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First Lutheran Focus

October 2024

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<u>Week</u>	<u>Counter</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
October 6	Mike & Judy Stevens	Shana Brunsvold	TBD	Reyerson family	Jaxon Reyerson Makayla Reyerson
October 13	Lee & Becky Okerlund	Patti Irons	TBD	Quam family	Brekken Haberman Kris Quam
October 20	Randy & Laure Buehrer	6 th Graders	TBD	Ballantyne family	Wesley Ballantyne
October 27	David & Sharron Petznick	Jan Thompson	TBD	Duvall family	Tucker Duvall Owen Binnebose

Communion Set up:

October 6	Pam Perkins
October 20	Mary Jo Senne

Altar Candles:

October 6-13	Pam Perkins
October 20-27	Mary Jo Senne

Paraments:

October 27	Petznick family
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PASTOR'S PAGE

What Does This Mean?

When Martin Luther wrote the Small Catechism he was intent on equipping parents to teach their children the basics about God, their own faith journey and how to everything fits together. He wrote the Large Catechism for pastors to teach parents who then would teach their children. Luther set it up to be conversational with the parents stating the commandment then the child asking 'what does this mean?' and then the parents providing the answer. For example:

The First Commandment

Parent: You shall have no other gods.

Child: What does this mean?

Parent: We are to fear, love, and trust God above all things.

I think it's important to ponder and understand why we believe what we believe as well as why we do what we do. What does it mean to believe in God? What does it mean to be Lutheran? What does it mean to live out our faith every day and how it impacts our decisions, conversations, and activities? Our Lutheran theology is the framework that helps us interpret scripture and guides us into a deeper life of faith.

This is another pearl of wisdom from Martin Luther:

What then does God say about all these commandments?

Parent: God says the following: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments."

Child: What does this mean?

Parent: God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore we are to fear his wrath and not disobey these commandments. However, God promises grace and every good thing to all those who keep these commandments. Therefore we also are to love and trust him and gladly act according to his commands.

Why am I telling you this? Because I benefit from being reminded of the bigger picture. I am convinced that just teaching 7th and 8th graders about this misses our opportunity to lifelong learning. I also believe that we can find answers to our questions about God, our life of faith and how we are called to live in the world. Do you know where your Small Catechism is (or should be)? You can find it in the back of the Lutheran Book of Worship, on-line (though you may want to make sure it's accurate), and there are copies in various parts of the church. Take a look.

Happy Learning!

Pastor Becky

SEPTEMBER PASTORAL ACTS

Funeral

Omer Davidson, DCV 9/7/24

Arnold Griffith 9/28/24

Baptism

Bohdie Haberman 9/8/24

Charlee Krotzer 9/15/24

YOUTH NEWS

We had quite a mixed up month as far as lessons for Youth are concerned. Most of the time I do the same thing for both groups, but this past month I did 7 different lessons between them. The themes were Sin and Temptation (James 1: 13 – 18), Freedom (2nd Corinthians 3:17), Strong Person Competition (Matthew 26:41), Ingredients (1st Corinthians 14:26), The Plan (Jeremiah 29:11), It's OK (Isaiah 41:40) Crappiest Youth Ever (Deuteronomy 31:6).

Many of our lessons this past month had Christian songs as the inspiration for the lessons themselves. There is so much great music out there, and many of the songs we play during the lessons are by the artists that we get to see at the Lifest each year. While it seems so far away, in just 2 months we'll be ordering tickets for next years festival!

I've been having our current Seniors join us on Junior High Sunday nights for the past several weeks. It's been great seeing them interact with the younger students and role model for them as well as encouraging the younger students at school during the week. We are truly blessed to live in a small community where the older kids are willing to take time out of their busy schedules to give time to others!





The Sunday School children will be singing during worship on Sunday, October 13th.

Celebrate with us as the Third-Grade class receives their Bibles on Sunday, October 20th.

Please join us in worship as Hallie Hanson, Ayden Schutz, Maci Smith and Ivy Toresdahl as they affirm their faith. On Sunday, October 27th.

Thank you for your generous donation of eleven quilts to LSI. When you give a gift to LSI, you join thousands of others committed to helping LSI empower individuals, strengthen families, and build communities throughout Iowa.

