

not looking for God. We need to remember that God is in our life. As we continue to face and cope with different seasons in our life such as, COVID, school year ending, wedding season, graduation season, the season of travel and time at the lake, may we know that God in all of our seasons.

Look ahead to what awaits us. We have the promise of God going before us to show us the way. We have the promise of God that this is the day he has made, let us rejoice in this day and the here and now. Rejoice that hours of daylight are growing. Rejoice that you are healthy and able to see family. Rejoice that masks are being worn by people. Rejoice that in the midst of struggles and pain, grace sufficient for each day comes to us as we listen for God's gentle word of hope and healing.

May is the month of endings and beginnings. School is ending for kids and summer activities are beginning. Graduation is occurring as youth end high school and venture to college or work. Some are ending their college days and entering the work force. Some are ending work and entering into retirement. Some are ending living in their own homes and downsizing to apartment. For some ending of life as they know it because of the death of a loved one and a whole new way of living is beginning. What is ending in your life and what is beginning?

Hold on because in all our endings and beginnings, in all the changes and unsettledness, we have a God who does not change. I think of the verse from Hebrews 11:1, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." There is our hope during these crazy days of 2021. We may not see what is beginning for us and we may be going through challenges, but faith is knowing that there is a time for everything. We can be confident in the future not because of whom we are but because of who God is.

So this month of May, may you pause, breathe deeply of God's presence and go into the month confident that God goes with you.

Walk in the light of his love,

Pastor Joyce



**Loving God,
We thank you for the love of the mothers you
have given us, whose love is so precious that it
can never be measured, whose patience seems to
have no end. May we see your loving hand
behind them and guiding them. We ask you to
bless them with your own special love. We ask
this in the name of Jesus, Amen.**

Happy Mother's Day !



First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2021

Members Present: Pastor Joyce, Nancy Johnson, Brenda Kellen, Craig Thies, Tami Taubert, Sharlene Ludolph, Kristi Henriksen, Dave Dulas, Scott Sterud, Kristen Brockberg, and Chris Hollingsworth.

Call to Order: President Nancy Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:55 PM.

Treasurer's Report: Sharlene L. presented the financial reports, the reserve fund report, and the accounts payable report. These were reviewed and discussed by the Council. Sharlene will send a sales tax-exempt certificate to Computers & Beyond. Kristi H. made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as written and to pay the accounts payable with the following changes: do not pay the Malware charges, do not pay Dwight, and do not pay the sales tax to Computers & Beyond. Tami T. 2nd the motion and it was approved.

Devotions: We watched a Growing Young video – Take Jesus' Message Seriously. There was discussion. The Council is to read chapter 5 in the Growing Young book for next month's devotion and to look up on their cell phones "If Starbucks marketed like a Church".

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed. Brenda K. made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, 2nd by Dave D. Motion was approved.

Pastor's Report:

- We need Readers & Communion Servers for worship services. A sign-up sheet was passed around. It was noted that the Offering assistant duties are from Council meeting to Council meeting.
- Pastor Joyce fell outside of the church and broke her hand. The sidewalk will be looked at where this happened. Pastor and Ron went on a short trip after Easter.
- Confirmation will be wrapped - up over the next 3 weeks, with a meeting every week. Sermon notes have been a struggle this year because of inability to attend service and watching sermons. 20 sermon notes are required every year of confirmation.
- May 9th is Senior Sunday. There are 7 Seniors who will be presented quilts. May 12th is our next Council meeting and that is also when Baccalaureate is. Council meeting will be moved to May 19th.
- Pastor Joyce is working on getting Baptisms back into the Sunday Service. During Covid, a lot of private Baptisms were done.
- Mission Minute during worship service will be replaced with Faith Sharing by members. It was suggested that Council Members do this during the month they do the offering.
- Pastor Joyce has gotten back to doing nursing home and assisted living services. She has been doing more home visits. Pastor talked to 9 different people today. People have had a lot of needs during

Covid. Pastor is looking at taking a Sunday off in June.

- Pastor asked the Council what have you missed during Covid – coffee, Sunday School, greeting and sharing the peace. She also asked what have you learned during Covid and what would you like to keep doing – Facebook service numbers are going down.
- Pastor Joyce is thinking about getting a group together to look at the Church’s Mission Statement & the Church’s Values to review these and update them. They have not been looked at for 8 years. We need to keep the Church moving forward.

President’s Report: No report.

Vice-President’s Report: Craig will be working on the insurance form for Pastor’s injury. There will be a property insurance review on the parsonage. Craig & Mike Straw will be meeting with Vast on internet issues in the Church. There needs to be consistent internet coverage throughout the Church.

