



# JUNE

Our Church—This Week  
for the week of  
June 1, 2021

## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Friends and Family,  
Beginning now in June, we will combine the weekly Our Church—This Week with the weekly Worship Notes. It is our hope that by doing this, we will be able to mail the newsletter to those still receiving it by mail earlier in the week. We will continue to use email to send links to the newsletter and worship bulletin flyer. But we will stop mailing the worship bulletin flyer. We have begun printing copies of the worship bulletin flyer to hand out in worship, and we will print more copies as average increases.

Throughout the pandemic, we have used multiple print and email resources to increase our ability to communicate as pandemic related protocols changed rapidly. Now as the pandemic nears its end, there will be less changes that need to be communicated frequently, so we will use this as a chance to simplify our communication. Using once a week newsletters allows our regular bulletin announcements and monthly newsletter articles to still be communicated on a weekly basis for regular updates of information.

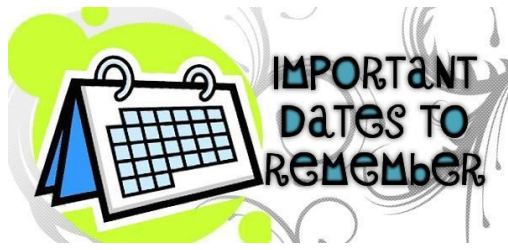
As units and committees have information to share with the church, please contact the church office.



## Strawberry Festival

Thursday, June 17  
5 PM to 7 PM, served in the Fellowship Room  
Adults—\$7.00  
Children—\$4.00

Entertainment from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM  
Leo Ramer and his students  
In the sanctuary



For corrections and updates, please call the Church office.

Tuesday, June 1      Our Church-This Week email  
 Worship video link email  
 6:30 PM Bible Study,  
 Fellowship Room

Sunday, June 6      9 AM worship  
 Monday, June 7      7 PM Building and Grounds  
 Committee  
 Fellowship Room

Tuesday, June 8      7 PM Council Meeting  
 Fellowship Room

Sunday, June 13      9 AM worship

Tuesday, June 15      6:30 PM Bible Study  
 Fellowship Room

Thursday, June 17    5 PM to 7 PM  
 Strawberry Festival

Friday June 18 to Saturday, June 19  
 Synod Assembly

Sunday, June 20      9 AM Worship

Sunday, June 20 (afternoon) to Saturday, June 26  
 Pastor Jamie on Vacation

Sunday, June 27      9 AM Worship

*Notice something missing from the calendar? Please contact the church office, and we will add it to next week's newsletter.*

*Every Wednesday, our Secretary is not in the office.  
 Every Friday is Pastor Jamie's day off.*



- Jun 2    Alexia Golden  
          Jarrod Hippen  
          Susie Jurgens
- Jun 6    Rose Youngquist
- Jun 11   Wendy Anderson
- Jun 13   Jason Spanhook
- Jun 16   Paul Swanson
- Jun 17   Camdyn Miller
- Jun 19   Erin Matern
- Jun 21   Phillip Dworak  
          Aaron Jenson  
          Linda Wade
- Jun 22   Denise Mann
- Jun 23   Dave Bost
- Jun 27   Susan Moulden  
          Dick Steele
- Jun 30   Collin Nuckles



- Jun 1    Rodger and Linda  
          Ellison
- Jun 4    Gary and Judy  
          Sanberg
- Jun 7    Dennis and Becky  
          Terpening
- Jun 8    Ben and Jenny  
          Sanberg
- Jun 11   David and DeeDee  
          Yez
- Jun 12   Neal and Jackie  
          Heerwagen
- Jun 13   Michael and Barb  
          Pearson
- Jun 14   Doug and Kathi  
          Cruce
- Rich and Nancy  
          Hanson
- Jun 15   Rob and Tammy  
          Ravel



