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# First Lutheran Focus

# June 2024

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<u>Week</u>	<u>Counter</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
<b>June 2</b>	Buehrer family	Tim Knutson	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>June 9</b>	Petznick family	Delores Knudson	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>June 16</b>	Knudson family	Linda Griffith	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>June 23</b>	Fairgrounds	Fairgrounds	Fairgrounds	Fairgrounds	Fairgrounds
<b>June 30</b>	Okerlund family	Carolyn Reeder	TBD	TBD	TBD

**Communion Set up:**  
 June 2 Pam Perkins  
 June 16 Mary Jo Senne

**Altar Candles:**  
 June 2-9 Pam Perkins  
 June 16-23 Mary Jo Senne  
 June 30 Anneke Urbatsch

# PASTOR'S PAGE

Some of my most favorite memories of growing up are connected to events in our family. A lot of those memories involve traveling and camping as a family. We would head up to our favorite campground and sleep in the pop-up camper and fish in a small boat. All of us neatly arranged in the boat, dad in the back, mom in the front and all of the fishing poles sticking out in the assigned direction. Now that I think about it, my parents should be nominated for sainthood. We traveled most summers. The six of us in our station wagon and pop-up camper one year making our way out to the Grand Canyon and on to visit family in California.

Many of our road trips were to Tennessee to visit mom's family. Every year on the last Saturday in July, the Robinson family of middle Tennessee heads up the hill for the family reunion. This tradition began in about 1880 when my great-grandfather and others met at the family cemetery for the annual clean-up day. The day



was first planned so that they could do the necessary work in the cemetery. As time has gone on the day became more about having a meal together, making any joint decisions and sharing stories. The annual trip to the cemetery became the annual Robinson Family Reunion where everyone brings food, they have a worship service, a cemetery association meeting, and together they tell lots of stories. The annual trip up to the Robinson Cemetery is an important part of my mom's story and when it has worked, I have made the trip to be a part of the ongoing story.

As a community of faith we share a common heritage, a common story. We gather weekly to hear the story of faith. To be reminded of our connection and our part of the story. Summer allows for a different pace in our lives both at home and at church. Maybe as you travel or get away for a break you will be reminded how big the world is and blessed by how faithful God is. Our faith is not just about remembering what has happened in the past but also about seeing God in the present. As you go about your work being the hands and feet of Christ spend some time looking for places you see God creating hope, God is at work, and God is infiltrating the world around us.

Paul, in his letter to the Galatians says, *“So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.”*

-Pastor Becky Sogge



## MAY PASTORAL ACTS

### Wedding

Mikki Butler and Eric Lehmkuhl 5/25/24

### Committal Service

Duane Thompson 5/19/24

### Baptism

Bryden Dennis Willier 5/26/24

Fredrick Michael King 5/26/24

Brody James Ralston 5/26/24

Evelynn Rose Ralston 5/26/24

Hunter Ray Ralston 5/26/24

# YOUTH NEWS

Summer is upon us!



**YOUTH  
OLYMPIC  
GAMES**

The first Wednesday of Summer break we had both groups join together for our annual Youth Olympics. I love getting to lead lessons each week, but also have a great time on those occasions where we get together for fun, and this event was full of fun. To see teens put the phones down and have a good time just interacting with each other is a rare site these days (Proverbs 15:13).

DayCamp is starting on Monday, June 3 here at the church. Plans have been in the work for a very long time to make this the best week possible for our younger kids here in Northwood. There is still room for students to sign up, and for adults to volunteer in various ways throughout the week!

It always amazes me that we have so many teens who make an effort to be here consistently with so many other things going on at the same time. Both of our groups have a core group that make it a priority to be here each week. The following list is all our students who made 50% this year.

**Thank you  
For  
your participation**

Walt Kelly  
Levi Wood  
Austin Orth  
Kinley Stambaugh  
Christopher Madson  
Camden Trenhaile  
Feyre Grunhovd  
Nyx Mayberry  
Kenny Conlin  
Hunter Janssen  
Andrew Grunhovd

Noah Woltzen  
Lex Hanson  
Weston Willand  
Logan Manning  
Olivia Panfilova  
Ayden Clark  
Kelse Liddle  
Reese Wahl  
Lexi McHenry  
Damon Reyerson  
Olivia Hodson

Kaylee Frank  
Mia Fierova  
Ivy Toresdahl  
Avarie Skellenger  
Harley Logemann  
Konlin Perry  
Casey Gentz  
Gabe Aleman  
Cayleigh Pepper

**Regular Council Meeting**  
**April 16, 2024**  
**First Lutheran Church - Northwood**

In Attendance: Kimberly A., Kevin M., Connie K., Kris K., Nikkole K., Gina S., Mariah B., Megan O.

