



Moment of Contact

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Pastor's Message

Greetings from I-90

I often wonder who is listening in to our worship services on the radio each week. Most often we never know. But I am always aware as I extend a welcome on your behalf of the stranger who may be out there somewhere joining us in worship.

Who is "out there" listening in? Certainly members of First who are unable to join us in the sanctuary on a Sunday may comment occasionally that they have joined us by way of radio, but otherwise I find our radio ministry iswell....a somewhat silent ministry. This is the very radio ministry which is faithfully supported by many of you each week. Thank you for that!

Well this silent ministry was not so silent this past month when I received an email from Larry. The subject line of his email was "greetings from I-90." He wrote to tell me he had listened to our radio broadcast while driving from Sioux Falls to Wisconsin where he lives. He had tuned into 620 AM expecting to enjoy sports radio on the drive home when he describes what he heard at the ten o'clock hour, "a piano prelude."

Larry went on to compliment the worship service including the busy gospel reading about Jesus removing demons from a man. He commented that the pastor did a very nice job of relating the man's plight and the wonder of God's grace in our lives. Larry concluded his comments by relating that he "just wanted us to know people are listening far

from the pews, far from the city limits, for that matter."

Larry's email made my day! Far from the pews the Holy Spirit was at work. A single driver on I-90 hoping to the pass the time listening to a sports radio report was instead met by the music, word and worship of a liturgical congregation sharing their Sunday morning liturgy with whomever was listening in. And isn't that a remarkable witness to the stranger, the one on the way, the curious, the intrigued, those attentive to the Spirit, all who gather into a community of faith whether in the pew or on the road!

Larry's email reminded me to never doubt our message is being heard. Our voice is being used. Our gifts and talents are being shared. When the Holy Spirit sends us out at the end of the worship service to "Go in peace....Christ is sending you," Larry, and those like him, are listening in and finding a message which brings hope. This is our calling as disciples of Jesus.

People are listening in to our radio broadcast far from the pews, far from the city limits of Sioux City. People are listening in to the ways in which we care for one another, share a kindness, or hand out a food pantry bag of groceries. People are listening to what we say and what we do. We are the people of God in Christ Jesus. In the pew, in the city, in our everyday lives.

Thanks, Larry, for reminding us of our calling and joining us in giving thanks to God!

Pastor Kristine

UPCOMING PROGRAMMING EVENTS

Bishop Lorna Halaas Installation

We continue to prepare, with joy, for the upcoming installation of Bishop Lorna. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will be our guest. She will preach and install Bishop Lorna. Your presence is requested! Please plan to attend the installation worship service on **Saturday, August 17 at 1:30 pm.** First Lutheran volunteers are needed to serve as greeters and hosts. If you would like to participate, please contact Pastor Kristine.

The night before the installation, **Friday, August 16 at 6:30 pm,** you are invited to St. Mark Lutheran Church for a light supper and Holden Evening Prayer. The gathered community will sing and pray together as we enjoy a time of fellowship and worship with other congregational members of the Western Iowa Synod. Please RSVP your Friday night attendance to the St Mark Lutheran Church office (712 276 2418).

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SEASONAL WORSHIP

The time after Pentecost, the long green season of summer, continues in August. In the gospel of Luke, we find Jesus telling his disciples a parable about the rich fool, reminding us to be rich toward God, who is our treasure. Jesus will also teach us not to fear, "do not be afraid little flock," he calms us. Then Jesus stirs up the crowd when he promises to bring fire on the earth, pitting family member against family member.

When Jesus heals on the Sabbath, the crippled woman immediately responds with praise and thanksgiving, but the leaders of the synagogue become indignant. They wonder why Jesus does not know better! But Jesus' response has the crowds cheering, "rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing!"

Come and join us for worship as we explore these parables and stories of Jesus life and ministry and how, even in our time, we can find relevance in scripture for us today.

COUNCIL ACTIONS -NEW CHURCH BUILDING KEYS

On **August 6** we will be rekeying the church building. Those of you who currently have keys to the church building please return your key and receive a new one. If you don't have a church key but would like to be able to access the church, you may receive one. If you have a key, but don't use it, or feel you need one, you may simply return your key. Contact Carla or stop by during office hours to exchange or receive a key.

