am
starting next Sunday, September 16th)

Activities planned for children (and parents)

Refreshments being served.

SPECIAL MUSIC PROGRAM

"The Life of Jesus Christ"

by Kristin & Neal Petersen
accompanied by Ryan Hulshizer

Sunday, September 9th
9:00 am

Kristin is Helen Senne's granddaughter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MUSIC

The Sunday School Coordinators are looking
for a volunteer to head up Sunday School
music for preschool thru 5th graders. Please
call the church office to volunteer.

From The Pastor's Desk....

Dear friends,

Words cannot express my gratitude for your care and support for me after my dad's death on July 28. As his death seemed to come ever closer that week, I worried about how I might share that news with you all – and whether I'd be able to 'hold it together' while I led worship. When he died late on that Saturday night, I found that I really didn't have an option to do anything other than show up!

Your loving responses – shared in words, hugs, warm handshakes, some tears, and encouragement – was amazing, and just what I needed. Thank you!

You have continued to reach out in calls, cards, food, and Facebook posts – and each one comforts my heart and brings hope.

I am grateful to serve alongside such a wonderful, faithful, caring congregation.

With love,
Pastor Judy

Dear members of First Lutheran Church,

Time and events cause change. The Worship Committee at First Lutheran Church acknowledges that changes are happening but also wishes to retain the traditions that have made the Senior Choir an integral part of the church mission throughout the years. We pray that God will help and guide us.

The Worship Committee has decided that the leadership and directorship will initially be divided three ways as no single individual thought that they would have the time to devote solely to the task. Lorraine Mix, Russ Knudson, and Nikkole Koeneg will share the duties of director. We collectively pray for your support and assistance in continuing the church mission and glorifying Christ through song.

The first rehearsal for the Senior Choir will take place on September 12, at 7:00 P.M. in main chancel at First Lutheran Church. The choir then will sing for the first 2018-19 year on September 16, at the 9:00 A.M. church service.

Please invite and encourage those who may wish to participate in the choir. We extend an open invitation to any who have the desire to sing with us and spread God's word through song.

We are looking forward to a very successful year continuing the fine tradition that has long been established.

First Lutheran Worship committee and Senior Choir Leadership Team

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms

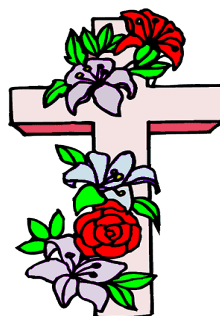
No baptisms in August

Weddings

Kristin Boyden and Matthew Craig—July 28th

Funerals/Memorial Services

Delores Fredrickson—August 15, 2018



MEMORIALS

Ryan Bendeickson

\$10.00—General Fund

Lowell Gangstad

\$290.00—General Fund

\$800.00—Property (Organ) Fund

\$30.00—Worship (Music) Fund

Irma Perkins

\$25.00—Educate (Sunday School)

DONATIONS

No donations this month

YOUTH NEWS

Sr. High Youth – Wednesday 7:00—8:30

Jr. High Youth – Sunday 6:30-8:00

“Deeper” Group – Monday 5:00-??



During the month of August we had a variety of lessons in Youth. We started the month learning about how God is constantly at work on us, through us, and how we can be a blessing to those around us. We then learned about “The Power” that God gives each of us, and how we need to make sure we use it to the best of our abilities. In the middle of the month we focused on addiction, not the kind most people would think. But how we can become addicted to the things we have in our lives and suddenly not pay enough attention to the many things God has done for us.

The last two weeks of summer vacation, the Junior High group had a combined fun night/lesson on Sunday evenings. It started with a scavenger hunt letting them go around and collect items, interact with others, and get some fun pictures doing crazy things. That led into a lesson about going back to school and what does God have in store for us this school year.

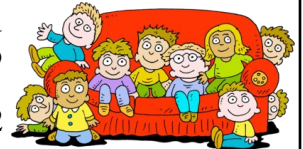


While Jr. High had fun towards the end of the summer, Sr. High had a more serious lesson to end their summer vacation talking about “quitting”. As humans, we often times do things or say things to people with no intentions of ever following through with them We need to quit doing that. If we say we'll pray for someone, then we need to do it. We have all prayed that God would give us more. What we should realize is that God has already given us enough and learn how to appreciate those things better. That evening we focused on 1 Corinthians 10:13 and how we may be tempted to do the wrong things, but God is faithful and will always be there for us.

