

# THE PARISH NEWS



July, 2017

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**ARTICLES DEADLINE is 20th of each month.**

**Our Mission. . . "Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service."**

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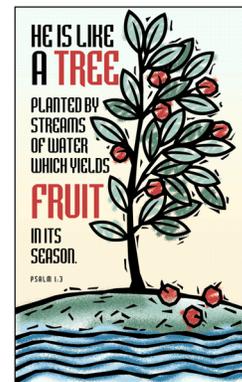


Growing up in Madagascar as a missionary kid meant attending a boarding school. Since this was a church related school, one of the things that happened as part of our everyday schedule was devotions and Bible Study. As part of our Bible Study we were asked to memorize Bible passages. I remember mem-

orizing many of the Psalms, some of which I still remember.

One of those Psalms was the first one.

- 1 Blessed is the man  
 who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
 nor stands in the way of sinners,  
 nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
- 2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
 and on his law he meditates day and night.
- 3 He is like a tree  
 planted by streams of water  
 that yields its fruit in its season,  
 and its leaf does not wither.  
 In all that he does, he prospers.
- 4 The wicked are not so,  
 but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
 nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- 6 for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
 but the way of the wicked will perish.



This psalm encourages us to be rooted in God's word. That is where we draw our strength from. Like a tree draws moisture and nutrients from the ground for life, so we draw what we need for our faith from God's Word. God's word is where we hear about God's love for us and all the promises that God makes to us. The deeper we are rooted in God's word, the stronger our faith can become and the more "fruit" we can produce in our lives. The deeper we are rooted in God's word the less chance of us drying up and blowing away which is what happens to those who do not trust in God or in His word.

So, I encourage you and challenge you to go deep into God's word. Memorize some of the Psalms and other Bible passages. They will be of comfort and strength to you many times in your life as they have in mine.

Blessings on your summer! See you at worship!

*Pastor Erik Johnson*

# Ages 3 to Entering Kindergarten



# VBS





# JUNE 20, 2017

(Please note that minutes are not approved until voted on by the council at the next month's meeting.)



- \* President Brent Petersen called the meeting to order.
- \* Members present: Pastor Erik Johnson, Brent Petersen, Brenda Suckow, Aaron Vorland, Emily Retterath, Donna Sommer and Administrative Secretary, Jeannette Rost.  
Absent: Alyson Teigen, Suzanne Swanson, Dick Bickert & Kathy Keller
- \* Pastor Erik led in devotions reading from Chapter 3 of Ephesians
- \* Donna/Aaron moved to approve the May minutes. Motion approved.

## Treasurer's Report – Donna Sommer

- \* Brenda/Aaron moved to approve the treasurer's report. Motion approved. The balance of accounts as of June 20, 2017 is as follows:

Checking	\$19,493.18
Building	44,212.76
Cemetery	617.40
Interest	1,540.25
Music	459.24
Parking Lot	33,811.62
Worship	1,544.56
Morgan Stanley	<u>11,992.40</u>
TOTAL ASSESTS	\$113,671.41

## Pastor's Report

- \* Hospital Visits: 2
- \* Home Visits: 1
- \* Nursing Home: 1
- \* Pastoral Acts:
  - \* 05/30/17 - Baptism of Armani Martinez
  - \* 06/03/17 - Graveside service for Lucille Ralston
  - \* 06/09/17 - Wedding of Jeffrey & Sarah (Grimm) Rasmussen
- \* Pastor Erik will be taking July 9<sup>th</sup> as a vacation Sunday. Pastor Gary Bauch (Food for the Poor) will be filling in for him. Elmer and Arlene Schwarz will be hosting him overnight.
- \* There is a possibility that he will be taking another vacation Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> and in August or September TBA.
- \* Reformation anniversary celebration will be in Bismarck in October. We have decided we would like to celebrate the anniversary in our church as well. We will discuss what that may be at a later date.

## Committee Reports

### Stewardship Report – Kathy Keller

No report in Kathy's absence

### Worship – Suzanne Swanson

No report in Suzanne's absence

### Education – Brenda Suckow

- \* 73 children registered for VBS/ 30 children for PreK and 43 for elementary
- \* Camp of the Cross charged \$28.00/child + mileage, there was free will donation. We were approximately \$18.00 shy of breaking even. Lots of great feedback, however it is expensive in future we may want to discuss plan B.

### Evangelism – Emily Retterath

- \* Emily turned in bill for Randy Hall's gift of appreciation.

