

July Newsletter

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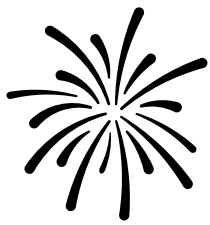
Upcoming Events

- **July 3** - Office Open
- **July 5** - Outdoor Service at 9:30 am
- **July 15** - VBS Planning Meeting
- **July 26** - Council Meeting after service

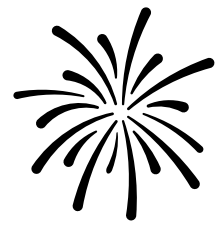
Reminders

VBS: August 2nd - August 5th

Confirmation: Will begin in August



June 2026



Birthdays

Ted Gerdes - 2
 Peggy Sherwood - 2
 Aubrey Swinton - 2
 Lorraine Crotty - 3
 Kim Farley - 6
 Cathy Intlekofer - 6
 Ethan Weichers - 7
 Quade Aronson - 8
 Rebekah Bakker - 8
 Shirley Hermansen - 8
 Brian Johannsen - 8
 Carlyn Baugus - 10
 Sadie Nielsen - 10
 Anna Adelmund - 11
 Todd Mikkelsen - 14
 Michael Valentine - 14
 Angie Norton - 19
 Daryl Andersen - 22
 Bret Larsen - 22
 Dylan Larsen - 22
 Vera Brekke - 23
 Amy Camarata - 23
 Kian Knutson - 23
 Jim Wertz - 24
 Larry Guthrie - 25
 Maureen Crotty - 27
 Callahan Aronson - 28
 Sawyer Six - 28
 Tiffany Asche - 30
 Blake Lotts - 30

Anniversary

Daryl & Jan Andersen - 14
 Brian & Melissa Johannsen - 14
 Jeremy & Heidi - 19
 Jeffery & Kimberly Schmidt - 31



Prayer List

- The Family and Friends of +Catherine Petersen+
- Deana Peters
(SIL of Jana and Cory Hermann)
 - Breast Cancer Treatment

These names were received by the church from the individual or their family and have consented to have their names released to the Fredsville congregation. Please do not hesitate to contact the church office (319-989-2065) to be included in our weekly prayers or contact Pastor Lee.

Pastoral Pondering Fredsville Summer Fun

A picture is worth a 1,000 words. You may already know that I enjoy capturing photos to share the beauty of God's Creation. It is also one of the ways I share the ministry of Fredsville with those who live here and those who have not visited, yet. Sometimes pictures can reveal what words fail to describe. Pictures give just a moment of a much larger story that is unfolding.

A photo of a beautiful sunset over a corn or soybean field is pretty. You can see the warm light reflecting on the clouds, the green of the plants. What you cannot see are the hours of time that the farmers have invested in planning, fertilizing, and planting. You cannot see the generations of transformation that the land has undergone, or the cycles of seasons, precipitation, and the wildlife that call those fields home. There is a larger story unfolding around us and we catch a glimpse of it.

God's story is still unfolding and we catch glimpses of it every day. From our time together on Sunday morning worship to coffee with friends, VBS to Aebleskiver, Bible study to a bike ride on the trail, the Holy Spirit is moving and breathing life into all the moments of our days. God is with you where ever you go. So where are you going this summer?

Our Fredsville Family is always on the move, seeing and doing a lot of interesting and fun things with family and friends. I think it would be fun to share a bit of our Summer Fun stories with others. Maybe you like to take photos like I do. Would you be willing to share one them with us? Then give a little background about why that photo was so meaningful. Together we can learn a bit more about each other and who God has created us to be as a community of faith. I hope your summer will be full of beautiful moments that reveal God's grace in your life. I hope that we can catch glimpses of God's unfolding story in our life together.

*May the Peace of Christ
be with you always...*

Pastor Lee



Q & A
By Sue Green
Worship Technology
July 2026

Meridith Sandlin suggested that I do a Q & A on "Worship Technology" as the Sound Booth has been short-staffed of lately. She thought that perhaps if people knew what was involved with sitting in the Sound Booth during Worship, then perhaps more people would help out. Meridith gladly let me interview her for this Q & A.

Q: How many people are needed each Sunday to work in the Sound Booth?

A: Two people are needed each Sunday to work in the Sound Booth. One person runs the "Projection" and the other person runs the "Video and Sound Board".

Q: Which is easier: running the "Projection" or running the "Video and Sound Board"?

A: The "Projection" position is much easier.

You read/follow along and click or use the arrow key to bring up a new slide. Jean Loger has the slides prepared. She volunteers a few hours each week to download the liturgy, Bible verses and words to the hymns, along with picking out the photos and the graphics to go with each Worship Service.