*Where
God guides,
He provides*

The youth room is on the hunt of another old couch with a bit of life left in it. If you know of anyone who is looking to get rid of one, please let me know. We'd love to come and take it off your hands.

Mark Willand 390-1032





Lutheran Retirement Home
Auxiliary 33rd Annual
Fall Festival Fair
Saturday, September 22nd 9:00-11:00 am
LRH Chapel
Baked Goods—Produce—Crafts
Drawing for Quilt and other prizes!!!
Tickets for the drawings available from Auxiliary
members and LRH Staff.
Join us for coffee & cookies.


ATTENTION CIRCLE PRESIDENTS
CORE MEETING
Sunday, September 9th
Following worship

First Lutheran Missions	
<u>October 1, 2017-September 30, 2018</u>	
Caring Tree	\$ 355.29
Operation Christmas Child	\$ 348.82
Youth Fund (Bibles & Catechisms)	\$ 145.00
Bremwood	\$ 5.00
Opportunity Village	\$ 5.00
Lutheran World Relief	\$ 314.04
Meals on Wheels	\$ 229.66
MANNA	\$ 154.65
Heifer International	\$ 233.73
Good Samaritan Fund	\$ 350.22
Lutheran Services of Iowa	\$ 322.40
Daysprings School	\$ 365.35
Northern Lights	\$ 515.21
Total	\$ 4,136.63

**Mission Project for
September**
Caring Tree
and
Operations Christmas Child

ALTAR FLOWERS
Altar flowers for September are given in memory of Louise Haugebak by Buck & Becky Hickman and family.



**First Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2018 10:15 AM**

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Present: Stuart Anderson, Pastor Judith Converse, Josie Einertson, Lisa Hagen, Mitch Hanson, Sharyll Nestor, Richard Selvig, Judy Stevens, Lynn Tenold and Jacob Urbatsch. Absent: Shana Brunsvold, Doug Fallgatter and Heather Rheingans.

WE CELEBRATE OUR PAST

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

President (Thank-You card from Paige DeArmoun.)

Secretary (No changes to June minutes.)

Treasurer (\$5K loss in June reviewed.)

Pastoral

WE PRESENT OUR OFFERING

Education Committee

Volunteer Fair 09/09 to recruit volunteers for Sunday school program.

Sunday school year starts 09/16. School time is from 10:10 to 11:00AM.

Theater improvements discussed.

Fellowship & Social Ministry Committees -No report.

Finance Committee (next meeting 8/6 5PM)

WCDA granted projects completed. Coverage for incremental funding gap of \$6K approved. (MMSP Nestor / Stevens)

Property Committee (next meeting 9/17 7PM)

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 new dishwasher installation discussed. Committee and Pastor Converse to meet with Kitchen Committee. \$14K remains in Kitchen Fund at this time.

Quotes for generator back-up power from Floyd & Lemand (\$21K) and Albert Lea Electric (\$33K) reviewed. Motion to pursue a WCDA grant approved. (MMSP Hagen / Stevens)

Parsonage upgrades

Site inspection identified tree removal, seamless gutters installation, dishwasher replacement and kitchen remodel projects.

Stewardship Committee (next meeting 9/20 7PM)

Committee in need of “tech” savvy volunteer to assist in build-out of FLC’s online presence.

Fall Stewardship campaign discussed.

Worship & Music Committee (next meeting 07/24 5PM)

Interim Music program and pay scales discussed and approved.

Wicks organ project update:

Purchase of a refurbished three ranks organ console approved (down payment of \$8,500 to hold). (MMSP Hanson, Nestor)

Approved to proceed with Wicks proposal. WCDA grant to be requested (approximately \$269K).

Youth Representative-No report.

CONCERNS FOR THE PRESENT

Scholarship Committee

Grant to me made to Chelsea Boyden of \$500.

Constitution Committee

Initial feedback to Council on changes to current Constitution and bylaws as follows:

Term limits

Fiscal year of 12/31 of each year.

