

First Evangelical Lutheran Church
A Member of the
Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
June 2021
July First Fruits



Blessed is 
the nation
whose God
is the LORD.

Psalm 33:12



*Serving Christ by proclaiming Christ
crucified in the
Minnesota North District of the LCMS*

Notes from the Pastor's Desk

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ^{ESV} Romans 13:1



He stood shoulder to shoulder with his fellow officers providing safety for the neighboring community from the violence that took away from the message of the peaceful protest. They hurled insults in his face and threw human excrement and bottles full of undetermined liquid at the men and women that wore his same uniform. As I heard this story, I wondered what must have been going through his mind as he held the line with this fellow officers. Was it the memory of the domestic violence call he went on the night before? Perhaps it was the crying mother he served a death notice to after being first on the scene of her son's fatal motorcycle accident. It could have even been the grandfather he gave chest compressions to at the hockey game last year when he was off duty, or the middle-aged man struggling with mental illness that he talked into putting the gun down. I don't know what he was thinking about that night when he was getting assaulted to preserve the safety of others, it could have been anything similar to these hypothetical yet realistic guesses. Don't get me wrong. I do not believe that law enforcement officers are sinless or perfect. They are human, and at times they display the best of what it means to bear the image of God in this world, other times we see when they display what lies in all of our hearts: pride, anger, frustration, and weakness.

It is because of this weakness and sin in the lives of law enforcement, that lives in all of us, that it is being sensationalized and demonized as the defining characteristic of all police by many voices in our world today. I hear so much about how horrible police are, how they have always been perpetrators of violence and exploitation as if they all share in the horrors committed by a few of their peers. I wonder how many people are ready to abolish the medical field and stop seeing their physician because of malpractice suits that have been filed against other doctors in the past? I am guessing not many.

I am writing this article not to weigh into a political argument or take sides with a certain agenda in our emerging culture. I am writing this because I continue to mull over what role the church is supposed to have in this social climate amid the issues of today. I know it is not to be silent. I am also writing this because many people have asked what role our faith has in dealing with these situations that keep arising in our country ranging from vaccines to the abolishing of the police. So, here's the answer and it is a lot more simple than the world wants you to think it is. Be a responsible citizen.

God has placed these governing authorities over us in this life. They are imperfect, yet we are subject to them until they try to get us to do something contrary to our faith dictated to us through Holy Scripture. We pray for the authorities in our lives (1 Timothy 2:1-4). We serve them and support them in their work. We know they are imperfect, so we hold them accountable, and forgive them when they act as the humans we see ourselves acting like from time to time. However, being a responsible citizen doesn't stop there. It demands responsible stewardship of how we live in this country ranging from how we vote, interact with our elected officials, participate in the health of our community, defend our neighbor, and care for our own health. Some would say that our faith has nothing to do with how we live out the next weeks, months and years in the current social political chaos. They could not be more wrong. Who we are in Christ and our faith in the Creator and Sustainer of all things, shape our response during this time. Just because the world is in crisis, and every time you listen to the news everything seems to be in a panic, that does not mean our response needs to be impulsive and as chaotic as our surroundings. It does not mean that God is frantic or confused, and that our relationship to Him is in disarray. So we engage this present age with the confidence that our calling and identity in Christ does not change like the winds of secular opinion. In this world we will have trouble but take heart: Christ has overcome it (John 16:33). You are in this world not defined by it (John 17:14; 2 Corinthians 5:16-17).

From the rising and the setting sun, to the crop at harvest, our Lord has provided for His creation year after year and we thank and praise Him for His faithfulness to us. In that same vein, our Lord provides for the health of our communities by establishing and maintaining civil services in our midst (Colossians 1:16-17). From our utility departments to our first responders our Lord has blessed us year after year by providing for our needs. Even if that need is a protective line of officers standing shoulder to shoulder providing safety for neighborhoods from violence. It is because of the readiness and sacrificial heart of so many law-enforcement officers that the men and women who put on the badge every day will always have my admiration, thanks, and prayers. Why? Because I may be a Republican, Democrat or Independent? No. Because our Christian faith calls us to

responsible citizenship, and to honor and respect our authorities as instituted by God (Romans 13:1).

