



# THE PARISH NEWS



September, 2020

*First Lutheran Church  
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Kathy Keller, Stewardship Trustee

**NEWSLETTER INFORMATION/**

**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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## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH UPDATES REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC!

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.  
I do not give to you as the world gives.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."  
John 14:27

As of the August 5, 2020 council meeting the following decisions were made regarding the Coronavirus Pandemic  
(Next meeting is September 2):

- First Lutheran will keep maintaining worship services as is, limiting up to a total of 150 people. **Face masks are strongly encouraged but not required. Bring your own mask, if you don't, masks will be available for your use.** As of now we will have Facebook Live services. Watch Facebook and our website, [www.flcwashburn.com](http://www.flcwashburn.com) for further updates regarding Facebook Live services.
- It was determined that the following groups of no more than 24 people are the only groups allowed to meet at the church at this time - AA, FLCW quilters (one day a month for quilting), Pastoral Call Committee, Church Council, Choir, Bell Choir, Deborah Bible Study, Chat & Sew Quilters and Mommy's Group. **No food to be served at this time or coffee hour.**
- Doors will be open daily from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.
- Watch the church website, Facebook and notices on the church doors for further updates.

The bulletin for each service will be posted on our website [www.flcwashburn.com](http://www.flcwashburn.com) prior to the service.

Click the bulletin tab at the top of the page,  
then click on the date of the bulletin you are looking for.

We also ask that you remember your tithing for the church.  
We ask if you are not coming to church to either send your payment to  
First Lutheran Church  
PO Box 218  
Washburn, ND 58577  
or drop it off at Farmers Security Bank in Washburn  
notating it is a donation for First Lutheran Church.

Events/activities listed in this newsletter are all subject to change at anytime. Please check the following for updates:

[www.flcwashburn.com](http://www.flcwashburn.com)

Facebook: First Lutheran Church Washburn, ND

Facebook: What's Happening in Washburn, ND

Or Call the church office at 701-462-3775 if you have questions.



**RALLY SUNDAY**

**September 13**

**Youth ages  
3 years old - 9th grade**

**Join us for music and games**

**Meet in the sanctuary  
following worship**



# AUGUST 5, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING

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



- President Kris Schmidt called the meeting to order
- Members present: Kris Schmidt, Matt Gardner, Kathy Keller, Leilani Olafson, Aaron Vorland, Stacy Boeshans, Jeff Schmidt, Melanie Beckman, Donna Sommer  
Administrative Secretary - Jeannette Rost

Devotions – Melanie Beckman

From Proverbs31.org – “Are God’s Plans Meant for Good?” – Romans 8:28

- Approval of previous council meeting minutes – July 1, 2020  
1<sup>st</sup> Kathy Keller, 2<sup>nd</sup> Matt Gardner – Motion carries
- **Treasurer’s Report – Donna Sommer**  
(Motion to approve future audit, and to pay any “non-budgeted bills.”)  
A separate line item was created for the Call committee for Pastoral travel expenses  
1<sup>st</sup> Stacy Boeshans, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff Schmidt - Minutes approved

CD’s	\$200,000.00
Checking	\$69,639.40
Building	\$45,076.89
Cemetery	\$617.40
Interest	\$732.12
Music	\$1,742.25
Parking Lot	\$47,226.11
Worship	\$2,139.56
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	\$11,992.40
Total Assets	\$379,166.13

- **Pastors Report – (July 1 – 31, 2020)**  
**Pastor Curt Hanson, Interim**
  - Phone Visits - 2

## **Pastor Report Richard Smith**

- Phone Visits – 5 & 5 attempted calls

## **Vivian Merkel Memorial**

- Tri-Core will be coming to give an estimate for Live Streaming technologies and in honor of the gift of the equipment, there will be a plaque in honor of Vivian Merkel.  
Discussion was held as to the best location for the equipment in the sanctuary.

## **Laura Gardner’s report -**

given by Matt Gardner

- Confirmation will be August 30, 2020. Four of the Seven confirmands have sermon notes to turn in. Laura has put together materials and resources for the confirmands to be able to complete the requirement of fifteen sermon notes and be able to be confirmed on August 30, 2020. A reminder letter from the church council to the parents of the confirmands will be sent out to get sermon notes turned in or they will not be confirmed on August 30, 2020. A motion was made that the fifteen sermon notes are a requirement to be confirmed.  
1<sup>st</sup> Jeff Schmidt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aaron Vorland
- Pizza Day will be postponed until further notice.
- Rally Sunday breakfast fundraiser for FLY date to be determined, these Fundraisers assist the Youth group to be able to do some of their mission trips.

