

The First Word

JULY 2019

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Following Jesus Into a Changing World

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First Lutheran Church—
Kenyon MN

This was the theme for the Southeastern MN Synod Assembly. At our opening worship Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton offered these words as we dwelled in the word from Matthew 4:18-22. "Jesus is saying, 'Come along side me, be my companion as we walk this road...'" A road that we follow as Jesus leads us this very day.

We spent much of the two days together voting to elect our next Bishop. And here she is – Rev. Regina Hassanally was elected June 1 to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Hassanally was elected on the fifth ballot, with 237 votes. She currently serves as pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Goodhue. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Biology – Health Professions from Northwestern College, Orange City IA. Her Master of Divinity degree is from Palmer Theological Seminary (Wynnewood, PA) with her Lutheran year spent at Luther Seminary (St. Paul).

Our current bishop, Rev. Steven Delzer, will conclude his 6-year term on Aug 31 and will then be retiring. We give thanks for his faithful ministry among us. We look forward to Rev. Hassanally's continued leadership among us as she transitions into this new role!

We have ordained 5 new Pastors in our area as Ministers of Word and Sacrament. And we have 7 Candidates for rostered ministry sent into the wider church to serve as either Word and Sacrament or Word and Service Ministers. What is the difference between the two? Glad you asked. Read on...

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."

The ministry of Word and Sacrament and the ministry of Word and Service are distinct offices with different and yet complementary calls and responsibilities. Those called and ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament proclaim the word of God within the gathered community, baptize, and preside at the table for the sake of the gospel. Those called and consecrated or ordained to the ministry of Word and Service proclaim the word of God to the world and the world to the church in ways that equip the baptized in their vocation of loving the neighbor.

SEM N SYNOD GOALS: Developing Leaders, Equipping Congregations, Accompanying Global Partners. We are one of the 65 synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We are 117,000 people and 171 congregations in SEMN. We are following Jesus into a changing world!

Blessings, Pastor Julie



Expedition Serve. First Lutheran is providing lunch to Expedition Serve Campers on July 8 & 9. We have funds available and Pastor Julie is looking for a few people to help put the meals together and drive them to Holden Park. Please let Pastor Julie know if you can assist. Thank you.

First Lutheran Friendly Visitors Training will be held Thursday, July 11 at 6:30 in the Joy Room. Please consider being part of this vital ministry to our homebound people. You will be trained in how to visit and what to do when you bring Holy Communion.



Book Study. JOIN PASTOR JULIE in reading and discussing *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*, by Barbara Brown Taylor, in which she contemplates the myriad ways other people and traditions encounter the Transcendent, both by digging deeper into those traditions herself and by seeing them through her students' eyes as she sets off with them on field trips to monasteries, temples, and mosques. Throughout *Holy Envy*, she weaves together stories from the classroom with reflections on how her own spiritual journey has been complicated and renewed by connecting with people of other traditions—even those whose truths are quite different from hers. We will meet 3 times to discuss all 12 chapters, in sections of four. [Book is available from Pastor Julie for \$18.00.] Meeting **Wednesday's at 2 PM in the Joy Room.**



JULY 10/Chapters 1-4... **JULY 17/**Chapters 5-9... **JULY 24/**Chapters 10-14 plus Epilogue



Travel Stories On Sunday, July 7



Following worship on Sun. July 7 during coffee/fellowship at 10:15 am.
Hear from Intern Pastor Sara and Pastor Julie about their travels
To Guatemala and Community Cloud Forest Conservation

FIRST EVANGELICAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 12, 2019

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PRESENT: Pastor Julie, Bill Lewis, Amy Lee, Jackie Mortensen, Don Herrlich, Chris Mallery, Brad and Carmen Nesseth, Sue Wold, Carly Tousignant.

DEVOTIONS: Bill Lewis

ADOPT AGENDA: With additions to Continuing and New Business. M/S Jackie/Sue – Approved

SECRETARY'S REPORT: M/S Carmen/Amy – Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT: As of May 31, 2019: Checking Account Balance - \$5,031.25, Memorial Account Balance - \$525.00 M/S Brad/Chris – Approved

PASTOR'S REPORT: 3 Sunday morning Worship Services, 3 Wednesday eve Worship Services, 1 Funeral. Weekly planning for worship with Annette. Attend text study, Committee Meetings, supervise Intern Pastor Sara - weekly meetings. TEEM Partnership meeting with seminary student (in Dodge Center). First Call Cohort Leader. Attended Synod Assembly with Bill Lewis and Amy Lee. Pastor Regina Hassanally elected Bishop. Involved with Internship Committee, participate in Round Table with pastors from the Internship sites. Held a class on setting up communion. Met with new Intern Patricia Bjorklund.

Looking Forward:

Community Cloud Forest Conservation (CCFC) Guatemala with Intern Sara - June 19 - 29.

Wedding July 26 - Madelyn Berks and Lemont Davenport. Dan's twin brother Doug and wife Liz will be here of the 4th of July. Intern Pastor Sara Martin's last Sunday is **August 25**. She will preach.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

Synod Assembly - Pastor Regina Hassanally elected Bishop and will serve a 6 year term. Elected on 5th ballot. She will be installed on September 14th at St John Lutheran Church in Owatonna. Reviewing Committee and Board JD's. Mission Support - ELCA and SE MN: Reviewing general donations and benevolence.