There are so many things during this time in history that are being used to divide us, and in reality, isolate us from each other. Through it all, may we be given the faith to hold on to the one thing that unites us. That we are created by a merciful Lord, that we are incredibly imperfect yet forgiven by His grace through His Son Jesus Christ. Not one of us is perfect nor defined by our imperfections or the imperfections of our peers. We belong to the Lord, and it is in Him that we have so many blessings, including one another. So let us give glory to the one and only Triune God, as we turn away from demonizing each other and turn toward bearing each other's burdens and praying for one another. May we work together in this duty of being "responsible citizens" and live, not seeing the authorities over us here by coincidence or tradition but instituted by God Himself (Romans 13:1).

In Christ's service,
Pastor Lovejoy



ASSIMILATION COMMITTEE

- **The Board of Elders is reforming an Assimilation Committee. Duties of the committee are:**
 - 1. Responsibility of planning ways to assimilate new members.**
 - 2. Responsibility of assuring that visitors are welcomed, helped to feel comfortable, and encouraged to return.**
 - 3. Giving new membership kits with information on the history, beliefs, mission and opportunities for study, service and companionship in the church.**
 - 4. Preparing a brochure or flyer with information for visitors about the church.**
 - 5. Conducting orientation sessions for new or prospective members with the church's staff.**
 - 6. Posting photographs and biographical sketches of the new people for others to see.**
- **If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Matt Pellinen at (218) 360-2578.**

LIBRARY CORNER FOR JULY 2021



Greetings our faithful First readers! In June we were busy taking library inventory and moving books around. These 2 books came to our attention after Pastor Lovejoy mentioned in bible study about the different religious bodies AND tolerance: [WHAT'S GOING ON AMONG THE LUTHERANS?](#) by Patsy A. Leppien, 284.1 Lep. One of the blurbs on the back of the book states:

“Many lay people underestimate the seriousness of the doctrinal differences which separate confessional Lutherans from liberal Lutheran churches throughout the world.

We pray that wide circulation of this book will open the eyes of those who are threatened by their destructive theology and that it will stir up all those who are complacent about its spread to rise up and oppose its deadly inroads into the Lutheran church.” - *Dr. John F. Brug, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin.*

The other book is titled [NEW TOLERANCE, THE](#) by Josh McDowell and Bob Hostetler found at 261.21 McD. A comment from the back of the book states:

“[THE NEW TOLERANCE](#) offers a thoroughly biblical message of love and hope in the face of a culture increasingly bent on sabotaging the foundations of your faith and that of your children.” Josh McDowell also wrote [MORE THAN A CARPENTER](#), FIC McD.

Many Bibles and reference books have been relocated to the book shelves in the Council Room to make room on our main shelves. In the process we found books that were ready to be discarded due to age and condition. Watch for tables with give-away books during July. The library has a good number of small books on many different topics. These short reads may fit into your busy summer schedule. They are located on the east wall above the DVDs.

We encourage you to visit our church website and click on Library Corner for the current month's newsletter reviews and a compilation of all the reviews written in previous years.

Your library volunteers – Janie Carlson, Darlene Baltus, Shela Cline

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

CHRISTMAS SWAP, THE by Melody Carlson, 813.54 Car. Taken from the book blurb: “All Emma Daley wants this holiday season is a white Christmas. But the young teacher and struggling musician sure can’t find that in sunny Arizona. Luckily, there’s someone living in a perfect mountain home in the Colorado Rockies looking to make a vacation trade. Tyler Prescott is an in-demand songwriter and talented musician who put his own singing career on hold to write songs for celebrity acts to perform. When his mother convinces him to do a vacation trade for Christmas, he never imagined one of the houseguests would be so sweet – or so strikingly pretty.”

CHRISTMAS IN WINTER HALL by Melody Carlson, 813.54 Car. Taken from the book blurb: “Spend this holiday season in a town you’ll never forget. Krista Galloway has a good reason to dislike the holiday season, but when her new job as city manager forces her to plan the town’s over-the-top Christmas celebration, she and her daughter may find a new home – and some Christmas spirit – in the process.”

