



# First Edition

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST LUTHERAN AUGUST 2020

Happy month of August to you all. I hope as you read this month's newsletter that it finds you well, healthy, and filled with God's blessings. In case you missed the announcement at church, the council members have decided to update a few of the sound equipment items and I will share why this decision was made and what benefits it will bring to the sanctuary.

First, the main speakers hanging up in the front of the sanctuary will be moved to the back and new speakers will replace them. This will help with the sound quality and clarity not only in the front of the building but also in the back. The speakers we currently have in the back of the sanctuary are not meant to fill up a space that big. Since I know most of you like to sit in the back pews anyway, you might as well have much better sound quality back there. I am only kidding, but also during weddings and funerals when people have to fill up the back of the church, they will be able to hear clearly as if they were sitting right up front.

Next, there will be four new outlets installed for musicians to plug their instruments in. The soundboard we currently have has four empty channels that can be used for other instruments to be plugged in, so we want to take advantage of the equipment we have. This will be extremely beneficial for the times we host community services and the other churches in town bring their worship teams to play. Not only will we be able to plug in more instruments with the new outlets, but we will also be placing new speakers on the floor so the musicians can hear their instruments as well. When I play my guitar, I am unable to hear what I am actually playing and trusting God that it sounds okay for all of you. The speakers on the floor will help the piano player, guitar player, or other musicians hear what is being played and improve the quality of the songs.

Lastly, we are having a camera set up to record our services. During the pandemic when many of the congregation is still being cautious and staying home during Sunday worship, those people can still feel part of the service by watching a live recording. The other benefit of this camera will be to send a live feed to the tv we have set up downstairs so on those occasions when the sanctuary is full and people need to sit in the basement, they will be able to see and hear exactly what is going on upstairs. This will also come in handy when we can start having our pancake breakfasts again and the people can watch and listen to the service as they prepare pancakes.

So those are the updates the council would like to see happen, but like anything that deals with sound equipment, it is not cheap. The total cost of this project will be around \$6,000 to complete. If this project seems like a good investment to you to see the worship ministry grow at First Lutheran, then we would love your support financially to see this project get done. Just make sure you mark on your offering envelope that that money goes towards the new sound equipment.

Thank you all so much, from the bottom of my heart, for all the generous giving during these last few months. Even though most of our governmental leaders view church as a non-essential business, you all knew how essential church really is, and you supported it through these difficult times. So thank you so much again. I love our church family and am so blessed I get to raise my daughter here, in this place called Pillager, surrounded by such loving and caring people. May God bless all who read this.

Pastor Matthew

# PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

## THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN THE HOSPITAL

Eva Mudgett (leukemia)  
Lindsey Kennedy (cancer)  
(Pat Long's granddaughter)  
Jessica Nornberg  
Dan Youngbloom  
Brady Fiest (motorcycle accident)  
Beverly Williams (cancer)  
(Sister-in-law Glen Pilgrim)  
Sheila Pohle (cancer)  
(Glen Pilgrim's niece)  
JoAnn Artmann  
(Karen Fundine's daughter)

Bonnie Anderson  
Darlene Zabel  
Tim Litsheim (cancer) Dan Long's nephew  
Rita Peterson (cancer)  
Kerry Meyer  
Bonnie Kangas  
Adam Long (grandson of Dan Long)  
Amber Baerg (Chris & Julie Warren's daughter)

## MILITARY

Jennifer Vasquez—Navy, Daughter to Don and Sharon Gehrke  
Chad Hagg—Army, Son of Arlene Hagg, Nephew of Eileen Ausland  
Joseph DeLude—Army, Grandson of Don DeLude  
Isaac Jacobson—Navy, Sons of Dan & Wendy Jacobson  
Sonja Larson—Army, Granddaughter of Mel & Gwen Larson  
Patrick Anderson— Army, Nephew of Julie Hofius



## UPDATING

If the military, those who are ill or in the hospital, or people in nursing homes is not up to date or if names need to be added or deleted, please contact Sharon Gehrke so that these lists can be updated. Thanks

## PRAYER CHAIN

When you need prayer support, there is a group at our church who will pray diligently for whatever the need is. Please call Marlene Lindeman at 218-746-3541.

