

First Lutheran Church Council
Highlights of May

Present: Erica Johnsrud, Mark Sparby, Craig Paulson, Gretchen Stenehjem, Pastor Alyssa Quade & Pastor Rob Favorite

Absent: Stef Russell, Steve Holen, Bradee Profit, Angie Moe, Ari Johnson, Mikka Haugeberg, Megan Wirtz & Pastor Mark Honsten
Gretchen Stenehjem gave devotions. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with on correction.

Committee Reports:

***Finance report** has not yet met at this time.

***Property:** G & R was at the church the past week. Paint for the sidewalk/parking was dropped off.

***Worship:** Hymns are picked out through first Sunday in July. Erica is working on the Class 2017 Recognition board for May 21st Summer schedule will begin on May 28 with one service at 9:30 AM

***Stewardship/Evangelism:** Camper meals were a success \$1,217.00 was raised for UMM. The committee is beginning planning for the September 10th "God's Work, Our Hands" event.

***Youth/Education:** LYO is meeting the 1st Sunday of each month. Sonshine Kids has paused for the summer and will reconvene in September. July 16-20 is VBS – they are looking for some Pre-K volunteers to help. The committee is also researching a Young Adult/Parents of Young Kids Bible study for Sunday mornings during Sunday School. The curriculum for the fall has been ordered.

Staff Reports: We need one more Synod Assembly delegate for June 1 & 2 in Minot. Pastor Rob will teach the 9th grade confirmation while Pastor Mark will have the 7 & 8 grades. He also reported that G & R (heating and cooling company) was here and went through the church finding several issues that need to be addressed. Glen Beard and Mark will follow up on these. Pastor Mark will be out of the office for two weeks in June due to surgery. Pastor Alyssa is recaching some topics with Victim Advocates groups in the community. She will now coordinate the LYO.

***Other Business:** the council will meet with Vercon at the next council meeting. Angie Moe & Megan Wirtz joined the meeting by speaker phone to conduct the following business of the church: Sparby moved to renew the quilt Books license for \$379.95. MC.

Next meeting: June 14^h @ 6:00 PM



Women of the ELCA Circles

Wednesday, June 7

12:30 PM FLC WELCA General meeting @ the church.

The FLC – WELCA Circles will not meet this month.

Tuesday, June 13

2:30 PM Garden - the Horizon

Wednesday, June 14

2:00 PM Banks – Patti Leiseth's



All are Welcome

June Worship Assistants

calling chair, Val Williams

9:30 AM — June 4th

Reader: Charlotte Schilke
Greeters: Dave & Lynette Hansen
Ushers: Annette Beard
Coffee Hr: Sharon Olson/ Coralie Bruegger
Comm: Dale & Holly Washburn

9:30 ---- June 11th

Reader: Dale Washburn
Greeters: Gen Hutmacher
Ushers: Don & Swany Schmidt
Coffee Hr: _____

9:30 AM -- June 18th

Reader: Jean Wold
Greeters: Leston & Cari Johnson
Ushers: Dale & Vicki Kapyak
Coffee Hr: Steve & Gretchen Stenehjem
Comm: Matt & Kathleen Beard

9:30 ---- June 25th

Reader: Matthew Beard
Greeters: Keith & Jill Helmuth
Ushers: Craig & Katie Paulson
Coffee Hr: Annette Beard



Summer Time!
Have a great vacation... but don't forget your church, it doesn't go on vacation....





No matter the age of a person, Christian fellowship is vital to everyone's spiritual growth. Our Christian brothers and sisters give us strength in difficult times, provide accountability in our commitment to Christ, and sustain our faith with depth and growth.

This summer the FLC is providing some outstanding fellowship opportunities for youth. We will be having LYO events once a month in addition to fun fundraisers for the 2018 LYO trip to Texas. We will start our first serious discussion about this in our parent & youth meeting on June 4th. We ask all parents and youth to be present for the June 4th meeting.

The other June youth events are as follows:

June 4th – Parent & Youth meeting at the FLC, 11:00am, to discuss the Texas trip and upcoming LYO events. This will be a pot-luck lunch meeting.

