

First Lutheran Church

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June, 2022 – FLC Newsletter

Hello June!

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. 1 Chronicles 16:8-11

Outdoor season is finally here! It's time to work in our gardens, pull some weeds, mow the grass, and plant some new flowers. It's a great time to fire up the old BBQ grill. This month we also celebrate big news and big changes for our FLC family! Our basement is being blessed this Sunday, June 5th!! So many volunteers and hands have went into making this project a reality. We are very excited about these new updates. Bishop Jeff is even thrilled for our renovations; he mentioned that our Fellowship Hall had been a topic of discussion back when he was our pastor.

I want to acknowledge the gift it has been to our congregation to have so much help during this process. I also want to take the time to still pay tribute to the wonderful things our basement has given for our community. We have hosted social gatherings, Blood Drives, Boy & Girl Scout meetings, community worship services, community VBS and so much more. We have been blessed for many years to enjoy these outreach opportunities together. Now our basement will be able to do just that and even more with these new updates. We hope you will appreciate them as much as we do. Many hands, sweat and happy tears went into beautifying our Fellowship Hall and we are very eager to share them with you!

Please join us for our worship service at 9:00 a.m. on June 5th and please bring a friend! Our Fellowship Hall serves our FLC family as well as the community, so we'd love for you to spread the word. The blessing will be held in the basement during the worship service, followed by some good eatin' served by our dedicated and loving council members. No one needs to bring anything, just your smiles. We will have helpers at the elevator to assist you. All are welcome!

Caring God, we thank You for Your faithful love for us that never ends and Your mercy which never ceases. You created the heavens and earth and put everything in place. We thank You for giving our church family the vision to build and update. Thank You for providing the resources for us to make these changes in our Fellowship Hall. Thank You, God, for your grace and protection around our congregation, families and those involved in the renovations of this remodeled space. Amen.

Blessings! Pastor Chelsey Weech

Outdoor Worship

On Sunday, June 12th we will have an outdoor worship service with the Methodist Church. This will be held at Eclipse Square beginning at 10:15 a.m. This service will not be recorded. Please bring your lawn chairs and invite your family and friends. All are welcome!

May 10th Council Meeting

Approved April minutes as follows...

Treasurer's Report: Accepted report.

Pastor Chelsey's Report: Attendance has been steady. Presented to council that the shut-in visits have increased this month.

President's Report: Thanked the council for the new group photo that is on the website. There was discussion about a plan for extra seating for Easter Sunday. The video of photos from FLC Anniversary are on the website.

Evangelism & Christian Education: Easter Sunday before worship will be coffee and the treat Bunny Bait served. On May 1st there will be May Day baskets distributed. On May 8th flowers will be give out in honor of Mother's Day. WELCA is going to be distributing cookies on Sunday, May 15th. Blessing of the Graduates will be held on Sunday, May 22nd with cupcakes in the narthex. Council will be hosting brunch on Sunday, June 5th for the Blessing of the basement. Pastor Chelsey & Chris are going to host a high school lock in sometime in June. VBS will be hosted this year at FLC the week of July 11th through July 15th.

Property: The trees at the parsonage have been removed. Chris Weech is going to continue mowing this summer. At a later date the committee will work on trimming trees at the corner parking lot. Reported that there are a few small details that need to be completed in the basement which will be completed in the next couple weeks. The Elevette is going to be inspected on Good Friday, Gary Hinrichs' is going to be onsite for this inspection. A motion passed for both push bars to be ordered at \$525 total.

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

Worship & Music: All hymns were picked for May. Discussed having a vote for Christmas Eve Service with voting dates to be Easter Sunday and Sunday, April 24th to determine if the Christmas Eve service is going to be moved to either 5pm or 8pm.

Old Business: FLY is going to donate half of the cost to cover the new sectional couch purchased from Harold's Furniture for the youth room. The remaining cost will be taken out of the general fund. There are still requests being taken for the old basement tables and chairs. Cathy Hinrichs & Donna Roland are going to participate in the Synod Assembly on June 17th & 18th. Council is going to be providing Brunch for the Blessing of the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 5th after worship.

Blessing for the Remodeled Fellowship Hall

On Sunday, June 5th worship and the blessing will be held in the basement. We will decorate with the red flowers for Pentecost. Brunch will follow with breakfast casseroles, cheesy potatoes, fruit and drinks served by the Council. This service will not be recorded. We will have helpers at the elevette to assist you. Everyone is welcome!

