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FIRST LUTHERAN FOCUS

November 2019



FLC's ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17th

10:00 am

Fellowship Hall

Report packets are available in Narthex.

All Women of the Church

November is Thankoffering month. If you do not attend circle meetings, please send your offering to Myra Harris, 1524 460th St., Northwood, IA 50459 or drop in FLW Treasurer's box by church office. We ask all women in the church to participate. Offering will be divide between Good Samaritan Fund and Manna of Worth County. Please write checks to First Lutheran Church Women.

The **CARING TREE** is decorated with ornaments. We are asking you to please prayerfully consider helping a child this Christmas season. Take a ornament from the tree, buy gifts for the child, and return them **UNWRAPPED** to church by November 25th.



Distribution will be Monday, December 2nd. If you have any questions, or to add someone to the list, call Cindy Pangburn @ 324-1624.

*Thank you for making a difference
in the life of a child.*

November Worship Schedule

November 3 – Holy Communion (rail) – All Saints Sunday

November 10 – Service of the Word

November 17 – Holy Communion

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service – 7:00 pm at Peace Lutheran

November 24 – Service of the Word – Christ the King Sunday and Holy Baptism



INTERIM PASTORS' PAGE

We have been here for six weeks, called by contract and responsible to First Lutheran Church and the NE Iowa Synod. Some of what we do is readily seen: We have preached, taught, presided, have done a baptism and a funeral, and have made hospital and hospice calls.

As we are getting acquainted we are working together to be of assistance to you during a time of transition. Finding out what your hopes and dreams are for the present and the future is important, so please feel free to talk to us about those things. Finding out about your history and what it means to you helps. We are trying to help with communication, so that things are transparent and clear, rather than muddled and confusing. We are working with leadership and with volunteers, and are impressed. The call committee is doing something important, supported by synod staff and working on the partnership between congregation and the pastor you will call, and that takes some time and effort.

How to help children cope with grief by Northeastern Iowa Synod Life –Home Life Network

Death can be a complicated subject. It's a topic that can make people feel uncomfortable. It's easy to tell ourselves that kids won't understand what's happening when a loved one is dead or dying. The truth is even very young children know there is something wrong in their world in their world. Pretending it is not happening will only make a child feel more unsure or upset. Here's some helpful tips to talk with kids about grief, death and dying.

- ◆ Tell the Truth: Speak openly and honestly
- ◆ Use simple words and use the words "death" and "died" to talk about your loss
- ◆ Be prepared to answer kids questions about death.
- ◆ Tell children what to expect before you take them to the hospital, a visitation, or funeral.
- ◆ Let children see you grieving and being emotional. It shows them that grief is normal and it's ok to feel sad, upset or mad.
- ◆ Let kids know that everyone grieved differently and that grief may last for a long while.
- ◆ Provide support and reassurance. Let kids know they are not to blame and that you will be here for them.
- ◆ Remember your loved one. Show photographs, visit graves, tell stories about the person who died. Don't avoid mentioning the person they lost or talking about her/him.
- ◆ Grief comes in waves so be prepared to have many conversations.
- ◆ Remember holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, special traditions, school projects, or other milestone events can be difficult.

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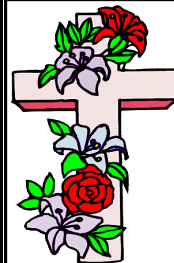
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Please contact the church or either pastor, if you or a loved one needs pastoral care or will be hospitalized.



PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms

Reid Weston Patterson—October 20th

Weddings

No weddings in October

Funerals/Memorial Services

Kathryn Mills—October 23rd

YOUTH NEWS

Sr. High Youth – Wednesday 7:00—8:30

Jr. High Youth – Sunday 6:30-8:00

“Deeper” Group – Monday 5:00-??

We took a group of 20 to ValleyScare and Mall of America on Saturday, October 19th. The trip was pushed back a week because of weather, but we were blessed by a beautiful fall day. This is the 14th year we have taken kids on the trip and it continues to always be a fun day to reward the kids who regularly attend Youth.



Jr High Youth has been slowly working its way back to what I'd call “normal” as far as attendance. We started the school year off a little slower than usual. But recently we've gotten quite a few new kids who have shown up.