Thank you for the Vikings quilt. It will keep me warm at UNI and NIACC. -Damon Reyerson

Thank you for the beautiful quilt you made for me on graduation. I will cherish it forever. – Haddie Hanson

A special thank you to Kim Katuta, for sharing in our Mission Moment on Sunday, September 15th.. Kim comes to us from Dayspring Children's Village in Africa.

Congratulations to Brad and Samantha Haberman on the baptism of their son, Bohdie Reid who was baptized on Sunday, September 8th. His sponsors are Sam Steele and Lexy Hoyde.

Congratulations to Jenny and Kyle Krotzer on the baptism of their daughter, Charlee Jean who was baptized on Sunday, September 15th. Her sponsors are Ryan & Kathy Gaetzke and Ross & Val Gaetzke.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to Sandy Madden on the loss of her sister, Sharyl Anderson, on Friday, September 6th.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Omer Davidson who's funeral was held on Saturday, September 7th at Deer Creek Valley.

We send our condolences to the family and friends of Arnold Griffith who's funeral was held on Saturday, September 28th at Sion in Lake Mills.

Please bring your spare change for Noisy Offering on October 13th and 27th. This offering goes to the mission of the month which is ELCA World Hunger, Disaster Relief.



QR Code for Vanco Online Giving

How do I scan a QRC code?

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.

The Side Room Foster Closet

Supporting foster families in north central Iowa

The mission of Foster the Family is to fill a gap and **remove a roadblock of saying no to a foster child needing a home and family**. We will love, encourage and build up foster and birth families in our community through support and providing for physical and tangible needs.

Our vision is that foster and birth families have a **Christian community who supports them as they reunite families and care for God's children** by supplying material items and necessities for families, sustaining ongoing services for foster and adoptive families and equipping people to engage in caring for children and families in need.

SIDE ROOM Foster Closet

We aim to have the following items stocked in our closet for foster, adoptive, and kinship family needs

Body

- Body wash
- Deodorant
- Shea butter (ethnic skin)
- Razors

Under Garmets

- Underwear (all ages)
- Socks (all ages)
- Sports bras (all sizes)

Femarine Products

- Pads
- Tampons

Oral Health

- Tooth brushes
- Baby (teething) tooth brushes
- Toothbrush covers
- Tooth paste
- Floss/Flossers
- Alcohol free mouthwash

Baby

- Pacifiers (all sizes)
- Pacifier clips
- Silicone bibs
- Teething/Spit bibs
- Diaper rash cream (in original packaging)
- Baby bottles
- Swaddle blankets
- Sleep sacks
- Diapers - any size (in original package)

Hair

- Brushes
- Combs
- Hair picks
- Wooden soft bristle brush (for ethnic hair)
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Detangler spray
- Ethnic hair care (such as Cantu or Shea Moisture brands)
 - Tea tree oil
 - Organ oil
 - Hair curling cream
- Hair ties (clips, claw clips, barrettes, scrunchies, polyband hair ties)

Bedding

- Bed sheets (flat and fitted sheets - preferably in a set)
- Waterproof mattress protector (various size)
- Crib sheets
- Crib waterproof mattress protectors

Miscellaneous

- Backpacks/Duffel bags - new or gently used
- Shoes - New (all sizes)

Baby

- Baby wipes
- Sippy cups - (new)
- Baby/toddler utensils
- Pull ups - any size (in original package)
- Baby wash
- Baby washcloths
- Baby teethers (in original package)
- Infant/children's Tylenol
- Diapers bags - New or gently used

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We aim to have the following items stocked in our closet for foster, adoptive, and kinship family needs

Girl - Tops and Bottoms

- Preemie
- Newborn
- 0 - 3 month
- 3 - 6 month
- 6 - 9 month
- 12 month
- 18 month
- 24 month
- 2T - 3T
- 4T - 5T (4-5X)
- 6 - 6X (Small)
- 7/8 (Medium)
- 10/12 (Large)
- 14 -16 (XL)

