

**First Lutheran Church**  
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# **First Lutheran Focus      September 2021**

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<b><u>Week</u></b>	<b><u>Counter</u></b>	<b><u>Lay Reader</u></b>	<b><u>Sound</u></b>	<b><u>Ushers</u></b>
September 5	Team 1	Heather Rheingans	Eli Mix	Team 5
September 12	Team 2	Myra Harris	Logan Mayberry	Team 6
September 19	Team 3	Jan Thompson	Andrew Breitsprecher	Team 7
September 26	Team 4	Richard Selvig	Hayden Moore	Team 8

# PASTOR'S PAGE

*Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.*

– Psalm 25:4-5

Summer is coming to a close. Schools are starting up once again still trying to maneuver how to teach and keep everyone safe with the latest strain of Covid-19 spreading like glitter. I don't know about you, but I love the energy that school starting brings even when I am not directly involved. There is a lot of energy floating around both exciting and somewhat scary.

We at church are actively planning and getting ready for the new program year. Coddiwomple seems to capture what it feels like to me. Coddiwomple is a verb meaning to travel in a purposeful manner towards a vague destination. We are planning boldly and with confidence hoping to connect in new ways this fall. I believe that the beginning of a new school year is a great time to get connected. It's not just about our young people in Sunday School and Confirmation. Learning is a lifelong journey. Whether it is reading a book together with a group of friends, coming to Bible Study at church or finding a new place to share your gifts and talents. Maybe you will sing in choir, teach Sunday School or help someone in need. Learning is not only done through listening but doing.

I received a card a while back that says, "The world is a better place because of those who refuse to believe they can't fly." My parents were the first to instill that deep desire to dream and learn. And they fostered courage and the drive to keep on going. I am deeply grateful that my parents believed that the cornerstone of life is faith. My parents were faithful in worship and dedicated lifelong learners.

There will be two new opportunities this Fall. On Tuesday morning at First Lutheran come and join me as we study the lessons for the upcoming Sunday worship. We will spend most of our time on the gospel (Mark 7-9) and second lesson (James for 5 weeks). The second opportunity is Pub Theology on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday evenings at Worth Brewery. Pastor Rob Lanphere and I are teaming up to lead this and invite you to come and join the conversation.

Our journey of faith is an important part of balance in our lives – but it doesn't just happen to you. It involves worship, prayer, learning, sharing, giving of time and talents, faithful stewardship – all those things which come to us as a gift from God. Make a commitment to walking daily with Jesus and you will find the journey exciting.

Come and worship, come and learn!

Pastor Becky Sogge

## PASTORAL ACTS - 2021

### Funeral/Celebration of Life

Irl Madsen 8/10/2021

### Baptisms

Paisley Jo Maher 8/15/21

CODDIWOMPLE:  
(V.) TO TRAVEL IN  
A PURPOSEFUL  
MANNER  
TOWARDS A  
VAGUE  
DESTINATION.



# YOUTH NEWS



With summer ending and the school year starting back up, things have already gotten into a new routine. In Junior High we've had many new seventh graders start attending in the past few weeks. It's always interesting to see the new kids, figure out who they are, and how they fit in within our group. Senior High has also seen many new students start attending in the past month.

One of our lessons last month dealt with Power and trying to figure out exactly what it is. Philippians 4:13 was the focus of that lesson which ultimately shows us that God gives all of us strength in different ways, and we shouldn't be afraid to try new things. The following week we focused on Proverbs 13:4 and how we need to work to reach our goals, and that not everything will be, or should be, given to us.

At the end of the month, we had a Scavenger Hunt as one of our just for fun nights. The students went all over town collecting various items, taking photos, and encouraging others to join them. Some of our First Lutheran members were even caught kissing in photos (Get a picture of an older couple kissing) and many of the students wound up at Pastors house (Get a picture on Pastor Becky's porch).



Looking forward a bit, we'll be doing 2 trips to ValleyScare this Fall. Senior High students are going to go on October 2 and Junior High will go on October 16. This is only open to the 14 students who attend Youth the most from each group. Permission slips for this daytrip will be out soon.

