

First Lutheran Church July 2023



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It is hard to believe that some of the kids in our community are already talking about school and/or college starting in a few weeks. It seems like summer has just started.

As summer continues and the Fair approaches and harvest is on the horizon, I reflect on what lies ahead. We have several students from our congregation who will be attending Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp this month. We are in the process of hiring a new Youth Director.

School will be starting again in August; sports practices begin in August also. In September Confirmation, and CSI will begin. Hopefully by then we will have a new Youth Director hired.

I pray that in the midst of all of the activities that are beginning that we can stay focused on God and God's Word. It is too easy to be pulled in so many directions that we forget the one who gives us life – that we forget to take time or maybe better stated, to make time for ourselves, especially time for ourselves with God. A quiet time of prayer and devotion each day can go a long way toward being able to get through the day.

Remembering to attend worship in the summer is also a way of being assured of Christ's presence in your life. Knowing that Jesus Christ is walking with you, through all that you go through, can help you deal with anything that comes along.

As we look ahead to all of the new beginnings in our lives, things like starting a new grade in school, confirmation class, starting college, a new job or position, being empty nesters, living alone, retirement – whatever the new beginning in your life know that Jesus is walking with you as you go forward.

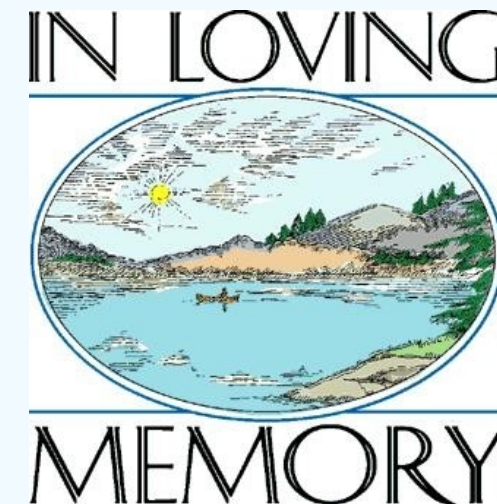
God's Peace,
 Pastor Scott



"Usually, the church issues a less personal invitation to worship."

"...stay focused on God and God's Word."

For those moving away and would like to get some mail at your new address (I'm talking to the college peeps here.) Call Sandy in the office with your details and she'll put a newsletter in the mail to you!



*Paul Aune
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John 14:26-27 ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

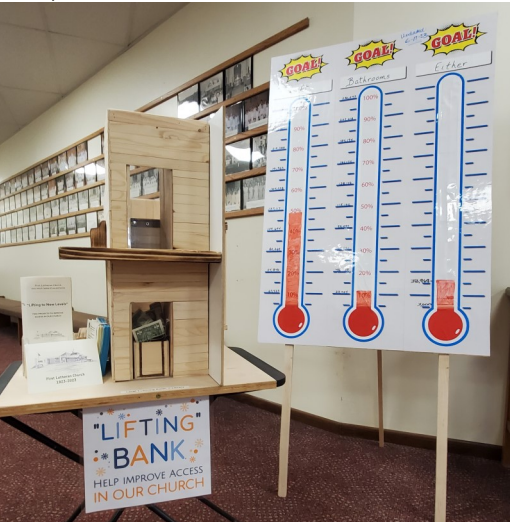
June 26
 Combined
 Outdoor
 Service
 and Pic-
 nic! So
 great!



More photos can be found on our
 Facebook page. Let's do this Again!



Back row: Ben Dykema, Riley Smith, Dylan Linder, Michael Hoyer, Mason Swenson
Front row: Ali Kuka, Chase Tarum, Ben Kempel, Aiden Hoerster, Reannah Hopstad, Pastor Scott. Missing: Ava Lloyd, Beau Malnaa, Shawna Malnaa



Cross made and hung above the front door by Dick Markle. It's Perfect!

Getting there!

Church Office Summer Hours:
Tuesday & Wednesday 9-3:30
Thursday 9-Noon



Waiting for outdoor church to start. Beautiful Day. Wonderful event!



