

First Lutheran Church

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July, 2022 – FLC Newsletter

Greetings FLC,

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised. Psalm 113:3

Summer is finally here! School and homework is over, and the warm weather has settled here at FLC. It is that time of the year again where many families are planning road trips, beach or camping vacations, and other fun and far-off trip destinations. Summer is such a great time to sit by the pool, spend time with loved ones and enjoy the great outdoors. I would guess that many of you might even indulge in a nice ice cream cone or two. My hope for you this summer is to hold your friends and family close and to enjoy these memories together. If this past pandemic has taught us anything, it's that time spent together is so precious.

God gives us so many blessings, too many to count. Gratefulness is to be practiced more than just during the month of November. Let us be thankful for the wonderful gifts God gives us each day. Let this summer be a season of thankfulness and love for our families and within our communities. We are given the opportunity to break bread together, to share family BBQs and gatherings together and to keep connections with one another. Let us never forget what we have- the glass is half full not half empty. Have a safe and beautiful 4th of July celebration. May God bless you today and always.

Loving God, Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation. Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel. As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You. Amen.

God's Peace, Pastor Chelsey Weech

No July 12th Council & Committee Meetings - Meetings have been canceled for July.

June 14th Council Meeting

Approved May minutes as follows...

Treasurer's Report: Church insurance was renewed and paid. Report approved with an unanimous vote.

Pastor Chelsey's Report: Outdoor worship service at Eclipse Square is being planned for June 12th. Youth room new sectional couch has been delivered.

President's Report: This was submitted prior to the meeting... Thank you so much to all those that helped in making our worship so meaningful during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Thank you, Pastor and Brenda, for all of the extra work you both put in. Also, thank you to all those that helped with the two funerals. It was wonderful to see so many coming together to celebrate the lives of two long time church members. I know the families greatly appreciated everything!

Evangelism & Christian Education: Graduation Blessing will be held on May 22nd. Christa Robshaw will make cupcakes and committee will provide punch. June 5th Brunch will be provided by council, and the sign-up sheet was passed around.

Property: Roofing guys were on site working on the roof repairs. The ram bars for the doors have been ordered.

Stewardship: They are working through updating the Constitution and are obtaining changes from the different committees.

Worship & Music: June hymns picked.

Old Business: Donations raised from the old table and chairs from the fellowship Hall is going into the youth account. Annual Synod Assembly is June 17th and 18th with vote for the next bishop as Bishop Jeff Clements is retiring.

New Business: The fellowship hall guidelines and contract were worked on by the present council members.

President's Corner

Happy 4th of July! As we celebrate our nation, let us all thank God for the gifts, freedoms and love He has bestowed upon us.

Worship and brunch were enjoyed by many at the Fellowship Hall Blessing on June 5th. Thank you to all that were able to join us and special thanks to those that made this day so very special. We've had many wonderful compliments on the Fellowship Hall and look forward to it being enjoyed by all for years to come.

Enjoy the coming month of celebrations and warm weather. Stay safe, cool, and hydrated in the heat. May God's love surround you all.

Blessings, Cathy Hinrichs

Prayer Concerns during June

Joyce McCracken, Ann Deck, Stan Urban, Faye Finck, Luanne McDivitt, Burdette Sandrock, Dick Minssen, Coleen Carlson daughter-in-law of Jan Carlson, Emilie Ricknell mother of Lynda VanDyke Lee Ann Trexler sister of Kerry Meyer, Caleb Cleaver great nephew of Lynda VanDyke, Rick Chapman husband of Mindy Chapman.

Serving in the Military: Charlie Davis grandson of Ken & Ellen Pannier, Brett Emery and Sean Pratt sons of Drew & Becky Emery, Donnie Appleman son-in-law of Larry & Lynda VanDyke, Patrick Kelly grandson of Kathy Kelly, Anna Olsen wife of Kent Olsen, Madison Scace great granddaughter of Burdette & Dea Sandrock, Kyle Ullmark grandson-in-law of Glenda Sampson.