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## ORGAN INFORMATION

*September 19<sup>th</sup>, 10-10:30am*

*Congregational members are invited to a Fireside Room Organ Chat  
(opportunity to ask questions) hosted by the Council*

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## **SPECIAL MEETING of the Congregation**

**September 26<sup>th</sup>, 10am in the church sanctuary or by ZOOM.**

**The matter of business at this meeting:**

**To vote to approve the Wicks Organ proposal as recommended  
by the Organ Refurbishment Committee and the Church Council.**

**The project total is \$166,604.00 (pipe organ renovation).**

## **PROCESS FOR SPECIAL MEETING**

The process requires a 2/3's majority vote of voting members present either in person or by Zoom at 10am when the meeting is called to order. \*Those wishing to take part in the meeting by Zoom are asked to sign up and indicate if they will be voting online or coming to the church for a paper ballot. The voting will be open until 12:00pm, then council will tally the vote to determine the next step. If it is apparent that a second special meeting is needed to consider the Roger's Organ proposal the congregation will be notified in the same manner as the meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

*As stated in the Constitution of First Lutheran-Northwood,  
only one matter of business may be conducted at a Special Meeting of the Congregation.*

**\*Process for Zoom Attendance and Voting:** If you are calling into the meeting on a landline, once again we would like to know that ahead of time and then be able to receive your paper ballot at the church by noon of that day. If you have questions, please ask Pastor Becky before the day of the meeting and she will help you sort out your options for taking part in this process.

1. Roll Call--During the meeting a roll call link will be posted in the chat box.
2. Online attendees will need to click the link and enter their name for roll call, so we know how many people are in attendance.
  
1. Voting--When it is time for the vote, a link containing the ballot will be posted in the chat box.  
-(The voting/online monitor can see that you voted but not how you voted.)
2. The link should automatically open to the ballot.
3. If the link does not open automatically, then perhaps copying and pasting the link into a web browser will be necessary.
4. If more than one person in a household is voting, then the first person to vote must choose "submit another response" to reopen the ballot for the next person.
5. If the link does not work for any reason, voters have the option to go to the church and vote via paper ballot. Please let [nkoenig@nkvikings.com](mailto:nkoenig@nkvikings.com) and Pastor Becky know that you were unable to open the link.

### **Voting Members of First Lutheran Church**

**(All apply)**

- **Confirmed Members**
- **At least 18 yrs. Old**
- **Have taken communion in the current or preceding year**
- **Have made a financial contribution of record to this congregation in the current or preceding year**
- **Shall not have voted as a seasonal member of another congregation of this church in the previous two calendar months**

## First Lutheran Mission

### January 1 – July 31, 2021

Bremwood	\$	
Operation Christmas Child	\$	
Youth Fund (Bibles & Catechisms)	\$	515.00
Caring Tree	\$	
Meals on Wheels	\$	305.43
Manna	\$	1,238.94
Heifer International	\$	
Lutheran World Relief (Trust Fund)	\$	
Riverside Bible Camp	\$	25.00
Campers Fund	\$	50.00
Good Samaritan Fund	\$	1,483.94
Lutheran Services	\$	25.00
Lutheran Disaster Relief –Iowa Storm	\$	
Dayspring Children’s Village	\$	575.00
Northern Lights Shelter	\$	370.00
LRH Auxiliary	\$	20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 4,208.31</b>

## First Lutheran Financial Update

### July 2021

Income	\$7,259.00
Electronic Income	\$2,995.94
Expense	(\$15,387.89)
End of Month	(\$5,132.95)

### YTD as of July 31

Income	\$102,806.22
Electronic Income	\$21,549.68
Expense	(\$129,131.66)
End of Month	(\$4,775.76)

## Donations & Memorials

### Donations

**\$300 - Northern Lights Homeless Shelter**

### Memorials

**Don & Doris Johnson \$200 - Organ Fund**

## July General Budget Expenses

PAYROLL:	\$	12,755.38
E-GIVING EXPENSE	\$	46.58
CHURCH MAINTENANCE	\$	85.00
PARSONAGE MAINTENANCE	\$	87.72
UTILITIES	\$	1,431.19
TELEPHONE	\$	430.86
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$	551.16
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,387.89</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,254.94</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(5,132.95)</b>

## September Share Shoppe

**LYDIA Circle will be working September 4<sup>th</sup>**

## Mission Project for September

**Bremwood Youth Home Youth Fund**

## Donations & Memorials

### Donations

**\$100 - Kitchen Fund      \$200 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles**  
**\$100 - Youth Fund      \$500 - Fireside Flooring**

### Memorials

**Sharlene Stoddard      \$25 - General Fund**  
**Koralee Trenhaile Jaspers      \$20 - General Fund**



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# Announcements

**There will be a Fall Cluster meeting for the women** on September 18<sup>th</sup> at St. James Lutheran Church in Mason City. Please contact Lois Hogan for more information, 324-1722.

On **September 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am** we will have a meeting in the Fireside Room to discuss and ask questions regarding the Wick's Organ Proposal.

**Voting members of First Lutheran** who would like to see the bid for the organ, can come during regular office hours, September 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. If you have questions, please take time to watch the video presentations that are available on the Facebook as well as take part in the informational meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> following worship.

On **September 26<sup>th</sup> at 10am** we will be having a **Special Congregational Meeting** to vote on the Organ Restoration Committee's Wick's Proposal.

