

The First Word

September 2019

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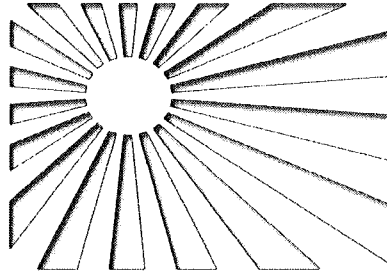
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Pastor — Julie Rogness
KAI Intern Pastor — Patty Bjorklund
Admin.Asst— Annette Thunhorst
Accountant — Julie Dyrdaahl
Custodians — Dave & Betty Redfield
Keyboard — Annette Thunhorst
Organ — Tammy Hanson
Youth/Family — Carmen Nesseth
Missionaries — Stephen Deal,
Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke,
Karen Anderson
Partner Cong — Ilongo
Lutheran, Tanzania



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Blessings

*“A Ceremonial Prayer
Invoking Protection”*

We are blessed to be a blessing in all that we do. When we greet one another it is a blessing. Rising to meet the new day is a blessing. The beginning and the ending of worship are filled with words of blessings. Holy Communion is a blessing. The prayer before we eat is a blessing and a word of gratitude for the food we will enjoy.

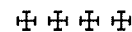
So, we will bless each other and many things on **Sunday, September 8th**. It is out of gratitude for the many good things that are part of our everyday life that we take for granted.

Recently I discovered what a blessing cement is to me. Now that our new parking lot is dry and ready for use, I am enjoying others enjoying. Not only are we enjoying parking on it but children are enjoying skate boarding and bike riding on its smooth service. The grade of the parking lot to make water flow perfectly is also a delight for skate boarding. A blessing to children.

We will worship on our new parking lot Sunday, September 8th at 9:00 am. You are invited to bring a chair (there will be chairs available too), enjoy a cup of coffee as we worship and bless backpacks, vehicles and the parking lot. And it is true there will be a tailgating party following worship.

*“Blessed are they who see beautiful things in humble places
where other people see nothing.” – Camille Pissarro*

Pastor Julie



CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION & ORIENTATION
Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 in the Joy Room.
Orientation is for all Youth in Grades 7 and 8
as well as their parent(s).

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.”

**2019 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY HELD AUGUST 5-10 IN MILWAUKEE, WISC.
Conversation with Pastor Julie Regarding Actions Taken**

Here are a few of the highlights:

- Reelected on the first ballot the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton to a six-year term as ELCA presiding bishop.
- Approved the social statement "*Faith, Sexism and Justice: A Call to Action*" and its implementing resolutions. The social statement, in part, names patriarchy and sexism as sins and calls the church to action on a range of issues, including gender-based violence, workplace discrimination and economic inequality.
- Adopted the "Strategy Toward Authentic Diversity in the ELCA," which consists of a report and recommendations on how the ELCA exhibits authentic diversity and formulates goals for racial diversity and inclusion.
- Adopted a memorial that affirms the ELCA's long-standing commitment to migrants and refugees and declares the ELCA a sanctuary church body.

Adopted a resolution to condemn white supremacy, calling all ELCA congregations to engage in a "study of the structures and rhetoric that empower and fuel racism and white supremacy and to take to heart the teaching of Scriptures, so we may all be better equipped to speak boldly about the equal dignity of all persons in the eyes of God."


September Events

KAI PASTOR Patty Bjorklund – Begins her internship year September 1. Her first Sunday with us is October 6.

SR CHOIR – First Rehearsal is **Wednesday, Sept. 4 - 7 PM**. All singers are welcome.

Dwight Boomgarten Celebration of Life: Saturday, September 7, 11 am at the Farm. Those making treats to share – deliver them to the church by 10 am on 9-7.

Rally Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019

 *Feel free to bring lawn chair & coffee mug; will be inside in case of inclement weather.*

- 8:45 Coffee
- 9:00 Worship, Cradle Roll, Blessings:
Backpacks/Parking Lot/Vehicles
- 10:00 Sunday School, and
Adult Fellowship
- 10:30 Tailgate lunch provided



SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teacher for Grade 3/4 still needed. Contact Carmen Nesseth to help.

