

# THE VOICE

of First Lutheran Congregation



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*We are all one body, one spirit, compelled by Christ to share his Word  
and the promise of salvation.*

Matthew 28

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Greetings Faithful Flock of First Lutheran:

August is that time of change. We are still thinking summer but slowly the conversation turns to fall and thinking of back to school and talking about how fast the summer has come and gone. Some young people will be heading back to college or moving to college for the first time. Parents start to look for school supplies and clothes for children. Some sports practices begin. For the church August is also a time of transition. We begin to think about fall activities such as confirmation, education of our children, women's activities, resuming coffee hour, and hopefully people returning to worship.

This August will be a little different as together we look for ways for people to share their time and talents within the congregation. As I plan for my retirement, I want to accomplish a few things to build for the future and care for the whole church. This congregation has many people who have many gifts and interests

How can you help? First by praying. Pray for your council and committee members and leaders. Pray for people to step up with ministry that needs to take place. Think about ways you can serve. I am looking for people who will be willing to serve Holy Communion to shut-ins and for people to step up and help in leading worship. I will be contacting parents and youth and looking ahead to confirmation this fall. There is much work to be done.

There is a song I learned one summer years ago working with vacation Bible School,

"I am the Church." I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!  
The church is not a building; the church is not a steeple; the church is not a resting place; the church is a people."

Now is the time for you to be part of the change to help to keep the church growing and going. What is the future of First Lutheran? That depends on you because you are the church.

Why is it important for each of us to step up and become more involved by serving? Well, we are All called to serve. Joy comes from serving others. We are created to be in relationship with God and one another. Ephesian 2:10, "We are God's handiwork, created in Christ to do good works, which God has prepared in advance for us to do."

Each one of us has been gifted by God, and you are incredibly valuable to Him and the church. We are given gifts not to be kept to ourselves but to share with others. We are called to build one another up and to do good works. What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ? It means we live and serve as Jesus did. We love God, we love our neighbor, and we love ourselves. The simplest way to follow Jesus is by doing what He did.

First Lutheran needs all of us. Do not think that the church does not need you. That is the power of Satan pulling us apart. So, when someone asks you to help with something please say yes or volunteer on your own. God is faithful and God will use you to make a difference and you will find joy and your faith will grow as well as First Lutheran.

Prayer for the church:

*Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. Grant that we may use them to bear witness to Christ, in lives that are built on faith and love. Make us ready to live the gospel and eager to do your will, so that we may share with all your church in the joys of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.* (ELW, "Congregational ministries, page 76)

Walking together in the light of God's love,  
*Pastor Joyce*



## **Cultivating Generous Congregations – July 2021**

### **Stories of Generosity**

The “Picnic at the Parsonage” was a very successful event. It takes members planning and those attending to create an opportunity for fellowship and community in the congregation. The Congregational Life and Adult Education committees worked together to sponsor this potluck, based on your requests expressed in the latest congregational survey. The new deck on the parsonage and landscaping was a project by the Property Management committee and was a great back drop. Thank you to Brenda Kellen and Dave Dulas for organizing the picnic. We also thank the Newgard family for donating Dari King barbeques as the main course. Thank you to Pastor Joyce and Ron for hosting the picnic.

### **Called to Serve**

We recognize that there will be some changes ahead this fall with the retirement of Pastor Joyce. She is working on plans to help cover some congregational needs during the interim. In a recent Bible study I came across this verse. “Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.” 2 Timothy 2:21. The word “USEFUL” popped out of the verse at me. Please be open to being available and helping the congregation in ways you may not have considered in the past. How can you be useful to First Lutheran?

August brings County Fair and the First Lutheran food stand. Please volunteer to work a shift. We need youth and adults to cover the fair stand. There is fun and fellowship in working together with your church family, along with raising funds to support the mission of our congregation.