### Property – Aaron Vorland

- \* The new stove was delivered and is up and running
- \* No estimate has been given to Aaron for the brick sign out front. He has repeatedly left messages for the individual to call him back. He will be contacting another individual to get an estimate.
- \* Flying B Construction has not contacted Aaron yet for a specific time they will be starting the roof, however it should be shortly.
- \* It has been brought up to Aaron's attention that there are some small projects that need to be looked into at the parsonage, he is going to look into this.
- \* Aaron also was wondering if we would consider helping out on the Pine Ridge project. Laura, Matt and himself along with the youth group just returned from a mission trip and they would like to go back and build a stage (24X16) for them. Matt, Laura and himself would like to go back down this summer and finish this project and is asking for help to pay for it. Aaron will get estimates from Wagon Wheel.

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### Old Business

- \* 1 Person has expressed interest in the choir director position however we are continuing to advertise. Discussion took place about the salary for this position, but was tabled for now.
- \* Catch Up picnic will be held on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.
- \* Aaron/Donna moved to pay second quarter benevolences to the following. Motion approved.
  - \* Relief Missions - Salvation Army - \$250
  - \* World Hunger - Food for the poor - \$125
  - \* Global Mission - Institute of Lutheran Theology - \$375
  - \* US/Local Missions – Pine Ridge funding for the stage flooring - \$375
- \* There will be a short congregational meeting regarding our roof funds, if no other donations are received, where will we go? We are still in need of approx. \$26,000.00 + gutters. The meeting will be held at 6:30 pm at the Catch Up picnic. The meeting will be in the bulletin for the next 3 Sundays and also will go out in the newsletter. Emily/Brenda made motion to approve the meeting to be held at the Catch up picnic. Motion approved.

### New Business

- \* In October (a designated Sunday hasn't been determined as of yet) we will be taking offering for "Faith Comes By Hearing" Military Bible Sticks. Aaron/Donna motioned to approve. Motion approved.
- \* We are looking for 2 delegates for the Annual Gathering in Minneapolis October 8-11. Registration is now open. Early Bird registration ends September 1<sup>st</sup>. One person has shown interest in going, we are looking for one more.
- \* There have been requests to put the old altar in the narthex back to its wood stain, there was discussion and the topic was tabled.
- \* There have been requests made to take the carpet out in front of the serving window in the fellowship hall and put tile down. Discussion took place and it will be added to our project list.

Transfer Requests:

### Transfers In:

- \* Alvin & Carolyn Aaseth from Oak Valley Lutheran Church of Velva, ND

### Transfers out:

- \* Nathan Richard and children, Marlee & Aavlon to Our Lord's Lutheran Church of Maryville, IL

Next meeting date: August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Aaron/Emily made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned

Emily Retterath  
Evangelism Deacon



# STEWARDSHIP CENSE



"We don't remember days, We remember moments"

My husband and I just returned from a week's vacation with our daughter and family up the north shore of Duluth. When we got home I saw this sign on my bookshelf and thought about how true it was. A lot of us can't remember days or dates (especially as we get older!) but we can remember certain events very clearly. I'm sure I'll remember climbing both up and down over 100 steps at the Split Rock Lighthouse and all the fun we had there. My hip didn't even bother me the next day! Believe me, God answered that prayer! Unfortunately, I'll also remember the moment, if not the date, that we were on the way back to Duluth, heading home. The call that came informing us that Larry's sister had passed away. A very sad moment to be sure...but then it gave us time to recall many good moments that the Keller family had together and how blessed I was to have known this lovely Christian lady for the 26 years I have been married to Larry. My point being that we all need to remember the good stuff and wonderful moments that God gives to us as a way of softening the not so good moments. Praise the Lord!

We need to also think about a couple of good stewardship moments as well this month. Our contractor should begin work on our roof in a couple of weeks, so that will certainly be a good moment. We have also crossed the \$43,000 threshold in our fundraising, so that is also a good moment!

I pray that each of you enjoy the sights and sounds of a wonderful summer, filled with all the good moments of vacations, concerts, fireworks and memories that our gracious Lord sends your way. In the midst of those good moments, I hope you will thank Him by remembering to serve Him with your own stewardship moments, whether it be for our Raise the Roof fund or asking Him how you can help someone else have good moments to remember.

A blessed July to you all and as always, remember to keep in mind to always use whatever gift you have been given to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace.

Yours in good stewardship,  
Kathy Keller  
Stewardship Trustee

July 9, 2017

9:30 AM  
Worship

## Rev. Gary Bauch from Food For The Poor

will be leading the worship service. He will also present a Bible class after the worship service.

