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## FIRST LUTHERAN FOCUS

August 2019

### August Worship Schedule

August 4 – Holy Communion (at the rail)  
August 11 – Service of the Word  
August 18 – Holy Communion (via intinction)  
August 25 – Service of the Word



Pastor Judy's last Sunday at First Lutheran is August 4<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Jim Magelssen will be the guest preacher and presider at the worship services on August 11, August 18, and August 25.

On **Sunday, September 1**, a Hymn Sing based on the seasons of the church year is planned. Come and sing a Christmas carol in September!



### **AUGUST ALTAR FLOWERS**

Altar flowers for August are given by Pastor Judy & Steve to the glory of God and with grateful thanks for First Lutheran Church.



### **Mission Project for August** **First Lutheran Youth Fund**

Support of youth activities, 3rd grade Bibles and 1st grade Catechisms

### **RETIRED PIANO**

Recently, our long-time piano tuner recommended that one of the church's pianos be retired since the sound board was cracked, and it could no longer be tuned adequately. That piano has been retired— with the permission of the family who gave it many years ago—Maynard & Madelyn Midtgaard and family.

# From The Pastor's Desk....

*Final newsletter article*

Dear friends,

From the first Sunday after I arrived in Northwood, I have heard and said the words that are widely recognized as the mission statement for First Lutheran Church:

THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST.

And now, in the last couple weeks as I have been sorting through files and cleaning out my office, I came across a piece of paper that not only verified the mission statement, but also gave some further explanation as to how this could be done. It gave the following ideas:

Reaching out to others,  
 Leading people on a spiritual journey and nourishing their faith,  
 Developing a sense of community and supportive relationships, and  
 Being a presence in the world that enables people to live governed by love, justice, righteousness, and freedom.

WOW! Those sound like lofty, but very important goals!

And I will say that First Lutheran Church has already, is right now, and will continue to live into all of these ways of being the body of Christ here in Northwood. In our time together as pastor and people, we have seen babies baptized, children taught, teenagers confirmed, new members welcomed, couples married, and lives remembered and celebrated at funerals and memorial services. We have worshiped God together on Sunday mornings and other times – lifting our hearts and voices in song, prayers, and Word. We have shared a simple meal of bread and wine and become what we eat – the body and blood of Jesus Christ. We have had all we need to be Christ's presence in Northwood and beyond.

And that will continue – with a supply pastor in August, with an interim beginning (hopefully) in September, and with your next called pastor. You will continue to be the presence of Jesus Christ in and for this community!

I am excited for you!

Blessings,  
 Pastor Judy

## THANKS - - - THANKS - - - THANKS

I am grateful for:

- the many opportunities to visit and remember and cry and laugh with so many of you over the past weeks!
- the care that this congregation provides for those who are grieving loss or recovering from illness or surgery!
- a successful and really great time experienced by our Youth kids at LiFest in Oshkosh, Wisconsin last week!
- the faithful work of FLC's staff that enables good ministry to be done each week!
- the many cards and calls and visits that express your good wishes for Steve and me as we move on to a new adventure!
- the work of the Call Committee that invited me to FLC almost 7 years ago – AND for the 10 people who have agreed to serve on the next Call Committee!
- the work of the Congregation Council at FLC and the leadership that they provide!

It has been a joy and a great privilege for me to serve as your pastor. I will continue to pray for you, and I covet your prayers also.

'God be with you 'til we meet again,'  
 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-??



Summer is winding down already. Once school starts back up the new Freshmen class will officially be done with Jr. High Youth and become permanent members of Sr. High. Starting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> all activities will be done at the church by 10:00 PM on school nights. While summer is a great time, I'm looking forward to the school year starting and the school year routine it provides.

On July 10<sup>th</sup> a bunch of us went to Lifest Music Festival in Oshkosh, WI. I'd been there previously a couple of times for just a day, but this was the first time we took a group and camped out there.



Thank You

To say it was amazing is an understatement. Each one of our kids and chaperones easily scouted out the grounds and figured out what was going on and where things would be. I feel God was taking it easy on this group of mostly first timers as the weather was great and we didn't have to worry about the normal high heat, near tornadoes, rain, and cold nights! Special thanks to Pastor Judy who drove up to drop off supplies for us, and for Steve who came up to see Skillet with us and help us get things back home.



