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FIRST LUTHERAN FOCUS

October 2018

NEW FIRST LUTHERAN MEMBERS

Kyle, Katie, Harper & Tate Baker
Chris, Mariah, Wesley & Andrew Ballantyne
David, Melinda, Ronan & Saxon Penfold
Gordon, Robin, Drew & Peyton Wilder
Welcome to New Members will be October 7th

TRUST FUND APPLICATIONS

Due by October 15th at Noon.
Forms are available in church office.

2018 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Jace Gentz, Jason Hanson, Carly Hengesteg,
Tyler Mills, Eli Mix, Hayden Moore,
Dylan Tews, Mason Thofson, Emmalee VanSabben,
Drew Wilder, Wyatt Willand

Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) Sunday Service
is October 28th at 9:00 am

ANNUAL REPORTS

DUE BY OCTOBER 29TH

*Annual Meeting is November 18th
10:15 am in Fellowship Hall*



Worship schedule for October 2018

October 7 – Holy Communion (rail) and Welcome to New Members

October 14 – Service of the Word and Holy Baptism, Bibles for 3rd Grade and Catechisms for 1st Grade

in Sunday School

October 21 – Service of the Word and Holy Baptism

October 28 – Holy Communion (intinction) – Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation Sunday)

From The Pastor's Desk....

Dear friends,

Thank you for your warm thoughts and faithful prayers!

That last week of July when my father was in hospice care at the Lutheran Retirement Home was very difficult. Many of you know what that time is like – waiting, praying, wanting AND not wanting it to come to an end. Then – after he was gone, there was much to think about, do, and plan in just a few days, before we convinced my mom to join us and set off for a family reunion in Estes Park, CO.

My six-week time away in August and early September was truly a gift – especially the two weeks of time at Holden Village. I didn't realize until I got there how much I needed to just BE – without responsibilities, without much of a schedule, without demands on my time other than to ponder and grieve and remember. Sometime – before the end of the calendar year – I want to tell you about Holden Village – share some pictures and perspectives on what Steve and I found to be a really unique and wonderful community in the mountains of Washington state!

Before we left, I asked for prayers for rest – and safety, good health, and decent weather – and those prayers were answered in abundance!

AND – now that experience has passed – and the Fall schedule is upon us.

And I'm ready for it! Confirmation class, reconnecting with homebound members, Sunday school involvement, new leadership for our adult choir, children's time in worship, baptisms (!), a couple weddings, new members, budget planning for 2019 (yep, this too!), an Urban Immersion retreat, and so much more. It will be a busy and blessed time at FLC!

With much gratitude,
Pastor Judy

THANKS - - - THANKS - - - THANKS

After being away for a number of weeks, I have discovered SO many things to be thankful for:

- ◆ Our interim music staff (Russ Knudson, Loraine Mix, and Nicole Koenig) – who are working together to continue the rich tradition of good music by our adult choir – enriching our worship time!
- ◆ Loraine Mix – who spent much time organizing and filing organ music upstairs!
- ◆ Russ Knudson – who spent many hours organizing, filing, and cataloging our choral music in the choir area of the Fellowship Hall!
- ◆ Troy Bachtel – who helped move cabinets and boxes for Loraine and Russ – and cleaned up the choir area – while keeping the church clean and running smoothly!
- ◆ And Troy, again – for the painting and building and reorganizing of the Sunday school space – to create a new, fun theater room for the kids – and paint the last of the Sunday school rooms with fresh color!
- ◆ Sunday school teachers and leaders who are making use of new curriculum that matches our Narrative Lectionary each week – and are teaching our youngest members about God's love for everyone!
- ◆ Friendly visitors who spend time with our homebound members – bringing soup, devotionals, comforting prayer shawls, and love and care!
- ◆ Our committees, groups, and Council who meet and plan and do the business of the church throughout the year!
- ◆ DeAnn and her work to put a new directory with updated pictures and information together for FLC!
- ◆ Generous givers who have kept FLC 'in the black' even through the summer months!
- ◆ Your love and care for me – when things are rough and when we celebrate together!



Blessings,
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-??



Some of my favorite lessons happen during the back to school part of the year. I'll give a quick rundown of some of them and the Bible verses that we learned during them. The first was called “Crappiest Youth Ever” After playing some pudding eating games, we talked about how our belief in God isn't always a mountain top experience and sometimes that walk gets a bit hard. We shared some of the tough things we've all dealt with and how God helped us through. Our main Bible verse that night was Deuteronomy 31:6 *“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”*

The next one was “The Plan”. Each student has to make some plans about where they see their life heading in the years ahead. Then at random, life events that they couldn't foresee happening changed all of those plans. They had to figure out what to do next. By the end of the evening only one student “survived” and we talked about Jeremiah 29:11 *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*



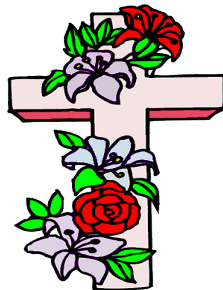
During the Strong Person Competition, the kids had to choose to stay solo or get in groups to see who was the strongest in a variety of games and challenges. After all of the fun and games were over, we focused on the strengths, both physical and mental, that God has blessed us with. The focus verse of that evening was Isaiah 40:29 *“He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.”*

We're planning a day trip to ValleyScare on October 20th. This will be the 12th year that we've taken a group from First Lutheran up to the cities for a day of fun and scares. Some of our college students will be gathering on October 13th to take quilts to Albert Lea to drop off for Lutheran World Relief. Afterwards we're planning to go out and get a chance to talk about the semester so far and go out to eat.