### **Financial Update**

Our Memorial fund is growing. The Council voted in July to set up a new Memorial Committee. It will consist of the Council representatives from Congregational Life and Outreach and Mission, plus one at large member of the congregation. They will meet twice a year to determine how to recognize, spend and manage memorial donations. More information to come as they work out the details and process.

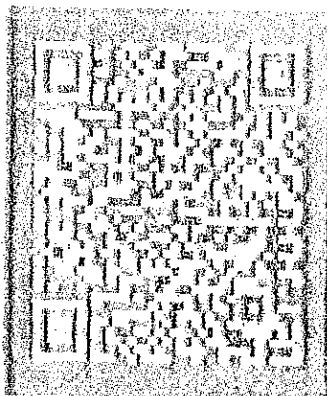
Just a reminder that First Lutheran’s bills go on - even in the summer. We are thankful for your support of our mission, programs and activities all year long.

**Lord God, You have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.** (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Page 304.)

***Nancy Johnson***

***Now there are Four Methods to use Simply Giving***

1. Your church offerings can be made weekly, every other week, or monthly through electronic funds transfer from your checking or savings account.
2. Free Mobile Giving App enables your church offerings to be made securely from anywhere, with 1-tap. Plus, it's completely FREE!
3. You will be able to use your Credit card at the Church.
4. Below is a Quick Response (QR) code. When you scan this barcode-like QR code image with a smartphone's QR decoder, it will instantly connect you to the mobile version of the church's web page.



**The Church Email Addresses Have Changed – Please use the following:**

Pastor Joyce – [joyce.capp@firstlutheranpipestone.org](mailto:joyce.capp@firstlutheranpipestone.org)

Ellie – [ellie.trautman@firstlutheranpipestone.org](mailto:ellie.trautman@firstlutheranpipestone.org)

Mark – [mark.zinnel@firstlutheranpipestone.org](mailto:mark.zinnel@firstlutheranpipestone.org)

# CHURCH COUNCIL

## First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2021

**Members Present:** Pastor Joyce, Nancy Johnson, Brenda Kellen, Craig Thies, Dave Dulas, Tami Taubert, Scott Sterud, Erin Musch, and Chris Hollingsworth.

**Call to Order:** President Nancy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

**Devotions:** We watched a video – Being the Best Neighbor. Discussion followed. This is the theme of chapter 7, in the Growing Young book.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sharleen L. was absent, so Nancy J. presented the financial reports, the reserve fund report, and the accounts payable report. These were reviewed and discussed by the Council. There was extra discussion about the Technology Fund, internet issues, AP, and how the Vast bill is paid. Sharleen to let the Council know next meeting how Vast is paid and the amount of it. Brenda K. made a motion to pay the Accounts Payable Report as written. Dave D. 2<sup>nd</sup> it and it was approved. Brenda K. made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as written. Erin M. 2<sup>nd</sup> it and it was approved.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the June meeting were reviewed. Dave D. made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tami T. Motion was approved.

### **Pastor's Report:**

- Pastor Joyce asked the Council if they liked the weekly mission minutes during the Sunday Service. There was discussion and the mission minutes will continue.
- Giving has been scattered this year. A letter will be sent to the congregation in August.
- Pastor Joyce has been connecting with people this last month. Working on curriculum for confirmation in the Fall. She is open to new ideas. Confirmation is October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Pastor said that last Sunday it was brought to her attention that the Sunday Kid Bags are in tough shape. She will talk to Kristen about filling them. Tami T. said that her and Morgan will fill them with activities.
- Pastor Joyce shared a letter from Habitat for Humanity. They are looking for volunteers to work on their Habitat house on Fridays and Saturdays, from now till the end of September. There was discussion. The letter will be given to the Mission & Outreach committee to decide and respond.
- Three more youth are going to camp. A couple of non-member youths are going to camp, in hopes that their families will join the church.
- Joyce Colvin is managing the fair stand this year. Dayton will be her assistant. Both positions will be paid by the Youth Committee.
- Pastor has been helping two other Pastors, while they have been out of the area.
- Pastor Joyce shared that she still has computer and internet issues and hopefully it will be resolved tomorrow. There was discussion. The Council told Pastor that if it isn't fixed, then they recommend

that Vast install their router and any other equipment needed to get it working.