During the month of July we had lessons that focused on regrets, bad choices and mistakes and how God lets us learn from all of those situations. Earlier we focused on the words we use and how the can glorify Christ or turn people away from him, and a lesson on how God uses all the people in our lives to make us stronger believers.



Looking a little further ahead, when Sunday School starts this year I'll be taking over for Steve Converse and lead the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class. At our last Education meeting I heard that all the leaders are super excited for this upcoming year, but we are still short a few teachers. If you are interested in helping out for just a few weeks, the whole year, or anything in between, let us know.

## First Lutheran Missions

October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019

Bremwood	\$ 242.86
Operation Christmas Child	\$ 184.61
Youth Fund (Bibles & Catechisms)	\$ 75.00
Caring Tree	\$ 209.62
Lutheran World Relief	\$ 319.62
Meals on Wheels	\$ 244.77
Manna	\$ 169.77
Heifer International	\$ 693.08
Good Samaritan Fund	\$ 261.15
Riverside Bible Camp	\$ 127.82
Camperships	\$ 203.02
Operation Smile (SS & Fair Trade)	\$ 1,176.98
Lutheran Services of Iowa (LSI)	\$ 216.08
Day Spring	\$ 272.37
Northern Lights Shelters	\$ 270.65
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,651.40</b>

## MEMORIALS

Steve Olson  
 \$485.00—General Fund  
 \$30.00—Worship (Organ) Fund

Richard Thompto  
 \$50.00—General Fund  
 \$50.00—Northern Lights

Doris Johnson  
 \$10.00—General Fund

Roy Welch  
 \$50.00—General Fund

Dale Meyer  
 \$50.00—General Fund

Lynn Watney  
 \$35.00—General Fund  
 \$10.00—Worship (Organ) Fund

*When someone you love  
 becomes a*  
**MEMORY,**  
*the memory  
 becomes a*  
*Treasure*

## DONATIONS

No special donations this month.

# First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2019 10:15 AM

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## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Present: Deb Athey, Shana Brunsvold, Pastor Judy Converse, Ross DeArmoun, Lisa Hagen, Mitch Hanson, Sharyl Nestor and Richard Selvig. Absent: Heather Rheingans "Wind and Fire" devotional reading from Sharyl Nestor.

## WE CELEBRATE OUR PAST

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

- President (Letter from Dewey Kruger Music requesting to present Organ restoration / refurbishment proposal to Council. Organ Committee to respond to request.)
- Secretary (Reviewed May minutes for revisions.) (MMSP Athey / Hagen)
- Treasurer (YTD profit of \$4K. Reviewed expenses detail and comparative financials.)
- Pastor (Thank-You to FLC! Will document lessons learned over last 7 years and make available to Council, Committees and Staff. See also Scholarship section below).

## WE PRESENT OUR OFFERING

- Education Committee (next meeting TBD)
  - Day Camp registration of 75 attendees with 28 volunteers ready to manage event.
- Fellowship & Social Ministry Committees (next meeting TBD)
  - Summer fun family event being planned (pool party or bicycling event).
- Finance Committee (next meeting TBD)
  - Reminder in Sunday bulletins to sign up for electronic giving.
  - Request for small fire-proof file cabinet purchase approved.
- Property Committee (next meeting TBD)
  - ◆ Projects either in-flight or completed as follows:
    - \* Parsonage upkeep: Gutter replacement completed. Pastor Judy to provide list of fix / remodel projects.
    - \* Generator installation, north side of FLC (in-flight).
    - \* Exterior heating coils for snow melting (in quotation phase)
    - \* Transfer of two phone lines / internet from Mediacomm to WCTA (in-flight).
- Stewardship Committee (next meeting 07/10 7PM)-No report.
- Worship & Music Committee (next meeting 07/09 5PM)
  - ◆ Jim Magelssen to preach three weeks of August, Sept 1<sup>st</sup> service to be Hymn Sing format.
  - ◆ Worship schedule thru end of Sunday school year (May-2020) completed.
  - ◆ Banner book is missing so request being made to Congregation for return of.
- Youth Representative—No report.

