

The First Word

June 2019

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First Lutheran Church—
Kenyon MN

Faithfulness

In the last years there has been much talk about people's faithfulness and belief in God. The question: Where is the church going?

We are resurrection people, resilient bold, thoughtful... we are the people of God. God is always up to something new.

Here are a few new things I have observed in this past year.

- ♦ Grandmas teaching Sunday School and brining grandchildren with them to class.
- ♦ Multiple generations in church together including during Lent and our meals together.
- ♦ Children welcomed in the church building and in worship.
- ♦ Outside groups being welcomed to use the church for events, meetings, meals and more.
- ♦ Recently Intern Pastor Sara took two youth to Luther Seminary where they wandered the campus and learned about what it means to consider being a pastor.
- ♦ I experience more and more children and youth asking if they can help with some aspect of worship.

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise".
[Isaiah 43:18-21]

Pastor Julie

MISSION STATEMENT OF FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Through God we are creating a vibrant, welcoming faith community, embracing all, providing harmony among generations, while lending compassion locally and globally."

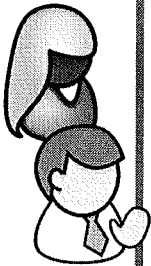
COMMUNION SET UP CLASS
Wednesday, June 5th at 6:45.

If you are involved in First Lutheran Communion Set Up, you might like to attend this class.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING -
Sunday, June 9th

We will meet to discuss and approve Phase II of the parking lot upgrade following worship.



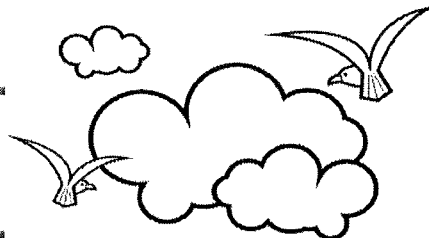
FIRST LUTHERAN FRIENDLY VISITORS

Looking for friendly members to assist in visiting one or two of our over 30 folks who would love to visit and receive communion at least every other month. Please let Pastor Julie know if you are interested (snowbirds welcome). There will be a training in July. Thank you for considering this ministry.

FROM JUNE 19 to JUNE 29

Pastor Julie and Intern Pastor Sara will be away in Guatemala at Community Cloud Forest Conservation. We will be coming home to share stories and pictures with you in July. Learn more about this ministry at:
<http://cloudforestconservation.org/>

AUGUST 25th will be Intern Pastor Sara Martin's last Sunday with us. She will preach and we will celebrate her year with us during the coffee fellowship time.



YOUTH IN THE NEWS

1ST Lutheran HS Seniors Graduating:

SAM ANDROLI
CHELSEA GILSTER
ORION OLSON
BRENDAN PAULSON

Good Earth Village Summer Campers:

HANNAH KRUGER
ALEX LEE

Expedition Serve Students:

ASHLEY RECHTZIGEL
ALEX LEE
REGANNE ANDROLI



Save the Date: July 31 - August 3

Area Churches Vacation Bible School at Holden.
Program Sunday—August 4 at Holden.

FROM INTERN PASTOR SARA

How in the world has nine months of internship already passed? It certainly feels like only a few weeks ago it was winter, and I couldn't believe that summer was just around the corner. Oh, wait. We did have some crazy storms only a few days ago that made it feel a lot like winter. But here we are, it's June and the month is going to fly by. I know I am personally looking forward to going to California for a week, and then to Guatemala for ten days! I know I'm not the only one looking forward to something fun this summer. Something coming up in July which you should have all heard about by now is Expedition Serve (my internship project). In order for Expedition Serve to be a success I need your help! I'm looking for volunteers to do all kinds of things from helping me get students signed in for the week, to cleaning up after meals, to supervising at the various worksites, to staying up at night making sure the kids are safe. If you're able to work it into your summer plans somehow and somehow, I and the 25+ students registered would love for you to join us even for a couple hours. You can contact me at smartin002@luthersem.edu and I'll send you the link with the volunteer sign-up. Thank you for all you're doing to support me in this project! -KAI Pastor Sara

We are each
unique and beautiful
but together we are
a masterpiece



TOGETHER
WE
MAKE A FAMILY

EXPEDITION SERVE - JULY 8-11

Worship/Service/Fellowship Trip
for Students 6th Grade—College

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

<https://goo.gl/forms/z5LqalxQiRevTiwV2>

QUESTIONS?