- Pastor stated that we have collected over \$2,000 from the noisy offering, the last 7 months.

**President's Report:** No report.

**Vice-President's Report:** Church inventory is almost done. Waiting for the kitchen inventory and Kristy is working on it. Craig is still working on the Certificates of Insurance. There was discussion about making Mark & Melissa employees - they clean the church. Craig will talk to our insurance company about this.

### **Committee Reports – Round Table**

- Worship – Tami T. – They had a meeting. Discussed when Pastor will be gone August 1<sup>st</sup> – there are volunteers for the service and a taped sermon. Tami brought up Facebook live concerns from their committee meeting regarding how long it will continue and getting more helpers. The Council discussed these items. Will start to look for more options for organists, including outside of the church.
- Congregational Life – Dave D. – Picnic at the Parsonage this Sunday. Dave has organized the food and Brenda K. organized the games.
- Adult Ed – Brenda K. – This is the last push for the Lauren Dagle concert. The last sign-up date is July 25<sup>th</sup> and the concert is October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm. Brenda will post sign-up sheets in the church. Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> is the Shetek Family Day with a meal. Brenda will post a flyer for this.
- Property Management– Scott S. – Parsonage outside improvements this week.
- Fair - It is August 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. Council discussed the need for food stand help. Help will be open to all congregation members.
- Mission & Outreach – No report.
- Youth – No report.
- Sunday School – No report.

### **Old Business**

- Tech Update – This was discussed earlier.
- Memorial Committee – There was discussion. Dave D. made a motion to set up the Memorial Committee based on the guidelines that were presented. Erin M. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed. Dave D. and Kristy H. will meet and nominate a congregation member to join. Dave D. and Pastor Joyce will meet to discuss this process.
- Covid Update – The start of coffee after worship was discussed. It will start in September.

**New Business** – Fall Planning – Pastor Joyce announced that she will be retiring. November 7<sup>th</sup> will be her last day. She will have been here 8 years. The Synod will meet with the Council regarding the call process.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 pm, with the Closing Prayer.

Chris Hollingsworth, Secretary

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August 2021

Dear FLCW,

It is time to gear up for fall and winter activities. The FLCW Board met recently and have some plans and ideas.



Wednesday, August 18 is our Summer Trip. We will be going to Sioux Falls to tour the Heritage Village at Augustana. It is a collection of buildings of Scandinavian pioneers. We will also tour St. Joseph's Cathedral. Meet at the church at 9 for coffee. We will leave about 9:30. We should be back in Pipestone by 4:30 or 5. We will be having lunch in Sioux Falls. We may make other stops. Please let the church office know by Monday, August 16 if you are planning on attending so we can have enough vehicles. The only cost is lunch.

Circles this year will be group only on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. Times may change as the year progresses. Our next circle meeting will be Thursday, September 16 at 9am. We will be meeting at Finnian's Coffee House in the meeting room. Bring your Bible and the September Gather magazine. Coffee and goodies are on your own. Hope to see many of you there!

We assembled 25 Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief this summer. Now it is time for School Kits. Please shop those school supply sales for the needed items. Thank you!

4 70-sheet notebooks

box of 16 or 24 crayons

Ruler with centimeters as well as inches

blunt tip scissors

Pencil sharpener

5 unsharpened pencils

5 ballpoint pens, no gel

eraser approx. 2 ½ inches long

Quilting will continue the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month at 9:30am. In September that will be the 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Kaffi Ti will be held this year on Saturday, December 11 from 9-11am. The tea table will be back. There will be no Bake Days for lefse or other goodies. Everyone is on their own. Let me know if you need recipes.