## CONCERNS FOR THE PRESENT

- Property & Casualty Insurance Coverages (MMSP Athey / Hagen)
  - ◆ Annual cost with current insurance carrier approximates \$12K.
  - ◆ Church Mutual Insurance Company ([www.churchmutual.com](http://www.churchmutual.com)) proposed a competitive bid with \$5.5M coverage at less cost than current insurance carrier.
  - ◆ Council voted to approve Church Mutual bid for future insurance needs.
- Student Scholarship Guidelines
  - ◆ Lindflott Family Scholarship
    - \* Award of \$500 granted to N-K High School senior who has been most involved or had a significant impact at FLC during his or her high school years.
    - \* Recipient of scholarship voted on by Council in May meeting.
  - ◆ FLC Scholarship
    - \* Based on donations and fund investment performance, Scholarship Committee shall determine grants to FLC students attending ELCA affiliated Lutheran colleges.
    - \* Recommendations shall be brought from Scholarship Committee for Council consideration and approval.

## WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Lord's Prayer

We Adjourn to Serve (upcoming dates) (MMSP Hagen / Athey)

- June 24** Council Special Meeting – Assistant to the Bishop (Pastor Call process)
- June 30** Communion (Intinction) – Nestor & Selvig
- June 30** Council Special Meeting – Pastor Call Committee
- July 7** Communion (Rail) – Athey & Brunsvold
- July 14** Council monthly meeting, 10:15AM

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

Respectfully submitted, Richard Selvig, Secretary

# August Volunteers

## Ushers

August 4th—Jerry & Jan Hopperstad, Larry Foley, Doug Fallgatter  
 August 11th—Dan Hendrikson, Bernie VanVeldhuizen, Mike & DeAnn Read  
 August 18th—David & Sharron Petznick, Kevin and Maeghan Petznick  
 August 25th—Jake Urbatsch, Dan Reeder, Dennis Reeder, Hal Johnson

## Greeters

August 4th—Mike & DeAnn Read  
 August 11th—Scott & Brenda Moretz  
 August 18th—Lynn & Mindy Tenold  
 August 25th—Jake, Anneke, Ivy, Olivia & Emmet Urbatsch

## Fellowship Time

August 4th—Carol Liljedahl and Linda Loken  
 August 11th—Leila Gangstad  
 August 18th—Molly Bachtle, Betty Goodrich, Troy & Dawn Bachtle  
 August 25th—Maynard & Madelyn Midtgaard and Hall & Dianne Johnson

## Acolytes

August 4th—Damon Reyerson and Jackson Foss  
 August 11th—Justin Mills  
 August 18th—Nolan Senne  
 August 25th—Reese Wahl

## Lay Readers

August 4th—Lisa Wangsness  
 August 11th—Larry Klitzke  
 August 18th—Carolyn Reeder  
 August 25th—Doug Krull

## Altar Guild & Share Shoppe

Rebecca Circle

## Offering Collectors/Counters

August 4th—Gloria Fallgatter and Nancy Amundson  
 August 11th—David & Sharron Petznick  
 August 18th—Russ & Delores Knudson  
 August 25th—Mike & Judy Stevens

## Assisting Ministers

August 4th—Steve Converse  
 August 18—Peyton Pangburn



### FIRST LUTHERAN WOMEN

*"Blessed are you among women" Luke 1:42*

Julia	August 5th	2:00 pm	Carol Liljedahl's home
Leah	No Meeting		
Lydia	August 7th	1:00 pm	Lois Hogen's home
Rebecca	No Meeting		
Sarah	No Meeting		



### PASTORAL ACTS

#### Baptisms

Tucker David Maher-July 28th

#### Weddings

No weddings in July.

#### Funerals/Memorial Services

Eunice Bendickson- July 20, 2019

### FLC Financial Update

	June 2019	January 1st - June 30th
Income	\$14,527.00	Income \$102,913.98
Electronic Income	\$1,662.00	Electronic Income \$9,153.00
Expense	\$17,782.77	Expense \$110,443.46
End of month	(\$1,593.77)	Year to date \$1,623.52

### FIRST LUTHERAN

### OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you need offering envelopes, please stop in or contact the church office.

## CALL COMMITTEE

The FLC Council has chosen ten people to be on the Call Committee for seeking our next pastor. They will meet sometime in August, along with the Council, to learn more of the process for this important work. An Assistant to the Bishop of the Northeastern Iowa ELCA Synod will meet with this group. Call Committee includes Mariah Ballantyne, Russ Knudson, Megan Ott, Stuart Anderson, Addie Rugland, Mike Stevens, Sasha Holstad, Loraine Mix, Cindy Pangburn, and Petyon Pangburn.



