

ROOTED in Love – GROUNDED by Faith –  
STRENGTHENED by the Spirit – ALIVE in Christ Jesus  
EPH. 3:14-21



## Sunday, July 19, 2020

On the second page you will find a letter explaining our council decision not to open this Sunday, July 19th.

Communion will be served today, Sunday, in the church parking lot from 9:45 am until 11 am. Please feel free to drive by to receive the gift of Christ in bread and wine. It is also a time to wave farewell to Intern Pastor Patty and offer your gratitude for her time with us.

Pool Party tonight, Sunday, from 8-9 at the Kenyon Pool.

Today, Sunday, we celebrate the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost.

In the near future Wednesday night outdoor worship will be offered under the trees on the North side of the church. Communion will be served. Watch for forthcoming details.

Church meetings in the building: If you are part of a First Lutheran Committee you are welcome to hold your meetings in the church with these stipulations: 1) one meeting per day—must be signed up on the church calendar, 2) meeting to be held in the lower level/fellowship hall—kitchen not available at this time, and 3) you are asked to use the supplies in the fellowship hall to sanitize the area when you are finished. 4) No outside groups at this time with the exception of Thursday and Sunday night AA meetings.

-- Julie L Rogness

Greetings, First Lutheran  
People of God-

As the reality of COVID-19 continues to shape our lives and cases continue to soar in states around the country, we hope you are finding ways, even small ways, to embrace and enjoy the new way we must go about our daily lives.



First Lutheran council and executive committee have continued the discussion and planning for moving forward as a congregation. The executive committee met July 9th and council met July 15th. We do not take these decisions lightly! We realize our choices affect many and we need to consider all our neighbors in our decisions.

The worship committee and council have spent a great deal of time creating a required COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. There are many things to consider, plan for, and implement. Work is also being done to ensure we will be able to continue to provide the high-quality on-line worship many rely on. The property and management committee is working to help move these plans from paper to reality.

Due to the unease expressed by many members of our congregation, along with the physical readiness preparations still being worked out, we have made the decision to remain closed for in-person worship gatherings beyond the July 19th date. We will continue our preparations and reevaluate this on a monthly basis. Our next council meeting is scheduled for August 15th. Communication will be sent as decisions are made.

During this time, we will continue with our strong on-line presence and with some special opportunities, like the very popular drive through communion Pastor Julie and Intern Pastor Patty held last week.

We thank you for your understanding and grace as we travel these uncharted waters. Please let the Church Council or Pastor Julie know if you have any needs with which we can help.

Yours in Christ, First Lutheran Church Council