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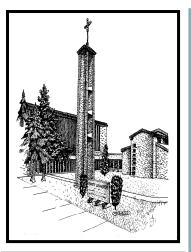
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LUUS Letter to God's People



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Remember our Mission:
To invite all people to join with us as we relate to God, nurture faith, and are sent to serve.

First Lutheran Staff:
Jeanne Madsen
Pastor
Randi Jangula
Church Administrator
Charlotte Swensrud
Bookkeeper
Meriel Lora
Musical Director
Lynea Geinert
Deacon



Blessing for the Fourth of July

Independence Day was first observed in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776, at which time the Declaration of Independence was read aloud. In 1941, July 4th was set as a national holiday to celebrate freedom. Recently, I came across this wonderful blessing for the Fourth of July in a book entitled, "For Everything a Season: 75 Blessings for Daily Life," page 12 and thought I'd share it with you.

Start by repeating this together: For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven. We take the time to celebrate our freedom.

Prayer: Dear God, you sent your Son to set us free from the oppression of sin and death. Help us treasure and preserve all other freedoms we have been given. Amen.

Bible Text: For you were called to freedom, brothers, and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become servants to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. Galatians 5:13-14

Action: Make these promises to yourself and to God - "This year I dedicate myself to work on preserving or helping others experience freedom from oppression, hunger and fear." "This year I dedicate myself to help others experience the freedom to worship, learn, care for others and the earth."

Close with prayer: May we treasure the freedoms we have been given, using them always as gifts for the common good. Amen.

Paster Jeanne

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES June 14th. 2022 @ 6PM

January 2023

Teresa Benson- Y & CL Phyllis Stokke- Stewardship, Memorial Jean Lindvig- Pres, Exec, Pers January 2024
Charysse Everson– Funeral
Pat Hamers- Senior, VP,Exec
Kristen Rehak -Christian Concerns

<u>January 2025</u> Bev Conway - Treasurer,Exec

Lindsay Rath – Y & CL

Karla Osborn- MWAC, Youth Trust, Sec, Exec

Meeting called to order at 6PM by President Jean Lindvig.

Tess Benson will give devotions at the July council meeting.

Pastor Report:

- *Pastor Jeanne led the discussion of the council enrichment Bible study "Where Are You Leading Us, Lord"?
- *Pastor Jeanne reported that Vacation Bible School preparation is in full swing. Volunteers are lined up for crafts, games, music, food, Bible lessons, Holy Yoga, etc.

Treasurer's report:

Financial Report given by treasurer, Bev Conway. Giving is at 31% the end of May.

Committee Reports:

Youth Team

- *Tess Benson gave a report on the preparation for Vacation Bible School.
- *The Youth Committee stated that because Hailey has resigned from her job as Children's Ministry, it is of utmost importance to refill this position ASAP since youth fall activities will begin soon.

Music & Worship Arts

- *Karla reported that 3 special services are planned this summer.
 - ~Befrienders will be commissioned on 6-26-2002 with service in the Fellowship Hall and potluck
 - ~July 3rd service on the lawn with grilling and potluck
 - ~August service (not sure of the date yet) with service in the Fellowship Hall and potluck

Karla commented that she would be contacting the various committees to request manpower for moving chairs, tables, and other equipment to the FH or lawn. Help will also be needed for food preparation, serving, and clean-up.

Senior Ministry:

Pat reported that Senior Ministry is continuing to work on the time line and they are planning a special coffee hour to be served by senior ministry.

Old Business:

Jean Lindvig reported on the Congregational Lead Initiative Program. More interviews are needed as the team works on this phase of the program.

Jean Lindvig reported on the GIFT meal. She said that at the last meal offered by FLC, hot dogs were grilled, and potato salad and desserts were served to 204 hungry souls at the Faith United Methodist Church.

It was decided by council to not have the Summer Sizzler this summer since no one/ committee has stepped forward to take the

New Business:

*Property Committee has requested that they obtain a credit card for their explicit use. Randi will have a credit card application completed for the property committee with the American State Bank. Randi Jangula and Bev Conway (council treasurer) will be the signers on the card. Motion was made by Bev Conway to obtain this credit card, seconded by Phyllis Stokke and vote was unanimously approved. *Since Hailey has resigned as the Children's Ministry Director, it will be necessary to find a replacement as soon as possible, since the fall schedule is right around the corner. The job description is already in place for Children's Ministry position. A motion was made by Charysse to direct personnel committee to look for replacement for the Children's Ministry (to replace Hailey). Second by Lindsay. Unanimously passed.