In back: Ray Hinerman, Bill Uphaus, Georgia Barstad, Verda Sillerude, Karyl Barnes, Rachel Bedwell
In front: Dona Enebo, Joyce See, Lenore Hinerman, Roberta Barstad, Judi Martin, Gary Martin, Caroline Muggli



Above: some succulents from the sale. Plant Fundraiser brought in \$750 for the "Lifting" project. Well done, Jennifer Lee.

Foundation Scholarship awards will be handed out on July 16th during Worship Service.

Youth and Family Coordinator is urgently needed! Position offers attractive wages dependent on qualifications and experience. Part-time. Please stop in and talk more about this opportunity with Pastor Scott.

Notices

- **Service/Event Team is Team D:** Shelly George & Jackie Bird followed by Team E: Karyl Barnes & Mary Sue Knodel. **JULY ON CALL list is from Heide See to Tracy Waarvik, in alphabetical order.**
- If you would like to help out with services and events, it is welcomed. Every little bit helps when putting together a luncheon. Even if all you want to do is bake some bars or a make a salad! Call Sandy in the office to get on the list.
- July will be a taking a break month: No Quilting, no WELCA, No Worship Team, No Discipleship Team, No Stewardship. The "Lifting" Committee are planning to keep the ball rolling.
- July 30 is "Noisy Offering" in support for the School Snack Program.

Lost & Found

Please check in the Narthex. Pictures are also posted on flcglasgow.org under "NEWS & EVENTS".

Food Bank

July 2	Pasta Sauces
July 9	Hygiene Products
July 16	Powdered/Shelf stable Milk
July 23	Whole Grain Cereals
July 30	Oatmeal

Login or register on Reynold's website. Then go to rewards and my rewards. Click on the **Friends**

of Reynolds button and add the charity (#1006) you would like to support. You can only support one charity at a time. For help, come see Sandy in the office and she'll get you set up. F.O.R. has brought in over \$400 so far this year. Your grocery shopping is worth it. Use #1006 as charity.



Toward a Theology of Church Picnics

Excerpt from June 6, 1983, article by John Piper, Founder & Teacher, desiringGod.org.

"If picnics don't have to do with God we may as well close up shop. Either all we do has to do with God or he is not God. "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do (like picnics), do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). "Whatever you do, in word or deed (like picnics), do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:17). So part of my duty as pastor-teacher is to help you see how even church picnics relate to God. This is no ivory tower theology. No, sir. On Sunday, June 12, after the second service we are going to Ham Lake Camp for the annual Sunday School picnic. The evening service will not happen at church. There will be a 4:00 p.m. vespers at the camp. So this theology is very relevant!

1. Meeting as a church out-of-doors is an affirmation and celebration of God as creator of the world. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). By divine appointment "The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork" (Psalm 19:1). It is fitting that the people of God gather corporately beneath the heavens to hear the proclamation of the firmament. Surely, the sky should join us in worship once a year. The admiration we feel for the Maker of the world is doubled when we exult in it together.

2. Informal togetherness, especially involving recreation, cultivates the unity of God's people, which we are commanded to maintain (Ephesians 4:3). It does this in three ways. There is unpressured time for natural, extended conversation—and significant relationships take time. We are thrown together with people we don't otherwise talk to. And some of the

inevitable walls of separation between groups are penetrated. We feel a new kinship with people when we see them dressed differently and involved in recreation. For example, some people probably think the pastor is a real dud. But did you know that Noël and I almost won the three-legged couples' race last year? And I wasn't wearing a suit! It was like the time I first learned in college that my philosophy teacher cut his own grass—with jeans and a T-shirt!! We are commanded, "Love one another with brotherly affection" (Romans 12:10). It is much easier to develop affection for a person if you see him tumble in the grass. And of course, this goes for all of you. Stodgy stereotypes need to be broken. Picnics are great for this. It makes for the "family-feel"...and affection.

3. A leisurely afternoon together affirms the need for rest and re-creation. "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest a while," Jesus said to the weary twelve (Mark 6:31). We are not God. And he invented the Sabbath to remind us of that. It is theologically appropriate that now and then lawn chairs replace church pews.

