



Living Our Faith

Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Matthew 22:36-39 NIV

As Jesus taught through the greatest commandment, we live out our faith in relationships.

My internship year has been filled with renewing old, and creating new, relationships. As I write this article, joy and thankfulness fill my heart. My time at First is flying by, and in every stage of my internship, the people of God of First have embraced me with compassion and trust, allowed me to fail forward, supported and encouraged my growth. Baptized in Christ, we are called to learn and grow in faith through the Word, sacraments, and serving others. God is with us, doing new things, and calling us to love God, love others, and serve Jesus; and we are! I am grateful for the many ministries we accomplished together.

It has been wonderful to be back among people I already knew and loved, and with people I met this year and easily loved. God has blessed us in our work together. On a personal note, I want to thank the church council for supporting this one-year internship site; Pastor Julie Rogness and Annette Thunhorst for their willingness to mentor me; the internship committee, Holly Aldorfer, Linda Barsness, Sandy Doehling, and Cindy Lewis, for meeting faithfully throughout the year and providing steadfast guidance and support; and all the people of God of First Lutheran. We tried new things, I learned more things, and participated in ministry for the sake of God in our community and world. August is filled with more wonderful ministries which invite us to grow in faith and God's love. I can't wait!

My first call process is underway and I will be excited to share news when I receive a call! As you welcome Interim Pastor Kris Ferkin and enter the call process, I hold you in prayer and know God goes with you. *Peace, Intern Pastor Kris*

ADVICE FROM A SUNFLOWER . . .



■ First Ev Lutheran Church Council Minutes —July 19, 2023 @ 6:30 PM ■

Welcome and Call to Order: President Chris

Present: Chris Cordes, Carmen Nesseth, Candy Herrlich, Tanya Short, Mason Torgeson, Ross Aldorfer and Pastor Julie Rogness

Devotions: Carmen-God is Everywhere. The Holy Spirit works through people and nature.

Approve Agenda: Motion to add KAIC Intern office space. M/S Carm/Tanya, Approved.

Secretary's Report: To approve as printed, M/S Tanya/Mason, Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Checking Bal \$4,661.18 Memorial Checking Balance \$525
M/S Carm/Mason, Approved.

Pastor's Report: Worship services-3, Home/Hospital/call/text visits-5, Baptism-1, Pre-Marital-2, meeting with Annette and Kris. Intern Kris and my last Sunday will be August 27. I would like to celebrate you and create coffee and fellowship time. Worship/Evangelism offered to assist with getting beverages ready. Thinking forward: Welcoming others in building and on the streets! New people in the community who don't look like us and have other hopes.

Intern Kris's Report: On-going pastoral care, phone and visits-5, administrative-staff meetings, leadership-Pizza Garden Summer Series, text study, preaching-1 Sunday, 2 Wed., Funeral for Beth Windhorst (Spring Garden for Pastor Tim McDermott), Synod panel-approved and entered into first call process.

Continuing And New Business:

1. Call process update-Sent letter of agreement to Pastor Ferkin to review.
2. Live stream Camera update-need some sort of stabilizer for balcony camera vibrations.
3. Fire Ring update-completed. There will be a blessing of the fire pit later this summer.
4. Farmer's Market-Thursday, July 20, Worship/Evangelism will have a table there.
5. Intern office space-after discussion it was decided that the upcoming year is one of transition for First Evangelical Lutheran. Soon we'll be saying goodbye to Pastor Julie, Intern Kris and welcoming our Intentional Interim Pastor. The search for a new Pastor could take a year or more to complete. The church council decided that First Lutheran, KAIC and the Intern would be best served if the intern has her office somewhere other than First Lutheran for the upcoming year.

Committee Reports:

Youth Co-Reps – busy with baseball, basketball, lifting weights, getting ready for football and starting college visits.

FLCW – Meal and Ventriloquist program was well received. Will be serving a meal for the dedication of the KHS Monument on the Sat. of Rosefest. World Day of Prayer will be August 25 with St. Michael's serving as Host Church. There will be Lefse making in November. Urgent need for Women of First Lutheran to prayerfully consider taking on a leadership role in the FLCW.

