



It's Summertime and Creation Sings

Intern Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid

For you shall go out in joy; and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle. Isaiah 55:12-13A

The mountains, the prairies, the lakes, and our backyards share their music with us, and the sounds of summer bring hope and joy. Might creation be the first evangelist? In Genesis God creates everything and calls it good and very good. The earth, stars – the cosmos is vast. God created it all and God places it in our hands as caretakers. Caretaking to me, is expressed through Desmond Tutu's words, "Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." Do your little bit of good. As people of God, through worship, word, and service we share God's love and care.

In July, youth and adults are attending Summer Festival Camp and heading to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Please keep the following beloved children of God in your prayers:

- **Summer Festival Camp, July 16-19**, at Gustavus Adolphus. Kris Kincaid and Patricia Hoffman. Sendoff in worship on July 16.
- **BWCAW Trip, Sunday July 30-August 4**
Rich Kincaid, Mike Aldorfer, Ross Aldorfer, Jamison Hoffman, Alex Lee, Ashley Rechtzigel, Ben Short, and Jojo Zingler. Sendoff in worship on July 30.

This summer, there are ministries for all ages, and for specific ages. Where will you share God's joy? Where will you find God's peace? God's story is unfolding and includes you! *K.Kincaid*



Filled with Gratitude as we Say Good-bye

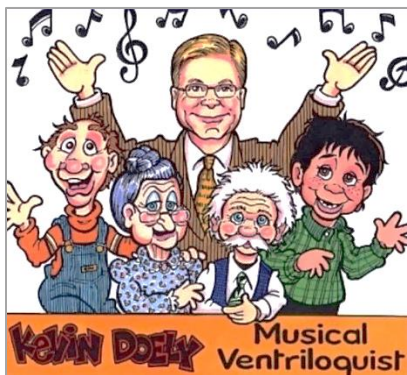
Last year about this time I was working to turn in my resignation when God said, "Not so fast". There is more to do...minister to my people and walk with Intern Pastor Kris for a year. What a joy it has been this past year even with reduced hours. It has been my joy to walk with those getting married, baptized, confirmed, graduating, celebrating other milestones. It has been a blessing to walk with all who have breathed their last breath this year and joined the saints above.

My last Sunday will be August 27th and my last day Thursday, August 31st. This will also be true for Intern Kris as her last Sunday will be August 27th as well. Some have told us we should not have our last Sunday at the same time – however, Kris and I have worked well together and to send us both on - to what God is up to next in our lives - seems fitting. We are both filled with gratitude and sadness at the same time because we love you, as Christ loves us all.

So, please put on your calendars this celebration during worship and following worship at coffee (Sunday, August 27th). I will host this time for treats, share a few stories, take a few pictures, and (you know me) shed tears of joy and tears of missing you in the weeks, months and years to come.

When a Pastor leaves a congregation, it is the best practice to be gone so that your next Pastor can get to know you well. More next month... *J.Rogness*

Pastor Julie & Dan in Switzerland – We are putting together a short Power point of some highlights of our recent trip. We will share them with whomever is interested on Sunday, August 6th during coffee time.



**You're Invited to
"LAUGH FOR LIFE"**

At First Lutheran

THURS, JULY 13

6 pm - Light Meal & Entertainment

7 pm – Musical Ventriloquist

Sponsored by the FLCW

Pastor Kevin Doely, a Musical Ventriloquist will present a heartwarming, funny program for all ages at 7:30 pm on August 13th at First Lutheran. We will be serving a light meal of barbecue sandwiches and chicken salad croissants, fruit and ice cream at 6:00 pm prior to the program. Call Cora Lee, 612-756-4687 or Candy at 506-330-0640 to register for meal planning purposes. Free will offering for each event. You may also come just for the program at 7:00 and give a free offering. We are looking forward to friends and others getting together for a fun evening to laugh, maybe sing and hear some wonderful stories.

Greetings from the New Kenyon Area Intern: Brittany Maileue

Hi, Kenyon Area Internship Cluster! My name is Brittany Mailleue. I am a student at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. I am married to Sam, an ordained ELCA pastor serving First Lutheran in Le Sueur. I am also a mother to two bright and active boys, Malcolm (9) and Ian (7). We moved from North Carolina to Minnesota in September 2022 and have loved Minnesota! I am originally from North Carolina (so you will hear an accent now and then), but I have also lived in Pennsylvania. I love enjoying nature with my family and playing board games in my free time. I look forward to getting to know y'all this upcoming year!

Brittany Maileue

Welcome and Call to Order: President Chris

Present: Chris Cordes, Erica Aronson, Carmen Nesseth, Tammy Fletcher, Cora Lee Monroe, Tanya Short, Brad Nesseth, Sarah Hildebrandt

Devotions: Sarah-Psalm 105:2, Make a joyful noise, sing boldly and tell of God's wonderful work.

Approve Agenda: M/S Carm/Erica to approve agenda, Approve.