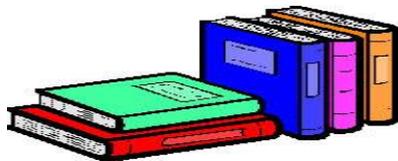
ONE BLOOD – THE BIBLICAL ANSWER TO RACISM by Ken Ham, 261.8 Ham. Taken from the back cover: “More than half a century has passed since the horrors of the Nazi racial extermination camps were revealed to a disbelieving world. Yet the battle of ethnic hate and violence remains one of the burning issues of our time...But what does “race” really mean? Are there really multiple races of humans, and where did this concept originate? The Bible says in Acts 17:26 that God has ‘made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth.’ So, is there really such a thing as the “white race”, or “black race”? ...For a real solution to ethnic hatred, read this copy of **ONE BLOOD**. You’ll see this explosive debate in a whole new, startling light.” – *Most of what is covered in this book was on display at the Creation Museum in Kentucky.* – Janie Carlson.

SHADES OF LIGHT by Sharon Garlough Brown, 813.6 Bro, is a poignant and engrossing look at the reality of psychological struggles even among people of faith. This book follows the impact of depression and anxiety on 22-year-old Wren Crawford and also on those who love her. While seeking professional and spiritual help

she searched scriptures to better know the Man of Sorrows himself, Jesus. She also finds many parallels between her spiritual anguish and that of famed artist Vincent Van Gogh as she studies both his paintings and writings. There is a good list of mental health resources at the back of the book. I found much good content in this book, which is filed with the newer books. – *Reviewed by Alice Hill and also heartedly endorsed by Janie Carlson.*

TRAVELING A PILGRIM'S PATH
– Preparing your child to navigate the journey of faith by Craig & Janet Parshall, 248.8 Par. Taken from the back cover: "...an essential road map for parents longing to give their children clear guidelines for life's journey. Drawing from the classic wisdom of John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, Craig and Janet Parshall give you on-target strategies and hundreds of practical ideas for showing your children how to make wise moral choices. This empowering book will help you prepare your children to successfully navigate life with a steady sense of godly direction."

UNDER THE TULIP TREE by Michelle Shocklee, 813.6 Sho. Taken from the book blurb: "Sixteen-year-old Lorena Leland's dreams of a rich and fulfilling life as a writer are dashed when the stock market crashes in 1929. Seven years into the Great Depression, Rena's banker father has retreated into the bottle, her sister is married to a lazy charlatan and gambler, and Rena is an unemployed newspaper reporter. Eager for any writing job, Rena accepts a position interviewing former slaves for the Federal Writers' Project. There, she meets Frankie Washington, a 101-year-old woman whose honest yet tragic past captivates Rena....As Frankie recounts her life as a slave, Rena is horrified to learn of all the older woman has endured – especially because Rena's ancestors owned slaves. While Frankie's story challenges Rena's preconceptions about slavery, it also connects the two women whose lives are otherwise separated by age, race, and circumstances. But will the bond of respect, admiration, and friendship be broken by a revelation neither woman sees coming?"



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY NEWSLETTER ARTICLE – JULY 2021

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1).

We celebrate this month because of the freedoms and liberties our country has afforded us. We are right to do this. We should be thankful for these liberties – the freedom to gather together to worship and to live out what believe in our daily lives.

But freedom and liberty in our age have devolved. It has become a freedom from duty instead of a freedom for it. Indeed, freedom and liberty in our age has turned into licentiousness – a license to do what we want, when we want. This license is a submission again to a yoke of slavery. For freedom as license to do what we desire when we desire it means we are slaves to our desires and slaves to our passions.

Christ died to set us free from our desires. In Holy Baptism, our Old Adam is drowned and put to death along with all sin and evil desires so that a new man may arise and live before God in righteousness and purity. In Christ, we are a new creation. We are set free from the passions of the flesh so that we are free to do our duty and bear fruits of the Spirit.

Our duty is what God calls us to do as members of a family, society, and the

Church. God calls us to believe in His Word and gladly hear and learn it. He calls us to pray for all people. He calls us to live in faith toward Him and in fervent love for our neighbor. He calls us to put the gifts He gives to us in His service. God calls parents to provide for their children and raise them in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

And God calls children to honor their parents and provide and care for them when they are no longer able to do so themselves. God calls the government to punish those who do evil and to reward those who do good. He calls citizens to pay their taxes and honor the governing officials as God’s servants. He calls pastors to preach and teach the Gospel, repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And He calls hearers to support those who teach them with every good thing.

