



Our Church

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Who Will Be Our Next Pastor?

*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD,
plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.*

Jeremiah 29:11

As the Call Committee waits to receive a list of possible pastor candidates to interview I thought that this would be a good time to reflect upon the plans God has for First Lutheran's future. I hope you noticed that I said *"the plans God has"* because God does have a plan and He wants us to be encouraged by that reality. And the plan He has is to give us a future with hope! That plan also includes a new pastor to provide leadership for the beginning of First Lutheran's 2nd 150 years!

I cannot tell you who that pastor will be but God will reveal that to us...hopefully sooner than later. I cannot tell you if that pastor will be younger or older, male or female, married with kids or single. But for what it's worth, based on my 32+ years as pastor and as a church renewal specialist, I can tell you the things I hope will be ministry priorities for him or her. They are the things that I have been discovering in my reading and my 2 ½ year adventure leading DreamLeaders Initiative weekends in 29 ELCA congregations in Florida, Michigan, and Illinois. They are the ministry priorities I have been emphasizing in my 16 months with you. They are tied to the phrase *"It's Not About You!"* inspired by Philippians 2:4...*Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.*

- **Renew Worship!** Thriving congregations understand that how they worship and the style of the songs they sing must align with the "interests" of those they are seeking to reach. In First Lutheran's case, we know we need to do a better job connecting with young adults, families, and children. Many churches are also struggling to do that and there are several churches in the Monmouth area having great success reaching younger generations. If you were to worship with them on Sunday as Patti and I have, you will discover the most obvious difference in their worship is the very contemporary style of music they use. Our new worship band is a huge step forward in this regard, but to see greater fruit how we worship will need to continue to evolve and stay relevant to younger generations. We also need to keep reminding each other that *"It's Not About Me!"*

- **Grow Disciples!** As you have heard me say, *“Revitalization is a Matter of the Heart.”* Hearts and lives are changed through helping people develop a heart to heart relationship with Jesus...my way of saying *Grow Disciples!* It’s not about you. It’s about Jesus! Thriving congregations insist that their members engage in regular Bible study with one another. Gathering together in small groups to read and reflect upon the teachings of Jesus, pray together, support one another, and adopt mission projects is a key emphasis in growing congregations. It builds community and it inspires deeper commitment to mission. We have made very modest headway in this regard at First Lutheran through the Heart to Heart Encounters with Jesus studies and the Lenten mid-week gatherings but much more needs to be done in order to experience true revitalization.
- **Serve Your Community!** When the Jerusalem temple was destroyed by their Babylonian enemies, the dreams of the people of Israel were shattered as well. Many of the survivors were sent to Babylon to serve their captors. Their pain was great. The prophet Jeremiah reached out to comfort them through a hand delivered letter that included the powerful words of hope I shared above. What many don’t realize is that his letter also included this powerful statement in verse 7: *Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.* Can you imagine being told to seek the welfare of your enemies and pray for them? It sounds just like Jesus doesn’t it? But did you catch the promise at the end of the verse...*for in its welfare you will find your welfare?* Thriving congregations understand that they exist not for themselves but for the community in which they have been planted. Of course they take care of one another but they do that so they are able to share the love of Jesus in word AND deed with their neighbors. That is why the Dream Team has focused on understanding the needs and challenges our community so that we can be more effective in meeting unmet community needs. That is the most authentic way to make Christ known and I am excited with the new community outreach initiatives being launched. The renewal and future vitality of First Lutheran depends on getting every member engaged in some sort of meaningful community service. Please find your niche so that you can bless others and be blessed in the process.

Why do I bring this up now? Because our Call Committee will soon be interviewing candidates to serve as First Lutheran’s next pastor. My hope and prayer is that the Call Committee will be drawn to the candidate who most passionately embraces these

mission priorities. Once a candidate is recommended, and you are asked to vote, my hope and prayer is that you will also be looking for these mission priorities!

