



Stewardship is Generosity and Gratitude

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.” Galatians 5:22-23

The generosity of a giver comes from the generosity of God. It is not about the church’s need for money. It is about the spiritual practice of the giver — one who knows their own gifts are a gift from God to be shared with others, outside of themselves. My grandma taught me that when I give from this spiritual understanding I will always have enough. I find this to be true of financial resources, time, and abilities. This month be aware of times when you think you don’t have enough and find that you do. And when you find you don’t, notice why that might be.

Thank you for the all the many ways you are generous and faithful in this congregation and all the other areas of your life where you are filled with gratitude.

Pastor Julie

FALL FESTIVAL – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

WORSHIP at 9 A.M.

BRUNCH to follow

PET BLESSING – Outside in the church parking lot
Beginning at 10:45 A.M. – Pets of all kinds are welcome.

CELEBRATE WITH HELEN – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

Open House 1:30 to 4:30 – Fellowship Hall

Hosted by the Aase Family – It’s her 100th Birthday!
(Masks required if unvaccinated)

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY — OCTOBER 31ST at 9:00 AM Worship

These students will affirm their faith:

*Ross Aldorfer, Hayden Baka, Francis Cusey,
Jamison Hoffman, Devon Kreisler and Thomas Paulson.*

> REHEARSAL — OCTOBER 27 — 6:30 IN THE SANCTUARY <

~~ STEWARDS ~~

Last Sunday, my wife Kari was excited to find her great-grandmother's 1931 confirmation photo still hanging at Hegre Lutheran. As we glanced through the other photos, the ever-changing styles and haircuts stood out to me—as did the ever-changing last names. A few surnames were familiar to the current congregation, but many were not. Each progressing photo brought something new and ushered something away. However, the confirmation photos were not only a good object lesson in change but also stewardship. After all, what is stewardship but stability through change. Every photo showed a different group inhabiting the same exact role. As stewards of a congregation, we are links in a chain that goes back to the first disciples of Christ. Two-thousand years of diligent care for the Gospel and God's called community.

Sometimes we equate *stewardship* with *ownership* and imagine a permanent bond between us and some larger entity. Yet, stewardship has little to do with permanency. Stewardship is the temporary care of something that will long outlive us (and yes, temporary can even mean a lifetime). When we are done using land and resources or belonging to a congregation, they don't just up and disappear. God calls a new steward to care for them. This is an endless cycle that we are blessed to be a part of. Ownership is caring for something because it is ours; stewardship is caring because the item is God's.

Each believer is called to seek out other Christians and worship together as a community, but the congregations that we build are never our own—they belong to God. Kari's great-grandmother eventually married and moved to Fairmont; the time and energy she gave to the congregation was replaced by another's. And although her role as a steward of Hegre was done, God was not done with Hegre. The congregation continues to share the Gospel of Christ Jesus, just as all of our congregations do. Names on our membership rolls come and go; there will be different pastors and interns, but our congregations continue.

Realizing our own role as stewards can take some of the pressure off of our lives. It is not all up to individuals or one family or one group to solve the congregation's problems. God is at work in our changing circumstances and is moving us not only to act but to prepare others to act in our absence. Just as faithful stewards of the earth are rewarded at harvest; faithful stewards of the church will be rewarded at the harvest to come.

If you have a chance to glance at the confirmation photos in your church, I would invite you to do so. Maybe you will see a teenage version of someone who taught you Scripture, Grace, or the basics of cemetery care. Maybe you will find someone who you in turn taught the same.