## **Committee Reports:**

- **Stewardship Committee - Kathy Keller**
  - Kathy is looking into a pamphlet as a resource for her monthly newsletter.
- **Worship Committee – Jeff Schmidt**
  - Two Sundays in September have been filled for readers.
  - Communion Assistants will be required to wear masks and gloves and keep the appropriate 6 ft. distance from Pastor during Communion.
- **Education Committee – Stacy Boeshans**
  - Movie night will be August 20, 2020. Flyers will be posted and Stacy will send out a notice on the remind app about this neat event. The location will be in the sanctuary with respect to the standards for Covid-19 with the pews being spaced appropriately. Everyone is welcome!
  - Sunday School will be organized as a whole group for the Sunday school lesson and then will break into smaller groups into individual Sunday school rooms. This format seems to be working very well and will continue into the 2020-2021 Sunday school year.

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- **Evangelism Committee – Melanie Beckman**
  - Catchup picnic – Date to be determined by Covid-19 standards
- **Property Committee – Aaron Vorland**
  - Garage floor will soon be repaired
  - Parsonage deck will need to be resealed as well
  - Closet rod in one of the closets needs to be refastened

#### **Call Committee –**

- Pastor Darling appreciated everything through his visit to North Dakota and there was mixed reviews from the congregation.
- August 6, 2020 Pastor Chuck and his wife Stephanie will be coming and Jeannette will be giving a tour of our church on Friday. There will be Supper on Friday with the Call Committee. Pastor Chuck will lead services on Sunday August 9, 2020.  
There is a brunch at Dakota Farms Saturday morning. Following is a tour of Washburn school by Laura Gardner and Cassidy Sommer. Kathy Keller will then give a tour around Washburn sites. Matt Gardner family will be giving a tour of the area Sunday afternoon.
- Pastor Chuck has three Internships completed during his time at Seminary. If offered the Call at First Lutheran he would be ordained during his first service here or he would be eligible to also be ordained at his home church or the church he is now serving.
- Matt is working on a housing agreement and looking to LCMC for direction in a Pastoral agreement.
- Jeannette has been updating Pastor Smith on the Candidates as well.

#### **Old Business**

- We have \$1,138.77 in Thrivent Choice Dollars
- Coronavirus update: A motion was made as to the following groups will be allowed to meet with a maximum of 24 people or less, Jeff made a motion to open church to resume normal hours and ALL activities and to allow groups and Sunday School to follow social distancing guidelines with masks encouraged but not required and to open doors with regular hours.

1. Choir & Bell Choir
2. Deborah Bible Study
3. Chat & Sew Quilters
4. Mommy's Group

1<sup>st</sup> Jeff Schmidt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aaron Vorland – motion fails

- Jeff made a motion to open church to resume normal and to allow groups and Sunday School to follow social distancing guidelines with masks encouraged but not required and to open doors with regular hours.

After further discussion the motion failed and discussion was reopened as the following:

- We will coordinate standards for the Covid-19 with the Washburn Public Schools policy.
- Church will resume as is and doors will be open 9 am to 3 pm. No coffee hour or food service will be conducted at this time and the small groups of 24/less will be allowed and Social Distance will be encouraged
  1. Choir & Bell Choir
  2. Deborah Bible Study
  3. Chat & Sew Quilters
  4. Mommy's Group

A motion was made to the amendment of the Coronavirus

1<sup>st</sup> Jeff Schmidt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aaron Vorland – Motion Carries

- Catchup picnic – Date to be determined with guidelines from CDC
- Lavern Johnson Trust money
  1. Parking Lot – Elmer Schwarz met with Kris Schmidt at looking at the 2018/2019 budget. With the new layout of down the sidewalk, and alleyway they requested updated estimates from the companies and that the project should not exceed \$91,000.
  2. Security Cameras – WRT was not able to previous come into the building; however, we will follow up with them to see if they are able to come in at this time to provide an estimate
  3. Pine Ridge – Aaron had stated that Pastor TJ has since retired and went back to Tennessee and also Ruby and Asa are being restricted due to the Coronavirus to become ordained in the church. It was further discussed of possibly looking into the purchase of hymnals or bibles once the church is up and running. A decision was tabled until the September meeting.