**We Assemble in God's Name**

Devotion - Kevin M. - What is grasping us is the Grasp of God!

**We Celebrate our Past**

**Presidential Correspondence** - Nikkole K.

A letter from Bogue Services was received. They have been in, and fixed the organ. The most likely cause was dust on the leather. Bogue has made some suggestions on updates that could be made. Nothing has been looked into yet.

**Secretary's Report** - Megan O.

Typos to be corrected in last month's minutes:

Under Inspire "This week is"

Youth: "Newbs to Noobs"

Kids to Sing/Sign - Judy not July

No changes to information.

**Treasurer's Report**- Matt J.

No updates for now. Lower gifts and funds coming in is "Normal" for this year. We should have some better months ahead of us.

**Pastor's Report** - Pastor Becky

Mission trip coming up to "Companion Synod" in Hungary June 21-28. Alongside the church in Hungary, they will be sharing their ministries. This will also be con-ed. Most of the other con-ed is earned with the coaching activities. Some of the con-ed funds budgeted will be utilized for the trip. An amount will be presented in the future (most likely May). This trip does include one Sunday, but the Sunday falls on Fair Week. This Service will be at the Fairgrounds June 23, 2024.

Surgery went well! Healing is on track! Life is good.

**Motion Made to Approve All Reports - Kris / Kevin - Passed**

**We present our Offering**

**FINANCE** - Matt J.

Jan presented on behalf of Matt.

We are not running very well for the year. We are "okay" for a while, but with the summer months coming, we need to prepare. We are going to be in trouble, we are already in the hole. This is not sustainable long term.

Christmas and last year were bountiful, but we need to keep up the pace year round.

They are working on a comparison on a few of the previous years to give us a good idea of patterns and what works well. Pastor will also get numbers of attendees for those same time periods as well. Judy will also be working on an event calendar to continue to help get people in the doors.

**WORSHIP**- Kimberly A.

Last Meeting was 4/9 - The positive Easter Season was discussed and music was selected through May.

May 12 is graduation.

Leila proposed and committee approved: collapsible wood grain boxes to make "My Faith" chests for baptisms. This will be something more substantial for kids to keep and continue to fill. A bit more sturdy and central in their growing lives. Things can always be added and kept like their first bible, confirmation, crosses, etc. They will be personalized with each individual's name.

Robes are being cleaned! Choir will start again in the fall, usually after Labor Day. Next meeting is May 6.

**INSPIRE**- Kevin M.

Holden Evening prayers are going well. Successful new song and they are trying a second new song!

Kevin and Nikkole have begun reading to ensure voices are loud enough for all viewers and attendees.

3 or 4 Inspire Services left for the season. We definitely want to make sure we acknowledge graduates  
Sunday School's last day is May 5  
High School Graduation is May 12  
May 15 the last Inspire Service of the Season  
May 19 is Pentecost

#### **STEWARDSHIP - Connie K.**

No updates yet. Working on pieces to add to the bulletin each week. Will be sending to Christa for bulletins before each Wednesday. Planning to work on the website to add to newsletter, bulletins, etc.  
Some things to work on: How do we get giving and attendance back to a "normal"/regular setting? How do we increase consistent giving?

#### **YOUTH-Weston W.**

Moving along. Life Fest is July 10 - 14, the kids are very excited.  
Mark is taking a group of Juniors and Seniors on a retreat by Wisconsin Dells. Funding was provided through the trust fund. Kids who have been the most active/reliable attendees will get to go.  
July 28, 2024 Both Mark and Camdon will be gone. - Nikkole to cover sound/tech booth  
Lots of kids are going to Riverside Camp this year. Following these few events, Youth will be winding down for the year for a while.

#### **EDUCATION - Mariah B.**

Last day of Sunday School is May 5 and the end of the year is covered. This Sunday, 4/21, No Sunday School so that the kids and their families may go downstairs for the Brunch.  
Day Camp - June 3-7 : 9am - 12pm  
The Camp will be utilizing the Northwood Kensett School Summer Lunch Program. It will be a good partnership. Most likely going in family group shifts.  
We received a \$500 gift from Deer Creek Valley for our Summer programs. They are focusing on "Local Benevolence" - giving back to the community. Looking into potentially purchasing a curriculum for Camp..  
Last Confirmation meeting is May 15, 2024.