These are mission critical days at First Lutheran and that mission really is *not about you*. But as you each look to the future and the role you will play in its renewal, I want to leave you with one final phrase of hope: *It's Not Up to You Either!* which was inspired by Ephesians 3:20...*By the power at work within us, God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine!* Did you catch that? *It's Not About You or Up to You!* It's all about God who calls us into mission and accomplishes great things through His power at work in us. That's His plan and that gives us a future with hope!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jeff Linman

Summer Outreach Volunteer Opportunities!

Multi-Cultural Food & Music Fest, June 10th

Our closest neighboring church is the Monmouth Chin Christian Church with over 250 members who fled the Chin Province of Myanmar (formerly Burma) because of religious persecution. Pastor Jeff initiated a conversation with their Pastor, Niceu Cinzah, last Easter, to extend a word of welcome, explore ways for our two churches to get acquainted, and to see if there were ways we could help them as they assimilate to life in a new country. ***FLC will host a multi-cultural potluck in our fellowship hall followed by a music fest in our sanctuary, Sunday June 10th from 6 to 8 pm.***

Please bring a favorite food from your culture to share. Beverages and table service will be provided. After dinner we will adjourn to the sanctuary to enjoy music and dance from the Chin Christian Church, music from our worship band, bell choir, organists, and others, plus a couple of songs from the choral music department at neighboring Monmouth-Roseville High School, courtesy of their director and our neighbor, Kevin Ferry. Many of these students will be performing at Carnegie Hall and the 9-11 Memorial in New York City later this month. We will be inviting our immediate neighbors to join us and we would encourage you to invite friends and neighbors to join you as well. Since First Lutheran began as an immigrant church, it seems very fitting for us to reach out to these new immigrants as part of our 150th Anniversary celebration.

If you would like to help with set-up and clean-up for the potluck, contact Kay Bailey, Patti Linman, Kay Lovdahl, Jenny Sanberg, or DeeDee Yez.

The Open Table...Community Conversation, June 16-20

A nationally recognized faith-based program that addresses issues of poverty through the creation of safety nets of caring community members who make a commitment to help a family or individual overcome their life challenges with a goal toward becoming self-sufficient. Pastor Jeff's congregation in Florida was just getting involved in this ministry when he moved. The closest Open Table program is in nearby Carthage.

Jon Katov, the founder of this ministry will be hanging out with us June 16-20 to introduce this ministry to the Warren County community with the hope of getting wide-spread church and community support for launching this ministry. Check out www.TheOpenTable.org and then contact Pastor Jeff if you would like to learn more.

Doug Cruce has also offered to lend a hand with this ministry.

At least three informational meetings will be held June 18th and 19th.

First Lutheran will be hosting a gathering but feel free to attend the one that best fits your schedule. Watch the Sunday bulletin and email updates for further details.

Summer Tutoring Volunteers Needed

5-10 adults from the Chin Christian Church are involved in the English as a Foreign Language program at Willits School. The program is not offered in the summer, so Judy Sanberg and Pam VanKirk are exploring offering a short term language program 1 to 2 hours per week during the summer. Curriculum and training will be provided by Kang Hee Hong, the EFL coordinator for the Regional office of Education.

Watch for further details and contact Judy or Pam to learn more about how you can help with this volunteer opportunity.

Communion Visitors

We are looking for two or three people to serve as "Communion Visitors." These people will be trained to bring Holy Communion to people who are homebound. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Vince.

Tech Booth Volunteers Needed

If you are computer and/or sound savvy, we would love to have you on our new tech team to advance the slides and adjust the sound during worship.

If interested, please contact Pastor Jeff.

Hospice 101

Since I have been at Monmouth for a few years now, I thought it would be a good idea to talk again about hospice. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

There is so much to say, and so little space, but here goes. Hospice is care designed to keep people comfortable in their home environment when they have a life limiting illness. They need to elect comfort care and not aggressive treatment of the disease. If a person has an illness or disease that if it ran its normal course would be terminal within 6 months, people generally qualify for hospice. Hospice provides services -- RN, Social Worker, Home Health Aid and Chaplain -- as well as medications and home health equipment related to the terminal diagnosis. Medicare pays for this at 100%.