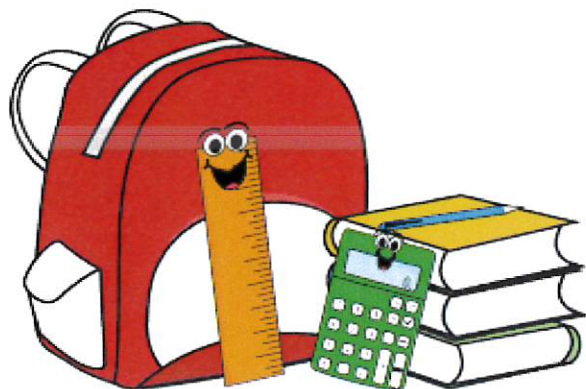
The Shetek Quilt Auction raised over \$55,000. This is a record. A thank you from Shetek is in this newsletter which includes what our items sold for and who the purchaser is.

We will be hosting the Shetek Conference Spring Gathering on Thursday, April 21 in the late afternoon and early evening. More information about this will be coming later.

Enjoy these last days of summer. Attend the Pipestone County Fair and support the First Lutheran Fair Stand.

See you in Church! Kristy Henriksen

*It's Time to start collecting items for the School kits. Items needed are below:*



One box of 16 or 24 crayons  
 Four notebooks  
 One ruler with 30-centimeters & inches  
 One pencil sharpener One eraser  
 One pair of blunt scissors  
 5 unsharpened #2 pencils  
 5 black or blue ball point pens (no gel ink)

*Please bring them to Church by September 1<sup>st</sup>.*

### FLCW Thank You

Thank you for the BEAUTIFUL quilt! I love the colors! The work y'all put into those quilts is AMAZING & I truly appreciate it !

- McKenzie Dulas



### Thanks and Appreciation For Bishop Jon Anderson

Open House: August 14<sup>th</sup> 1-5pm All are welcome.

Redwood Area Community Center

901 E. Cook Street, Redwood Falls, Mn 56283

We are gathering to celebrate Bp. Jon's 18 years of service to the Southwestern Minnesota Synod.

Bp. Jon will conclude his third, six-year term as Bishop on August 31, 2021.

## 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.*



Kay Buranen.....	Good Samaritan
Darline Dalin .....	Good Samaritan
Fern Horton.....	Falls Landing
Allen Houg.....	Good Samaritan

08/01 Tammy & Lance Oye  
Jennifer & Mike Thode  
08/05 Dorie & Chuck Sendelbach  
08/10 Gail & Scott Barduson  
08/11 Jenny & Dale Mathews  
Mari & Dan Wagner  
08/13 Sarah & Harold Meyer  
Nicole & Dan Buffington  
08/22 Theresa & Terry Swenson  
08/23 Linda & Al Hollingsworth  
Bridget & Jim Benz  
08/24 Ellen & Dave Dulas  
Jill & Dave Boucher  
08/26 Gerry & Gaile Brockberg  
08/28 Kristen & Dan Lee



<p><b><u>2021 Kaffi-Ti</u></b>  <b>Saturday, December 11</b>  <b>9-11:00am</b>  <b>Stayed tuned for more details !</b></p>
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# WORSHIP

## ASSISTANTS

Date	Time	Reader		Ushers	Sound
08/01/21	9:30	Brad Willey		Rollie Wolff Creighton Schroyer Scott Rudie Jason Gordon	Mark Zinnel
08/08/21	9:30		Communion <u>Assistant</u>	Rollie Wolff Creighton Schroyer Scott Rudie Jason Gordon	Jason Gordon
08/15/21	9:30			Rollie Wolff Creighton Schroyer Scott Rudie    Jason Gordon	Neil Johnson
08/22/21	9:30	Toni Baartman	Communion <u>Assistant</u>	Rollie Wolff Creighton Schroyer Scott Rudie Jason Gordon	Mike Straw
08/29/21	9:30	Lori Ilse		Rollie Wolff Creighton Schroyer Scott Rudie Jason Gordon	Brandon Willey Mark Zinnel

