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**First Lutheran Focus**

**July 2021**

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***Ecclesiastes 5:18-20 - New International Version***

*<sup>18</sup> This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot.*

*<sup>19</sup> Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. <sup>20</sup> They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart.*

# PASTOR'S PAGE



Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and **let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us**, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1&2

As we emerge from the pandemic some of us are joyfully running towards what is next. You may call it a new normal. For some it will be a slight change from how life was before the pandemic. The words in bold are great reminders for how we journey through life. Perseverance was the name of the game for most of us. Run is probably an over statement about your approach to life. But I can tell you that you must be looking forward if you are running. You need to be watching for tripping hazards but if you are looking behind you will fall. Part of my daily journey is looking forward not because I am afraid of tripping or falling but because I find it exciting.

I suspect that as you get to know me, you will realize that I love being a pastor and I love at least 95% of what I do. This includes singing with the kids at Day Camp and saying hi to them at the County Fair. This includes leading worship and preaching at First Lutheran, Maple Court, the Lutheran Retirement Home, and bonus time in June was at the Worth County Fair. It was an exciting month and July continues the excitement. I will be attending the music festival with Mark, the youth and other adults. And I am also having a mini seminary class reunion with three dear friends. I trust that you are having fun this summer.

Martin Luther talks a lot about vocation and our call to live out our faith. For those who love what they do daily are blessed as well as being a blessing to others. I want to give a shout out to the staff of First Lutheran. They are a wonderful group of people and clearly love the work that they do. Mark is a gift to the youth of Northwood. Troy does a wonderful job keeping the building ready for the next event. Jan handles the numbers and keeps the finances in order. Christa is creative and attentive to the details of what needs to be done in the office each week. They all have been extremely helpful in my sorting out details of who is related to who and what has worked well in the past. So, thank you to all of them! Also, thank you to all of you for your trust and partnership in ministry. I am blessed to be able to do the work I love and am called to do here at First Lutheran.

Excited and blessed and wishing the same for you!

Pastor Becky

## PASTORAL ACTS - 2021

### Funeral/Celebration of Life

Sharon Aase 6/25/21

### Baptisms

Haisley Jo Severson 6/6/21

Foxx Russell Chsmore 6/13/21

### Weddings

Heidemann/Hertel 6/26/21

# YOUTH NEWS

June is done and July is upon us! We started last month out with DayCamp. With Covid restrictions still in place in May we were waiting to see how we would handle our week with the kids. Once restrictions were relaxed, we were able to plan a very “normal” week, just with lots of hand sanitizer! The weeks theme was “On Earth As In Heaven” and focused on the Lord's Prayer. Each day started with Pastor Becky leading the kids songs, followed by small group times, lunch, and 4 classes – Arts and Crafts, Snacks, Games and Storytime.

Attendance on Monday was 103, which was the most we'd ever had in the last 14 years that I've been here. Our average for the week was 95 kids, which was also a struggle as the week was hot and we kept almost everything inside to keep the kids cool. On Thursday we started out in Swensrud Park for our classes and then went to the swimming pool, which was a welcome relief to beat the heat. A HUGE thank you to Troy, Christa and Pastor Becky for helping keep things running as our building was overtaken!!! **The following students were leaders and teachers that week.**

**Tyler Husske, Emma Logemann, Andrew Breitsprecher, Weston Willand,  
Emma Hengesteg, Haddie Hanson, Camryn Rheingans, Madalynn Hanson,  
Sarah Yezek, Lindsey Moore, Hayzin Jacobson, Jason Hanson,  
Damon Reyerson, Emersyn Wahl, Lauren Petznick, Mallory Rheingans,  
Andrew Grunhovd, Ben Yezek, Camden Trenhaile, Chloe Costello,  
Kinley Stambaugh and Landon Nelson**

The week after DayCamp was fair week which allowed things to slow down a bit. The Senior High students went on a field trip to Ochee Yahola to wander the trails, eat and run around. Since then, we have been working hard on preparing things for the music festival. Lifest in Oshkosh, WI is July 7 – 11, and we currently have 39 students and chaperones attending from First Lutheran. We have got lots of fun things planned and can't wait to tell everyone next month about all our adventures!