Christ died to set us free from the works of our selfish flesh, giving us the freedom and liberty to do our duty. Stand firm, then, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

MISSION BOARD NEWS

On August 29th we have the wonderful opportunity to have Kipp and Tami Beaudoin, our Missionaries from the Ukraine with us. We have been supporting them in their ministry in our **TOGETHER IN MISSIONS. (TIM)**. They will be sharing with us in between our worship services. It will be exciting and rewarding to hear first hand how they are sharing the good news of the gospel with our Christian

brothers and sisters in the Ukraine. Please mark your calendars now. May we continue to financially and prayerfully support them in this ministry.



Youth News

LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP was a week filled with adventure, fun, and chaos. We learned to adapt to whatever was going to happen that day with a smile on our face. For example on Thursday we had a group that was ready to go horseback riding in the afternoon and a group that wanted to do archery. When we got to breakfast we learned that it was going to be too hot for us to do our servant work or ride horses. They wanted us close or in the water as much as possible that day because the heat index for the day was around 110. We then discussed with the counselor that since there were three people that wanted to do archery we decided to stay as a group. Some kiddos had to learn to let go of expectations of doing something and in turn adapt to what

was going to happen. They all did amazing.

If there was one thing I learned from the week, it was conflict management. Everyone has their moments when they think what they did or say was right, but in turn ended up hurting someone else. There are always two sides to every story, and we need to be open to listening to the other side. This is true for our everyday life. When we think that what we know is true and right, we can end up hurting others around us if we are not open to listening to what they have to say.

Let us break this down and see if we can apply this to our everyday life. You get into an argument with a close friend. You get angry because the way they said it came off like they know it all and they just will not listen to your side.

You go your separate ways and continue to hold that against that person for many days, weeks or even months. It festers inside of you and the hurt and anger gets bigger and bigger until you are no longer friends with that person. Or when you see them, you pretend everything is fine. What if in that moment when the conflict or disagreement happened, you stopped and asked the other person how they interpreted the conversation? What if you asked them, what do you mean? Or please explain yourself further. If we were only able to listen to other people with a loving heart and not get defensive so quickly, the world would be a happier place. But sin entered the world, and we do not live in a perfect world.

The next time you get defensive or upset about a situation, take a step back and ask more questions about the other person's side. Hopefully, they will then listen to what you have to say in a loving way. Forgiveness is hard, but we can do ALL things through Christ who strengthens us. We have a God of love, so let us try to be more like Him and treat each other with respect. Most of the conflict that happened at camp could have been prevented if they would have just listened to the other person instead of defending their side of the story or got upset. Other people got involved and it quickly became an argument amongst many people.

Ephesians 25-27, 29 ...*let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for*

we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

I am glad God gave me these opportunities to help out with those situations and I pray the children learned life lessons and how to handle it on their own in the future. If children can do it, so can us adults.

Giving our time back to Lutheran Island Camp was not always easy, it was hard work and some of it not so fun. The children did great, and I am beyond blessed to have spent the week with them. I could not have done it without the help of Greg Robertson and Mary Buech. They were truly rockstars working with the children and helping out. Pastor Lovejoy was able to attend the last couple of nights. He brought fresh and renewed energy to the group, something the adults mostly needed.

Thank you, Greg, Mary, and Pastor, for all that you did at Lutheran Island Camp. We did not know what our roles were going to be, but you stepped up and made it the best week! Please thank them in person if you get a chance. It is adults like them that keep our youth programs vibrant. We are still in need of more adults to help out at Vacation Bible Camp, if you are interested and able to help, please come talk with me.

May you see God's beauty and Grace in your day today and always!



SUMMER YOUTH NEWS!

Summer is here! Are you ready to have fun in the sun with your friends from church? We have lots of opportunities for you to come and gather with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Matthew 18:20 Be sure to check the website, Facebook, Sunday morning slides and the bulletin board for more information on each activity.

July 18th and August 15th are set for Youth Sunday. We will continue with youth Sunday every third Sunday of the month unless notified. Youth are asked to be a part of the service that Sunday and can sign up at Youth Group Wednesday evenings.

We have an acolyte schedule! Please sign up if you know you will be here and want to light the candles. The sign-up sheet is found on the bulletin board in front of the youth office or by the library.

