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## FIRST LUTHERAN FOCUS

July 2019



### FAREWELL RECEPTION

A farewell reception for Pastor Judy & Steve will be held on Sunday, July 28th. Come join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following the 9:00 am worship service to thank Pastor Judy & Steve and wish them well.



If you can't be there, you may send a card to them at the church office:

Pastor Judy Converse  
309 9th St N  
Northwood, IA 50459

We look forward to seeing you there.  
FLC Council



### A Note from Jan T.

Summer is a wonderful time to be outdoors and off on vacation enjoying the warm weather and more relaxed schedule.

**BUT** – the church doesn't take a vacation!

Our expenses continue through the summer months. So, please remember FLC during the warm weather months. Mail or drop off your check OR sign up for electronic giving with me before you go on vacation!



**THANK YOU!**

# From The Pastor's Desk....

Dear friends,

I am ever so grateful for so many words of support and encouragement to both Steve and me regarding our decision to move closer to our children and grandchildren this summer. We are sad to leave First Lutheran and Northwood and the wonderful relationships that have grown over the past 6 ½ years, and we will continue to cherish the memories that were made during that time.

But we are also looking forward to a new phase.

And I hope and pray that First Lutheran will do that also. This church has all it needs to continue to be the people and the place of welcome and hope for this community. Your next pastor will see that and help to build on the good things that are already happening here.

In the meantime, I welcome visits, conversations, and opportunities to remember what we have shared over the next month.

With gratitude,  
Pastor Judy

## PASTORAL ACTS

### Baptisms

No baptisms in June

### Weddings

Shayna Cody & Levi Eilertson-June 29th

### Funerals/Memorial Services

Roy Welch—May 31st

Steven Olson-June 26th



## New Generator



MANY THANKS to the WCDA for the funds to purchase and install a generator for First Lutheran Church. It sits in the parking lot at the northeast corner of the church building. This generator will provide power for the church in case of outages in the area, and will allow us to be a shelter for our neighbors in need.

## THANKS - - - THANKS - - - THANKS

I am giving thanks for:

- ◆ Kids, Day Camp, older kids to teach and lead – and a wonderful week of organized chaos in the church building!
- ◆ New babies!
- ◆ Ministry that spans the generations!
- ◆ Weddings!
- ◆ Worship at the Fairgrounds on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> – and for the ushers, greeters, reader, and musicians that helped that happen!
- ◆ Loving friends who reach out with words and actions when sad things happen!
- ◆ Flowers and flowering trees that fill the air with scent!
- ◆ The hope that we have because of Jesus Christ!

With thanks for the chance to serve Christ with you,  
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 in full swing here at First Lutheran! In the first week that the kids were out of school we held the Youth Olympics where the upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders joined in with the Jr. and Sr. High students for a night of friendly games and a lesson.



Our 2019 DayCamp, “Who Is My Neighbor” theme was held from June 10 – 14. Each day we had around 75 kids attend as well as many teenage helpers. The helpers led the games, crafts, foods, story times and much more with each day focusing on a different region of the world. A huge thank you to Heather Rheingans, Kate Hartman and the staff at the pool for making Thursday's wet day a huge success. We're truly blessed to have SO many teenagers willing to show up and make DayCamp a success.. Below are the list of names of those teens: Angel Martin, Taylor Rodemeyer, Hattie Hanson, Allie Carman, Laura Hopperstad, Collin Kuhlman, Molly Hunchis, Dalton Logemann, Claire Avina Sanchez, Emily Follmuth, Eve Yezek, Madalynn Hanson, Mallory Rheingans, Reese Wahl, Emma Hengesteg, Emily Hannemann, Thomas Rodemeyer, Emma Logemann, Hayden Moore, Lindsey Moore, Jadynd Beland, Marisa Halbach, Spencer Smith, Damon Reyerson, Sarah Yezek, Ben Yezek, Anthoni Martin, Kelsi Liddle, Alex Follmuth, Andrew Brietsprecher, Aiden Kollars, Jason Hanson, Josie Einertson, Logan Mayberry, Michael Jansen, Dante Sims, Chloe Costello, Ella Leonard, Sammy Tindall.



