

PASTOR'S PAGE

For such a time as this. God sightings! Being at the right spot at the right time. That was a God thing (not a typo, good thing... But God thing at work). It could be my line of work, but I would rather think that it is more about my life as a child of God. It's a shared experience for all of us. God shining in and through us. It's our baptismal charge:



In the same way, **let your light shine** before others,
so that they may see **your** good works
and give glory to **your** Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

This verse is part of the Sermon on the Mount that starts at the beginning of chapter 5 and continues chapter 7. At this point in Jesus' ministry people were drawn to Jesus. They liked what they heard. They liked how he treated people. They liked how they felt when they were in his presence. So, this beautiful teaching time, Jesus opened how we can better live with one another. Jesus talked about being light. Jesus talked about being salt. Jesus taught them how to pray and how to be authentic in the connections to one another. When you have a few minutes take a look at this part of Matthew. Read it carefully and pay attention to what jumps out at you and what God is teaching you. There is always something new to learn, gem to hold on to, and/or new way of hearing what you have known for a while.

It's always cool to hear how God shows up and works through all of us. I am not likely to talk about coincidences but rather give thanks for God's constant presence in our lives and for the privilege to live out my baptismal charge of doing God's work.

Blessings!

Pastor Becky

JUNE PASTORAL ACTS

Funeral

Roger Wagner 6/30/24

Baptism

Atlas Daniel Wright 6/2/24

Cashe Allen Tolzmann 6/9/24

YOUTH NEWS

DayCamp was a huge success this summer! We averaged around 95 kids each day as we went through our opening Celebration with music by Nicole Koenig and Pastor Becky. Then each age group went to 4 different classes – Healthy Living, Games, Arts and Crafts and Storytime. Afterwards, we went to the elementary school each day for lunch. On Thursday we ended the day at the swimming pool. There is no way just a few of us could make this happen – here is a list of people who helped throughout the week.

Amaya Rugland	Hixton Krambeer	Lex Hanson-Brandsoy
Ashlyn Skellenger	Ivy Toresdahl	Mia Fierova
Avarie Skellenger	Janelle Johnson	Nicole Koenigs
Camden Trenhaile	Kenley Stambaugh	Nyx Mayberry
Camryn Rheingans	Kennedy Beery	Olivia Hodson
Casey Gentz	Kenny Conlin	Pastor Becky
Christa Trenhaile	Kinley Solberg	Pat Nelson
Christopher Madsen	Kris Meyer	Quinn Schroeder
Damon Reyerson	Landon Nelson	Reese Wahl
Emy Wahl	Lauren Petznick	Taryn Jackson
Hallie Hanson	Leila Gangstad	Weston Willand
Harley Logemann	Levi Wood	

A huge thank you to Amy, Jayne and Matt at the school for getting lunch ready for us each day, Missy Thofson for getting all the t-shirts made, Kristy Parks and the lifeguards at the pool for letting us swim, Judy Stevens for having snacks after church on Sunday and of course Troy Bachtle for cleaning up after us each day.

Our next big adventure is Lifest Music Festival in Oshkosh, WI from July 10 – 14. This year there are 40 of us heading over for some busy days of music, hanging out, and being away from our phones! Super excited to tell everyone back home about it when we get back.

Regular Council Meeting
May 21, 2024
First Lutheran Church- Northwood

In attendance: Nikkole Koenig, Kevin McClure, Judy Stevens, Pastor Becky Sogge, Kris Kenison, Mariah Ballantyne

We Assemble in God's Name

Devotion was delivered by Nikkole K.

We Celebrate Our Past

Presidential Correspondence- Nikkole K.

A payment for the organ service by Bogue Services had been signed

Treasurer's Report-

Information was presented

Pastor Becky- We need to continue to talk about regular giving, in person and online

Fellowship and other events will help

Mentioned the Grill Out plans for a start

Judy S. talked about using Vanco for suggestions and ideas

Suggested youth selling popcorn and ice cream during the parade

Discussed other summer fundraising

Mariah B. suggested the council hold a separate meeting to discuss other fundraising events and ideas

Pastor's Report- Pastor Becky

Talked about the Synod Festival on June 1 in Waverly and invited council to attend if interested

Talked about Lay Ministry Training, to provide more options to help lead services

Training is done over 2 years, one weekend a month. Can be done online or in person

Pastor Becky planned for vacation and continuing education, including the Continuing Education trip to Hungary June 21-28, vacation July 15-21 and Lifest July 10-14.

Motion made to approve all reports - Kevin M. /Gina S. - passed

Finance- information shared on monthly, yearly figures

Worship- Nikkole K.

Committee met on May 7

Would plan for summer at June meeting

Music is going well, with the rotation of piano and organ players

Choir will begin singing during services again in the fall

Inspire- Kevin McClure

Services are done for the spring

It was agreed that it had been a good year

They are looking at ways to fill out the music.