Secretary's Report: Correspondence: Thank you from Goodhue County Habitat for Humanity. Announcement from Living Lutheran that the magazine will cease its print publication starting November 2023. Thank you from SEMN Synod for Assembly offering. ELCA Hunger/ELCA Church Together. M/S to approve minutes as printed Erica/Brad, Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Some statistics on giving...January-May, 30% of the families have given 78% of the total current income. In contrast, 72 of the 105 families have given 22% of the current income. Long-term this will not be sustainable for support of our current expense structure. Discussion on sending out first half giving statements. Checking Bal \$6,377.1 Memorial Checking Balance \$525.00 M/S

Pastor's Report: no report

Intern Kris's Report: *Community/Outreach*-Farmer's Market, *Ongoing pastoral care*- phone and visits-15, *Administrative*-staff meeting, Internship committee, council, other committee meetings, *Leadership*-Pizza Garden Summer Series, text study, *Preaching*-3 Sun/3 Wednesday, *Wellness*-Spiritual direction.

Continuing and New Business:

1. Call process update-Interview with Pastor Kris Ferkin Interim Pastor. Recommendation by Executive Committee to ask Pastor Ferkin to serve as our Interim Pastor. M/S Tanya/Tammy to hire Pastor Ferkin as our interim pastor, Approved.
2. Camera update-Camera's are installed, tech team and equipment moved to the balcony.
3. Ushers going forward-discussion on how to get more members involved with ushering on Sunday mornings; maybe send a "we need your help" plea via e-news or with 1/2 year statements.
4. Habitat House is in Wanamingo/work to start in July, volunteers needed for July 17.

Committee Reports:

Youth Co-Reps - Unable to attend, out of town, working and busy with summer sports.

FLCW-You Are Invited - July 13 - *Laugh for Life* - Light meal and entertainment by Pastor Kevin Doely, a Musical Ventriloquist. Meal-6 PM Program-7 PM. Freewill Offering for each. Call Cora Lee or Candy for food planning purposes. Looking for Leadership Officers to be in place by December. Please prayerfully consider taking on a leadership position. Much discussion on funeral hospitality cost. Guidelines given to Michaelson's stated a *suggested donation amount*.

Worship/Evangelism – Special Sunday music, 2 have volunteered. Summer Dates handout: a listing of activities at FLC was printed to hand out at Farmer's Market. Will continue to utilize traditional worship setting. BWCA youth will assist with worship services on July 30. August 27 we will celebrate both Intern Kris's graduation from seminary & Pastor Julie's retirement.

Property and Management - Met with Ben Short who is working on his Eagle Scout project which is a fire ring for the church. On July 8th members are welcome to come build alongside Ben. More details will be forthcoming. Carpeting samples were viewed, waiting for estimates.

Stewardship - Will host a noon lunch for Wanamingo Habitat House, Tuesday, July 11.

EdYou – Pool Party, Wednesday July 19, during open swim (6:30 to 8:30 pm). Ice cream and s'mores in the park. All ages invited. Charlotte's Web Movie Night- Wednesday, August 16, 6:30 pm. - Read the book Charlotte's Web over the summer and then join us for a movie night! Indoor or outdoor, weather dependent. Pre-K to 6. BWCA and Summerfest trips in July. Mini Bible Camp- Sunday, August 6 from 2 to 4 pm. (Sign up on Facebook or by email); Pre-K to grade 6. National Youth Gathering 2024, starting to discuss with area churches. This is in New Orleans.

KAIC-No meeting until August. *Long Range Planning/Endowment-Personnel Committee*-did not meet.

Next Meeting: July 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Devotions: CARMEN

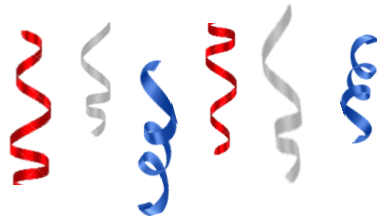
Adjournment: M/S Erica/Tammy, Approved Time: 8:30 pm

Closing with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Carmen Nesseth, Secretary

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16 9 Worship Summer Fest Send Off 7 AA	17 8-4 Habitat Volunteer Day (see below*) 5:30 Worsh/Evang	18 3-6 Cordes Family Reunion Basement	19 6 Outdoor Worsh BYO Chair 6:30 Council 8:30 Swimming Party Knyn Pool-Everyone	20 4-7 Farmer's Market 7 AA 8:30 Gr 9-12 Campfire/ Smores BYO Chair	21	22
23 9 Worship 7 AA	24	25	26 6 Outdoor Worsh BYO Chair	27 1 LOVE DAY 7 AA	28	29
30 9 Worship BWCA Send Off 7 AA	31	<div> <p>Without ice cream there would be darkness and chaos.</p> <p>— Don Kardong—</p>  </div>				

Program of music & ventriloquism by Pastor Kevin Doely. Free will offering for each. Sponsored by FLCW

***There will be a new Habitat for Humanity build site starting in Wanamingo. There will be a church volunteer day on Monday, July 17 from 8:00 – 4:00. Volunteers can come for all or some of that time. No experience or expertise necessary. Here is a link to sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4CAFAA2EA1FC1-2163rd>**

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Newsletter



*Keep your face always
toward the sunshine
and the shadows will
fall behind you*

WALT WHITMAN