### FLCW Trip to Sioux Falls Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>

9:00am: Coffee at Church

Tour Heritage Park Augustana

Noon: Lunch

Afternoon: Tour St. Joseph's Cathedral



08/01 Tish Abrahamson  
       Sheila Horton  
 08/02 Marge Christensen  
       Drake Hamner  
       Jennifer Weber  
 08/03 Taylyn Burtzel  
       Pat Clark  
  
 08/04 Shannen Muller  
 08/05 Kynlee Ilse  
       Zavion Johnson  
       Dawson Kellen  
  
 08/06 Ellie Mastbergen  
       Ryan Woodbury  
 08/07 Brad Willey  
       Rachel Wolff  
 08/08 Rysley Borman  
       Mildred Carstensen  
       Jason Weber  
  
 08/11 Rollie Wolff  
 08/12 Randi Delaney  
 08/13 Mason Gunnink  
 08/14 Matt Dulas  
       Andrew Larson  
       Arvid Maschino  
       Thad Reinert  
       Tanya Schroyer  
  
 08/15 Dorie Sendelbach  
 08/16 Morgan Maschino  
 08/17 Oliver Sterud  
 08/18 Kaitlyn Maschino  
       Kennedy Maschino  
 08/19 Kayla Houselog  
       Keaton Kirlin  
 08/20 Rita Hazelton  
 08/21 Patti Peterson  
       Amy Willey  
       Brianna Woodbury

08/22 Titan Burnett  
       Claressa Kent  
       Mason Kent  
       McKenna Musch  
 08/23 Gerry Brockberg  
 08/24 Joyce DeWitte  
       Boyer Heidebrink  
       Craig Thies  
       Hailey Thode  
 08/25 Ashley Petersen  
       Bob Taubert  
  
 08/26 Jim Hartke  
       LaDonna Myers  
 08/27 Jeff Griebel  
       Kale Mastbergen  
 08/28 Renee Baumann  
 08/29 Haven Bush  
 08/30 Ron Ahlers  
       James Delaney  
       Cason Harms  
       Chris Hollingsworth  
       Emma Velde  
 08/31 Molly Dengler



### Hello to The Banquet Supporters

This is not a request for you to sign up – but a request for you to share our need for volunteers.



Please take just a moment to share this “sign up” link with your family, friends, co-workers via email, Facebook, twitter, snapshot, LinkedIn, etc. -

<https://thebanquetsf.org/serve-a-meal>

Or go to The Banquet’s Facebook page and share our post regarding the need for volunteers.

Feel free to share my phone number – 335 7066 – and suggest that they call me regarding volunteer opportunities!

The success of The Banquet in feeding and encountering our guests is due solely to the kindness extended by our volunteers. On July 1 we returned to full service at The Banquet Downtown and The Banquet West. We look forward to seeing new volunteers join with our current volunteers.

Please keep us in your prayers! Thank you for sharing our message.

Brian A Majerus, Community Partnership Coordinator “The Banquet”  
900 E 8<sup>th</sup> St., Sioux Falls, SD 57103 [volunteer@thebanquetsf.org](mailto:volunteer@thebanquetsf.org)  
(605) 335-7066

*Love has to be put into action, and that action is service.*



### Fair stand Workers Needed

We are looking for youth & adult workers to help at the church Fair Stand for the following dates & shifts: Wednesday Aug 4<sup>th</sup> - Saturday Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>; 11am-2pm, 2-5pm & 5-8pm. Each shift will require at least one adult to be working. *All are welcome to serve!*

If you have an interest in helping, please contact Tami Taubert at 507-820-3101.