On June 10th, John & Pastor Alyssa Quade invite all parents and children to a grill out at Tabaco Gardens. This is our way of saying "Thank You" to everyone who volunteered to help the Sunday School program, Wednesday after school program, camping, and youth programs. The Quades will grill meat and ask that families bring a summer side-dish to share. There will be fishing and family friendly games. The activities start at 1:00 pm and the meal from 5:00 – 7:00 pm

June 11th - Geocaching with Pastor Rob. After church and lunch, Pastor Rob will take the youth Geocaching at the CCC trails. There will be food and games at Pastor Rob's home after the adventure.

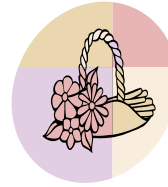
June 23rd - (Homefest) Babysitting Fundraiser. LYO will provide child care at the FLC Church for the Trish Gravos Memorial Golf Scramble. The funds from this will go toward their 2018 trip to National LYO Convention in Texas.

June 24th - (Homefest) Booth Fundraiser. There will be a booth at the street fair for face painting and a bake-sale. The money from this will also support the youth's Texas trip.

Lastly, VBS will be July 16-20, from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM. It will be led by the UMM Team. There will be a program for the parents on the last day. There will also be a Pre-K VBS that goes from 3:00 – 5:00 PM. The signup sheet for this summer's VBS will be in the FLC office. Parents must sign their kids (and their kid's friends) up by July 2nd. There will also be a health form for parents to fill out when they sign their kids up. Wolf Pup has informed us that if there are 10 or more kids at their facilities who want to be a part of the Lutheran Parish VBS, they will gladly walk those kids to the Church at the start time to save parents the hassle of transportation. So please don't let transportation stop you from getting your kids to VBS and again, may this encourage you to sign your kids up early so we can get that number up to 10+.

Please stay tuned to our facebook page and web site for any changes.

Sincerely, Pastor Alyssa Quade



IN MEMORY OF.....

Building Fund

Carol Olson	\$ 500.00
Randy Dahl	\$ 20.00
David Rolfson	\$ 270.00
Florence Johnsrud	\$ 20.00
Randy Slais	\$ 30.00
Arnold Peterson	\$ 540.00
Celia Johnsrud	\$ 1,220.00
Jessie Stenberg	\$ 780.00
Marlene Nelson	\$ 665.00
Bud Perry	\$ 20.00
Curt Simonson	\$ 10.00

Quilting Fund

Jessie Stenberg	\$ 1,081.00
Celia Johnsrud	\$ 70.00



Thank You !

SPONSORS

Thank you to the following for sponsoring the Sunday morning broadcast of FLC worship for the month of May: Olga Hovet & family in memory of Walter Hovet; Meryl Daley & the Miles Wollan family in memory of Floyd and their 65 years of marriage.

Please check your special dates and call the office (444-3244) to sponsor a Sunday in this new year.

The cost is \$110.00 per broadcast





Grace, peace and greetings to all of you!

“Prepare your work outside, get everything ready for you in the field; and after that build your house.” (Proverbs 24:27)

Priorities. Sometimes we struggle with these. When considering our priorities in life, decisions must be made each and every day. Some of the decisions we make are vitally important, if we know what “vitally important” means. We may make decisions on the little stuff easily, because we find the bigger decisions too hard to make.

There is a balance in all of this, and what we prioritize tells a lot about us. And I have asked what it means to live a balanced life, that which combines work, family, faith, and leisure. But recently, I became intrigued by an article that I read called, “The Work Life Balance Myth” by Shawn Lovejoy, who suggested that work and family can’t be balanced and that it is not supposed to be balanced.

And he wrote this, “Not one time in Scripture, are you and I encouraged to live “balanced” lives.” Now, that got my attention. In fact, the author has contended that Jesus did not balance his work and family life, but viewed all his daily living as a sort of “rhythm,” family demanding all of his attention when needed, and work demanding all of his attention, when needed. These “rhythms” could not be quantified in terms of amount of time needed to effectively handle each responsibility.

For example, when Jesus was 12 years old, He disappeared from Mary and Joseph, and when His mother found Him, and then scolded Him, Jesus said, “I must be about my Father’s business.” Jesus had prioritized something that was vitally important to Him at that time. And later, as found in Matthew 12:46-47, Jesus was preaching to the crowds, and His mother and brothers wanted to speak to Him, but Jesus indicated to the person telling him about His family being present, that His work had to be finished first.

