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JULY FIRST FRUITS





*Serving Christ by proclaiming Christ
crucified in the*

Notes from the Pastor's Desk



⁵This is the message we have heard from him, and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie, and do not practice truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:5-7)

Recently, during one of the large thunderstorms that we have had this year, my family and I had the privilege of our power going out. We had heard the weather report earlier that day, so we alerted our children to the possibility of the storm. We got down the candles and flashlights from the hall closet. The lights flickered a few times giving us a false sense of hope that we were going to weather the storm, but then it happened. With all that preplanning the first moments of darkness were just as disorienting and unnerving as if we hadn't prepared at all. How can it be that such a familiar place, like that of your living room, can become a cavern of mystery in the blink of an eye? I stumbled and fumbled in the dark reaching out for the flashlights we had placed around the house. I tripped over the dogs, ran into the dining room table, and of course, almost fell down the stairs... all while telling the children to stay calm. Now comes the embarrassing part, the lights were only out for about 5 minutes, but a lot can happen emotionally, mentally, and physically in five minutes.

In the Scripture above John is talking about walking in darkness, but I don't think stumbling through the home during a power outage is what he had in mind. In fact, his idea of walking in darkness can be understood and seen in the moral decay, an eroding sense of truth, and prevailing feeling of fear infects our communities. Every time we find ourselves walking from the light of God and turn to the darkness for truth all we will experience is an unnerving disorientation in our heart, mind and soul. We see crisis pregnancy centers set on fire and spray painted, shootings in churches, schools, and super markets. Every day the swirling panic of social hysteria is spewed from so many podiums, pundits, and politicians. Through the tears of parentless children, spouses of fallen officers, and parents of the slain, the cries for a solution are deafening. Sure, everyone has an idea of how we, as a community, might redeem itself. Some suggest new legislation, others demand stricter judgments. The truth of the matter is that all these

suggestions are the same old pattern of human history seen as we walk in darkness thinking we'll find truth and answers where there is neither. I think we can agree that it is startling to watch how fast a place so familiar, like our country, can become a cavern of mystery. Turn off the light, and the stumbling, colliding, and falling commences.

Light is such an important part of our lives. Even just the first rays of sunshine can turn the darkest night into a morning of hope. John in his Gospel describes Jesus. He says of Christ that in Him was life, and the life was the light of men. (John 1:4) What the light of Christ reveals is that we are all broken. Ready at moment's notice to get lost in the abyss of emotional, physical and spiritual chaos if left to ourselves in the dark. What Christ's light shows us is even with our predisposition to turn on one another because of envy and hatred, God turns to us in mercy and compassion. Christ is the ultimate "uniter" of the human race. It does not matter what age, race, gender, vocation, or past a person possesses. Christ's light illuminates our need for us, poor, miserable sinners, to be saved, that He in fact did the saving. Jesus levels the playing field, gives us our bearing, exchanges our panic for peace. His death for all, reminds us that He had to die for all, including me. When we see each other in this world through this lens then, as John says, we will experience fellowship with one another. More than that, as we center ourselves on the truth that Jesus died to forgive our sins and reconcile us to Himself, we will begin to see our neighbor as being redeemed by the blood of God as well. His truth and light alone dispels darkness. I appeal to you in the name of our Lord, walk in His light. Walk in His in the love and peace that comes from knowing Jesus.

This world and our own sinfulness will always be inventing new ways to get us in the dark. There will be lies and evil perpetrated against vulnerable. The arrows of the evil one will continue to be released from the bowstrings of hell. With the Lord as our light, we will see them for what they are. We will be given direction where there is disorientation, confidence in place of confusion, and peace where there is panic. Tears will be wiped away and hope restored. With our fellowship with Christ and one another we are not alone floundering in the darkness, we are secure in this world that still hasn't learned the lesson that its darkness will not overcome Jesus or the church. The light will come back in full glory! Until then let your light shine. To God be all the glory.

