



It is good to give thanks  
to the LORD Ps. 92:1

## **“FALL” Into A New Practice**

We are heading into my favorite season. The air is beginning to have that wonderful smell of fall, football is back, and pumpkins are showing up everywhere! One of my favorite things about fall is making my children’s Halloween costumes. For this year, I have already made their hat and shirt and will be working on their mask soon!

Though we don’t often see October as a season of gratitude the way we view November, there is so much to give thanks for. We often save our gratitude and thanksgiving for November, but if we work on gratitude now with the goal that by the time the Thanksgiving holiday is here, we have developed the habit of gratitude that we can take beyond the Thanksgiving holiday.

It takes about two months of daily practice to create a new habit, so if we start now by Thanksgiving, we can develop a new habit that can improve health, help us be more optimistic, help make us happier, improve relationships, and more.

Each day, simply observing three things you are grateful for or that bring you joy can help build the practice of gratitude. Peace be with you all as we “fall” into a new practice for this new season.

Intern Brittany Mailleue

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### **E-NEWS FROM AL AAKRE, KAIC 2021-2022 Intern**

Hello All, I am very happy to announce that I have been called to the Eidsvold-Svea Lutheran Parish in Bay City, Wisconsin. My ordination will be at Holden Lutheran Church in Kenyon on November 11 at 2 pm. Pie and ice cream will be served afterward. I was hoping that this could be added to the newsletter so people can be made aware. Kari and I miss Kenyon and your congregations but am glad to begin this new chapter. Al Aakre, Eidsvold-Svea Lutheran Parish, (608)-799-9703

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### **F L C W – Who We Are, What We Do**

FLCW is the abbreviation for First Lutheran Church Women. Each woman who becomes a member of First Lutheran Church in Kenyon becomes a part of FLCW. As co-chairs of FLCW, Candy and Cora Lee are looking for board members for the 2024 year to fill a variety of positions. We need the following board positions: 2 co-presidents or 1 president, a vice president, and secretary.

There are also 3 Mission groups of the FLCW Board.

Mission Discipleship: organize programs, workshops, recognize H.S. seniors, work with the pastor and Annette for the Thankoffering Service.

Mission Justice: Arrange/contact people for the following: Communion set up (pink folder passed around), Altar care, Cradle Roll, Prayer Chain, Mission Love Day, World Day of Prayer, decorate for Christmas.

Mission Stewardship: Arrange/contact people for the following: Kitchen care, calling committees, co-ordinate special events.

If you are interested in any of these positions, Executive or Mission, please visit with one of the following board members. Cora Lee Monroe, Candy Herrlich, Tammy Fletcher, Pat Schreiber, Karen Fountaine, Heidi Haugen, Sherry Sathrum, Sandy Doehling, Bev Emerson or Donna Berge.

We meet as a board when needed, not monthly. Any assistance in any of these areas is very graciously appreciated. We have many talented and caring women in our congregation and we invite each of you to pray, think about how you can participate, and share your talents for the continuing service that FLCW provides to our congregational family. We have a very supportive group of women in place that will help guide, answer questions, and encourage you in unfamiliar tasks.

Inviting All -- Candy and Cora Lee

## Greetings to you in name of Jesus

During this month we will be with Jesus in many and various places as he makes his way with his disciples to Jerusalem. Along the way Jesus has many opportunities to interact with people who have questions about how we should be interacting with one another. In each of these interactions we get a glimpse into how Jesus cares deeply about what I call “the care of relationships.” In each of the parables, in each of the stories, in each of the interactions we see how not paying attention to the care of the relationships has damaging impact on the parties involved. I invite you to read ahead in your Bibles, Matthew chapters 21-28

The care of relationships is a vital part of what we are called to do as the body of Christ gathered here at First Lutheran and especially during a time of transition. We are now in the process of seeking a full Transition Team who will be starting their work soon. I would like to thank all of you in advance who may be volunteering your time for the task at hand. I would ask for us as the body of Christ gathered here at First Lutheran to pray for them in carrying out their tasks in the months ahead. On the bulletin boards you will see the approximate timeline of tasks needing to be done before a call committee can be formed with the appropriate information gathered to share with the next pastor God is calling to First Lutheran.

