



Our Church

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We've Called Our Next Pastor! Now What?

Rejoice in the Lord always! Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:4-6,9

The title of my last newsletter article was a question many of you have had on your mind for a long time: *"Who Will Be Our Next Pastor?"* In the opening paragraph I referred to the reassuring witness of the prophet Jeremiah who stated that *God knows the plan that will give First Lutheran a future with hope.* I went on to say that *"I cannot tell you who that pastor will be but God will reveal that to us...hopefully sooner than later."* I said *"hopefully sooner than later"* but I did not know that *"sooner"* meant before the next newsletter would be published! I am pleased to share that on Sunday July 8th the congregation voted unanimously to make *"sooner"* happen now by calling a new pastor! He was warmly greeted with the news and has accepted the call. His name will be shared soon but before we can do that he has to notify the two congregations he is currently serving and give 4 weeks' notice. This will happen in the next few days with a mid-August arrival in Monmouth expected. He and his wife are beginning the process of looking for a home so if you know of any possibilities please let Ben Sanberg know. In the meantime, since this will be my last newsletter cover article, I thought it would be helpful to offer some perspective on the call process and the exciting days ahead.

Calling a pastor is a lot like dating...except there aren't many dates upon which to base the decision! There was an online profile for the Call Committee to review. There were some initial phone conversations. Then the Call Committee had a date with the pastor and quickly invited him to have dinner with mom and dad, otherwise known as the Congregation Council. And then they invited the pastor and his family to meet the rest of the First Lutheran family, otherwise known as the Congregation. And then, in a whirlwind...after enjoying some cookies...the Congregation voted to get engaged and begin making plans for the wedding day...also known as Installation Sunday. *Sooner than later* indeed!

Here is a sampling of the “vows” that will be shared at the installation service with the similarities to a marriage ceremony pretty apparent:

- Presiding Minister’s Challenge to the Pastor: *Will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church? Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church? Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and in your use of the means of grace? Will you love, serve, and pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living? Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?*
- Pastor’s Response: *I will, and I ask God to help me.*
- Presiding Minister’s Prayer: *Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.*
- Congregation: *Amen.*
- Presiding Minister’s Challenge to the Congregation: *People of God, will you receive your pastor as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard him as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God? Will you pray for him, help and honor him for his work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?*
- Congregation’s Response: *We will, and we ask God to help us.*

Are you ready to take the plunge? The similarities to marriage are obvious! They both have mutual commitments rooted in faithfulness to the “call”, to the “relationship”, and to “prayer”. I expect your new pastor and the congregation to both take these commitments seriously. When they do, a beautiful relationship will develop!

But as any of you who are married know, building a relationship takes time! There is a honeymoon period to be sure, so enjoy that. But be prepared...every married couple eventually discovers that their spouse isn’t perfect. Your new pastor isn’t perfect. After 18 months together, you know that I’m not perfect either. And I know that the First Lutheran congregation is also not perfect! Fortunately, as my campus pastor often said: *“God loves us warts and all!”* Consider these words from the Apostle Paul: *By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain!* (1 Corinthians 15:10) The same is true for each of us! Grace is always needed in human relationships, from God and from one another. I have often said that the true mark of Christian community is not the absence of conflict but how the community works

through it when it happens. And when conflict happens, it's commitment, on top of grace, that sees us through. Patti and I will celebrate our 39th wedding anniversary in October because we are committed to each other...in good times and in bad!

Entering into a relationship with a new pastor, like a new spouse, is exciting but it's also scary. Every person and every pastor are unique and have different gifts and passions. My advice to the congregation begins with a call to trust your new pastor as the one called by God to lead you. Be patient with him and open to his new ideas. Be gracious and prayerful. Be willing to raise your hand and get involved. Join a Bible study to grow as disciples of Jesus. Follow Paul's Philippians 2:4 witness: *"look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others"* as you remember that it's not about you but about God and the needs of the community in which you have been planted. And finally, reach out to your new pastor and his family to welcome them to Monmouth and help them feel a part of the First Lutheran family. Invite them to your home or to go out for lunch with you after church. These early days will set the tone for your relationship together. Make them good ones!