Al Aakre, Kenyon Area Intern Pastor

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 - 7:00 PM

Welcome and Call to Order: Harris Haugen

Present: Harris Haugen, Bill Lewis, Cindy Lewis, Pastor Julie Rogness, Tanya Short, Ben Short, Troy Estrem, Erica Aronson and Sandy Doehling

Devotions: Cindy Lewis on overcoming challenges with God's help

Approval of Agenda: M/S Tanya/Troy, Approved

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

Treasurer's Report: M/S Harris/Tanya, Approved

08/31/2021: Checking Account Balance **\$3,747.21**, Memorial Account Balance **\$525**

Pastor's Report: Worship: Sunday Morning-3, Wednesday Evening-4, Live Streaming, Burial-2 (in a mailbox), Meetings: Council, Roundtable, Worship and Evangelism, EdYou, KAI, Phone calls and in person visits, Sharing gift cards as they keep coming, Weekly meetings with Annette, Welcomed new Intern Al, Mentoring a seminary student, Confirmation Orientation, Rally Day-SS outdoors, Big Woods Hiking, Creating Sunday School rotation curriculum, Weary. Looking forward: Next class to be confirmed on October 31, Stewardship Event-Together Again, Helen Aase 100th birthday celebration-10/10/21—1:30 to 4:30 pm, Celebrating the life of Beverly Nesseth--10/17/21--10 am to noon, Sid Strandemo celebrates 96 years, Thank you for vacation time away to connect with our newly engaged daughter and soon to be husband (and his family too), Prayers for Al Aakre and friends from Guatemala.

Continuing Business:

Jim Braaten Stipend - our technical support lead, Jim, humbly continues to decline compensation for his expertise, time and talent to produce an online presence each week for First. It was noted that there are memorial gifts reserved to offset the cost of tech equipment needed and a suggestion was made to bring on 2 more tech team members to assist as needed.

New Business:

Intern Update - Al Aakre was involved in a car accident on 09/14/21 when a truck and trailer ran a stop sign resulting in a collision with Al's vehicle. We praise God that Al sustained non-life threatening injuries and he has been encouraged to take some quiet days to reflect.

Committee Reports:

FLCW - did not meet, however, noted that Carmen Nesseth presented cradle roll on Rally Sunday; Cora Lee Monroe and Candy Herrlich have graciously accepted the FLCW President position as co-chairs

Youth Representative - Ben reported a successful movie night with pizza on 08/27 and attended the youth hike at Big Woods State Park in Nerstrand. School is in session and K-W's football team won their first home game. Go Knights!

Worship/Evangelism - met on 9/8/21: via Zoom or in Joy room Members present (via Zoom): Pastor Julie Rogness, Bill Lewis, Tammy Fletcher, Shari Quam, Holly Lexvold and Sherry Sathrum. Devotions by Bill. Approval of agenda with additions and approval of secretary minutes. Discussion points of ongoing items:

1) Assisting ministers: going well with no changes needed, Pastor Julie also has a list of singers. Will place a coffee sign up sheet in the back of the church. Continue to discuss greeters- will continue to assess later in fall. 2) Worship components: next 2 week schedule: Sue Fogelson will assist with ELWSetting 4 and Tanya Short with Now the Feast and Celebration. 3) Music and choirs: Choir will begin practicing in near future/ unsure of when they will sing in church. Committee members unaware of Bell Choir plans. Discussion of music preferences/ requests. Clarified and discussed options of familiar music with a more contemporary focus. Tammy will contact the school for resources. 4) Rally Day: No help needed. Plans are prepared including worship service, Cradle Roll (Carmen), children's message, Now the Feast and Celebration, outside activities and coffee. 5) Fall Stewardship plans:

October 3. Our committee is responsible for food item. Bill will send an email. 6) Christmas Eve/ Christmas Day: Christmas Eve is on Friday. Discussed possible lower attendance to Christmas Day and Sunday service. May prerecord one of these services. Open to ideas. Next meeting: October 12 at 6:30 via in person or Zoom with devotions by Sherry. Respectfully submitted, Sherry Sathrum.

Property and Management - did not meet, however, members continue to diligently patrol the bats, water the new trees and will be responsible for snow removal come winter.