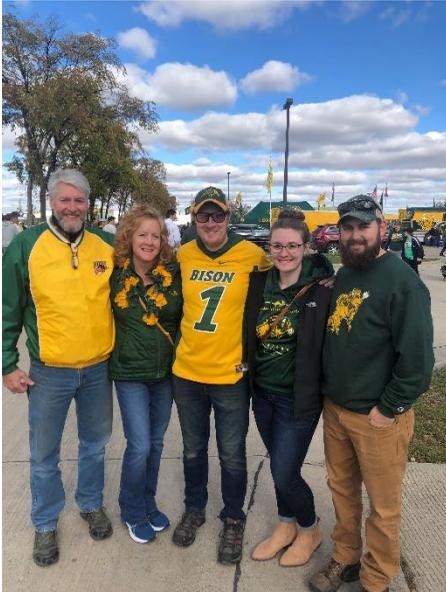
In His Strength, (Philippians 4:13)

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Church Office Closed

Please note that July 11th -14th the church office will be closed as all employees will be gone this week. If you have an emergency, please call Pastor Bill Zeige at 701-936-1161

Gary Monson's funeral service is July 8th at 11:00. The service will be livestreamed if you are unable to make it in person at <https://youtu.be/CyuhSbqr1kU>



Left to right: Kevin, Beth, Shane, Kara and her fiancé Nate Sharp.

Our New Administrative Assistant.

Hello everyone!

My name is Beth Iliff. I have been hired as the new Administrative Assistant at our wonderful church. I am very happy to be part of First Lutheran's staff.

I'm sure there are many of you my husband, Kevin, and I have not met yet. So, here's a little history on us. We have a son, Shane, who is 29 years old and a daughter, Kara, who is 28 years old. Shane lives in West Fargo, ND. Kara and her fiancé Nate live here in Grand Rapids. They will be getting married in September. So, it is a very exciting time for us!

Kevin and I moved from Thief River Falls to Grand Rapids last fall. We have driven through town for many years to visit our parents in Carlton and

Finlayson. And now that we live here, we love having more time with them and almost weekly dinner dates with Kara and Nate.

We joined First Lutheran in June and are so thankful to have found our church home and such a welcoming congregation. From the first service we attended and each one since, we have been greeted and welcomed First Lutheran style... "Where strangers become neighbors". It has been a wonderful experience for us. And we look forward to meeting all of you in the coming weeks and months. In the meantime, you know where to find me (beginning July 18th) if you'd like to stop by and introduce yourself.

I know God's hand is at work as Kevin and I reach each new milestone in Grand Rapids. From finding a nice apartment to live in until we find a house, to joining First Lutheran, to my new position at our church, everything is settling into place as He has planned. Despite the ups and downs of waiting to find our new house, God's plan has definitely become clearer to me each step of the way. Which helps keep me at ease.

As far as me and what I enjoy doing, I love being active and outdoors as much as possible running, snowshoeing, kayaking, and camping. We also have started biking more since moving here. Photography is another hobby of mine. When we lived in Thief River Falls, I took photos Visit Thief River Falls for use in their visitor guide and website for many years. I also love to take photos of animals and landscapes and anything outdoors.

We are big fans of North Dakota State's football team the Bison. We travel to as many home and away games as possible. We have followed the Bison to games as far as Illinois, Iowa, South Dakota, Delaware, Texas and of course Fargo, ND home of NDSU. So, college football season is our thing! Go Bison!

Thank you to First Lutheran for the opportunity to serve as the Administrative Assistant.

I look forward to meeting you all!

Beth

Youth News



Jessica Pellinen
Family Ministry Program Director



Coming Soon: The Tree of Life Vacation Bible Camp

On **August 10th from 9-4**, First Lutheran will hold a special Vacation Bible Camp called The Tree of Life: God's Promise of Salvation out at Gunn Park. This VBS examines God's plan of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Each session of this VBS explores Bible accounts that guide us through the epic story of salvation, from creation in the beginning of Genesis, to the cross of Christ in the beginning of the New Testament, and finally to Jesus' return on the Last Day in the Book of Revelation.

Be sure to join us for fun lessons, music, crafts, snacks, and activities to learn how Jesus' cross became the tree of life in which God forgives us and gives us everlasting life. A few of the fun crafts the children will be doing are coloring a kite, paint sun catchers, and create a prayer journal. They will even have the opportunity to go fishing on the dock! We are so excited for this opportunity to teach the children in our community all about Jesus and how He is our Savior!

To register your child or sign up to be a volunteer please go to www.flcgr.org/vbs

We are still in need of a few more volunteers during the day. This commitment is for one day only plus any prep work ahead of time. The areas that we are still in need of are guides and Jr. guides, Picnic helpers, registration, Games, and lunch. Please register online or call Jessica at 218-999-4102 if interested in volunteering.