MEMORIALS

Guy Patzloff
\$5.00—Property (Organ) Fund
Lowell Gangstad
\$75.00—Property (Organ) Fund



DONATIONS

\$250.00—Property (Organ) Fund
\$75.00—Property (Fireside Room)

Mission Project for October

Bremwood Youth Home

Provides a safe environment for youth

First Lutheran Missions

October 1, 2017-September 30, 2018

Caring Tree	\$ 380.29
Operation Christmas Child	\$ 468.82
Youth Fund (Bibles & Catechisms)	\$ 195.00
Bremwood	\$ 5.00
Opportunity Village	\$ 5.00
Lutheran World Relief	\$ 912.37
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 Shelter	\$ 570.21
Total	\$ 4,979.96

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms

No baptisms in September

Weddings

Callie Carlson & Wade Flattum—September 14th

Funerals/Memorial Services

Richard Brevig—September 1st

Louanne Hamilton—September 22nd (Graveside)

Beverly Linden—September 23rd

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers for October are given by the Altar Guild.



**First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2018 10:15 AM**

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WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

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

WE CELEBRATE OUR PAST

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

President (Recommended a Thank-You letter be sent to WCDA for grants received).

Secretary (Changes to August minutes approved.)

Treasurer (July "break even" profit reviewed.)

Pastoral

WE PRESENT OUR OFFERING

Education Committee

Volunteer Fair 09/09 to recruit volunteers for Sunday school program. Still in need of older children's song leader.

Fellowship & Social Ministry Committees- No reports.

Finance Committee (next meeting 9/6 5PM)

Protocols in place to address and clarify designated and non-designated funds.

Alliant Energy \$350 check received for building usage on July 17th (natural gas line repair in Northwood).

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.

Current projects:

WCDA grant request for back-up power generator in-flight.

Parsonage upgrades - Site inspection identified tree removal, seamless gutters installation, dishwasher replacement and kitchen remodel projects. Action pending.

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 to be discussed.

Worship & Music Committee (next meeting 09/18 5PM)

Wage scale for musical positions paid quarterly given to Financial Secretary.

Senior Choir practice begins on 09/12 7PM. Director and accompanist roles reviewed.

Acolyte robes cleaned.

Youth Representative-No report.

CONCERNS FOR THE PRESENT

Committee Volunteer Fair

All Committees urged to have a table and be present to talk about your individual Committee as well as recruit new members. Fair to take place in Fellowship Hall on Sunday 09/09 AM.

Constitution Committee (next meeting 09/06 5PM)

Updates as follows:

Notable changes address term limits, committee composition, endowments, memorial gifts and fiscal year timing.

Proposed changes to be reviewed with Finance for alignment with fiscal policies.

Library Committee

Committee action tabled until September.

Fireside Remodel Committee

Design walk through of improvements presented to Council.

Council approved to proceed with solicitation of formal quotes. (MMSP Rheingans / Selvig)

Formal proposal will be presented at Annual Meeting in November.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Lord's Prayer

We Adjourn to Serve (upcoming dates)

August 19

Communion (Intinction) – Stuart Anderson & Sharyl Nestor

September 2

Communion (Intinction) – Stuart Anderson & Heather Rheingans.

September 16

Communion (Rail) – Josie Einertson & Mitch Hanson

September 16

Council monthly meeting 10:15 AM

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

Respectfully submitted, Richard Selvig, Secretary

October Volunteers

Ushers

October 7th—Dan Hendrikson, Bernie VanVeldhuizen, Mike & DeAnn Read
 October 14th—David & Sharron Petznick, Kevin and Maeghan Petznick
 October 21st—Jake Urbatsch, Dan Reeder, Dennis Reeder, Hal Johnson
 October 28th—Harlan & Barb Helgeson, Colton and Casson Moretz



Greeters

October 7th—Andy, Amber, Kael & Kooper Julseth
 October 14th—Harlan & Barb Helgeson
 October 21st—Scott, Deanna, Hayden & Alexis Halbach
 October 28th—Roger & Jane Odeegaard and Marilyn Severson

Coffee Servers

October 7th—Patty Irons and Avis Lehman
 October 14th—Looking for volunteer
 October 21st—Judy Stevens and Nancy Amundson
 October 28th—Ray & Wanda Hoffman and Shirley Olson

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



Acolytes

October 7th—Trace Low and Chloe Costello
 October 14th—Nolan Senne and Jackson Foss
 October 21st—Joshua Stevens and Haddie Hanson
 October 28th—Madison Berry and Madalynn Hanson

Lay Readers

October 7th—Jan Thompson
 October 14th—Stu Anderson
 October 21st—Sixth Graders
 October 28th—Lisa Wangness