## PEOPLE IN NURSING AND ASSISTED LIVING HOME

### Riverside Assisted Living

Irene Pietz  
Barb Reimer  
Ken Kelling

### Harmony House/Brainerd

Char Brattlund

### Check out our Website at

[firstlutheranpillager.net](http://firstlutheranpillager.net)

We also have a Facebook page to check out!!!! Please free to post anything or post comments!!! Facebook page search type in First Lutheran Pillager and this should take you to the page. The Calendar will be updated as the schedule changes!

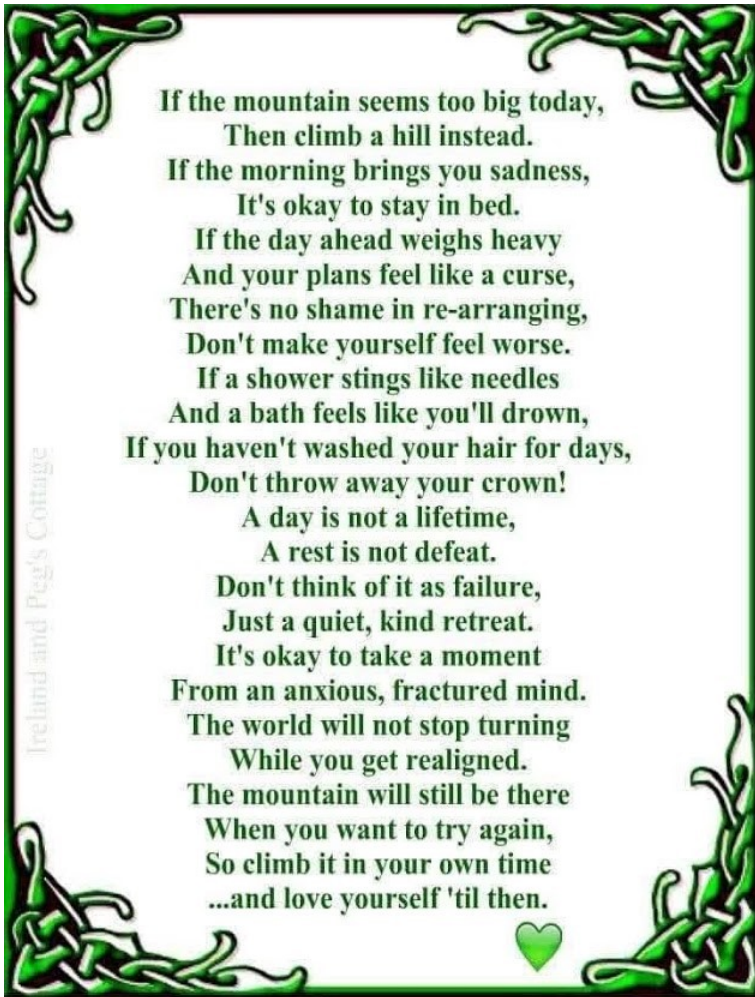
### Church Council

**President:** Don Oslowski  
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Shirley Smith

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Ireland and Peg's Cottage

A little girl walked to and from school daily. Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming, she made her daily trek to the elementary school. As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, along with thunder and lightning.

The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school, and she herself feared that the electrical storm might harm her child.

Full of concern the mother quickly got into her car and drove the route of her child's school. As she did so, she saw her little girl walking along, but at each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up and smile. Another and another were to follow quickly and with each the little girl would look at the streak of light and smile.

When the mother's car drew up beside the child, she lowered the window and called to her, "What are you doing?"

The child answered, "I am trying to look pretty, God keeps taking my picture!"



*Dear God*  
 I bow my head  
 and ask,  
 if it be thy will,  
 please save this land  
 from those who seek  
 to destroy it.  
 ~ Amen ~

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Our Annual Garage Sale will be held August 13, 14, 15. On Thursday, August 13, and Friday, August 14, we will be open from 7 am to 6 pm. On Saturday, August 15, we will be open from 8 am to 1 pm. Please save your unwanted items and donate them to our sale! Someone's junk is another person's treasure! You may drop them off at the church and put them in the basement. Please consider helping on Wednesday, August 13. We plan to set up for the sale starting at 9 am. Also we need helpers on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. We need someone to help clean up after the sale. If you cannot help, please come and support us by buying something. The proceeds will be used for a garden shed for the parsonage and church. We will also be selling hotdogs and pop!!! So join us for fellowship and fun! Remember to bring your mask. We will be following the guidelines set up by the church.