INSTALLATION of Bishop Regina Hassanally, Saturday, September 14, 2 pm, St. John's, Owatonna.

First Lutheran Church Council Minutes - August 21, 2019 6:30 PM

Present: Pastor Julie, Carmen Nesseth, Bill Lewis, Amy Lee, Jill Berg, Don Herrlich, Sherry Sathrum, Chris Mallery, & Jackie Mortenson

Devotions: Jill Berg

Approval of Agenda: addition, change date for October council meeting. M/S Don/Carmen, approved

Secretary's Report: M/S Carmen/ Jackie, approved

Treasurer's Report: Checking Account balance - \$7271.18; Memorial Account Balance - \$525.00; Loan for Parking Lot Paving - \$80,000. Treasurer noted that giving has been very good over the summer. M/S Sherry/Amy, approved

Pastor's Report: 5 Sunday Worship Services, 3 Wednesday evening Services; Weekly planning for worship with Annette; Committee Meetings - Worship & Evangelism, Stewardship; Supervision of Intern Pastor Sara weekly meetings - finished 9/20; Visits (hospital, communion and other) – 27; Internship Round Table Meetings – 2; Funeral for Ivan Herrlich; 7/19 Wedding Madlyn and Lamont; 7/26 First Call Pastors Meeting; Initial interview with a seminary student; On Panel for Internship supervisors; Pre-marital work with a couple; TEEM Partnership with a seminary student; - visit Vacation Bible School - 1 day; Pool Party - lots of youth and parents; Book Study Group - Holy Envy; Clergy Coaching; On call for two other pastors - death and a burial; Funeral Planning for Davis Strandemo

Looking forward: Intern Pastor Sara Martin's last Sunday will be on August 25, she will preach that day and preside at communion; Outdoor Worship - Sunday, September 8; Sara and Patrick's wedding in October, Pastor Chris Miller to preach October 15; Tim Bowman's Ordination was on August 24 at Faith Lutheran in Dodge Center at 2 pm; New Intern Patricia Bjorklund begins Sept 1, Oct 6 will be her first Sunday here leading liturgy.

Continuing Business

- 1). Mission Support- ELCA and local: this will be a point of further discussion at a later date.
- 2). Synod Staff Farewell was on August 27th from 3-5 pm at the Synod Office; Installation of New Bishop Regina Hassanally on Sept. 14th @ St. John's in Owatonna @ 1PM; Bishop Delzer's Farewell Reception @ Our Saviors in Faribault was on Sunday, August 18th from 2-4 PM
- 3). Intern Farewell: Sunday, August 25th with cake and coffee served. Sara was presented with a stole by Priscilla Club and a quilt by Love Day Ladies.

New Business

- 1). Rally Sunday/ Parking lot dedication, etc: post cards will be mailed to all members with information and schedule for the day. See Stewardship committee report for details.
- 2). October Council meeting date changed to the 4th Wednesday, October 23 at 8:00, M/S Jill/Amy, approved.

Committee Reports

Worship/Evangelism: Updated friendly visitor transition with training completed. Looking forward to Patricia (new intern) starting and sharing her musical gifts. Also looking forward to special music with funding needed. Also discussed Rally Sunday with possible tailgating and possible outside service.

FLCW: See FLCW page.

Property and Management: - All concrete work is now complete. Handicap parking bumpers have been moved into place and limited painting/stripping will take place soon. The maple tree just SW on our main building has been moved allowing for more distance from the newly poured concrete. The yard disturbed by that and the ongoing construction has been worked, regraded and seeded. Additional fill and reseeding will need to be done along the newly curbed west side of the parking lot as well as the area just east of the education wing; The committee is deciding on barrier options along the east side of the new parking lot as well as the extreme south end of the unimproved portion of our church property. Some new signage has now been ordered and once received, will be installed.

There has been interest expressed in purchasing the area **AKA** as the old tennis court. Jackie made a motion to table any usage of the property until long range planning committee has a chance to review, seconded by Sherry, approved.