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### **New Business**

- National Child Safety Council – Provides child and drug safety material for children, pre-school and older, as well as materials for our senior citizens. Previous years we donated \$75 using Thrivent monies.  
A motion to use \$75 Thrivent money for this cause  
1<sup>st</sup> Kathy Keller, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff Schmidt – motion carries
- Benevolences for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter will be decided at the September 2, 2020 meeting
  1. Relief Missions
  2. World Hunger
  3. US/Local Missions
  4. Global Mission
- Custodial Position – There was one application turned in and that was Jeff Schmidt  
A motion was made to accept Jeff's application at an hourly rate of \$17.00/hour.  
1<sup>st</sup> Melanie Beckman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aaron Vorland – motion carries

### **Transfer Requests:**

#### **Transfers In**

None

#### **Transfers Out**

None

#### **By Affirmation of Faith**

None

#### **Remove from Membership List:**

None

Next Council Meeting:

Sept 2, 2020 at 7pm

Adjourn meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Jeff Schmidt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Donna Sommer - Motion carried

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Leilani Olafson

Church Council Secretary

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## **AUGUST 17, 2020**

- President Kris Schmidt called the meeting to order
- Members present: Kris Schmidt, Matt Gardner, Kathy Keller, Leilani Olafson, Aaron Vorland, Stacy Boeshans, Jeff Schmidt, Melanie Beckman, Donna Sommer  
Administrative Secretary - Jeannette Rost

Kris Schmidt thanked members for attending this special meeting to discuss details about pastoral candidate and process to issue a Letter of Call.

- 1<sup>st</sup> of 2 required Sunday service announcements prior to the Call meeting was made on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Call Committee letter will be discussed in detail.
- 7% of total congregation voting members needed for a quorum. 2/3 majority vote to accept the new Pastor.
- Salary & terms of Pastoral package will also be voted on by the congregation
- Wednesday, August 19, 2020 the Call Meeting notice letter will be mailed out to members of FLC.
- Call Committee members networked following church service lead by Pastor Chuck Mann, and the Call Committee members were met with overwhelming positive response.
- Goal of the Call Committee through this Call process is to have records of the call

## **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

process for a new pastor retained for future reference.

- What might the new Pastor and family's one, five and 10 year plans be, and what time frame of serving First Lutheran Church would they consider?

Matt Gardner covered the Letter of Call that the LCMC has and used verbiage from that as a reference to form our Call letter

- Pastor Johnson had no requirements other than our Bylaws
- Pastoral package was discussed amongst Church Council members and they concur to carry forward the Call Committee's recommendation for the congregation to consider candidate Chuck Mann for a Letter of Call to FLC.

Jeff Schmidt 1<sup>st</sup>, Stacy Boeshans 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve draft Letter of Call as read by Matt Gardner. Motion carries

Next Council Meeting:

Sept 2, 2020 at 7pm

Adjourn meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Jeff Schmidt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacy Boeshans - Motion carried

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Leilani Olafson

Church Council Secretary



Please join us for

# *Bible Study*

When it is safe and agreed upon to gather again

Fire Side Room  
after Church Service

Bring Your Favorite Bible

For any questions please contact  
Alexis Solomonson  
701-721-7848





## Education Report

Stacy Boeshans



### Sunday School • Sunday School • Sunday School

#### Rally Sunday

Rally Sunday is coming up on September 13<sup>th</sup>. This means the beginning of SUNDAY SCHOOL! It will be a day of fun and games!

#### Teachers

**THANK YOU** to all those who have agreed to teach Sunday School this year! Pre-k thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are completely covered, as well as the high school class, music, and large-group.

**We still need teachers!** Teaching is a great way to be involved in the church and get to know some awesome people. Our teaching staff is **AMAZING** and we will be having lots of fun this year. If you

are wondering if you should give it a try....you **SHOULD**.☺ Maybe you are nervous about trying it. Please know that you will not get stuck in a class by yourself. We team-teach here, plus do a lot of large-group activities. We still need a couple teachers for grades 4-6. Please reach out if you are interested. Private message me on Facebook or call the church.

#### Attendance Awards

Attendance Awards for last year will be given out sometime this fall. Stay tuned!

Thank you!  
Stacy Boeshans



# INSTALLATION

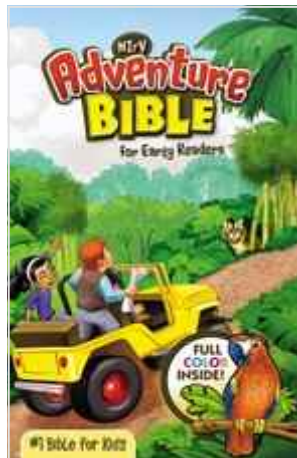
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020  
DURING 9:30 AM WORSHIP**



Sunday School students and parents of the 8th & 9th grade classes...

Please watch your mailbox and bulletins for more information as to when Confirmation class will start.

**FOR  
Bibles  
3rd Graders**



The following third graders will receive their Bibles from the FLCW on Sunday, September 13th, during the worship service.