**Attention for those who use Vanco for online giving....** Vanco Mobile will be replacing the Giveplus Mobile app beginning on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Please download the new app 😊

**If you know anyone** who is interested in becoming a member of FLC, please contact Pastor Becky at [pastorbecky@flcnorthwood.org](mailto:pastorbecky@flcnorthwood.org) or 641-324-2984.



**SUNDAY  
SCHOOL  
KICKOFF!**

**1st Day of Sunday School  
September 19th  
10:10-11:00 am**

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS REGISTER YOUR KIDS  
AND ASK US ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE!**

Sign up for volunteering!

**MASKS ENCOURAGED**

**Grow in God's Love!**



*On September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:45pm we will have a Parent and Student meeting for all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation students.*

Dear Members of First Lutheran Church and Choir Members:



The Worship/Music Team at First Lutheran Church has set the first Senior Choir practice for September 8, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. with Sept. 12 being the first time we will sing for church.

We all know now that no one can predict where the coming year will bring us. We also know that things can and do, change instantly. As of now we are looking forward to honoring the many traditions of the past and build new traditions for the future. We are planning a busy year providing music as part of our worship. However, we cannot continue as we did before the COVID crisis, without the congregation's help. Choir membership over the last several years has declined to the point where one missing person almost means that we cannot sing for a church service.

There are many church members who are adequate singers who are not singing in choir. We feel there is a good foundation remaining in our music organization at First Lutheran. These people are willing to assist those who want assistance. The more singers involved, the less demand there will be on the individual.

The last two years have been difficult at times, but we have met those challenges with a very devoted choir and God's help and support. We are investigating several additional options of contributing to worship.

One way that would help the choir is to develop a solo/ensemble schedule. This could be either vocal/instrumental, solo or ensemble. It would not need to be performed by you. Family members, friends, guests, or other acquaintances could be invited as guests for a day especially on days such as baptisms, holidays or other special occasions. There is a Library being developed presently of music that you or a guest could check out and use. See a director if you have a desire to view this library.

So... Please come and join us on September 8<sup>th</sup> if possible, or... Please consider volunteering to fill a music offering by organizing someone to sing or play for a church service.

*Loraine Mix, Nikkole Koenig, Russell Knudson - Music Directors*



# SEPTEMBER

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, Olivia Hodson, Bryn Pangburn, Heidi Vansteenbun**
5. **Ryan Severson, Ronald Wangen**
6. **Nathan Berg, Keeghan Severson, Mark Taylor, Jennifer Wahl (Rural)**
7. **Melissa Johnson**
8. **Daniel Julson, Cinda Rustad**
9. **Kelsea Koch, Jaxon Reyerson, Nikolas Werner**
10. **Eric Foss, Mindy Tenold**
11. **Austin Foss, Ashlee Stephens**
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**
18. **Heather Brockman, 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. **Denise Dahl, 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. **Zachary Hengesteg, Rod Loken**



# SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 	30	31	1 7:00pm: SH. Youth	2 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo 7:00pm: Stewardship	3 <b>Wedding Rehearsal</b>	4 <b>Gordon/Madson Wedding</b>
5 <b><u>Pentecost 15</u></b> 9:00am- Service with Holy Communion 6:30pm- JH. Youth	6	7 9:30am: Bible Study 11am: Staff Mtng. 6:00pm: Worship 7:30pm: AA – Al-Anon	8 7:00pm: Choir 7:00pm: SH. Youth	9 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo 7:00pm: Pub Theology	10 <b>Wedding Rehearsal</b>	11 <b>Habberman Wedding</b>
12 <b><u>Pentecost 16</u></b> 9:00am- Service with Noisy Offering 10:00am- Council Meeting 6:30pm- JH. Youth	13 	14 9:30am: Bible Study 11am: Staff Mtng. 7:30pm: AA – Al-Anon	15 1-4pm: First Communion 7:00pm: Choir 7:00pm: SH. Youth	16 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	17	18 
19 <b><u>Pentecost 17</u></b> 9:00am- Service with Holy Communion 10:00am- Fireside Room- Organ Meeting 6:30pm- JH. Youth	20	21 9:30am: Bible Study 11am: Staff Mtng. 7:30pm: AA – Al-Anon	22 5:45pm: Confirmation Parent / Student 7:00pm: Choir 7:00pm: SH. Youth	23 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo 7:00pm: Pub Theology	24	25 <b>Installation of Bishop Jones</b>
26 <b><u>Pentecost 18</u></b> 9:00am- Service with Noisy Offering 10:00am- Special Congregational Meeting 6:30pm- JH. Youth	27	28 9:30am: Bible Study 11am: Staff Mtng. 7:30pm: AA – Al-Anon	29 5:45pm: 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Confirmation 7:00pm: Choir 7:00pm: SH. Youth	30 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	1 	2