Stewardship: Rally Sunday, September 8: Coffee – 8:45 coffee followed by 9:00 worship on the 'new' parking lot, 10:00 Sunday School and fellowship, 10:30 tailgating lunch. All activities will be outdoors. Post card with the details will be mailed to all members. **Plan to attend this celebration and dedication.**

Youth and Education: Recap area VBS at Holden Lutheran-7 families/13 kids from First. Recap FLC Pool Night-well attended-20 kids for swimming & snacks afterward. Next year plan earlier in the season and earlier in the day.

--Sunday School has **need for** 3/4 grade teacher. Put grades 1/2 in a larger room.

--Rally Sunday-September 8. Students will check out their room and meet their teacher. Plans made for obstacle course, bean bag game, never ending tag, bubbles, side walk chalk.

--KW Community Cares-September 9. Talked about doing a picture display of youth activities during the year.

--Bibles will be presented to 3rd graders on a Sunday in September.

Personnel Committee: Committee did not meet.

Next Meeting Date: September 18, 2019 @ 8:00PM

Devotions: Pastor Julie

Adjournment: M/S Don/Carmen, Approved

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

REQUESTING YOUR HELP . . .

Help us keep our Membership Contact List Up-to-Date
by sharing changes of address, phone or e-mail information.

We Thank You !



Minutes of August 5, 2019 Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Co-President Jackie Mortensen. Devotions given by Jackie Mortensen. Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and approved and placed on file. Balance as of July 31, 2019 is \$3,603.28.

OLD BUSINESS:

VBS Recap: FLCW bought the groceries for VBS but they were paid for by the 1st Lutheran Youth. 90 people were served.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Synodical Convention is September 21, 2019 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Owatonna. We will pay \$25 registration fee for one voting member to attend. Jackie will send out an email to find a delegate. We will also give a \$25.00 offering and \$10.00 to offset expenses. Motion by Tammy, second by Sherry to approve these expenses, motion passed. We will also seek donations for the LOVE offering, to be gathered at convention and given to Rachel's Light in Owatonna, a shelter for women and children.
- Cradle Roll will be on Rally Sunday, September 8th.
- We need to think about a date and program for our next Quarterly Meeting.
- Phyllis Greseth made a quilt for FLCW to donate to Good Earth Village Annual Quilt Auction. The secretary will send her a thank you note.
- We will again have a bakeless bake-sale for our yearly donation drive in August; a post card will be mailed to our FLCW members.
- Thank Offering will be tentatively scheduled for November 17, 2019; we will check the date with Annette.
- Discussion on when we will have Christmas shopping for the youth.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: We will review the structure of FLCW as meetings are quite repetitive.

NEXT MEETING: Monday September 16, 2019 at 6:15 pm. Tammy will give devotions.

Respectfully submitted by Shari Quam, Secretary

WOMEN OF THE ELCA FALL CONVENTION – Called To Serve

Saturday, September 21, 8 am to 4 pm - Trinity Lutheran Church, Owatonna

Registration Forms are due before Sept. 2nd. Car Pooling is available. Contacts: Jackie Mortensen, Cindy Lewis, or Church Ofs. We will gather & deliver a LOVE OFFERING to the convention which will go to Rachel's Light in Owatonna, a homeless shelter for women & children.



