

Newsletter July 2021

The Morning Song

Praise and Lament

The mornings when the windows are open and the birds begin their early dawn singing, my heart sings too. Time to offer morning prayers to God for the beauty of the dawning day.



Except, sometimes our morning prayers are filled with lament. And then I realized the early morning song of the birds is often a cry of protection for their loved ones. Maybe a female sitting on the nest to keep eggs warm and the male senses danger, so they sing a song of warning.

As we are curious this summer during worship and ask the questions within the framework of *“I’ve been meaning to ask...”* this month we dare to ask the bigger wondering question of... *where does it hurt?*

Everyone hurts and has the ability to recognize the pain in others. God draws close to us in every moment of suffering. We draw close to each other to offer compassion.

So, for you... *where does it hurt?* What makes your heart hurt? Where in your life do you feel vulnerable, humbled, or broken open? Think of a time when you felt fully seen, known, and accepted for who you are.

May your sorrow and lament be met with the light of a new morning dawning where you may sing a new song – a song of hope and joy.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13*

Wednesday Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion

We gather to worship July - August. We gather under the pine trees on the NE corner of the church. The service is simple, short, we may sing hymn together and it is important as we gather as God’s holy people. Please bring a chair and a mask. Cancelled only in the event of Rain.

JULY/AUGUST SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Thursday, July 22 - Canoeing/Kayaking/Rafting on Cannon River, 1pm-6pm (7-12th grade)

- Register by emailing sarah.g.vanepps@gmail.com
- Deadline to register 7/8/21
- Cost Varies depending on the number of youth attending:
 - \$70.00 for 6 person raft / \$60.00 for 4 person raft
 - \$40.00 per canoe
 - \$30.00 per Kayak

Friday, July 23 - Pool Party at Kenyon Pool from 8:30pm-9:30pm (All Ages)

Friday, August 27 - Pizza, movie, and game night at First 6pm-9pm (7-12th grade)

ADDITIONAL SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Day Camps at Good Earth Village

Transportation will be provided. If interested, email sarah.g.vanepps@gmail.com ASAP to discuss details. Registration closes two days prior to camp date but space is limited.

1. SPLISH SPLASH (K-5) - Get ready to make a splash during this wet and wild day of camp! Campers will enjoy various water activities such as water bucket relays, water tag, water worship and more! Let's beat the summer heat with some wet and wild games. Pack your swimsuit because you won't dry off until it is time to go home!

- Thursday, July 15 from 9:00AM - 4:00PM
- Please send a sack lunch with your camper, Good Earth Village will provide an afternoon snack.
- Cost \$50.00

2. OOY GOOY (K-5) - Through experimentation and tactile experiences your camper will expand their knowledge of liquids, explore their senses while getting ooey, gooey, sticky and wet. Observe, ask questions and draw conclusions as your camper investigates and explores the world around them!

- Tuesday, July 27 from 9:00AM - 4:00PM
- Please send a sack lunch with your camper, Good Earth Village will provide an afternoon snack.
- Cost \$50.00

3. TIE-DYE (K-9) - The world around us is filled with so many colors! Campers will experience a day filled with every color of the rainbow and more. Crafts, games, worship, and Bible Discovery will feature a colorful spin to them. Come to camp dressed in your favorite color!

- Tuesday, July 20 from 9:00AM - 4:00PM
- Please send a sack lunch with your camper, Good Earth Village will provide an afternoon snack.
- Cost \$50.00

ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING - JULY 24-28, 2022 - MINNEAPOLIS, MN
Grades 9-12 - Fundraising opportunities will be available - Watch for more information

Check out our Facebook page and church website for youth activity schedule and updates
FACEBOOK: [First Lutheran Church Youth - Kenyon, MN](#) - CHURCH WEBSITE: <https://www.flckenyon.org/>
FLC-YOUTH DIRECTORS: Sarah Hildebrandt and Sarah Van Epps

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES - JUNE 16, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

Welcome and Call to Order: Harris Haugen

Present: Harris Haugen, Carmen Nesseth, Brad Nesseth, Bill Lewis, Pastor Julie Rogness, Jim Fountaine, Erica Aronson and Sandy Doehling

Devotions: Pastor Julie on finding blessings in ordinary moments.

Approval of Agenda: M/S Bill/Brad, Approved

Secretary's Report: M/S Bill/Carmen, Approved

Treasurer's Report: M/S Jim/Carmen, Approved

05/31/2021: Checking Account Balance **\$6,383.67**, Memorial Account Balance **\$525**

Pastor's Report: Worship: 4 Sunday Mornings, 3 Wednesday Evenings, 4 live streaming, Baptisms-3, Funerals/Memorial Services-3, Preached at Baccalaureate, Meetings: Council, Roundtable, Worship & Evangelism, EdYou, and KAI, Phone calls and in person visits, Sharing gift cards that are still being given, Book Group - Good Time for the Truth with Kalia, Senior Recognition and Pentecost, Great events - Ditch cleaning and Chalk the Walk, Visitation for Tammy Hanson's Father, Wally Jacobson, Graduation Open Houses, Mandala Rock Painting. Coming Soon: Worship this summer - "I have been meaning to ask" for 4 weeks, KAI event held at First in the parking lot - Pie and Cake auction and farewell to Lucas - August 1st and Youth Events. Wondering: Wednesday Night Worship in July and August, Sunday Morning Coffee and Treats.

