

First Lutheran Church

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October, 2022 – FLC Newsletter

Happy Fall Friends!

“I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.” Psalm 13:6.

I absolutely LOVE October! It is a month filled with so many treats. Churches recognize a pet blessing during this month because of St. Francis of Assisi, who is known for his love and adoration of all creatures big and small. The Feast of St. Francis is celebrated on October 4th, but our church recognized this day a little earlier. We had a joint blessing with the P-town Methodist Church on September 24th; it was so neat to bless nine dogs, one turtle and even a hamster! All animals were given kisses and a treat for coming. October is full of multiple holidays and events, which makes this time so enjoyable! Halloween, Trunk or Treat, Reformation Sunday...such a fun and exciting month!! I hope you can join us for all of our Festive & Fantastic Events. Happy Fall Y'all!

Why do ghosts go on diets? So they can keep their ghoulish figures.

Where does a ghost go on vacation? Mali-boo.

Why did the ghost go into the bar? For the Boos.

Why did the policeman ticket the ghost on Halloween? It didn't have a haunting license.

What's a ghost's favorite dessert? I-Scream!

*Loving God, from ghoulies and ghosties,
and long-legged beasties, and things that
go bump in the night, Good Lord, bless us
and keep us safe. Amen. – Traditional
Scottish poem*



Peace & Blessings! Pastor Chelsey

Council - September 13th Meeting

Treasurer's Report: September balances:
Monthly Deposits: \$ 21,181.03
Monthly Expenses: 16,017.05
8-31-2 General Fund Balance: 95,564.74
Roof Loan Balance: 15,065.41
Food Pantry Collection: 1,028.50

Approved August Minutes...

Treasurer: The special offering was a success this summer. The 2023 Budget has been distributed to committees to make changes for next month's meeting.

Pastor Chelsey: She will be absent on Sunday, October 2nd, Rick Woolums will conduct the sermon. Thursday, August 25th there is going to be a Community Christian Group hosted by FLC. One to two representatives from Methodist, Leon & Fenton Methodist, Advent, Catholic, FLC, Food Pantry and officer Bruce Franks will be present. Saturday, September 24th in Eclipse Square at 2:00 p.m. will be the Community Animal Blessing. Sunday, October 9th in Eclipse Square at 10:15 a.m. will be Blessing of the Badges hosted by the Methodist Church.

President: Thank you to all the VBS volunteers. She presented a wall hanging to be hung in the narthex. A motion passed to hang this wall hanging in the narthex.

Evangelism & Christian Education:

August 21st basement service and backpack blessing with brunch served by council following worship, all are welcome!

September 11th Church in Eclipse Square at 10:15 a.m. with a bagged lunch to go with pulled pork or hot dog, chips, treat and water. Sunday September 18th will have Rice Crispy Treats to go in honor of Kim Glanz' birthday.

Property: They are working on getting a couple quotes for an electronic outside church sign along with obtaining quotes to repair the cross tower. 50 old metal chairs are still remaining in the basement. Repairs at the parsonage: riding lawnmower, obtaining storage shelving in the garage.

Seeding the grass to be completed by Dave Strike and Kyle Turner. A motion to donate the stand-up deep freezer in the kitchen spare room to the Food Pantry was passed.

Stewardship & Finance: September is Stewardship month, they are going to put the Time and Talent form in the newsletter along with passing it out in church on Sunday, September 4th and 18th. It has been proposed that Brenda's office hours officially be changed to her current hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Worship & Music: August 21st during the basement worship the band will be playing along with Sunday, September 11th at Eclipse Square. All hymns have been selected for September.

Old Business: With the retirement of Bishop Jeff Clements, a card will be available for all to sign and has been

mailed. A gift card to the Candlelight Inn will also be included with his card.

New Business: New Bishop Stacie Fidler will take office on September 1, 2022. She will be preaching here at FLC on Sunday, November 20th. Spaghetti Dinner was discussed to be in January with high school youth helping, funding their future trips.

Community Worship in Eclipse Square - October 9th at 10:15 a.m.

On Sunday, October 9th there will be another community outside worship service at Eclipse Square hosted by the Methodist Church at 10:15 a.m. In case of bad weather this service will be held at the same time at the Methodist Church. This day there will be a blessing for the badges and the men and women who wear them. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Bishop Fidler to Preach at FLC

On Sunday, November 20th Bishop Stacie Fidler will be here to preach, worship and serve communion with us. Fellowship will be served by FLAG following worship. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Installation of Bishop Fidler

A Letter from the Synod...