July Worship and Events

1 – Pastor's Day Off

2 – 2:00 p.m. Family Baptism – Savannah Ullmark

3 – 9:00 a.m. Worship & Communion

4 – *Independence Day* – Office Closed

8 – Pastor's Day Off

10 – 9:00 Worship

12 – **No** Committee & Council Meetings

11 - 15 – Community VBS

5:00 – 5:25 p.m. Light Meal for Youth

5:30 – 8:00 p.m. VBS with Light Snacks

17 – 9:00 am Worship & Communion

24 – 9:00 am Worship

10:15 a.m. Birthday Reception for Joyce McCracken

29 – Pastor's Day Off

31 – 9:00 a.m. Worship, Choral Sermon by Rock River Valley Barbershop Chorus

10:15 a.m. Fellowship – Served by Evangelism and FLAG

July Assisting

Usher: Luanne Urban, Dave Meyer

Altar: Nancy Cruse, Becky Emery

Cantor: Aaron Johnson

Readers:

3 - Amanda Schanze

10 – Connie Johnson

17 - Jason Robshaw

24 – Rick Woolums

31 – Kyle Turner

Birthday Reception for Joyce McCracken

On Sunday, July 24th following worship there will be a Birthday Reception to honor Joyce McCracken for her 95th birthday. For more information, please contact Paul & Charlene McCracken. Her family invites everyone to attend!

Rock River Valley Barbershop Chorus

The Barbershop Chorus will be here on Sunday, July 31st to share their talents by presenting a choral sermon. FLC member Paul McCracken is part of this chorus. Fellowship will be served following worship. Everyone is invited to attend!

Seeking Candy Donations

We are asking for some candy donations during the first two weeks of July. This will be used for the children's sermons. If you can help, please bring it to the office. Thank You!

Upcoming FLC Events

July 31: Rock River Valley Barbershop Chorus present choral sermon

August 21: Back Pack Blessing

Sept. 11: 10am Worship at Eclipse Square



Community VBS at FLC

On Monday, July 11th through Friday, July 15th will be the Community VBS. The program this year is Rocky Railway.

“Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life’s ups and downs.”

Each night a light meal will be served to the youth from 5:00 p.m. – 5:25 p.m. Nightly VBS is 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. with snacks. Registration is for children who have completed their first year of Pre-K through the completion of 5th grade. Registration sheets are on the tables at church or you can go online at www.vbspro.events/p/ptown

July Birthday Celebrations

We wish to send a “Birthday Greeting” to all of our members celebrating this month. A special greeting is extended to our members who are 80 or over.

Glenda Sampson – 1st

Gordon Zschiesche – 1st

Pete Frank – 2nd

Arlyn Ackerman – 8th

Joyce McCracken – 25th

Jeanne Berger – 29th

Please refer to your church directory for the entire birthday list of our members.

Luncheon Meals

WELCA, the Women of the ELCA at First Lutheran Church, has decided to have all the luncheons that they serve to be catered. They still want to honor people and be a part of this service to our church family. Our WELCA groups will still be doing the set-up, provide drinks, serve the meals on the kitchen plates and do the clean-up. The leaders of the three groups will contact you when your group would be serving, just as they have done in the past. We thank everyone that has supplied salads and desserts in the past. Blessings to all our good cooks!

Basement Remodel

On Sunday, June 5th during worship we blessed all the remodeling that has been done in the basement. We want to thank and acknowledge the financial support that was given in your offerings and from the Lillian & Dwight Parker family, Carole Minssen Memorial and the Prophetstown Moore Foundation. We want to thank everyone who helped in any way on this large project. From emptying the space and removing items, carrying in 235 boxes of flooring and laying it, painting, new ceiling, washing and hanging curtains, electrical, plumbing, wood working, and so much more. Then to cleaning, refilling and organizing the space. We want to thank the local businesses that were involved: K&K Woodworking, Strike Electric, Andy Beranek Painting, Sutton Construction, Frary Lumber and Hinrichs Plumbing.



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Mission Statement

First Lutheran Church family welcomes, nurtures, serves and sends in the name of Jesus Christ.

Core Values

1. There is only one God
2. We are gathered by Word and Sacrament
3. Acceptance of ALL God's people
4. Discipleship is a lifelong faith journey
5. We are called to serve