**VOLUNTEERS are Needed for the Fair Stand Clean-up - Sunday, Aug 1<sup>st</sup> at 4pm.**



### Family Day At Shetek Lutheran Bible Camp

The day will consist of: a Meal -Adults \$9.50, Ages 4-10 \$6.50, Ages 0-3 Free; Family Games/Activities - Animal Environmental activity & craft; and Swimming (Lifeguard on duty). There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Last day to sign-up is Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.

## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

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July 8, 2021 10:00am

**Members Present:** Pastor Joyce, Eric Brockberg, Chuck Sendelbach

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the meeting held April 22, 2021, were reviewed and approved.

### Financial Report:

- a) On 06/09/2021 deposited \$779.75 into FLC Endowment Account. This was a distribution from Adams Diversified Equity. (Olga's account)
- b) As of 6/30/2021 FLC Endowment Fund balance is \$12,921.99
- c) Two EFT deposits were received on 7/01/2021 from the ELCA:
  - i) \$1395.65-combined second quarter distributions of FLC Endowment Fund and Benson Endowment Fund.
  - ii) \$63.41 – This is an additional distribution from ELCA to correct a shortage that occurred in the first quarter due to a change in computer system used by ELCA. (Both first and second quarter distributions from the ELCA are \$1395.65)

### Old Business

- a) Two formal recommendations regarding Olga Skailand's Endowment Fund were made at the FLC Council meeting on 5/0/2021"
  - i) To divide annual distributions derived from this fund equally rather than on a rotational basis.
  - ii) To divide these distributions equally every year among the Men, Sunday School, Youth and FLCW. Because the Choir is inactive, they will no longer be included as recipients. Should the choir become active they would immediately become eligible for an equal share of the next year's distribution.

\*Note: These two recommendations were approved by the FLC Council at the 5/19/2021 meeting.

- b) Discussed having Keith Pearson) ELCA Regional Gift Planner in our area) make a presentation after a church service on either October 10th or October 24<sup>th</sup>. Chuck will contact him.

**New Business:** The transfer of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter distribution from both the FLC Endowment Fund and the Benson Endowment Fund into the Reserve Fund was approved in the amount of \$2791.30. (\$1395.55 + \$1395.65) This will be repeated with the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter distributions in early January 2022.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held prior to the FLC Council meeting of 10/13/2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Sendelbach, Secretary Pro Tem



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July, 2021

Dear Women of the Church and Friends of Shetek Lutheran Ministries,

A very special THANK YOU for contributing to the 35th Annual Shetek Lutheran Ministries Quilt Auction. The quilt auction, food sales, theme baskets, and cash donations raised \$55547 minus expenses.

Your generous gifts of time, talents, creations, & contributions make it possible for YOUR camp to carry out its mission of providing Christ-centered learning experiences for people of all ages. The proceeds will go toward the camping ministry.

Your: Fruit Basket Upset quilt

Sold for: 60<sup>00</sup>

Buyer: Karla Conrad-Jasper

The committee is asking each congregation/Individual/Quilting Group to create a quilt, specialty craft, and/or theme basket for Shetek Lutheran Ministries 2022 36<sup>th</sup> Annual quilt auction.  
 Thank you for your support!

On behalf of Shetek Lutheran Ministries, we THANK YOU for your support in the ministry of the camp. May God richly bless you for all you do for YOUR camp.

Please join us next year for our 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Auction.  
 Save the date- June 25<sup>th</sup> 2022

The Quilt Auction Committee

Kristy Henriksen, Carol Wilson, Deb Haar, Connie Anderson  
 Kathy Peterson, Sarah Banks, Karla Conrad, Linda Swan,  
 Marcella Chapman, Jean Larson, Janna Milbradt, Bonnie Frederickson, and  
 Nora Dahlhoff

2) Denium Rug  
 60<sup>00</sup>

Monica Vandeborg- Sioux Falls

Your: Woven Rug  
Sold For: 40<sup>00</sup>  
Buyer: Karen Skarphol - Windom

Your: Retro 1930's  
Sold For: 75<sup>00</sup>  
Buyer: Harlan Handervidt - Worthington

