

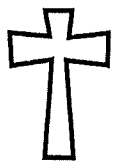
# The First Word

October 2019

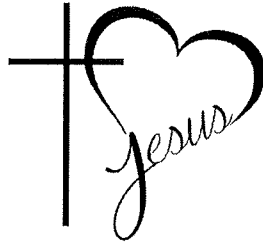
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First Lutheran Church—  
Kenyon MN



## Marks of Discipleship and Funerals

All summer long the gospel lessons have been reminding us of the marks of discipleship. We are called to love God and love one another. God means all our neighbors, even the ones that drive you crazy and the ones we have not yet met. We are invited to not live in fear because Jesus has done all the work to keep us safe in this world and the next. Jesus said, have no fear little flock. And as people of God we are reminded that whatever we treasure there our heart is too.

This summer and fall we have had many funerals. So many with hearts for God called to heaven, a place Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a place for us. And you, you as a congregation showed up in so many ways and offered yourself as a disciple of Jesus. We needed so many desserts, so many hands to set tables and wash dishes, so many to make phone calls for food and help, so many to prepare the food and serve the food. You showed up to play music, prepare the sanctuary or the farm, welcome people and assist them sometimes. Your hospitality is one of the greatest marks of discipleship.

I recently read these words:

“What is my purpose in life?” I asked.

“What if I told you that you fulfilled it when you took an extra hour to talk to that kid about his life?” said a voice.

“Or when you paid for that young couple in the restaurant?

Or you saved that dog in traffic? Or when you tied your father’s shoes for him?”

“Your problem is you equate your purpose with goal-base achievement. The Universe (God) isn’t interested in your achievements...just your heart. When you chose to act out of kindness, compassion and love, you are already aligned with your true purpose.

“No need to look any further!”

Thank you, people of God, for the kindness, compassion and love you share – all of you are amazing.

*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.”*

## **Confirmation Service Project Request for Help**

In November our Confirmation youth will be making **Care Packages for the Homeless**. During the month of October, we are collecting these items. Warm gloves, warm socks, nail clipper, larger band aids, deodorant, lip balm /chapstick, lotion, sunscreen, small packages of Kleenex, toothbrushes, toothpaste, individually wrapped wet wipes, individually wrapped beef jerky, breakfast bars, tuna/chicken salad cracker kits, raisins boxes, bottled water. Can you help us? There is a collection box in the back of the church.

We will pack the Care Kits and add a note to each. Chief Lee will disperse them. He has confirmed that there is a need right here in our town.

**Pastor Chris Miller** – will be here Sunday, October 13th to lead worship and preach. Pastor Miller was our Interim Pastor just before Pastor Julie arrived. There will be no Wednesday night worship on October 16th.

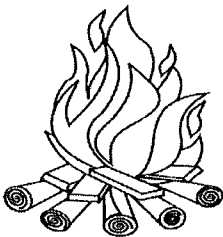
## **Confirmation Sunday/Affirmation of Faith**

This year we confirm two classes on Sunday, October 27th. Prior to their confirmation they will have two events. On Wednesday, October 9th they will create their own stole to wear for their Confirmation. And on Wednesday, October 23rd both students and families gather for a meal and rehearsal.

## **Youth Being Confirmed**

10th Grade: Leah Berg, Corrie Born, Julie Dahl, Stella Rechtzigel

9th Grade: Reganne Androli, Alexander Lee, Emma Paulson, Josi Quam, Ashley Rechtzigel

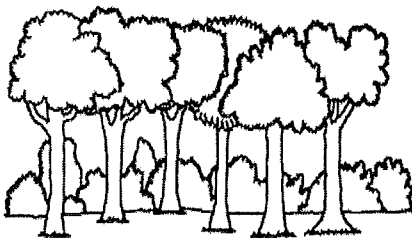


## **Nerstrand Big Woods Fun**

**Join us for hot dogs, s'mores & chips for lunch  
followed by a scavenger hunt & hiking!  
Come for the fellowship & fun!**

### **WHO: YOUTH & FAMILIES**

2nd grade & younger need to be accompanied by a parent or sibling (12 years or older)



**WHEN: Sunday, October 6 at 11:30  
Return to church at 2:00**

Rides available from the church at 11:15. Let us know 1 week in advance if you need a ride. Otherwise meet us there.

Each vehicle needs a state park pass (\$7/day). These can be purchased at the park. If you are riding with us, we will have a pass.