*There is also a request for an interim youth coordinator which would oversee the 6th through 10th graders. Job activities would include record keeping, calling parents, and making sure that the confirmation classes are completed. The easiest way to explain this position is to call it a "Hailey for 6th through 10th graders." It was decided to table this conversation and schedule a separate meeting for what the youth team is responsible for and what the confirmation coordinator would do. Pastor Jeanne will attend this meeting. (Pastor Jeanne is responsible for the confirmation curriculum).

*It was discussed again the need for a youth pastor, which is being addressed by the stewardship committee.

*President Jean stressed the need for development of a job description to work on a media/database information person. This would consist of creating, developing, producing information, and looking at gaps in communication. No motions were made at this time. It was just something that we all need to be aware of as council members.

Items on the consent agenda were approved unanimously after motion made by Pat Hamers and seconded by Tess Benson.

Ideas/Exchanges/Reflections:

Phyllis wondered about whether or not we have had any interest in the property management position. It is currently under review with personnel committee. If the job description changes from property management position to perhaps a janitorial position, a special meeting may need to be scheduled.

Prayers were offered naming members of our congregation that we pray for each meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Submitted by Karla Osborn

2022



















STEWARDSHIP

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It's all about giving back'
It's all about God.

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SEND A PRAYER

Call Nancy Hoffelt......572-7244
Give her the name of the person needing prayers. She will get the request started in each of the 6 chains. Please indicate if you would like the name in the Sunday bulletin and Prayers. Comforting prayers are on the way! Also if you are interested in being on the prayer chain please let Nancy know.



17 QUILTS NEED TO BE MADE FOR OUR 2023 FLC GRADUATES!

That's a lot of quilts! We would like to be able to give each of these graduates a quilt.

Quilting for *Graduating Seniors* is in need of some helping hands! We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 1pm (not on a strict schedule, we inform the group if we are meeting or not) in the church mission action (Quilting) room. We make simple twin sized denim quilts to give to the seniors in the spring as a special gift from FLC to take with them. We are not professionals and do not expect perfection. There are various tasks that need to be done but you don't need to know how to do all of them and some can be done from your home. We will not be able to accomplish this mission unless we have more help. If you are able to help, please give Charlotte a call @ 572-6363 or 770-4541, or send an email to

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for more info to contribute to this special gift for our graduating seniors. Thank you! "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery," Galatians 5:1.

July is a month when we think about the freedoms we have here in the United States. Freedoms we hold dear and want to protect. We also know that with freedom comes responsibility. Responsibility to allow others the same freedoms we enjoy and the responsibility to be involved. Some people will say if you don't vote you can't complain.

But that is not the freedom Paul is writing about in his letter to the Galatians. The freedom he is talking about is the freedom from sin Jesus granted us through his death and resurrection. We do need to remember this freedom also comes with responsibilities. Paul makes it clear that this freedom we have through Christ is not about me, myself, and I. It is about being free to love one another and to serve. Verses 13-15 say, "¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh^[a]; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ¹⁵ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other."

Serving in our church and out in our community is one of our responsibilities. We also have the responsibility of telling others about the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and what that has meant to us. When we follow the command to love and care for each other we receive wonderful fruits of the Spirit which Paul describes in verses 22 and 23, "22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

Over the summer months please prayerfully consider how you can serve. There are many opportunities to serve each other and our community. We will be introducing a new ministry this fall called BeFrienders Minister-A Listening Presence. The four guiding principles of BeFrienders are:

We listen with compassion.

We accept people as they are.

We respect the other person's spiritual journey.

We embody the caring presence of God.

An informational meeting will be held September 8. Come learn about this ministry of caring for each other.

The Senior Ministries Team will be sponsoring a book study this fall. The book we will read and discuss together is "Growing Young, 6 Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church" by Kara Powell, Jake Mulder, and Brad Griffin. As part of the book study Deacon Beth Anderson has recorded talks she gave on each chapter, and we will use them to help us gain understanding of the chapter for the week. It will be a seven-week series and is a terrific way to learn what young people are looking for and feel they need in a church. A sign-up sheet will go up soon, so we know how many books to order.

Please make sure to check out the sign-up sheets for other ways to serve. Everyone is needed as a member of this body of Christ.

