

August

2024



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the last year, it has been my privilege to be in ministry with you. From Sunday morning worship services to confirmation on Wednesdays, Bible studies and so much more. Together we have listened to God's Word and done our best to put that Word into action in the world. Thank you for being so faithful. Thank you for being bold and creative. Thank you for helping me grow as a pastor, leader and child of God.

Thank you for your work together as a congregation on hearing God's call for you here in this place of Kenyon. It is with confidence through the hard work you all did for preparing, where God is calling you and where God has been with you during this time. We give thanks for God's guidance in helping during the call process for your next pastor. I look forward to seeing where God leads you all.

Thank you for your faithfulness and participation in God's ministry. The words of Paul come to mind as he spoke of his friends in Thessalonica, "*We always thank God for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers and continually recalling before our God and Father your work of faith, your labor of love and your enduring hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.*" I Thess. 1:2-3.

Blessings to you always, Pr. Kris D. H. Ferkin





Hello, First Lutheran Kenyon,

Grace and Peace to you. I am writing this as a brief description of my Bridge Interim time at First. I look forward to being Pulpit Supply at First in the scheduled weeks ahead. I will also be available for pastoral care events as you need them. Hope your summer is going well.

Blessings, David Wall, Bridge Interim Pastor



For Kenyon Food Shelf thru August

Collecting...

food items, paper goods, personal hygiene and cash donations. Donation boxes located at Church Entrances: narthex, handicap & office.

Help us fill those boxes to overflowing!

Information Contact – Carmen Nesseth - 507-330-5509

**AUGUST
FARMER'S MARKET**

Thursday August 1
Thursday August 15th
4 – 7 pm

NO
Wednesday Worship
IN AUGUST



**FREE OUTDOOR
MOVIE NIGHT**

Wednesday August 14 at 8:15

Open to the Public

FREE ADMISSION - Treats for Sale

BRING: Lawn Chairs, Blankets & Friends!
[see last page for more -...](#)

First Ev Lutheran Church Council Minutes – July 10, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

Welcome and Call to Order: President Chris Cordes **Devotions:** Amy Lee

Present: Chris Cordes, Pr. Kris Ferkin, Erica Aronson, Candy Herrlich, Eric Hoversten, Amy Lee, Tanya Short, Bryana Lothert

Approve Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda with additions Tanya/Erica/pass

Consent Agenda Items:

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

Treasurer's Report: Sound System payment to Fette Electronics was taken from the sound system and undesignated memorial accounts. Purchased extra stamps before the price increases in July. Online giving is broken down to current and the repair fund. Net income from January to June is -\$808.75. We have a -\$6,301 budget variance on the year, which may cause concern when some of the one-time, annual payments are due later in the year. We remain grateful for regular giving as well as all the single, larger donations.

Pastor's Report: 5 Sundays; 1 wedding; 3 funerals. 19 visitations including counseling/bereavement, pre-marital counseling, pastoral care, and office visits. 4 children's messages and attended VBS at Holden. 10 meetings including council, Kenyon area internship committee, staff secretary, text study, Lutheran Campus Center Board, Synod interim retreat in Dodge Center. Total mileage: 472. Another casual Sunday with the help of Tom Erslund playing his guitar; We mourn the loss of Marcy Gaasdelen and Caroline Walker. Several house calls and office visits, along with intern Brittany. Memorial/burial with the Westphal Family.

Motion to approve the consent agenda and mileage Erica/Eric/pass

Ongoing Items:

1. Website: Survey completed by multiple council members, and recommendations compiled for some corrections/additions to the current website. At this time website management will continue as a non-paid, volunteer position until a new pastor is employed and can be involved in the planning decisions for the future of the website. **FLC council is looking for a few individuals to form a website committee. Please contact the church or a council member if you are willing to help!**
2. Outreach and Activity Ideas: Stewardship committee is hosting a food drive in July; Wednesday evening grilling and worship will continue on July 24th but then pause until a new pastor is called; council and committee members continue to brainstorm other outreach activity ideas such as Rose fest events or an adult field trip outing.
3. Call Committee: continue to interview candidates; plan to invite 1 candidate for a second interview

New Items:

1. Interim Pastor Time: The Synod has made the decision that Pr Ferkin is needed to support another congregation in Austin MN, where they are just beginning their journey in calling a new pastor. His last Sunday at FLC will be 7/21. There is a Sunday pulpit supply schedule in place for the next several months. Pastors Mary Kay Ashley, Chris Miller, and David Wall will serve us. There will be no Wednesday evening services for the time being. Pr David Wall will provide emergency pastoral care coverage. Please contact the church office (507-789-5261) or Chris Cordes (612-961-7127) if you have an emergent need. In home visits may be delayed or suspended during this time. **Confirmation classes will continue as scheduled.** Plans are being finalized for confirmation leadership.
2. Potential Organ Repairs: Amy shared an opportunity for a potential to request a donation to be used for organ repairs. Council agrees and Amy will create and send the request.

Youth Rep. Report: not present, no report. Several FLC youth have or will attend: Vacation Bible School, Good Earth Village camp in Spring Valley, or the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans!

Committee Reports:

FLCW- We provided workers and cookies for Carolyn Walker's funeral on June 24th. FLCW board met on Sunday June 30 following church service - Items discussed: Plan to sell Hot Dogs, Chips & Water on the church lawn Saturday of Rose fest. Profit of money to go towards the kitchen floor fund. Maybe have a Quilt show during Rose Fest. Will purchase a 3-4-gallon plastic dispenser for lemonade, for use at events. Will give support as needed for Rally Sunday on September 8. Upcoming Love Days @ 1:00 pm: July 11 & 25 Aug 8 & 22. Will create a list of kitchen cleaning tasks. Please come, clean, and complete items from the list as you are able.