Contact- KAI Pastor Sara
smartin002@luthersem.edu

FIRST EVANGELICAL CHURCH COUNCIL MET WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019

Present: Pastor Julie, Bill Lewis, Amy Lee, Jackie Mortenson, Jill Berg, Carmen Nesseth, Brad Nesseth.

Welcome & Call to Order: Bill Lewis

Devotions: Amy Lee

Adopt Agenda: Addition: Expedition Serve Update - M/S Carmen/Jackie - Approved

Secretary's Report: M/S Jackie/Carmen – Approved

Treasurer's Report: April 30, 2019. Checking Account Balance: \$6543.37. Memorial Account Balance: \$525.00

Pastors Report:

Thank you for time away during our recent trip to Norway. Worship Services: Sunday mornings - 4 (Easter 2 services), Wednesday Worship – 3, Holy Week Worship – 3, Baccalaureate - 1 (Vang) Weekly planning for worship with Annette, Attend Text Study, Committee Meetings (Hard for me to meet on Sunday mornings), Supervision of Intern Pastor Sara weekly meetings, Conversation with Karen Geiske at Seminary- evaluation of Sara, Visits (hospital , communion and other) – 11, TEEM Partnership with a seminary student – visit, Global Table meeting – Synod, Discernment Conversations for Bishop – attended with Bill Lewis and Mary Danielson-Gates (Can watch the last conversation via a link on the Synod Website).

LOOKING FORWARD:

Synod Assembly May 31 - June 1 (Bill Lewis and Amy Lee attending),
Community Cloud Forest Conservation (CCFC) Guatemala with Intern Sara June 19-29.
Preaching while I am gone will be - Wed. June 19 – Carmen, Sunday, June 23 - Tim Bowman, Wed. June 26 - Cancelled.

This fall our intern is Patricia Bjorklund and she comes to us as a second career intern with much experience in church music leadership.

Continuing Business:

- 1). Blessing Board Habitat for Humanity: Donations to date \$201.00. Board will be sent to Habitat.
- 2). Technology: Monthly newsletter posted on website (www.flickenyon.org). Pictures for Facebook can be sent to Pastor Julie or Amy Lee.

New Business:

1). Synod Assembly Offering:

Challenge from St. John's Lutheran in Northfield, they will offer \$1000.00 if an offering of \$250.00 or more is received from at least 8 churches. Motion to send \$25.00 or more from First Lutheran made by Amy, S/Jill – Approved.

2.) Committee/ Board Job Descriptions:

Discussion on how to proceed. Letters will be sent to committee chairs for their input.

3.) Mission Support:

ELCA and SE MN: Discussion on Missions vs Missionary support. Pastor Julie will call synod office for clarification and more information.

4.) Priscilla Club Request:

Use Double room this summer for quilting. At this time they will continue to use small classroom next to Double Room for quilting.

5.) Expedition Serve:

July 8-11, 2019, 30 young people are signed up. First Lutheran will be providing lunch for project participants on July 8th and 9th.

6) Property & Management:

Based on the recommendation of the property and management committee, a motion was made to bring Phase 2, re-surfacing of parking lot, back to congregation for approval. Committee recommends using concrete instead of asphalt. M/S Bill/Amy – Approved. A congregational meeting will be held on June 9, following church service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Worship/Evangelism: Committee did not meet.

FLCW: See separate FLCW report.

Property and Management: Met on 5-22; continue with Phase 1 of parking lot improvements and water diversion; new windows are installed; tree taken down on North side of Ed. Bldg.; rain gutters are installed; waiting for Frontier to hook up new telephone wires.

Stewardship: \$100 raised from Piggy banks donated to food shelf. Thanks to Tanya and Lindsey Short for making and delivering flower pots to all Sunday School teachers on the last day of Sunday School.