#### **PROPERTY - Kris K.**

Grant from WCDA was given for \$27,278 for the church's gutters. A letter was sent to the WCDA to acknowledge returning the unutilized grant for the Solar Panels.

#### **MISSION- Gina**

No big updates. Meeting with kids to help pack supply kits and helping to supplement items where needed. Kids eating at 4:30 after the meeting.

**FELLOWSHIP-** Judy S. Boy Scouts in MN did an electronics recycling drive. Would it be possible to do in this area?

Brunch Sunday - planning for around 40 people

Mini Cinnamon rolls, Farmers egg bake, biscuit and gravy bake, cheesy grits.

Orange juice, coffee, water. Everything prepared and cooked early to ensure it is ready at the time of the meal.

Judy could use help with: Set up early Sunday AM, serving, and clean up after. Eco friendly plates and disposable items are being used to help efficiency.

Future meetings to be had focusing on Fellowship and Fundraising to give it the necessary attention it needs.

Notice to go out to kids and parents as a reminder that there will be no Sunday School, so they can attend the Church Brunch!

#### **Concerns for the Present**

##### **New Members/Baptisms/Funerals**

Lindflott Scholarship- Typically given to someone who has been the most active.

Damond Reyerson was recommended. He had gone through Confirmation at First Lutheran during COVID, has been to Youth 121 times, taken part at Life Fest and many other activities.

**Motion Made to present the scholarship to Damond Reyerson - Mariah / Kimberly - Passed**  
Presentation to be done Graduation Sunday by the Council President.

**Baptisms:** Tucker Janssen, April 6, Kris Quam Jr., Saturday, April 13

It is such a blessing to have young people who know they are welcome and loved.  
Lots of youth are choosing to come to church on their own.

**Funeral:** Duane Thompson, March 23

**Communion Servers:**

April 21- Kris, Kevin, Nikkole

May 5 - Mariah, Gina, Kimberly

May 19 - Megan, Kris, Kimberly

Extra servers can focus on the individuals who stay in the pews. There are smaller trays in the back.

Bread - 'The body of Christ given for you.'

Wine - "The blood of Christ shed for you."

What to say to children...(hand on head)... "Jesus Loves You!"

**We Go Out in God's Name**

**Motion to Adjourn Gina / Mariah - Approved**

Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: May 21, 6:00PM

Devotions: Kimberly Anderson



From Left: Lindsey Moore, Chloe Costello, Peyton Wilder, Emma Hengesteg, Haddie Hanson, Mallory Rheingans, Damon Reyerson, Madalynn Hanson, Jackson Foss, Justin Mills, Kyler Varner and Reese Wahl.

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please bring your spare change** for Noisy Offering on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>. This offering goes to the mission of the month which is Northern Lights Homeless Shelters.

**Congratulations to** Mikki Butler and Eric Lehmkuhl; they were married here at FLC on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. The Altar flowers are in honor of their marriage.

**Congratulations to** Travis Willier and Ashley Leegaard on the baptism of their son, Bryden Dennis Willier. His sponsors are Samantha Hart, Tim Callahan, Jaidyn Thompson, and Chelsea Stromley.

**Congratulations to** Michael and Riley King on the baptism of their son, Fredrick Michael who was baptized this weekend at FLC. His sponsors are Hayden Olson, Jocelyn Klunder, Maxwell Wooden, and Ravyn Lockridge.

**Congratulations to** Christina and Chris Stromley on the baptism of their children; Brody James Ralston, Evelyn Rose Ralston, and Hunter Ray Ralston. Their sponsors are Cayleigh Pepper, Janel Pepper, and Dani Gentz.

**The Northwood Lions Club** is hosting a blood drive on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 1-5:30pm at the Fairgrounds.