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Deacon Lynea



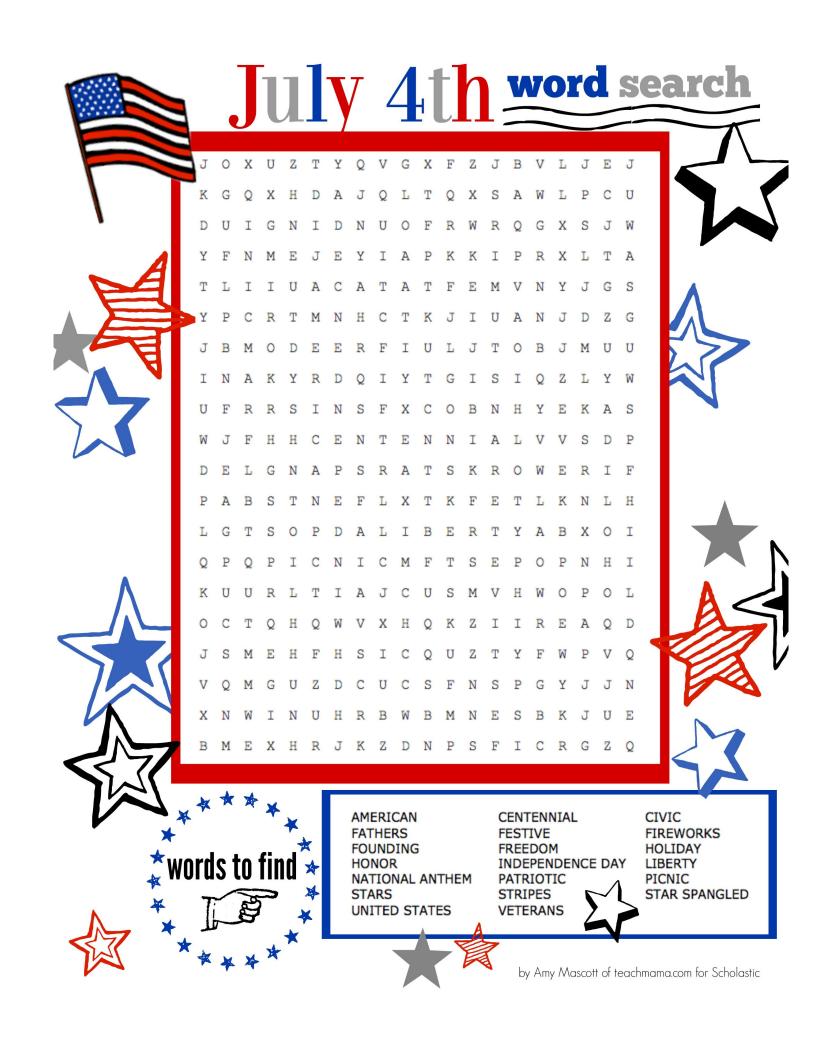
Updated Family Information Needed!

To ensure that all families are included in our Ministry, we need to update information on all our FLC families. We are lacking updated information such as contact info, school grades, etc., on several of our families with children. Forms are due August 1st! If you do not fill out the form, we will assume the information we have on your family is correct.

Scan the QR to fill out the form!







2022 **Budget** \$ 500,000

6/26/22 6/26/22 YTD budget YTD Actual \$249,999 \$179,367

WORSHIP & ATTENDANCE

| <u>Sunday</u> | Wednesday | | | |
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| | 06/01/22 10 | | | |
| 06/05/22 103 | 06/08/22 13 | | | |
| 06/12/22 82 | 06/15/22 | | | |
| 06/19/22 84 | 06/22/22 4 | | | |
| 06/26/22 133 | 06/29/22 | | | |

EADERSHIP

Funerals: Bonnie Otto

Baylor Odegard

Baptisms: Rowan Risler

Weddings:

Youth Awareness Committee is looking for new members to join this fun committee. This committee only covers two events, 8th Grade Prayer Partners and the Sr Recognition Brunch in May. The Sr Brunch this year is May 22nd. We prep for this on May 21st in the a.m. If you are interested in helping with this or being on this fun committee please contact Roxy Raymond at 570-3084

Come join our team in helping with funeral luncheons time commitment is limited to fit your needs and we provide a valuable service for families. If interested please

MEMORIALS

Music Fund

Rose Hagen Gary & Leora Sukut

Tim Ritter **Radio Fund**

Rose Hagen Earl & Lois Rennerfeldt Ron & Liz Lund Lowell & Carol J Sandvik Jane Innis Lorna Easton

Undesignated

Jerry Stordahl Karen & Les Luther Rose Hagen Nancy Hoffelt Jan Joseph Gene & Tammy Johnson Iva Bauste Lyla Semenko Ken & Vam Erickson Lois Burk **Media Fund**

Rose Hagen Charlene Strand

Sunday School Fund

Rose Hagen Sharon Anderson

Just a reminder to consider sponsoring our radio broadcasts. It is a wonderful way to honor or remember your loved ones!!