## August 2019, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

### **Back to School Month**

School is right around the corner! This time of year is exciting and stressful for many of us, but imagine what it would be like to be a child or teen with an emotional or behavioral disorder. You might be afraid of not being able to concentrate or fit in at your school. You might worry about adjusting to a new classroom routine or making new friends. You might feel alone, like no one can relate to you.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) provides mental health services to children and families across the state. It's our job to relate to children who might feel alone or misunderstood. Our therapists work one-on-one with children while our Behavioral Health Intervention Services team collaborates with families in their own homes to help them develop skills like anger management and healthy decision-making. LSI also provides 24-hour mental health care at the Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers in Waverly and Ames to empower Iowa's most vulnerable children and teens.

We thank you for your support of LSI's mission as we respond together to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service! We know there are more Iowa children in need of this critical care. If you would like to learn more about how you can give a gift to support these crucial services, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org). *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 [LSIowa.org](http://LSIowa.org) and [Facebook.com/LSI.Iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.Iowa).*

### **Back to His Usual Self**

Sixteen-year-old Loki was struggling in school. He'd once been ambitious and conscientious about schoolwork, but now, his grades were slipping. He was becoming detached and disconnected from his family and his friends. He bottled up his emotions and refused to open up. His dad, Troy, felt like his son was slipping away.

Troy thought he'd exhausted all his options until he learned about LSI's Mental Health Services.

Loki began meeting with his LSI therapist, Renae, regularly. For the first time, Loki had a neutral, unbiased person to share his feelings and frustrations with. But Renae did more than just listen. She helped Loki practice coping skills and learn ways to feel more comfortable opening up and trusting other people with his feelings.

Slowly but surely, Troy started noticing Loki being more talkative after his sessions with Renae. Loki told more stories about his friends at school, and Troy saw his son spending more time with his classmates at the end of the day instead of being eager to get home. With Renae in his corner and practical skills to fall back on, Loki feels more confident. He is thriving at school again. His grades are back up. He is more outgoing, and he has a stronger relationship at home with Troy.

"I'm a lot happier and Loki is a lot happier. Everything is going in a positive direction," Troy says. "Renae and LSI have been excellent working with my son, and his therapy has gone better than I imagined."

# August

1. Sharon Anderson
2. Alex Eilertson, Ian Husske, Kayla Senne
3. Bethany Gentz
4. Scott Anderson, Ashlyn Schaefer, Jenna Schaefer, Karl Kittleson
5. Bonnie Olson, Ronald Shupe, Mary Toresdahl
6. Bob Harris
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8. Peggy Hodson, Carol Liljedahl, Shayne Olson, Greg Reyerson
9. Luane Butler, Aubrey Johnson, Ronan Penfold, Kally Reindl, Brady Tufte, Wendy Weisert
10. Richard Butler, Robert Butler, Kennedy Christianson, Tanner Haberman, Vivienne Vandell, Rusty Wahl
11. Larry Klitzke, Naomi LaRue, Becky Okerlund, Kam Reindl
12. Laura Mattern, Richie Reeder
13. Charlotte Berry, Ruth Hanson, Bryan Koster, Veda Waller
14. Sasha Holstad, Landon Perkins, Emily Werner
15. Lexie Breitsprecher, Kelsey Katcher
16. Marliss Bachtle, Dean Cowell
17. Nicholas Kunz, Melissa Meyer, Jennifer Reyerson, Jaidyn Thompson
18. Heather VanRyswyk
19. Sue Braun, Jace Gentz, Sherry Olson
20. Matthew Borcharding, Carolyn Goeders, Lindsey Moore
21. Courtney Athey, Tina Kuennen, Thomas Midtgaard
22. Katie Chodur, LaVaughn Govig, Sharyl Lunde
23. Iola Bakken, Russell Julseth, Raven Flatness
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25. Kevin Braun
26. Kristin Boyden, Boden Braun, Sue Loken, Suzanne Reyerson, Marilyn Severson, Anneke Urbatsch
27. Ron Brockman, Kathleen Gentz (Ron), Myra Harris
28. Shirley Olson, Hayley Maher
29. Carol Lukes
30. Scott Hengesteg
31. James Iverson, Trent Midtgaard