Committee Reports – Round Table

- Mission & Outreach – Kristi H. – The noisy offering for May will be going to Shetek Camp. She received a letter from the SF Banquet asking for us to help serve in June.
- Worship – Tami T. – Discussed recording a service message during the week rather than continuing with Facebook Live. There are not enough volunteers to help with recording it live, because people are getting busy. The committee will discuss finding other people to help. The committee is still working on their committee description.
- Sunday School – Kristen B. – Discussed different ideas for Sunday School and a Sunday School roundup pizza party. Ingrid and Kristen are working on Sunday School options and curriculum. Looking at Wednesday nights as an option.
- Property Management – Scott S. – Upcoming projects: They will clean the church carpets after preschool is done, fix the garage door at the parsonage, finish landscaping the church, and clean the church murals. They are looking for donations to help with the landscaping.
- Adult Ed – Brenda K. – Last Sunday 4 people met to discuss the book. There are only a couple of Sundays left.
- Congregational Life – Dave D. – They worked with Pastor Joyce to create a survey about what the congregation’s interests are. He will send the survey to Ellie tomorrow and they hope to have some results by next Council meeting. The survey is through Survey Monkey and there will be some paper copies to distribute for those without email.
- Youth – Erin M. – No report.

Old Business

- Bank Account signatures – The account signatures are finally done. One account was missing a last name. Nancy will get this sent in next week.
- Tech Update – We received 2 quotes on computers and went with the quote from Computers & Beyond. One computer is up and working. The other one is on its way. Discussed printers.

New Business

- Church Web Page – Reviewed the church’s web page and discussed ideas to change and improve it. Looking at the web page on the computer is a different view than on your phone. Nancy and Pastor Joyce will give the ideas to Kelli for her to improve the web page.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 pm, with the Closing Prayer.

Chris Hollingsworth, Secretary

We congratulate the following 2021 Seniors who will be graduating

May 16th

We wish them the best and God’s blessing on them and their parents as they reach this milestone.

Jacey Faith Burnett, daughter of Melissa & Aaron Burnett

McKenzie Cecilia Grace Dulas, daughter of Ellen & Dave Dulas

Sydnee Jean Hubner, daughter of Audrey & Robert Hubner

Dawson David Kellen, son of Brenda Kellen and David Kellen

Logan Patrick McGunegill, son of Patrick & Jenna McGunegill and the late Tiffany McGunegill

Jessalyn Lee Reinert, daughter of Debbie & Thad Reinert

William John Rops, son of Tish Kalla and Steve Rops



Trust in the Lord with all of your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5&6

May CANEWS from Camp Shetek

Camp Shetek is still seeking summer ministry team members. If you know of someone 18 years old or older who would be willing to serve and work with purpose this summer, they’d love to visit with them. Or they can apply here - <https://shetek.org/work-at-shetek/>

Blessings,

Marv Nysetvold, Executive Director. Shetek Lutheran Ministries

14 Keeley Island Drive, Slayton, MN 56172

Camp - 507-763-3567 Cell - 507-227-7379

www.shetek.org



VISITATIONS

If someone is ill or in need of a Pastoral visit, please call Pastor Joyce on her cell phone @ 507-276-5543 or contact the Church office @ 825-5837. Please remember the following First Lutheran Church members in your prayers, send them a card, or stop to visit them. If you know of someone with special needs of any kind, please contact Pastor Joyce or the church office.

Darline Dahlin.....	Good Samaritan
Kay Buranen.....	Good Samaritan
Fern Horton.....	Falls Landing
Allen Houg.....	Good Samaritan
Darrell & Carol Foss.....	Good Samaritan, Sioux Falls

*Ainslee Mae Wade ,
born on January 27,
2021, daughter of
Audra & Nik Wade,
received the Sacrament
of Holy Baptism at First
Lutheran on Saturday,
April 10, 2021. Ainslee's
sponsors are Derek &
Alicia Hartke and
Elissa Wade.*



*Richie Thomas Clark,
born on February 12,
2021, son of Tom &
Kateryna Clark,
received the Sacrament
of Holy Baptism at First
Lutheran on Sunday,
April 11, 2021. Richie's
sponsors are Jessica &
Cory Chaulsett and
Laura & Eric Burkard.*



We are collecting items for the Personal Care Kits

- † One light - or medium - weight bath size towel (approximately 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- † One metal nail clippers, remove packaging
- † One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- † Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping packaging

Bold Café'

Bold Café, an on-line magazine, shares stories written by bold young women who write about faith, relationships, advocacy and more. Readers and writers of Bold Café include pastors, seminary and college students and other young adult women who use Bold Café' as a Bible study resource individually or with a group.