Boy - Tops and Bottoms

- Preemie
- Newborn
- 0 - 3 month
- 3 - 6 month
- 6 - 9 month
- 12 month
- 18 month
- 24 month
- 2T - 3T
- 4T - 5T (4-5X)
- 6/7 (Small)
- 8 (Medium)
- 10/12 (Large)
- 14 -16 (XL)

Pajamas - We keep aim to keep stock of both genders in all sizes listed above

Seasonal

- Winter coats
- Snow pants
- snow boots
- Stocking hats/ear muffs
- Mittens/gloves
- Scarves

Seasonal

- Swim suits
- Swim trunks
- Flip flops
- Swim diapers

Seasonal items are not typically stocked in every size - depends on the donations given

The goal of The Side Room Foster Closet is to provide new or gently used items to families. Our goal is to give these items to share encouragement and dignity to those you benefit from them!



THE SIDE ROOM

foster closet

**Join us for worship and learn more about The Side Room Foster Closet from our guest speaker on Sunday, October 20th.
(Donation drop off is in the front entryway of FLC)**

We Celebrate our Past
Regular Council Meeting
August 20, 2024
First Lutheran Church – Northwood

We Assemble in God's Name

Devotion Read by Nikkole

In Attendance: Nikkole K., Rev. Becky, Megan O., Kris K., Mariah B., Gina S., Judy S.,

We Celebrate our Past

Presidential Correspondence - Nikkole K. - First Lutheran Church will be included in the synod's prayers in August Pastor Becky was also included in their prayers for her birthday which was celebrated in August.

Secretary's Report - Megan O. - small changes including bolding Pastor Becky's name and September 8th is God work our hands not August 8th.

Treasurer's Report- Matt J. - Though things are slow, we have received very generous donations in July and August that are getting us through.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Becky - it has been a good Summer with the many activities held by Mark and the youth.

Motion/Vote to accept the reports - Connie / Gina - Approved

We Present our Offering

FINANCE - Matt J. - the counting committee has asked about having two people to count instead of the necessary three. discussions were had about putting out ways that the congregation can volunteer and offer their assistance to different Church groups.

WORSHIP- Kimberly A. - the group met on August 6th, and planned through September 1st services and hymns. Deer Creek Valley Sunday school starts September 15th first Lutheran Church will begin registration on August 25th followed by a start date of September 8th. August 25th we will hold a service to bless the backpacks. We are hoping it will be well attended.

INSPIRE- Kevin M. - we are in need of new ideas, with changes in musicians and talents, we are in a place of change. We are pivoting to hopefully focus more on the service material as the gaps in our musicians make it a little bit more difficult. Ideas were presented about what CAN we do. Ideas were presented about reaching out to Deer Creek Valley and seeing if there are any members that would want to be a part of it there or in the Northwood area in general. Discussions were also had about Riverside having many recorded options, maybe some instrumental pieces to sing with. The attendees of INSPIRElove to be involved and we may be able to create a more congregation based singing as well. We are hoping to start INSPIRE on September 18th.

STEWARDSHIP - Connie K. - no new updates

YOUTH - Weston W. - so many activities for the youth this summer. Many of the youth joined for the full moon bike ride with Nikkole, it was a wonderful evening.

EDUCATION - Mariah B. - the committee met on August 15th. Emails are being sent out asking one parent from each age group to be the leader and work internally to cover each other's teaching and absences. The group

is planning on meeting again on September 4th. Many ideas are being brought forth about intergenerational days where they learn as a large group. They are continuing to try to get as many people involved as possible, it is one of the big challenges. The Sunday school program is hoping to be held either December 15th or the 22nd, to be determined. Though Wednesday evenings for Sunday School seemed like a good idea, it may be more complicated than Sunday after church. It's an idea to put on the back burner for now. Our first day of Sunday school is September 8th and they are hoping to do a cookout and warm welcome for all the kids.

PROPERTY - Kris K. - they are hoping to meet soon

MISSION- Gina S. - no new updates

FELLOWSHIP- Judy S. - working on backpack tags for the blessing of the backpacks. Something fun that they're excited to keep on their bags for a while as they go to school. Also for the blessing snacks and treats will be prepared. Postcards and other reminders have been sent out. Discussions were had for interesting projects and activities that could be done with Sunday school and presented as silent auction items for later on. Still continuing to work on regular celebrations and activities to bring people into the church throughout the year. And activities focus group well hopefully be getting together to start some ideas.

