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Pastor's Message

Go in Peace

Our new tapestry hangs in the narthex. As we turn in our pews to face the entrance to the sanctuary for the dismissal, we catch a glimpse of it. Go in peace.

Following the prayers of intercession the presider calls out to the people of God, the peace of the Lord be with you always. Your response is, and also with you. At the dismissal the minister proclaims to the assembly, go in peace to love and serve. Go in peace, God goes with you. Go in peace, Christ is sending you!

We say these words but do we think or ponder what they really mean.

The word for peace in the Hebrew language carries several meanings, each one deeper than the last. Shalom means to be sound in mind, body or spirit. It speaks of completeness, fullness, or a type of wholeness that encourages you to give back.

To share the peace is to greet another, but sharing the peace can also mean farewell. Shalom is commonly used as a greeting and a farewell. So while "peace" is an accurate translation of the word shalom, it implies more than lack of conflict. It is a complete peace. A feeling of contentment, well being and harmony.

Shalom brings together people who disagree with each other so that each will listen deeply to the "other" side. The peace of Christ has the potential to open our hearts to another. The gift of peace brings the potential for wholeness into our relationships.

So in the coming days and weeks as we pass by the tapestry which greets us and sends us into the world, remember what Jesus said to his disciples, My peace I give to you. My shalom, my completeness, my wholeness, I give to you. Not as the world gives, but as I give.

When we think of this phrase, the peace of Christ be with you, in this way, it takes on a new and vibrant meaning when we recognize its gift. A gift to be shared with our neighbor and indeed the whole world.

Go in peace. Share the good news, indeed!

Pastor Kristine



Bishop Lorna Halaas Installation

Thank you to the many volunteers who stepped up to serve as we prepared, planned and hosted the Installation of Bishop Lorna. ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton presided, preached and installed Bishop Lorna on Saturday, August 17, 2019. We joyfully received 387 worshippers including bishops from the ELCA, bishops from our ecumenical community and honored guests. We read scripture, we sang, we prayed and called the Spirit to come down and be among us! Our prayers continue as we ask God's blessing on Bishop Eaton and Bishop Lorna's ministry of leadership among us.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMMING EVENT

The Acts of the Apostle

Bible study for adults will be held each Wednesday at **11 am** in Fireside, beginning **September 18**. This fall we will be studying the other book Luke, the evangelist, wrote to the new Christian communities, *the Acts of the Apostles*. We will explore together the stories which shaped and formed the newly emerging church. Join us for an informative and inspiring look at the church in its earliest stages.

SAVE THE DATE

Our Stewardship Pledge Drive begins during late September. On **September 29th** we will receive new members and begin to reflect on the gifts God has given us. Members of the congregation council will share their insights and learnings as throughout the past year we have read together, "Ask, Thank, Tell" by Charles Lane. Pastor Lane has inspired us to look at our stewardship of time, talent and tithe in new ways.

SEASONAL WORSHIP

Worship Pattern for the Fall

As we head into the autumn season, the gospel of Luke is filled with parables and memorable characters. The shepherd looks for the sheep and the woman her lost coin. The dishonest steward cuts deals. The rich man pleads with Father Abraham to send Lazarus to his brothers. The widow bargains with the unjust judge. The Pharisee congratulates himself for not being like the tax collector. Week after week we will learn the cost of discipleship and the dangers of wealth.

As we worship together we will emphasize the joy that follows when those who were lost, especially those lost in their wealth, are found.

Join us in worship for the stories of Jesus where we offer our thanks and praise to the God who seeks out and saves all who are lost, not because of who we are but because of who God is.

NEW MEMBERS

If you are interested in joining First Lutheran this fall please be in contact with Pastor Kristine. We have planned a new member **Sunday for September 29th**.

LIFE PASSAGES

Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's

Funerals

Sandra K. Hesse, July 30, 2019

Joan E. Kaschmitter, August 2, 2019



FLC Finance Update

Needed weekly per budget \$4,903.85 / for the month of August \$19,615.40. Income for August \$20,105.00.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

Checking on the next Working Together quarterly meeting, either September 7 or 21.

Members of the congregation council have been gathering with other Siouxland ELCA congregation council members to share ideas, learn from one another and work together as congregations of the Western Iowa Synod. Plans are underway to gather the confirmation students together four times during the program year for a time of learning and sharing. Confirmation Together will continue this year as we look for other opportunities to "work together."