Your: Denium Rug  
Sold For: 55<sup>00</sup>  
Buyer: Shirley Weime - Worthington

Your: Denium Rug  
Sold For: 50<sup>00</sup>  
Buyer: Sandra Kenneke - Garvin

Your: Denium rug  
Sold For: 60<sup>00</sup>  
Buyer: Theresa Nysetrold - Slayton

Your: Christmas Windows quilt  
Sold For: 60<sup>00</sup>  
Buyer: Leon Mostland - Ruthton

Your: Denium Rug  
Sold For: 65<sup>00</sup>

Monica Vardeborg - Sioux falls

## Pipestone County Area Food Shelf

July 1, 2021

PIPESTONE COUNTY FOOD SHELF, INC.  
223 2<sup>ND</sup> Street N W  
Pipestone, MN 56164

While children are out of school for the summer, many families struggle to increase their food budgets to keep food on the table. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, households continue to experience significant economic hardship in the aftermath of high unemployment, distance learning, and business closures. That is why the PIPESTONE COUNTY FOOD SHELF is here and continuing to meet the increased need in our community. To help us ensure our community members have the food resources they need, we are participating in the Open Your Heart (OYH) Summer Challenge. Open Your Heart helps fund solutions to end hunger and homelessness in Minnesota.

As we take part in the OYH challenge during the month of July, the funds we raise will be proportionately matched up to \$4,000 based on how much each participating food shelf raises. Will you help us rise to the challenge? Every \$1 you give stays here in Pipestone.

Please consider making a financial contribution to the PIPESTONE COUNTY FOOD SHELF during the month of July and help those who rely on us to meet their daily food needs. **Your contribution of any amount will have a significant impact on our efforts to fight hunger in our community by leveraging proportionally matched dollars from OYH.**

Please make checks payable to and send to:  
PIPESTONE COUNTY FOOD SHELF, INC.  
223 2<sup>ND</sup> Street N W  
Pipestone, MN 56164



## **Challenge Yourself to End Hunger**

Accept the 2021 Food Shelf Challenge from Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless and the PIPESTONE COUNTY FOOD SHELF this July.

### **You can make a difference for hungry families in our community.**

Minnesota summers were made for trips to the cabin, boat rides on the lake, and farmers market outings, not food shelf visits. Children are home from school and the family budget is tight. The PIPESTONE COUNTY FOOD SHELF, INC. helps provide nutritious fruits and vegetables to these families and needs your help this summer.

In a normal summer, we see an increase in child visits during the summer. When school is out for summer vacation, many children miss out on free school meals and their families turn to us for support. This summer, between the kids being home from school and more families out of work or experiencing economic hardship due to the pandemic, we're seeing a greater level of need.

### **Make a bigger impact on hunger in our community this July**

Every day, Minnesotans make over 10,000 visits to food shelves statewide – that is more than seven visits to a food shelf every minute if food shelves were open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In 2020, Minnesota food shelf visits were up 7% from the year before, setting a new record high of over 3.8 million visits. Children represented 35.7% of food shelf visits in Minnesota with a total of 1,368,251 visits. Even before COVID-19, there was a record level of need across the state.

You can make a difference this year by donating throughout the month of July. The more you donate, the larger our food shelf's grant from Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless will be. The challenge funds will proportionally match your donation. Your financial donation will go further due to our buying power. We can purchase food from our food bank for pennies on the pound.

Since 1986, Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless has targeted millions of dollars to strategically fight hunger in Minnesota. Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless funds the purchase and transfer of more than one million pounds of fresh produce, meat, and dairy products to food shelves every year. Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless also provides grants for food shelves and food banks to get the equipment they need—like freezers, shelving and trucks—to be able to serve the growing number of Minnesotans who can't afford enough food for their families.