Dear friends of the Northern Illinois Synod,

On Saturday, October 8, 2022, we will have a joyful worship service as we welcome and install The Rev. Stacie Fidler as our new Northern Illinois Synod bishop of the ELCA. This special occasion will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 200 North 1st Street, Rockford. More information may be found on our website. nilsynod.org

Prayer Concerns during September

Charlene McCracken, Sandy Plautz, Stan Urban, Luanne McDivitt, Burdette Sandrock, Dick Minssen, Ron Roselieb father of Rhonda Bohms, 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 Scafe great granddaughter of Burdette & Dea Sandrock, Kyle Ullmark grandson-in-law of Glenda Sampson.

Prayers to Linden Proeger, Wayne & Barb Proeger, Dale & Darlene Proeger and families on the passing of their wife and mother Carol Proeger on Thursday, September 8th.

3rd Graders Receive Bibles

At worship Reformation Sunday, October 30th our third grade students, Addison Robshaw and Avery Schanze, will receive their bibles. They will learn these bible stories as they continue to grow in faith.

Six Flags Great America

On Saturday, October 15th our middle and high school students and chaperones will be going to Six Flags Great America in Gurnee, IL. Starting at 6:00 p.m. is their Fright Fest. SFGA warning: We will show no mercy and enjoy the monstertainment!

WELCA

The next bible study and general meeting will be held on Monday, October 10th at 1:30 p.m. at FLC. Bible leader will be Pastor Chelsey Weech. All women members of the church are invited.

Trunk or Treat

First Lutheran Church will be hosting Trunk or Treat for our 17th year! Last year there was almost 300 people in attendance and we are hoping to make this year better. This event is on Friday, Oct. 28th from 5-7 pm with a lot of games and treats. Treat stations will include Thicksten's popcorn and fruit snacks. Hot dogs, chips and bottled water will be served. We have 30 parking spaces available and we would LOVE to fill them all with your vehicle. We are also in need of candy donations "witch" the participants will hand out and volunteers to help run the event. Candy donations may be placed in the baskets in the narthex. Sign-up sheets for trunks and volunteer spots are available in the narthex. We will be collecting paper products for the Prophetstown Food Pantry: Paper Towels, Napkins, Toilet Paper, etc. If you have any questions, please contact Christa at 309-945-5617 or the church office. Please attend to have a fun evening!

October 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.

Ron Johnson – 22nd

Lonna Zschiesche – 22nd

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

Thank You

Thank you to Rick & Ann Woolums for purchasing a dehumidifier for the parsonage basement. This is wonderful for all the humidity.

October Assisting

Ushers

Chuck Emery, Paul & Charlene McCracken

Altar

Lonna Zschiesche, Denise Cady

Cantor

Randy Roland

Readers

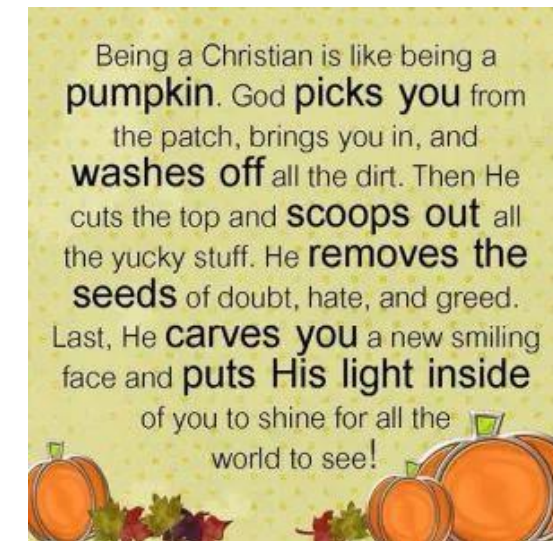
2 - Lynda VanDyke

9 - Community Worship

16 - Marilyn Melton

23 - Aaron Johnson

30 - Rosemary Sibley



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October Worship and Events

1 – Office Closed

2 – 9:00 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

3 – Office Closed

5 – 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Confirmation & Mentors

7 – 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

8 – Installation of Bishop Stacie Fidler in Rockford, IL

9 – 8:00 a.m. Men in Mission at Church
10:15 a.m. Community Worship at Eclipse Square, Blessing the Badges
No Sunday School

10 – 1:30 p.m. WELCA at FLC

11 - 7:00 p.m. Committee Meetings
8:00 p.m. Council Meeting

12 – 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

13 – 10:30 a.m. Community Christians Meeting at FLC

14 – Pastor Chelsey's Day Off

15 – 8:00 a.m. Youth & Adults leave for Six Flags

16 – 9:00 Worship & Communion
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

FLAG – Hosted by Urbans & Butlers

19 - 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

21 – Pastor Chelsey's Day Off

23 – 9:00 am Worship

26 - 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
No Confirmation Class

28 – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat

30 – 9:00 a.m. Worship & Communion
Reformation Sunday – Wear Red; Third Graders Receive Bibles