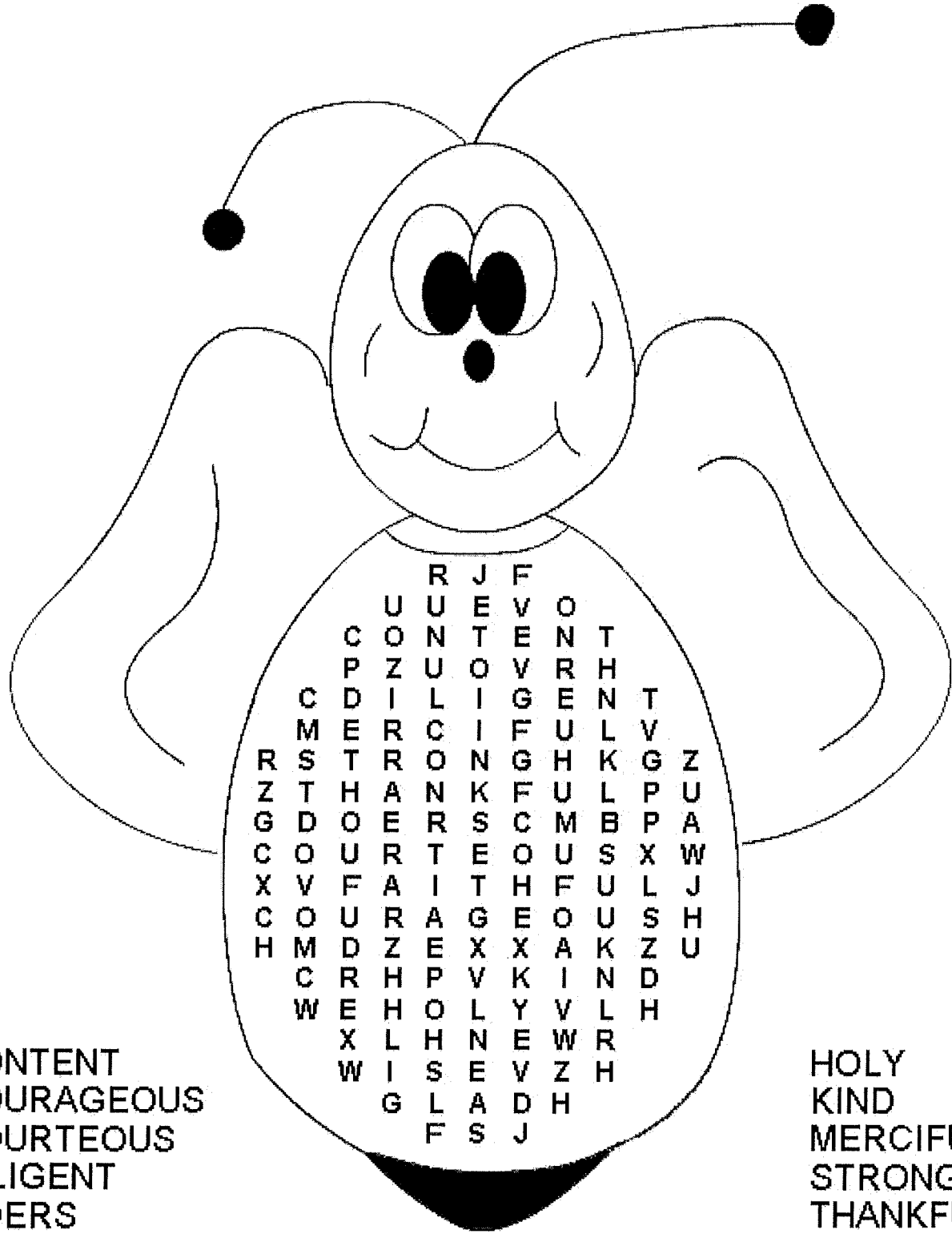
For we are what God has made us
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand
to be our way of life.

Ephesians 2:10

**BRING YOUR LOVE OFFERING DONATIONS TO THE
TO THE CHURCH BY SEPT 20.** Needed are bathroom
items: soap, toilet paper, kleenex, lotions, shampoos,
shower curtains, gift cards for Target, Walmart or
HyVee. Thank You for your generosity.

The FLCW Board

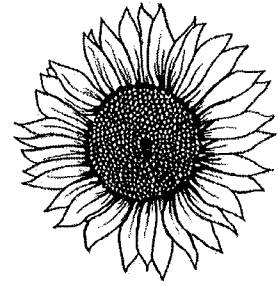
Bee-ing What God Wants Me to Bee



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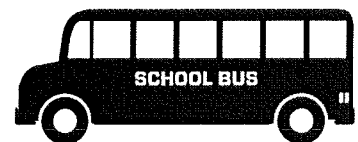
HOLY
 KIND
 MERCIFUL
 STRONG
 THANKFUL
 WISE