4. "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much" (Matthew 25:21). The little that the Sunday School has to put on a picnic it uses well. We will ride buses not a hundred cars. So bring your duds (or wear them to church) and let's spend the afternoon with each other and with God under the greatest vaulted dome ever made. Eager to be with you, Pastor John"

Thank you to Stewardship Team & area churches for putting this together. It was a lovely day to get together outside and enjoy a picnic and fellowship!

FLC Council Highlights
May 15, 2023

(Complete printed or electronic copies of the minutes are available from the church office.)

Council members present:

Shelly George, Beverly Johnson, Marvin Johnson, Donna Lee, Judi Martin, Mandy Rasmusan, and Darcie Waarvik. Absent: Max Knodel. Others present: Leanne Fontaine and Pastor Scott. Lacey Flaten has resigned from the council. Tara Wesson has agreed to take over for Lacey.

- Devotions: We discussed chapter 3 from the book Reclaiming the “L” Word. We discussed the statement “Jesus is Lord so I can’t be.” We talked about things in our life that could easily become “gods”.
- Youth and family: 11 students were confirmed. 130 people were in church. VBS has been cancelled. The \$407 from the soup suppers will be used for camp scholarships.
- Tech committee: Jennifer is taking care of the slides. Kurt and Audra Breigenzer purchased a new camera and equipment for the live streaming of the services.
- Treasurer’s report: Total income for April was \$18,241.97. Total expenses were \$18,079.67. April’s cash flow was \$162.30. YTD cash flow is -\$6,243.19. Mattfeldt Electric \$266.29 installed a motion detector light at the bottom of the stairs.
- Special project report: There is a piggy bank for the special project. The steering committee meets weekly. June 5. There will be a house plant sale at Donna’s house (831 6th St. N). The proceeds will go to the special project. The lift has \$100,789.28, bathroom \$15,289.81 and unspecified \$801.34. There is a total of \$116,880.43. Money from Friends of Reynolds for the first quarter totaled 253.54. These funds will be put in the unspecified special project fund. The noisy offering brought in \$194.20 for the special project.
- We moved to give \$250 to the Montana Synod

Free Rides

- If you need a ride to church, call Tana 406-263-7355. If you can give a ride to church, call Tana 406-263-7355 so we can build a list of volunteer drivers.
- If you live at Nemont or Prairie Ridge, Valley Co. Transit can help get you to church on Sunday. Call 228-TRIP (8747) and say a ride is needed to First Lutheran Church.

offering.

TEAM REPORTS:

- Property: The estimate for the repair of the windows was double what the architects estimated. The property team suggested looking for other estimates for the window project and postponing this project until more information is obtained.
- Discipleship: There will be a noisy offering in July.
- Stewardship: There will be a combined worship service on June 25 in Kiwanis Park in Fort Peck. They are meeting next Monday to discuss more details.
- Education/Youth: 11 seniors will be recognized on May 28. They will have a breakfast which is being prepared by Darcie and Mandy.
- Pastor Scott’s report: Had 2 baptisms— Tripp and Luxe Mavity. 2 funerals. Paul Aune’s funeral will be June 16 at 11:00. Met with each of the confirmation students and practiced for the confirmation on May 14. Visited Prairie Ridge and Valley View each week. Had communion both at various homes and at the hospital. Went to a lot of meetings. Senior recognition and Pentecost will be May 28.

SCAM ALERT!!!

If you receive a text or email from pastor or members asking for Gift Cards for an urgent need or asks a question out of the blue, please be aware that this is probably a scam. Please don’t respond or click on any links.

First Lutheran Church

Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered and sent for the sake of God’s world as Ambassadors of Christ.



Thank you to Danette Miller for getting the flowers going again. And thank you to the anonymous individuals who dropped off/planted so



many perennials. It is indeed nice to see the different plants and be amazed by the different blooms. Again, Thank You!

Why wasn't Cinderella a good at sports?

Answer: "Because she had a pumpkin for a coach."

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