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First Lutheran Focus

June 2022

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Join us again on June 1st and June 22nd at 6:00 pm

*“In the same way, let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

Matthew 5:16

PASTOR'S PAGE

I have always been drawn to a good old fashion teeter totter. The long slab of wood with evenly balanced on a secure post in the middle. If you were lucky it had handles on each end and it was great fun to rise up and go down in sync with your playmate at the other end. Of course, there were a few mishaps. Those times when the weight was not balanced or when your playmate got off unexpectedly when you were up sending you crashing to the ground. But for the most part, it is fun for everyone involved.



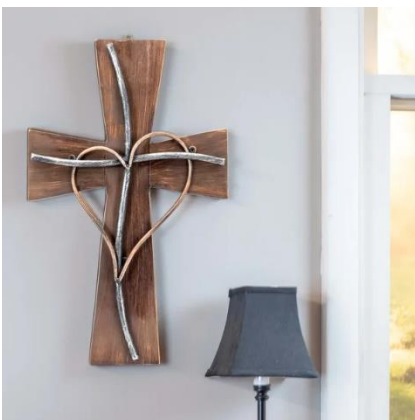
Balance is an important part of life for each of us. And, when life is balanced it is fun, engaging, lifegiving, meaningful for everyone involved. That's what I appreciate about summer schedules. We can step back and make choices about what we will do and how we fill our days and weeks.



I have been thinking about how it's so easy to fill time with things that really don't make the list of fun, engaging, lifegiving and meaningful for everyone involved. I'm not sure that everything that stakes claim on our time deserves to be on that list. I encourage you as you consider how you fill your days and weeks that you make space for your faith life. Yes, I mean coming to worship on Sunday morning or to Inspire. I also mean taking time for a daily devotional life. A couple of key reasons for this: God is the centerpiece of life much like the center post of a teeter totter. When the demands of life take over and you 'don't have time' for worship and prayer you won't find balance and you will miss out. We, the church, miss out too. You matter to us, to this community of faith called First Lutheran Church. Your voice joining our prayers and hopefully our songs add strength and beauty. You are important for those who are struggling. Those folks who don't have the umph to pray the Lord's Prayer but are held together and cared for in the voices of others to carry them through.

Let me say it again. You matter to us here at First Lutheran. Your joining in worship is part of what is fun, engaging, lifegiving and meaningful for our community of faith.

Pastor Becky Sogge



PASTORAL ACTS - 2022

Baptisms:

Ashton Ryan Kroneman – 5/29/22

YOUTH NEWS

Summer is upon us, and things are getting busy busy busy!!!



DayCamp will be held at the Church from June 6th – 10th, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM each day. This years theme is “Tree of Healing” and we're excited to see how the week will unfold. There are permission slips located at the church to sign up ahead of time, but we will also allow kids to sign up the morning we start. We will have a DayCamp wrap-up during the Sunday morning church service on the 12th which will also include what we've been up to in Youthgroup as well.

We have new carpet installed in the Youthroom that looks amazing. Our old carpet was about 13 years old and had been well used!!! A HUGE thank you to WCDA and Sandy Madden for making it happen! We also repainted the Youth Room around graduation time, so it went from bright green to a pale blue color.

With summer starting, we've “aged” all the kids up one grade, so the upcoming 7th graders are now allowed to attend Jr. High Youth on Sunday nights. Upcoming Freshmen are allowed to attend both groups, and those who just graduated are allowed to continue with us Sr. High Youth until High School starts back up in the fall. Junior High Youth goes from 6:30 to 8:00 on Sunday night and they are allowed to stay at the church until 10:00. Senior High Youth runs from 7:00 to 8:30 PM on Wednesday Night and students are allowed to stay at the church until 12:30 AM during the summer.



First Lutheran Mission

January 1 – April 30, 2022

Bremwood	\$	
Operation Christmas Child	\$	
Education Fund	\$	200.00
Youth Fund	\$	635.00
Youth Campership	\$	220.00
Caring Tree	\$	
Meals on Wheels	\$	
Manna	\$	
Heifer International	\$	188.96
Riverside Bible Camp	\$	80.55
Campers Fund	\$	
Good Samaritan Fund	\$	125.00
Lutheran Services	\$	1,000.00
Dayspring Children's Village	\$	115.00
Northern Lights Shelter	\$	
LRH Auxiliary	\$	220.00
TOTAL		\$ 2,784.51

First Lutheran Financial Update

April 2022

Income	\$24,432.50
Electronic Income	\$3,302.64
Expense	(\$18,499.56)
End of Month	\$9,235.58

YTD as of April 30

Income	\$75,558.87
Electronic Income	\$12,564.34
Expense	(\$91,545.06)
End of Month	(\$ 3,421.85)

April General Budget Expenses

PAYROLL:	\$ 15,411.47
E-GIVING EXPENSE	\$ 43.69
CHURCH MAINTENANCE	\$ 85.00
UTILITIES	\$ 2,245.25
TELEPHONE	\$ 212.68
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$ 501.47

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ (18,499.56)

INCOME \$ 27,735.14

NET \$ 9,235.58

Donations

\$600	- Lutheran Services – Ukraine
125	- Youth Fund
\$220	- LRH Auxiliary

Sunday School Donated \$943.71 to the Ronald McDonald House

Memorials

Aljean Smith	\$25	Education
	\$20	General Fund
Golden tones Choir	\$1,500	Inspire Services

June Share Shoppe

SARAH Circle will be working June 4th

Mission Project for June

Northern Light Homeless Shelter

Staff Phone Numbers

Pastor Sogge	612-718-9151
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Congratulations to the Graduating Seniors of 2022



Left Back Row: Dylan Tews, Tyler Mills, Jace Gentz, Eli Mix, Emmalee Van Sabben, Calli O'Neil, Carly Hengesteg, Mason Thofson. Left Front Row: Jason Hanson, Andrew Wilder, Wyatt Willand, Andrew Breitsprecher, Hayden Moore and Pastor Becky Sogge



Sitting for the Children's Sermon



We welcome new members into our congregation! Ashley, Derek, Harper and Hudson Haxton, Dennis Lester, Mary Schlotfeld, Kara, Ken, Kinley and Kellan Stambaugh, Anthony Welty, Tyler, Jenna, Hudson and Harper Ziebell.