Youth and Education: Met on 5-19, recap Seder Meal, First Communion Reception, and last day of Sunday School. Discussed VBS, ditch cleaning, pool party, Intergeneration Sunday School; no action taken. Committee gave Intern Sara \$250.00 to offset expenses of supplies for fellowship & service projects.

Personnel Committee: Committee did not meet.

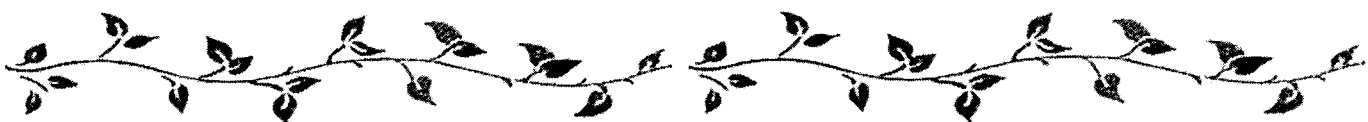
KAIC: Meeting on April 4, 2019, report on continued work with Intern Sara. New intern will be Patty Bjorkland, a church musician and former deacon. Soup cook-off and auction were very successful. 10% of profits will be donated to back-pack project and remainder will stay in the intern general fund to cover future costs. Next meeting is May 28.

Next Meeting Date: June 12, 2019 @ 6:30PM. **NOTE:** Council Meeting a week earlier.

Devotions: Bill Lewis

Adjournment: 8:50 pm. M/S Jackie/Jill - Approved

Closed with the Lord's Prayer



FLCW BOARD MEETING—May 14, 2019

Old Business:

- Annual kitchen cleaning was started today. There is a list of items to be cleaned in the kitchen for anyone who might want to take on a task.
- Cannon River Conference was in April with Carmen as the Convener. This will be at First Lutheran next year.
- FLCW Dec quarterly meeting will be moved to Nov due to the busy holiday season, this will also give the treasurer time to get the disbursements out.

New Business:

- SE MN Synodical women's convention: 9-21-19 at Trinity Lutheran church in Owatonna.
- Vacation Bible School: July 31-Aug3 at Holden Church.
- Good Earth Women's Day: June 29.
- The annual Good Earth quilt auction is 10-24-19. We are in need of an item to donate to this by 9-11-19. This can be a quilt, placemats, table runner or another item that could be sold at the auction. Anyone willing to donate an item please contact an FLCW board member or the church office.
- Still looking for an FLCW president for 2020.
- Next meeting date was discussed and we will adjourn until Aug. At that time we will review the structure of the FLCW meetings to better meet the needs of the church women.
- Thank You's: to Sherry Sathrum and Nancy Schutte for donating coffee pots and Candy Herrlich for making the Senior Sunday cake.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Lewis

JUNE BIBLE STUDY

June 4 @ 9:30 in the Joy Room

Author Kay Ward helps us explore the book of Esther. While reflecting on the life of this young queen, her experiences in a king's court, and the challenge issued by her adopted father, Mordecai, we consider how God may be calling us to use our own voices "for such a time as this."

Monthly Bible Study found in "Gather" magazine

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SAVE THE DATE!

**Women's Day at Good Earth Village
Saturday, June 29, 2019, 9 to 4 pm**

*Gathering, Speaker, Lunch at Barr Lodge,
Workshops, & Closing Worship.*

More details @ goodearthvillage.org
Disability parking & rides available

2020 FLCW President Needed

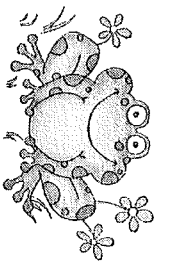


The FLCW welcomes your donations
of paper products & coffee for the church kitchen
and thanks anyone wishing to donate them.