Hospice care happens at whatever place a person calls home -- home, ALF, SLF, SNF... For a resident in a facility, hospice care is value added care -- facilities cannot reduce the normal care they would provide a resident on hospice -- so the services that hospice provides bring additional services to facility residents. Hospice nursing staff is available 24 - 7 to assist with symptom management.

People choosing to utilize hospice have a choice -- any facility or doctor receiving Medicare funding cannot dictate the hospice agency that will be used. A hospice cannot dictate which doctor you will use. A hospice should not require a patient to be a Do Not Resuscitate. Patients and families always have a choice. That is important because even though each hospice has a core set of services they must provide, all hospice deliver them in different ways.

Hospice is not a death sentence. In fact, with certain diseases, people on hospice live longer. This is especially true in people with COPD, heart disease and even dementia. Because a hospice RN is seeing a patient on a regular basis, they often catch changes that would lead to hospitalization and provide interventions that keep people out of the hospital.

There is so much more to say, and if you want to hear more, please ask me. I have been in hospice for close to 20 years, and I will continue to work in hospice.

Pastor Vince Marolla

Back to Our Future: A Never-Ending Story!

Dear Members and Friends of FLC,

Our big 150th Anniversary Homecoming event will be Reformation Sunday, October 28th. Stay tuned for other events! In the meantime, this monthly anniversary page is a place for you to share special memories (funny, meaningful, hopeful, surprising, reflective, you name it), as well as hope and dreams for our future. Contributions from everyone, including pictures, are invited! Email them to office@flcmonmouth.org or drop them off at church!

Thank you!

-150th Anniversary Committee

As we continue to celebrate our 150 years as a congregation here at First Lutheran in Monmouth, the memories just keep coming back to me. From my earliest days in Sunday School, with teachers like Carolyn Bachman and Esther Musser, to my days of dropping my own kids off at Sunday School with Judy Sanberg, the things that stand out the most to me are not things--they're people. We have had wonderful people here throughout the years-- secretaries like Rosa Fillman, Anna Lovdahl, and Nancy Dowell, organists such as Richard Johnson, Sandy Good, Pam Killinger, and Janice Algren, and too many faithful families and friends to even attempt to mention. And, of course, we have had many dedicated men of the cloth to lead us through the good times and the bad.

In my lifetime, I have lived through only a handful of pastors. Pastor Swanson baptized me, but I truthfully have no memory of him. Pastor Youngquist shepherded us through my childhood and early adulthood years, having confirmed me and married me (the first time). Pastor Moyer was a wonderful interim pastor for us and a very warm and easy-going man. Pastor David Johnson baptized both of my children and I'll always remember how joyful he was as he carried them each around the congregation after the ceremony was performed. Heather didn't make things easy on him, either, with all the tears and yells emitting from her sweet little mouth. And Jacob, being 10lb.13oz. at birth, was quite a handful, too. I will always treasure my memories of these special men who played such vital roles in my life and those of my children.

Did I leave somebody out? Yes, I believe I did. Before Pastor Jeff and Pastor Vince came, we had Pastor Killinger for over 13 years. Next to Pastor Youngquist who served us for 24 years, he was the longest-running pastor my kids and I knew here. In fact, he is the only minister my children remember at all. And he is the main reason that I am as involved in FLC as much as I am today.

Pastor Killinger helped answer my questions about death and dying after my mom died in 2009. He was so kind and compassionate toward me during such a difficult time in my life, that when he said that he'd like to see me in church more, I started coming more and more until I was here almost every Sunday. Time after time, he answered the numerous questions I had as a result of spending so many years disengaged from regular worship. He never judged me at all and he helped me come to a better understanding of God and of our Lutheran faith. He gave up hours of his time counseling me through a severe depression and times of upheaval in my life. He gave me advice on everything from gardening to travel to healthy foods to colleges for Heather. He gently nudged me into first becoming a Lenten soup supper leader, then a lector, then to serving on the church council, and now look at where I am. My kids, Heather and Jacob, each thoroughly enjoyed their confirmation classes with him. I vividly recall Jacob asking why they couldn't be more than once a week. Heather would always come out of class still enthralled by the deep and often off-topic discussions they would have. I never had to coerce either one of them into acolyting (well, not too often anyway). My parents also thought very highly of him and Pam. My dad didn't often agree with him on many issues, but always referred to him as a good man. He has meant so much to my whole family.