Library Committee

Gift from Mary Ihnen recognized.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Lord's Prayer

We Adjourn to Serve (upcoming dates)

August 5 Communion (Rail) – Richard Selvig & Judy Stevens

August 19 Communion (Intinction) – Stuart Anderson & Sharyl Nestor

August 12 Council monthly meeting 10:15 AM

September 2 Communion (Intinction) – Open.

September 16 Communion (Rail) – Josie Einertson & Mitch Hanson

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

Respectfully submitted, Richard Selvig, Secretary

September Volunteers

Ushers

September 2nd—Harlan & Barb Helgeson, Colton and Casson Moretz
 September 9th—Brian Costello, Dave Capitani, Richard Butler, Samantha Butler, Landon Perkins
 September 16th—Eric and Austin Foss, Tom and Josh Stevens, Cade Hengesteg
 September 23rd—Sawyer & Michelle Schulz, Mitch & Jess Hanson, James & Steph Eskildsen family
 September 30th—Jerry & Jan Hopperstad, Larry Foley, Doug Fallgatter



Greeters

September 2nd—Mitch & Jess Hanson
 September 9th—Jonathan & Jessica Berry
 September 16th—Marlin & Carol Liljedahl
 September 23rd—Eric & Val Foss
 September 30th—Misty Eilertson

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



Coffee Servers

September 2nd—Ray & Wanda Hoffman and Shirley Olson
 September 9th—Judy Stevens, Carol Liljedahl and Linda Loken
 September 16th—Leila Gangstad and Gloria Fallgatter
 September 23rd—Molly Bachtle, Betty Goodrich and Troy & Dawn Bachtle
 September 30th—Maynard & Madelyn Midtgaard and Dianne Johnson



Acolytes

September 2nd—Josh Stevens and Eli Mix
 September 9th—Madison Berry and Hayden Moore
 September 16th—Kennedy Christianson and Callie O'Neill
 September 23th—Nicholas Hanson and Dylan Tews
 September 30th—Ian Huske and Mason Thofson

Lay Readers

September 2nd—Leila Gangstad
 September 9th—Patty Irons
 September 16th—6th Grader
 September 23rd—Myra Harris
 September 30th—Delores Knudson

Assisting Ministers

September 2nd—Richard Selvig
 September 16th—Julia Quisley
 September 30th—Mary Irons

Altar Guild & Share Shoppe

Rebecca Circle



Offering Collectors/Counters

September 2nd—Lee & Becky Okerlund
 September 9th—Gloria Fallgatter and Nancy Amundson
 September 16th—David & Sharron Petznick
 September 23rd—Lee & Becky Okerlund
 September 30th—Mike Stevens and volunteer



FIRST LUTHERAN WOMEN

"Blessed are you among women" Luke 1:42

Julia	No meeting		
Leah	September 6th	9:00 am	Maple Court, Madelyn Midtgaard-hostess
Lydia	September 5th	1:00 pm	Church, Lucy Watney-hostess
Rebecca	September 5th	1:30 pm	Fireside Room, Haddie Hanson-hostess
Sarah	September 4th	1:00 pm	Marcia Kraft's home





September 2018, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Direct Support Professionals Week

Do you know someone who is a caregiver to a loved one? It is a role that is both demanding and meaningful. During September’s National Direct Support Professionals Week, we celebrate all the ways in which these professional caregivers help children and adults achieve their goals and build meaningful lives. One way LSI empowers Iowans is through our Services for People with Disabilities. From 24-hour support to occasional respite care, the LSI team lifts up Iowans with disabilities as they find the confidence and independence they need to thrive in their communities.

We thank you for your faithful support of LSI – you create so many new life-changing possibilities for children, adults, and families! If you would like to learn more about how you can support crucial programming like LSI’s Services for People with Disabilities, 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.

Finding His Independence

Logan and his mother, Michaela, didn’t know where to turn.

Since Logan was 5 years old, he had moved in and out of hospitals and residential treatment centers across Iowa. For 13 years, Michaela tried to find the right approach to address his behavioral needs. But nothing was working.

That’s when the family learned about LSI’s Services for People with Disabilities. Now 18, Logan is living independently in an apartment supervised 24/7 by his compassionate LSI team.

Logan is now active in his community and developing healthy relationships with his friends. He graduated early from his high school and has become active at the gym and in a local bowling league – where his high score for a game is 210.

