



## – MEET THE INTERN –

Siblings in Christ,

I'm Yvonne Godfrey-Roesel, your new intern/vicar. After internship, I'll still have one more year of full-time studies at Luther Seminary up in St. Paul. Until now, I've been attending as a "distance learner" living near Las Vegas, Nevada. My husband, Tom, along with our two "katzen," Fox and Rocket, and I are settling into our new home in Northfield. Fox and Rocket have settled most quickly, finding sunny spots to lounge and new things to see out the windows. We mere humans are enjoying fresh produce from the farmer's market, coffee shop visits, and Minnesota hospitality. If you're looking for me on Sundays, please know that I won't have been to worship with every congregation in the Kenyon Area Internship Program until October 13th!

I've lived a little all over the place: the northwestern corner of Arizona, where the southern Chicago southern suburbs blend into Illinois cornfields, college in the foothills of Kentucky's Appalachia, up and down Indiana's western edge, and back out in the desert since 2017. Minnesota is new to us, though we've visited a handful of times for school events.

Fast favorites:

**Bible Verse?** Picking *one* is always a challenge, but my Confirmation verse, has become richer to me than I could have imagined back in eighth grade! Matthew 6:33 - "*But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*"

**Book in the Bible?** John's Gospel is my favorite of the four gospels. I really like James for a kick in the pants.

**Hymn?** "Abide with Me" is my go-to prayer.

**Favorite Class at Seminary?** Much to my surprise, I had a lot of fun with Greek (even though it was four days a week at 6 am Pacific)!

I'll be working out of First Lutheran Church in Kenyon. I'm not quite set with office hours yet, but please reach out to me at [intern.kaic@gmail.com](mailto:intern.kaic@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to set up a time to meet together. Getting to hear what you love about your church and community is important to me!

I'm feeling very blessed to be in a place so rich in history and with so much experience welcoming and educating future leaders for the Church. I'm excited to get to know each of you! As I dive in, I'm praying for your autumn to be a blessing, harvests to be plentiful, and your patience in remembering that, like each of us, I'm doing all of this for the first time. If you'd like to pray for me, I'd be grateful for patience with myself and deep breaths during overwhelming moments. Let's not be distracted by the things that tear us apart, but instead allow our hearts and lives to be flooded by the love that transcends all of the things we stress about, giving peace we can never imagine or comprehend.

May God's peace be with you!

Yvonne Roesel - Kenyon Area Intern 2024-2025

KENYON AREA INTERNSHIP CHURCHES: Vang, Trinity WC, Wanamingo/Trinity, Gol, First, Holden/Dale, Grace

## First Ev Lutheran Church Council Minutes – September 18, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

**Welcome and Call to Order:** President Chris Cordes @ 7:02 pm Devotions: Carmen Nesseth 1  
Thessalonians 5: in everything give thanks.

**Present:** Chris Cordes, Erica Aronson, Candy Herrlich, Eric Hoversten, Amy Lee, Bryana Lothert, Carmen Nesseth, Brad Nesseth, Tammy Fletcher, Tanya Short, Lindsey Short.

**Approve Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda with additions Carmen/Erica/pass.

### Consent Agenda Items:

**Secretary's Report:** Reviewed as printed in the August Church Newsletter. Pastor Paul dropped off the Ruth's house donations Monday afternoon. It was a good number of items. They were especially excited about the zip lock bags - running low apparently. He asked that we please be sure to tell everyone thank you for the generous donations, and thanks for a good morning of worship outdoors (on Sunday).

**Treasurer's Report:** Offering and attendance rebounded slightly in August compared to July. We are still behind \$6000 compared to last year at this time. September started out good too but there was no offering on September 15 due to the community service at Holden Park. Having a pause in a pastor's salary and insurance has been helpful. Need to prepare for the annual insurance payment at the end of the year which is a large amount.

**Pastor's Report:** Tammy is helping get Portico set up. Ordination plans are pretty much set. Will be Sunday 10/6 at 2 pm. I coordinated with Sherry and the Women of First Evangelical Lutheran will help serve cake, fruit, cheese, and crackers after the service. I'm giving another week to get a final RSVP estimate. So far, it looks like there will be at least 75 people from outside First coming! I am registered for the Fall Theological conference, which will be Oct 13-15.

**Intern Report:** Thank you for welcoming me to work out of First Lutheran's office. It's been so nice to meet people who stop in and to get to know Annette. Being centrally located among all the congregations makes hectic days easier. If there are visitation needs/desires in the next couple weeks before Pastor Chatelaine arrives, I am happy to make some calls. An updated list will also be appreciated when he arrives. Wednesday, September 11, I met with all the confirmation class-aged kids, but especially got to spend some time with the 9th graders who are on track to be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, October 27, to get to know them a bit. I'm planning to move forward with teaching them for the next six weeks until their confirmation. When the new pastor arrives, I plan to discuss further plans with him.  
Motion to approve the consent agenda Amy/Candy/pass

### Ongoing Items:

1. Website: This work is on hold until our new pastor arrives. Tammy will check the link for on-line giving as someone reported that it may not be functioning.
2. Potential Organ Repairs: Council agreed at the August meeting to bring the organ repairs to the congregation for a vote. The decision was made that the vote will be held on October 6th immediately following worship. Brad will craft a letter to be sent out and the vote will be announced at worship on 9/22 and 9/29. A motion was made to make a statement that the council supports the organ upgrade initiative and proceeding with the contract with Obermeyer Organ Company. Tammy/Eric/pass.
3. Outreach Activity: Vintage Escapes Winery. Sunday September 29, 2-5 pm. Contact Susan Hoversten for more information.