What the youth have been up to in June Helping our Church Neighbors with Yard Work



Going to the Movie Family Camp



Family Camp "Messy"





Youth Gathering July 7th-14th

Please pray for the 7 young adults and 3 adults heading to Houston, TX on July 7th.

We want to thank the congregation for your support on this trip! There are 20,000 youth and adults that will be attending this year, so we are very excited to experience this with the young adults going.



Twins and Valleyfair August 27th and 28th

Valleyfair on Saturday the 27th and Twins Faith Day is on the 28th at 1:10 against the San Francisco Giants. We need to know by August 1st if you are planning on going. Come to one or both. A block of rooms will be reserved when we know how many people will be going for both. Stay tuned for more information on the website and emails. Expect cost for Valleyfair to be \$28.50 and Twins game around \$40 per person plus hotel. A sign-up sheet is in the three-ring binder.

Valleyfair!

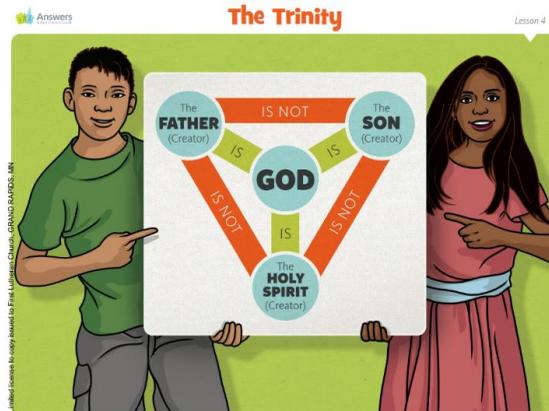
Christian Youth Education

Starting September 14th Wednesday afterschool Christian Education Ministry will start. We are combining Sunday school, Religious Release Time and Youth Group into one program. Every week we will meet from 3:00 right after school until 5:30. The program will start off with group snack then branch off into their perspective rooms until 4:00 or 4:15. We will meet back up as a large group for youth group until it's time to leave. This is for ages Kindergarten to twelfth grade.

We are looking for adults to teach the children from 3 until 4:15 every Wednesday. We are also looking for substitute teachers that can fill in. Please sign up in the three-ring binder if you are interested in being a leader. The curriculum that will be used is Answers in Genesis.

On Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15 will be our music programs for ages Kindergarten to Twelfth grade. Please sign up in the three-ring binder to show us your interest. Some of the areas we are looking into are youth-colored bells, regular bells, band instruments, singing, and praise team.

Toddler and Preschool will have Sunday school on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15. This is not changing.





Annual Youth Garage Sale

July 29th and 30th from 9-4! Be sure to come and shop for some amazing goodies or donate those treasures you no longer need. Donations will be accepting starting July 24th in the fellowship hall behind the curtain. Items that will not be accepted are clothes with stains or holes, computer items including accessories, and toiletry items.



Ruby's Pantry first distribution was on June 29th. The leadership team sold 210 shares to members in our community! Many volunteers showed up to help distribute the food to our community, thank you volunteers for your time and patience! Many people were happy with the food they received as it helps with their groceries for the month. Especially as prices continue to raise. If you are interested in volunteering, be sure to go to rubyspantry.org and fill out an application form or fill one out located on the door to the front office in the church. Donating snacks such as cookies or bars for the volunteers are also very much appreciated.

To participate and purchase a share, the cost is \$25 per share and you will line up on 2nd Avenue NE and enter the Grand Rapids Armory from the parking lot. No checks or credit cards will be accepted, only cash.



On Sunday, June 12th the Assimilation Committee held a picnic lunch at noon in honor of the “New Members” who have joined us over the past few months. We had over 100 people stay for lunch and everyone seemed to enjoy the time for fellowship and the beautiful weather. When you see a new face in the congregation, please reach out and introduce yourself and get to know them. Over the next few months we will be highlighting some of them in the newsletter.



Todd Hanson and Ricci Peterman

Todd moved here from New Glarus, WI. He enjoys gardening, fishing, hunting, and his dogs. He also makes walking sticks and likes hunting for mushrooms.

Ricci moved here last February from Gaylord, MN. She is an LPN in Internal Medicine at the Grand Itasca Clinic and Hospital. Some of her favorite past time activities include gardening, reading, cooking, rock collecting and “putzing” with their dogs. They are a couple who are

willing to get involved in church and have stepped up to help with Ruby’s Pantry. We are happy to have them with us.