Assisting Ministers

October 7th—Tim Knutson
 October 28th—Peyton Pangburn

Altar Guild & Share Shoppe

Sarah Circle



Offering Collectors/Counters

October 7th—Russ & Delores Knudson
 October 14th—Mike & Judy Stevens
 October 21st—Lee & Becky Okerlund
 October 28th—Gloria Fallgatter and Nancy Amundson



FIRST LUTHERAN WOMEN

"Blessed are you among women" Luke 1:42

Julia	October 1st	2:00 pm	Pat Nelson's home
Leah	October 4th	9:00 am	Maple Court, Leila Gangstad-hostess
Lydia	October 3rd	1:00 pm	Lois Hogen's home
Rebecca	October 3rd	1:30 pm	Fireside Room, Phyllis Berg-hostess
Sarah	October 2nd	1:00 pm	Fran Pixley's home



SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME

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

FLC Financial Update

	August 2018	Fiscal Year as of August 31st
Income	\$9,436.00	Income \$204,808.85
Electronic Income	\$1,388.00	Electronic Income \$13,805.00
Expense	\$15,661.04	Expense \$207,478.31
End of month	(\$4,837.04)	Year to date \$11,135.54



Warming Hearts with God's Love and a Good Pair of Mittens

Far too often, children arrive at LSI's Beloit and Bremwood Residential Treatment Centers with very little in their possession.

We give thanks for Iowa congregations who faithfully respond to these needs, year after year! As winter approaches, LSI relies on your loving support to meet the demands for winter apparel for children and youth at Beloit and Bremwood. Often, children in residential treatment have little control over their lives, so it's important for us to give children the opportunity, when possible, to shop for their new coat or mittens. Because of this, we ask that you please not donate articles of clothing. With your generous financial donation, many children will have the simple joy of choosing their new coat, knowing that they are loved and cherished.

If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

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.

A Loving Companion

When Tatyana came to LSI's Bremwood Residential Treatment Center in Waverly, she was lonely.

She lost her mom at a young age, and her father was incarcerated. She didn't have anyone to look up to, and the only way she knew how to cope with trauma and anger was by yelling and hitting. When she began seeing her LSI therapist, she wasn't comfortable talking about her difficult past.

Then she met a new friend, Max. Max is a three-year-old yellow Labrador Retriever, and a friendly face to everyone he sees on Bremwood's campus. Thanks to a generous donation by a local church and through a partnership between LSI and Retrieving Freedom, Max is now the official therapy dog at Bremwood.

Max has been working with Tatyana for over a year now. He sits on the sofa next to her during every therapy session, which makes her feel safe talking to her LSI team. Tatyana practices calmly giving Max commands like "sit" or "stay," which is teaching her that her voice is heard without needing to yell. She is using a calmer voice when she talks to others on campus too.

The children and teens at Bremwood love seeing Max each day. And when more children like Tatyana walk through the doors for the first time, Max is there, ready to be a friendly face and let them know they will be loved and cared for at LSI.

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

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OCTOBER

- 1 Randy Buehrer, Ila Jensen, Lois Meyer
- 2 Daryl Hennigar, Lisa Irons, Tyler Mills
- 3 Lane Ballandby, Phyllis Mortenson, Larry Perkins, Rachel Ritzert, Dale Sime
- 4 Janet Reeder, Ryan Wahl
- 5 Dustin Hodson, Russell Olson, Jill Willand
- 6 Harley Severson, Sandra Thoen
- 7 James Medlang
- 8 Katie Baker, Trey Gonzales, Maggie Rye
- 9 Keith Braun, Madison Eilertson, Linda Loken, Paige McClure, Daniel Reeder, Dennis Reeder
- 10 Lisa Christianson, Kary Paulson, Sharron Petznick, Judy Wangen
- 11 Gloria Fallgatter, Douglas Krull, Tayah Lande, Danneka Love
- 12 Mitchell Athey, Kimberly Helgeson, Mark Severson
- 13 Gavin Hankins, Kelvin Hendrikson, Tony Katcher
- 14 Anthony Hauge, Ben Johnson, Reese Nielsen, Jessica Paulsen
- 15 Deanna Gentz, Michael Kuhlmann, Bryan Odegaard
- 16 Becky Logemann, James Marker, Ronnie Stricker
- 17 Kenneth Schmidt
- 18 Harold Van Sabben
- 19 Lynn Schaub
- 20 Chris Thofson
- 21 Sydney Harris, Suzanne Senne
- 22 Arly Hillman
- 23 Axel Flattum, Sandra Madden
- 24 Mark Midtgaard, Lawson Perkins, Kyle Stumo
- 25 Becky Haberman
- 26 Marcia Kraft, Kaelix Iverson, Journey Thompson, Emmalee Van Sabben, Lisa Wangsness
- 27 Allix Braun, Jacob Katcher
- 28 Dwayne Wright
- 29 Sue Anderson
- 30 Candace Low
- 31 Baylor Abrams, Patricia Brekken, Damon Reyerson, Raegen Reyerson,
Dennis Schutz, Alex Shoger, Ella Stevens, Daniel Turner, Weston Willand