Rain Date: October 13th

## GREETINGS FROM THE NEW INTERN!

Thank you so much for so warmly welcoming me and my family to the Kenyon area ELCA churches. I am enjoying getting to know more and more about each of the 8 congregations, the leaders, pastors and programming with each passing day. Besides a rotating preaching and liturgist schedule, I thought you might like to know just where my focus will be for each congregation:

Trinity/West Concord: Advent Services, monthly WELCA Bible Study

Hegre: Visitation, First Communion Classes (VBS, if possible)

First Evangelical: Lenten Services, Worship & Evangelism, Visitation

Go!: Advent Tea, Maundy Thurs Worship, monthly WELCA Bible Study

Vang: Adult Education, October Lutefisk Supper

Holden/Dale: Confirmation

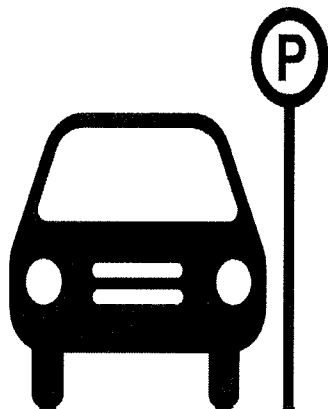
Wow! My head is still spinning a bit, but I'm excited to delve in, confident once again that *all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose*. [ROMANS 8:28 NRSV] Thank you for your patience in seeing me through this journey!

On a personal note, you might want to know that while I LOVE sweet treats, they don't love me. My system is gluten and lactose intolerant. It's really hard to turn down those luscious pastries and pasta dishes, but I'm better for it. Thanks in advance for your understanding.

May these upcoming beautiful October days bring blessing and peace to you and yours. See you in church! \*

KAI Intern Pastor Patty Bjorklund

\* Intern Pastor Patty will be with us on October 6



## PARKING LOT FUNDRAISING

It is the council's goal to raise \$100,000 to pay off the remaining parking lot loan. Any donations are welcome and can be designated as "Repair Fund" on your offering envelopes. Look for the progress board in the narthex — coming soon. Your continued support for this fundraising effort is greatly appreciated.

The Stewardship Committee

## **First Lutheran Church Council Meeting - September 18, 2019 8:00 PM**

**Present:** Amy Lee, Pastor Julie, Carmen Nesseth, Jill Berg, Troy Estrem, Chris Mallery, Cindy Lewis, Tammy Fletcher, & Don Herrlich

**Welcome and Call to Order:** Vice President Amy Lee in absence of President Bill Lewis

**Devotions:** Pastor Julie – "Boxing" by Emily Carson.

**Approval of Agenda:** Addition of Endowment Committee to new business. M/S: Don/Carmen, Approved

**Secretary's Report:** M/S Carmen/Tammy, Approved. Thank you letter from Lutheran Social Services and thank you note from Kenyon Boy Scouts Troop #xxx were read.

**Treasurer's Report:** August 2019 Checking account balance: \$3768.31 and Memorial Account Balance: \$525.00

**Pastors Report:** Worship Services – Sunday Mornings – 4 (Rally Sunday and blessing of the parking lot); Wednesday Worship – 4; Weekly planning for worship with Annette; Committee Meetings - Worship & Evangelism, Stewardship; Visits (hospital, communion and other) – 9; Celebration of Life for Ed Matul 8/29, Davis Strandemo 8/31, Dwight Boomgaarden 9/7, Curt Luebke 9/9, & Kathy Ersland 9/1; Baptism - Sept. 1 - Helen Aase's great grandson; Pre-marital work with a couple; TEEM Partnership with a seminary student – visit; Clergy Coaching; Conference meeting- Cannon River Conference at Dennison Lutheran; Final Sunday with Intern Pastor Sara Martin; Ordination of Pastor Tim Bowman; Installation of Bishop Regina Hassanally; Confirmation Orientation and Confirmation; New Intern Pastor Patricia Bjorklund has begun - her first Sunday here will be October 6th.

### **Looking forward:**

Pastor Chris Miller to preach October 13; Trip to New York to see daughter - Jenna - Oct 13 - 19

### **Continuing Business**

1). Re-cap of Rally Sunday: It was a great day in spite of the weather, Sunday School attendance was good; teaching staff is complete; thanks to Katie Van Epps and Carrie Doehling for volunteering to be classroom helpers.

2). Parking lot payment ideas; After lengthy discussion, Chris Mallery made a motion to have a visual board in the narthex showing the parking lot divided into squares. For every \$500 donated, a square will be colored in. The goal is to raise \$100,000 to pay off the remaining loan for the parking lot. Seconded by Tammy. Approved. The council decided to present a temple talk on Sunday, Sept. 29, to give details.

### **New Business**

1) Possible Visitation Pastor discussion/Personnel Committee involvement; Ongoing discussion, watch for details.

2) 2020 Budget discussion: preliminary work on the 2020 budget will begin. Any thoughts or ideas should go to Don Herrlich.