The "Video and Sound Board" is more involved. You press various buttons that run the two cameras. The cameras are set for "full sanctuary", "close up" Meridith will provide and "screen graphics - the Bible verses/liturgy being read." Meridith prepares a script for you to follow.



Q: Who gives the training for these jobs?

A: Meridith Sandlin usually does the training, although there are a few others in our congregation that can also give the training.

The training for the "Projection" position is minimal. Meridith would meet with you to show you how to click the screens. The first few times you are in the Sound Booth running the "Projection", you would have someone there with you.

The training for the "Video and Sound Board" is more involved. Meridith would meet with you and the two of you would practice. Then, someone would be with you the first few times you run the "Video and Sound Board."

Q: Do you get paid for either of these positions?

A: Those running the "Projector" are volunteers. Those running the "Video and Sound Board" are paid \$30 per Worship Service.

Q: Once the Worship Service has been taped, is it ready to be posted for others to watch?

A: No. Although we have started livestreaming, someone (usually Meridith) edits the video - making it easier to hear the congregation singing, for example. Editing is another paid position - \$40 per Worship Service.

Q: Do you have to commit to doing both the "Video and Sound Board" and the "Editing"?

A: No. These are separate paid positions. You also do not have to commit to every week - whenever it fits your availability is fine.

Q: Could a high school student run the "Video and Sound Board" as their job - like once or twice every month?

A: Definitely! It would be a "win-win" situation. The "Video and Sound Board" would be filled on a regular basis. The high schooler would not only make money (\$30/hour is a very good wage!) but it would also look very good when they are seniors and filling out scholarship applications. Running the "Video and Sound Board" shows that the student is very responsible.

Q: What happens when the technology doesn't work?

A: It is disappointing when the technology doesn't work smoothly. Sometimes, we can correct issues during worship. Other times, there are problems that we can't address in the middle of a worship service or we need to call for professional technical support. We do our best to maintain our equipment and keep people connected to our digital ministry.

Q: I always finish my Q & A with a Bible verse. Meridith, do you have a verse that fits with this Worship Technology Q & A?

A: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

"But those who proclaim God's message speak to the people and give them help, encouragement, and comfort." 1 Corinthians 14:3 (GNT)

Together, these Bible verses communicate that God has provided these opportunities to help facilitate worship, which impacts and benefits both in-person and online worshippers in multiple ways.

Thank you, Meridith for this suggestion for my July Q & A. I learned a lot! Hopefully, this Q & A will inspire several people to volunteer/work in the Sound Booth on a regular basis.



Sunday July 5
Outdoor
Worship
9:30



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Fredsville Summer Fun

A PHOTO IS WORTH A 1000 WORDS.

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DOING THIS SUMMER?
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SUMMER FUN.

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Sunday, July 19
11 AM

FUNERAL PLANNING

Funerals are a Celebration of Resurrection Faith and Life.

Pastor Lee will walk us through the meaning of church traditions and basic questions of planning a Funeral service.

FREDSVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cool down this summer

Vacation Bible School

AUGUST 2ND - 5TH

Fredsville Lutheran Church

Vacation Bible School Quarter Challenge

**HELPING FAMILIES FACE THE CHALLENGE
OF A MOUNTAIN OF LAUNDRY
WITH OUR FRIENDS AT HOUSE OF HOPE**

Volunteer at Worship
 Reader, Technology,
 Serve Communion
 or Refreshments

Watermelon Days Community Worship

Sunday, Aug 9th
10 AM
Sports Complex Pavilion

FREDSVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Minutes

Date: Sunday, June 28; Following Worship

Attendance: Pastor Lee Gable, Linda Nielsen (Treasurer), Tony Norton, Roy Stefan, Amy Camarata, Keene Petersen, Amanda Bakker, Jodi Bergmann, Gary Koenen. **Absent:** Wanda Nielsen & Abby Brekke

Call to Order: President Amy Camarata called the meeting to order.

Devotions: Pastor opened with a prayer.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Nielsen presented the financials.

As of May 31, 2026

- General Fund: \$74,496.10
- Building Fund: \$55,554.54
- Memorial Fund: \$15,766.06

Secretary's Report:

- Previously reviewed and approved by the Council via email.

Old Business Discussed:

- VBS planning is underway and going well. There have been two meetings so far and another is planned for July 15th at 6 pm. We have a greater number of those involved in the planning which is great!
- Volunteers for worship are still needed each week. Please consider signing up to help.

New Business Discussed:

- We have been experiencing some difficulties with the sound system. Please note that efforts to troubleshoot have been underway. Numerous hours have been spent extensively testing the system by Meredith. The system has not been consistent when it chooses to act up, so please have grace when issues do arise. The recordings of services do have the full sound with no issues and can be found on the Church's YouTube channel. DB Acoustics have been called but at this time a service call is not scheduled.