Youth group will continue throughout the summer. Friends are always welcomed and encouraged to come. The current schedule will be July 7th, 21st, 28th, August 18th and the 25th.

Jessica Pellinen Family Ministry Program Director



Be sure to watch the Facebook group, email or the website for any changes.



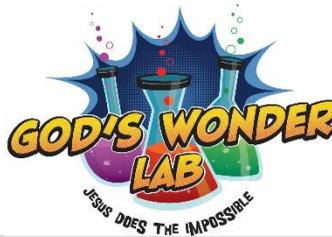
THE YOUTH GARAGE

SALE is scheduled for July 23rd and

24th. Youth going to the National Youth Gathering are encouraged to work. Items can be brought in starting July 18th in the fellowship hall after the second service. Thank you for your donations!

AT GOD'S WONDER LAB VACATION BIBLE CAMP,

your children look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and discover that Jesus does the impossible, giving us



eternal life with Him! Jesus shows that He is God with amazing miracles. And He shows us that He loves us by using His power to do marvelous things on our behalf. Join us on August 11th from 9-4. Sign up on the VBC table in the foyer. Games, crafts, group leader and helpers are still needed. Thank you to those that have already signed up to help! The five lessons we will focus on are John 2:1-12 Jesus' First Miracle, Matthew 14:22-33 Jesus Walks on Water, Mark 5:21-43 Jesus Gives Life, Luke 24:36-49 Jesus Appears to His Followers, and Acts 9:1-19 Jesus Sends Paul. The theme is "JESUS DOES THE IMPOSSIBLE."

SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP! We know how busy teenagers



get especially during the Summer. We will take this opportunity to get to know each other again and have some fun. This is for

anyone entering 9th grade in the fall and at least 13 years of age. Dinner will be provided. Join us for fun, laughter and



talk about Jesus on July 18th and August 15th from 6:30-8:30. High School Youth Group -We will focus on evidence on creation verses evolution.

AUGUST 8TH IS THE TALL TIMBER DAYS PARADE! Save the date as we plan to have a float in the parade again this year. We will need people to help decorate it and walk in the parade. More information will come out in July.

THE YOUTH GATHERING, In All Things, if you are interested in going to the Youth Gathering in 2022 there is a garage sale fundraiser July 23rd and 24th. Please sign up to work so you can earn money for the trip. It is going to be estimated to cost \$1500 per person. If we don't have enough older youth able to help out, we will open it up to the younger youth. Commitment forms are due July 11th along with a \$150 deposit. The deposit is refundable up until registration which will be in September or October. We need to start planning so we know how many adults need to go. Commitment forms and adult registration forms are located on the bulletin board by the fireplace.





To All Of Our Youth with





2021 LWML Retreat
August 13 – 15, 2021
Lutheran Island Camp
Henning, MN

“Heaven is my Home” Bible study led by Pastor Timm on Friday evening
“The Way Home” – a study of the book of Ezra led by Pastor Timm on
Saturday

Deadline for registration is August 6, 2021.

Registration forms are on the counter outside Shirley’s office.
If you are interested in attending, please fill out a registration form
and send to Corles Rainer (address on form).

LWML – Funeral Work Units

Occasionally we need extra help when serving a funeral lunch. We have a “*Will Work Anytime List*” and are in the process of updating it. If you or your spouse are interested in being on this list please sign your name, phone number and email on the signup sheet outside the office. We appreciate your consideration.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

July 4

Mite Sunday

8:00 Traditional Service

9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

July 11/ Communion

Dimes For Missions

8:00 a.m. Traditional Service

9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

July 18

Youth Sunday

8:00 a.m. Traditional Service

9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

6:30pm-8:30pm H.S. Youth Group

July 25/ Communion

Food Shelf Sunday

8:00 a.m. Traditional Service

9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

“Sharing the Love of Jesus”
CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES - UNAPPROVED
JUNE 8, 2021

Present: Greg Taylor, Tom Lattimore, Sue Thorson, Dwight Kessler, Doug Carlson, Kathy Hohenstein, Molly Bartel, Les Flem, Pastor Lovejoy, Jennifer Flem, Linda Urevig
Call to order: Tom L. called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

Opening devotion and prayer: Pastor shared devotions and prayer. Sharing the love of Jesus...walking in a unified, mission way in the community.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes

***Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Consent Agenda with additions to New Business (4. Invest Early; 5. Landscape Front Lawn; 6. Refrigerator Repairs; 7. Credit Card for Pastor).