Fall Book Study **Sponsored by the Senior Ministries Team**

Ever wonder how to bring more young people to the church? Join us for a book study this fall to read and discuss the book, Growing Young, 6 Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church by Kara Powell, Jake Mulder, and Brad Griffin. This will be a 7week study lead by Deacon Beth Anderson and Deacon Lynea. Dates to be decided. If this interests you please call Lynea at 701-572-6363. We need to know how many books to order.

Greetings to All!! Welcome Summer to ND!! Our prayers have been answered for another winter to pass and Spring to break through with some much needed showers for our thirsty earth. Green lawns! Outdoor activities. Even an outdoor lawn church service and picnic on July 3, I understand. Everyone will want to be there in person to appreciate the experience. Worship under the blue sky, what could be better?

Livestream is a great outreach and substitution for in-person worship when we are not able to attend in person, but let's not forget the spiritual reward of being present with each other in fellowship, lifting our voices in prayer together and having the opportunity to greet each other and meet visitors and new faces we have joining us. Many of you are missed on Sunday mornings. There is great power in numbers, and magnificent conversations and meditation to be had when we gather!! Usually, when we get our feet moving our head will follow....and be glad for it!

We all have much going on in busy summer travel and events! We can just relax and enjoy life, take what comes our way that we feel drawn to and celebrate God's creations. It appears the Summ'r Sizzl'r will be absent this summer, so let's do what we can individually to be good neighbors share the Spirit of First Lutheran Church!!!

Council is enjoying a thoughtful enrichment exercise at our meetings this year entitled "Where are You Leading Us, Lord?", under the guidance of Pastor Jeanne. Our meetings have been a bit longer, but fruitful with this enrichment included! I wish everyone could be taking part and I am thankful this has been brought to us. Feel free to inquire of a council member as to what we have covered. It's good discussion!!

A volunteer opportunity is more and more evident for anyone looking to be helpful, and that is for set up and take down/ clean up for occasional events in our church. These could be FLC or community related. With the absence of a daily custodial employee the coordination of assistance falls on the event planners or staff. If you could help in any way please contact the church office and you will be notified what the needs are as they come up. We would like to develop a pool of fit and

With Hailey's resignation as Children's Ministry Director we are looking for an individual to fill that position. For more information please contact the church office, and do spread the word. It is a very part-time position with potential for growth.

Thank you to all who are gifting their time and talents to committees, events and council! I truly hope you are reaping reward. See you in Church!!! Jean Lindvig

WELCA - Lutheran World Relief Quilts

Since many of the elder quilters due to health issues are no longer able to help make the Lutheran World Relief quilts, we need some new volunteers.

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS is the motto of our life in the Mission Action/Quilt Room.

HELPERS NEEDED TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. Iron the wrinkled fabric scraps that came out of the old drawers that were stuck shut.
- 2. Cut the scraps into squares or rectangles (you can rip the fabric, cut fabric with scissors or use the rotary cutter & mat which makes for the straightest fabric edge
- 3. Sew the trimmed fabric pieces together to make a quilt top approximately 62" x 82"
- 4. Pin the quilt top, batting and quilt bottom together, trim the excess fabric
- 5. Sew the layers together and turn the right side out and sew up the opening.
- 6. Tie the quilt with embroidery floss or crochet thread. Hallelujah! It is finished and ready to be given to someone in need of a warm quilt

If you do not know how to do any of the above, we are certainly willing to teach you.

We meet every Monday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and then have coffee, tea, someone brings a snack to share along with conversation and hopefully add a devotion as well.

If this is the wrong day or time for you and you know how to iron, cut fabric or sew or tie quilts, please feel free to come into the Mission Action/Quilt Room to help make these Lutheran World Relief quilts or even take fabric home to cut and/or sew pieces together for quilt tops or bottoms, then return them to the Quilt Room.

The Mission Action/Quilt Room went through a renovation project during February. FLC Property Committee updated the room: painted walls, ceiling & sliding doors, floors stripped & waxed, new electrical plugs with USB ports, switched out the old lights for LED lights, cutting tables, ironing tables, pin up tables and remaking 12 new easy gliding drawers in the existing wooden cabinet. A big thank you to Doris Lindvig, a lovely & generous FLC quilter who not only makes beautiful quilt tops, but she also donated the new Kangaroo quilting/sewing cabinets and really cute button fabric chairs. The FLC Trust Fund purchased new sewing machines with speed control to teach beginner sewers, new rotary cutters replacement blades, quilt rulers, rotary cutting mat and totes to store the fabric and make the room look neat & tidy and other sewing supplies needed for making the quilts including the upgrade of using cotton/polyester blend batting vs. old sheets as these will be warmer quilts and the batting was requested by WELCA. We can use donated old blankets or old quilts that will work in the middle section as well. Blessings to all who made this Mission Action/Quilt Room renovation possible.