Updates and Upcoming Reminders:

- None

Pastor Report: A full Pastor's report is available as an attachment in the Secretary's Notebook.

- The funeral planning session with Paul from Richardson's Funeral Home had attendance of 16 individuals. Pastor had a member ask about the second session, which will be led by Pastor, focusing on planning from the Church perspective. Pastor plans to get that in the works within the next month or two.

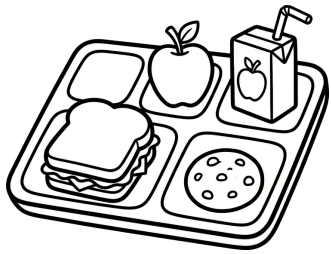
Pastor Report - Continued

- The latest CFU bill had a solar energy credit of over \$123, which brought our bill for the electricity portion down to \$49.84. This bill included the time spent running our new A/C units too.
- Pastor delivered the donation from the Aebleskiver dinner to ThreeHouse and they were very happy with our donation. Their new Campus Minister begins July 1 and Pastor Lee plans to meet Pastor Jordan once she gets settled in.
- Pastor is looking ahead and planning for late summer and fall events. He also hopes to get working on the Constitution updates and needs to plan for Confirmation.
- Looking ahead to notable events:
 - o July 5th – Outdoor Worship at Fredsville
 - o August 2nd-5th – Vacation Bible School
 - o August 9th – Watermelon Days Community Worship at Sports Complex Pavilion in Dike
 - o August 23rd – Blessings of Backpacks during worship
 - o August 30th – ThreeHouse Block Party 5-7pm

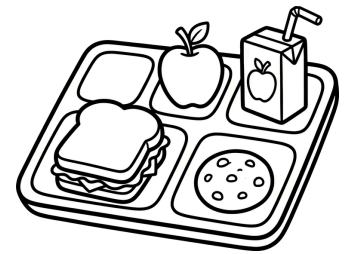
Closing Prayer: Council concluded the meeting with the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 25th, 2026 – 5:30 pm --- No July meeting

Respectfully Submitted: Amanda Bakker, Council Secretary



Meals on wheels



The community's summer Meals on Wheels service begins June 1! We have 12 people who will be receiving meals. If you would like to help out any of our cooks or delivery people please see the list below.

<p>Wednesday, July 1 Cook(s): Jean Loger Delivery: Amy Camarata Menu: Creamed Chicken on Biscuits</p>	<p>Wednesday, July 8 Cook(s): Linda Nielsen Delivery: Amy Camarata Menu: Spaghetti</p>
<p>Wednesday, July 15 Cook(s): Linda Feuchtwanger Delivery: Pat Pruisner Menu: Pulled Pork Sandwiches</p>	<p>Wednesday, July 22 Cook(s): Linda Feuchtwanger Delivery: Angie Norton Menu: Meatloaf</p>
<p>Wednesday, July 29 Cook(s): Elaine Folkerts Delivery: Angie Norton Menu: TBD <i>Shared with St. Gabriels</i></p>	<p>Wednesday, August 12 Cook(s): Mary Carithers Delivery: Angie Norton Menu: TBD <i>Shared with St. Gabriels</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, August 19 Cook(s): Mary Carithers Delivery: Angie Norton Menu: TBD <i>Shared with St. Gabriels</i></p>	



Card Shower

Lorraine Crotty is turning 90! Let us shower her with birthday cards! Please send card before July 3rd. We will be sending them to Dan's address at 28338 150th Street, Dike, IA 50624.



Thank You Notes

Dear Fredsville Lutheran Church,

Thank you - Thank you for your recent generous gift. Your donation means more than words can express and it allows us to care for patients and families with compassion, dignity and presence when they need it the most. We are truly grateful for your continued support!

Kindly,
Suzanne Benda, Chief Growth Officer



Dear Fredsville Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your loving and generous gift! Your dedication to serving and loving struggling families is seen, felt, and appreciated! We look forward to continue serving alongside you and making sure all single moms and their children as well as women aging out of Foster Care know they are loved/valued and have hope again!

Thank you all sincerely,
Karin Rowe, Executive Director



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your \$2000 Endowment Fund grant! We will be using those funds to assist students in need, espically our international student community. Your gift enables us to listen guide, and care for the students, faculty, and staff at UNI and Hawkeye Community College in a very tangible way.

It feels like the semester just got started, yet it's all wrapped up! We had a busy spring, connecting with many students. many organizations have used our building and we make connections with these groups as well.