Bradley Anderson, Kim Anderson,  
 Beckie Bean, Josie Blake,  
 Diane Bradley, Matthew Council,  
 Nancy Dowell, Gary Gaskill,  
 John Ellison, Linda Ellison,  
 Dave Erlandson, Jim Erlandson,  
 Michael Hackspacher, Cassie Jern & Family,  
 Graham Johnson, Joy Johnson, Craig Jones, Amber Kerr,  
 Julie Kerr, Jaxson, Chris, Pat Root, Ila Roseberry,  
 Charlotte Volz, Evelyn Volz, Norman Worthington

*Please let the church office know any updates that are needed to our prayer list.*

### **Vacation Bible School**

This summer's VBS is hosted by Faith United Presbyterian Church and will be from Sunday, June 27 to Thursday, July 1.

First Lutheran Church has been asked to provide these items:

- 10 pair new flip flops any size ( for recreation game)
- 2 boxes 5 oz. bathroom cups (100 in box)
- 5 rolls paper towel
- 5 hand sanitizers
- Monetary donations to cover costs

Please have these items to the church office by Sunday, June 20th. Thank you for all your help in providing for this community VBS this year.

### **Tuesday Bible Study**

We are preparing to wrap up our Bible study on the Book of Acts.

We will have two more sessions: Tuesday, June 1 and Tuesday, June 15 at 6:30 PM.

Even if you have missed the earlier sessions, you are still welcome to join in the conversation.

### **Worship Helpers needed**

We have a steady group of volunteers who are helping with reading and communion assisting. But we are always looking for more helpers. If you would like to lend your voice as a reader or as a communion assistant, please let Pastor Jamie know.

Help is also needed for changing the sanctuary parameters when the seasons change. Please let Pastor Jamie know if you are interested in helping.

### **New Fall Groups for Faith Formation**

Two new groups will be organized and start up in the fall.

Seeds of Faith will be a group for families with children from birth to kindergarten. The concept is still in development phase but it will include elements of parenting young children in faith, faith symbols for our youngest to begin learning, music, and more.

Living the Creed will be a confirmation program for our upper elementary to jr high age students and their families. Early indications are we might partner with youth from Faith Lutheran Church in Wataga. Details are still being worked out but, this will be an exciting opportunity for these youth and their families to learn together and serve together.

### **Lake Warren Worship and Picnic**

Sunday, August 8th will be a celebration for our community. We will gather at the Lake Warren Shelter House for a worship service and picnic.

We will use this date as a celebration for the end of the pandemic. We will gather wearing our First Lutheran t-shirt, we will eat, we will praise the Lord with a great fervor.

More details are being developed in the coming weeks. So watch for more information.

A new directory is being planned. After the June Council meeting when new officers are elected, a directory will be assembled. The goal is to have this directory available by July 4th.

This pandemic has allowed us to update a lot of addresses, phone numbers, and email contacts. Please review a copy of this directory to make sure we truly have your contact information correct. This helps us as we do reach out and keep connected.



## Season After Pentecost

Sunday, May 30 to Sunday, November 21  
June 6, 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

### This week in worship

Join us as we celebrate the baptism of Sophie Dorothy Shrader in worship this week. Sophie is the daughter of Mark and Ellen Shrader.

As we celebrate with our newest sister in Christ, we will hear from Mark's Gospel where Jesus identifies his siblings as those who do his will. A service with a baptism will give us a wonderful opportunity to be reminded of what God's will looks like, and how we all become siblings in Christ.



Thank you for your generous support of the ministries of our congregation.

Donations are received through offering in worship, mail, and electronic giving. If you would like to begin electronic giving, please call the office.

Did you know? The Church is an organizations that operates totally on the generosity of its donors. Many of us pledge an amount we agree to share with the church over the course of the year. Some of us give as we are able, and don't worry about how much it is.

However you choose to support our congregation: Thank You.