Our first lesson from the past month dealt with what is now being called “Canel Culture.” With media and society today wanting an instant reaction to anything that happens, we sometimes forget the God wants us to take a little time to breathe, think and pray – Matthew 6: 14 + 15.



The middle of the month were two of my favorite lessons: God Warrior and Sunscreen. With God Warrior we focused on Ephesians 6: 10 – 20 and how to arm ourselves with the full armor of God while dressing up in tin foil and having a battle! The Sunscreen lesson focuses on all the advice that people give us and how to sort the good from the bad. With the teens being bombarded from all angles of what to do and how to do it, we were able to focus on Proverbs 19:20 + 24: 5 - 6 and listening to what God has in store for us.



We ended the month with a lesson on Connections (1 Thessalonians 5:14). Each of the kids who shows up to Youth for the first time is almost always because someone invites them. Each of the kids who stays in Youth stay for drastically different reasons. God is able to make connections between all of them and we need to focus on loving each other, even though we may not have much in common.

First Lutheran Missions

October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019	
Bremwood	\$ 317.86
Operation Christmas Child	\$ 254.61
Youth Fund (Bibles & Catechisms)	\$ 290.00
Caring Tree	\$ 284.62
Lutheran World Relief	\$ 505.69
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)	\$ 1,702.82
Lutheran Services of Iowa (LSI)	\$ 216.08
Day Spring	\$ 272.37
Northern Lights Shelters	\$ 295.65
Total	\$ 5,823,.31

First Lutheran Missions

October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020	
Bremwood	\$ 75.00
Operation Christmas Child	\$ 197.68
Youth Fund (Bibles & Catechisms)	\$ 50.00
Caring Tree	\$ 197.68
Total	\$ 520.36

MEMORIALS

No additional memorials for October.

DONATIONS

\$100.00—Property (Kitchen) Fund



FIRST LUTHERAN OFFERING ENVELOPES

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

First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2019 10:00 AM

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WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Opening prayer from Sharyl Nestor.

Present: Deb Athey, Shana Brunsvold, Ross DeArmoun, Pastor Burton Everist, Pastor Jack Gannett, Lisa Hagen, Mitch Hanson, Sharyl Nestor, Heather Rheingans, Richard Selvig and Jan Thompson. Absent: None.

WE CELEBRATE OUR PAST

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

- President – Introduced Pastor Everist and Pastor Gannett to Council.
- Secretary - Reviewed August minutes for revisions.
- Treasurer- YTD loss of \$9K. Reviewed expenses detail and comparative financials.
- Pastoral – No report.

WE PRESENT OUR OFFERING

- Education Committee (next meeting TBD)
 - * 3rd graders to receive Bibles during 09/22 worship service.
 - * 1st graders to receive Catechisms during 09/29 worship service.
- Fellowship & Social Ministry Committees (next meeting TBD)
 - * Bicycle ride along Trolley Trail in Mason City / Clear Lake to be held on Saturday 09/28 at 10:00AM and start a Newman High School.
 - * Pumpkin decorating event on Sunday 10/27 being planned.
- Finance Committee (next meeting TBD)
 - * Compilation of 2020 fiscal year budget in progress.
- Property Committee (next meeting TBD)
 - * Projects under discussion as follows:
 - ◆ Parsonage upkeep: New kitchen cabinetry, dishwasher, garage door and opener.
 - ◆ Kitchen Phase III: Under counter dishwasher, \$6K all in costs. Funding available.
 - * Grants have been submitted to WCDA for LED lighting and sound and video projects.
- Stewardship Committee (next meeting 09/29 10:15 AM)
 - * Planning for “Gratitude Sunday” on November 10th discussed.
 - * Committee in need of additional volunteers for future events.
 - * Discussed continued promotion of electronic giving to Congregation.
- Worship & Music Committee (next meeting 10/01 5:00 PM)
 - * “*Sundays and Seasons*” a three year lectionary cycle from Augsburg Fortress Publishing discussed. Council approved purchase of deluxe edition. (MMSP Athey / Hagen)
- Youth Representative
 - * Discussed status of youth programs done on Wednesday and Sunday nights.
 - * Next summer, Mark Willand will organize youth trip for weekend long *LiFest* Christian music jamboree event at Oshkosh, WI.