Result of Congregational Meeting/Vote on June 9, 2019:

Voting by secret ballot at 10:02 am on **06/09/2019**, results listed below:

- 6 votes for using ASPHALT in the improvement projects - at a cost of **\$113,138.00**
- 54 votes for using CONCRETE in the improvement project - at a cost of **\$151,138.00**

NEW BUSINESS:

Will delay work on creating a new church directory. Will begin to keep the church unlocked on weekdays, locking up around 5:00 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Worship/Evangelism: * Friendly Visit training will be on Thursday, July 11 at 6:30 pm. Have updated the list. Have 3 Communion Sets to be used on the visits. Will have information on index cards. * Lent/Easter recap: Youth enjoy services, more positive than negative feedback. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday Stations of the Cross, Good Friday at Dale. 2 Easter Sunday services with breakfast. * Will use the Red Book/Marty Haugen in July when Annette plays. May have fewer readings, more contemporary service. Working on Worship Assistants. * Reviewing song selection, will continue joyful noise sending. Looking for guitarist to play at service. Checking the Endowment Fund for music funding. *Will start passing a signup list around during the church service for people to sign up for any of the following: >worship assistants, >communion helpers, >readers, >greeters and >coffee servers.

Property and Management: Work on the installation of new windows, AC Units, 3 new Toilets and a new Balcony Handrail has been completed. Overseeing several ongoing projects.

Stewardship: Tanya and Lindsey Short delivered flower pots to all Sunday School Teachers on the last day of Sunday school. \$100.00 was raised for the Food Shelf with the Lenten piggy banks. Stewardship will serve coffee after church on July 14 - strawberry shortcake.

FLCW: No meeting; **EdYouth:** No meeting; **Personnel:** No meeting

KAIC: Focus is on Expedition Serve, project of Intern Sara Martin. Still need adult help. Sign up list for July 8 - 10. Soup Cook-Off for 2020 will be on March 29 at Gol. A thank you note was received from the Food Shelf for this year. In good shape financially. Have \$2,309.00 designated for Expedition Serve.

Endowment: Have had no scholarship requests. Endowment Committee meets quarterly during the year. Treasurer Larry Lehman reported the following *balances* available in these funds; Capital Improvement-\$2,838.85, Scholarship-\$3,975.07, Community Outreach-\$969.72, ELCA Mission-\$1,921.79, Committee Discretion-\$1,947.17. Motion to approve by Harris, second by Carm, carried. New Funding: Request from Property and Management to donate to the Parking lot fund. Motion to give \$1,500 toward the new parking lot, from Capital Improvement, was made by Harris, seconded by Don, carried.

Next Meeting: July 17 at 6:30 pm

Devotions: Ed/Youth

Adjournment: M/S Sue/Jackie – Approved

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

FLCW NOTES

- No Meeting in June or July.
- Next Meeting Date: August
- 2020 FLCW President Vacancy: Please consider becoming part of the FLCW Board. Call Cindy Lewis 789-5423 or Jackie Mortensen 507-838-5216 for more information or to volunteer.
- Good Earth Annual Quilt Auction - October 24th. We are in need of an item to donate by September 11. 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.
- SE MN Synodical Women's Convention: 9-21-19 at Trinity Lutheran church in Owatonna.
- Your Donations of Paper Products & Coffee: for the church kitchen are welcomed and always thankfully received.

JULY BIBLE STUDY

July 2 @ 9:30 in the Joy Room

Author Kay Ward helps us explore the book of Esther. We reflect on the life of this young queen, her experiences in a king's court, the challenge issued by her adopted father, Mordecai, and 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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The Gift of Being Present

FROM INTERN PASTOR SARA

It's the middle of June, I just got back from my vacation home to see my family in California, and in just a couple hours am about to take off to go to Guatemala with Pastor Julie for the learning trip of a lifetime. June is quickly flying by, and I know with all that's planned for July and August, they will too! Before I know it my internship will nearly be done, I'll be packing up my things, and getting ready for my last year at the seminary.

Before I jump ahead, I want to share with you one of the things I've learned and internalized over the last ten months. It's the gift of presence. Now, many of you at these internship churches don't have to think about what it means to be present because that's just who you are. But having lived in large cities until last September, I didn't know what it was like to truly be present. To walk around town without headphones excitedly awaiting the conversations that will happen; to showing up for one another in the good times and bad; to supporting those in your community, no matter what it looks like.

Being present is a gift, and among all the things I've learned over the last year, this may be the most important one. This summer, or month of July, whatever it happens to be in your household, don't forget to be present. Take in all that is happening around you. See all that God has created and the Spirit is doing in and through you. Be present in the day-to-day activities, waiting for the one that's going to give you a great story to share.