Here is a quick synopsis of the work the Transition Team will be doing in the coming months. 1. Congregational Study – interview members of the congregation, and the community to gather data. 2. Collating the information and report findings to congregation. 3. Fill-in the Ministry Site Profile – the congregation’s “resume”. 4. Formation of the Call Committee.

As Jesus calls us to himself into a forgiving, merciful, loving with kindness relationship. We are also called to extend these same acts to one another. We are called to forgive or ask for forgiveness, we are called to show mercy and have mercy shown to us, we are called to love, to act with kindness and understanding. These are the key ingredients to helping anything which may have happened in the past to be reconciled for the blessing of the future to come.

I invite you into the conversation of care of relationship this year, to tend, nurture, and care for each other as Jesus did. Remembering he cared for and loved us so much he was willing even to give up his life for us on the cross.

In Christ’s Service, Pastor Kris D. H. Ferkin



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*and*  
COMPASSIONATE  
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ONE ANOTHER

*Apostle Paul to the Ephesians*  
EPHESIANS 4:32 NIV

**Welcome and Call to Order:** President Chris

**Present:** Chris Cordes, Erica Aronson, Carm Nesseth, Cora Lee Monroe, Ross Aldorfer, Sarah Hildebrandt, Brad Nesseth, Pastor Ferkin

**Guest:** Jennifer Mork gave a presentation on Ruby Ruby's Pantry, seeking volunteers to assist with this community project. Sat., Nov. 18 will be first one at St Michael's church parking lot. Volunteers contact Jennifer at 612-760-4186, email: jennifer.hildebrand@peservicesmn.com

**Devotions:** Cora Lee, Don't shuffle along in life, look up, focus on God's perspective.

**Approve Agenda:** Agenda addition: Jim Braaten resignation, worship calendar. Erica/Brad to approve with the additions, M/S/P.

**Secretary's Report:** Thank you to the congregation from Pastor Julie Rogness, from K/W Superintendent, Beth Giese, for the donation of school supplies (gathered at the community worship), Correspondence from Lutheran Social Service, Lutheran World Relief and Hillcrest Center. Correction to FLCW Soul hope shoes, should read each pair of shoes not shoe cost is \$35. Motion to approve as amended, Brad/Erica, M/S/P.

**Treasurer's Report:** Checking Bal \$3,953.95. Memorial Checking Balance \$525.00

Thank you for your monetary gifts, please continue to give as September offering is down and we will have to take from budget reserve to pay our bills. Carm/Cora Lee approve as presented, M/S/P.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Ferkin introduced himself to those he'd not yet met, presented council with an example of what his report would look like going forward; Sept. report will be presented in October. He suggested that committee reports be sent out prior to council, anything the council needs to act on should then be brought up at council, no reports read. Presented a monthly planning schedule through January. Wed., Sept. 27 he will meet with confirmation parents and students. Went through the call process, specifically the Transition Team (who completes the MSP and is separate from Call committee) and timeline. Nominations are being taken for the Transition Team. Completing the Ministry Sight Profile (MSP) is the goal of the Transition Team. Once complete it is sent to the Synod.

Motion to approve mileage for Pastor Ferkin, Erica/Sarah, M/S/P.

### **Continuing and New Business:**

Call Process-Seeking members to serve on the Transition Team. Prayerfully consider being on the transition Team. Contact a council member or call the church office. Nomination forms can be picked up at church or emailed out.

Youth Director-Sarah is done Oct. 1 and we need someone to step into that position.

Committee Job Descriptions- please have a present job description for your committee.

Jim Braaten Resignation letter- Jim is done at the end of the year- Jim has served as Webmaster since 2018. Interested person(s) contact the church office or one of the council members for specific job description. Thank you Jim for all that you have done for First!

Worship on Dec. 24-Christmas Eve, is also the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Do we have both a 9:00 am and a 4 pm service? After much discussion it is the recommendation of council to have one service at 4:00 PM on Sunday, December 24 and NO Christmas Morning Service.

### **Committee Reports:**

Youth Co-Reps-Homecoming is the week of Sept.25-29th. Coronation is Monday. Youth from First that are part of the Royal Court are Oliver Bauer, Will Van Epps and Norah Rechtzigel. Football team is doing well as is the volleyball team. Ross is on the trap shooting team.