Stewardship - Stewardship Meeting September 14, 2021. Present: Jim Fontaine, Tanya Short, Dave Kolsrud, Sue & Ken Wold, Ed Fletcher.

1. Minutes/notes – Tanya;
2. Planning for **Fall Festival Oct 3**. Food and beverages for 75 members by committee as listed in August:

STEWARDSHIP–Egg Bake,

WORSHIP–Muffins/cinnamon rolls,

ED/YOUTH–Fruit,

PROPERTY/MANAGEMENT–Juice, milk, make coffee,

FLCW–paper plates/paper-styrofoam cups/napkins/utensils,

ANY OTHER COUNCIL/ COMMITTEE MEMBERS–bring items as you wish.

QUILT RAFFLE addition to benefit Sole Hope–Cora Lee/Candy Herrlich/ Love Day Ladies,

FLYER-Thank you to Annette/will add Sole Hope Quilt Raffle information

Generosity/Gratitude is the theme - One main basket near the buffet to receive donations. Temple talk volunteers still needed to speak during service - looking for various age group representation, topics range from generosity story to Sole Hope origins. Pastor Julie to advise. Stewardship will meet on October 2 at 9 a.m. to set up tables. Next meeting October 14, 6:30.

3. Council rep 9/15 at 7:45 - Tanya

Youth and Education - Rally Sunday - good turn out and it went really well- kids enjoyed yard games and snacks and learning what the coming Sunday school will look like. Committee got together 2x this month, last week to discuss Rally Sunday and this past Tuesday to discuss the remaining Sundays until our next meeting. We will be doing a rotational Sunday School that will have 3 rotations- each week there will be a lesson and the other two rotations will either be arts/crafts, cooking or music. Pastor Julie has volunteered to do up to 2 lessons each month, Carmen has volunteered to do up to 2 music sessions each month, Erica has volunteered to do the crafts each Sunday. We will have other volunteers to help move kids from station to station and as needed for the 3rd rotation. Next committee meeting October 14th 6 pm. Erica Aronson.

Long Range Planning/Endowment/Personnel Committee/KAIC - Personnel Committee is finalizing a job description for the church custodial position, reviewing healthcare coverage options for Pastor Julie and anticipating a performance review of Pastor Julie. KAIC noted an increase of \$100 per quarter will be budgeted toward the internship program.

Next Meeting: October 20, 2021 @ 6:30 pm.

Devotions: Harris

Adjournment: M/S Bill/Troy, Approved

Closing with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Doehling, Council Secretary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 - QUILT RAFFLE BEGINS
Rapid City, South Dakota to Sole Hope in Uganda.... Now the rest of the story.

A few years ago. I asked Dennis's sister if she would crochet some doilies for our Fellowship tables for when we serve funerals. She promptly showed me her stash (about 50 of them) and I selected about 25 for our use. In return, I made her a quilt for her guest bedroom.

Early 2021. A next door neighbor of Donna's, who was a beautiful quilter, passed away. Her family came to Donna with boxes of fabric wanting to know if she could use it. She accepted it.

Later 2021. Donna gave the boxes to Love Day Ladies. We received 3 boxes which included complete quilt tops and pieces sewn for 3 more quilt tops, fat quarters, baby fabric, backing, batting, books and some very lovely flannel.

October 3, 2021 Fall Festival. Candy and I have completed prepping a beautiful quilt getting it ready to be top stitched. We would like to raffle it off beginning at the Harvest Festival with the proceeds going to Sole Hope.

Sole Hope is a Christian charity based in Uganda that accepts shoe uppers made out of denim. These shoe parts are sent to a warehouse in Missouri and then sent on to Uganda where the local Ugandans are hired to get the rubber for the soles, sew the shoes and attach the soles. Our faithful First Lutheran folks have cut out shoe uppers for several years and we now have about 50 pairs ready to be sent.