-KAI Pastor Sara

Expedition Serve

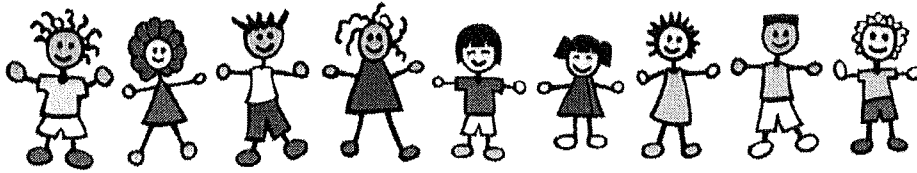
is right around the corner! In just a few days 35+ students and adults will gather together to serve the community of Kenyon, worship together, and get to know each other a little better. While I am *still looking for volunteers*, what I'm really asking is for you to pray for these students and adults. Pray that they will experience the love of God in some way that is hard to explain. Pray that they will get to know one another better and maybe even walk away from the three days with a new friend. Pray for the adults that are helping, for patience, openness to what the Spirit is up to, and for sanity (because we're all going to need some of that!). If you are able to volunteer, or want to be more involved in Expedition Serve in some way, send me an email at...

smartin002@luthersem.edu and I'll get you plugged in!

You are Invited!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join Us for "Rolling River Rampage"



Pre-K through 6th graders from area churches

will gather at Holden Lutheran Church:

hear Bible Stories, sing Songs,

make Crafts, play Games, make & eat Snacks.

JULY 31-AUGUST 3

Program at Holden, Sunday, August 4 at worship

WEDNESDAY thru FRIDAY NIGHTS, 5 to 8 p.m. Supper at 5:30—FREE!

SATURDAY, 8 a.m. to 11:30 Includes Brunch.

Call First Lutheran to sign up: 789-5261 — leave a message 24/7.

More information will be sent to you at that time.

Kenyon Senior Living Golf Tournament

Friday July 26th

Kenyon Country Club: Scramble Format

Registration/Lunch: 11:00 am

Shotgun Start: 12:15 pm

Appetizers/Social Hr: 5 pm



4 person Team Golf & Cart \$200

Single Golfer & Cart \$50


Benefiting Kenyon Senior Living
Capital Improvement Fund

RSVP Deadline: July 19

Contact Chelsea at 789-7101

July 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9:30 Morning Circle Bible Study 6:15 Worsh/Ev	3 1-3 Merry Makers @ All Seasons Community Cntr 6:00 Worship	4 	5	6
7 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee & Travel Stories 7:00 AA	8 -----●----- Expedition Serve	9	10 -----●----- 2:00 Holy Envy Book Study-1 6:00 Worship	11 6:30 Friendly Visitor Training 7:00 AA	12	13
14 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee 7:00 AA	15	16 7:00 EdYou	17 2:00 Holy Envy Book Study-2 6:00 Worship 6:30 Church Council	18 11:30 Round Table 7:00 AA	19	20
21 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee 7:00 AA	22	23 Court Services 7:00 Internship Committee	24 2:00 Holy Envy Book Study-3 6:00 Worship	25 7:00 AA	26 11-1 Berks/ Davenport Rehearsal & Wedding	27
28 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee 7:00 AA	29	30	31 6:00 Worship -----●-----	Vacation Bible School @Holden July 31 thru August 3 Program @ Holden: Sun., Aug 4		

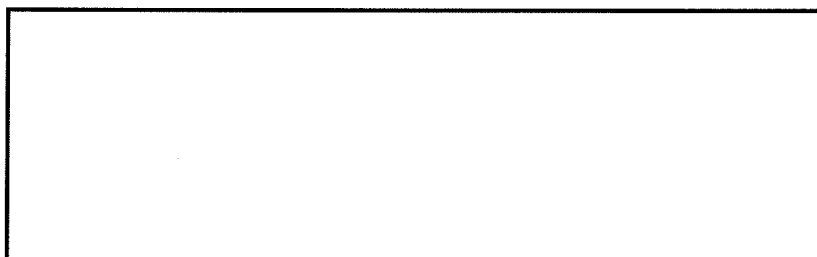
Hymnal Supplement Service to return: Sunday, August 4 →

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Aaron Bauer

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Mary Danielson-Gates
Sue & Ken Wold
Carmen & Brad Nesseth

COMMUNION SET-UP

7/7: Phyllis & Ben Greseth
7/14: Heidi & Harris Haugen
7/21: Sharon & Paul Rehtzigel
Lyn Cole Clarke
7/28 Linda Cordes

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS, COFFEE, ACOLYTES

JULY 7

READ Pat Schreiber
GREET Leroy & Jan Ashland
COMM Pat Schreiber, Doug Henke,
CoraLee Monroe,
COFF Cora Lee & Dennis Monroe
ACOL Ashley Rehtzigel &
Emma Paulson

JULY 14

READ Dan Rogness
GREET Jerry & Jill Berg
COMM Tim & Ellen Sackett,
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COFF Holly Lexvold &
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JULY 21

READ Harris Haugen
GREET John & Lois Estrem
COMM Harris & Heidi Haugen,
Carmen Nesseth
COFF Carmen & Friends
ACOL Mason Torgeson &
Will Van Epps

JULY 28

READ Tammy Fletcher
GREET Ed & Tammy Fletcher
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