Members of First Lutheran,

Thank you so much for the EPIC Grant for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. I have been able to receive this Grant, which has been matched by Luther College, the last few years and it has aided me tremendously! This Fall, I will be a Senior at Luther College, finishing up studies in Social Work and Nordic Studies, with hopes to graduate in May of 2020.

Thank you again for all of your words of encouragement and generosity over the last four years! It has been greatly appreciated and I hope to continue sharing my gifts and talents in the future! Hannah Gross

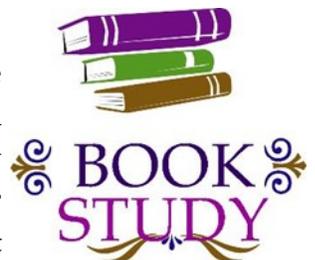
The Mission Committee is in the process of ordering name tags for members. The tags will be magnetic and available on a board each week as you enter the narthex. You may replace them on the board or take them with you. First Lutheran Church Women are gifting the congregation with the name tags. The hope is to help us put names and faces together. If you do not see your name or would prefer not to have a name tag please call Candy Noonan-Johnson @ 251-9411 or Lori McClaren @ 253-2322.

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!

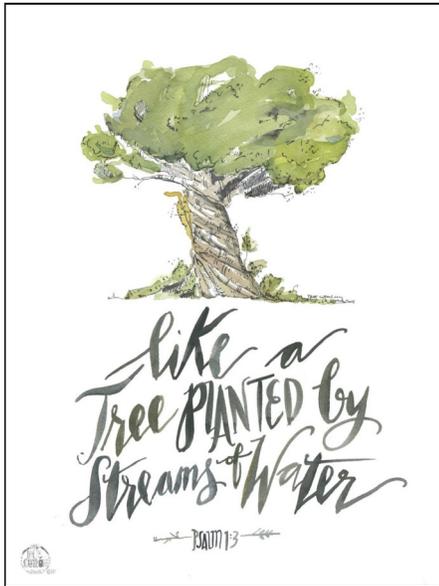
Thursday Study Group Begins Again

The Thursday Morning Book Study group will begin meeting again in the Fireside Room at **10:30 a.m., September 12**. We welcome new members who love to read and discuss books. "Listening for God", the fourth book in the series Contemporary Literature and the Life of Faith published by Augsburg Press, will be the basis for our discussions. James Baldwin, Kent Haruf, Sue Miller and Michael Malone are just some of the well-known authors whose stories are featured in the book. We need to order the books soon so please let Onee Iverson (239-4404) know whether you would like to join us in our open and lively discussions.





Notes from Cindy, Director of Faith Formation



PLANTED FIRMLY IN GOD'S STORIES

Psalm 1:3

When I listen to you, God,
When I do what you ask me to,
I am like a tree
Planted by a river,
A tree full of fruit
With leaves that are always green.

Psalms for Young Children by Marie Helene-Duval

Planted Firmly in God's Stories

Our faith formation year is beginning soon! This year I want to frame our entire year on a particular passage of scripture—Psalm 1:3. A beautiful children's version written by Marie Helene-Duval is featured above. That verse is the basis of our theme for the entire year as we explore what it means to be "planted firmly in God's stories."

Psalm 1 is considered an instructional psalm which often include comparisons between the righteous and unrighteous, or the way of God and the way of the wicked. These psalms are known as "wisdom psalms" as they were written to teach the community. Psalm 1 also focuses specifically on God's Law. Martin Luther taught that God's law is good and has two uses. The first use teaches us how to live in this world, while the second use reminds us that nobody is perfect and that we all need forgiveness.

The Psalmist uses imagery and metaphor to capture the images of trees providing fruit. The image of a fruitful tree is a beautiful image for a life of faith. That is what we are hoping to capture this year as we begin our program year on Rally Sunday.

Rally Sunday (September 8) is the start of our program year. We have a Cross+Generational event planned for Rally Sunday morning. A continental breakfast will be served at 8:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Beginning at 9:00 we will create a communal work of art—a mural—that will be displayed throughout the year in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone will create a piece of art that reflects their interpretation of Psalm 1. Following discussion at our tables, we will work on small canvases that will be hung together as one piece which will reflect how our community thinks about Psalm 1. It will be interesting to see how our older adults visualize this Psalm as compared to our younger children. While each canvas in and of itself will be beautiful, a new distinct type of beauty will be formed when these are all hung together.

Please join us! We hope that people of all ages will stop down in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast and to help create a beautiful work of art. Please contact Cindy if you have any questions.