In closing, I thought you might find it interesting that First Lutheran's online "dating profile" for other pastors to see stated that you have a *"history of long term pastorates"*. With that in mind, Patti and I will be praying that another strong and healthy long term partnership will emerge and that the second 150 years of your history will begin with as much excitement as the first 150 years began. We will also be praying for a future with increasing Kingdom impact in Warren County and beyond!

Thank you for the privilege of coming home to serve these past 18 months. It has been an unexpected circle of life blessing in many ways. I would invite your prayers for Patti and me as well as for Pastor Vince as we all begin new seasons in ministry. What will the future hold? Only God, who holds the future, truly knows. For now, we must trust our faithful God reflected in the promise of Jeremiah 29:11 that I left with you last month: *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.*

Like the Apostle Paul in Philippians 1:6 may we all be confident of this: *"that the one who began a good work among (us) will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ!"*

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jeff Linman

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

One memory from church that I really liked was the trip we took to Chicago. I remember this one because it was the first time I had ever been to Chicago, and the first time I had seen the Bean and been to the Museum of Science and Industry. I had never been to such a fascinating museum and it was really fun to explore. I also liked the Water Taxi that took us around the Chicago River. Another memory from church that comes around every year is the Sankta Lucia service. I have been a part of Sankta Lucia for 4 years and I think it is a very special service. The last big memory that stands out in my mind is the Christmas service we have every year. I really enjoy this service because it shows how this holiday brings families together to celebrate Jesus.

- Madeline Blaesing

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.

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.

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 (828-216-7233), or email (jeff@flcmonmouth.org).

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*

Vision & Purpose Offerings

The July 29th Vision and Purpose Offering will be received in support of Wendy Anderson's Memphis to Peoria Charity Run benefiting St. Jude Hospital.

The August 26th Vision and Purpose Offering will be received for the Northern Illinois Synod's Gifts for Mission Outreach Fund.

Gifts may be left as you leave worship in the containers provided by the exit doors.
Thanks for whatever you are able to share!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

K-5 Sunday School

Sunday School for children in grades K-5 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 resume in the Fall. Thanks to Mark & Ellen Shrader for their faithful service as teachers. If you would like to get involved as an extra adult volunteer, please contact Mark or Ellen.

Confirmation

Weekly Confirmation for middle and high school youth will resume in the Fall. Contact Pastor Jeff for further information.

Monthly Summer Youth Events

Middle and high school youth and families were invited to a night of yard games and a cookout at Mark & Ellen Shrader's house on Tuesday, July 10th from 4-6pm. *Watch the Sunday bulletin and weekly email update for the August event.*

FLC @ MC Campus Ministry!

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

"Lessons from the Early Church" Study Resumes July 25th

The *"Lessons from the Early Church!"* Bible study will resume July 25th.

Based on Acts 1-2, Ephesians, and Philippians, the study looks for lessons learned from the early church that we can apply to our renewal journey at FLC.

The study will be held on Wednesdays at 2pm in the Pastor's Office.

Each study stands alone so you may attend as your schedule allows.

COME TO WORSHIP, NOT TO CHURCH

150th Anniversary Worship & Picnic @ Monmouth Park, July 22nd

The 150th Anniversary Committee has planned a picnic and community worship service on Sunday, July 22nd at the main shelter west of the band stand in Monmouth Park. Worship will begin at 10am adjacent to the shelter with music provided by our worship band. Pastor Vince will preach with Pastor Jeff presiding. *The community is invited so please invite your neighbors and friends to join you as well! Bring lawn chairs if you have them.* After worship we will enjoy a potluck picnic in the shelter. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages will be provided with members asked to bring food to share (side dishes, salads, and/or desserts). You are also encouraged to bring outdoor games like croquet, bags / corn hole, etc. to enjoy after lunch. ***Sign-up to attend after worship soon so we can order enough food, etc. and to volunteer (cook the burgers and dogs, set-up, and/or clean-up).***

Lake Warren Potluck Breakfast & Worship, August 19th

The annual Lake Warren worship service will be held Sunday, August 19th at 10am. Our worship band will accompany worship that morning with communion celebrated as well. Worship will be preceded by a potluck breakfast starting at 9am. Bring a favorite breakfast casserole, breakfast meat, fruit, donuts, rolls, or coffee cake to share. Beverages and table service will be provided. There will be no worship at the church that Sunday so invite your neighbors and friends to join you for breakfast and worship at the lake!