Congratulations to the graduation seniors of First Lutheran: Andrew Breitsprecher, Jace Gentz, Jason Hanson, Carly Hengesteg, Tyler Mills, Eli Mix, Hayden Moore, Calli O'Neill, Dylan Tews, Mason Thofson, Emmalee Van Sabben, Andrew Wilder and Wyatt Willand.

A special welcome and god speed to Jon Meksi who attended school in Northwood this year as a foreign exchange student.

A huge thank you to the First Lutheran Quilters who have put many hours and love into these quilts: Fran Olson, Fran Pixley, Shirley Olson, Shirley Everhart, Verna Weitzel, Wanda Hoffman, Lois Hogen, Judy Reese, Sharyl Ferley and Elaine Meyer.

Congratulations to Joshua and Nicole Kroneman on the baptism of their son, Ashton Ryan Kroneman. His sponsors are Abbie & Ryan Meincke, Cody Wahl and Mike Adams.

Thank you for the graduation gifts as well as the amazing quilt. I appreciated it very much.

June 5th is Pentecost Sunday when we get to celebrate the birthday of the church and the color of the day is RED. Wear red and come join the fun!

on Sunday, June 12th Day Camp will be the focus of worship. Come and hear what the kids learned and sing some fun songs.

Thank you for your donation to Heifer International; you are providing nutritious food, education and hope for the next generation.

Today is Noisy Offering so please place your loose change in the buckets at the back of the church. All money will go towards the Lutheran Retirement Home Auxiliary.

Summertime and the living is easy. That's what the favorite old song says. The **living** may be easy, but often the **giving** is not. Summer offerings often drop significantly for our church because of vacation travel, sports schedules and other activities that cause you miss church or worship in other churches. If you would like to make your giving easy and consistent this summer, please consider our electronic giving option. The Vanco app makes giving pretty easy once you have it set up. It can be someone frustrating as you discover how many First Lutheran Churches there are. If you have questions or would like assistance in setting up your smart phone with Vanco app talk to Pastor Becky or any of the council members.


Please bring your spare change for Noisy Offering on Sunday, June 12th and June 26th. This offering goes to the mission of the month which is Northern Lights Homeless Shelters.

The Sunday School children raised an amazing amount of \$943.71 which they decided to donate to The Ronald McDonald House. A huge round of applause for these children and all their efforts.



1. **Eli Mix**
2. **Jayne Van Sabben**
3. **Carolyn Kalvig, Torin Newell, Brianna Perkins, Betty Peterson-Fosness, Danielle Taylor-Carter**
4. **Taryn Fell, Janell Iverson**
5. **Keith Harmon, Kevin Petznick, Dale Thron**
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7. **Jessica Reyerson, Reid Patterson**
8. **Shari Frederickson, Loraine Mix**
9. **Lana Anderson, Angela Shackleton**
10. **Ron Dodd, Jared Magritz**
11. **Linda Einertson, Rosemary Fredericks, Barbara Stricker, Skyler Wright**
12. **Brenda Flatness, Aydan Schutz, Mike Severson, Ethan Thofson**
13. **Brock Johnson, Foxx Chesmore**
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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 Klement, Donald Harang, Cody Wahl**
21. **Alexia Gentz, Kim Hendrikson, Kimberly Hennigar, Eric Schaefer, Megan Turner, Michael Waller**
22. **Jacob Gentz, Rachel Davis, Jason Weisert**
23. **Jayn Iverson, Dilan Ott**
24. **Kathleen (Larry) Gentz, Tucker Maher**
25. **Cade Hengesteg, Rebecca Houg, Caden Mattern, Darla Otis, Derek LaRue**
26. **Tate Baker, Dean Christianson, Tamara Severson, Paisley Maher**
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, Harlow Magritz**
30. **Jorene Gunderson, Harlan Helgeson, Scott Kalvig**

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00pm: Inspire 7:00pm: SH. Youth	2 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	3	4
5 <u>Day of Pentecost</u> 9:00am- Service with Holy Communion 6:30pm- JH. Youth	6	7 6:00pm: Worship Committee 7:00pm: Inspire Comm. Meeting 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	8 7:00pm: SH. Youth	9 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo 7:00pm: Pub Theology	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Synod Assembly </div>	
DAYCAMP 10 AM – 2 PM						
12 <u>Pentecost 2</u> 9:00am- Service with Noisy Offering and Daycamp Recap 6:30pm- JH. Youth	13	14 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	15 11:00am: Staff Mtng. 2:00pm: Sr. Comm. 7:00pm: SH. Youth	16 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	17	18
19 <u>Pentecost 3</u> 9:00am- Community Service at Fairgrounds 3:00pm- LRH Service 6:30pm- JH. Youth Father's Day	20	21 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	22 6:00pm: Inspire & Hotdog Fellowship 7:00pm: SH. Youth	23 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo 7:00pm: Pub Theology	24	25
26 <u>Pentecost 4</u> 9:00am- Service with Noisy Offering 6:30pm- JH. Youth	27	28 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	29 7:00pm: SH. Youth	30 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	