Every step of the way, Michaela knows Logan’s LSI team will keep her informed about her son’s care and growth.

“At LSI, they treat him like an individual and they know each person needs different care,” Michaela says. “It’s good knowing that I have constant communication with his team, and I know somebody is saying, ‘we hear you’.”

The River City Fall Show “God Bless America” Patriotic & Gospel music for the whole family

Sunday, September 30th at 2 pm
Cedar River Complex in Osage, Iowa

Special guests are
the Randy Aaidirks Family Singers
Early tickets are \$10.00

or \$5.00 for students and children
Tickets can be purchased by chorus member
or

www.rivercityhours.comr/events/gospelshow/



UNDERSTANDING HOPE & LOSS GROUP

Sponsored by Hospice of North Iowa

6 week program for adults grieving a death

*FREE

*Space is limited

*Registration required prior to 1st session

6 consecutive **Thursday evenings in Mason City**

6:00—8:00 pm September 6th-October 11th
HNI conference room 232 2nd ST. SE

6 consecutive **Thursday evenings in Hampton**

6:00—8:00 pm September 13th-October 18th
First Christian Church 605 4th St. NE

Please call the office to schedule an individual appointment for resources and support, free of charge, if the evening session is not an option for you.

Call 1-800-297-4719 or 641-428-6208 to pre-register



1. Bryson Hennigar, Kooper Julseth
2. Kathleen Berg, Laure Buehrer, Laura Hopperstad, Ashley Ernster
3. Ellissa Allbright, Chloe Breitsprecher, Caysen Chodur, Toby Mills, Tyler Roppe, Caitlyn Rops, Michael Stevens
4. Jolene Berg, Elaine Hill, Olivia Hodson, Bryn Pangburn, Heidi Vansteenburgh
5. Ryan Severson, Ronald Wangen
6. Nathan Berg, Keeghan Severson, Mark Taylor, Jennifer Wahl (Rural)
7. Doris Johnson, Melissa Johnson
8. Daniel Julson, Cinda Rustad, Warren Willand
9. Kelsea Koch, Jaxon Reyerson, Nikolas Werner
10. Eric Foss, Mindy Tenold
11. Austin Foss, Ashlee Gaskill
12. Jennifer Johnson, Teresa Stehn
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14. Emma Hengesteg, Morgan Johnson, Samuel Krull, Maeghan Petznick
15. Bonnie Brevig, Frances Pixley, Tory Rheingans, Collyns Schulz, Steven Thompto
16. Linda Anderson, Wanda Hillman, Colleen Olson, Cindy Pangburn, Vicki Stricker
17. Jo Jaspers, Gregory Nystuen, Lee Okerlund, Kenneth Quam, Janet, Rye, Zeke Thompson, Jon Van Sabben
18. Heather Brockman, William Jensen, Brianne Kilborn
19. Sonya Dahle
20. Chandler Capitani, Avis Lehman, Lynn Tenold, Suzan Waller
21. Deb Athey, Alex Breitsprecher, Karen Foley, Dylan Hahn, Chad Watts
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23. Erika Heideman, Bruce Johnson, Carl Rye, Robert Wilder
24. Jennifer Breitsprecher, Cory Hengesteg, Marty Hopperstad, Beverly Madsen, Braelynn Reinartz
25. Stacy Adams, Teresa Olson, Riley Pangburn, Jessica Perkins, Janelle Thompson
26. Elizabeth Patterson, Angela Sime
27. Lauren Heiken, Joshua Iverson
28. James Eskildsen, Wyatt Hahn, Madalynn Hanson, Mitch Hanson, Sharon Swanson, Tim Thofson
29. Donna Roerish, Richard Smallwood
30. Margaret Berge, Zachary Hengesteg, Rod Loken


FLC Financial Update			
<u>July 2018</u>		<u>Fiscal Year as of July 31st</u>	
Income	\$16,941.76	Income	\$195,372.85
Electronic Income	\$1,203.00	Electronic Income	\$12,417.00
Expense	\$17,958.93	Expense	\$188,518.00
End of month	\$185.83	Year to date	\$19,271.85



SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME

Volunteer(s) needed to host fellowship time on October 14th & December 9th. Please call the church office to sign up.

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



SCHOOL KITS

School kit supplies are still needed. Donations can be dropped off in the designated box in Narthex.