*Communal work of art based on
Psalm 1*



More Notes from Cindy



GRADES 1-6 LIFE LONG CONFIRMATION CLASSES TO RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

Life Long Confirmation (LLC) classes for youth in Grades 1-6 will resume Wednesday, September 18 from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. and end on Wednesday, October 23. Please note that this is a new time! The time that our Confirmation classes (Grades 7-8) begin has changed this year, so our LLC program for youth in Grades 1-6 is also changing. LLC also has a little different schedule throughout the year, so please check the newsletter and emails so that you have the correct meeting times. Watch for more information in an email from Cindy as the start date gets closer. Mark your calendars – we have a great year planned!

STUDENTS TO RECEIVE BIBLES, SMALL CATECHISMS

Our incoming 3 years old preschool children and our children entering first grade this year will receive a *Whirl* Bible during the worship service on Rally Sunday, September 8. Also, the 4th grade students will receive a copy of *Luther's Small Catechism*.



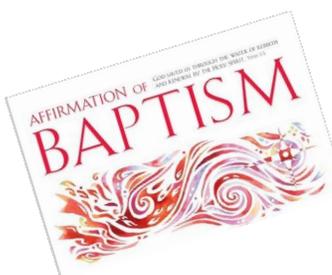
CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR YOUTH IN GRADES 7 & 8 RESUME ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

6:30 – 7:45 P.M.

Confirmation classes for our middle schoolers will resume with a PARENT/STUDENT MEETING on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. This is an orientation meeting for students and parents and a training session for our youth. Please watch for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School for all ages resumes on Rally Sunday (September 8) with breakfast at 8:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall followed by a "Cross+Generational" event where we will create a communal work of art. (See the article on the preceding page). There will be NO Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. on September 15, as we will meet AFTER CHURCH and participate in "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday at 11:00a.m. with a light lunch served. We will be planting a tree in front of the church. Regular classes (9:00 a.m.) will resume on Sunday, September 22 where youth from Preschool through Grade 6 will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. and our "6+ Group" (middle, high schoolers and beyond!) will gather in the Youth Room for classes.



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM IS OCTOBER 27, 2019

Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation for our 9th graders is Sunday, October 27, 2019. Please watch for more information. A letter was sent in August with details. Cindy will be contacting you soon regarding measurements for the Confirmation gowns.



September 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee in Narthex/Outside	2 Labor Day Holiday Office Closed 	3 Pastor's Day Off 9:00 First Blooms	4 9-12 Food Pantry 12:00 Staff Mtg. in FR 1:00 WELCA in FR	5 6:30 Worship & Music in FR 7:00 Boy Scouts in FH 7:00 Co-Dep. In SS	6 7:00 AA in FH	7 Working Together? 10:00 - 12:00 Youth Working on Cans/Bottles
8 9:00AM - Rally Sunday Breakfast-Cross-generational Event in FH 10:00 Worship 11:00 No Coffee Fellowship 11:15 Faith Formation Mtg. in FH	9 Pastor's Day Off 6:00 Cub Scouts in FH 7:00 Co-Dep. Downstairs	10 10:30 Pastor's Text Study 6:00 Girl Scouts in FH 6:30 Exec in FR	11 9-12 Food Pantry 12:00 Staff Mtg. in FR 6:30 Confirmation Parent Mtg. in Comm. Rm 6:30 Youth in YR	12 10:30 Book Study in FR 7:00 Boy Scouts in FH 7:00 Co-Dep. in FR	13 Carla Gone - Office Closed 9:00 Quilters in FH 7:00 AA in FH	14
15 8:50 Adult Choir 10:00 Worship 11:00 Lunch in FH 11:00-2:00 "God's work. Our hands."	16 Pastor's Day Off 6:00 Cub Scouts 7:00 Co-Dep. Downstairs	17 10:30 Pastor's Text Study 6:00 House & Grounds 6:00 Girl Scouts in FH 6:30 Council in FR	18 9-12 Food Pantry 11:00 Adult Bible Study in FR 12:30 Staff Mtg. in FR 6:30 Confirmation in Comm. Rm 6:30 Youth in YR 6:30 LLC in FH	19 10:30 Book Study in FR 12:30 Rachel Circle 7:00 Boy Scouts in FH 7:00 Co-Dep. in FR	20 9:00 Quilters in FH 7:00 AA in FH	21 Working Together?
22 8:50 Adult Choir 9:00 CE 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee in FR Pastor Kristine - Tri Synod Conference in West Des Moines	23 Contact Deadline Pastor Kristine - Tri Synod Conference in West Des Moines 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Mary Circle 7:00 Co-Dep. Downstairs	24 Pastor Kristine - Tri Synod Conference in West Des Moines 6:00 Girl Scouts in FH	25 9-12 Food Pantry 11:00 Adult Bible Study in FR 12:30 Staff Mtg. in FR 1:00 Lydia Circle 6:30 Confirmation / Mentors in Comm. Rm 6:30 Youth in YR 6:30 LLC in FH	26 10:30 Book Study in FR 7:00 Boy Scouts in FH 7:00 Co-Dep. in FR	27 9:00 Quilters in FH 7:00 AA in FH	28
29 8:50 Adult Choir 9:00 CE 10:00 Worship/Stewardship Emphasis; New Members Received 11:00 Coffee in FR	30 Pastor's Day Off 7:00 Co-Dep Downstairs				Key FH = Fellowship Hall FR = Fireside Room YR = Youth Room CR = Choir Room SS = Sunday School Room Comm. Rm = Community Room	