Rekeying the church building will allow us to provide our community partners (Scouting Troops, Co-Dependents, AA, Rising Stars and those asking for use of the gym) with access to the building only in the specific areas in which they gather.

If you have any questions regarding the rekeying process please call the office for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

Rally Day is **September 8**. On this day we gather for worship to launch a new faith formation year. Children will receive Bibles, adults will learn of new opportunities during adult forums, parents of Sunday School children will be invited to participate in a new adult offering in Fireside Room.

On **Sunday, September 15, God's Work. Our Hands.** will gather us together for a service project. The Mission and Vision team are preparing for this congregational event. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for details.

" LIFE PASSAGES

|| Baptisms

" *You belong to Christ*

|| Blake Evelyn Wayman, July 7, 2019

" Skylar St. Clair Llorens, July 28, 2019

|| *Whether we live or whether we die, we are*

" *the Lord's*

|| Robert Draisey, February 4, 1929-July 10,

" 2019

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FLC Finance Update

Needed weekly per budget \$4,903.85 / for the month of July \$19,615.40. Actual income as of July 26 is \$14,786.00.



First Lutheran Church Council Report, July 16, 2019

President:	Jim Lippke	Vice President:	Alison Hertenstein
Secretary:	Enola Peters	Treasurer:	Nate Frein
Worship & Music:	Chris Taylor	Faith Formation:	Julie Thiele
Youth:	Jenny Denne	Mission:	Lori McClaren
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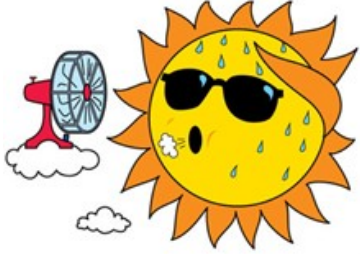
The Council of First Lutheran Church met **Tuesday, July 16, 2019**. The highlights of the meeting were as follows:

- ◇ The Council continues to read and discuss the book Ask, Thank, Tell.
- ◇ The Council would like to discuss the establishment of an Endowment Fund.
- ◇ Over \$5000 was raised at the July 3rd Explorers Game and these funds will go to the Siouxland Soldiers organization.
- ◇ The House and Grounds team has been extremely busy! Numerous repairs and enhancement projects have been completed. THANK YOU!
- ◇ Pastor Kristine received a delightful note from a traveler along I-90 who listened to our Radio Broadcast. It is nice to know that we are reaching persons with our Radio Ministry.
- ◇ An ad will be placed to recruit a Director of Music through the ALCM publication.
- ◇ New thermostats are going to be installed to improve the efficiency of our heating and air conditioning function.
- ◇ The hallway carpet will be deep cleaned prior to the Installation of Bishop Halaas on August 17th.
- ◇ Volunteers are needed to assist on the day of the Installation of Bishop Halaas. Please contact the Office if you can be of help that day. The doors will open at 9:00 AM. The installation will take place at 1:30 PM.
- ◇ September will start our Stewardship campaign. Watch for updates and further information.
- ◇ The proceeds from the Annual Picnic and Auction on August 11th will be used as seed money for replacement of carpet.
- ◇ In the Fall, there will be projects needing everyone's assistance for God's Work, Our Hands. Stay tuned for updates!
- ◇ Rally Sunday will be on September 8th.



