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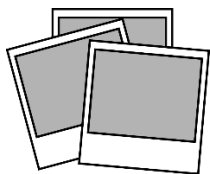
# **First Lutheran Focus**

# **August 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>
August 1	Team 1	Patti Irons	Eli Mix	Team 8
August 8	Team 2	Carolyn Reeder	Hayden Moore	Team 1
August 15	Team 3	Stu Anderson	Logan Mayberry	Team 2
August 22	Team 4	Jan Thompson	Andrew Breitsprecher	Team 3
August 29	Team 5	Tim Knutson	Hayden Moore	Team 4

# PASTOR'S PAGE



Do you enjoy looking at pictures? Lots of us do. Whether you receive and can hold the actual picture or seeing it on a computer or phone, it tells a story. There are pictures in this newsletter that tells part of the story of Lifest. It was a great experience but to know more of the story, talk to one of the youths who were part of the trip. That's true of family pictures, what we read in the newspaper or see on television. We see part of the picture. Depending on the context and our connection to the event or people in the picture we will wonder and hopefully ask questions.

The same can be said of reading the Bible. On Sunday morning we often hear four parts of scripture. The gospel reading gets most of our attention in worship but each passage that we hear is telling a piece of God's unfolding story of love, welcome, grace, forgiveness, call, calm, hope, and redemption. In worship on July 25, I suggested reading John 6 to listen more deeply as we spend these few weeks focusing on Jesus as the bread of life. I also suggested reading through the book of Ephesians as we will during these same weeks. What are you hearing? What are you wondering about in these passages? What are the pictures that come to mind? What would the feeding of 5,000 people look like in biblical times? What would it look like today?

The next question to ask and live into is how are you part of this picture? Would you be one of the 5,000? Would you be one of the disciples trying to keep up with Jesus? What is God inviting you to do today to live into your part of God's unfolding story of love, welcome, grace, forgiveness, call, calm, hope, hope, and redemption?

As we move into the Fall months plans are being made for the various ways we reach out to connect with our children and youth on their journey of life and faith. We would also like to find ways for adults to connect more deeply in their journey of life and faith. This could be in bible study or book study. I welcome your input on what would be lifegiving and where you would like to participate and/or lead.



The Holy Spirit calls us together for the common. We are called to be church together whether we are in the building or gathered in a spot out in the community. It's a great time to be church and to journey through life together.

Peace,

Pastor Becky

## **PASTORAL ACTS - 2021**

### **Funeral/Celebration of Life**

Sharlene Stoddard 7/30/21

### **Weddings**

Severson/Welty – 7/31/21

# YOUTH NEWS



...and just like that, summer is drawing to a close! July was a very busy month, with the highlight for most of our teens being Lifest in Oshkosh from July 7 – 11. We had a few people drop out in the weeks leading up to the festival, but wound up with 35 people in our group.

When we arrived in Oshkosh, they had received 7 inches of rain in the day leading up to the festival. This meant we were not allowed to drive our vehicles onto the festival grounds, and our enormous campsite had to be walked in, around a half mile across VERY soggy wet ground. This took about an hour and a half, then we spent another 3 hours setting the sleeping tents up. The temps that day were very cool, in the lower 60's, so once we finally got things set up, everyone was more than ready to dry their feet and go to bed.

When we woke up on Thursday, it was still cloudy, but all of us made the best of it. We took off for a petting zoo and playground, as well as Target and Walmart, and by the time we got back the sun was out and the temps got closer to 70 and our campsite (or more technically our swampsite – lol) had started to dry out. Concerts started that day, and I know my favorite part of that day was going to a band called Crowder with Pastor Becky and Christa. It was so great to see live music again, and to just be around people again was great!

Friday and Saturday just went by like a blur. We had a blast at the local swimming pool and celebrated Mallory's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday party with lots of cake! There were soo many concerts that it'd be hard to explain all of the different types of music our kids and adults saw. Many of our kids got dressed up in togas to go see Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh which was a really loud show.

By the time Sunday morning arrived, the campsite had mostly dried out, and we were able to tear everything down in pretty fast order, say a prayer to end the festival, and get in the vehicles to head home. I know the Youth Van was pretty quiet as most of the kids slept the whole way home, which allowed me some quiet time to think about what happened and how to do it again, even better, next year.

A huge thank you to Pastor Becky, Jill Erhardt, Christa Larson and Sarah Yezek for being such amazing drivers/chaperons. R-80 got us a bunch of food to start the trip with which was soo tasty! The Trust Fund donated funds which allowed many more teens to go and have this amazing experience.

Ian Husske's family also donated money in his honor to let some of his friends attend. 2 years ago when we went, you could tell Ian absolutely loved being there, and his absence this year was felt by so many of us. It's so hard to truly tell people what a Christian music festival is, as each of us came away with many different experiences, but this year was truly a huge blessing! Now we've got about 340 some days until July 6 – 10, 2022 when we go to do it all again.