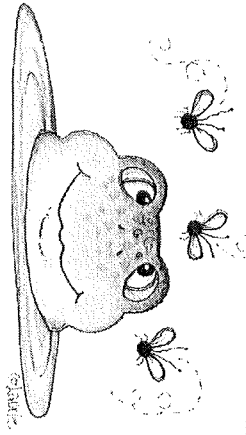
Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

June 2019



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SYNOD ASSEMBLY
 May 31 - June 1

2 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee 1-3 Graduation @ KWHS 7:00 AA	3	4 9:30 Morning Circle Bible Study	5 1-3 Merry Makers @ All Seasons Cctr 6:00 Worship 6:45 Communion Set- Up Class --?-- Endowment Com.	6 6:30 Worship & Evang. 7:00 AA	7	8
9 <i>Pentecost</i> 9:00 Worship 9:55 CONG MTG 10:05 Coffee 7:00 AA	10 5:30 Property & Mngmt	11	12 6:00 Worship	13 7:00 AA	14	15
16 <i>Holy Trinity</i> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee 7:00 AA  <i>Happy Father's Day</i>	17	18	19 6:00 Worship (w/Carmen) 7:00 Church Council	20 <i>First Day of Summer</i> 7:00 AA	21	22
23 9:00 Worship w/Pr. Tim Bowman 10:00 Coffee 7:00 AA	24	25 A.M. Court Services 7:00 Internship Committee	26 NO WORSHIP	27 7:00 AA	28	29 9-4 Women's Day @ Good Earth Village
30 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee 7:00 AA						



In summer, the song sings itself.

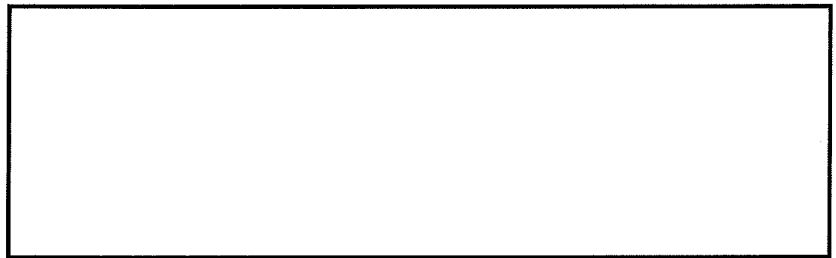
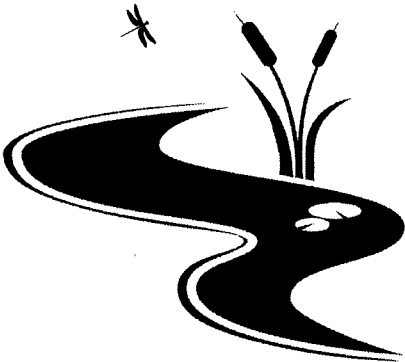
William Carlos Williams

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USHERS

Don Herrlich, Chr.
Steve Johnson, Chr.
Steve Alger
Greg Canton
Jeff Ellingson
Dave Emerson
Fred Barsness
Tom Dodds
Dennis Monroe

ALTAR CARE

Kaia & Larry Lehman
Lois & John Estrem
Candy & Don Herrlich

COMMUNION SET-UP

6/2: Linda Barsness
6/9: Sheri & Dan Quam
6/16: Ruby Hagberg &
Jan Ashland
6/23: Candy & Don Herrlich
6/30: Marie & Wayne Spidahl

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS, COFFEE, ACOLYTES

JUNE 2

READ Lorrie Walker
GREET Lorrie & Kathleen Walker
COMM Lorrie & Kathleen Walker,
& Josh Lerfald
COFF Josh & Wendy Lerfald
ACOL Josi Quam, & Julia Dahl

JUNE 9

READ Larry Lehman
GREET Wayne & Marie Spidahl
COMM Larry & Kaia Lehman, &
Dan Rogness
COFF Larry & Kaia Lehman
ACOL Corrie Born, &
Reganne Androli

JUNE 16

READ Mary Danielson-Gates
GREET Bill & Cindy Lewis
COMM Mary Danielson-Gates &
Les & Angie Eggert
COFF Less & Angie Eggert
ACOL Mason Torgeson,
Ben Short

JUNE 23

READ Renee Hildebrandt
GREET Ben & Phyllis Greseth
COMM Troy & Joy Estrem, &
Renee Hildebrandt
COFF Ben & Phyllis Greseth
ACOL Stella Rechtzigel,
Leah Berg

JUNE 30

READ Steve Alger
GREET Steve & Karen Alger
COMM Jim & Karen Fountaine,
& Steve Alger
COFF Jim & Karen Fountaine
ACOL Jakob Kirchmann,
Will VanEpps