Pentecost Garden

On Sunday, June 5th red geraniums and any other red flowers will decorate the fellowship hall for Pentecost. Please bring your plants to church by 8:30 a.m. on Pentecost, there is no sign up. All plants will be taken home following worship.

Prayer Concerns during May

Joyce McCracken, Paul & Charlene McCracken, Ann Deck, Stan Urban, Faye Finck, Luanne McDivitt, Burdette Sandrock, Dick Minssen, Lee Ann Trexler sister of Kerry Meyer, Caleb Cleaver great nephew of Lynda VanDyke, Rick Chapman husband of Mindy Chapman.

Congratulations on the new arrival Parker Nerus. He was born on Saturday, May 28th and is the great grandson of Glenda Sampson.

Prayers to the family of Mary Morphew who passed away on Thursday, May 12th. Her funeral was held at the Methodist Church on Tuesday, May 24th with Pastor Chelsey as the officiant.

Prayers to Tad & Stephanie Skromme, Kyle Skromme, Marilyn Skromme and families on the passing of Tad & Stephanie's daughter Taylor Skromme on Tuesday, May 24th in Jacksonville, FL.

June Worship and Events

3 – Pastor's Day Off

5 – 9:00 a.m. *Pentecost* Worship & Communion in the Fellowship Hall and Bless the Remodeling, Bring in your Red Flowers (This service will not be recorded.)

10:15 a.m. Brunch Served by Council

7:00 p.m. VBS Meeting

8 – 6:00 p.m. Auditing Committee Meeting

10 – Pastor's Day Off

12 – 10:15 a.m. Outdoor Worship at Eclipse Square (This service will not be recorded.)

13 – 1:30 p.m. WELCA

14 – 7:00 p.m. Committee Meetings

8:00 p.m. Council Meeting

18 – Synod Assembly at Augustana

19 – 9:00 am Worship & Communion

26 – 9:00 a.m. Worship

7:00 p.m. VBS Meeting

June Assisting

Usher: Glenda Sampson Altar: Jeanne Frank, Kerry Meyer, Sue Skelton Cantor: Randy Roland
Readers: 5 - Denise Cady 12 – Luanne Urban 19 - Ben Sandrock 26 – Bob Bohms

Auditing: Please bring in your committee’s financial records for our yearly in-house auditing. They will do this review on Wednesday, June 8th. Thank You!

WELCA: Bible study will be held on June 13th at 1:30 pm in the church narthex. All women members of the church are invited. Bible leader – Rosemary Sibley. There are no meetings in July and August.

June 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.

Marilyn Melton – 7th Kent Gibson – 9th Marlene Scott – 16th Ken Cocking – 17th
Curt Plautz – 21st Lynn Gibson – 28th Burnell Howlett – 30th

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

Luncheon Meals: WELCA has decided to have all the luncheons that they serve to be catered. Our WELCA groups will set-up, provide drinks, serve the meals on the kitchen plates and do the clean-up. We thank everyone for supplying salads and desserts in the past.

Voting on Christmas Eve Worship Time: After four consecutive weeks of voting in April and May (the two extra weeks were added due to many people being ill) for our Christmas Eve worship service, all the votes have been counted. The total numbers are: 5:00 p.m. - 44 votes; 8:00 p.m. – 53 votes. This year our Christmas Eve worship service will be held at 8:00 p.m.

Basement Youth Room Update: In May new furniture was purchased for the basement youth room. A new gray corner sectional was purchased for \$1,442.19 with the priced divided evenly by the FLY & Jr. League account and FLC general fund. Two beanbag chairs and two mushroom chairs have been purchased for \$298.24 with FLY and church paying. This room will be enjoyed by many students for numerous years to come.

Old Tables and Chairs from Fellowship Hall: There has been some interest in families acquiring the old tables and chairs from the fellowship hall. A goodwill donation is being asked to receive old tables and chairs. If anyone is interested, please contact the church office so your info can be put on the list. These will be available in the near future.

Let’s Feed Our Children: Thank you to everyone who donated to the collecting of individual fruit cups. Our donation was 41 packages. These will help with the United Way of Whiteside County serving the children at the county’s Let’s Feed Our Children summer lunch programs. Thank you FLC!!



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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