Our church has been blessed with many special, beloved, and impactful people in these past 150 years. I consider Pastor Keith Killinger one of those people, as I know so many others do. As the only living full-time pastor we have left, I write this to honor him and his place in our blessed and bountiful history. I sincerely hope that other people will contribute their special memories, too. We have so much to share with each other!

Sincerely,
Pam Best

First Lutheran to Be Honored at Synod Assembly

First Lutheran and other Northern Illinois Synod congregations celebrating major anniversaries...like our 150th...will be honored during a special event, Friday, June 15th at First Lutheran Church in downtown Moline. The evening will conclude with a Prayer Service. We would like to have a delegation of First Lutheran members drive up for the evening to attend. Carpools will be arranged for those interested. Watch for a sign-up sheet after worship in early June or contact Pastors Jeff or Vince.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

K-5 Sunday School

Sunday School for children in grades K-5 will wrap up Sunday May 20th.

It will resume in the Fall. Thanks to Judy Sandberg for her faithful service as teacher and Carl Hamburg for helping. If you would like to get involved as an extra set of hands or teacher in the fall, please contact Judy or Pam Best.

Middle and High School Sunday School

The weekly Sunday School class for middle and high school will also wrap up Sunday May 20th. It will resume in the Fall. Thanks to Mark and Ellen Shrader for their faithful service as teachers this year. If you would like to get involved as an extra set of hands or teacher in the fall, please contact Mark or Ellen.

Confirmation

Weekly Confirmation for middle and high school youth will wrap up May 23rd and resume in the fall. Contact Pastor Jeff for further information.

FLC @ MC Campus Ministry

First Lutheran's new Campus Ministry with Monmouth College students will resume when students return in the Fall. All college students are welcome. This year's students plan to help with the annual freshman Walk Out in August. For further information, contact Pastor Jeff.

Summer "Lessons from the Early Church" Study Planned!

Pastor Jeff will lead a Wednesday Bible study entitled "*Lessons from the Early Church!*" Based on Acts 1-2, Ephesians, and Philippians, the study will look for lessons to be learned from the early church that can be applied to our renewal journey as a congregation. The study will explore a chapter per week and be held on Wednesdays, beginning June 6th at both 2 pm and 7 pm in the Pastor's Office.

Each study stands alone so you may attend as your schedule allows. Contact Pastor Jeff for more information and to let him know if you will be attending.

SUMMER EVENTS

Graduation Recognition Sunday, June 3rd

There will be a reception for this year's graduates on Sunday, June 3rd, in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the second service. If you are graduating from high school or college, or know someone who is, please contact the church office so we don't leave anyone out of the celebration!

Frisbee Golf / Cookout, June 3rd (1st of Monthly Summer Youth Events!)

Three fun summer events for all middle and high school youth and their friends are being planned by Pastor Jeff along with Mark and Ellen Shrader. The first event will be Frisbee Golf and a cookout at Monmouth Park, Sunday, June 3rd from 5 to 7 pm.

Contact Pastor Jeff, Mark, or Ellen to let them know you're coming.

Annual Strawberry Festival, June 14th

Come join the First Lutheran family for a BBQ meal followed by cake and strawberry-topped ice cream on Thursday, June 14th, from 5-7pm!

The Monmouth Municipal Band and First Lutheran's Worship Band will be performing live outside (weather permitting) beginning at 6:15pm. Suggested donation is \$6.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children 10 and under. To help in any way or to donate food items, please contact Betty Bruyn or Kathy Erlandson.