If a name is missed or there is one on this list that should not be here, please notify the church office immediately.

Bekka Bentz, Kylee Fiedler, Aubrey Holznagel, Mia Klabunde, Ever Kugler, Axton Meadows, Olivia Schmidt, Zack Vollmuth



Handbell choir begins  
Wednesday, September 9th  
6:45 PM

Come ring the bells with us this year!  
New ringers are always welcome to join.

Questions, talk to Gwen Hall.



Choir begins on  
Wednesday, September 9th  
7:30 PM

Lift your voices in praise!  
Sopranos, Altos, Tenors and Basses needed!

Questions, talk to Randy Hall

# THANK YOU

- ☺ Thank you LeAnn Richard and Kathy Keller for helping fold and tape the August newsletter for mailing.



- ☺ Thank you Orlin Larson, Jeff, Ava & Olivia Schmidt, Randy & Gwen Hall, Rick & LeAnn Richard, Sylvia Kalliokoski, Theresa Petersen, Arden Wagner, Gwen DeMontigny and Peggy Moran for their special music this past month.

- ☺ Thank you for your prayers and concerns for Alexis. Her surgery was a success. Her scoliosis is corrected and she doesn't have to wear a brace anymore.

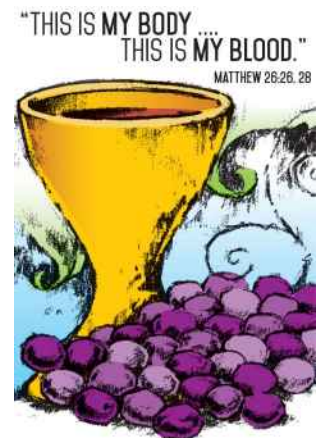
Sylvia Thompson



## RITE OF FIRST COMMUNION

Earlier in the year the following 13 youth participated on their First Communion class but were unable to go through the Rite of First Communion because of Covid-19. Rite of First Communion is scheduled for Sunday, September 20th. Congratulations!

Kyle Albers  
Haylie Bentz  
Justin Dahl  
Tanner Fiedler  
Lily Gardner  
Alyson Knox  
Brooke Knutson  
Berandt Olafson  
Gracie Omlid  
Ethan Swanson  
Brooklyn Thomas  
Brady Vollmuth  
DJ Winter



As of August 23, 2020:

Our envelope giving is \$120,643.00 with a yearly budget of \$195,000.00.  
\$5,163.45 behind budget.

The plate giving is \$2,979.25 with a yearly budget of \$8,500.00.  
\$2,504.60 behind budget.

Thank you for your giving.



# FLCW NEWS

September, 2020

**Executive Board:**

LeAnn Richard  
Donna Gunderson

**Secretary:**

Marlys Knell

**Treasurer:**

Wendy Miller

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

Gwen DeMontigny  
Sylvia Thompson

**Altar Guild:**

Theresa Petersen

**Audit:**

Mary Ann Beeks

**Camp of the Cross:**

Peggy Moran

**Community:**

Kathy Keller  
Meals on Wheels  
Lions Bake Sale  
Alli Sheldon  
Goodies From the Heart

**Good Cheer:**

Mary Ann Beeks

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

Janet Hanson  
Margaret Rasmussen

**Kitchen:**

Arlene Schwarz  
Kathy Keller  
Linda Zeller

**Kuchen, Lefse, Cards, etc.:**

Donna Kroll  
Marlys Knell

**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

Due to COVID-19 the **Confirmation Tea** was cancelled. The Growth Committee presented gifts to the confirmands during worship on Confirmation Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank you** to all those volunteering their time to deliver Meals on Wheels in September.


The **Executive Board will meet** on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> following worship.

The **Night with the FLCW Quilters Service Project** will be Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Please join us to help put together and box school and baby kits for Lutheran World Relief.

## UPCOMING EVENTS: (subject to change)

September	Meals on Wheels
September 13	3 <sup>rd</sup> graders receive Bibles
	Executive Meeting following worship
September 17	Service Project with FLCW quilters – 6:30 pm
September 24	Quilting – 9:00 am
October TBA	General meeting
October 22	Quilting – 9:00 am

LeAnn Richard and Donna Gunderson co-chairs



### Women's Bible Study

**Deborah Bible Study**  
September 17, 2020  
9:30 AM  
at Cathy Sheldon's  
Sharon Chrest &  
Mary Ann Beeks Host

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



### QUILTING GROUP

September 24, 2020  
9:00 AM - ???