A special offering will be taken after the worship service. Checks should be made out to "Food For The Poor". This is separate from your regular Sunday offering.

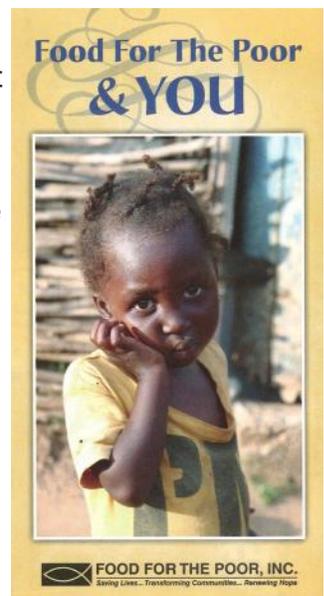
Check out [www.foodforthe poor.org](http://www.foodforthe poor.org) for insight/information on the vital work the donors do on behalf of those who are destitute in the world.

The Rev. Gary Bauch will speak about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Pastor Bauch will share personal witness about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Pastor Gary Bauch currently lives in the Rochester, NY area. He is a graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, IN and was ordained a pastor in the LCMS in 1987.

Rev. Bauch has served parishes in Gary, IN, New Kensington, PA, West Henrietta, NY and Hamilin, NY. In addition to parish service, he has also served as a chaplain in the Veteran's Administration, Monroe County Hospital, Rochester Presbyterian Home and Unity Health System.

Pastor Bauch is married to Jean and they have three sons, two daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren.



# VBS GRADES 1 - 6





**THE COUNCIL IS FIRING UP THE GRILL!**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

**ANNUAL CATCH UP PICNIC**

**WEDNESDAY**

**JULY 12 5:30 PM**



Menu includes: Burgers, Brats, Hot Dogs, Salads, Bars, Floats, Lemonade and Coffee

A free-will offering will be taken to help pay our operating expenses.

Special Congregational Meeting follows at 6:30 pm.





# **Special Congregational Meeting**

**Wednesday  
July 12, 2017  
6:30 PM  
Fellowship Hall**

The only topic of discussion will be on how to pay the remaining balance of the roof. Council suggestions are: use building fund savings, stock market money or if no other funds are received before payment time, then borrow from the parking lot fund. As of June 25<sup>th</sup> we need approximately \$25,263.45 plus the cost of gutters. We are waiting on the estimate for the gutters.

# FLCW NEWS

July, 2017

**Executive Board:**

Sonja Bergstedt  
Cathy Sheldon

**Secretary:**

Marlys Knell

**Treasurer:**

Sylvia Thompson

**Action (Quilts, LWR Kits):**

Arlene Schwarz  
Sylvia Thompson

**Altar Guild:**

Theresa Petersen

**Audit:**

Kathy Keller  
Norma Petersen

**Camp of the Cross:**

Peggy Moran

**Community:**

Kathy Keller (Meals on Wheels)  
Alli Sheldon (Goodies From  
the Heart)

**Good Cheer:**

Mary Ann Beeks  
Mary Schulz

**Growth (Confirmation &  
Graduation Tea and 3rd  
Grade Bibles):**

Donna Gunderson  
Kathryn Johnson  
Cathy Sheldon

**Kitchen:**

Arlene Schwarz  
Becky Heringer  
Val Swanson  
Nancy Fuchs  
Linda Zeller

**Kuchen, Lefse, etc.:**

Sylvia Thompson  
Donna Kroll  
Ruth Borlaug

**Library:**

Sharon Chrest  
Sande Wagner  
Norma Petersen  
Arlene Schwarz

**Prayer Chain Chairmen:**

Sande Wagner  
Arlene Schwarz  
Norma Petersen

**Receptions/Bulletin Board****Decorating:**

Donna Gunderson

**Service Secretary:**

Sharon Chrest  
Melissa Chrest

**Thank you** to everyone who helped with our Riverboat Days Pie and Ice Cream Social – workers and pie bakers! Donations from this FLCW event will go to Campers attending Camp of the Cross.

**Special Thanks**, Donna Gunderson for the addition of a **Local Art Show!**

**Thanks** to those involved with the **Quilt Display** for the Riverboat Days Float.

FLCW has purchased a clear tablecloth protector for the round serving table in the Fellowship Hall.