Although many young women in their 20's & 30's contribute in every issue, Bold Café' can be used and shared by women of all ages.

Topics studied and explored in past issues include:

- * The grace of an unbalanced life
- * Learning to see God's beloved
- * Paper or plastic (credit card debt)
- * Many more topics- check it out
- * Slowing down for Sabbath's sake

Access this resource by using www.boldcafe.org. To subscribe & receive this by email go to www.womenoftheelca.org and click on the link to publications and then click Bold Café. Other resources for women are also available at the site. If you have any questions, please contact Kristy Henriksen at 215-0826.

- 05/03 Glenda Carstensen
Dan Scotting
- 05/04 Carmen Skyberg
- 05/05 Kristen Brockberg
Halie Schaap
- 05/07 McKenzie Dulas
- 05/08 Elle Brockberg
- 05/09 Sydnee Hubner
- 05/10 Paul Johnson
Emery Musch
Ethan Musch
- 05/14 Sarah Meyer
- 05/15 Ellen Dulas
Traeten Rustad
- 05/16 Nicole Buffington
Wade Smith
- 05/18 Miley Gunnink
- 05/19 Sharon Blom
Betty Johnson
- 05/20 Andrew Barduson
Ron Carlson
Kyree Hazelton
Rachel Skyberg
- 05/21 Zoe Velde
Bree Woelber
- 05/22 Tommie Chaulsett
Troy Chaulsett
Karen Hellie
- 05/24 Olyvia Weber
- 05/26 Julie Colvin
Spencer Hazelton
Andrew Muller
Darlene Muller
Deb Smith
- 05/30 Laura Thode
- 05/31 Joshua Mabon



- 05/06 Deanna & Ron Ahlers
- 05/11 Karina & Jim Lanoue
- 05/23 Colette & Chuck DeSchepper
- 05/24 Doreen & Joseph Henderson
- 05/26 Marlys & Bill Winter
- 05/27 Lori & Curt Ilse
- 05/29 Nicole & Jason Weber





“Sunday School Roundup”

Wednesday, May 19, 5:30pm at the Southwest park - west of the Church
Food will be provided.

We will share conversation about fall 2021 Sunday school/Children’s
Education ideas.

Open to all families with children 3 years to 5th grade.

Please call the Church office if your family will be attending to let us know
how much pizza to order.

In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the Fellowship hall.

2021 March Campaign Food Shelf

Donation Amount Correction

The total amount of Noisy Offering donations given for the 2021
arch Campaign was \$888.72. Thank you for your support of the
pestone County Food Shelf.

Food Shelf



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HELP WANTED



With spring right around the corner; that means it won’t be long before we put away the snow
blower and drag out the lawn mower. First Lutheran Church is looking for congregational families or
individuals that would be willing to volunteer to mow the Parsonage for the season. If you are willing
to assist us with this task, please call Mark Zinnel at the church office. Depending upon the number
of parties interested in helping out, a schedule will be set up to assign lawn care responsibilities
throughout the summer. Please consider helping us out.

May 2021

Dear FLCW,



I hope you are all having a nice spring! My family is busy with farm work. Many of you are anxious to plant gardens for the wonderful produce they provide us later this year.

Thank you to all who attended the FLCW Group Circle Potluck. We had a nice group. The discussion was interesting. The food was yummy! We will be doing something similar in May.

FLCW Brunch will be held on Tuesday, May 18 at 10am in the Fireside Room. We will have a brunch with a breakfast casserole. Bring items that will complement that. We will be studying the May Gather devotional, "The Journey of Generations." Please bring a photo or memento of someone of another generation that is or was important to you. We will be sharing stories.

Quilts will be presented to 7 graduates on Sunday, May 9 during the worship service. Thank you to all who helped make these gifts for our young people as they go off into the world. May these bring them comfort and a reminder that they are Children of God.

Quilting will continue during the summer on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 9:30am. Next year we have 10 graduates-7 boys and 3 girls.

The Shetek Quilt Auction will be held on-site this year on Friday and Saturday, June 25 & 26. Look for the posters with more information coming soon. If you have something you would like to donate to the auction, please let Kristy know and she can deliver it to the camp.

We are collecting items for Personal Care Kits until May 15. Bring the items to church and place them on or under the table in the narthex. Items needed are:

*Bath towels *2 bars of soap (4-5 ozs.) *metal nail clippers *sturdy combs

We have plenty of toothbrushes.