While we enjoy hosting big, fun events, our work is truly centered around student conversations, mentorship, and pastoral care. As always, I thank you for your support of the ThreeHouse ministry and I ask for your continued support as we transition to welcome Pastor Jordan Derhammer Capek on July 1st.

We thank you again for your paternship in sharing God's love.
Thank you for your support and partnership!

With heartfelt thanks,
David Glenn-Burns
Director/Campus Minister

Thank You Notes

Dear Fredsville Congregation,

Thank you very much for the generous gift from your endowment to help us “close the gap” on the Cedar Campaign at EWALU. We are grateful for your support.

It is exciting to see the building project come into reality. Please come and see. It is amazing.

Harry & Elle Blonaum
Campaign Co-chairs



Dear Fredsville Family,

Thank you for the generous Endowment gift. With this funding we are able to help our families in need. Each month we help 15-18 families and at Christmas/winter that increases even more. Without your generosity this mission would not be possible.

Thank you for your kindness!
Blessings NH Community Food Pantry
Sandy Becker



Thank you for your generous support of The Salvation Army of Waterloo/Cedar Falls. Your kindness and compassion make a real difference in the lives of individuals and families in the Black Hawk County community. We are deeply grateful for your belief in our mission and continues generosity.

With gratitude,
Ellie Rogaczewski & the Waterloo Corps Staff



Thank you or the gifts on Senior Sunday. I truly appreciate them. I loved the quit. I have enjoyed growing up at Fredsville, and love the generosity and support.

Anna

Worship Readings, Prayers, & Introductions from SundayandSeasons.com

Sunday, July 5 - Outdoor Worship at Cemetary Garden

God desires peace in the world. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls. Celebrate outdoors at the Cemetary Garden. Bring a Chair.

Prayer of the Day

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

- **Micah 4:1-5** - The mountain of the Lord shall welcome all people in peace
- **Psalms 145:8-14** - The Lord is gracious and full of compassion. (Ps. 145:8)
- **Romans 7:15-25a** - The struggle within the self
- **Matthew 11:28-30** - The yoke of discipleship

Sunday, July 12 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Green

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

- **Isaiah 55:10-13** - The growth of the word to accomplish God's purpose
- **Psalms 65:9-13** - Your paths overflow with plenty. (Ps. 65:11)
- **Romans 8:1-11** - Live according to the Spirit
- **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23** - The parable of the sower and the seed

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Sunday, August 2 - VBS Sunday

Snowball Mountain Challenge

Find your Strength in God

6:00pm - 8:15p ❖ 3yr old - 5th Grade

VBS is FREE!



Worship Readings, Prayers, & Introductions from SundayandSeasons.com

Sunday, July 19 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Green

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

Prayer of the Day

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

- **Genesis 28:10-19a** - Jacob's dream of the ladder to heaven
- **Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24** - You have searched me out and known me. (Ps. 139:1)
- **Romans 8:12-25** - The revealing of the children of God
- **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43** - The parable of the weeds

Sunday, July 26 - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Green

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

Prayer of the Day

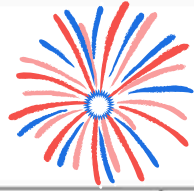
Beloved God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

- **1 Kings 3:5-12** - Solomon's prayer for wisdom
- **Psalms 86:11-17** - Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth. (Ps. 86:11)
- **Romans 8:26-39** - Nothing can separate us from God's love
- **Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52** - Parables of the reign of heaven

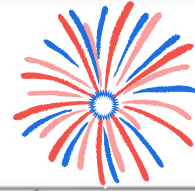


Sunday, August, 9 - Watermelon Days **Worship at the Sports Complex Pavilion**





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Looking Ahead</p> <p>Vacation Bible School August 2nd-5th</p> <p>Snowball Mountain Challenge Find your Strength in God</p>			1	2 Quilters 9:00-11:30 am	3 Pastor's Day Off	4  
5 Outdoor Worship 9:30 am Cemetery Garden	6	7 Bible Study 9:00 am Pillowcase Dresses 12:00 pm	8	9 Quilters 9:00-11:30 am	10 Pastor's Day Off	11
12 Worship 9:30 am	13	14 Bible Study 9:00 am	15 VBS Planning Meeting 6:00 pm	16 Quilters 9:00-11:30 am	17 Pastor's Day Off	18
19 Worship 9:30 am Funeral Plans Pastor Lee 11 am	20	21 Bible Study 9:00 am	22 Fancy Fingers 9:00 am	23 Quilters 9:00-11:30 am	24 Pastor's Day Off	25
26 Worship 9:30 am	27	28 Bible Study 9:00 am	29	30 Quilters 9:00-11:30 am	31 Pastor's Day Off	Watermelon Days in Dike August 7-9 