September



SUNFLOWER FACT: The iconic yellow petals and fuzzy brown centers are actually individual flowers themselves. As many as 2,000 can make up the classic sunflower bloom.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|--|---|-----------|--|
| 1 9:00 Worship- <i>Now the Feast</i> 10:00 Coffee 7:00 AA | 2 LABOR DAY - Offices Closed | 3 9:30 Morn. Circle Bible Study 1-3:30 Spiritual Directions <i>Joy Room</i> | 4 6:00 Worship 6:30 Stewardship 7:00 Choir | 5 7:00 AA | 6 | 7 11:00 Dwight Boomgaarten Celebration of Life @ Farm |
| 8 RALLY DAY 9:00 Worship Outdoors, Cradle <i>Roll, Blessings, Tailgate Party</i> 7:00 AA | 9 1:30 Literary Guild | 10 | 11 6:00 Worship 6:30 Confirmation Orientation 7:00 Choir | 12 7:00 AA | 13 | 14 2:00 Installa- tion of Bishop Hassanally, St.John, Ow. |
| 15 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee 7:00 AA | 16 6:30 FLCW Board | 17 Court Services | 18 6:00 Worship 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Choir 8:00 Council | 19 6:00 Sons of Norway - w/Program 7:00 AA | 20 | 21 SE MN Syn. WELCA Convention, Trinity, Ow. |
| 22 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee 7:00 AA | 23 | 24 | 25 6:00 Worship 6:30 Confirmation (NO Choir) | 26 7:00 AA | 27 | 28 |
| 29 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee 7:00 AA | 30 | 31 | | | | |

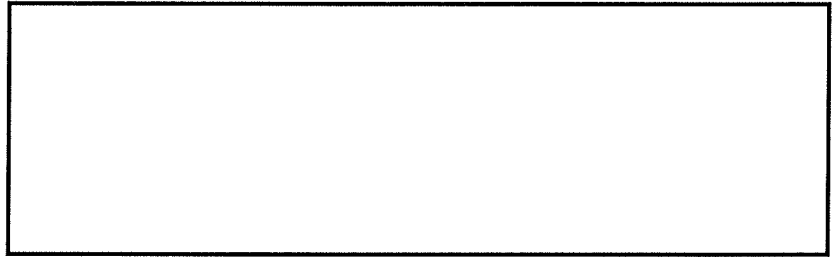


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~ ~ Thank You, September Volunteers! ~ ~

SEPT USHERS

Jim Fontaine, Chr.
Jim Malloy, Chr.
Jerry Barrett
Ben Greseth
Doug Henke
Darvin Laue
Larry Lehman
Don Peterson
Ron Peterson
Michael Short
Scott Smith

ALTAR CARE

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

COMMUNION SET-UP

9/1: Jan Ashland,
Ruby Hagberg
9/8: Linda Barsness
9/15: Marie & Wayne Spidahl
9/22: Dan & Sheri Quam
9/29: Don & Candy Herrlich

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS, COFFEE, ACOLYTES

SEPT 1

GREET Androli Family
READ
COMM Scott & Lisa Androli,
Cora Lee Monroe
COFF Dennis & Cora Lee Monroe
ACOL Leah Berg, Josi Quam

SEPT 8 Rally Day

GREET 10th Grade
READ Linda Cordes
COMM Linda Cordes, Rhana Olson
COFF TAILGATE PARTY
ACOL Julia Dahl, Emma Paulson

SEPT 15

GREET Audrey Nesseth,
Colleen Estrem
READ
COMM Dan Rogness, Mary Held,
Carey Hjermstad
COFF Mel & Kayo Kirchhoff
ACOL Dakota Temple

SEPT 22

GREET Ben & Phyllis Greseth
READ Harris Haugen
COMM Harris & Heidi Haugen,
Holly Lexvold
COFF Ben & Phyllis Greseth
ACOL Nora & Ashley Rechtzigel

SEPT 29

GREET Steve & Karen Alger
READ Steve Alger
COMM Steve Alger,
Cora Lee Monroe
COFF Wendy & Josh Lorfald
ACOL Corrie Born,
Stella Rechtzigel