Jim Malwitz

Jim moved back to Grand Rapids from California after spending 30 years living out there. He said “It is great to be back home”. He was 2 years old when his family first became members at First Lutheran. His hobbies include hunting and fishing. Jim is currently working at L & M. Jim, we are glad you came back too.

Watch for additional New Members to be highlighted in future Newsletters.



new beginnings

pregnancy + family support

June 2022

Happy Father's Day to all of you Dads!!! The father's role in the family is so important! We at New Beginnings, want to say thank you for all that you do for your family!!! We are excited to have a new look to our logo; thank you Kristina Hendrickson! We are also excited for our 1st time to be at the **Brat Barn June 30- July 2nd** at Super One North (by our Grand Rapids office)! We will also be at the Deer River **Wild Rice Festival** the 2nd weekend of July, the **Tall Timber Days Parade** Aug 7th, and the **Itasca County Fair** Mid Aug. We hope to see you there.

We do have several items needed at New Beginnings to meet our family's needs; diapers size 3, 4, and 5, we could also use baby wipes, small packs of toilet paper, Clorox wipes, summer clothing new or gently used in sizes 4T and 5T.

We have started prayer times at both Centers. If you are interested in joining, please email us at: contactus@newbeginningspregnancy.com or call us at 218-326-0404. Ask for Kathy.

Because you are so generous in supporting the work of New Beginnings, we have been able to come along-side 47 different individuals and their families, 20 of which were new to our ministry. We were able to provide 415 services, some of which included 300 Earn While You Learn through Bright Course classes, 2 ultrasounds and 31 boutique visits.

We are so grateful and very much appreciate your giving through the Baby Bottle Drive and several other ways that keep this great work going to help many families in our community! Thank you again for your support!!!

Please remember to use Amazon Smile when you shop online! Thank you so much!
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/03-0579091>

"Praise the Lord; praise God our savior! For each day he carries us in his arms."
Psalm 68:19 NLT

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COME VISIT THE CHURCH LIBRARY



LIBRARY CORNER FOR JULY 2022

There is no such thing as too many books. However, there is such a thing as not enough room!

Greetings gentle First readers! We encourage you to find a book (or two) to have on hand when you need a break from working outside. Remember that there are a good number of small books on different topics. These short reads may fit into your busy schedule. They are located on the east wall above the DVDs. We know you'll find a book to pique your interest in the shelves of your church library. – Your library volunteers Janie, Darlene and Shela.

DISTANT SHORE, A by Karen Kingsbury, 813.54 Kin. Taken from the back cover: “She was a child caught in a riptide in the Caribbean Sea. He was a teenager from the East Coast on vacation with his family. He dove in to save her, and that single terrifying moment changed both their lives forever... Ten years later, Jack Ryder is a daring undercover agent with the FBI and Eliza Lawrence still lives on that pristine island. Only now she’s the untainted princess in a kingdom of darkness and evil, on the brink of a forced marriage with a dangerous neighboring drug lord, a marriage arranged by her father... This time when Jack and Eliza meet, both their lives are on the line, and once again, the stakes are deadly high. Can they join forces in a complicated and dangerous mission, pretending to have a breathtaking love... without really falling for one another? ... Sometimes miracles happen not once, but twice... on a distant shore.”

HEART FOR HOME, A by Lauraine Snelling, 813.54 Sne book 3 of Home to Blessing series. Our library also has books 1 and 2. Taken from the back cover: “Is love forever out of reach if she pursues God’s calling? ... Astrid Bjorklund is on the Red Bud Indian Reservation in South Dakota trying to stop the horrific epidemic that is ravaging the tribe. The elders are suspicious of her, but when they see some of their people beginning to recover, they allow Astrid to continue caring for the sick and to train others to help... Upon returning to Blessing, she learns that the man she thought she loved cannot accept that God has called her to be a doctor. Heartbroken, Astrid fears she may have to give up her dream of marriage and family.”

MOONLIGHT SCHOOL, THE by Suzanne Woods Fisher, 813.6 Fis. Taken from the back cover: “... Born in those very hills, Cora knows the twin plagues of illiteracy and poverty. So does

Brother Wyatt, a singing school master who travels through the hills. Involving Lucy and Wyatt, Cora hatches a plan to open the schoolhouses to adults on moonlit nights. The best way to combat poverty, she believes, is to eliminate illiteracy. But will the people come?...Inspired by true events, this novel by bestselling author Suzanne Woods Fisher brings to life the story that shocked the nation into taking adult literacy seriously.”