Worship/Evangelism – committee will have a table for a sunflower craft at the Farmer's Market on Thursday, July 20th. Feedback on worship service; more patriotic music in regard to Memorial Day and Fourth of July, Marty Haugen hymns and service, shaky camera, volunteer sign up is going well. Committee to assist with support for Book Club on August 13, 4 PM at Lacey's. Pastor Julie and Intern Kris's last day August 27, we will assist where needed. Sept. 10 - Rally Sunday & Cradle Roll Celebration at the 9:00 service. There was discussion on Fall Reach Out Ideas; church service followed by Intergenerational activity, lunch and games, with a possible sharing of events with EdYou committee. Friends are always invited to attend. Crafts for holidays. Bible study for adults 'How to help the homebound access worship service.'

Property and Management – Did not meet.

Stewardship – Hosted a noon meal Tuesday, July 11 for an out of state church group that was working on the Habitat House in Wanamingo. Devotions and food provided.

EDYOU – Pool Party was Wed. 7/19 - 6:30 to 8:30 pm during open swim with DQ treats afterwards. Mini-Bible Camp to be held Sunday 8/6, 2 to 4 pm. Games and lesson will be on the Parable of the Sower which has been covered during Wednesday night worship this summer. Sign up on Facebook or email smhildebrandt7@gmail.com.

The ELCA Youth Gathering to be held in New Orleans July 16-20, 2024. This is open for youth entering 8-12th grade in Fall 2023. There is also a need for adult chaperones for our group. We will be coordinating with other area churches.

2024 New Orleans NYG Interest Meeting: August 14th, 6:00 PM at Vang. Charlotte's Web Movie Night: Wednesday 8/16, 6:30pm with popcorn, outdoor movie pending weather. Rally Sunday/First day of Sunday School: September 10.

Endowment-Met via email to approve an application from Ben Short for funds for the fire pit.

KAIC/Long Range Planning/Personnel Committee - did not meet

Next Meeting: August 16, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Devotions: Pastor Julie

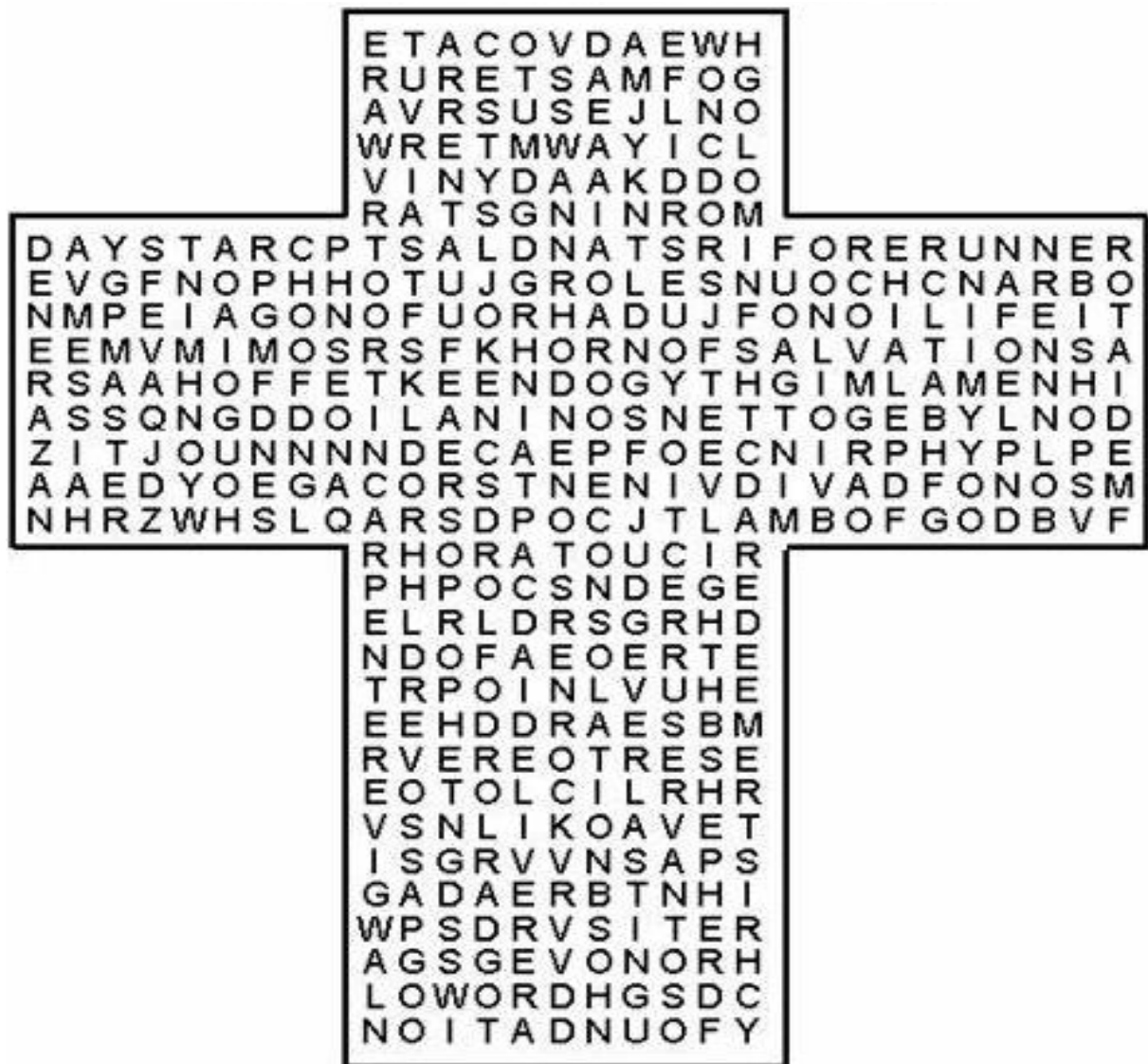
Adjournment: M/S-Tanya/Carm, Time/7:50 pm