CONCERNS FOR THE PRESENT

- Pastor Everist and Pastor Gannett discussed their individual pastoral roles. Council reviewed compensation and housing allowance. (MMSP Hagen / Athey)
- Confirmation classes for 7th and 8th graders discussed. Theme will be Here We Stand.
- Confirmation Sunday for 9th graders during 10/27 worship service.
- Fair Trade sales – Discussed possible volunteers to help on Sunday sales events.
- Call Committee progress
 - * Cindy Pangburn and Russell Knudson are co-chairpersons.
 - * As part of pastoral call, creation of a First Lutheran Church “Ministry Site Profile” is required. Members have been asked to complete a “Congregational Survey – Pastoral Search” survey to provide input for this profile.
- Nominating Committee
 - * Committee will be meeting in October to recruit prospective volunteers for upcoming open leadership roles and committees.

WE ADJOURN TO SERVE

Lord's Prayer

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

September 22	Communion (Intinction) – Hagen & Rheingans
October 6	Communion (Rail) – Athey & Selvig
October 13	Council monthly meeting, 10:15AM

“That all may know the love of God in Jesus Christ”

Respectfully submitted, Richard Selvig, Secretary

November Volunteers

Ushers

November 3rd—Brian Costello, Richard Butler, Landon Perkins, Matt Johnson
 November 10th—Eric and Austin Foss, Tom and Josh Stevens, Cade Hengesteg
 November 17th—Sawyer & Michelle Schulz, Mitch & Jess Hanson, James & Steph Eskildsen and families
 November 24th—Jerry & Jan Hopperstad, Larry Foley, Doug Fallgatter

Greeters

November 3rd—Wayde, Jill, Wyatt and Weston Willand
 November 10th—Gretchen and Emma Hengesteg
 November 17th—Carl, Janet, Sophie and Maggie Rye
 November 24th—David & Chris Quisley

Fellowship Time

November 3rd—Patty Irons and Avis Lehman
 November 10th—Judy Stevens and Nancy Amundson
 November 17th—Ray & Wanda Hoffman and Shirley Olson
 November 24th—Carol Liljedahl and Linda Loken

Acolytes

November 3rd—Kyle Buehrer and Mallory Rheingans
 November 10th—Isaac Adams and Reese Wahl
 November 17th—Colby Eskildsen and Peyton Wilder
 November 24th—Koopor Julseth and Chloe Costello

Lay Readers

November 3rd—Myra Harris
 November 10th—Delores Knudson
 November 17th—Sixth Graders
 November 24th—In need of volunteer

Altar Guild & Share Shoppe

Julia Circle

Offering Collectors/Counters

November 3rd—Mike & Judy Stevens
 November 10th—Lee & Becky Okerlund
 November 17th—Gloria Fallgatter and Nancy Amundson
 November 24th—David & Sharron Petznick

Assisting Ministers

November 3rd—Dennis Johnson
 November 17th—Tim Knutson



FIRST LUTHERAN WOMEN

"Blessed are you among women" Luke 1:42

Julia	November 4th	2:00 pm	Jan Thompson's home
Leah	November 7th	9:00 am	Jan Wilder's home, Dianne Johnson-hostess
Lydia	November 6th	1:00 pm	Gloria Fallgatter's home
Rebecca	November 6th	1:30 pm	Fireside Room, Rosie Kruger-hostess
Sarah	No meeting		



FLC Financial Update

	September 2019		January 1st –September 30th
Income	\$14,660.20	Income	\$144,233.43
Electronic Income	\$1,335.00	Electronic Income	\$13,663.00
Expense	\$15,489.82	Expense	\$166,169.94
End of month	\$505.38	Year to date	(\$8,273.51)



NOVEMBER ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers for November are given in memory of Duane Mielke by Jan Mielke.



November 2019, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

National Adoption Month

November is National Adoption Month, a time to honor families who have opened their hearts and homes to children in need. For LSI, it is a time to celebrate the families we support through Foster Care and Adoption, and to raise awareness for the hundreds of Iowa children in need of a safe, loving home.

In 30 counties across western Iowa, LSI Foster Care and Adoption recruits, licenses, and supports foster and adoptive families to ensure every Iowa child grows up in a safe, stable environment.

But more work needs to be done. According to the most recent federal data, more than 100,000 children in the U.S. are waiting to be adopted from foster care, and thousands of teens age out of foster care every year without a permanent family. To learn more about supporting Iowa children in foster care, visit LSIowa.org/Foster, or contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 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 www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

A Growing Family

Lindsey and Andrea were no strangers to foster parenting. Their older brother fostered children for 10 years, and they were inspired by his drive and passion for supporting vulnerable children. Until recently, they hadn't seen themselves as foster parents. But something in their hearts told them they were needed.