## *More organ notes: Don't B sharp -Don't B flat -B natural*

To all at First Lutheran Church:

First of all, thank you for giving me the opportunity to share some final thoughts on the organ project. I originally got involved with the organ project in a meeting with the Worship Committee on April 6, 2017. This was primarily an informational meeting. Some of the people involved in this committee ended up on the organ committee. I felt in this meeting I was able to explain our philosophy on projects of this type. Our first interface with an existing Pipe Organ was done on a 10-rank Wicks Organ installed originally in the mid 1930's. We interfaced the entire 10 ranks in 1993 with a Rodgers two manual, draw knob console. I talked to the Organist a couple of years ago. The Pipe Organ had deteriorated to the point they were going to have to spend a great deal of money to bring the Pipe Organ up to good working condition. She said the congregation decided not to spend the money. She said she was glad they had decided to go with a Rodgers Digital Console with several digital ranks of pipes and have a complete organ without using the pipe work. I am sharing this only to give an example. This is in no way the situation with your instrument in that it is, at least, 30 years newer.

I have heard the term "enhancement" involved with the restoration of your organ by the Wicks Organ Co. I found that enhancements were digital Pipe Organ voices. I am wondering why digital voices are fine if used in the Wicks Project however they are not acceptable in the Dewey Kruger Music Project? The new console I recommended is the Rodgers Model 351D. This console has 323 Voices (enhancements), 37 of those being orchestral (strings, flute, clarinet, trumpet, timpani, and many more). Plus and importantly this console will play your Pipe Organ and this new console and associated electronics is warranted by Rodgers for 10 years on any part malfunction.

On Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> I ordered a new Rodgers Model 351D for Trinity Lutheran Church in Belmond, IA. This console will be shipped to me between mid to late August. I will contact Janelle when the organ arrives and ready for viewing. I will be able to have it here a few days prior to installing at Belmond. Thanks to everyone who made the trip to UMC Fort Dodge and Trinity Lutheran in Boone, also the group at First Covenant Church in Mason City. You can listen to 100 different organs and each instrument will sound only as it does in the venue it is installed. After refurbishing, this organ will sound as it did when it was in good tune and playing condition. It will not sound like any organ that was heard in your respective travels. The only way to add to the sounds already in the organ is to add digital organ voices or more ranks of pipes. Needless to say the digital voices make the best monetary sense. Adding digital voices can be done two ways, by enhancements,( how many?) Or in a new Rodgers Console that will also, as mentioned prior, play the refurbished Pipe Organ and add a multitude of pipe and orchestral voices plus the ability to transpose up and down by half steps. Also, the ability to record and play back and save recordings via thumb drive. Also 350 of the most popular multi denominational hymns built into the system. (It can play without an organist!) Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to be a part of this organ project.

Thank you for your consideration - Dewey Kruger



## **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	\$	70.00
LRH Auxiliary	\$	20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,208.31</b>

## **Donations & Memorials**

### **Donations**

**\$70 - Northern Lights Homeless Shelter**

### **Memorials**

**Mary Ihnen - \$900 - Library Fund**

**Bob Wilder - \$50 - General Fund**  
**- \$30 - Youth Fund**

## **First Lutheran Financial Update**

### **May 2021**

Income	\$8,930.44
Electronic Income	\$2,860.21
Expense	(\$16,719.90)
End of Month	(\$4,929.25)
<b><u>YTD as of May 31</u></b>	
Income	\$84,151.91
Electronic Income	\$15,446.36
Expense	(\$90,910.89)
End of Month	\$8,687.38

## **May General Budget Expenses**

PAYROLL:	\$ 13,243.27
E-GIVING EXPENSE	\$ 45.62
CHURCH MAINTENANCE	\$ 85.00
WORSHIP	\$ 187.79
UTILITES	\$ 1,386.26
TELEPHONE	\$ 430.35
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$ 1,067.27
IOWA SYNOD CONVENTION	\$ 274.34
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 16,719.90</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 11,790.65</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>(\$ 4,929.25)</b>