We will be having a Jr. High Lock-In on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Many of our Sr. High and a few of the college kids will be here volunteering that night to help out with food and games. There are permission slips outside the youth room for anyone who wants to join us that evening.

In a few weeks we've got a group of teens who are really excited to head to Lifest Music Festival in Oshkosh, WI. We'll be gone from July 10 - 14<sup>th</sup> seeing some really great Christian bands with other youth groups and families. This will be the first time we've taken a group to camp out at this festival and am excited to share about all the great times we'll have once we return.



## 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	\$ 75.00
Lutheran World Relief	\$ 319.62
Caring Tree	\$ 84.62
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)	\$ 917.67
Lutheran Services of Iowa (LSI)	\$ 216.08
Day Springs	\$ 272.37
Northern Lights Shelters	\$ 50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,121.44</b>

## MEMORIALS

Bill Watney	\$40.00—General Fund
Doris Johnson	\$25.00—General Fund \$5.00—Worship (Organ) Fund
Dale Meyer	\$10.00—General Fund \$10.00—Worship (Organ) Fund
Roy Welch	\$20.00—Worship (Organ) Fund
David Scherer	\$20.00—Worship (Organ) Fund
Richard Thompto	\$20.00—Worship (Organ) Fund

## DONATIONS

No special donations this month.

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

**First Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2019 10:15 AM**

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**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Present: Deb Athey, Pastor Judy Converse, Ross DeArmoun, Lisa Hagen, Sharyl Nestor, Heather Rheingans, Richard Selvig and Jan Thompson. Absent: Shana Brunsvold, Mitch Hanson, Lynn Tenold and Judy Stevens.

**WE CELEBRATE OUR PAST**

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

- President (Quilt donation to Relay for Life event.)
- Secretary (Reviewed April minutes for revisions. Judy Stevens has resigned as Secretary.)
- Treasurer (April YTD profit \$4K. Reviewed expenses detail and comparative financials.)
- Pastoral (Pastor Converse submitted resignation to Council. Her final Sunday will be August 4<sup>th</sup>.)

**WE PRESENT OUR OFFERRING**

- Education Committee (next meeting TBD)
  - ◆ Day Camp registration is going well. Theme is ELCA "Who is my neighbor?" curriculum.
  - ◆ Fall Sunday school season to start on September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Fellowship & Social Ministry Committees (next meeting TBD)
  - ◆ 40 individuals attended the Movie Day family event to see *The Greatest Showman*.
- Finance Committee (next meeting TBD)
  - ◆ Lynn Tenold has resigned from Treasurer's role. No date as yet.
  - ◆ Ash Wednesday funds to designated Lenten season charities. (MMSP Hagen / Athey)
- Property Committee (next meeting TBD)
  - Projects either in-flight or completed as follows:
    - \* New gutters installation for parsonage (completed)
    - \* Generator installation, north side of FLC (in-flight)
    - \* Exterior heating coils for snow melting (quote phase)
  - ◆ Furnace expansion tanks are in need of replacement. Cost will approximate \$2,100 of which funding is available. Motion made to move forward with project. (MMSP Rheingans / Hagen)
- Stewardship Committee (next meeting 05/23 7PM)
  - ◆ *Thanks-Living Sunday* to focus on recognition of First Lutheran Church volunteers.
  - ◆ Initial planning for fall campaign to be discussed in upcoming months.
- Worship & Music Committee (next meeting 06/04 5PM)
  - ◆ Discussed Choir season nearing completion and future: First year of rotational Choir director set-up went well; Allocation of director compensation; Choir season to begin on September 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - ◆ Hand bells owned by Methodist Church are being stored at First Lutheran Church. Formation of a junior bell choir being discussed.
- Youth Representative
  - ◆ Day Camp from June 10<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup> is ready to go.

