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Our Church

So, if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

John 8:36

This October, our congregation will celebrate a couple of amazing moments. First, on Sunday, October 7th, the congregation will gather at 2pm to worship and celebrate the installation of your new pastor. This festive occasion will be followed by a dessert reception. Our partner ELCA congregations in the Southwest Conference of the Northern Illinois Synod have been invited, as have our ecumenical partners right here in Monmouth. Then on Sunday, October 28th, we will gather for worship at 10:30am to celebrate 150 years of ministry here in Monmouth. The festive occasion will be followed by a meal reception. Our former pastors have been invited, our former members who have become pastors have been invited. We will celebrate the affirmation of baptism of two of our own young people that day.

This is a lot to celebrate. And it is easy to pat ourselves on the back and say, "look at what we have done, we have so much to be proud of". When we say this to ourselves, we begin to feel as if it was our own effort that made these 150 years happen, or the newness of faith in a young child, or the excitement of welcoming a new pastor. In the Gospel of John, chapter 8, Jesus is speaking with a group of people who are Israelites, these are people who worship the LORD, Yahweh. These are people who are scoffing at Jesus and the need to believe in him as the one who will save them. They say to Jesus, "Look, we are Abraham's descendants, we don't need help from you or anyone else" (my paraphrase of their retort).

Jesus' answer is to remind them they are not truly free until the Son of God sets them free. It is not their effort. It is not their ancestry. It is Jesus, God's gift to the world. So for us as we celebrate 150 years, as we begin to lift up all the things we have done, let us not forget none of these 150 years is possible without the gift of Jesus.

The last 150 years ends the same as the next 150 years begin, with the truth that Jesus has set us free. Let us gather on October 7th and October 28th and rejoice and be glad in this day, the day the Lord has made that we could be set free as a gift by our Lord Jesus.

In Christ,
Pastor Jamie

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 welcomed! Email them to office@flcmonmouth.org or drop them off at church!

Thank you!

-150th Anniversary Committee

When Pam Best asked me to share a memory in the church newsletter from my years here at First Lutheran, I thought immediately of Rosa. For anyone who knew her, it is hard to think of First Lutheran without remembering Rosa Fillman.

She was hired in 1952 as Parish Worker and thru the years also became church secretary. She retired in 1981 and died in 1987. Her almost 30 year contribution to the life of this parish was more than just a job. It was a ministry!

I am thankful to have known Rosa. I remember the twinkle in her eyes and the genuine smile as she 24/7 lived her love for God and His Church in this time and place. From her lips and her heart came often one of Rosa's favorite responses – "Praise the Lord." Yes, indeed, faithful servant. Praise the Lord!

- Rose Youngquist

UPCOMING EVENTS

Installation of Pastor Jamie - October 7th

Sunday, October 7th at 2pm we will have a special worship service to install Pastor Jamie as our new pastor. A dessert reception will follow. This will be a special opportunity to mark the official beginning of Pastor Jamie's time with us.

Join us, and share with your friends and neighbors as well.

150th Anniversary Celebration - October 28th

Please mark Sunday, October 28th on your calendar as this is when the 'official' celebration will be. We will have one church service at 10:30 where we will invite former members, organists, secretaries, youth directors, and pastors back to celebrate with us. A dinner reception will follow down in the fellowship hall. More details will be coming closer to the date, but please plan to attend if at all possible and tell your families and friends!!

To make this event as meaningful as possible, we would like to ask several things of you, our current congregation. We want to have a gathering of confirmation classes, so if you know any addresses (email or regular) of any former members, please pass along to one of the committee members, or let them know yourselves, about our celebration. Truly, the more the merrier in this case!

Also, we want to have lots of displays around the church, so any of your pictures or other memorabilia that you could loan us would be much appreciated!! Pictures could be shared on Facebook and then downloaded and printed out, so they wouldn't even need to leave your house. We would take care of the printing.

Let's spread the word to as many former or less active members as we can and make this a wonderful anniversary and homecoming all in one!

Thanks so much, from Janice, Diane, Ellen, Kurt, Kay, Connie, and Pam

Alternative School Outreach Closet Collecting Resumes

FLC has offered to help keep the crisis closet at the Alternative School stocked. 25% of the 40 students are homeless so the needs are always changing.

With fall fast approaching, the following items are needed, as many of the students walk to school all fall and winter:

- Umbrellas and socks
- Travel size basic hygiene products are always needed (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, and feminine products), as well as full size spray deodorant (which can be shared).
- Pencils, paper, and erasers always needed

Items can be placed in the blue boxes in the Narthex or Chapel (marked Alternative School Outreach) Questions? Call Kay Lovdahl (309-224-5734)

The Elusive Directory

As we get closer to (finally!) printing a new Contact Directory / Yearbook, everyone's help is appreciated. If you haven't turned in a Household Data Form yet, please pick one up at church (forms are both outside the office and near the offering plates in the back of the sanctuary), fill it out and return it. Or call the office to give your information over the phone. There's no official deadline, but when this happens, it's likely to happen fast, so get your information in now!

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!

PRIME BEEF FESTIVAL

Well, here's what our First Lutheran Church float looked like, with our new pastor, Jamie Gallagher and his son riding on it. Ellen Shrader and I were set to hand out candy and Dennis Terpening was our driver. So unfortunate that the rain couldn't have held off for just a little longer...

- Pam Best



Thank you very much to everyone for all your help and donations in every way at the church's food tent. Despite the rain, it was still a fun time!