## **With School starting up again this month, Youth will go back to our regular times...**

Jr. High – 6:30 – 8:00 on Sunday evenings (Students may stay until 9:00 PM)

Sr. High – 7:00 – 8:30 on Wednesday evenings (Students may stay until 10 PM)

**All other nights of the week students are allowed to come and hang out, but on Friday and Saturday nights they are allowed to stay until midnight.**







## **First Lutheran Mission**

### **January 1,- May 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**

### **June 2021**

Income	\$11,395.31
Electronic Income	\$3,107.38
Expense	(\$22,837.56)
End of Month	(\$8,334.87)
<b><u>YTD as of May 31</u></b>	
Income	\$95,547.22
Electronic Income	\$18,553.74
Expense	(\$113,748.45)
End of Month	\$352.51

### **Donations & Memorials**

#### **Donations**

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

#### **Memorials**

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

### **May General Budget Expenses**

PAYROLL:	\$	16,033.56
E-GIVING EXPENSE	\$	43.11
CHURCH MAINTENANCE	\$	568.74
PARSONAGE MAINTENANCE	\$	314.39
INSURANCE	\$	2,827.25
TELEPHONE	\$	225.86
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$	591.35
PASTOR EDUCATION	\$	75.00
NE. IOWA SYNOD	\$	1,125.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 22,837.56
INCOME		\$ 14,502.69
NET		\$ (8,334.87)

### **AUGUST Share Shoppe**

**LEAH Circle will be working August 7<sup>th</sup>**

### **Mission Project for August**

**FLC Youth Fund**



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### **Staff Phone Numbers**

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

# July Announcements

**Special thank you** to Linda Griffith for leading us in worship on July 11th. It is always a pleasure to have her as our guest at First Lutheran.

**The July altar flowers** were from the family of Erika Hertel, in celebration of her wedding.

**A huge thank you** to Janet Severson for making and donating baptism blankets. They are much needed and appreciated.

**INFAITH** Kids LIFE  
An American Mission

**Adventure Week**  
**Treasure Hunt**  
**August 2nd - 5th**  
**Free 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**@ Worth County Fairgrounds**  
**Kids 5 - 12 years** Invite your friends!  
Parents welcome, too!

Games Songs Bible lessons Snacks Prizes

Hostess: Sharyl Ferley 641-324-1279 Non-denominational  
Pre-registration not required but helpful: 641-425-9818 or pteeter@infaith.org

## Ryan Hulshizer Pipe Organ Recital

August 31<sup>st</sup> - 12:15 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

222 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.W.

Rochester, MN

Free Will Offering



Join us in church on Sunday, August 22

*Please have your child bring their bag for a blessing and small gift from the church.*




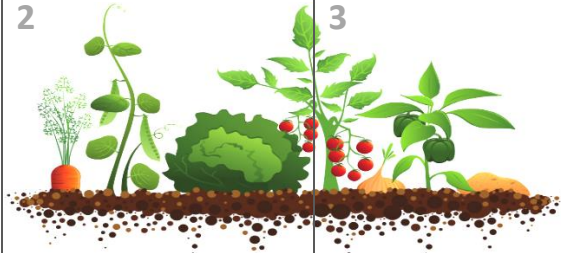




1. Sharon Anderson
2. Pastor Becky Sogge, Alex Eilertson, Kayla Senne
3. Bethany Gentz
4. Scott Anderson, Ashlyn Schaefer, Jenna Schaefer, Karl Kittleson
5. Bonnie Olson, Ronald Shupe, Mary Toresdahl
6. Bob Harris
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8. Peggy Hodson, Carol Liljedahl, 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, Beatrix Koenig-Fierova
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. Russell Julseth, Raven Flatness
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25. Kevin Braun
26. Kristin Craig, 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



# AUGUST 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1 <u>Pentecost 10</u></b></p> <p>9:00am- Service with Holy Communion 6:30pm- JH. Youth</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> 	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>6:00pm: Worship Mtng. 7:30pm: AA – Al-Anon</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>7:00pm: SH. Youth</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8 <u>Pentecost 11</u></b></p> <p>9:00am- Service with Noise Offering 6:30pm- JH. Youth</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>7:30pm: AA – Al-Anon</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>7:00pm: SH. Youth</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> 	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15 <u>Pentecost 12</u></b></p> <p>9:00am- Service with Holy Communion 10:00am- Council Meeting 6:30pm- JH. Youth</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>11am: Staff Mtng. 7:30pm: AA – Al-Anon</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>7:00pm: SH. Youth</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22 <u>Pentecost 13</u></b></p> <p>9:00am- Service with Noise Offering and <b>Blessing of the Backpacks</b> 6:30pm- JH. Youth</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> 	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>11am: Staff Mtng. 7:30pm: AA – Al-Anon</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>2:00pm: Sr. Comm. 7:00pm: SH. Youth</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29 <u>Pentecost 14</u></b></p> <p>9:00am- Service with Noise Offering 6:30pm- JH. Youth</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>11am: Staff Mtng. 7:30pm: AA – Al-Anon</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> 	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>