### New Items:

1. Confirmand Family Gathering: 3 families of confirmands would like to use the fellowship hall for their family gatherings after Confirmation worship. They are aware that there will be coffee fellowship as well. The council will provide a cake for coffee fellowship to help celebrate the confirmands.
2. Use of the Church on Thanksgiving Day: A community member contacted the church office with a request to use the Church for a community meal on Thanksgiving Day. Chris has asked the individual for more information. This was tabled until that is received.

**Youth Rep. Report:** Fall sports are underway. Volleyball is 4-1, suffering their first loss to Faribault BA this week. Homecoming activities and preparations are underway. There will be a homecoming dance for the first time in years. The dance will be on 9/28 and coronation will be on 9/30. The homecoming football game is on 10/4. The football team hasn't yet won a game. The pep band has played at some football and volleyball games already. The students are enjoying getting to know 3 foreign exchange students this year from Spain and Poland. Auditions for the fall play are happening soon. The play, 12 Angry Jurors, will happen on November 22 & 23.

**Committee Reports:**

FLCW- Served for Virginia Aase's funeral on September 13, thank you to the volunteers for helping serve. We will be looking for new officers for the 2025 year. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to fill these positions. Upcoming Love Days @ 1 pm: September 26, October 10 and 24.

Worship/Evangelism- Did not meet. Looking forward to Pastor DJ starting and supporting him. Attended two Farmer's markets this summer and provided crafts to the kids.

Property and Management- Did not meet. The cameras are back from Fette. The repairs were covered under the warranty and suppressors were installed to prevent this in the future. Stairs were repaired which required the addition of treads. Pastor's office is being prepared.

Stewardship- July/August Stewardship Food Drive collected 62 pounds of food, paper goods, and personal hygiene items along with \$34. Thank you to the faithful servant of God who donates \$200 to food shelf every month. Membership update forms are still coming in. If you have not received a form or filled yours out, please call the church office. Stewardship Challenge envelopes were handed out on Rally Sunday. Prayerfully consider how you can be generous in giving back to God. Thank you to the Fletcher's for hosting the Pancake Feed and all those who stepped in to help! Donations for Ruth's House were taken to Holden Park for delivery.

Youth and Education- EDYou committee met on 9/11, we mostly talked about fundraising ideas for fall/winter. And decided on simmer pot kits for the holidays. We will have order forms out the beginning of November and the kits will be available by November 24th. Noisy offering on Rally Sunday raised \$105. The Sunday school students will determine where to donate. Planning is underway for another joint VBS next summer 2025.

KAIC- Cindy Lewis' term is up. Chris Cordes has volunteered to serve on this committee.

Long Range Planning/Personnel/Endowment/Committees-

**Next Meeting:** October 16, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. (note earlier time)

**Devotions:** Erica

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn Carmen/Brad/pass Time: 8:35 pm

**Closing with the Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully submitted, Amy Lee, Secretary

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**Upcoming Events**

October 3	Last Farmer's Market 4-7
October 6	Organ repair vote after Worship; Pastor DJ's Ordination at 2pm
October 13	Pastor DJ's Installation during Worship

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# October

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No Wed Worship in October

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			9th Gr. Confirmation ?	4-7 Last Farmer's Mrkt 7 AA		
6 20 aftr Pent Lec.27	7	8	9	10	11	12
9 Worship <b>CONG. MEETING</b> 10 Coffee 10 Sun.School 2 Pr. DJ Ordination	Organ Repair Vote		KWS early release  9th Gr. Confirmation ?	1 LOVE DAY 7 AA		
13 21 aftr Pent Lec.28	14	15	16	17	18	19
9 Worship: Pr. DJ Installation 10 Sun.School 11 S/S Ditch Cleaning 10 Coffee	Pastor/Fall Theological Conference		6 PM COUNCIL  9th Gr. Confirmation ?	No School-MEA Days  7 AA		
20 22 aftr Pent Lec.28	21	22	23	24	25	26
9 Worship NO S/School-MEA wkend 10 Coffee			9th Gr. Confirmation ?	1 LOVE DAY 7 AA		
27 Reformation Sunday <b>Confirmation</b> 9 Worship 10 Sun.School 10 Coffee 11 Confirmand Families-Gathering	28	29	30	31		
				7 AA		



## LOOKING AHEAD

Sun, Oct 27 CONFIRMATION Sunday   
 CONFIRMANDS: Hannah Kruger, Ilah Rechtzigel, Payton Temple  
 Sun, Nov 3 All Saint's Sunday  
 Sun, Nov 10 WELCA Thankoffering Sunday