



July Worship Assistants

Calling chairman, Lynn Haugeberg

2nd 9:30 AM

Reader: Marcia Hellandsaas
 Greeters: Robin & Anna Schwartz
 Ushers: Mitch Haugeberg family
 Comm: Ron & Karen Broderson
 Coffee Hr: Brooks & Carol Kummer

9th 9:30

Reader: Val Williams
 Greeters: David & Donna Lou Sanford
 Ushers: Owen & Laurie Hamre
 Coffee Hr: Marcie Feilmeier

16th 9:30 AM

Reader: Jenna Walstrom
 Greeters: Einar & Sonja Prestangen
 Ushers: Ken & Carol Sanford
 Comm: David & Celest Berg
 Coffee Hr: Joanne Faulkner

23th 9:30

Reader: Ari Johnson
 Greeters: Nyla Dahl
 Ushers: Myron & Marcia Hovet
 Coffee Hr: _____

30st 9:30

Reader: Sue Jorgenson
 Greeters: Robin & Stacey Arndt
 Ushers: Mike & Stef Russell
 Coffee Hr: Tyrell & Britnee Sweet



Grace, peace all of you!

Concerning sermon preparation, one of the great benefits for me in the last few years has been conducting text study on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings.

In facilitating discussion, I am struck by the insights that many in the groups have as we delve into God's Word. As a pastor, one of the flaws of writing a sermon is only to engage the Bible when I need to write a sermon for Sunday mornings. While, it is fine when gathering information for the material that I need to use when writing. But the problem is that I also need to engage in the Bible personally as a Christian. How does reading passages from Scripture affect me spiritually, to change me, and to drive me back on the right path of spiritual living? What I have found in the years of ministry here, is that I have gathered vast amounts of knowledge, based on study and learned experience. But I also have to remind myself that the Bible is a living, breathing document that invites a relationship with God, and to raise awareness of the presence of God in my life.

Jesus had issues with the Jewish religious leaders of his time because they had vast amounts of Scriptural knowledge, but lacked a heart for God and others. Jesus was all about relationship building, having compassion for others, especially those who were hurting physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Great truth and information spring from the pages of Scripture, but what counts is how those pages engage us with a living God in the way we treat others, and how we are changed by those encounters. Hebrews 4:12 states, "For

the Word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires."

When we read our devotions, or turn to the pages of Scripture, do the words cut into us like a sharp double-edged sword? Are we changed by the experience of God through His Word? There was an old story about a group of people at a dinner gathering.

At the dinner was a well-known speaker, who was asked to recite the 23rd Psalm. He masterfully recited this highly familiar psalm without difficulty. This impressed everyone who listened. But in the audience was an older pastor, and he was asked by someone who knew him to get up and recite the psalm as well. He did so. Not only was everyone impressed by what they heard, they were deeply moved by the recitation. Afterward, someone commented that the speaker knew the psalm and recited it well, but the pastor knew the Shepherd. The pastor knew, that behind the words from the psalm, was a God who loved him and was in a deep relationship with that pastor. Mother Theresa once suggested this, "Spend one hour a day in adoration of your Lord, and never do anything you know is wrong, and you will be all right."

That's pretty good advice.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Rob





First Lutheran Church Council
Highlights of June

Present: Ari Johnson, Gretchen Stenehjem, Angie Moe, Erica Johnsrud, Craig Paulson, Megan Wirtz, Mark Sparby, Stef Russell, Pastor Rob Favorite, Pastor Mark Honstein, Pastor Alyssa Quade

Absent: Steve Holen & Mikka Haugeberg

Meeting was called to order by President Ari Johnson.

Pastor Rob led with a word of prayer. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

Committee Reports:

***Finance report** was approved.

***Property:** Committee did not meet

***Worship:** Songs chosen through June

***Stewardship/Evangelism:** Did not meet.

***Youth/Education:** Committee did not meet. Pastor Rob took the youth geocaching at TRNP, followed by BBQ at Pastor Rob's home. LYO Fundraising events for National Youth Gathering--June: child care for Golf Scramble during Homefest.

July: Fair Booth on Main Street

Staff: Pastor Rob reported on the Synod Assembly. Lifeline screening will take place on July 11th here at FLC.

Pastor Mark reported that Confirmation Camp will take place July 25-30 at UMM.

Pastor Alyssa reported the VBS is all set to go. Registrations forms were mailed out. She will be on vacation June 22- July 2

Unfished Business: Plaque for the Drov Dahl stain glass windows. Acoustical panels are installed in the Centennial Hall.

Next meeting: July 12th @ 6:00 PM



Women of the ELCA Circles

Tuesday, July 11

2:30 PM Garden @ the Horizon

Wednesday, July 13

2:00 PM Banks WELCA @ GSH Sun Room

The First Lutheran Peace and Hope Circles will have a joint summer session next month. More information will be in the August Clarion



In memory of.....

The Building Fund

Peggy Wold	\$ 510.00
Arnold Peterson	\$ 30.00
Marlene Nelson	\$180.00



Vacation Bible School
July 17-20

If you missed getting a registration form, please stop at the office & pick one up.

The UMM Counselors will lead VBS.

1st – 6th Grade 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Preschool-Kindergarten 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Program Thursday @ 5:30 PM



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