School supplies are now on sale. Now is the time to purchase items at the sale price and stock up for our Lutheran World Relief Kits and Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. LWR kits will be shipped in October (put items in quilt room downstairs at the church). Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will arrive the end of October, first part of November and will be collected by November 14th. Following is a list of items needed for each project. Thank you for helping with these worthy projects!!!



## Lutheran World Relief

Bolded items are especially needed. The following are items needed to make one school kit and one baby care kit:

### School Kits:

- **Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper**
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- **One pencil sharpener**
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- **One 2 1/2" eraser**
- One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

### Baby Care Kits:

- Two lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies)
- Two long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- Two receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with light-weight yarn, up to 52" square
- Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, *or include a baby cap*
- Two pairs of socks
- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 or 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars.

Two diaper pins or large safety pins

### Personal Care Kits:

- One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" & 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- One metal nail clippers, remove packaging



### WHAT GOES IN MY SHOEBOX?

#### **"WOW" Item**

Delight a kid! Start with a medium to large item that will capture the child's attention the instant he or she opens the box. **Ideas include:** Soccer ball with pump, Stuffed animal, Toys (puppets, trucks, etc.), Doll (baby, Barbie, etc.), Musical instrument, Outfit, Shoes

#### **Other Suggestions**

- ⇒ **Toys:** Include items that children will immediately embrace such as toy cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.
- ⇒ **School Supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.
- ⇒ **Non-liquid Hygiene Items:** toothbrushes, bar

**Papers with more suggestions for each age group and gender are on the table in the narthex.**

soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

- ⇒ **Accessories:** T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.
- ⇒ **Crafts:** Make your own items such as hair bows, finger puppets, and friendship bracelets.

#### **Pack shoeboxes for Age and Gender-Specific:**

Girls 2-4, Girls 5-9, Girls 10-14,  
Boys 2-4, Boys 5-9, Boys 10-14.

**A Personal Note:** You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

#### **Do Not Include**

Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.



## STEWARDSHIP

### CENSE



"The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right, and his ears are open to their prayers"  
1 Peter: 3:12

We on the Call committee are most assuredly aware that God has watched over us and has answered our prayers to the fullest! As I write this I pray that our vote on the 30th will have given us the go-ahead to formally call Pastor Chuck Mann and his family to First Lutheran. The question then becomes, now that once we have called him, and God has indeed answered our prayers, now what?

I believe the answer is to keep praying!! Except **now** we need to pray for him and his family as they prepare to come and take over the pastoral vacancy at Washburn. Here are a few suggestions that might help as you continue to pray for Pastor Chuck and his family.

1. Pray for the courage he must have to come with his family to Washburn all the way from Pennsylvania!
2. Pray for the family's safety as they begin that long journey!
3. Pray that he may find joy in his ministry here!
4. Pray that he might see and heal the sadness he may find in his ministry here!

5. Pray that the entire family finds and appreciates the laughter, humor and comradery of First Lutheran parishioners!
6. Pray that he may have the strength to bear the burdens and help heal the burdens he may occasionally find in those same parishioners!
7. Pray that he and his family may find peace and joy at First Lutheran, content in the knowledge that God has answered his prayers as well as ours.
8. Pray for the continued faith of his congregants to always know that his has our love and support throughout his ministry here!
9. Pray that he may use wisely, his talents of music and technology to the glory of God and First Lutheran!

Above all, as you pray for Pastor Chuck and his family, remember how powerful prayer can be and that they will be answered if we but wait patiently on the Lord!

Have a happy and blessed fall!

Kathy Keller  
FLC Stewardship Trustee

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## FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH

By Laura Gardner

**Father, we praise You for who You are. We give You thanks because You created us in your own image. Also we pray for knowledge and understanding for teachers, students and parents. We pray that you will be with our teachers and pupils as they start a new school year. We pray that you will give pupils tenacity as they seek for understanding and new revelations in their studies. Father we also pray for parents, that they will support pupils by building a closer working relationship with teachers and staff. This we ask in Jesus Name. Amen**

I'm so excited to kick off a new school year! With all the uncertainties associated with Covid. There's still a few things that are up in the air at the moment. Please watch the bulletin and our Facebook page for the most updated information! In a perfect world, with no hiccups we'll participate in See You At the Pole again this year. Again more info will be put out as soon as possible!

### Upcoming Events:

September 16<sup>th</sup> FLY begins!!!! 7:00 pm  
Both senior and junior high!

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

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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

6 - Andrew & Shenille Lillejord  
13 - Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen  
20 - Tom Merkel & Suzanne Swanson  
27 - Gary & Cindy Thiel

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

6 - Jeff Schmidt  
13 - Dwight Rasmussen  
20 - George Swanson  
27 - Stacy Boeshans

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

6 - Jeff Schmidt  
20 - George Swanson

### ALTAR CARE

Janet Hanson & Maybell Job

### COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

Will find people once we resume coffee hour.

### SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS

Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen



The following list is the service group scheduled for **October**. The group coordinators are Terry & Donna Gunderson. ***If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) in October works best for you and give Terry or Donna a call at 462-8335. If Terry or Donna 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.

David Beckman  
Nadine Berger  
Delwin & Diane Blumhagen  
Dan & Melissa Chrest  
Sharon Chrest  
Don Ellwein  
Dennis & Janice Hammling  
Byron & Kailyn Hansen  
AJ & Kara Richards  
Glenda Scholl  
Justin & Tammy Sheldon  
George & Val Swanson  
Mike Thyberg  
Candace Wieger  
Jeneen Loe  
Bill & Besi Wilson  
Hunter Philbrick

## LCMC 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering Delegates

LCMC 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering will be held on Monday, October 5, 2020 at North Heights Lutheran Church in Arden Hills, MN. Yes, one day only this year. This is due to the current restrictions placed on group gatherings in the state of Minnesota due to COVID-19. Breakout sessions, fellowship and networking activities, and vendors have been canceled for this year.

Registration is limited to 250 people at the gathering and is first come first serve, online only, and limited to voting delegates. **First Lutheran is allowed two voting delegates.** The deadline to register is September 30<sup>th</sup>.

The event will be live streamed as usual, however this year they plan to offer a more interactive experience for those who will be "attending" the event from home. If you are interested in being a delegate, please see Jeannette in the church office. She also has a schedule for October 5<sup>th</sup> if you would like to see it.







## 2020 Annual Gathering and Convention Update

Covid-19 has touched everything that involves people gathering together in one place, including our annual gathering and convention. State requirements vary by state depending on the severity of the number of cases, the mortality rate and other factors. The state of Minnesota, the location of our next annual gathering, requires people gather in groups of 250 or less. As a result, our gathering and business meeting, will also be changing.

**For this year alone**, the Board of Trustees has recommended a change in the two things we normally vote on: the budget for LCMC and area elections. These two recommendations are being made because with only 250 delegates gathering, there will not be the broad representation of our congregations and delegates we have come to value over the last 20 years.

**The Budget.** The Board of Trustees is recommending for this year alone, we extend the current budget for one year without any changes. A new budget will be proposed at the next annual gathering in the fall of 2021 when we meet in Columbus, Ohio. Given the current level of financial support from our congregations and membership, the board sees no concern over doing so.

**Elections.** This year, two of the members of the Board of Trustees are up for re-election. The Board of Trustees is recommending that their current term be extended for one year and regular elections be held at the 2021 Annual Gathering for the remaining two years of the term.

These two recommendations will be brought, for approval, to the delegates able to gather on October 5, in person, at North Heights Lutheran Church in Arden Hills, MN.

Also, during the gathering, we will be saying farewell to Mark Vander Tuig who has served as our Service Coordinator for the last 10 years. We will be collecting cards and notes to present him. If you wish to send either, please do so before September 15. You can send them to:

LCMC  
Attn: Farewell  
7000 N Sheldon Rd  
Canton MI 48187

These are unusual times, and we are all doing our best to manage them safely and still get done the things that need to get done. The Board of Trustees has weighed these recommendations prayerfully and thoughtfully. Please forward any comments or concerns regarding these proposals to the Board of Trustees at [info@lcmc.net](mailto:info@lcmc.net) before September 15, 2020, for their consideration.

God's peace to you,

LCMC Board of Trustees  
LCMC Staff



## Memorial Gifts Given to Special Funds (Sunday, August 2 to Sunday, August 23)

### Fund given to & by whom                      In Memory of

**Building Fund** .....\$0.00

**Camp of the Cross**.....\$0.00

**Decorating (Church)**.....\$20.00

Alton & Brenda Krebsbach ..... Leo Reiser

**General Fund** .....\$780.00

Elaine Carr ..... Clay Carr

Brad & Cathy Sheldon ..... Billy Gardner

Brad & Cathy Sheldon ..... Cheryl Wingerter

Steve & Peggy Wollmuth ..... Ralph Dockter

Steve & Peggy Wollmuth ..... Jim Foss

Steve & Peggy Wollmuth ..... Jim Schell

Orlin & Ivadell Larson ... Thanking God for blessing  
them with 60 years of marriage