ASSISTING ON SUNDAY MORNING

	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Acolytes	Jami Denne Jacob Simons	Ellie Hertenstein	Nissa Downing	Olivia Zoeller	Kacie Maynard
Coffee Hosts	Dorothy Chauncey Karen Tagatz	Rally Sunday Breakfast prior to Worship	Gods's Work. Our Hands. Lunch	Joe and Enola Peters	Liz Draisey
Communion Assistants	Jim Lippke Catherine Lippke	Jami Denne Shae Downing	Dan Moore Chris Taylor	Tim and Sheila Geary	Wyatt and Stacy Hagan
Greeters	Hillard Knutson Tammy Mahaney	Linda Nielsen David Gross	Liz Draisey Katherine Henshaw	Gary and Candy Johnson	Chuck and Jackie Cipperley
Layreader	Kaia Downing	August Schenzel	Janet Gross	Carole Heider	Jim Lippke
Radio	Hillard and Ann Knutson	Chuck and Jackie Cipperley	Randy and Deb Burnight	Brad and Lauri Heider	Tim and Sheila Geary
Sacristan	Chris Taylor	Julie Thiele	David Gross	Kaia Downing	Chris Taylor

Ushers Lee Knop - Captain, Mike Mahaney, Emma Webb, Keith Ashmore

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!

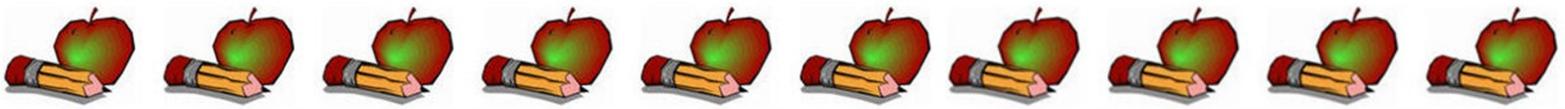
Please contact Randy Burnight at 251-4955, Candy Noonan-Johnson at 251-9411, or Carla in the office if you have any questions or think you might be able to help out.



FOOD PANTRY

HELPING IN THE HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25	October 2
Pam Richards Ann Doellinger	Katherine Henshaw Nadine Holst	Dorothy Goettsch LaVonne Lundgren	Orville and Roberta Thiele	Ann Doellinger Dorothy Goettsch



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God's Work. Our
Hands. is coming up
on **Sunday Septem-
ber 15th!** We will



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Our hands.

start with a 'lite' lunch after the church service and then get to work! A few examples of areas we will focus on are: 1) cleaning in the boiler room 2) weed eating 3) helping Fran cut back some flowers & plants 4) painting the former pre-school room 5) possible litter pick up over by Outer Belt etc... Also the youth will be planting a tree that day. We will know more as the day nears. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Please join us! Mission Committee

From the Mission Committee:

1. \$5,000 was raised at the July 3, 2019 baseball game for the Siouxland Soldiers. Thank you everyone for your generosity.
2. \$1,208 was raised at the First Lutheran annual congregational picnic and auction for carpeting. YEA!! We are ¼ of the way to the bid for the carpeting.

Your support is requested for Organ Donations. On **Sept. 19** all are invited to attend the "Fall Revival" for Doug's Donors. This is as an opportunity to raise funds for those receiving organ donations in our community. The social hour starts at **5 PM**, followed by dinner and auction at **6 PM** at Bar Louie, 701 Gordon, Sioux City. The after dinner entertainment includes a sing-a-long featuring two of our own members. This promises to be a fun evening along with the ability to help our neighbors. Questions, please contact Lori McClaren at 253-2322.