Worship Volunteer Sign-Up!

We still have worship helper slots to fill in July and August. If you're willing to help out – either greeting people before worship, reading the lessons and prayers, or helping with communion – please look for the sign-up sheet after worship and add your name. You can also sign up during the week by either contacting the church office or visiting flcmonmouth.org.

WORSHIP HELPERS – JULY / AUGUST 2018

Altar Care: Mary Jane Olson

Altar Flowers (July): 1 - Chip & Janice Algren, 8 - Cecil & Kay Lovdahl,
15 - Carol Hanson, 22 - NO FLOWERS, 29 - OPEN

Altar Flowers (Aug): 5 - OPEN, 12 - Carl Hamberg,
19 - NO FLOWERS, 26 - Tiny Fillman

Acolytes

Acolyte (July): 1 Derek Johnston, 8 & 15 Elise Blaesing, 29 Collin Nuckles

Acolyte (Aug): 5 Elise Blaesing, 12 Derek Johnston, 26 Collin Nuckles

Lectors

Chapel (July): 1 & 15 Elaine Sander, 8 Rob Ravel, 29 Kay Lovdahl

Chapel (Aug): 5 Rob Ravel, 12 Kay Lovdahl, 26 Elaine Sander

Sanctuary (July): 1 Brian Elliott, 8 Judy Sanberg, 15 Rose Youngquist,
22 OPEN, 29 Kathy Erlandson

Sanctuary (Aug): 5 Brian Elliott, 12 Heidi Niemann, 19 Kay Lovdahl, 26 Pam Best

Communion Assistants

Chapel (July): 1 Ray Golden, 8, 15 & 29 Cecil Lovdahl

Chapel (Aug): 5 Butch Johnson, 12 & 26 Cecil Lovdahl

Sanctuary (July): 1 Doug Cruce & Rose Sandstrom, 8 Gary Sanberg,
15 OPEN & OPEN, 22 Kay Bailey, 29 Mark & Ellen Shrader

Sanctuary (Aug): 5 Ray Bruyn, 12 OPEN & OPEN, 19 OPEN, 26 OPEN & OPEN

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

PRIME BEEF FESTIVAL

The first planning meeting for this year's Prime Beef Festival and First Lutheran's food tent will be August 5th at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall (between services).

Come lend a hand! The food tent will operate September 6th-9th (Wed-Sat).

Watch for news about this year's parade float in the Sunday bulletins and Weekly Email Updates. Volunteers will be needed to construct the float and to ride on it!

Becky Terpening will be making festival pies again this year. For the same price as last year (\$11 per pie), she will make them, deliver them to the church, and mark your name off the list. Call her with your order at (309) 768-2590. Mail checks to:

Becky Terpening
1570 50th St
Kirkwood, IL 61447

Capital Projects Survey Results

At the May 20th Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting, those present were asked to complete a survey ranking seven proposed improvements to the church building.

Numbers 1-7 were used, with 1 indicating the project to be done first and 7 the project to be done last. The results are below.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Average Rank</u>
1 - Boiler Replacement	1.84
2 - Bathrooms in Ed. Building	3.38
3 - Front Steps (north side)	3.44
4 - Tuck Points	3.83
5 - Sanctuary Flooring	4.42
6 - Fellowship Hall Flooring	4.54
7 - Chapel Flooring	5.50

GRADUATE RECEPTION

On Sunday, June 3rd, FLC held a reception to honor this year's graduates, as well as all students and educators. Emma Nuckles represented high school as a graduate of Monmouth-Roseville, while Heather Ide came as a graduate of Valparaiso University in Indiana. Other FLC high school grads are Justin Barney and Patrick Ogorzalek, while Cara Jensen and Haley Osborn are both Monmouth College graduates. We congratulate all of these young people on their achievements, as well as the other students and all educators in our congregation. Well done, everyone!



Heather Ide & Emma Nuckles



Check Out FLC's Website!

Visited flcmonmouth.org lately? You should! First Lutheran's website has been growing and changing. Want to double-check the time or date of an event?

Try flcmonmouth.org/calendar - you can view a pdf of the latest newsletter calendar, or - even better! - scroll down to see the same building calendar the church office runs on. If anything looks wrong there, use the contact form on the home page to let Courtney know before the dis-information spreads!