Arlene Bender ..... LeRoy Bender

**Global Missions**.....\$0.00

**Lutheran Social Services** .....\$0.00

**LWR**.....\$60.00

Dewey & Wanda Oster ..... Otto Schmitt

Dewey & Wanda Oster ..... Wyman Roeder

Dewey & Wanda Oster ..... Louis Bosch

**Music**.....\$340.00

Arden & Sande Wagner..... Jim Foss

Gwen DeMontigny ..... Todd DeMontigny

Steve & Sue Richards ..... Billy Gardner

**Parking Lot Fund**.....\$360.00

John & Helen Samuelson ..... Mary Jacobson

John & Helen Samuelson ..... Marion Johnson

A.J. & Doddie Kuntz (3 times)..... Keith Kuntz

Mary Ann Beeks ..... Bill Beeks

Elmer & Arlene Schwarz..... Billy Gardner

Elmer & Arlene Schwarz..... LeRoy Bender

Peggy Moran ..... Cheryl Wingerter

Sharon Chrest ..... Floyd Chrest

**Relief Missions** .....\$0.00

**Sunday School** .....\$20.00

Steve & Peggy Wollmuth ..... Lane Johnson

**US/Local Missions**.....\$0.00

**World Hunger**.....\$0.00

**Worship**.....\$0.00

# CAMP OF THE CROSS NEWS

September 16-20    Crafting Retreat

October 9-10            Grades 4-9 Fall MEGA Bash

October 14-18        Crafting Retreat

November 11-15    Crafting Retreat

It is a time to celebrate for the Board of Directors, Staff and Campers for getting through this camping season with NO COVID-19 at Camp of the Cross! Hats off to the Staff and Campers for doing their best in following CDC Guidelines and keeping everyone safe and healthy!

Due to COVID-19, and a lot of discernment and prayer, we are sorry to announce we are not having the annual FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT this year.

FALL YOUTH BASHES – Come join us for a great opportunity for youth to come together in fellowship, grow together in lives of faith, and have a good ol' time in between. Join us for a day of activities, games, bible study, worship and more! As Fall approaches, we learn about how water continues to replenish, sustain, and create life in a physical and spiritual way. God continually shows God's vibrant colors through all of creation through His love poured out for all of us.

CRAFTING RETREATS continue to be popular, but may be limited in numbers due to COVID-19, so register early to get in on all the fun!

Thank you to EVERYONE for continuing to support Camp of the Cross! It is a wonderful ministry that many, many people have and continue to work tirelessly to improve and spread God's message to all people, young and old.

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

Thank you  
Peggy Moran



The following people were prayed for by request at worship from Sunday, August 2 - Sunday, August 23. 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.***

- ♦ Susan Hanson - Wife of Pastor Curt Hanson
- ♦ Marilyn Wollmuth - Sister-in-law to Steve & Peggy Wollmuth
- ♦ Jim & Mary Ann Foss - Friends of Arden & Sande Wagner
- ♦ Virgil Wisdom
- ♦ Harold Holtz
- ♦ Cindy Delmonicao - Mother to Melissa Kugler
- ♦ Elaine Renfrow - Mother to Lynette Sondrol
- ♦ Mike Thyberg

- ♦ Sandi Femling - Cousin to Melanie Beckman
- ♦ Laren Holznagel
- ♦ Harlow Tatum - Daughter of Brea (Gutknecht) Tatum
- ♦ Taylor Gardner
- ♦ Melisa Chrest
- ♦ Ruth Lund - Mother to Doddie Kuntz
- ♦ Derek Laning
- ♦ Jacklyne Carlson
- ♦ Amber Selken - Sister to Wendy Miller
- ♦ John Krebsbach - Brother to Peggy Wollmuth
- ♦ Arlo Omoth - Brother to Jeneen Loe
- ♦ Shirley Nelson
- ♦ Bob Miller
- ♦ Rodney Jaeger
- ♦ Alexis Thompson - Granddaughter to Sylvia Thompson
- ♦ Lori Ficklin & family on the loss of their Mandan apartment due to fire
- ♦ Wes Sauer