Hunger Solutions Minnesota is the statewide organization that coordinates this challenge grant opportunity. Hunger Solutions works to end hunger via the Minnesota Food HelpLine and by advancing fair public nutrition policies on behalf of hungry Minnesotans. Hunger Solutions also connects Minnesota's food shelves with funding and technical assistance to support the 10,000+ daily food shelf visits statewide.

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

An important part of the Gathering's ministry are the two pre-events, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE), a faith formation and leadership development event primarily for youth of color, and the tAble, a gathering that brings together, blesses and empowers youth with disabilities.

#### MORE INFORMATION

#### DETAILS

Start:

July 24, 2022

End:

July 28, 2022

Cost:

\$350

Event Categories:

[Congregations, Youth Ministry](#)

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GOD BEYOND MEASURE

## Ephesians 3:14-21 CEV

<sup>14</sup>I kneel in prayer to the Father. <sup>15</sup>All beings in heaven and on earth receive their life from [God]. <sup>16</sup>God is wonderful and glorious. I pray that [God's] Spirit will make you become strong followers <sup>17</sup>and that Christ will live in your hearts because of your faith. Stand firm and be deeply rooted in [God's] love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you and all of God's people will understand what is called wide or long or high or deep. <sup>19</sup>***I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is.***

<sup>20-21</sup> I pray that Christ Jesus and the church will forever bring praise to God. [God's] power at work in us can do far more than we dare ask or imagine. Amen.

We are bound. Bound by our sin, by the expectations of others, by poverty, by -isms that try to divide us, and by so much more. In a life that often feels like it has young people in a suffocating grip, we want them to imagine the boundlessness of God: boundless love, boundless mercy, boundless freedom, boundless creation, boundless strength. All offered from a gracious and loving God who knows and adores them. All so abundant and endless it cannot be measured.

What are the stories of God's people, both in scripture and modern day that share the awe and wonder of just how vast our God is? What does it mean, what does it look and feel like to live a life "filled with all that God is"? How can young people find themselves within the boundlessness of Christ's love?

MYLE, the tAble and the Gathering are unique opportunities to invite young people into a deeper relationship with a God whose possibilities are boundless. Through one of a kind experiences, this ministry stretches and affirms young people's gifts and calls. They experience the power of the Spirit within them, that frees them to live in the grace of God's boundless love in Jesus Christ.

Finally, we are excited by the connections this theme offers to our host city of Minneapolis and the surrounding area. Known as the "City by Nature", Minneapolis is an earth-minded city in many ways. The Minneapolis Area Synod also names advocacy around care for creation as a top priority, which would allow us to learn from and support the local expression of the church.

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>August</b> <b>1</b> 9:30am Worship at Church & live streamed 4:00pm Fair stand clean-up	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Pastor back from vacation	<b>4</b> 11am-8pm Fair stand - Pipestone County Fair 7:00pm Property management meeting	<b>5</b> 11am-8pm Fair stand - Pipestone County Fair	<b>6</b> 11am-8pm Fair stand - Pipestone County Fair  Last day to sign up for Shetek Family Day	<b>7</b> 11am-8pm Fair stand - Pipestone County Fair 8:00pm Fair stand clean-up
<b>8</b> 9:30am Worship/Holy Communion at Church & live streamed	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 8:00PM Council meeting	<b>12</b> 9:30am Quilting 4-5:00pm Second Harvest	<b>13</b>	
<b>15</b> 9:30am Worship at Church & live streamed Noon - Shetek Family Day	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:00am FLCW trip to Sioux Falls	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:30am Worship/Holy Communion at Church & live streamed	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9:30am Quilting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30am Worship at Church & live streamed	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>September</b>  <b>1</b> School kit supplies due	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
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**Join Us for the Lauren Daigle Concert**

Adult Education Comm. would like to invite you to join us at the Denny Sanford Premier Centre October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm for the Lauren Daigle Concert. One group may go early for a Dinner meal if there is interest.

Call the Denny Sanford box office for tickets at (605) 367-7288.

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