**Upcoming Events:**

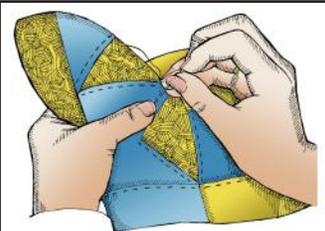
- Wednesday, July 19 6:00 pm – **Mystery Place of Prayer**  
Meet at church - casual dress - Light refreshments to be served
- July 29 - **Bluegrass Goes Pink Concert** - Work Group 5 serves
- August – Potluck Picnic **TBA**



**A Healthy Balance**  
God has given us two hands....  
one to receive with and the other to give with.  
Billy Graham



Cathy Sheldon and Sonja Bergstedt, Co-Chairs

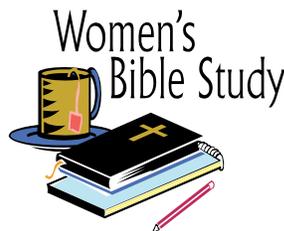


Quilting  
July 27, 2017  
9:00 AM

QUILTING GROUP

**Hannah Bible Study**

Does not meet in  
the summer.

**Women's  
Bible Study****Deborah Bible Study**

July 20, 2017  
9:30 AM

At the Church  
Norma Petersen  
will host

**Please let your hostess know whether or not you will be attending each month.**

# MYSTERY PLACE

of



**Wednesday**  
**July 19**  
**6:00 PM**

THE LESS YOU  
REVEAL, THE MORE  
PEOPLE CAN  
WONDER.  
QUOTESLIFE101.NET



Meet at the Church  
Casual Dress



Light Refreshments Served

# FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH

By Laura Gardner

'And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!' Matthew 25:40

Thanks to your generosity and prayers, we as a congregation served the least of these in Pine Ridge. Much to our surprise, we were served and had incredible kindness bestowed upon us. We saw God moving and working in so many amazing ways. The Lakota people were incredibly welcoming, loving, and very generous. It wasn't uncommon for people to walk up to us and thank us for being there. Even though we didn't wear or have anything on affiliating us with NextStep, people just knew that's who we were with. That was a pretty awesome feeling to be with a ministry that is that active and present in a community.

Our Sensational Six were part of a group of a 107, made up of youth and chaperones from Boulder, Colorado and St. Lois, Missouri. We were split into 9 work crews. We were based out of Wounded Knee and spread out to a few neighboring communities. Work projects ranged from: roofing, sanding & painting, framing for an addition, improving a deck, and siding. Our project was a little different from the rest. We had the privilege of serving an amazing woman named Ruby. She is truly one of the most selfless and loving people I have ever met. Whatever Ruby is given, she turns around and gives it right back to her people. She has a very large garden and a pen full of chickens. Everything that they produce is given away to those that need it. During the summer months Ruby brings in 32 gospel singers and puts on several concerts throughout the summer as well as puts on clothing and food drives. The majority of the events happen in her front yard under her carport. We were excited to improve this carport/make-shift-stage/storage area. We spent our workdays framing two sides of the carport/stage and then tinning those two sides to offer shade and protection from the wind. As we started to wind down on that project, several of our youth started working and planting in Ruby's enormous garden. The Reservation is known to be a fruit and vegetable desert as they are hard to come by with no grocery stores around. This was rather eye opening for all of us as we take access to fruits and veggies for granted.

It didn't take us long to fall in love with Ruby. Throughout the week she shared with us that she had just lost her husband six weeks earlier and some of the tragedies in her long life. She didn't let any of that bog her down and her love for God just shines through in everything she does. Every day we were there, multiple carloads of people would come to her house in need of everything from diapers, blankets, and food. She never turned a single one away and did her best to meet their needs. Every time she spoke of the reservation she would refer to them as her people. It was very evident to us she would do anything and everything she can for them. I was very impressed with our youth and encouraged to see how inspired they were by Ruby. It wasn't uncommon to see one of them sitting and visiting with her. After hearing many of her stories and seeing what an impact she had, the youth decided that they want to take donations and raise funds to get Ruby some apple trees for her yard and her beloved people. If you are interested in helping with this please let me know!

It was really hard saying our 'see ya later's' to Ruby and the Lakota people but we will be back! From the bottom of my heart, Thank You! Thank you for all your support to make this amazing week happen. The impact of this trip on the reservation and on all of us who went will be long standing. I hope someday God shows you what the impact of your donation and prayers did during this trip.

Many blessings,  
Laura

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>                      5:30 pm Shareholders Dinner



- If we don't teach our youth to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to. -



Our Sensational Six and fearless chaperones! Not in order but the Sensational Six consisted of Breah Philbrick, Cassidy & Madison Sommer, Armani Martinez, Tristian Allery, Christian Gardner. Chaperones Aaron Vorland, Matt & Laura Gardner



Madison, our NextStep Leader Bethany and Breah working their sawing magic. R: Madison holding tin while Matt coaches Tristian the fine art of working tin snips.