STRANGER IN A LIFEBOAT, THE by Mitch Albom, 813.6 Alb. Taken from the inside cover: “What would happen if we cried out to God for help and someone claiming to be God actually appeared before us? In Mitch Albom’s profound new novel, a group of shipwrecked passengers must face that challenge when a strange man they pull from the water says he can save them all, but only if they believe in him. “

TRULY, MADLY, DEEPLY by Karen Kingsbury, 813.54 Kin. Taken from the back cover: “In the shadow of great loss, the only way to live with passion is truly, madly deeply...But Annalee hasn’t been feeling well, and medical tests reveal the unthinkable...While his girlfriend begins the fight of her life, secrets come to light that rock Tommy’s world, and he becomes determined to spend his future fighting crime and making his community safer. Or is he just compensating for the battle he cannot win – the one facing Annalee?” – Kingsbury is known for her deeply heartfelt novels – and her latest is no exception...A tale of faith, strength, and true love.” – Woman’s World



It’s time for our “New Church Directory”

“Our directory will not be complete without you.”

Universal Church Directories will be here on Aug. 3rd thru Aug. 5th from 2:00 to 8:30 and on Aug. 6th from 10:30 to 5:00. Please join us and help celebrate faith and family with our new church family directory.

Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a free 8 x 10 and a directory. You can stop by the sign-up table on Sunday mornings or go online to the church website at fclgr.org/directory and schedule your appointment. Just follow the directions listed on the webpage. Appointments are filling up so don’t delay in making yours at your earliest convenience.

*Thank you,
Church Directory Committee*

New Testament Standard Giving

Whenever the topic of stewardship and giving comes up, the conversation inevitably turns to the question: “How much should I give?” Answers will vary because the motive behind such questions vary also.

Sometimes the motive behind asking this question is for self-justification. Even though as Lutherans, we know that we are not saved by our works but by grace through faith because of Jesus’ substitutionary atonement. Yet the natural religion of fallen man is to earn God’s favor by what we do.

Take for example the response of our Lord to the rich young ruler who asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus first tells him to keep the commandments. The rich young ruler responds by indicating that all this he has kept from his youth. But Jesus tells him that he lacks one thing: He must sell all that he has and give it to the poor and then follow him. This rich, young ruler went away sad because he was quite wealthy and could not part with his possessions.

Here we see that those who seek to justify themselves by their giving will hear a response that intensifies the duty that God places upon them. Indeed, they will hear a response that makes it impossible to win God’s favor by their works.

But to those who genuinely desire to know what their duty is, as Christians, in the arena of giving, we look to the Bible for our answer. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God. And we know that the Word of God has been “breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16–17).

So, we begin to answer the question, “What should I give?” with the question, “What does the Bible say about how much we should give and to whom?”

The Old Testament is explicit. The expectation is that the people of God would give a tithe, that is 10 percent, of the first fruits of their labor to support the full-time ministry of the Levites. This is what the Lord gave Moses to teach the people:

“You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there,

you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire—oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household. And you shall not neglect the Levite who is within your towns, for he has no portion or inheritance with you.

“At the end of every three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in the same year and lay it up within your towns. And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.” (Deuteronomy 14:22–29)

This principle of tithing is carried over into the New Testament, though not explicitly by calling it a tithe. St. Paul teaches the Church at Corinth this: We are to give to the church regularly (1 Cor. 16:1–2), proportionally (1 Cor. 16:1–2; 2 Cor. 8:12), and generously (2 Cor. 8:20) of our first fruits (1 Cor. 16:1–2; Gen. 4:4; Prov. 3:9; Lev. 27:30) with a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor. 9:2), earnestness (2 Cor. 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor. 9:7), and love (2 Cor. 8:23). And all of this is because the “Lord has ordained that those who preach the Gospel should make their living by the Gospel” (1 Cor. 9:14), just as the Levites did.

This our New Testament standard. Since Christ became poor for us in order to make us rich in Him – blessing us with the riches of heaven – so we also have been so blessed to follow the example of our Lord and Savior and give of ourselves and the work of our hands to bless others with the same.