## **July Share Shoppe**

**SARAH Circle will be working July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## **Staff Phone Numbers**

Pastor Sogge	612-718-9151
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Christa Larson-Trenhaile	641-390-0484



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## *Embrace opportunities!*

*Please contact the church office at 324-2984, or [christa@flcnorthwood.org](mailto:christa@flcnorthwood.org), to make an impact in the influence of your First Lutheran Church!*

*"The church is not just a building, the church is the people!"*

*One or more of these opportunities is calling your name!*

### *Opportunity # 1:*

*AD HOC committee members are needed to design a catalog procedure and how to manage existing and future gifts given to the church, such as paintings/artwork. (In advance of giving, council will approve the gift.) Contact the church office to make an impact in this project.*

### *Opportunity # 2:*

*Church members are greatly needed to begin the process (in 2021) of developing a new, updated Pictorial Directory. Christa (Office Manager) will be part of this group and your ideas are needed! Contact the church office to join this group.*

### *Opportunity # 3:*

*A committee is being formed to investigate the possibility of an alternative worship service (non-traditional style). YOU are invited to give input on the possible format of this type of service for our church. Please respond within the next two weeks by contacting the church office.*

### *Opportunity # 4:*

*It is of great importance that new members are added to the Stewardship Committee of our First Lutheran Church. Please embrace this opportunity. You are very much needed! Contact the church office to get on board.*

### *Opportunity # 5:*






*The church is in great need of Baptismal Blankets. If you or someone you know would like to knit or crochet blankets for the church that would be fantastic! You may notify the office or just bring them in. Thank you!!!*



- 1.
2. **Harper Baker, Ross DeArmoun**
- 3.
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 Shoger, Ivy Urbatsch**
13. **Jacob Gordon, Marissa Nitcher**
14. **Eugene Eilertson, Joshua Einertson, Orin Liljedahl, Joseph Stricker, Clay Magritz**
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**
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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 Collins, Jacob Mix**
24. **Ronald Gentz**
25. **Troy Bachtle, Danny Werner**
26. **Jackie Moyer, Marjorie Olson, Melinda Penfold, Rodney Stehn**
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29. **Allie Branstad, Richard Selvig, Myra Werner**
30. **Phyllis Berg, Joel Gordon, Heidi Tufte**
31. **Bonnie Bakken, Tyler Binnebose, Haddie Hanson, Carly Hengesteg, Gary Hennigar, Nickey Stricker**



# JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b> 			<b>1</b> 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	<b>2</b>	<b>3 <u>Pentecost 6</u></b> 4pm: Worship Service
<b>4 <u>No Worship</u></b> 	<b>5</b> 7pm: Property Meeting	<b>6</b> 6:00pm: Worship Mtng. 7:30pm: AA – Al-Anon	<b>7</b> <b>No S.H. Youth</b>  <b>Lifest</b>	<b>8</b> 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo  <b>Lifest</b>	<b>9</b>  <b>Lifest</b>	<b>10</b> Taekwondo Testing  <b>Lifest</b>
<b>11 <u>Pentecost 7</u></b> 9:00am- Service with Noise Offering <b>No J.H Youth</b>  <b>Lifest</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 11am: Staff Mtng. 7:30pm: AA – Al-Anon	<b>14</b> 7:00pm: SH. Youth	<b>15</b> 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Gary Lee Burial
<b>18 <u>Pentecost 8</u></b> 9:00am- Service with Holy Communion 10:00am- Council Meeting 3:00pm- LRH Worship 6:30pm- JH. Youth	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 4pm: Trust Fund 7:30pm: AA – Al-Anon	<b>21</b> 7:00pm: SH. Youth	<b>22</b> 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b>
<b>25 <u>Pentecost 9</u></b> 9:00am- Service with Noisy Offering 6:30pm- JH. Youth	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> 7:30pm: AA – Al-Anon	<b>28</b> 2:00pm: Sr. Comm 7:00pm: SH. Youth	<b>29</b> 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	<b>30</b> Wedding Rehearsal	<b>31</b> Severson/Welty Wedding