- Connie Larimer

Prime Beef Festival Income

Wednesday: \$723.75

Thursday: \$1,212.75

Friday: \$704.50

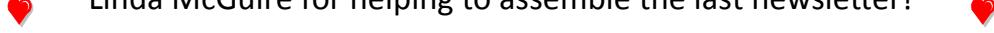
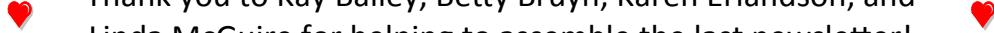
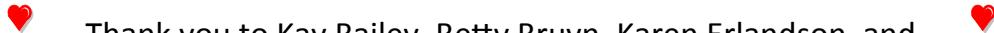
Saturday: \$1,978.00

Total: \$4,619.00



Best Guess at Profits: **\$1,700**

(Profits will not be finalized until end-of-month invoices arrive)



Thank you to Kay Bailey, Betty Bruyn, Karen Erlandson, and Linda McGuire for helping to assemble the last newsletter!

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Teresa & Ken Miller	10/15/1977	41 years
Jamie & Katie Gallagher	10/11/1997	21 years
Mark & Ellen Shrader	10/25/2014	4 years

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Jamie Reynolds	10/4	Ray Bruyn	10/12	Paula Nuckles	10/26
Margaret Hackspacher		Ayla Johnston	10/16	Jackie Heerwagen	10/28
	10/7	Loretta Reynolds	10/18	Bryan Osborn	10/30
Julie Blaesing	10/11	Betty Bruyn	10/21		

WELCA Circles

OCTOBER

Sarah

Anna Lovdahl

Naomi

Diane Carlson

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Keep an eye on the weekly bulletins and emails for starting dates for the following ministries, or reach out to the listed contacts to offer your services or get involved in the planning!

K-5 Sunday School

Contact: Pam Best, Judy Sanberg

Middle and High School Sunday School

Contact: Mark & Ellen Shrader

WORSHIP HELPERS – OCTOBER 2018

Altar Care: Diane Carlson

Altar Flowers: 7 - Janice Algren & Diane Carlson, 14 - Gary Martin,
21 - OPEN, 28 - OPEN

Acolytes

Acolyte: TBD

Lectors

Chapel: 7 Kay Lovdahl, 14 & 21 Elaine Sander

Sanctuary: 7 Brian Elliott, 14 Judy Sanberg, 21 Pam Best, 28 OPEN

Communion Assistants

Chapel: 7 Cecil Lovdahl, 14 Gary Martin, 21 Butch Johnson

Sanctuary: 7 OPEN, 14 Gary Sanberg & OPEN,
21 OPEN, 28 OPEN & OPEN

Sign-ups available both at [flcmonmouth.org/worship helpers](http://flcmonmouth.org/worship Helpers) and at church!



Please Remember in Your Prayers

Ryder Armstrong, Ruth Fluke, Shane Johnson, Kathy Bertelsen Keever,
Peggy Kulczewski, Melvin Schlicker, Marjorie Swanson, Richard Reynolds,
Bill Root, Marjorie Smith, Austin Loving, Cheryl Clark, Louise Parks,
Ann Guidinger & family, Kathi Cruce, Fran Bost

*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.*

First Lutheran Church Council Highlights

August 14, 2018

(approved September 11, 2018)

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm by Vice President Ray Bruyn, followed with prayer by Pastor Vince.

Present: Pastor Vince, Ray Bruyn, Ellen Shrader, Connie Larimer, Diane Carlson, Rose Sandstrom, Dave Bost, Steve Erlandson, Jim Johnson

Motioned, Seconded, and Approved

- Minutes from July 24th Council Meeting
- Minutes from July 29th Special Council Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Authorized Ben Sanberg to be added to the signature card for Endowment Funds (Dawn Johnson to be removed)
- Approved Ben Sanberg, Ray Bruyn, and Ellen Shrader to sign checks
- Approved Citizen's Lake campground fee and pulpit supply compensation

Message of Thanks

- Congregation for allowing Grand Alumni Band to practice in Fellowship Hall

Old Business

- Closing date for Pastor Jamie's house - September 24th
- Seico Security cards to swipe; can be activated/deactivated at any time

Property Committee will continue discussing

- \$10,000 to replace boiler (to be done when funds have been secured)
- Tuckpointing project underway

Pastor's Report

- Pastor Vince talked to Pastor Jamie about transitioning responsibilities (music, shut-in list, etc.)

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds

Tabled switching electric suppliers

Dream Team

Doug Cruce taking over Open Table

Diane coordinating birthday cakes for RAES

Food to be served at Open Door

Endowment Fund

update signer for paperwork

Personnel

Will help Pastor Jamie with transition

Prime Beef/Strawberry Festival

Volunteers will be recruited for shifts soon; groceries have been ordered

Float Committee needs volunteers

New Business

- Advertise for help with Altar Care
- Define responsibilities for Communion Assistants and communicate to volunteers
- Loan paperwork for Pastor Jamie is being reviewed
- New First Lutheran street signs for around Monmouth
Jim Johnson investigating
- Grand Alumni Band hosting concert 2pm on Saturday of Prime Beef Festival

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Next meeting is September 11th at 7pm

Ellen Shrader, Council Secretary

(*FULL MINUTES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST*)

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH'S LEADERS

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OFFICERS

President: Ben Sanberg

Vice President: Ray Bruyn

Treasurer: Gary Sanberg

Secretary: Ellen Shrader

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS (2018-2019)

Dave Bost, Diane Carlson, Steve Erlandson,

Jim Johnson, Connie Larimer, Rose Sandstrom

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct 7 - Installation of Pastor Jamie @ 2pm

Oct 28 - 150th Anniversary Celebration
- Single Service @ 10:30am
- Dinner Reception after Worship

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The deadline for the next newsletter
is **8AM on MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2018**.
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!