Vacation Bible School, July 8th-12th

We will once again be partnering up with the Methodist Church for Vacation Bible School this year. Faith U.P. will also be joining us this year. VBS will run July 8th-12th from 5:15-8:15 pm at the Methodist Church. We will be asking for supply and/or monetary donations in the near future. Be watching for more information in the bulletin and by email. If you're interested in helping at VBS, please contact

Wendy Anderson by email at wndylu2@hotmail.com or by phone

at (309) 221-8219. Thank you in advance for your support.

150th Anniversary Picnic and Community Worship Service @ Monmouth Park, July 22nd

The 150th Anniversary Committee is planning a picnic and community worship service, Sunday, July 22nd at Monmouth Park. Our Sunday worship that day will be held at the band stand in the park at 10am. Our worship band will provide the music. The community and your friends are welcome! After worship we will have a potluck picnic at the shelter just west of the band stand. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages will be provided with members asked to bring picnic dishes to share (side dishes, salads, and/or desserts). Members are also encouraged to bring outdoor games to share like croquet, bags / corn hole, etc.

Contact any member of the Anniversary Committee to volunteer to cook the burgers and dogs, set-up, and/or clean-up. (Pam Best, Janice Algren, Kay Bailey, Diane Carlson, Connie Larimer, Ellen Shrader, Kurt Volz)

Watch the Sunday bulletin and weekly emails for further details.



Things Are Still POPPING @ First Lutheran!

Though slowed down by a long winter, the arrival of spring has seen our popcorn machines active again. To advertise the new *The Open Door* program for high school students, Warren Dobry and others have been popping corn on Tuesdays and handing it out to students as they leave the school for lunch. Tucked inside each bag of free popcorn? A flyer about *The Open Door*!



Thank you to Kay Bailey, Betty Bruyn, Connie Larimer, and Rose Sandstrom for helping to assemble the last newsletter!



MAIL RECEIVED



Thank you to all those that sent cards, thoughts, and prayers while I was recuperating from hip surgery in Rochester, MN. It is wonderful to have such a thoughtful and caring church family. I hope to get back to church soon. Thanks again. I missed you.

- Carol Hanson



Please join us on *Saturday, May 19th, 2018* from *1:00pm to 4:00pm*
 at the *Buchanan Center for the Arts* to celebrate with
Emma Nuckles
 as she graduates from *Monmouth-Roseville High School*.

<u>WELCA Circles</u>	
JUNE	
<u>Sarah</u>	<u>Naomi</u>
<i>Glenna Martin</i>	<i>DeeDee Yez</i>

<u>WELCA Circles</u>	
JULY	
<u>Sarah</u>	<u>Naomi</u>
<i>Eat Out!</i>	<i>Kathy Erlandson</i>



Please Remember in Your Prayers

Ryder Armstrong, Mary Beedle, Angela Bradley-Volz, Ruth Fluke, Shane Johnson, Kathy Bertelsen Kever, Peggy Kulczewski, Cathy Bush Raymer, Melvin Schlicker, Marjorie Swanson, Richard Reynolds, Bill Root, Marjorie Smith, Austin Loving, John Petersen, Cheryl Clark, Louise Parks, Richard Rieck, Bette Marolla.

If you have someone you would like included on the prayer list, please contact the church office. Please let Courtney know who you would like included, for how long, and if we can include their name on our website.

Participant Directory Update!

We are in the final stages of creating our new Participant Directory. If you haven't turned in a Household Data Form yet please do so by May 15th. We hope to have the new directory printed and available before the next newsletter.

Want to Become a Member/Disciple at FLC?

Are you new or returning to First Lutheran and excited about what's happening? If so, please consider joining the congregation by becoming a member/disciple! Pastor Jeff will be scheduling a New Member / Disciple orientation soon. To express an interest and offer your thoughts on the best time to meet, speak with Pastor Jeff in person or contact him by phone or text (407-435-8525), or email (jeff@flcmonmouth.org).

Want to Join the FLC Worship Band?

If you have musical gifts (vocal or instrumental) and would like to explore serving on FLC's worship band, please speak with Janice Algren (keyboardist) or any other member of the worship band after Sunday worship.

Community Care Days

Friday, June 1st and Saturday, June 2nd

Come be a part of caring for your neighbors in Warren County!