Sole Hope brings Ugandan children to their center to have the jiggers removed from their feet and legs. The jiggers infest their feet, lay eggs, suck their blood and can kill or make it very painful and difficult to walk. After they are jigger free, they are given shoes, given a thorough medical exam to detect malnourishment, measles, whooping cough, lung problems and many other health issues. An interesting fact is that the jiggers are removed one by one with the large safety pin that secures each pair of shoe upper pieces together. \$10.00 must accompany each pair of shoe uppers to pay for the shipping to Africa, and wages for the folks who sew the shoes and for the folks who put on the soles. This way these people have a way to help support their families.

The quilt will be on display on the church's Facebook site and at Fall Festival on October 3, where tickets will be available for purchase. Ticket cost is \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. The raffle will conclude at a future date (yet to be determined) and until then tickets may be purchased from Candy Herrlich, Cora Lee & the church office.

Doilies, a quilt, boxes of fabric, talents of a quilt maker, desires of a congregation to help children, and Asher Telleen for starting Sole Hope 10 years ago. This is all God's work.

Cora Lee and Candy, and Love Day Ladies. solehope.com for more info

FALL STEWARDSHIP FESTIVAL

"Together Again"
Celebrating Our Members

Generosity and Gratitude

Sunday, October 3, 2021

Join us for Worship & Brunch to follow

Brunch Provided by Church Committee Members

A donation basket will be on hand to receive your gifts toward the local food shelf, Lutheran disaster relief fund, current missionary support or area of your choosing.

★ QUILT RAFFLE TO BENEFIT SOLE HOPE ★

See you there!



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	9 Steward- ardship SET UP

3 <i>Fall Festival</i> 9 Worship 10 Brunch <i>NO Sunday School</i> 10:45 Pet Blessing 7 AA	4	5	6 6:00 Worship 6:30 9th Grade Confirmation (stoles)	7 10 Clergy Plan- ning Mtg 7 AA	8	9
10 <i>Now the Feast</i> 9 Worship 10 SunSchool 1:30-4:30 Open House for Helen Aase 7 AA	11 1:30 Literary Guild	12 9 KW Kares 6:30 Worship/ Evangelism	13 6:00 Worship 6:30 9th Grade Confirmation (stoles)	14 1 LOVE DAY 6 EdYou 6:30 Stewardship 6:30 Scouts 7 AA	15	16
17 <i>Setting 4</i> 9 Worship 10 SunSchool 10-12 Coffee Time: Bev Nesseth Celebration of Life - <i>All Welcome</i> 7 AA	18	19	20 NO CONFIRMATION 6:00 Worship 6:30 Sr.Choir 6:30 Council	21 11:30 Round Tbl 5 Sons of Norway 7 AA	22	23
24 9 Worship 10 NO SUNDAY-SCH 7 AA	25 10-12 Stockettes (J.Hiner)	26 7 KAIC	27 6:00 Worship 6:30 9th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal	28 1 LOVE DAY 6:30 Scouts 7 AA	29	30
31 <i>Confirmation</i> <i>REFORMATION SUN</i> 9 Worship 10 SunSchool 7 AA						

LUTEFISK & NORWEGIAN MEATBALL SUPPER - WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 13, 2021

Vang Lutheran Church, 2060 County 49 Blvd, Dennison

Lutefisk w/melted butter, Norwegian Meatballs w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Cole Slaw, Fruit Soup, Lefse & Bakings

Ticket Price: \$20.00

Home or Business Delivery & Curbside Pick-Up: 11:00-2:00 pm / 4:00-7:00 pm

Pre-Orders Required with Credit Card by 10/01/21

Call or E-mail for Reservations: 507-789-5186 vanglutefisk@gmail.com

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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October Newsletter



~OCTOBER~

October days are stealing
All swiftly on their way;
The squirrels now are working,
The leaves are out at play;
The busy, busy children
Are gathering nuts so brown,
The birds are gayly planning
A winter out of town.

Clara L. Strong, c.1906