**CONCERNS FOR THE PRESENT**

- Organ Refurbishment / Restoration
  - ◆ Meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup> to vote on moving forward with organ refurbishment and restoration project has been postponed to a later date. In the interim, formal proposal from Dewey Kruger Music will be requested which will be compared to Wicks proposal.
  - ◆ Fund raising efforts to also be discussed then.
- Lindflott Scholarship
  - ◆ After reviewing list of graduates, Council approved Josie Einertson as scholarship recipient.

**WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME**

Lord's Prayer

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

<b>May 19</b>	Communion (Intinction) – Hagen & Selvig
<b>June 2</b>	Communion (Intinction) – Athey & Hanson
<b>June 9</b>	Communion (Rail) – DeArmoun & Nestor
<b>June 9</b>	Council monthly meeting, 10:15AM

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

Respectfully submitted, Richard Selvig, Secretary



# July Volunteers

## Ushers

July 7th—Harlan & Barb Helgeson, Colton and Casson Morertz  
 July 14th—Brian Costello, Richard Butler, Landon Perkins, Matt Johnson  
 July 21st—Eric and Austin Foss, Tom and Josh Stevens, Cade Hangesteg  
 July 28th—Sawyer & Michelle Schulz, Mitch & Jess Hanson, James & Steph Eskildsen and families

## Greeters

July 7th—Monte, Cheryl, Paige & Ross DeArmoun  
 July 14th—Kevin, Michelle, Maeghan & Lauren Petznick  
 July 21st—Pam Perkins and Avis Lehman  
 July 28th—Doug & Gloria Fallgatter

## Fellowship Time

July 7th—Maynard & Madelyn Midtgaard and Hal & Dianne Johnson  
 July 14th—Patty Irons and Avis Lehman  
 July 21st—Judy Stevens and Nancy Amundson  
 July 28th—Pastor Judy & Steve’s Farewell Party

## Acolytes

July 7th—Kennedy Christianson and Mallory Rheingans  
 July 14th—Justin Mills  
 July 21st—Lindsey Moore  
 July 28th—Ian Husske

## Lay Readers

July 7th—Leila Gangstad  
 July 14th—Delores Knudson  
 July 21st—Patti Trenhaile  
 July 28th—Jan Thompson

## Altar Guild & Share Shoppe

Julia Circle

## Offering Collectors/Counters

July 7th—David & Sharron Petznick  
 July 14th—Russ & Delores Knudson  
 July 21st—Mike & Judy Stevens  
 July 28th—Lee & Becky Okerlund

## Assisting Ministers

July 7th—Dennis Johnson  
 July 21st—Tim Knutson



### Mission Project for July Lutheran World Relief Kits

Layettes, School Kits, Personal Care Kits, and Soap  
 All donated items will be assembled into appropriate kits.  
 Items needed list will be provided.



<b>FLC Financial Update</b>			
	<u>May 2019</u>		<u>January 1st –May31st</u>
Income	\$12,908.00	Income	\$88,734.18
Electronic Income	\$1,985.00	Electronic Income	\$7,491.00
Expense	\$15,929.72	Expense	\$92,660.69
End of month	(\$1,036.72)	Year to date	\$3,564.49

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

If you wish to pay for Altar flowers in memory of someone or celebrating a special event, please call the church office to reserve that month. Cost is \$120.00 for 2 vases.





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

### **LSI's Host Homes Program**

Each year, Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) empowers hundreds of Iowans with disabilities. There is no greater joy for us than seeing an individual develop greater independence, find their confidence, and thrive in their community. And through our innovative Host Homes program, LSI has found a new way to lift up our Iowa neighbors.

Through the program, adults with disabilities or “mentees” move from a supported community living setting – like a 24-hour, fully staffed home with roommates – into a private family home with a Host Homes “mentor”. LSI collaborates with the individuals we serve and the contracted mentors to ensure each match is the perfect fit and to create a shared living opportunity that is beneficial to mentors and mentees.