**A huge thank you to the First Lutheran Quilters who have put many hours and love into these quilts!**

**From the left:** Fran Pixley, Shirley Olson, Shirley Everhart, Sharyl Ferley, Mary Jo Senne, Lois Hogen, Verna Weitzel, Judy Reese, Fran Olson, and Elaine Meyer (not pictured)



## First Lutheran Missions

### March 2024

Riverside Bible Camp	\$	
Good Samaritan Fund	\$	171.51
Lutheran World Relief & World Hunger	\$	
Bremwood - LSI	\$	219.71
Operation Christmas Child	\$	
Education Fund	\$	
Youth Fund	\$	
Sunday School Fund	\$	
Caring Tree	\$	
Meals on Wheels	\$	
Manna	\$	
Heifer International	\$	
Campers Fund	\$	
Dayspring Children's Village	\$	42.44
Northern Lights Shelter	\$	
LRH Auxiliary	\$	119.12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>552.78</b>

### Donations

**\$28.83**      - Lutheran Services of Iowa  
**\$119.12**    - LRH Auxiliary

### Memorials

### Mission Project for June

Northern Lights

## First Lutheran Financial Update

### April 2024

Income	\$13,389.81
Electronic Income	\$3,368.45
Expense	(\$19,189.11)
End of Month	(\$2,430.85)

### YTD as of April

Income	\$56,328.51
Electronic Income	\$13,658.58
Inspire	\$261
Use of Church	\$440
Expense	(\$82,521.65)
End of Month	(\$11,833.56)

### April General Budget Expenses

PAYROLL:	\$ 15,167.78
E-GIVING EXPENSE	\$ 72.03
CHURCH MAINTENANCE	\$ 449.51
UTILITIES	\$ 1,993.35
TELEPHONE	\$ 486.39
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$ 516.60
WORSHIP 1	\$ 128.45
N. IOWA SYNOD	\$ 375.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 19,189.11</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 16,758.26</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>\$ (2,430.85)</b>

### Share Shoppe

Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

### Staff Phone Numbers



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Jan Thompson	641-390-0883
Christa Trenhaile	641-390-0484





1. **Eli Mix**
2. **Jayne Van Sabben**
3. **Torin Newell, Brianna Perkins, Betty Peterson-Fosness, Danielle Taylor-Carter**
4. **Taryn Fell,**
5. **Keith Harmon, Kevin Petznick, Dale Thron**
- 6.
7. **Jessica Reyerson, Reid Patterson, Solara Navratil**
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, Weston Hopperstad**
13. **Brock Johnson, Foxx Chesmore**
- 14.
15. **Timothy Knutson**
16. **Ellie Butler, Reese Wahl**
17. **Stuart Anderson, Henrik Reding**
18. **Dawn Bachtle, Jessica Hanson, Pam Perkins**
19. **Brett Bachtle, Paige Moretz, Peggy Patterson, Sharon Schaub, Ronald Skellenger, Dylan Tews, Garrett Waller**
20. **Mackenzi Klement, Donald Harang, Cody Wahl, Reid Stevens**
21. **Alexia Gentz, Kim Hendrikson, Kimberly Hennigar, Eric Schaefer, Megan Turner, Michael Waller**
22. **Jacob Gentz, Rachel Davis, Jason Weisert**
23. **Jayne 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, Abigail Wahl**
29. **EmmaLee Hendrikson, Hannah Hengesteg, DeAnna Katcher, Doug Meyer, Harlow Magritz**
30. **Jorene Gunderson, Harlan Helgeson, Scott Kalvig, Waylon Brandt**

# JUNE 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> NEIA Synod C3 Event
<b>2</b> <b><u>Pentecost 2</u></b> 9:00am: Service with H.C. 10:30am: DCV with H.C. 6:00pm: Daycamp Mtng. 6:30pm: JH. Youth	<b>3</b>       <b>Daycamp</b>	<b>4</b> Manna Truck 6:00pm: Worship Mtng. 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon <b>Daycamp</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00pm: SH Youth <b>Daycamp</b>	<b>6</b> 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo <b>Daycamp</b>	<b>7</b>       <b>Daycamp</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b><u>Pentecost 3</u></b> 9:00am: Service with N.O. 10:30am: DCV 6:30pm: JH. Youth	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	<b>12</b> 7:00pm: SH Youth	<b>13</b> 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b><u>Pentecost 4</u></b> 9:00am: Service with H.C. 10:30am: DCV with H.C. 3:00pm: LRH 6:30pm: JH. Youth	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Manna Truck 6:00pm: Council Mtng. 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	<b>19</b> 11:00am: Staff Mtng. 2:00pm: M. Court Chapel 7:00pm: SH Youth <b>Pastor Gone</b> →	<b>20</b> 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b><u>Pentecost 5</u></b> Worship at County Fair 6:30pm: JH. Youth	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	<b>26</b> 7:00pm: SH Youth	<b>27</b> 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	<b>28</b>       ← <b>Pastor Home</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b><u>Pentecost 6</u></b> 9:00am: Service with N.O. 10:30am: DCV 6:30pm: JH. Youth			