## Sunday Worship Helpers

### June 7

Worship Assistant: Judy Sanberg  
Usher: Ted Hanson  
Organist: Janice Algren  
Altar Flowers: Chris Algren

### June 14

Worship Assistant: Doug Cruce  
Usher: Rose Sandstrom  
Organist: Jamie Reynolds  
Altar Flowers: Diane Carlson

### June 21

Worship Assistant: Pam Best  
Usher: Steve Erlandson  
Organist: Janice Algren  
Altar Flowers: Kathy Erlandson

### June 28

Worship Assistant: Chip Algren  
Usher: Diane Carlson  
Organist: Jamie Reynolds  
Altar Flowers:



### Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers can be arranged by calling the office, coming to the office and checking the sign up calendar outside the office, or using the altar flowers form located in the sanctuary or soon to be posted on our website.

### June's Vision and Purpose Giving

In June, our Vision and Purpose Giving will support Rev. Mark Rich and Rev. Cynthia Holder Rich, the missionaries we support in Tanzania.

Pastor Mark and Pastor Cynthia teach at Tumaini University Makimura. Many of you may remember they visited with us in 2019.

Each year our church pledges \$1,000 to support their work. We are just one of many churches that offer this kind of support. In June, our Vision and Purpose Giving will help off-set this pledge. Thank you for demonstrating how valuable a partnership we have with these important missionaries.

## Sugar Tree Grove Presbyterian Church Pork Chop Sandwich Drive-Through

June 13, 2021 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Sugar Tree Grove Presbyterian Church  
2210 M-A-M Trail, Monmouth, IL 61462

Pork Chop Sandwich, chips, baked beans, and cookie  
Free Will Donation



Pastor Jamie will be out of the office from Monday, June 21 to Saturday, June 26 and again from Thursday, July 1 to Saturday, July 10.

Pastoral Care for emergencies will be arranged and announced ahead of these dates.

## Committee Leaders

At the June 8 Council meeting, new council leaders will be elected and committee representatives designated

Committee	Chair or Council Rep
Finance/Stewardship ..	Chair Gary Martin
Building and Grounds ..	Chair Steve Erlandson
Worship and Music ...	Council Rep Jim Johnson
Christian Education and Youth	

Endowment

Memorial

Personnel

Preschool and Day Care Board

### Weekly Devotional



So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.

2 Corinthians 4:16

If there has ever been a time to lose heart, a pandemic that is stretching into its 16 month may be that time. We have rehashed time and time again what has been lost. We have grieved experiences that will never come again. We have lamented that normal routines have been disrupted. And now, our long period of lamenting and grieving and rehashing is nearing its end. We anticipate soon that Illinois will remove all remaining barriers to gathering and being together in public spaces. We anticipate there will be a lot of rejoicing. We anticipate there will be some very slow adapting back to a new sense of normal.

But if this era has been a season of losing heart, faith in Christ Jesus is all the more reason we have clung to a hope that has kept us upbeat and positive throughout this year-plus era. While we may have felt outwardly wasting away, Jesus Christ has been renewing us internally. What have we been internally renewed for?

Well, for starters we have been renewed with a sense of creative and flexibility. We do not suffer when we learn new ways of worshipping and lifting up our praise. We did not fall off the proverbial edge of the world as we gathered by Zoom to study God's Word.

We have also been renewed for our sense of gathering. Gathering as an obligation is long gone. Now gathering is an intentional choice. We are not going simply because it is habit. We are going to worship because God has carried us through this era and we are excited to celebrate the mysteries of our great God.

We have also been renewed for ministries, some old, some new, some old being done in new ways. We are renewed for bringing grace, forgiveness, and mercy—all that we first experience from God—to our neighbors, both here in Monmouth and Warren County and beyond. So we do not lose heart, Paul says, because Jesus Christ used this time of outward wasting to renew our very inner nature, and with the newness we have been given, Jesus now sets us free to proclaim this same gift to all the world.

In peace, Pastor Jamie