## First Lutheran September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following First Lutheran members who have birthdays in September. 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> Lesli Fiedler Jerry Richards	<b>2</b> Ruth Borlaug Arlene Hoff Annie Johansen Dominique Pickell Deb Wisdom	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Keith Jacobson Orlin Larson	<b>5</b> Aryonna Bauer Carla Bickert
<b>6</b> Candace Ankenbauer Byron Hansen Eric Schmitz	<b>7</b> Quincey Duvall Casen Maier Faith Wasson	<b>8</b> David Borlaug Andrew Fee Remi Solomonson Jack Zimmerman	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Rebecca Duvall Aubrey Gardner Kasi Hammling Olivia Retterath	<b>11</b> Kollins Albers Jon Chrest Christopher Malsam Justin Petersen	<b>12</b> Christian Gardner
<b>13</b> Ward DeMontigny Dale Klosterman Amanda Schmidt	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Nolan Teigen Amanda Vetter	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Monte Carvell Kylee Fiedler Helen Samuelson	<b>18</b> Staci Berube Jed Hardt	<b>19</b> John Samuelson Grant Tweeten
<b>20</b> Tonya Gieser Carl Heger	<b>21</b> Alton Krebsbach	<b>22</b> Keaton Kadrmas	<b>23</b> Angel Golob Doddie Kuntz Shauna Schauer	<b>24</b> Geniel Schell	<b>25</b> Don Brewster Dylan Schauer Ellie Schmidt	<b>26</b> Cadence Charging Jim Kaiser
<b>27</b> John Wasson	<b>28</b> Rachel Pfeiger Mandy Scholl	<b>29</b> Madilyn Knox Keith Loutzenhiser Strausser Malsam Lynn Sommer	<b>30</b> Mark Loutzenhiser Heidi Marshall Dane Petersen Lowell Rothmann Dean Schell			





# September

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	2 7:00 PM Council Meeting	3	4	5
6 <b>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> 9:30 AM Worship 7:00 PM AA Meeting	7 <b>Labor Day</b>	8 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	9 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Choir	10	11 <b>Patriot Day</b>	12
13 <b>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Grandparents Day</b> 9:30 AM Worship S.S. Teacher Installation 3rd Graders Receive Bibles 10:45 AM Rally Sunday 10:45 AM FLCW Executive Board Meeting 2:00 PM CCM Endowment Meeting 7:00 PM AA Meeting	14 10:00 AM Chat & Sew Quilting	15 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	16 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM FLY 7:30 PM Choir	17 9:30 AM Deborah Bible Study at Cathy Sheldon's 6:30 PM FLCW Assemble LWR School Kits & LAYETTES w/Quilters	18 Newsletter Deadline	19
20 <b>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Rite of First Communion</b> 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM AA Meeting	21	22 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	23 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM FLY 7:30 PM Choir	24 9:00 AM Quilting	25	26
27 <b>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM AA Meeting	28	29 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	30 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM FLY 7:30 PM Choir			

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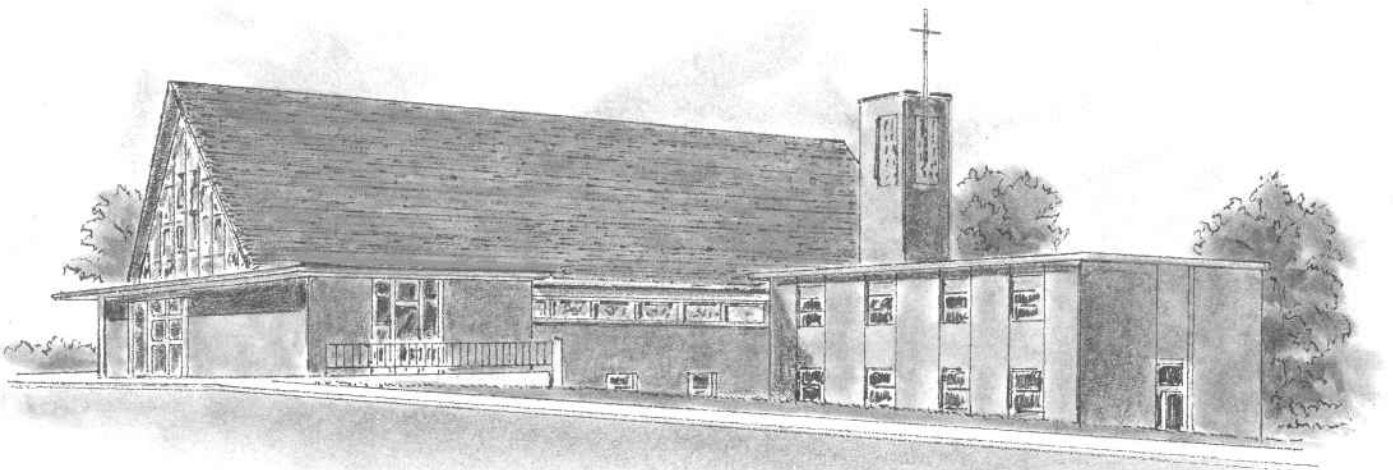
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know Christ and make  
Christ known through  
Worship, Christian  
Education, Evangelism,  
Caring Ministries, and  
Service.”***

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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**  
**Worship Service - 9:30 AM**  
**AA Meeting - 7:00 PM**