If we have been lax in this, let us – like our Lord, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross and scorned its shame – likewise begin to work toward this goal of regular giving of a generous proportion of the first fruits of God’s giving to us. And let us do so not begrudgingly, but for the joy set before us—with a spirit of eagerness, cheerfulness, and love—to share the blessings of God with those placed into our care.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](https://www.lcms.org/stewardship)

“Sharing the Love of Jesus”

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – UNAPPROVED

June 14, 2022

Present: Tom Lattimore, Dick Buech, Doug Carlson, Mary Buech, Jessica Pellinen, Greg Taylor, Pam Clairmont, Jennifer Flem, Les Flem, Molly Bartell, Joan Johnson

Call to order: Tom L. called the meeting to order at 5:30PM

Opening devotion and prayer: Pastor Lovejoy led devotions with Ephesians 6:11, “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.”

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes

***Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Consent Agenda with additions in Unfinished and New Business (4. Flooring in bathrooms and Fellowship Hall; 2. Ruby’s Pantry Checking Account; 3. Credit Card; 4. NYG – Budget Item)

Oral Reports of Boards and Committees

1. Boards of Christian Education & Youth: Report in Packet-VBS “Tree of Life” – August 10th. Need Group leaders, “Story Teller”, someone to organize after event picnic. Youth activities: Yard clean-up for member, Safe room, Camp Blue Water, funds in the amount of \$450.00 still needed for National Youth Gathering. Donation envelopes available.
2. Board of Elders: Report in Packet/Replace Administrative Assistant, find replacement for Elder that resigned.
3. Boards of Human Care & Missions: Report in Packet
4. Board of Stewardship: Report in Packet
5. Board of Trustees: Report in Packet
6. AV Ministry Committee: No Meeting/In the process of training additional AV techs.
7. Revolving Trust Fund Committee: No Report. Will meet in July.
8. Wiebe Grant Committee: No Requests
9. Direction and Planning Committee: No Report. Will meet in July.

Family Ministry Program Director’s Report: Report in Packet/Twenty-six kids and 4 Adults at Family Camp.

Pastor’s Report: Report in Packet

Financial Secretary’s Report: Report in Packet

YTD income 2022: \$140,698.22 YTD income 2021: \$124,395.69

Treasurer’s Report: Report in Packet

As of: May 31, 2022

General Fund Chkg: \$24,350.05

Building Fund Chkg: \$9,470.03

Mortgage loan balance: \$31,901.22

Revolving trust fund Chkg: \$90,907.22

***Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept oral and written Board and Committee Reports.

Correspondence – None

Unfinished Business

1. Picture Directory Update – Picture appointment sign-up started last Sunday. Appointments can also be made on-line.
2. Specific needs of Boards as requested by Brd of Stewardship - Brd of Ed/Youth provided list. List of needs will be a part of Stewardship campaign in October.
3. Ruby's Pantry Update –Monday, June 20th, from 4-6 p.m. Volunteers should be at the Armory by 1:30 p.m.

***Motion was made, seconded and approved that the distribution of funds from Ruby's Pantry be determined by the Board of Missions.

4. Flooring in Bathrooms and Fellowship Hall

***Motion was made, seconded and approved to go ahead with the flooring in the bathrooms and the Fellowship Hall.

New Business

1. Daycare-First Lutheran Early Education Team proposed renting space to a Daycare Provider.

***Motion was made, seconded and approved to remove the wall from the current nursery/adjoining classroom, bring water into the room and fence in a space behind the garage to accommodate a Daycare. Bids will be secured and final approval will be at the July Council meeting.

2. Ruby's pantry checking account

***Motion was made, seconded and approved to open a checking account for Ruby's Pantry. Three people from the committee will be on the account: Geraldene Kilpatrick, Cheryl Finnvik, Carla Taylor.

3. Credit Card

***Motion was made, seconded and approved to close the Administrative Assistant credit card, dividing the limit between the Pastor and the FMPD until the position is filled.

4. NYG – Budget Item

***Motion was made, seconded and approved to continue funding the National Youth Gathering Fund beginning the second quarter of 2022.

Caring and Sharing

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05PM, Pastor Lovejoy closed with prayer

Respectfully Submitted, Joan Johnson for Linda Urevig



August Newsletter articles can be submitted to:
firstev@paulbunyan.net by July 18th.

Upcoming August Events

August 3rd: VBC Training at Gunn Park 6:30 PM

August 3rd-6th: Directory Pictures Taken

August 7th: Tall Timber Days Parade

**August 10th: Vacation Bible Camp @ Gunn Park 9-4 w/
picnic to follow**

Patriotic Worship Service

July 3rd 8:00 & 10:30 AM



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