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First Lutheran Focus

August 2024

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<u>Week</u>	<u>Counter</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
August 4	Lee & Becky Okerlund	Myra Harris	TBD	TBD	TBD
August 11	Randy & Laure Buehrer	Madelyn Midtgaard	TBD	TBD	TBD
August 18	David & Sharron Petznick	Tim Knutson	TBD	TBD	TBD
August 25	Russ & Delores Knudson	Gary Nerlien	TBD	TBD	TBD

Communion Set up:
August 4 Pat Nelson
August 18 Gina Solberg

Altar Candles:
August 4-11 Pat Nelson
August 18-25 Gina Solberg

PASTOR'S PAGE



Budapest, Hungary is a beautiful and well-established city that is divided by the Danube River. To the west of the river is Buda and to the east of the river is Pest. Our NEIA Synod delegation was blest to spend a week listening to and learning from Bishop Fabiny and several other pastors and church members about their life and work as church in Hungary. One of the key points for me is how much more alike we are than different. The Lutheran Church in Hungary is about the same work that we are which is to invite people into a deeper life of faith. The one significant difference between our churches is that Hungary is a well-established country with buildings and history that is much older than we are.

The church in Hungary has experienced war which devastated their buildings and deeply impacted how they gather for worship. The second picture on this page with the cross of candles is a cave under the church where people fled as the country was being invaded in the late 40's. They lived in this cave under the Castle Church listening to the bombs falling and hiding from soldiers for several months. Bishop Fabiny read from the journal kept by the pastor of the day.

I'm at the beginning of processing my thoughts and going through my pictures from this trip. My understanding of peace and our mutual work as people of faith is being called to has grown. I hope that we can grasp our part of the church throughout the world. There is so much to learn from our Companion Synods and great ways that we can journey with them. One way we have been involved is through the LWR kits but there are so many more ways we can connect. Please pray for our sisters and brothers in faith. Please pay attention to the news and do your part in working for peace and justice in the world.

I will be sharing more about this trip in the months ahead but invite you to spend time getting to know the people and their stories. [ME | Home \(evangelikus.hu\)](#)

JULY PASTORAL ACTS

Funeral

Roger Wagner	6/30/24
Cayleigh Pepper	7/01/24
Shirley Olson	7/29/24



YOUTH NEWS

We had an absolute blast at Lifest 2024. In the middle of July there were 39 students and chaperones who made their way to Oshkosh, WI for 4 and a half days of great festival experiences. When we arrived, we had the easiest entry and set up out of all the years we had gone. We could already tell it was going to be an amazing year.

On Thursday it was hot. Friday it was hot. Saturday it was hot, until the storms blew in! Some of the adults on the trip renamed it Lifest Extreme Weather Edition. While the kids didn't seem to mind the heat and humidity, the adults spent a bit more time around the campsite instead of going to concerts. When the storms came on Saturday, it was a welcome break from the heat, and wow did memories get made. We had 9 pop up tents that serve as our hangout area, and as the wind picked up, I told all the students to grab a corner to help hold them down. Soo much laughter as we all held on; getting completely soaked. Eventually some of the festival officials made us run to a safe shelter.

When we returned later, we only had 5 pop up tents left, the others were in various forms of twisted metal. Most of our sleeping tents stayed up, but almost everything in them had gotten wet. It was a very long night of trying to sleep as the rain continued all night, getting things even wetter. Finally, around 5:30 AM we started packing things up and were on the road home by 7:00 AM.

It was one of the hardest festivals weather wise that I've ever been to. Even after all of that, almost all the kids are super excited about next year and are already making plans to make it the best year ever!





We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Shirley Olson who passed away on Monday, July 22nd. Her funeral was held here at FLC on Monday, July 29th at 11am. The visitation was held at Conner's Colonial on Sunday, July 28th from 4-6pm.

Please bring your spare change for Noisy Offering on Sunday, August 11th and 25th. This offering goes to the mission of the month which is FLC Youth – Children's Ministry.



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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

June 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	\$ 50.00
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	\$ 872.72

Memorials

Bernice Paulson \$25 - General Fund
Cayleigh Pepper \$50.00 - Youth Fund

Mission Project for August

FLC Youth – Children's Ministry

First Lutheran Financial Update

June 2024

Income	\$9,282.13
Electronic Income	\$3,095.98
Expense	\$22,148.94
End of Month	(\$9,770.83)

YTD as of May

Income	\$76,313.93
Electronic Income	\$20,268.61
Inspire	\$295.17
Use of Church	\$720
Expense	\$121,239.39
End of Month	(\$23,641.68)

June General Budget Expenses

PAYROLL:	\$ 14,671.98
E-GIVING EXPENSE	\$ 49.10
CHURCH MAINTENANCE	\$ 386.34
UTILITIES	\$ 772.80
TELEPHONE	\$ 141.991
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$ 714.82
WORSHIP 1	\$ 209.24
N. IOWA SYNOD	\$ 375.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 22,148.94
INCOME	\$ 12,378.11
NET	\$ (9,770.83)

Share Shoppe

Saturday, August 3rd

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1. Sharon Anderson
2. Pastor Becky Sogge, Alex Eilertson, Kayla Senne, Waylon Nelson
3. Bethany Hanson, Hudsyn Severson
4. Scott Anderson, Ashlyn Schaefer, Jenna Schaefer, Karl Kittleson
5. Bonnie Olson, Ronald Shupe, Mary Toresdahl
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8. Peggy Hodson, Carol Liljedahl, Shayne Olson, Greg Reyerson
9. 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 Gudmonson, Becky Okerlund, Kam Reindl
12. Laura Mattern, Richie Reeder
13. Charlotte Berry, Ruth Hanson, Bryan Koster, Veda Waller, Malakai Reding
14. Sasha Holstad, Landon Perkins, Emily Werner, Beatrix Koenig-Fierova
15. Lexie Breitsprecher, Kelsey Katcher
16. Marliss Bachtle, Dean Cowell
17. Nicholas Kunz, Melissa Mittelstaedt, 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
24. Calvin Thofson
25. Kevin Braun, Ashlyn Skellenger
26. Kristin Craig, Boden Braun, Sue Loken, Suzanne Reyerson, Marilyn Severson, Anneke Urbatsch
27. Ron Brockman, Kathleen Gentz (Ron), Myra Harris
28. Hayley Maher, Logan Trenhaile
29. Carol Lukes
30. Scott Hengesteg
31. James Iverson, Trent Midtgaard

AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	2	3
4 <u>Pentecost 11</u> 9:00am: Service with H.C. 10:30am: DCV with H.C. 6:30pm: JH. Youth	5	6 Manna Truck 6:00pm: Worship Mtng. 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	7 7:00pm: SH Youth	8 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	9	10
11 <u>Pentecost 12</u> 9:00am: Service with N.O. 10:30am: DCV 6:30pm: JH. Youth	12	13 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	14 7:00pm: SH Youth	15 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	16	17
18 <u>Pentecost 13</u> 9:00am: Service with H.C. 10:30am: DCV with H.C. 6:30pm: JH. Youth	19	20 Manna Truck 4:00pm: Trust Fund 6:00pm: Council Mtng. 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	21 2:00pm: M. Court Chapel 7:00pm: SH Youth	22 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	23	24
25 <u>Pentecost 14</u> 9:00am: Service with N.O. 10:30am: DCV 3:00pm: LRH 6:30pm: JH. Youth	26	27 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	28 7:00pm: SH Youth	29 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	30	31