



**JOIN US ON
INTERGENERATION
FUN DAY**

Sun April 30, 9:45 am
*Enjoy Generation Jeopardy,
Shared Memories, & Treats*



MAY 9th – 7 P.M.
Kenyon-Wanamingo Band & Choir
Spring Concert
HOPE & HEALING
Featuring 2 Premieres
In Memory of
Rachel Nesseth & Gary Skundberg

Happy Birthday, Marcy !

ENJOY COFFEE TREATS Sunday May 7 - Courtesy of Marcy Kvitem who is turning 100 on May 10th. (She will remain at home on the farm.) Cards & emails welcome (no presents). Open to visitors at her home--Sun/May 7 afternoon & evening, or anytime Mon/May 8 or Tues/May 9.

May 10th will be private for the family.

SOLE HOPE BRUNCH: Friday, May 5th, at 10 am
United Redeemer Lutheran, 560 West 3rd St. Zumbrota. Speaker, Mari Ripley, Advocate for Minnesota Sole Hope will share her knowledge and experience with the Sole Hope Project. Serving: egg bakes, coffee cakes, fruit salad, coffee, milk. There will be Free Will donation for Sole Hope and Quilt Raffle. RSVP to Leah at 507-732-7297 by April 28th to ensure a seat. See posters @ First.

Womens Aspire Event at Redemption Church, 123 E. Main St, Owatonna. Saturday, May 6 - 6:00 pm. Enjoy an evening of laughter, stories and music by: Mary Shannon, Author and Bible teacher; Comedian, Michelle Miller and Musician, Jaime Jamgochian. Tickets available at 480-812-1100 or ASPIREWOMENS.EVENTS.com. Tickets are \$25.

**Youth Fundraiser
Mother's Day Caramel Rolls**

6 rolls/\$12 -- 12 rolls/\$20

Orders & Payments Due

Thursday, May 4

Checks to FLC Youth

smhildebrandt7@gmail.com

firstkenyon.kincaid@gmail.com

CARAMEL ROLL DATES:

Prep, May 7, 4-7 pm

PickUp, May 13, 2-4 pm

PickUp, May 14, 9:45 – 11 am

**SENIOR RECOGNITION
Sunday May 14, 9 am Worship**

*Reganne Androli - Nick Cusey
Alexander Lee - Emma Paulson -
Josi Quam - Ashley Rechtzigel*

**BACCALAUREATE
Wednesday May 17, 7:30 pm**

**We have
Sole Hope Shoe parts
ready to be cut;
and Squares to be sewn
into Quilt Tops**

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE FOR SPRING 2023 - PASTOR JULIE

What are your spiritual practices? Praying, Walking, Worship, Listening?

At a recent internship retreat we were introduced to the book, *The Power of Moments* by brothers Chip and Dan Heath. Here are my takeaways from the spiritual practice of paying attention to moments filled with faith and power.

Moments are short experiences that are both memorable and meaningful. They include one or more of these elements -

Elevation -- a boost sensory; a break from the playscript of ordinary life.

Insight -- journey over reality and reach for insight.

Pride -- recognize others; increase in milestones, and the practice courage.

Connection -- deepen connections, and making moments matter.

So, ask yourself, when has God helped you break from the story of your ordinary life? I remember my first trip out of the Minnesota I knew to Mongolia I didn't know. I was to take four women and three babies back to their home country of Mongolia. That was not ordinary for me. And neither was picking up our babies at the airport. God moments for sure. When has God given you insight? For me they are fleeting moments that touch my heart, and I can't explain them, but they are God moments. When has God helped you reach important milestones and walked with you as you leaned into them boldly? When has God walked with you in meaningful connections that are life altering and shaping your day or month or life. All God moments. As SPRING (finally arrives) pay attention to God's walk with you in all the moments – even the ones you don't necessarily pay attention to.