Worship/Evangelism- Did not meet, no report. Will continue to have a table at Farmer's markets as able.

Property and Management- did not meet, no report. Waiting for a 2nd quote regarding organ repairs.

Stewardship-

The Committee did not meet. Membership update forms are still coming in. Reminder letters have also been sent out to folks to get those forms in. Bins have been set out at various locations at church to collect items for the Kenyon Food Shelf. Please give generously out of your abundance. The committee has discussed having Fall Festival on Rally Sunday. More information on this will be forthcoming. Our suggestion would be to have the ELCA God's Work. Our hands on September 15.

Youth and Education- VBS was very fun combined with neighboring congregations and the Good Earth Village staff were wonderful. A VBS committee is already formed and activity planning for next year. July 21st we will be having a pool party at the Kenyon pool for all FLC families! Hot dogs, chips, watermelon, and beverages at 5 pm Depot Park, then swimming until 7pm. FLC youth will cover the cost per person to get into the pool, if you do not have a pool pass. Planning in the works for the FREE outdoor family movie night, open to the public Wednesday August 14th at 8:15 pm (following golf cart parade that kicks off Rose fest). Planning to have popcorn, beverages, and sweet treats for purchase. funds will go to FLC. September 8th Rally Sunday. Looking for volunteer Sunday school teachers during the 24/25 Sunday school year. EDYou committee will meet next in August.

KAIC- Brittany's time at FLC is complete, and her final day of internship with KAIC will be 7/31. The new intern will be coming from Henderson, Nevada. Her name is Yvonne and she and her husband have chosen to rent an apartment in Northfield (they are willing to pay for part of it). They will move to MN in August. She will office at First Lutheran, and Pastor Chad Christensen from Trinity Lutheran, West Concord, will be her supervisor. There was discussion regarding the rotation assignments for the intern at each church, dependent on what the church needs. Bring ideas, wants, & concerns to each council/pastor so they know when they discuss/decide assignments for the year. Provide information of intern and assignments to congregations so they know what they are paying for and understanding of what the internship entails.

Long Range Planning/Personnel/Endowment/Committees- no reports.

Next Meeting: August 21, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

Devotions: Tammy

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn Tanya/Erica/pass Time: 8:48pm

Closing with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Lee, Secretary

Intern Brittany Mailleue

Dear Kenyon Area Internship Churches,

Grace and peace to you from our Savior Jesus Christ. I can't believe this is my last newsletter. I want to offer my sincerest thank you to every one of you. I have learned so much this year and enjoyed participating in your communities. This internship and Kenyon will also hold a special place in my heart. As I continue my journey into ministry, I will keep your support and what I learned about ministry and myself through this year as cornerstones of my future work. I am so proud of each congregation's work as a part of my internship project. I am amazed at all the experience one year can contain. Please know that your work for the future of the Church through this internship is helping shape ministry in ways that will be useful in my future ministry. Partnerships in the church's mission allow for more remarkable ministry, a lesson I know to be true because of this internship. I humbly thank you for this past year, and as the hymn *Here I am, Lord* says, "I will hold your people in my heart." I cannot think of a more accurate statement!

Blessings and peace to you all, Intern Brittany



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4 11 aftr Pent Lec.18 9 Worship <i>Pastor Chris Miller</i> 10 Coffee	5	6	7	8 1 LOVE DAY 7 AA	9	10
11 12 aftr Pent Lec.19 9 Worship <i>Pastor David Wall</i> 10 Coffee	2	13	14 9:30 Tim & Jim Spiritual Direction Joy Room FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT 8:15	15 4-7 Farmer's Market 7 AA	16	17
18 13 aftr Pent Lec.20 9 Worship <i>Pastor David Wall</i> 10 Coffee	19	20	21 7 Council	22 1 LOVE DAY 7 AA	23	24
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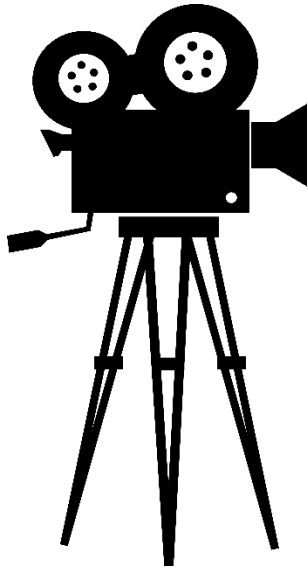


LOOKING AHEAD

Wed, Aug 14 OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT – see next page →
Sun, Sept 8 Rally Sunday – Volunteer Sunday School Teachers needed



- ELCA GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY – Date To Be Announced –



First Lutheran Church is hosting

OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

**Wednesday, August 14
at 8:15 pm**

to kick off Rose Fest weekend!

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

FREE ADMISSION

Available for Purchase:

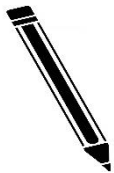
Popcorn, Cotton Candy, Sweet Treats, Waters, & Pop.
100% of the proceeds will go to
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

HELP NEEDED

This is a FUNDRAISER and your help is needed to make it possible!

We need Volunteers to:

- MAKE baked goods (cookies, bars).
- HELP the night of the movie.



Sign up sheets can be found in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall,
or contact me directly at:

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