Ruby showing us pictures and sharing stories from her concerts. R: Ruby taking the tour of her revamped Stage/Carport

## JULY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

### SUNDAY USHERS/GREETERS - 9:30 AM

- 2 - Matt & Laura Gardner  
Tammy Dockter, Elaine Carr
- 9 - Tammy Dockter, Emily Westrick  
Elmer & Arlene Schwarz
- 16 - Jim & Kathy Kaiser  
Rick & LeAnn Richard
- 23 - Aaron Vorland, Jeannette Rost  
Lenny & Vickie Lange
- 30 - David & Sharon Hoff  
Aaron Vorland, Donna Kroll

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- 2 -
- 16 -

### ALTAR CARE

Mary Ann Beeks & Helen Samuelson

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

- 2 -
- 9 -
- 16 -
- 23 -
- 30 -

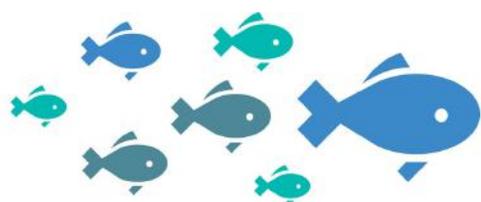
### COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

- 2 - Tammy Dockter, Ruth Borlaug
- 9 - Tammy Dockter, Emily & Hannah Westrick
- 16 - Rhonda Johnson, Jeannette Rost
- 23 - David & Ruth Borlaug
- 30 - Jeannette Rost

### SERVICE GROUP COORDINATOR

Jeannette Rost

## RIVERBOAT DAYS FLOAT



Membership of First Lutheran was divided into 12 groups that each took a month to be responsible for ushering and coffee serving. The idea was that we could encourage more fellowship and participation. That would mean that each of us only had to volunteer for one month a year. Please step up and take your turn in service for your First Lutheran community.

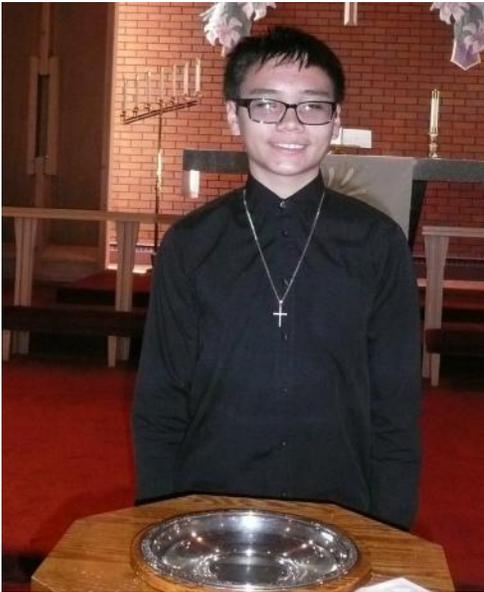
## E v a n g e l i s m O P P O R T U N I T I E S

The list below is the service group scheduled for **August**. The service coordinators are **Orlin & Ivadell Larson**. ***If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) in August works best for you and give Orlin or Ivadell a call at 462-3368. If Orlin or Ivadell calls you, please prayerfully consider how you can help.*** If you don't see your name on this list, your month is coming. Please say yes, when called. Thank you for doing your part and participating in our worship service.

Janet Carvell  
Randy & Gwen Hall  
Kathryn Johnson  
Larry & Kathy Keller

A.J. & Doddie Kuntz  
Lenny & Vickie Lange  
Tom & Vivian Merkel  
Al & Anna Rall

Chris Samuelson  
Suzanne Swanson  
Gary & Cindy Thiel



Armani Martinez

Baptized May 30, 2017

We welcome Armani as a member of First Lutheran Church.



Congratulations  
Jeffery & Sarah (Grimm) Rasmussen!  
They were united in marriage on  
June 9, 2017 at  
First Lutheran Church.

May God bless you with many  
happy years together!



Scout, Denilee, Jonathan & Harper

Scout Bennett Fortune  
Baptized June 25, 2017

We welcome Scout as our newest  
member of First Lutheran Church.

# CAMP OF THE CROSS NEWS

\* SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP COMMUNION SERVICES are held at 10:00 a.m. with a meal to follow in the dining hall for freewill donations, through August 6th, 2017. EVERYONE WELCOME! There are benches to sit on or bring a lawn chair and sit in the shade of the beautiful trees. RAIN OR SHINE!