Nikkole added that they planned to start Inspire services again after Labor Day

Stewardship- no report

Youth- Weston Willand report

Talked about Senior Night and Youth Awards

Also mentioned Youth Olympics, for youth in grades 6-12

Youth group planned to help during Day Camp

Also as a part of his service as 4-H Health Living Ambassador, he would plan to provide healthy snacks and habits

Education- Mariah B.

Sunday School had wrapped for the school year

Confirmation was also done for the year

Pastor Becky added that there would be 25 in Confirmation classes next year, including Deer Creek youth

Talked about suggestion to start earlier in the day

Nikkole K. mentioned that Day Camp was set for June 3-7

The campers would be having lunch at Northwood-Kensett

They planned to meet the day before to discuss the supervising layout

Pastor Becky said that the Thursday of Day Camp the group would travel to the pool for their swim day

Nikkole K. discussed changing Day Camp in coming years, so that separate sessions would be held for different age groups

Property - Pastor Becky

Inspections had been completed and the church had passed

Mission- Pastor Becky

Oodle and oodles of kits and quilts had been sent to Lutheran World Relief

They were loaded by Mark Willand and the Youth Group

Talked about sharing pics to show the results of the church's efforts

Fellowship- Judy Stevens

People enjoyed the breakfast served

Mentioned that more goodies could be made

Nikkole K. said they could offer refreshments after the service when the Day Camp kids would be at the service

Pastor Becky mentioned that this was an anniversary year

Judy S. talked about having a meal and event in the fall to celebrate

Concerns for the present

Pastor Becky- five baptisms were planned, including the Stromley family, sponsored by Cayleigh Pepper

Also had a wedding and Memorial Day program

Council discussed getting family more involved with youth

Pastor Becky said the Church could consider requiring monthly family services and more acolyting time

Communion:

June 2- Judy N., Gina S., Kevin M.

June 16- Mariah B., Kris K.

Next meeting was set for June 18

Motion to adjourn- Mariah B., Judy S.

Passed

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations to Carson and Madison Wright on the baptism of their son, Atlas Daniel. His sponsors are Ava Avelar, Aubri Avelar and Averi Avelar.

Congratulations to Cody & Jami Tolzmann on the baptism of their son, Cash Allen. His sponsors are Casey Dahlby, Aaron Marquardt and Alisha Marquardt.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Roger Wagner who passed away on Saturday, June 15th. Memorial Services will be held 2:00pm Sunday, June 30th, at the Northwood United Methodist Church. There will be a visitation one hour prior to the service.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Cayleigh Pepper. Cayleigh passed away on Saturday, June 22nd. The funeral will be planned at a later date.

Reminder: Pastor Becky, Mark and Christa will all be attending Lifest, July 10th – 14th. Also, there will be no Facebook Live worship on July 14th. The offices will be closed unless anyone would like to volunteer to be in the office from 9am to noon on those days please let us know.

Please bring your spare change for Noisy Offering on Sunday, July 14th and 28th. This offering goes to the mission of the month which is Day Spring Children's School.



QR Code for Vanco Online Giving

How do I scan a QRC code?

Open the camera app on your cell phone or tablet. Point the camera at the QR code. Tap the banner that appears on your phone or tablet. Follow the instructions on the screen to create an account to manage your online offerings.

First Lutheran Missions

May 2024

Riverside Bible Camp	\$	
Good Samaritan Fund	\$	171.51
Lutheran World Relief & World Hunger	\$	
Bremwood - LSI	\$	219.71
Operation Christmas Child	\$	
Education Fund	\$	200.00
Youth Fund	\$	
Sunday School Fund	\$	
Caring Tree	\$	
Meals on Wheels	\$	
Manna	\$	
Heifer International	\$	
Campers Fund	\$	
Dayspring Children's Village	\$	42.44
Northern Lights Shelter	\$	69.94
LRH Auxiliary	\$	119.12
TOTAL	\$	822.72

Donations

\$200 - Education Fund

\$69.94 - Northern Lights Homeless Shelter

Mission Project for July

Day Spring Children's School

First Lutheran Financial Update

May 2024

Income	\$9,3314.01
Electronic Income	\$3,514.05
Expense	\$16,568.80
End of Month	(\$3,740.74)

YTD as of May

Income	\$65,328.35
Electronic Income	\$17,172.63
Inspire	\$295.17
Use of Church	\$720
Expense	\$99,090.45
End of Month	(\$15,574.30)

May General Budget Expenses

PAYROLL:	\$ 13,682.53
E-GIVING EXPENSE	\$ 70.68
CHURCH MAINTENANCE	\$ 164.00
UTILITIES	\$ 1,145.54
TELEPHONE	\$ 113.10
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$ 722.58
WORSHIP 1	\$ 295.37
N. IOWA SYNOD	\$ 375.00