Thank you!!!!

A huge thank you to our great group of volunteers that show up every month and work so hard on getting the LAOS Letter out to our members at FLC. It is always great to see their smiling faces!!!!

If you are interested in receiving the weekly bulletin by mail please contact the church office.

FLC Prayer, Knit & Chat Group meets every Thursday 1:30-3:30 pm in the church parlor. The group knits and crochets prayer shawls, baby caps and hats. These are given to community service organizations. The group also has fellowship, devotions and coffee fellowship. If you do not know how to knit or crochet we have members who are willing to teach anyone young and old!! If you want to be a part of this ministry come join us on Thursday afternoons or call the church office for more information.

Prayer, Knit, Chat group

Please prayerfully consider signing up to help with Sunday services—greeters, ushers and readers!! If we do not have enough help some of these services will not be happening!! Call the office to sign up!!!

Outdoor Worship and Brunch Sunday, July 3 9:30 am Front Lawn

Bring a brunch dish or baked item to share.

Bacon and Sausage will be provied. Questions call the church at 701-572-6363.

Help for Those in Need in our Community

Out In Faith, a ministry of Faith United Methodist, can use our help. They serve families in need in the Williston area. Below is a list of what is needed at this time of year. Please consider donating to help:

Infant Care:
Diapers sizes 5 and 6
used parkas,

Winter Wear:
New or gently

all sizes

Formula: Enfamil-Infant Winter gloves all sizes Enfamil-Gentlease Similac-yellow can

Donations can be dropped off at the church office.

JULY

Friday, July 1, 2022 11:00 Bonnie Otto Funeral Saturday, July 2, 2022 **Sunday**, **July 3,2022** 9:30 am Sunday Worship-Front Lawn 10:30 Brunch/Potluck Monday, July 4, 2022 Office closed Tuesday, July 5, 2022 7:00 am Men Bible Study Gramma Sharon's Office closed 5:30 pm Council Exec Wednesday, July 6, 2022 Thursday, July 7, 2022 10:00 am-12:00pm Youth Quilting 4th-12th grade 1:30 pm Pray, Knit/Crochet & Chat-P 6:00 pm Personnel Friday, July 8, 2022 Saturday July 9, 2022 Sunday, July 10,2022 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 Coffee Hour-FH Monday, July 11, 2022 1-3 pm Quilting for adults **Tuesday, July 12, 2022** 7:00 am Men Bible Study Gramma Sharon's 8:30 am Pastors/Lav Preachers text study 6:00 pm Council-P

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

10:00 am Bethel Home 2:00 pm Golden Estates Thursday, July 14, 2022

10:00 am-12:00pm Youth Quilting 4th-12th grade 1:30 pm Pray, Knit/ Crochet & Chat-P

Friday, July 15, 2022 Saturday July 16, 2022 Sunday, July 17,2022 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 Coffee Hour-FH

Monday, July 18, 2022
1-3 pm Quilting for adults
Tuesday July 19, 2022
7:00 am Men Bible Study

8:30 am Pastors/Lay Preachers text study **Wednesday**, **July 20**

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

10:00 am Bethel Home 1:30 pm Pray, Knit/ Crochet & Chat-P Thursday, July 21, 2022

10:00 am-12:00pm Youth Quilting 4th-12th grade

Friday, July 22, 2022 Saturday, July 23, 2022

Sunday, July 24, 2022 9:30 am Worship Service -S

10:30 Coffee Hour

Monday, July 25, 2022 2021

1:00 pm Arbor House
1-3 pm Quilting for adults

Tuesday, July 26, 2022
7:00 am Men Bible Study
Gramma Sharon's
8:30 am Pastors/Lay
Preachers text study

Wednesday, July 27,
2022

Thursday, July 28, 2022
10:00 am-12:00pm Youth
Quilting 4th-12th grade
1:30 pm Pray, Knit/Crochet
& Chat-P

Friday, July 29, 2022
Saturday, July 30, 2022
Sunday, July 31, 2022
9:30 am Worship Service-S

10:30 Coffee Hour

Happy Athor July

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