FOOD & MUSIC FEST

The Multicultural Food and Music Fest on June 10th was a great success! Around 100 people attended including 35 guests from the Monmouth Chin Christian Church and a number of people from our immediate neighborhood. A feast of food from around the world was enjoyed in the fellowship hall followed by a wonderful evening of spirited music and prayer in the sanctuary. Worship bands from both churches along with FLC's organists, bell choir, and Derek and Ayla Johnston sang and played. It was a memorable evening of neighborly fellowship.

We all vowed to do it again!



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

The annual Strawberry Festival was once again a big success.

Nearly 300 were served, generating \$1993 in donations from \$443 in expenses.

Due to the weather, FLC's Worship Band and the Monmouth Municipal Band performed in the sanctuary with a good crowd staying around for that too.

Thanks to everyone who pitched in to help!



The view from the trombone section.

LIVING OUT OUR MISSION: FAITHFUL IN SERVICE!

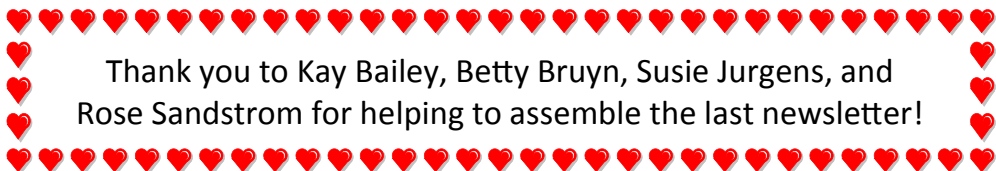
Ongoing Dream Team Projects

Summer Tutoring Program

The Multicultural Food and Music Fest was the springboard for launching a new outreach to our Chin neighbors from Myanmar / Burma. 15 adults from FLC are gathering in the fellowship hall Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30pm helping 20 adults from the Monmouth Chin Christian Church become more proficient in English. The program focuses on the needs of each student with time spent one on one answering any language question their students may raise. Each night also includes a fun game or two. The energy level is high with both students and tutors grateful for this opportunity to connect. The summer program continues through August 7th. Leaders will discuss whether to continue in the fall at the close of the summer session. For more information, contact Pam VanKirk or Judy Sanberg.

The Open Table

First Lutheran's Dream Team has taken the lead in introducing the Open Table to the area. The Open Table is a faith-based relational poverty program currently serving cities in 26 states. The program creates safety nets of caring neighbors who partner with area families or individuals facing economic challenges to help them become more self-sufficient. FLC hosted the founder of the Open Table June 16-20 during which the community was invited to attend one of three informational meetings. The response exceeded our expectations with 65 people from 4 counties, 21 community organizations and agencies, and 10 congregations attending. 38 of the people who attended, from 21 of the organizations, agencies, and churches, have committed to further conversations to consider launching the program in Warren County. For further information contact Doug Cruce, Pam VanKirk, or Pastor Jeff. Watch the Sunday bulletin and email updates for further details.

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

LIVING OUT OUR MISSION: FAITHFUL IN SERVICE!

Ongoing Dream Team Projects

The Open Door

The Open Door is a small group mentoring / friendship / support outreach for area high school students which met two evenings per week in our fellowship hall this spring and resume this fall. Volunteers will be needed to provide supervision and hang out with students. Snack volunteers are also needed. If you have a heart for high school students and would like to get involved contact Warren Dobry.

Alternative School Projects

A growing partnership is developing with the nearby Alternative School located in the former Willits School. 25% of the students are homeless so we are helping stock their crisis closet. To get involved, contact Diane Carlson or Patti Linman.

- Starting in August we will be furnishing Birthday Cakes to the students on their birthdays. We will need around 40 cakes throughout the school year. If you would like to volunteer to furnish a Birthday Cake please contact Diane Carlson.

Lutheran Preschool and Daycare

We have a great opportunity to share the love of Jesus with our preschool/daycare children through stories, art, crafts, and music. Grab a friend and plan a simple activity together (safety in numbers!). Morning is best for the preschool bunch and afternoon is best for the older kids (usually K-3). The staff is there to support you! Call Director Sandi Harmon the week before to schedule a time: (309) 734-5350.