Oral Reports of Boards and Committees

1. Boards of Christian Education & Youth: Report in Packet/Sue T.
2. Board of Elders: Report in Packet/Les F. highlighted that the Elders approved returning back to the communion rail.
3. Boards of Human Care & Missions: Report in Packet/Kathy H.
4. Board of Stewardship: Report in Packet/Doug C. stated that they did not have a meeting but carried out business by email. Doug asked Jennifer F. about the number of direct deposits received each month. She stated there were six to ten each month with a dollar total of \$1,200.00 to \$1,800.00.
5. Board of Trustees: No Written report/Greg T. stated that the trustees met before this meeting and he would address the air conditioner, refrigerator parts and landscaping in Old and New Business. He also stated that Brad would be on vacation June 26th to July 4th, plus two additional weeks. The trustees will cover the church needs during these times.
6. AV Ministry Committee: Report added to packet/Tom L.
7. Revolving Trust Fund Committee: No Meeting/Greg T.
8. Wiebe Grant Committee: No Requests/Greg T.
9. Direction and Planning Committee: No Meeting/Greg T. stated that the Men's Club would be sponsoring a Fellowship Breakfast for new members after the second

service on June 13th. This was a result of the Strategic Planning assimilation conversations.

Family Ministry Program Director's Report: Report in Packet

Pastor's Report: Report in Packet/Pastor highlighted that he and Jessica have been meeting with community leaders to find out if there are gaps in social services and to recognize unmet needs in the community.

Financial Secretary's Report: Report in Packet/Molly B.

YTD income 2021: \$124,625.69 YTD income 2020: \$119,025.68

Treasurer's Report: Report in Packet/Jennifer F. stated that she would put weekly budget needs and dollars received on a slide each week.

As of: May 31, 2021

General Fund Chkg: \$45,720.10

Building Fund Chkg: \$4,481.28

Mortgage loan balance: \$58,329.19

Revolving trust fund Chkg: \$83,240.65

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

Correspondence – None

Unfinished Business

1. Survey Committee Update – Dwight K. stated that there was a possible problem with the survey email. A number of people stated that they had not received it. Paper copies will be made available.
2. Assimilation Committee Update – Report in packet/Kathy H. stated that they will be adding greeters at each Sunday service. A signup sheet is available. The committee plans to meet again in July.
3. Building Maintenance Evaluation/Plan Update – Greg T. stated that it is a work in progress.
4. Air Conditioner Update – Greg T. stated that it is in process, waiting on finishing parts.
5. Men's Club Fellowship Event Update – The event will be held Sunday, June 13th after the second service.

New Business

1. Leadership Retreat – Pastor stated that the Elders, Council Members and Shirley M. would attend the retreat. We would be looking at System Theory and How the Church

Works. Hours would be 9AM to 2PM on one day with three sessions. The consensus was to wait until September to meet.

2. First Lutheran Individual Board Goals – Council members have been asked to discuss with their board three goals for the next year. Tom L., Dwight K., and Pastor will be meeting with each board chair to discuss what their board does and what are their goals. Pastor noted that there is not a Fellowship Chairperson to promote the concept of playing together and facilitate fellowship activities through a coordinator.

3. American Red Cross Blood Drive approval (September 2nd 8AM to 2PM)

***Motion was made, seconded and approved to hold the American Red Cross Blood Drive on September 2nd 8AM to 2PM.

4. Invest Early – There was a request to use our facility from 7-1-2021 to 6-30-2022 with rent in the amount of \$750.00 monthly with quarterly payments in the amount of \$2,250.00.

***Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the contract with Invest Early from 7-1-2021 to 6-30-2022 in the amount of \$750.00 monthly/\$2,250.00 Quarterly.

5. Landscape Front Lawn – This would be done to resolve the water problem in the choir room.

***Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept a contract with Plagemann’s Landscaping in the amount of \$800.00.

6. Refrigerator Repairs

***Motion was made, seconded and approved to pay up to \$900.00 to Quality Refrigeration for repairs to the kitchen refrigerator.