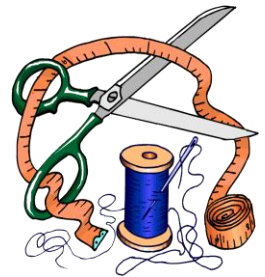
And the author raised another interesting point; that Jesus never would have died on the cross if he valued family over his ministry. But Jesus did value his relationships, and he did value his family, but, He had to be about His Father’s business. And when dying on the cross, he placed the responsibility of taking care of Mary, his mother, to John, His disciple. Jesus loved people, and He died for each of us. He did not live a balanced life, in our definition of the word. He lived His life with a certain rhythm instead. When he was working, He gave it His all.

So, what do we learn from this? Wherever you are, be there! When you are at work, be at work. Give it your all. Be focused! When you are at home, be there! Be fully present, physically, mentally, and emotionally. That gives honor to God as well. And whenever you rest, rest well.

Enjoy your life wherever you are.

Stay in rhythm!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Rob



The First Lutheran Quilters make quilts to be sent through Lutheran World Relief to places around the world. It offers a bit of comfort to those that may not have much. We also make baby quilts that are presented to babies at their baptism.

Our high school seniors are recognized at graduation with quilts. Quilts are also donated to families in need. If you would like to help our mission, we have many ways to do so. Our regular meeting time is 1:00 pm every Mondays.

There we assemble quilts, cut the squares and sew the binding. Even if you don’t have sewing skills – can you tie a knot or cut on a straight line? We would love to have you join us. We end our 2 hour session with coffee and fellowship.

If you can’t make it on Mondays, you can certainly take squares home and sew them together. If all else, we need material to make the tops, cotton or cotton blends are the best material. Good sheets of medium to dark colors for the backs are appreciated.

If you can only make our quilting session here or there that is fine-remember you are welcome any Monday.

This May, 59 quilts and 100 bars of soap were delivered to LWR.





Growing, Together, In Christ

³⁷On the last day of the festival [of Booths], the great day, while Jesus was standing [in the temple], he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified." (John 7:37-39)

Are you going camping this summer; going to rough it out in the wilderness for a while? Did you know the Israelites were commanded by God to go camping? It's true, they were commanded to rough it for one week a year! It was called the Festival of Booths for which the children of Israel would build simple shelters near their homes and would stay in the shelters for 8 days, remembering their time traveling the wilderness in tents.

The Festival of Booths, or Sukkot, is one of three pilgrimage festivals for the Jewish people. They would return home, gather the harvest, and build shelters to remember the Exodus and their dependence on God. During the Exodus, God's presence went with the people and whenever they stopped God's presence would fill the Tabernacle, a huge, ornate tent for God, and there they would worship. In other words, God was tenting with his people during those 40 years in the wilderness.

God provided food and water for the people in the wilderness and, in the Gospel lesson above, during this Festival of Booths, Jesus announced that God would provide springs of living water from the hearts of every believer when they received the Holy Spirit. The Spirit came on Pentecost, 50 days after the Passover, and filled every believer. The Gospel flowed from their mouths in various languages as the Spirit gifted them to speak, and God's Spirit dwelt in the heart of every believer. Once again, God tented with God's people, this time in the Tabernacle of their hearts. And what was true for the believers on Pentecost is true for us today. God still dwell with His people.

As we enjoy the hot, summer weather in this season of Pentecost, let's remember that God dwells in our hearts, and that God provides springs of living water from the hearts of every believer for those who are thirsty. All we need to do is keep the well primed and the easiest way to do that is by coming to church. I know, I know, I know, I've lost most of you know. "Ugh, here he goes again, harping on church." But think about all the benefits we receive from church!

Where else can God's Word be heard to convict our hearts and keep us on the right path? Where else can we receive forgiveness through the body and blood of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion? Where else can we gather with like-minded sinners saved by grace for fellowship and support? Where else can we hear the miracles of God proclaimed, and

be given hope for the future? And where else can we get all of those things in one place? And what does God require in return but for us to show up in His house once a week and give back 10 percent of all God has given us. Is that too much to ask?

A former pastor was famous for making the comparison between parishioners and livestock. "You turn both out for the summer," he said, "and you don't see them again til winter when the food gets scarce and the weather gets cold." Well, I hope you'll make a point of making church a priority this summer, wherever you are. Keep the well primed so when you meet someone who is thirsty for God, you're primed and ready and the living water of the Gospel flows freely from your lips.

Together in Christ, Pastor Mark



Again this year the UMM Counselors will lead VBS. More information will be following on our website, facebook and next month's newsletter.