No experience or training necessary - though Community Care Days focuses on home repair and maintenance, there is plenty of yardwork and painting to do.

If you do have skills with things like woodworking, even better!

If you aren't up for two days of physical labor, no fear! Come for only one workday, or even just an afternoon. Each day the volunteers will meet at 8am, then be sent off to various projects. Where is the meeting place? Keep an eye on the bulletins, or call Steve Erlandson at (309) 236-7550 as the days get nearer.

And if you're only available later in the day, call Steve when you're free. You never know what projects could use an extra hand until you ask!

Church Family,

It's that time of year again! I'll once again be running for the kids of St. Jude. This will be my second year running the Memphis to Peoria run. We leave for Memphis on July 31st to start the run back to Peoria on August 1st. We will run during the days and through the night and will live out of an RV for 5 days arriving back in Peoria on August 4th.



In order to run, I need to raise a minimum of \$3,000, and that is where I'm asking for your help. Any donation is appreciated. You can write checks to St. Jude or First Lutheran Church with St. Jude noted in the memo. You can mail donations to me at 450 S. Hall St., Roseville, IL 61473 or drop them by the office or in the offering plate.

This is an opportunity I look forward to every year, and I greatly appreciate all the support you've provided in the past and will continue to provide me this year. Thank you for considering donating to this amazing cause. St. Jude kids and their families truly are the real heroes here.

- Wendy Anderson

Worship Helper Sign-Up Update!

As of printing time, 11 worship helpers are still needed for May at the 10:30am worship service. Sign-ups for the summer (June, July, August) for both services will be available starting May 13th. NEW - if you forgot to check the back of the chapel or sanctuary while at church, visit www.flcmonmouth.org to sign-up online!

If you would be willing to greet people before worship and serve as ushers, read the lessons and prayers, or set-up and serve communion, please check your schedule and sign-up on paper at church, online from home, or just call the church office.

MAY/JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Butch & Kaye Johnson	5/22/1960	58 years
DeeDee & David Yez	6/11/1966	52 years
David & Kathy Erlandson	6/26/1971	47 years
Connie & Charles Larimer	5/6/1972	46 years
Chip & Janice Algren	6/30/1973	45 years
Warren & Marlys Dobry	6/30/1973	45 years
Dean & Karen Marple	6/22/1974	44 years
Doug & Kathi Cruce	6/14/1975	43 years
Nancy & Rich Hanson	6/14/1975	43 years
Diane & Stan Carlson	6/19/1976	42 years
Ted & Sue Hanson	5/21/1977	41 years
Mike & Susie Jurgens	6/23/1979	39 years
Gary & Jan Martin	6/26/1982	36 years
Neal & Jacquelyn Heerwagen	6/12/1982	36 years
Gary & Judy Sanberg	6/4/1983	35 years
Rodger & Linda Ellison	6/1/1991	27 years
Sue & Bill Barrington	6/12/1993	25 years
Kirk & Ondria Moulden	5/11/1996	22 years
Dennis & Becky Terpening	6/7/2001	17 years
Jim Johnson & Kim Rains	5/25/2005	13 years
Ben & Jenny Sanberg	6/8/2013	5 years



MAY/JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Delores Johnson	5/1	Lorene Nelson	5/22	Rose Youngquist	6/6
Butch Johnson	5/2	David Sandstrom	5/26	Karen Marple	6/7
Andrew Youngquist	5/6	Mari Hauge	5/28	Wendy Anderson	6/11
Jacob Ide	5/7	Lena Johnson	5/28	Paul Swanson	6/16
Judy Champion	5/9	Nancy Reynolds	5/28	Richard Reynolds	6/18
Shelly Golden	5/16	Dean Sandstrom	5/31	Aaron Jensen	6/21
Todd Champion	5/18	Tamara Slater	5/31	Denise Mann	6/22
Carl Hamberg	5/19	Alexia Golden	6/2	Dave Bost	6/23
Linda Ellison	5/22	Susie Jurgens	6/2	Collin Nuckles	6/30