LSI is seeking compassionate and dedicated caregivers to join us in the mission. If you have room in your heart and in your home, being a Host Homes mentor might be for you! Visit [LSIowa.org/HostHomes](http://LSIowa.org/HostHomes) to learn more. If you are interested in supporting crucial programming like LSI's Services for People with Disabilities, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065.

*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).*

### **The Best Kind of Bond**

Amanda needed a change. For years, she had received 24-hour care, living in a busy home with three roommates. But she was lashing out and becoming aggressive, and she required multiple psychiatric hospital visits throughout the year to receive mental health treatment. She and her dad, Bruce, knew she needed more one-on-one attention to thrive.

They turned to LSI's new Host Homes program. Through LSI's Services for People with Disabilities, the program allows adults with disabilities to transition from supported community living to a private family home where they build positive, lasting relationships with a specially selected mentor instead of a team of staff members.

Soon, Amanda was matched with Mavis, an LSI Host Homes mentor. On the day Mavis and Amanda first met, they clicked. And a year later, the family hasn't looked back.

Instead of several emergency calls and incidents each year, Amanda has gone over a year without any mental health hospitalization. Mavis has spent the last year collaborating with Amanda to find the best way for her to communicate her emotions. She wants Amanda to know her voice and thoughts are heard.

“Mavis has helped in every way,” Bruce says. “She cares, she’s loving, she’s patient, and she’s getting Amanda engaged in art classes and hobbies she loves. I have a happier daughter now.”

The FLC Council has had its first meeting with an Assistant to the Bishop of the NE Iowa ELCA Synod. Plans are being made to select a call committee in the next couple weeks. If you wish to be considered for the call committee, please notify the church office or anyone on the council. An interim pastor will be selected to begin here, probably in early September.

Please give your thoughts and prayers to the council as we begin to work on this process.

Sharyl Nestor, Heather Rheingans, Lisa Hagen, Shana Brunsvold, Deb Athey,  
Mitch Hanson, Ross DeArmoun, Rich Selvig

# July

*Happy  
Birthday*

- 1.
2. Harper Baker, Ross DeArmoun, Kelsey Tenold
3. Brandon Severson
4. Kenneth Block, Shirleen Julson
5. Thomas Felland, David Petznick
6. Casey Dahlby, Graham Holstad
7. Jim Dahle, 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 Shroger, Ivy Urbatsch
13. Jacob Gordon, Marissa Nitcher
14. Eugene Eilertson, Joshua Einertson, Orin Liljedahl, Joseph Stricker
15. Dan Hendrikson, Laura Kuennen, Matthew Lowe, Janet Severson, Abel Wheeler
16. James Berg, Aidan Gores, Kendra Julseth, Jodi Kilborn, Marjorie Lau, Shannon Moore, Deanna Schutz, Carter Severson, Kelli Wallin
- 17.
18. Briar Buechele, Mark Buehrer, Robert Hickman, Robert Johnsrud, Matthew Moyer, Arlene Rosdahl
19. Maylynn Lande, Susan Nelson, Camryn Rheingans, Lori Turner
20. Marlin Liljedahl, Belinda Nelson, Peyton Pangburn, Saxon Penfold
21. David Gentz, Janet Wilder
22. Nancy Franke
23. Kimberly Anderson, Kelsi Brockman, Jacob Mix
24. Ronald Gentz
25. Troy Bachtle, Danny Werner
26. Jackie Moyer, Marjorie Olson, Melinda Penfold, Rodney Stehn
- 27.
- 28.
29. Allie Branstad, Ned Doan, Richard Selvig, Myra Werner
30. Phyllis Berg, Joel Gordon, Ronald Myli, Heidi Tufte
31. Bonnie Bakken, Tyler Binnebose, Haddie Hanson, Carly Hengesteg, Gary Hennigar, Kathryn Mills, Nickey Stricker