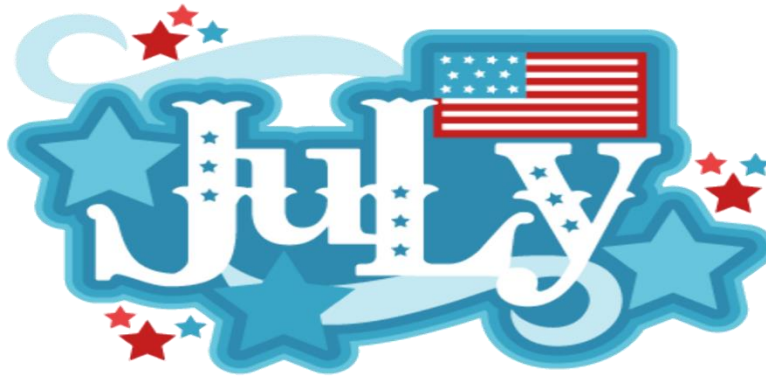
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 16,568.80
INCOME	\$ 12,828.06
NET	\$ (3,740.74)

Staff Phone Numbers

Pastor Sogge	612-718-9151
Mark Willand	641-390-1032
Troy Bachtle	641-430-8305
Jan Thompson	641-390-0883
Christa Trenhaile	641-390-0484

Share Shoppe

Saturday, July 6th



- 1.
2. **Harper Baker, Ross DeArmoun**
- 3.
3. **Brandon Severson**
4. **Kenneth Block, Shirleen Julson**
5. **Thomas Felland, David Petznick**
6. **Casey Dahlby, Graham Holstad**
7. **Dylan Nitcher**
8. **Madison Berry, Kennedy Eskildsen, Mallory Rheingans**
9. **Marjorie Hengesteg, Robin Hopperstad, Jessica Iverson, Blake Peterson, Tanna Quisley, Justin Read, Brynlee Stricker**
10. **Mariah Ballantyne**
11. **Lorna Christianson, Richard Davis**
12. **Carol Hillman, Peyton Shoger, Ivy Urbatsch**
13. **Jacob Gordon, Marissa Nitcher**
14. **Eugene Eilertson, Joshua Einertson, Orin Liljedahl, Joseph Stricker, Clay Magritz**
15. **Dan Hendrikson, Laura Kuennen, Matthew Lowe, Janet Severson, Abel Wheeler**
16. **James Berg, Aidan Gores, Kendra Julseth, Jodi Kilborn, Shannon Moore, Deanna Schutz, Carter Severson, Kelli Wallin**
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18. **Briar Buechele, Mark Buehrer, Robert Hickman, Robert Johnsrud, Matthew Moyer, Arlene Rosdahl**
19. **Maylynn Lande, Susan Nelson, Camryn Rheingans, Lori Turner, Jaeda Reindl**
20. **Belinda Nelson, Peyton Pangburn, Saxon Penfold**
21. **David Gentz**
22. **Nancy Schrupp**
23. **Kimberly Anderson, Kelsi Collins, Jacob Mix**
24. **Ronald Gentz, Jon Forburger,**
25. **Troy Bachtle, Danny Werner**
26. **Jackie Moyer, Marjorie Olson, Melinda Penfold, Rodney Stehn**
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29. **Allie Branstad, Richard Selvig, Myra Werner**
30. **Phyllis Berg, Joel Gordon, Heidi Tufte**
31. **Bonnie Bakken, Tyler Binnebose, Haddie Hanson, Carly Hengesteg, Gary Hennigar, Nickey Stricker**

JULY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Manna Truck 7:00pm: AA-Al-Anon	3 7:00pm: SH Youth	4 Office Closed  HAPPY 4TH OF JULY	5	6
7 <u>Pentecost 7</u> 9:00am: Service with H.C. 10:30am: DCV with H.C. 6:30pm: JH. Youth	8	9 7:00pm: AA-Al-Anon	10 7:00pm: SH Youth Leave for Lifest →	11 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	12	13 Taekwondo Testing 2-6 pm
14 <u>Pentecost 8</u> 9:00am: Service with N.O. 10:30am: DCV 6:30pm: JH. Youth Return from Lifest	15 Pastor Gone	16 Manna Truck 7:00pm: AA-Al-Anon →	17 7:00pm: SH Youth	18 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	19	20 Pastor Returns
21 <u>Pentecost 9</u> 9:00am: Service with H.C. 10:30am: DCV with H.C. 6:30pm: JH. Youth Troy Gone →	22	23 6:00pm: Council Mtng. 7:00pm: AA-Al-Anon	24 2:00pm: M. Court Chapel 7:00pm: SH Youth	25 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo Jr-Sr Retreat	26	27 Troy Returns
28 <u>Pentecost 10</u> 9:00am: Service with N.O. 10:30am: DCV 6:30pm: JH. Youth	29	30 7:00pm: AA-Al-Anon	31 7:00pm: SH Youth			