- **Volunteers and Teachers/Aides Subs Needed!** Are you or someone you know willing to be a regular volunteer or paid substitute teacher or aide to address the shortage of help in our preschool/daycare program? Background checks are required for anyone coming on a regular basis. Questions? Call Director Sandi Harmon at (309) 734-5350 and spread the word! Thank you!

NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH LIBRARY.....

The following books have been placed in the library.

We invite you to stop by and and browse and perhaps check out a book or two.

GENERAL RELIGION:

* **"Ragman and Other "Cries of Faith (Stories • Parables • Prayers • Meditations)**

by Walter Wangerin, Jr. - ".....Ranging from gentle reflections to heart-rending invocations, these selections are powerful, thought-provoking explorations of the meaning of faith, the person of Christ, and the communion of believers. Again and again, Wangerin's cries of faith touch our deepest pains with rays of joyful healing. (www.christianbooks.com)

PRETEEN - GENERAL RELIGION:

* **"Grit and Grace" (HEROIC Women of the Bible)** by Caryn Rivadeneira. - GRIT means a tough, can-do spirit and GRACE means a strong elegance or courageous kindness. (quote: "Grit and Grace") The book is written in the first person retelling of 17 women in the Bible. Rivadeneira says "I read the actual Bible stories, researched the women, prayed about them, and then let my imagination go to work." This book connects preteen girls with women of the Bible, showing that they are created in God's image to do mighty things in this world.

FICTION:

* **"All the Light We Cannot See"** by Anthony Doerr - Doerr captures the sights and sounds of wartime and focuses, refreshingly, on the innate goodness of his major characters.

COOKBOOKS:

* **"Church Potlucks, Sunday Suppers, Bake Sale Cookbook" (3 Books in One)** by Publications International, LTD. - Great selection of recipes to share with a crowd or enjoy at home with your family. No matter the occasion, this book has you covered (beautifully Illustrated).

SELF HELP - DEATH & DYING:

* **"God Knows You're Grieving"** by Joan Guntzelman, is a rich, consoling source of support when loss & grief enters your life.

NON-FICTION:

* **"I almost missed...The Great Depression"** by Herbert E. Chilstrom, is a book on America's darkest hour and how one family of ten survived it.

THANK YOU TO:

- Patti Linman for donating "All the Light We Cannot See" and
- Rose Youngquist for donating "I almost missed...The Great Depression".

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.

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!

Know a College Student's Address?

As we update and verify our entire database, college students - whose addresses can change annually - require special attention. If you, your child/grandchild, or your friend has entered or graduated college in the last several years, please contact the church office to share their current contact information so we can stay connected with them during this important season in their life.

**Please Remember in Your Prayers**

Ryder Armstrong, Mary Beedle, Ruth Fluke, Shane Johnson, Kathy Bertelsen Keever, Peggy Kulczewski, Melvin Schlicker, Marjorie Swanson, Richard Reynolds, Bill Root, Marjorie Smith, Austin Loving, John Petersen, Cheryl Clark, Louise Parks, Richard Rieck, Scott Nothdorf.

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.

JULY/AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Kay & Glenn Bailey	8/7/1966	52 years
Steve & Karen Erlandson	7/12/1970	48 years
David & Rose Sandstrom	8/1/1971	47 years
Hal Jr. & Kathy Tate	8/28/1976	42 years
Kurt & Evelyn Volz	8/7/1976	42 years
Ray & Shelly Golden	8/4/1990	28 years
Julie & Michael Blaesing	7/24/1999	19 years
Wendy & Jeremy Anderson	7/2/2005	13 years
Pam & Tom Best	7/8/2017	1 year



JULY/AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Trudy Bergren	7/3	Karen Erlandson	8/2	Fran Bost	8/21
Hal Tate Jr.	7/3	Doug Cruce	8/4	Justin Barney	8/22
Marlene Moulden	7/8	Eunice Gaskill	8/4	Phil Larson	8/23
Cohen Anderson	7/9	Angi Martin-Prudent	8/6	Kenny Reynolds	8/23
Kris Champion	7/9	Brian Blasius	8/7	Pam Best	8/24
Reese Anderson	7/13	Carol Brissey	8/8	Robin Johnson	8/25
Cecil Lovdahl	7/17	Brandon Reynolds	8/13	Tammy Ravel	8/25
Mark Shrader	7/19	Sue Barrington	8/15	Kathy Fillman	8/27
Ron Manuel	7/20	Rodger Ellison	8/16	Janet Oliphant	8/28
Patt Holland	7/21	Eloise Swisher	8/16	Wendell Nelson	8/31
Jim Johnson	7/23	Cara Jensen	8/17		
Barb Pearson	7/25	Haley Osborn	8/18		