\* Update – there are 23 campers attending camp this summer FREE through the First Lutheran Church, First Lutheran Church Women, Evangelism Committee and anonymous donors! What a wonderful LOCAL act of evangelism in our own backyard!

\* PRAIRIE LAKE FESTIVAL was held Saturday, June 17, 2017, at the Garrison High School Gym. The Live Auction brought in about \$18,000, with overall estimate of \$25,000.

\* HARVEST YOUR WISDOM RETREAT – a new retreat specifically for retired persons as they answer the big question, “what comes next?” We are blessed to have Paul Campbell, former

12-year executive director of Spirit in the Desert in Arizona, as our guest leader, July 11-13, 2017.

\* NEW SUMMER CRAFTING – July 15th and August 26th, 2017! An afternoon of fun and art as we host local artists at camp to teach lessons in their specialty!

\* Call 701-337-2246, Camp of the Cross office, for questions. Go to [www.campofthecross.com](http://www.campofthecross.com) to register or for more information.

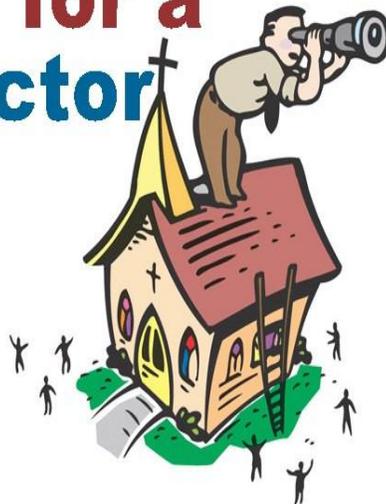
Events to consider adding to your calendar:

July 11-13	Harvest Your Wisdom Retreat
July 15	Summer Crafting
August 26	Summer Crafting
September 19-20	Women’s Fall Weekday Retreat
October 12-15	Crafting Weekend

Thank you  
Peggy Moran

## Searching for a Choir Director

We are still in the process of looking to hire a new choir director. If interested, please contact Jeannette in the church office.



### Altar Flowers

A signup sheet is on the table in the narthex for altar flowers thru August. Sign up for the Sunday you wish for before it is taken.

Remember, you furnish the flowers and make sure they get to the church.

# THANK YOU

- ☺ Thank you to LaVonne Stroup and Lenny & Vickie Lange for helping fold and tape the June newsletter for mailing.
- ☺ Dear First Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the NDSU Extension Parent Resource Center and the parents that were able to attend—thank you for hosting our 1-2-3 Magic classes at First Lutheran Church! We had a great three weeks of class, with three parents attending, six children plus two spouses benefiting from the class directly. Being in your space made it all the more comfortable.

Thank you especially to Jeannette, Pastor Erik, and the council for hosting and allowing us to use your space each week. I look forward to seeing how our collaboration might continue in the years to come. I hope you are all having a wonder start to your summer!

Sincerely,

Liz Larson  
Parent Resource Coordinator  
NDSU Extension Service

- ☺ A sincere thank you to all who said prayers for me.

Shirley Nelson

- ☺ Thank you to Suzanne Swanson for planning & leading the preschool Vacation Bible School session. Thank you to everyone who donated their time or snacks to make Vacation Bible School a success. A total of 73 children attended VBS this year!!

Preschool VBS volunteers: Melanie Beckman, Julie Bentz, Stacy Boeshans, Tolya Boeshans, Nona June Grove, Sharon Hoff, Char Syverson, Alex Seidler, Heather Seidler, Alexis Solomonson, Amelia Swanson, Suzanne Swanson, and Kitty Tweeten.

Elementary VBS volunteers: Staci Berube, Emily Retterath, Kelly Sheldon, Rani Schmidt, Reanna Schmidt, Alexis Solomonson, Laura Gardner, and Kristy Jaeger.

Snack Donations: Barbara Brewster, Kathryn Johnson, Kathy Keller, Ivadell Larson, Helen Samuelson, Theresa Petersen, Maybell Job, Kristi Jaeger.

The following are from Laura Gardner:

- ☺ Thank you Kathy Key for donating water, goodies, and extra supplies for our Mission Trip.
- ☺ Huge thank you to Aaron Vorland and Matt Gardner for taking time off of work and investing your time in our youth for the week!



The following people were prayed for by request at worship from May 28th thru June 25th. If we missed you or your loved ones, or your prayer requests, please accept our apologies.