WORSHIP HELPERS – MAY 2018

Altar Care: DeeDee Yez

Altar Flowers: 6 - Butch & Kaye Johnson
13 - Doug & Kathi Cruce
20 - Carol Hanson
27 - Carl Hamberg

Lectors

Chapel: 6, & 13 & 20 Elaine Sander

Sanctuary: 6 Wendy Anderson, 13 Judy Sanberg, 20 Patti Linman, 27 OPEN

Communion Assistants

Chapel: 6 Gary Martin, 13 Cecil Lovdahl, 20 Robin Johnson

Sanctuary: 6 Kay Bailey & Diane Carlson, 13 Gary Sanberg,
20 OPEN & OPEN, 27 OPEN

Acolytes

Acolyte: 6 Derek Johnston, 13 Collin Nuckles, 20 & 27 Elise Blaesing

WORSHIP HELPERS – JUNE 2018

Altar Care: Julie Blaesing

Altar Flowers: 3 - OPEN
10 - Nancy and Jamie Reynolds, April Icenogle
17 - OPEN
24 - Algren

Lectors / Communion Assistants

Sign-ups now available both at church and at www.flcmonmouth.org!

Acolytes

Acolyte: 3 Derek Johnson, 10 & 17 & 24 TBA

Our Church in Your Inbox

First Lutheran is now delivering the monthly newsletter via email. If you would like to receive your newsletter this way, send an email to office@flcmonmouth.org.

If you're intrigued, but not sure you're ready to switch, please email the office anyway - you can get the newsletter both ways (mail and email) while you decide!

THE LIBRARY IS OPEN during regular office hours, before and after services on Sundays, and anytime there is an event at the church. Stop by to check out a book or two for some excellent reading.

First Lutheran Church Council Highlights

March 13, 2018

(approved April 10, 2018)

Living as Children of God;

Joyful in Worship, Faithful in Service

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by President Steve Erlandson, followed with prayer by Pastor Vince.

Present: Pastor Jeff, Pastor Vince, Steve Erlandson, Connie Larimer, Ray Bruyn, Butch Johnson, Ben Sanberg, Rose Sandstrom, and Ellen Shrader.

Joe Bratcher did a presentation from the Monmouth Police Department on the security of the Day Care Center and the Church.

Motioned, Seconded, and Approved

- Minutes from February 13th Council meeting and two special meetings on February 18th and 25th.
- Treasurer's Report
- Constitution Revision Congregational votes will be May 6th and May 20th, both at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall

- Ministry suggestion by Dream Team member Warren Dobry and Dave Giles: The Open Door will provide quiet time and a safe space for high-school youth (a small number). During April and May on Tuesday & Thursday evenings from 7:30pm to 10pm. Guidelines and restrictions will be set up. Some refreshments provided. \$500 from Renewal fund to be used on expenses.
- All Committee Reports

Old Business

- Nothing to report on Stephen's Ministry
- Parking lot update: Pastor Jeff contacted the principal of the high school about the parking in the church lot. A politely-worded warning has been written and begun to be placed on cars.
- The Open Table update: \$1,000 seed money authorized by Endowment Committee for The Open Table program.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor Jeff has made contact with seven Monmouth College students and is pursuing ongoing college ministry.
- Pastor Vince: replacement candle wicks of our current type can be found at Hobby Lobby.

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds

- The water fountain in the Fellowship Hall is rusting out.
- The boiler in the Parish House is leaking water, causing the system to shut down.
- On March 10th, 2018 the Heritage Restoration and Design Studio from Peoria was here to look at the whole church for new flooring and updates.

New Business

- Member / Participant Directory update – need to go through the list & clean it up.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.

Next meeting is April 10th, 2018 at 7pm.

-Connie Larimer, Secretary

(FULL MINUTES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

First Lutheran Church Council Highlights

April 10, 2018

(approved May 8, 2018)

Living as Children of God;

Joyful in Worship, Faithful in Service

The meeting was called to order at 6:55pm by President Steve Erlandson, followed with prayer by Pastor Jeff.