Continuing Business:

1. Use of Church by other groups - Worship Committee encourages and Council approves permitting other groups to utilize the church.
2. Opening of Kitchen - Resumed for full function on June 1, 2021.

New Business:

1. Job Description of Custodial Position - Worship Committee is in the process of reconstructing the job description for cleaning and general maintenance of the church building to include awareness and notification to Property and Management of any concerning issues, tracking hours and duties, supervision and sharing the workload. The committee will report back to the council.
2. Memorial Accounts - The distribution of undesignated monies to be approved by the council.

Committee Reports:

FLCW - The kitchen is in need of a new coffee maker to be purchased by the church with reimbursement from coffee hour donations. M/S Carmen/Bill, Approved.

Youth Representative - not present

Worship/Evangelism - did not meet. Next meeting will be held July 6, 2021.

Property and Management - watering trees and checking the church building for bats.

Stewardship - Stewardship Minutes/Thursday, June 10th @6:30 pm by Sue Wold. Present: Jim, Ed, Pastor Julie, Tanya, David, Sue. Our committee has been looking at the ways **Generosity** has been shown in our church and community over the last year. Our awareness of need helps focus our efforts. The generosity of our members has been amazing! Our church is still accepting gift cards or cash donations at the church office. The gift cards are used locally to assist people/families in need. You may still donate to the area Food Shelf. There is a box in the narthex to put the donations. You may also donate cash. Stewardship Committee voted to serve Coffee Hour on **Sunday, June 27th**. Plan to serve strawberries. Dave noted that Moland will not be holding their Strawberry Festival this year. We are planning a **Fall Celebration** for the congregation on **Sunday, October 10th**. It will be held at the church and will include worship and a meal. More details will be available soon. Please call the church office if you would like a ride to church to attend Sunday worship. Next Stewardship meeting will be on **Thursday, July 15th at 6:30 pm. (Please note the change)**

Youth and Education - met June 8, 2021 to plan and discuss upcoming events including Chalk the Walk and Ditch Cleanup (held June 13th), Canoeing, kayaking and rafting for grades 7-12 July 22nd, Pool Party July 23rd, Good Earth - Sarah Van Epps and Pastor Julie will advertise selected dates to our youth, ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis for grades 9-12 July 24-28, 2022. A meeting will be held this summer for students interested in attending. Seeking fundraiser opportunities. Games, movie and pizza night for grades 7-12 August 27th, Hiking in August, Rally Sunday and intergenerational picnic September 12. Sunday School will resume with a rotation curriculum. Next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 14th.

Long Range Planning/Endowment/Personnel Committee/KAIC - A KAIC fundraiser farewell for Lucas will take place on August 1st at First Lutheran Church. Each church is asked to donate 4 cakes/pies for the auction. Lucas's last Sunday at First will be August 22nd when the church will present him with parting gifts. Seeking housing for our new intern Al Aakre.

Next Meeting: July 21, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

Devotions: Harris

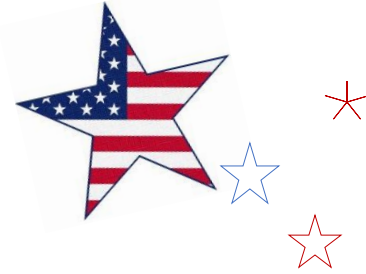
Adjournment: M/S Carmen/Jim, Approved

Closing with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Doehling
Council Secretary

JULY 2021




Sunday Worship is In-Person & Live Stream

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4 9 Worship Coffee 7 AA	5	6 6:30 Worship & Evange- lism	7 6 Wed Worship Outside	8 1 LOVE DAY 7 AA	9	10
11 9 Worship Coffee 7 AA	12	13	14 6 Wed Worship Outside 6:30 Ed/You	15 6:30 Stewardship 7 AA	16	17
18 9 Worship Coffee 7 AA	19 Court Services	20	21 6 Wed Worship Outside 7 Council	22 1 LOVE DAY 7 AA 1-6 CANOE TRIP	23 8:30 pm POOL PARTY	24
25 9 Worship Coffee 7 AA	26	27 7 pm KAI	28 6 Wed Worship Outside	29 7 AA	30	31

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It is not ~~HOW~~ busy you are,
but **WHY** you are busy —
the bee is praised,
the mosquito is swatted.

~Author Unknown