



2024



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus, the risen one! During this month of June there are many ways we look at each other in light of what Jesus has done, conquering death, rising from the dead, ascending to heaven and sending us the Holy Spirit.

The season of Pentecost is a time of pondering the calling God has placed on our hearts through the stories we will hear about the adventures the disciples take with Jesus, and the travels some of them have after the resurrection. One of the promises is the presence of the Holy Spirit to help guide us, give the words in love we need, and to be at peace inside our hearts.

We heard Jesus say to his disciples on the last night before his crucifixion, that he was leaving them with his peace. Then again when he appeared in the upper room he breaths on them and leaves them with the blessing of Peace. Each Sunday we have the chance to pass the peace of Christ to one another. We practiced this a couple of weeks ago, when we passed the peace of Christ and added the words, "So you can smile."

In a world hungering for peace, many times during our week we can be the bearers of peace and good cheer. A smile is a great way to start and melt the hearts of those needing just a touch of love in their souls. The passing of peace can be a helping hand to our neighbor, a kind word, a card written, a text message of encouragement, an inspiration post on Facebook or Tweet. The Lord our God promises us peace. May this peace be ever before you in your daily living and may you be a blessing of peace to all whom you met.

Blessings, Pr. Kris D. H. Ferkin

FROM INTERN BRITTANY. . .

First of all, Congratulations to all the graduates!

Summer is here, and many fun things are happening all around. I am super excited about the community VBS hosted at Holden Park this year. One of the things I love about this internship site is that you all figured out that ministry can be done together. Doing ministry together as the body of Christ is such an essential lesson that the Kenyon Area Internship Cluster started 47 years ago with the internship ministry and continues with many events, but the one happening this June is VBS. [June 23 – June 27]

God made us for community. Community and fellowship are essential parts of life in general and in a life of faith. Seeking opportunities to unite with others in the community helps bonds grow and people flourish. I pray that the KAIC will continue to work together on different ministries and deepen community between all the congregations in the area. I hope everyone has a great start to Summer. Stay safe and have fun!

Brittany Mailleue, Kenyon Area Intern -- [Brittany's Last Sunday at First is June 23rd]

Volunteers
Needed

Lunch,
snacks, &
beverages
included!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Welcoming Good
Earth Village!

June 24th-June 27th

9 am- 3 pm



Address

Holden Park
6949 30th Ave Blvd Kenyon, MN 55946
*inclement weather location Holden Church

Registration info

REGISTRATION DUE MAY 31st
<https://goodearthvillage.org/daycampKenyon2024>
\$50 per camper retainer fee by check (FLC Youth)
or Venmo to sunriseKids. Will be returned at the
end of VBS week

Contact Info

Bryana Lothert
507-210-0814 call/text
sunriseKids2.0@gmail.com

Activities

songs, crafts, games, Bible
studies, and meaningful
worship experiences!

VBS kickoff
Sunday June 23rd
10:30 am
Holden park



First Ev Lutheran Church Council Minutes – May 22, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

Welcome and Call to Order: President Chris Cordes

Present: Chris Cordes, Pr Kris Ferkin, Erika Aronson, Candy Herrlich, Tammy Fletcher, Carmen Nesseth, Brad Nesseth, Eric Hoversten, Amy Lee, Sherry Sathrum

Devotions: Eric Hoversten: Isaiah 6: 1-8 Here I am, send me.

Approve Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda Carmen/Tammy/pass

Consent Agenda Items:

-Secretary's Report: Reviewed as printed in the April Church Newsletter.

-Treasurer's Report: Significant decrease in giving from March to April. We are heavily dependent on only a few givers. We are falling behind budget needed to prepare for large one-time payments that come later in the year. There will be 5 memorial designation categories for families to choose from going forward: General repairs; technology & sound; kitchen; music & organ; undesignated. These are based on the most common categories designated in the past.

-Pastor's Report: 4 Sunday/3 Wednesday worships; 15 visitations including counseling/bereavement, pre-marital counseling, pastoral care and office visits; 4 children's messages, 3 confirmation classes, & 3 adult forums- How to take your next faithful steps; 11 meetings including council, Kenyon area internship committee, staff secretary, text study, Cannon River Pastor meeting, education committee, & music committee. Total mileage: 275. Attended a Christian Ministry in the National Parks board meeting. Intern Brittany has assisted with visitations as well. Christian education included: reading the book You Were Made to Make a Difference, by Max Lucado, with the confirmation students, JustMove concert at Vang Church, children's messages, and adult forums.

Motion to approve the consent agenda Carmen/Sherry/pass

Ongoing Items:

1. Information Back-Up: no new information
2. Outreach and Activity Ideas: On-going Planning for Wednesday evening, outdoor fellowship/worship activities. Planning to begin 1st Wednesday in June, held every 1st and 3rd Wednesday.
3. Transition Team/Call Committee: Transition team's work is complete; the call committee thanks the transition team for their work. Much of the call committee's work must be kept confidential but they can disclose that they have been presented with 3 profiles and are acting upon them.

New Items:

1. Tech Team: inquiry regarding possible compensation for website and Facebook management. After a long discussion this topic was tabled at this time. Will do more research on the topic and bring back to next month's council meeting. Motion to table- Tammy/Eric/pass
2. KW Band Request: There was a request for use of the classrooms in the education wing for occasional summer band lessons being taught by KW high school youth, several of who are members of First Lutheran. Motion was made to allow classroom usage when First Lutheran staff are present in the building. Amy/Erica/pass

Youth Representative Report: Not present, no report. Baccalaureate happened on May 15th, and Graduation will be on June 2nd. There are many end-of-school year activities and concerts going on at all grade levels.