WELCA Circles

AUGUST

Sarah

Rose Youngquist

Naomi

Kay Bailey

First Lutheran Church Council Highlights

May 8, 2018

(approved w/corrections June 12, 2018)

Living as Children of God;

Joyful in Worship, Faithful in Service

The meeting was called to order at 6:50pm by Vice President Cecil Lovdahl, followed with prayer by Pastor Vince.

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

Concerns: About the change of the newsletter for summer – Pastor Vince and Pastor Jeff explained that the leaders made the change without going through Council.

Motioned, Seconded, and Approved

- Minutes from April 10th Council Meeting with corrections.
- Treasurer's Report
- Community members would like to set a table on the south side of the church for the seniors at Monmouth-Roseville to register to vote.
- 150th Anniversary Picnic and Community Worship at Monmouth Park on July 22nd, worship at 10am followed by a picnic. Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and table service will be provided. Bring a dish to pass.
- August 19th, 2018 will be the service at Lake Warren.
- The fourth Sunday of three months (before the end of the year but after Wendy Anderson's St. Jude fundraising ends) will have special collections for the Northern Illinois Synod's Gifts for Mission program.

Message of Thanks: Everyone who helped pass out popcorn to the high school students.

Old Business

- Nominating Committee reported on candidates for voting at the Congregational Meeting on May 20th.
- High School Parking Update: everything is good.
- Safety Update: Contact the fire department about the day care safety.
- Money Counting will be discussed more in June.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor Jeff: Jim Johnson and Dave Bost will be hooking up the balcony TV and sound.
- Pastor Vince: did Paul Bethell's funeral.

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds

- Discussion on the priorities and estimates for the May 20th meeting.
- Clean-up date has yet to be set.

Christian Education

- Graduation Reception will be held June 3rd after the second service.
- Vacation Bible School will be held July 8th – July 12th at the Methodist church.
- Pastor Jeff talked to Mark & Ellen Shrader about having youth activities once a month during the summer.

Strawberry Festival

- Thursday, June 14th, 5-7pm, Worship Band at 6:15pm. Proceeds are to be split the same as in 2017.

New Business

- Business card from Casey's (fuel only) for Chris to use for gas for the lawn mower and snow blower discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04pm.

Next meeting is June 12th, 2018 at 7pm.

-Connie Larimer, Secretary

(FULL MINUTES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
MAY 6, 2018**

Steve Erlandson, President of Council, called the meeting to order at 9:35am. Prayer given by Pastor Vince.

This is a special meeting to approve the changes in the Constitution. A few questions were answered by Rose Sandstrom and Pastor Vince.

Passing of the Constitution motioned, seconded, and approved.

36 members present.

The second required vote will be held on May 20, 2018 at 9:30am as part of the Semi-Annual Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50am.

Connie Larimer, Secretary

SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MAY 20, 2018

Steve Erlandson, President of Council, called the meeting to order at 9:35am. Prayer given by Pastor Vince.

37 members present.

The revised constitution was approved with no questions.

Survey done on order of importance of Capital Projects.

The Nominating Committee read the ballot. Approved unanimously.

Council: Dave Bost, Steve Erlandson, Jim Johnson

Memorial: Nancy Reynolds

Endowment: Sue Hanson, Margaret Hackspacher

Council Members to be installed in June.

Celebration of 150th Anniversary with rest of Synod on June 15th, 2018 at 7:30pm, First Lutheran in Moline.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50am.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm thru Aug 7:

Summer EFL Tutoring

Jul 22 - @ Monmouth Park

10am Community Worship

11:30am Potluck Picnic

Aug 5 - PBF Planning Meeting

Aug 19 - @ Lake Warren

9am Potluck Breakfast

10am Worship

Our Church

The deadline for the next newsletter
is **MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2018 at 8AM.**

Please submit your articles by the deadline.

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