Closing with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Carmen Nesseth, Secretary

NAMES OF JESUS – WORD FIND

“But who do you say that I am?” Matthew 16:15



Advocate
Almighty
Alpha and Omega
Amen
Apostle
Beloved Son
Bishop
Branch
Bread
Captain
Carpenter
Chosen
Christ
Consolation
Cornerstone
Counselor
Day Star
Deliverer

Door
Emmanuel
Everlasting
Faithful and True
First and Last
Forerunner
Foundation
Governor
Head
High Priest
Holy and Just One
Horn of Salvation
I AM
Jesus
Judge
King
King of Kings
Lamb of God

Lawgiver
Life
Light
Lion of Judah
Lord
Lord of Lords
Master
Master
Mediator
Messiah
Mighty God
Morning Star
Nazarene
Only Begotten Son
Passover
Priest
Prince of Peace
Prophet

Redeemer
Resurrection
Rock
Savior
Servant
Shepherd
Son of David
Son of God
Son of Man
Vine
Way
Wonderful
Word

August 2023



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			6 Outdoor Worsh BYO Chair 6:30 Pizza Making	4-7 FARMER'S MARKET 7 AA		
<i>Time After Pentecost</i>						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9 Worship Rogness Pic's during Coffee 7 AA	5:30 Worsh/ Evang 8/6 @ 2 to 4 pm MINI BIBLE CAMP Sign up on Facebook		6 Outdoor Worsh BYO Chair	1 LOVE DAY 7 AA		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9 Worship 7 AA	6 PM @ Vang New Orleans NYG Interest Meeting ** 8/13 @ 4 PM at Lacey's Book Discussion 'Ordinary Grace'		6 Outdoor Worsh BYO Chair 6:30 COUNCIL 6:30 Movie Nite Charlotte's Web	4-7 FARMER'S MARKET 7 AA		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9 Worship 7 AA			6 Outdoor Worsh BYO Chair	1 LOVE DAY 7 AA	World Day of Prayer at St. Michaels	
27	28	29	30	31		
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Last Sun for Pr. Julie & Kris						

FUTURE DATES:

** ELCA National Youth Gathering/New Orleans July 16-20, 2024 Open to Youth Gr. 8-12

Sun Sept 10 – Rally Sunday & Cradle Roll @ 9 am Worship – First Day of Sunday School

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God says:
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PRECIOUS