Present: Pastor Jeff, Pastor Vince, Steve Erlandson, Cecil Lovdahl, Connie Larimer, Ray Bruyn, Diane Carlson, Butch Johnson, Ben Sanberg, Rose Sandstrom, and Ellen Shrader.

Motioned, Seconded, and Approved

- Minutes from March 13th Council Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- A 1.5 hour per week increase in Courtney's hours.

Old Business

- Synod has received the Ministry Site Profile and will review it.
- Stephen's Ministry has one person interested. A new program known as Congregation Care would need 2-3 volunteers to train for Communion for shut-ins.
- High School parking in the Church parking lot has improved since the respectable notices have been put on the cars. Two vehicles have not paid attention. They will get a third type of notice and the principal will be contacted.
- Lock & Key Shop from Galesburg has been contacted – they came by to check the locks and access potential security options for the Day Care. Ben Sanberg will get information from Joe Bratcher, then Steve Erlandson and Diane Carlson will follow through.
- The Council looked over the working copy for the handling of church funds. At the May Council meeting we will discuss the handling of the offering plates between the services.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor Jeff: still meeting with the college students. Two students from Monmouth College are helping with The Open Door program. Some of the sophomores and juniors will help with the freshman walkout in September.

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds

- Discussion with a review of a bid from Columbia Decorating & Heritage Restoration on new flooring in the church.
- Our insurance agent is satisfied with how our church is currently handling security.

Lutheran Day Care Board

- Sandi Harmon, Director, reported that the budget is in a good place right now. Currently there are 28 children.
- Monmouth College football players will be doing the fence repair on the south side of the playground.

New Business

- Nominating Committee has made some contacts.
- June 15th & 16th is the Synod Assembly in Rock Island. The Northern Illinois Synod would like to recognize First Lutheran Church's 150th anniversary this year. As part of the recognition they would like a 2-3 minute video to show.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Next meeting is May 8th, 2018 at 7pm.

-Connie Larimer, Secretary

(FULL MINUTES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

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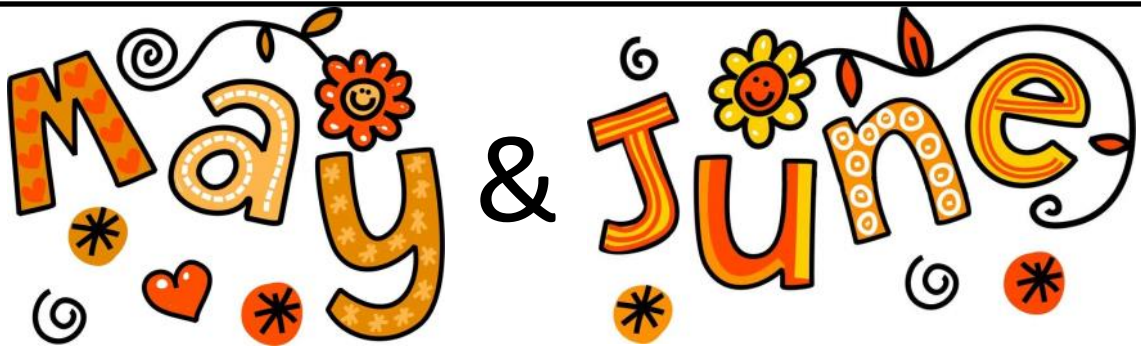
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DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 20 - Congregational Meeting: 9:30am
Jun 1 & 2 - Community Care Days Workdays
Jun 3 - Graduation Reception: 11am
- Youth Frisbee Golf & Cookout: 5pm
Jun 6 - Early Church Study Begins: 2pm & 7pm
Jun 10 - Multi-Cultural Food & Music Fest: 6pm
Jun 14 - Strawberry Festival: 5-7pm

Our Church

The deadline for the next newsletter (July/August) is **THURSDAY, JULY 5, 2018 at 8AM**. Please submit your articles by the deadline. Articles for submission to Our Church *may* be edited to fit the format. Whenever possible, please submit articles via e-mail (message text or attachment).

Thank you!