3) Endowment Committee has an open position. No action taken, just information.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Worship/Evangelism:** Committee Met and planned Rally Sunday.

**FLCW:** Minutes September 16<sup>th</sup> 2019. Meeting was called to order by Co-President Cindy Lewis. Devotions given by Tammy Fletcher. Secretary's report was read and approved and placed on file. Treasurer's report was read and approved and placed on file. Balance as of August 31, 2019 is \$3,438.76. With donations from Donation Drive balance of September 16<sup>th</sup> is \$5,033.76. Correspondence: Thank you from Good Earth Village for quilts that we gave.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Expressed thanks to Carmen Nesseth for doing cradle roll. Thank you to Bev Emerson for donating a quilt to the Good Earth Village Auction. Synodical convention 9/21/19, Cora Lee

Monroe will be our voting member. Update on our annual fund/donation drive (bakeless bake sale). We will send e-mail reminders out along with a reminder in the newsletter and bulletin. Sunday School shopping date has been set for December 8<sup>th</sup>. Tammy will put an announcement in the October and November church newsletter. JOY room monies update: we have approximately \$300.00 designated for the JOY room improvements. Cindy and Jackie will get some quotes for new chairs and then we can earmark money for the project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Lefse making:** John and Lois Estrem will coordinate this event. We will ask them to find the dates in November that work best; we will ask a member of Thrivent to get a VISA card. We will ask for volunteers to help with this event. Quarterly meeting has been set for November 17<sup>th</sup> and will be combined with our Thankoffering service. Karen and Heidi will do program planning. Next meeting: Monday November 4th, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Sherry will give devotions. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Property and Management:** Continuing to work on the following ongoing projects: Painting/Striping is complete, fill and reseeding is complete, committee is still deciding on barrier options along the east side and at the extreme south end of the unimproved portion of our church property, New signage has now been installed.

**Stewardship:** Met to plan for Rally Sunday. Plans are to have a 'brunch' on November 10. Details yet to be worked out.

**Youth and Education:** a.) Recap Rally Sunday-great to have so many in Church & Sunday School. Bibles to 3rd graders on Sunday, September 29 at 9 a.m. worship. Invitations will be sent to the parents and put it in the Bulletin. b.) **Big Wood Outing: October 6** or rain date October 13 at 11:30 p.m. for Youth and families. 2nd grade and younger students need an adult or older sibling (12+). Week before let us know if you need a ride. Serving Hot dogs, S'mores, Chips, Water bottles/pop, Freezies; Scavenger hunt or bingo. Return to church at 2. Anna and Sarah will make up flyer and scavenger hunt. To go in bulletin, Newsletter, facebook and flyers sent home with kids. Carmen will send email reminders. c.) Christmas Program date. December 22 at 9 a.m. worship. d.) Thanks to Becky Baka for doing the bulletin board in the entry way. Awesome! Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 8 at 7 p.m.

**Personnel Committee:** Upcoming meeting planned

**Next Council Meeting Date:** October 23, 2019 @ 8:00PM (Note Change of Date)

**Devotions:** Amy

**Adjournment:** M/S Don/Carmen Approved

**Closed with the Lord's Prayer**

*Save the Date!*



**Watch for more details in November Newsletter!**

**TWO MEMOS**  
*from FLCW Board*

★ FLCW DONATION DRIVE:

We are accepting contributions to our annual donation drive, also known as the "bakeless bake sale." You can put your envelope marked FLCW in the Sunday offering plate or drop at the church office. Thank You!

★ SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DATE:

Mark your calendars! Sunday, December 8th is the 6th annual SS Christmas Shopping Event for Grades pre-K thru 6th, to shop for a gift for their mom, dad, grandparents, siblings or special friends.

Look for donation bins inside the SS wing door and back of the church. Please consider donating new, never-used, or gently-used items. We will not be accepting clothes with the exception of gloves/mittens/caps and KW Knights apparel. Men's gift items are always needed.

**MORNING CIRCLE**  
**BIBLE STUDY**

First Tuesday Monthly  
at 9:30 – Joy Room

*Poetry of the Old Testament*  
*By Anna Madsen*

Our current 3-session study (Sept/Oct/Nov) explores selections of Old Testament poetry from Job, Psalms, and Lamentations. Drawing from the experiences of these ancient writers, we will learn to look for God in times of deep emotions, such as joy, anger, celebration, depression, misunderstanding and contentment – finding hope and grace along the way.