"It's been on our hearts for a lot of years, and we have the room and love," Andrea says. "It's something we knew we could do and it's needed."

The two sisters decided to become licensed foster parents earlier this year through LSI Foster Care and Adoption. Now, they are caring for children in foster care at the same time. Lindsey and Andrea regularly meet up to support one another and ensure the children can connect and feel less alone during the most vulnerable time in their young lives.

"It's been so important to have a connection to another foster family," Lindsey says. "The kids can see they're not different. There are other children in their same situation."

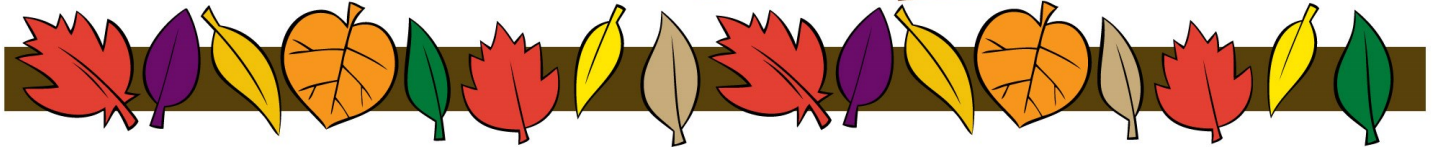
Meanwhile, they are busy building a strong bond with the children's birth families. Lindsey says foster parenting is a way for them to give a child stability while also nurturing their whole family.

Lindsey and Andrea have also found support from other local foster families. They are there for each other, offering a shoulder to lean on when anyone needs an extra boost on the difficult days.

"There is a need for foster families in Iowa, and there is so much good that comes out of fostering," Andrea says.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) is blessed to have been able to share our mission at First Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 20th. Thank you for your hospitality. We hope our message gave you a better understanding of the role LSI plays in bringing critical human services to Iowa's children, families and individuals, done in partnership with you, your church and the three Iowa Synods of the ELCA. If you would like more detail about LSI and the services it offers, please contact LSI's Director of Church Relations, Deb Whitford, at 563-676-2065 or deborah.whitford@lsiowa.org.

November



1. Stephanie Perkins, Harrisyn Severson
2. Erbin Anderson, Gerald Bakken, Nicole Kroneman
3. Daniel Schutz
4. Michael Brunsvold, Betty Johnson, Morgan Johnson, Tiarra Walk
5. Jennie Christianson, Valerie Foss, Michael Gordon, Skyler Petry
6. Gail Read, Jack Wheeler
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8. Carolyn Reeder, Gordon Wilder
9. John Anderson, Tony Gentz, Donald Johnson, Kenly Solberg
10. Cody Hanson
11. Robert Bloomingdale, Eileen Dahlby, Brian Kenison, Lindsey Severson, Ivy Toresdahl
12. Erin Bedford, Ryder Duvall, Zane Bauers, Harry Kuhlmann, Kyler Varner
13. Colby Eskildsen, Matthew Midtgaard, Katie Reding, Tyler Thofson
14. Sara Hulshizer, Danny Tenold
15. Trudy Capitani, Mary Ann Christianson, Mary Irons, Logan Mix, Zander Severson, Jeannie Tenold
16. Andrew Ballantyne, Kenedie Berry, Clay Bauers
17. Kail Christianson, Alan Fredericks, Randy Hengesteg, Kay Reyerson
18. Kathleen Eilertson, Jim Hanson
19. John Adams, Chloe Costello, Hayden Halbach, David Quisley
20. Amber Julseth, Chris Quisley, Blane Maher
21. Luane Odden, Amaya Rugland, Ashton Trenhaile
22. Jacklyn Einertson, Zane Bauers, Paisley Olson
23. Kayla Branstad
24. Cameron Campbell, Lisa Hagen, Brenda Moretz, Randy Sime
25. Holly Adams
26. Rebecca Hickman, Carson Tufte
27. Conner Harris, Jacob Schroader
28. Madison Avelar, Brandon Brockman, Quincey Reyerson
29. Wayde Willand
30. Jennifer Costello, Andrea Foley