Committee Reports:

FLCW- Served lunch for Colleen Estrem's 90th birthday celebration; 3 ladies attended the Cannon River Spring Event on May 11th; Presented 6 KW seniors with a devotional book and a quilt made by the Love Day Ladies on May 12th; May 18th was Lutheran World Relief Mission Morning. We were able to put together 11 fabric kits, 15 school kits, and 16 personal kits. We also had guests learn how to sew together squares, assemble, and tie quilts. Quilt squares are always available in a basket in the fellowship hall. Please help yourself to take home, sew, and return squares!

Worship/Evangelism- Discussed upcoming services including Mother's Day, Father's Day, Senior Recognition and new member Sunday with the committee providing support as needed including providing gifts, food and service. Will provide craft activity on first Thursday of month at Farmer's Market. Members discussed concerns regarding lack of evening service options for those not choosing Sunday morning conventional service.

Property and Management- committee did not meet. We are a couple of steps closer to upgrading our sound system with new speakers in the front of the church. Wiring is now run and speakers in place. We are currently awaiting Fette Electronics return to hookup all new with existing components. Our church organ will receive it scheduled tuning in early June. We're awaiting a visit from Obermeyer Organ to provide us their evaluation on long term organ needs. Weed control has been done on the main church property and newer trees mulched for the 2024 growing season

Stewardship- We continue to observe the ways our congregation does stewardship...Ditch pick-up and fellowship meal afterwards. Sunday morning communion set-up, greeters, ushers, camera crew, website tech, communion servers, worship assistant, organ and piano players, Sunday school teachers and assistants, prayer warriors, coffee servers. Those who faithfully send in their offering. We assisted and participated in the Mission Morning with FLCW and Love Day ladies where personal hygiene, school, sewing kits were assembled. We also cut, sewed, and tied quilts. Membership letter has been emailed and mailed. Plans for summer activities and fall festival were discussed.

Youth and Education- completed ditch clean up followed by pizza lunch; assembled caramel rolls for fundraising; had a bowling party in Northfield; Looking forward to VBS 6/24-6/27, with leaders from Good Earth Village. There will be a kick off outdoor worship service at Holden church on 6/23 at 10:30 am. Volunteers are needed for the camp days- 9am-3pm, as well as food donations and servers for Tuesday's meal (6/25). Please contact Bryana L. The National Youth Gathering is July 16-20th, 2 youth from First will attend.

KAIC- Intern Brittany has been helping with visitations, meeting the goal of 2-4 visits per month. Had a committee review from her seminary. Brittany's last Sunday with First will be June 23rd.

Long Range Planning/Personnel/Endowment/Committees- no reports. Next endowment meeting planned for June 5th.

Next Meeting: June 19, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Devotions: Amy

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn Carmen/Erika/pass Time: 9:15pm

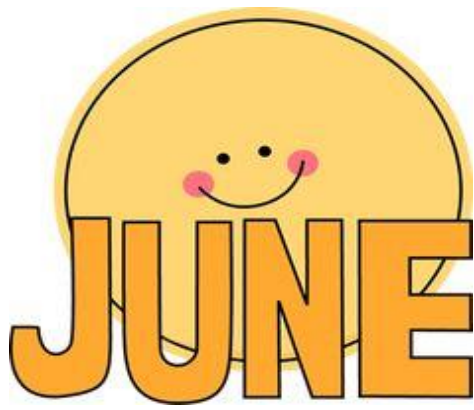
Closing with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Lee, Secretary

ON MISSION MORNING - MAY 18, 2024
A variety of Mission Kits, Prayer Shawls and Quilts
were assembled for Lutheran World Relief





2024

"We are marching in the light of God"... oh yeah!



SEASON:
TIME AFTER
PENTECOST

WED WORSHIP
& FELLOWSHIP
1ST & 3RD WKS

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2 <i>aftr Pent Lec. 9</i> 9 Worship 10 Coffee	3 Fette – Sound system work	4	5 6 Wed Worship & Fellowship > Endowment	6 11 Organ tuning 4-7 Farmer's Market 7 AA	7	8
9 <i>aftr Pent Lec.10</i> 9 Worship 10 Coffee	10	11	12	13 1 LOVE DAY 7 AA	14 Neve- Hoversten Wedding	15
16 <i>aftr Pent Lec.11</i> 9 Worship 10 Coffee	17	18 <i>Tim Bowman</i>	19 6 Wed Worship & Fellowship 7 Council	20 4-7 Farmer's Market 7 AA	21	22
23 <i>aftr Pent Lec.12</i> 9 Worship- <i>Intern Brittany's Last Day @ First</i> 10 Coffee	24 10 Stockettes	25	26	27 1 LOVE DAY 7 AA	28	29
30 <i>aftr Pent Lec.13</i> 9 Worship 10 Coffee	<div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Vacation Bible School at Holden Park led by Good Earth Village Staff </div>					



NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING -JULY 16-20TH
2 YOUTH FROM FIRST WILL ATTEND.

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NEWSLETTER



May you be a
blessing of peace
to all you meet.