7. Credit Card for Pastor Lovejoy

***Motion was made, seconded and approved to get a church credit card for pastor to be used for church business.

Jennifer F. will take care of this with the bank.

Caring and Sharing

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM

Pastor Lovejoy closed with prayer

Respectfully Submitted, Linda Urevig, Recording Secretary

COMING EVENTS

July 6th – Board Meetings 6:30PM or as decided by each Board

July 13th – Council Meeting 5:30PM



God of Wonder
Lutheran Island Camp
*"Nourishing the whole person for joyful,
Christ-centered life and service"*

Jun27-Jul 2 Classic Camp III — Horse Camp III
July 2 — 4 Little Lamb /Sheep — Beginner Horse Camp
July 4 — 9 July Family Camp
Jul 11 —16 Camp Indian Head
Jul 16 —18 Little Lamb / Sheep — Beginner Horse Camp
July 18 — 23 Splash Camp I — Horse Camp IV
July 23 — 25 Little Lamb/Sheep — Beginner Horse Camp
July 25 — 30 Classic Camp IV— Horse Camp V
Jul 30 —Aug 1 Little Lamb /Little Sheep — Child/Adult Horse Camp
Aug 1—Aug 6 August Family Camp
Aug 6—Aug 8 Little Lamb /Sheep — Advance Wrangler

Calendar of Activities Summer 2021 at Lutheran
Island Camp. Submitted from: LIC newsletter.



Newsletter

***Please Have August 2021 Newsletter Articles to Shirley
By July15th.***

***Newsletter will be published and
Sent out on or about July 26th***

Welcome New Members

On Sunday, June 13th we held a get together for the newest members of our congregation. The Men's Club served up a delicious pancakes and sausage brunch/lunch for us. We had a nice representation of our members present to introduce themselves to our guests of honor. The following new members are:



Domenic and Maureen Bonacci **Joined 10-11-2020**

Domenic and Maureen Bonacci live at 10483 Vermeil Drive NE, Deer River. They moved here about 15 months ago from Kimball, MN. They were members at St. Johns Lutheran. They joined us in October 2020. Domenic is retired from Foundry, middle management and Maureen is a retired Special Ed. Teacher. Dom's hobbies include hunting, fishing, cooking, making and smoking sausage. Maureen loves to bake especially breads. She also enjoys gardening and sewing.



Lisa Bechtold **Joined 12-13-2020**

Lisa Bechtold lives at 210 Gunn St., Coleraine. She transferred from Our Redeemer in Cohasset. Her hobbies include riding motorcycles, painting and quilting.



Cheryl and Einar Finnvik **Joined 6-1-21**

Einar and Cheryl Finnvik live at 740 Circle Drive, Grand Rapids. They moved to Grand Rapids in October 2020 from Brooklyn Park, MN. They were former members of St. Paul's Lutheran in Osseo, MN. They transferred their membership in June 2021. Einar is a retired Brooklyn Park firefighter and also a mechanic from Xcel Energy. Cheryl worked as an accountant for Bassford Remele. Einar loves fishing all year long. He also enjoys a good game of cribbage. Cheryl loves to pass the time by knitting, crocheting, gardening, travel and music. Their oldest daughter and her husband live in Cohasset with 3 grandchildren. Their youngest daughter and her husband live in Atlanta and are expecting their 1st child in September.



Joyce and Wayne Johnson **Joined 11-25-2020**
Wayne and Joyce Johnson live at 2300 McKinney Lk Rd.
They transferred from Mount Olive in Bovey. Wayne is a
retired employee of MN Power.



Jim and Eunice Rodenberg **Joined 10-4-2020**
Jim and Eunice Rodenberg live at 2105 Fern St., Grand
Rapids. They were previously members at Community
Presbyterian Church.



**Rev. Dr. Patrick, and Sarah, Lilian, William, Leah,
and Owen Lovejoy** **Joined 5-9-2021**
Pastor Patrick and Sarah Lovejoy and their children Lillian,
William, Leah and Owen arrived in Grand Rapids the end of
April. They live at 37843 Pine Oak Rd on Bass Lake. Sarah
is employed at Kootaska Community Action. The family
enjoys fishing, hunting, ATVs, riding motorcycle, and
gardening.