A rededication service is being proposed for October, potentially the 13th.

Discussions were had about getting new admins to our facebook, keeping it up to date with reminders and events and using it as a central form of communication. Also as a way to survey for time and talent that our congregation might be able to provide. Ideas were also brought up about a him-sing service or something in coordination with Deer Creek Valley.

Concerns for the Present

New Members/Baptisms/Funerals

- Funerals:

July 29: Shirley Olson

August 15: Bradley Eichmeier, Hogan Bremer Moore
in Mason City

August 24: Loren Nelson

Communion Servers:

September 1 Judy and Mariah

September 15 Mariah, Gina, Judy

Bread - The body of Christ given for you."

Wine - "The blood of Christ shed for you."

What to say to children.....(hand on head)...

"Jesus Loves You!"

We Go Out in God's Name

**Motion to Adjourn MMSP - Judy / Connie -
Approved**

Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: September 17, 6:00PM

Devotions: Kris Kenison

First Lutheran Missions	
<u>August 2024</u>	
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	\$ 156.99
Sunday School Fund	\$
Caring Tree	\$ 68.31
Meals on Wheels	\$
Manna	\$
Heifer International	\$
Campers Fund	\$
Dayspring Children's Village	\$ 42.44
Northern Lights Shelter	\$ 69.94
LRH Auxiliary	\$ 119.12
TOTAL	\$ 1,124.72

Every offering/gift you give to First Lutheran matters. This is true whether you place it in the offering plate, send it in the mail, give electronically once or set it up as your monthly gift. It's easy to look at the financial update in the newsletter and think 'whew, the church survived another month' or 'oh, no, I forgot again!' Here is a basic breakdown of what money comes in and what it covers.

General Fund is the money that comes through the offering / your regular gifts to the church. There are people who give significant amounts once or twice a year. There are people who continue to write weekly checks and put them in the offering plate. Vanco helps many who prefer to do their finances online.

What the General Fund covers are the basics nuts and bolts of First Lutheran without any fluff. You can see in the monthly budget expense that it covers payroll, utilities, basic office supplies and our regular benevolence giving to the synod and larger church.

Noisy Offerings received during worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month are designated Mission Projects.

Memorials that are received are given as designated and listed in the newsletter each month.

Once again, every offering/gift you give matters.

Thank you. For those who have not made regular giving a part of your financial life **please** consider giving to First Lutheran. Setting up a regular donation through Vanco simplifies the process for you and it helps regulate the income flow.

What about the **Trust Fund**? This was established many years ago with the gift of someone as they were planning their estate wanting to make money available to start new programs. It is not intended to cover basic ministries of the church. The interest is gifted through the grant process.

Share Shoppe
Saturday, October 5th

First Lutheran Financial Update

August 2024

Income	\$10,072.33
Electronic Income	\$2,989.43
Expense	\$19,669.81
End of Month	(\$6,608.05)

YTD as of July

Income	\$101,700.85
Electronic Income	\$26,605.07
Inspire	\$295.17
Other Income	\$1,938.04
Use of Church	\$745
Expense	\$156,861.13
End of Month	(\$25,577.00)

August Memorials

Shirley Olson \$50 - General Fund

August Donations

Caring Tree \$68.31

Mission Project for October

ELCA World Hunger, Disaster Relief

August General Budget Expenses

PAYROLL:	\$ 13,085.27
E-GIVING EXPENSE	\$ 46.31
CHURCH MAINTENANCE	\$ 341.97
PARSONAGE MAINTENANCE	\$ 75.45
UTILITIES	\$ 532.13
TELEPHONE	\$ 220.91
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$ 805.52
N. IOWA SYNOD	\$ 375.00
WORSHIP 1	\$ 159.50
INSURANCE	\$ 4,027.75

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 19,669.81
INCOME	\$ 13,061.76
NET	\$ (6,608.05)