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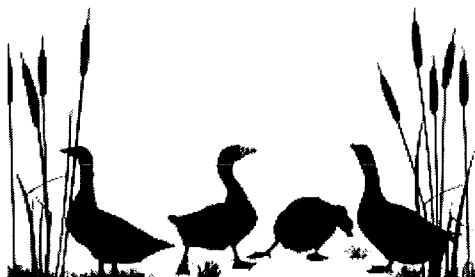
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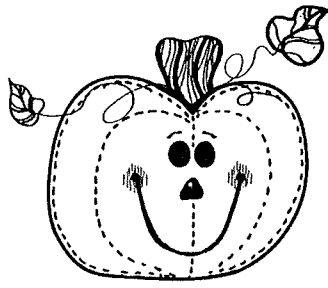
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Tues., Oct. 22, 1 PM



**Pray**  
**Worry**

**MORE**  
**LESS**



# OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 9:30 Morn. Circle Bible Study	<b>2</b> 10:00 Ministerium Meets @ First 6:00 Worship 6:30 Confirmation <i>No Choir Practice</i>	<b>3</b> 9:00 Cannon Rvr Conf. (Offsite) 1:00 LOVE Day 7:00 AA	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:00 Worship 10:00 SSch 10:00 Coffee 11:15 Nerstrand Big Wds Fun 7:00 AA	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 1:00 Priscilla 7:00 EdYou	<b>9</b> 6:00 Worship 6:30 Confirmation (stoles) 6:30 Sr. Choir	<b>10</b> 7:00 AA	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <i>Pr. Chris Miller</i> 9:00 Worship 10:00 SSch 10:00 Coffee 7:00 AA	<b>14</b> 1:30 Literary Guild	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <i>No Wed Worship</i> <i>No Confirmation</i> 6:30 Sr. Choir	<b>17 MEA</b> 1:00 LOVE Day 7:00 AA	<b>18 MEA</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9:00 Worship 10:00 SSch 10:00 Coffee 7:00 AA	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Court Serv.--- Joy Rm 1:00 Priscilla	<b>23</b> 6:00 Worship 6:30 Confirmation Dinner/Rehearsal <i>No Choir Practice</i> 8:00 Council	<b>24</b> 6:00 Sons of Norway 7:00 AA	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> CONFIRMATION  9:00 Worship 10:00 SSch 10:00 Reception 7:00 AA	<b>28</b> HS/Now the Feast	<b>29</b>	<b>30 HALLOWEEN</b> 6:00 Worship 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Sr. Choir	<div data-bbox="1166 1654 1474 1858" style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <p>ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY NOV. 3</p>  </div>		

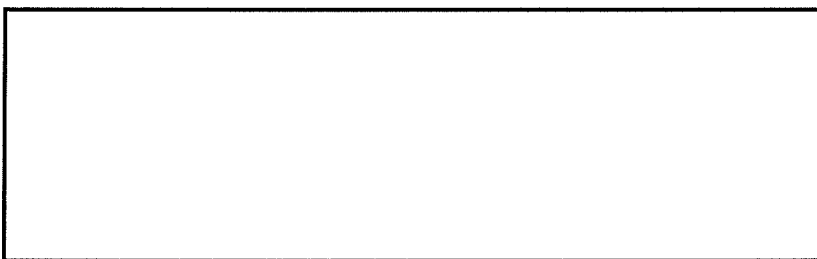
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Harris Haugen  
Kirk Hiner  
Josh Lorfald  
Doug Noah  
Frank Peterson  
Dave Sathrum

### **ALTAR CARE**

John & Debbie Maki  
Linda Barsness  
Marcie Gaasedelen  
Carolyn Walker

### **COMMUNION SET-UP**

10/6: Cindy Lewis  
10/13: Linda Cordes  
10/20: Sharon & Paul Rechtzigel  
10/27: Carmen Nesseth

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS, COFFEE, ACOLYTES**

#### **OCT 6**

GREET 9TH GRADE  
READ 9TH GRADE  
COMM Dan & Shari Quam,  
Cindy Lewis  
COFF Wayne & Marie Spidahl  
ACOL Reganne Androli,  
Emma Paulson

#### **OCT 13**

GREET Steve & Trudy Johnson  
READ Steve Johnson  
COMM Steve Johnson,  
Rhana Olson,  
Cora Lee Monroe  
COFF Dennis & Cora Lee Monroe  
ACOL Alex Lee,  
Ashley Rechtzigel

#### **OCT 20**

GREET Sherry Sathrum  
READ Steve Alger  
COMM Dan Rogness,  
Don & Candy Herrlich  
COFF Sherry Sathrum  
ACOL Josi Quam,  
Julia Dahl

#### **OCT 27**

GREET Lorry & Kathy Walker  
READ Lorry Walker  
COMM CONFIRMAD MENTOR,  
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