August 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:00 - 2:00 PEO in FR Pam Richards 6:30 Worship & Music in FR 7:00 Co-Dep Down- stairs	2 7:00 AA in FH	3 10:00 - 12:00 Youth Work on Cans/Bottles
4 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee in Narthex/Outside	5 Pastor's Day Off 7:00 Co-Dep. Down- stairs	6 9:00 First Blooms 10:30 Pastor's Text Study	7 9-11:30 Food Pantry	8 7:00 Boy Scouts in FH 7:00 Co-Dep. in Down- stairs	9 7:00 AA in FH	10
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18 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee in Narthex/Outside	19 Pastor on Vacation all Week 7:00 Co-Dep. Down- stairs	20	21 9-11:30 Food Pantry 5:00 - 8:00 Long Lines Presentation in FH	22 7:00 Boy Scouts in FH 7:00 Co-Dep. Down- stairs	23 Contact Dead- line 7:00 AA in FH	24
25 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee in Narthex/Outside; Youth to King's Pointe in Storm Lake	26 Pastor on Vacation all Week 7:00 Co-Dep. Down- stairs	27	28 9-11:30 Food Pantry	29 7:00 Boy Scouts in FH 7:00 Co-Dep. Down- stairs	30	31 Key FH = Fellow- ship Hall FR = Fireside Room YR = Youth Room CR = Choir Room SS = Sunday School Room

ASSISTING ON SUNDAY MORNING

	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25	September 1
Acolytes	Maryn Frein	Elliot Walz	Kacie Maynard	Tyler Hagan	Jami Denne Jacob Simons
Coffee Hosts	Liz Draisey	The Schenzel Family	Dan and Mary Kay Moore	Jack and Janice Bristow	Dorothy Chauncy Karen Tagatz
Communion Assistants	Lori McClaren Emma Webb	Angie Reinhardt Jeanne Thune	Linda Nielsen Bruce Miller	David and Janet Gross	Jim Lippke Catherine Lippke
Greeters	Jenny Denne Jacob Snyder Jen Snyder	Jack and Janice Bristow	Pam Richards Ann Doellinger	Orville and Roberta Thiele	Hillard Knutson Tammy Mahaney
Layreader	Angie Reinhardt	Katherine Henshaw	Catherine Lippke	Cole Reinhardt	Kaia Downing
Radio	The Schenzel Family	David and Larayne Olson	Craig and Sandie LaMaster	Michael and Nancy Albrecht	Hillard and Ann Knutson
Sacristan	Kaia Downing	Julie Thiele	David Gross	Kaia Downing	Chris Taylor

Ushers Gary Hopp - Captain, Emma Gross, Brian Thiele, Marlus Mammen

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement and let Carla know ASAP so the weekly bulletin is correct. Thank you.

HELP NEEDED WITH OUR FOOD BANK MISSION

The first need we have is for someone with a pickup truck to go the Food Bank approximately once every 3 - 4 weeks to pick up the order for our pantry. The time for pick up is flexible and it does not have to be the same person every time.

Our second need is for there to be at least three people scheduled for the food distribution day (Wednesday mornings) instead of two since these volunteers are now also bagging the food as well. A few new faces and bodies are needed for this time!

Please contact Randy Burnight at 251-4955, Candy Noonan-Johnson at 251-9411, or Carla in the office if you have any questions or think you might be able to help out.



HELPING IN THE HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28	September 4
Dorothy Goettsch Ann Doellinger	Orville and Diane Kenowith	Chris Taylor Dorothy Chauncey	Orville and Roberta Thiele	Pam Richards Ann Doellinger



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Return Service Requested

THANK YOU

Many thanks for those who signed up to serve as coffee fellowship hosts in the coming months. You paired up or chose to serve as a family and we are grateful. We appreciate your willingness to serve our community of faith in this way! Thank you!

The youth will be working on cans/bottles the following dates:

August 3 from 10:00 - 12:00

September 7 from 10:00 - 12:00

October 5 from 10:00 - 12:00

November 2 from 10:00 - 12:00

December 7 from 10:00 - 12:00

YOUTH TO KING'S POINTE

We will be going to King's Pointe on **August 25th**. We will leave right after service and should be back at church by 8:00.

The cost is \$11.77 for all those 13 and older and \$9.00 for those 12 and under (this is paid by those attending). We will go to Pizza Ranch in Storm Lake for dinner which will be covered for each youth and driver plus one guest from the Youth Account. We are going to need parents to drive so that we do not have to rent a van. Please let Jenny Denne at 712-251-3069 or jenndenne@yahoo.com know by August 8th so that she can ensure that there is plenty of transportation.