FLCW- Still seeking women to serve in Leadership roles; Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary. Please prayerfully consider filling those roles. Making Lefse in November. Assist with a meal for Kris Kincaid's Ordination, Nov. 19 at First Evangelical. Assist the EDYOU with the Christmas Shop.

Worship/Evangelism -Pray and Go book- Tanya has been reading, providing opportunity for members to purchase and read privately with potential to meet at end of month to discuss how the book impacted members and their prayer life. Tanya willing to assist members with ideas for prayer during the month. Worship Sign up book- October has many openings. A link to the google Doc (online signup sheet) has been emailed out.

Thank you, Amy, for creating this. Members can sign up on sheet, or email/call church office. Committee will work on committee description at upcoming meetings. Barb updated committee on tech team. Intergenerational activity with EdYou committee following church service on Nov. 19, with light lunch, games with a giving thanks theme. Blessing of the Backpacks on Sept. 24. Blessing of the students and Teachers will be the next several Sundays. Discussed Wednesday night service.

*Property and Management* - Carpet Project in the Fellowship Hall has been completed and everything has been put back into place. Table has been constructed and installed in the balcony to hold the equipment for the tech team.

*Youth and Education* – Sarah Hildebrandt done on 10/1/2023. Youth Director position OPEN.

Sunday 9/24: 10:45 AM Ditch Cleaning- grades 7 through 12.

Sunday 9/24: Rescheduled to 10/1 Blessing of the backpacks.

Sunday 10/1: 3rd grade receive bibles during church (9 am)

Sunday School: NEED teachers. Week by week commitment. Lessons already planned. Sunday 11/19: Intergenerational Sunday School: We brainstormed ideas. Working with the worship committee.

Sunday 12/10 Sunday School Christmas Shopping.

Sunday 12/17 Christmas pageant/live nativity during church.

July 16-20, 2024 - National Youth Gathering - New Orleans, Louisiana. Registered through Vang. Kids currently in grades 8 through 12. Still time to register! Register before 10/29 before price increases. \$150 non-refundable deposit. The rest will be covered by fundraising.

KAIC-meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at First Lutheran at 7 p.m. Pat Swiggum is the Chairwoman. Looking for someone to serve with Cindy Lewis (term expires August 2024). This person would start now and continue through August 2025.

*Stewardship* - no report

*Endowment/Long Range Planning/-Personnel Committee-did not meet*

**Next Meeting:** October 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. (Wed. of MEA-Early Release-away football)

**Devotions:** Erica

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn Cora Lee/Erica, M/S/P Time: 8:45 pm

**Closing with the Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully submitted,  
Carmen Nesseth, Secretary

**VANG LUTHERAN CHURCH – Lutefisk & Norwegian Meatball Supper**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH – Ticket Price \$20**

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**HOLDEN LUTHERAN CHURCH – All Saints Dinner**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5th – 12 to 2 and 4:30 to 6:30 – Ticket Price \$20 -**

For To-Go Meals: Call: 507-789-6677 or E-mail: [holdendinner@gmail.com](mailto:holdendinner@gmail.com)



2023

*Time After Pentecost*

1  9 Worship 3rd Grade Bibles Blessing-Teachers, Students & Backpacks 10 Coffee 7 AA	2	3	4  6 Wed Worship 6:30 9th Grade Confirmation-	5  7 AA	6	7
8  9 Worship 10 Coffee 7 AA	9  1:30 Literary Guild	10	11  1 LOVE DAY 6 Wed Worship 6:30 9th Grade Confirmation	12  7 AA	13	14
15  9 Worship 10 Coffee 10:15 Worsh/Evang Committee 7 AA	16	17	18 MEA Week <b>NO CLASS</b>  6 Wed Worship 6:30 COUNCIL	19  7 AA 5:30 – 9 Sons of Norway	20	21
22  9 Worship 10 Appreciation Coffee 7 AA	23	24  7 pm KAIC @ First	25  1 LOVE DAY 6 Wed Worship w/ Confirmands <b>Dinner/Church + Rehearsal</b> 6:30 Endowment Committee	26  7 AA	27	28
29 <b>Confirmation</b> REFORMATION  9 Worship 10 Coffee 7 AA	30	31				

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# ***October***

## Newsletter



***OCTOBER:***  
*My Favorite COLOR*