***Please let the church office know before you enter the hospital for planned surgeries, during any hospitalization, or about your illnesses and any special needs that we may pray for you.***

- ◆ Continued health and strength for newborn twin daughters of Ryan & Kyra Block and granddaughters of Kollin & Char Syverson
- ◆ Gay Larsen - Sister to Gayle Johnson

- ◆ Edie Sheldon
- ◆ Chayna Claeys - Daughter to Mike & Sharon Nelson
- ◆ Rodney Swanson - Father to Suzanne Swanson
- ◆ Sheila Miller
- ◆ David Loe
- ◆ Shirley Nelson
- ◆ Victims of the London Bridge terror incident
- ◆ Duane Knell
- ◆ Jackie Olson
- ◆ Jaidra Dagley
- ◆ Kermit Wagner
- ◆ Family of Judy Elder on her death
- ◆ Tom Stevens - Brother to Marlene Frank
- ◆ Pauline Holwagner - Aunt to Doddie Kuntz
- ◆ Mag Balkowitsch - Aunt to A.J. Kuntz
- ◆ Sheila Link



As of June 25, 2017:

Our envelope giving is \$99,412.25 with a yearly budget of \$180,000.00  
 The plate giving is \$3,675.25 with a yearly budget of \$7,000.00  
 "Raise the Roof" balance is \$43,136.55

Thank you for your giving.



## First Lutheran July Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following First Lutheran members who have birthdays in July. We are sorry if we missed anyone this month. If your name has been missed, kindly report it to the church office so we can get your birth date for our records. Likewise, if we have printed your birthday and you do not wish to have it published in the newsletter, please let Jeannette know in the church office. We will remove it for next year. Thank you!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Ryden Adams Bentley Erber Ken Job Duane Knell Armani Martinez Mark Petersen Kolten Schmidt
<b>2</b> Tia Vetter	<b>3</b> Tristan Allery Melanie Beckman Diane Bengtson Marlene Frank Michael Hammling Brian Lazier Wes Sauer	<b>4</b> Tyler Beaudry	<b>5</b> Tolya Boeshans	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Chad Maier Don Winter	<b>8</b> Esther Bender Melisa Chrest
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Cassandra Borlaug	<b>11</b> Raegen Adams Koby Hansen	<b>12</b> Neil Heringer Shana Vollmuth	<b>13</b> Connor Helmers Alexis Solomonson	<b>14</b> Brea Tatum Isabel Samuelson Aaron Vorland	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Dakota Price Margaret Rasmussen Elizabeth Schenfisch James Wilms	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Wade Boeshans Corbin Marshall Tonya Price	<b>19</b> Jayla Kannianen Chris Ness Danika Schell	<b>20</b> Trevor Bengtson Jesse Goehring Doug Haugtvedt Scotty Price	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Pat Anderson Boyden Winter
<b>23</b> Ben Petersen Ava Schmidt Sandra Weisgarber	<b>24</b> Amber Bengtson	<b>25</b> Maeleigh Baumann	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Dwaine Helmers Kinley Steckler	<b>28</b> Derek Kirkeide Brady Vollmuth	<b>29</b> Tanner Kraft Austin Wasson
<b>30</b> Kim Ankenbauer Dan Chrest Jesslyn Hall Jaxon Solomonson	<b>31</b> Darrell Scheresky					



## Memorial Gifts Given to Special Funds (Sunday, May 28 to Sunday, June 25)



<u>Fund given to &amp; by whom</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
<b>Altar Flower Fund</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Building Fund</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Raise the Roof</b> .....	<b>\$260.00</b>
A.J. & Doddie Kuntz (2 times) .....	Keith Kuntz
Wes Sauer .....	Paul Wiese
John & Helen Samuelson .....	Judy Elder
Rick & LeAnn Richard .....	Judy Elder

The following are all in memory of Eleanora Renner:

Dean & Sonja Bergstedt  
 Sharon Chrest  
 Rick & LeAnn Richard  
 Mary Ann Beeks  
 Brad & Cathy Sheldon  
 Dick & Barbara Brewster  
 Mac & Judy Beaudry  
 Willie & Janell Ziemann  
 Steve & Peggy Wollmuth  
 Sylvia Thompson  
 Monte & Victoria Carvell  
 Duane & Marlys Knell

<b>Camp of The Cross</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Camp of The Cross Building Campaign</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Cemetery Fund</b> .....	<b>\$25.00</b>
Richard Lorentzen .....	Clark Ness
<b>China Service Ventures</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Decorating (Church)</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>