- 1 Randy Buehrer, Ila Jensen, Lois Meyer, Tegan Trenhaile
- 2 Daryl Hennigar, Lisa Irons, Tyler Mills
- 3 Lane Ballandby, Larry Perkins, Rachel Ritzert, Dale Sime
- 4 Janet Reeder, Ryan Wahl, Bentley Eilertson
- 5 Dustin Hodson, Russell Olson, Jill Willand
- 6 Harley Severson, Sandra Thoen
- 7 James Medlang
- 8 Katie Baker, Trey Gonzales, Maggie Rye
- 9 Keith Braun, Linda Loken, Paige McClure, Daniel Reeder, Dennis Reeder
- 10 Lisa Christianson, Sharron Petznick, Judy Wangen
- 11 Gloria Fallgatter, Douglas Krull, Tayah Lande, Danneka Love
- 12 Mitchell Athey, Kimberly Helgeson, Vivian Peterson, Mark Severson
- 13 Gavin Hankins, Kelvin Hendrikson, Tony Katcher, Knox Iverson
- 14 Anthony Hauge, Ben Johnson, Reese Nielsen, Jessica Paulsen, Ashton Kroneman
- 15 Deanna Gentz, Michael Kuhlmann, Bryan Odegaard
- 16 Becky Logemann, Ronnie Stricker
- 17 Kenneth Schmidt
- 18 Harold Van Sabben, Frankie Reding
- 19 Lynn Schaub
- 20 Chris Thofson
- 21 Sydney Harris, Suzanne Senne
- 22 Arly Hillman
- 23 Axel Flattum, Sandra Madden, Marcia Price
- 24 Mark Midtgaard, Lawson Perkins
- 25 Becky Haberman
- 26 Marcia Kraft, Kaelix Iverson, Journey Thompson, Emmalee Van Sabben, Lisa Wangsness
- 27 Allix Braun, Jacob Katcher
- 28 Dwayne Wright
- 29 Sue Anderson, Kali Butler
- 30 Candace Low, Camden Trenhaile, Sawyer Amundson
- 31 Baylor Abrams, Patricia Brekken, Damon Reyerson, Raegen Reyerson, Dennis Schutz, Alex Shoger, Ella Stevens, Daniel Turner, Weston Willand

OCTOBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Manna Truck 6:00pm: Worship Mtng. 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	2 4:00pm: Confirmation 6:15pm: Inspire 7:00pm: Choir 7:00pm: SH Youth	3 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	4 5:30pm: Wedding Rehearsal	5 4:00 pm: Wedding
6 <u>Pentecost 20</u> 9:00am: Service with H.C. 10:10am: Sunday School 10:30am: DCV with H.C. 6:30pm: JH. Youth	7	8 11:00am: Staff Mtng. 4:00pm: Altar guild Mtng. 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	9 4:00pm: Confirmation 6:15pm: Inspire 7:00pm: Choir 7:00pm: SH Youth	10 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo 7:00pm: Pub Theology	11	12
13 <u>Pentecost 21</u> 9:00am: Service with N.O. - Sunday School will be singing 10:10am: Sunday School 10:30am: DCV 6:30pm: JH. Youth	14 Columbus Day	15 Manna Truck 6:00pm: Council Mtng. 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	16 2:00pm: M. Court Chapel 4:00pm: Confirmation 6:15pm: Inspire 7:00pm: Choir 7:00pm: SH Youth	17 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	18	19
20 <u>Pentecost 22</u> 9:00am: Service with H.C. – Third Graders receive Bibles 10:10am: Sunday School 10:30am: DCV with H.C. 3:00pm: LRH 6:30pm: JH. Youth	21	22 11:00am: Staff Mtng. 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	23 4:00pm: Confirmation 6:15pm: Inspire 7:00pm: Choir 7:00pm: SH Youth	24 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo 7:00pm: Pub Theology	25	26
27 <u>Pentecost 23</u> 9:00am: Service with N.O. with Affirmation of Baptism 10:10am: Sunday School with Halloween party 10:30am: DCV 6:30pm:	28	29 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	30 4:00pm: Confirmation 6:15pm: Inspire 7:00pm: Choir 7:00pm: SH Youth	31 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo		