Prayer: *God be with me in my heart, God be with me in my mind, God be with me in my being. Amen. JLR*

ENDINGS AND BEGINNINGS — CELEBRATING OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid, Intern Pastor

This month we celebrate and recognize graduating high school seniors. Joined with Christ in the Word and waters of baptism, the people of God of First Lutheran have wrapped these beloveds in love and encouraged them to be God's hands and feet in the world. In the Sacrament of Baptism and when affirming our baptism, there are five gifts of discipleship we embrace and throughout our lives they flow and overlap with each other: We **LIVE** among God's faithful people, **HEAR** the word of God and **SHARE** in the Lord's supper, **PROCLAIM** the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, **SERVE** all people, following the example of Jesus, **STRIVE** for justice and peace in all the earth. (ELW pg. 236)

As these graduates embrace new ventures, we look forward to their witness. As they embrace new dreams and challenges, we know through faith, the gifts of the Holy Spirit will continue to shape their dreams into being. Poet Joe Davis inspires us with these words:

And the Spirit hovers over the face of these waters
Yet we're not meant to play it safe by the harbor
We are all drawn deeper and farther.
Called into relationships to travel seas uncharted.
We give thanks for the mercy and forgiveness that wrap
our true selves in sacred belonging and purpose.

Joe Davis, *We Rise Higher*

Please gather with us on Sunday, May 14 to recognize and celebrate these seniors during worship and fellowship. First Lutheran is also hosting the Baccalaureate Service on Wednesday, May 17 at 7:30 pm and we look forward to your presence there. KHK

Welcome and Call to Order: Vice President Erica

Present: Erica Aronson, Tammy Fletcher, Carmen Nesseth, Cora Lee Monroe, Candy Herrlich, Mason Torgeson, Sarah Hildebrandt, Tanya Short, Brad Nesseth, Kris Kincaid, Julie Rogness

Devotions: Carmen-Matthew 12:38-42, Proving God-Sharing God with others. The Holy Spirit leads us to see everyday miracles and works through us to show God to others.

Approve Agenda: M/S Carmen/Tammy, Approved.

Secretary's Report: M/S Tammy/Brad, Approved.

Treasurer's Report: **Reminder to Church Members:** Please write your name on your offering envelopes, and the amount you want to give on the line of Current, Benevolence or Repair Fund. This will both aid our Treasurer and assure you that your donation is going toward your intended use. Checking Balance \$8,049.52 Memorial Checking Balance \$525.00 M/S Carmen/Sarah, Approved.

Pastor's Report: Put together Palm Sunday with Intern Kris, preached 1, Lent 1, participated 4. Home/Hospital/call/text visits 6. Funeral 1 Held, Wedding 1 Eggert, Baptism 1 Sathrum, Pre-marital 1. April 17-19 Green Lake Bible Camp Internship retreat. Weekly meetings with Annette and Kris. Rehearsal/Wedding May 5 & 6 at church, Synod Assembly will be attended by Chris, Erica and Kris on May 6.

Intern Kris's Report: Preach: 5 times on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Maundy Thursday. Mentor/Confirmation Nights 2. Soup Suppers hosted by confirmation/Summer trip youth 2. Pastoral care-home/call/text 15 with 1 small group of 4 people. Pop-up Youth Party of 12 with grades 7-12. Internship Project-April 30 Intergenerational faith stories, fun, food and fellowship, Thrivent Action Team funding. Social media post for Holy Week-Carmel Roll fundraiser, and Intergenerational Fun Day. Attended webinars on Stewardship, Religious Resilience, and Spiritual Direction. Attended Region 3 Internship Cluster retreat with Pastor Julie, April 17-19. Out of office May 18-22 for seminary approval interviews, baccalaureate, and graduation.

Continuing and New Business:

1. Tech need update (Camera) - Chris C contacted Fette electric for a final quote/not heard back yet. Discussion on purchasing 1 or 2 cameras. Recommendation by Chris C & Property & Management is that we buy 2 camera's and install at this time. Chris C will contact Fette who the church has been working with, to get this taken care of.
2. Unclaimed Offering Boxes-Tammy will work on this.
3. Funeral Costs-Fees were set up during Covid. They will be updated and presented to Michaelson Funeral Home.
4. Rose Fest outdoor community worship-discussion and the general consensus is not to have.

Committee Reports:

FLCW - KAIC Soup Cook-Off - supplied the soup. Palm Sunday Brunch 70. United Redeemer Zumbrota, Brunch & Sole Hope Program May 5, 10 am, call for reservation. We will carpool. Marcy Kvitem 100th Birthday, may schedule a time to visit with her on May 8 and 9. Family only on her birthday, May 10. Need 2 women to serve on Mission/Justice: events, send cards, altar care/decorating for December. Contact Candy or Cora Lee.

Youth Rep - busy with school, baseball (too many rainouts) and prom (May 6).