<u>Fund given to &amp; by whom</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
<b>General Fund</b> .....	<b>\$65.00</b>
Mac & Judy Beaudry .....	Lowell Flowers
Howard & Elda Johnson .....	Lane Johnson
Elaine Carr .....	Clay Carr
Elaine Carr .....	Eleanora Renner
<b>Global Missions, Other (Outside the U.S.)</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Local/Other U.S. Missions</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Library</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Lutheran Social Services</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Lutheran World Relief</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Music Fund</b> .....	<b>\$30.00</b>
Dick & Barbara Brewster .....	In Honor of Terry & Donna Gunderson's 50th Wedding Anniversary
Arden & Sande Wagner .....	Eleanora Renner
<b>Parking Lot Fund</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>
A.J. & Doddie Kuntz .....	Keith Kuntz
<b>Relief Missions</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Sunday School</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Vacation Bible School</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>World Hunger</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Worship Fund</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>



Our sympathy goes out to:

- ⇒ Terry & Donna Gunderson and family on the death of Donna's mother, Eleanora Renner
- ⇒ Larry & Kathy Keller and family on the death of Larry's sister, Judy Elder

May God give them comfort in this time of sorry.



# JULY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Pastor Erik's Ordination 38 Years Pastor Erik & Kathryn's Anniversary 45 Years
<b>2</b> <b>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 7:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 5:30 PM FLY Shareholders Dinner 7:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>10</b> 10:00 AM Chat & Sew	<b>11</b> 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	<b>12</b> 5:30 PM Catch Up Picnic 6:30 PM Special Congregational Meeting	<b>13</b> AM Pastor Erik at Text Study	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Holy Baptism</b> 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 7:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10:00 AM Mommy's Group 2:00 PM Home Health Group Meeting 6:30 PM CCM Board Meeting	<b>19</b> 6:00 PM FLCW Meeting	<b>20</b> Newsletter Deadline AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 9:30 AM Deborah Bible Study at the Church - Norma Petersen will Host	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 2:00 PM Bridal Shower For Candy Ankenbauer
<b>23</b> <b>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 7:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 9:00 AM Quilting	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Bluegrass Goes Pink Concert at Cross Ranch
<b>30</b> <b>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 7:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>31</b>					

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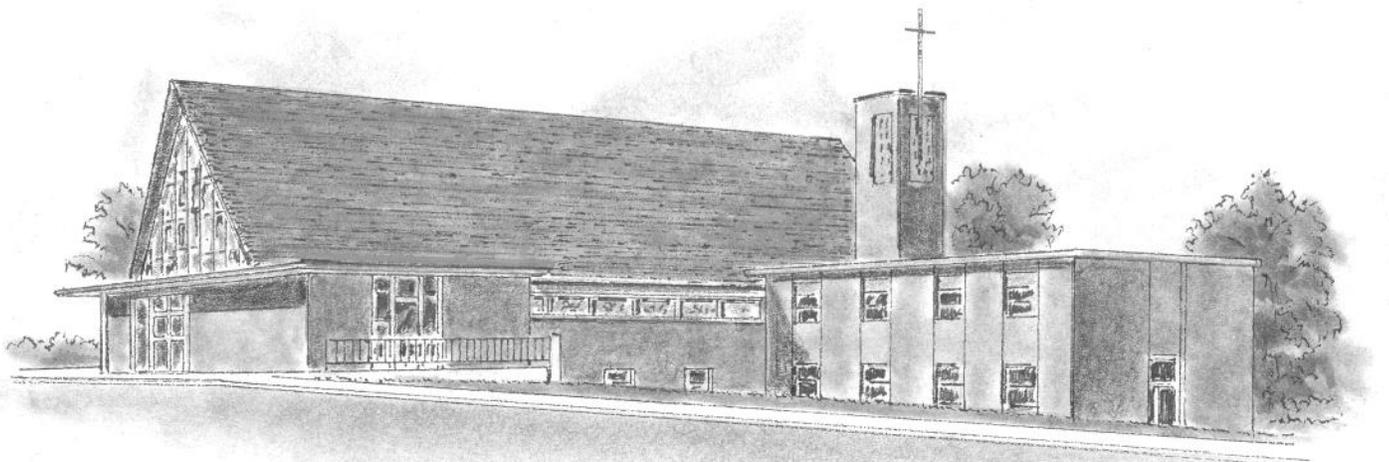
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Christ known through  
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Education, Evangelism,  
Caring Ministries, and  
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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**  
**Worship Service - 9:30 AM**  
**Coffee/Fellowship Hour - 10:30 AM**  
**AA Meeting - 7:00 PM**