It is mud season, so think about getting a new denim rug for your house or as a gift for someone. All proceeds help pay for youth to attend camp at Shetek.

Remember, the Spring Salad Luncheon will be held this year. Maybe sometime in the future.

Stay healthy and happy!

See you in church!

Kristy



WORSHIP
ASSISTANTS


Date	Time	Reader	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Sound
05/02/21	9:30am	Dave Dulas	Chris Hollingsworth	Jim Benz Gene Spicer Rob Woodbury Ron Capp Scott Sterud	Mike Straw
05/09/21	9:30am	2021 Seniors	2021 Seniors	Jim Benz Gene Spicer Rob Woodbury Ron Capp Scott Sterud	Brandon Willey Mark Zinnel
05/16/21	9:30am	Sterud's	Tami Taubert	Jim Benz Gene Spicer Rob Woodbury Ron Capp Scott Sterud	Jason Weber
05/23/21	9:30am	Davia Kellen		Jim Benz Gene Spicer Rob Woodbury Ron Capp Scott Sterud	Neil Johnson
05/30/21	9:30am	Tami Taubert		Jim Benz Gene Spicer Rob Woodbury Ron Capp Scott Sterud	Mark Zinnel

2021 OUTREACH AND MISSIONS CALENDAR

JANUARY	NOISY OFFERING: PAS WELLNESS ROOM	\$ 317.18 Total
FEBRUARY	BIG GAME WORLD HUNGER CHALLENGE VALENTINES TO SHUT-INS	\$ 298.38 Total 12 cards delivered
MARCH	PIPESTONE COUNTY FOOD SHELF LENTEN DEVOTIONAL- WORLD HUNGER ECOPALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY Easter Cards sent to shut-ins	\$ 888.72 Total Did not do. \$ 42.07 Cost (4 bunches) 11 cards sent
APRIL	PERSONAL CARE KIT ITEMS COLLECTED NOISY OFFERING: LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE	\$230.53 Total
MAY	NOISY OFFERING: SHETEK LUTHERAN MINISTRIES	
JUNE	SUMMER PROJECT	
JULY	SCHOOL KIT ITEMS COLLECTED	
AUGUST	NOISY OFFERING: TBD SCHOOL KIT ITEMS CONTINUES CASH CANS AT THE PIPESTONE COUNTY FAIR (IF HELD)	
SEPTEMBER	FARM HARVEST BAGS FOR FARMERS	
OCTOBER	NOISY OFFERING: ONDINI CIRCUIT SOUTH AFRICA THE BANQUET WITH YOUTH AND ADULTS ON WED. OCTOBER 20 WINTER COAT COLLECTION (UNTIL COLLECTION DATE TBD)	
NOVEMBER	FAIR TRADE COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE SALE	
DECEMBER	FAIR TRADE COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE SALE TOY COLLECTION FOR KIWANIS PROJECT	

*OTHER PROJECTS MAY BE ADDED AS NEEDS ARISE. POSSIBLE PROJECTS MAY INCLUDE NURSING HOMES, SCHOOLS, LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE, FOOD PACKING EVENTS, ETC.

*IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA, PLEASE CONTACT THE MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE: KENNEDY MASCHINO, SHEILA HORTON, AND KRISTY HENRIKSEN

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY 						1
2 9:30am Worship Service /Holy Communion at Church & live streamed Adult Ed Book discussion following Worship service	3	4	5 6:15pm Confirmation 7:00pm Property Management Comm. Meeting	6 National Day of Prayer	7	8
9 Mother's Day 9:30am Worship Service/Holy Communion at Church & live streamed/ 2021 Senior Sunday	10	11 8:30am Ministerial Assoc. Meeting	12 7:30pm Baccalaureate	13 9:30am Quilting 4-5:00pm Second Harvest	14	15
16 9:30am Worship Service /Holy Communion at Church & live streamed 2:00pm PAS High School Graduation @PAS H.S. Will Rops Graduation party - Fireside Rm Sydnee Hubner Graduation party - Fellowship Hall	17	18 10:00am FLCW Brunch - Fireside Rm	19 8:00pm Church Council meeting	20 Pastors Conference	21	22
23 Pentecost 9:30am Worship Service at Church & live streamed	24	25	26	27 9:30am Quilting	28	29
30 9:30am Worship Service live streamed 4-7:00pm Dawson Kellen Graduation party - Fellowship Hall	31 Memorial Day	<u>JUNE</u> 1	2	3	4	5