Worship/Evangelism – Sunday worship music-Tanya has set up a calendar in Google with accompanist/organ player for May-July. This will be discussed monthly with Pastor and Intern filling special Sundays, then add in musicians with contact information. Upcoming Book discussion on *“Joining Jesus on His Mission - How to be an everyday Missionary.”* Discussed having a children's booth at the Farmers Market this summer. Will ask EDYOU to assist in this outreach. Church summer book read: Pastor and Intern will recommend a book the congregation members can read and then gather at a determined date to discuss the book. Will invite members that did not read book to come and hear the discussion.

Property and Management - contacted tree trimming company to trim 3 maples on the north side of church. Got carpet samples from Behr's USA Carpets and Flooring in Dundas.

Stewardship - did not meet.

Youth and Education – Palm Sunday crafts for the few youth who were there. Caramel roll fundraiser for summer ministries, thanks for everyone's support! Orders due Thursday May 4th, making rolls May 7th, pick-up rolls May 13/14. Belle Creek roller rink- last day of Sunday school, May 21, 11 to 2 pm. Walking taco potluck. Spring ditch cleaning, date TBD. Will work with the evangelism committee on summer outreach at Farmers Market this summer.

KAIC - Fundraiser update: Vang got the Golden Crockpot. Over \$4000 donated. Great turnout.

Long Range Planning - no report

Endowment - Met April 12 with 4 in attendance. Approved one scholarship Application.

Personnel Committee - did not meet.

Next Meeting: May 17, 2023 at 6 p.m. Barb Streed from the synod will be meeting with the council on this date.

Devotions: Erica

Adjournment: M/S Carmen/Tammy, Approved. Adjourned 9:35

Closing with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Carmen Nesseth, Secretary

YOU ARE INVITED
JOIN A CARD SHOWER FOR
DORIS GJERVIK

Doris will celebrate her 100th birthday on May 10th.
Rev. Stan & Doris Gjervik served First Lutheran Kenyon from 1961 – 1966.
You are invited to send greetings, wishes &/or fond memories to:
Doris Gjervik, 200 N Holcombe, Apt 305, Litchfield, MN 55355.
[Invitation received from Jean Mallory, Niece]

May 2023

	1	2	3 6 Worship	4 7 AA	5 6 Wedding Rehearsal	6 8-5 Synod Assembly 3 Wedding
7 5th Sun of Easter 9 Worship 10 S.School 4-7 Prep C. Roll Orders 7 AA	8 1:30 Literary Guild	9	10 6 Worship	11 1 LOVE DAY 5:30 Worsh/Ev 7 AA	12	13 Pickup C. Roll Orders 2-4
14 6th Sun of Easter Senior Recognition 9 Worship 9:45-11 Pickup C. Roll Orders 7 AA	15	16	17 6 Council 7:30  Baccalaureate @ First	18 5:30 Sons of Norway 7 AA	19	20
21 7th Sun of Easter 9 Worship <i>Last Day of SS</i> 11-2 S.School @ Belle Creek Roller Rink 7 AA	22	23	24 6 Worship	25 1 LOVE DAY 7 AA	26	27
28 Pentecost 9 Worship 7 AA	29	30	<div> <p>"It's nice to be Important, but it's Important to be nice." ~KERMIT THE FROG~</p>  </div>			

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
309 FOREST STREET, KENYON, MN 55946
PHONE: 507-789-5261
E-MAIL: firstlutherankenyon@gmail.com
WEBSITE: flckenyon.org

May

Newsletter



Happy May Day !

__May Day is a European festival of ancient origins marking the beginning of summer, usually celebrated on May 1, around halfway between the spring equinox and summer solstice. Traditions include gathering wildflowers & green branches, weaving floral garlands, secret delivery of may baskets, crowning a May Queen, and setting up a Maypole, May Tree or May Bush, around which people dance.

__In Ireland, people used to put flowers on the doorstep or windowsills of their houses on May morning to bring good luck and offer protection against the fairies. Among the many superstitions associated with May Day was the belief that washing the face with dew on the morning of May 1 would beautify the skin and bring good luck.

__In previous centuries, people would take the day off work to celebrate May Day, often without the support of their employers. In current times, May Day is also called Workers' Day or International Workers' Day, a day to support workers, and commemorate the historic struggles and gains made by workers and the labour movement.