

June

newsletter

2019

From the Pastor's Desk

Grace and peace to my brothers and sisters at First Lutheran!
I'm writing this while on a prayer retreat with three chapters of the Society of the Holy Trinity. I've asked my fellow pastors to consider becoming our new pastor at First Lutheran Church. One of our pastors was interested last time, but now is in a new call in Indiana. I met a wonderful young pastor, but he too is in a new call in metro-Chicago.

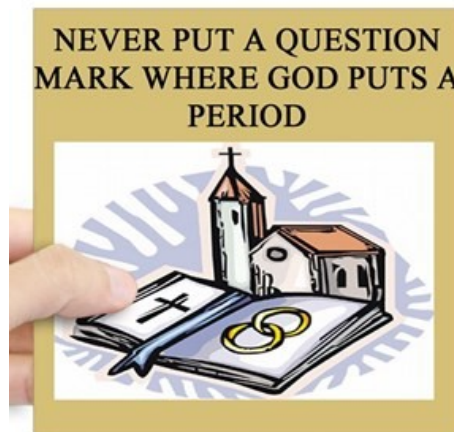
I put a picture of FLC on the STS Facebook page with a short description asking our Society pastors to ask our Lord if they were being called to serve us. Over two dozen likes and one phone call followed. The call was from a friend of mine in Ohio, not asking for herself, but for a friend, another female pastor, out East. I'm looking especially at the Society of the Holy Trinity because I trust the theology of these pastors. The Society exists to help us keep our ordination vows!

Keep praying. In fact, double your prayers. I don't want you to worry, but my wonderful wife has told me I need to be home by the new year. She knows I've promised to stay until you've called a new pastor, but now that she is two states away...well, now I'm caught between a rock and a hard place.

We need to trust our good Lord! He will work out a solution. We are cherished!! But let's redouble our efforts and our prayers.

Blessings,

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Summer Sunday school will begin on June 9th and end on Rally Day in August. This summer we will focus on following God's commandments. Each commandment will have a story that will support the commandment.

Questions that will be answered: Why doesn't God want me to have other gods? Don't all roads lead to heaven? Does God really expect me to keep all the commandments perfectly without one slip? As long as I do my best, I'll get into heaven, right? In our stories, the children will learn the answers to these questions so they learn about God's rules for holy living and God's love in the Ten Commandments. How do the commandments apply to their lives?

Beginning at 9:15-10-25, the children will hear a story, engage in a craft that supports the lesson, sing songs and begin and end with a prayer. We will review the Ten Commandments, John 3:16 and our Sunday school Mission Statement each Sunday.

Sunday school is so important in the lives of children. Give the gift of God's Word and come to Summer Sunday school.

Karol Hall, Teacher



God created our vast, amazing universe and also loves each of us with a vast, amazing love! He loved the world so much that he sent Jesus, the promised Savior, to live, suffer, die, and rise again to save us—the most Miraculous Mission of all!

First Lutheran Church welcomes all children 3 years old (by 12/31/18) through 6th grade to our VBS. Registration will open May 1st on the church website and online. Please register your school age child in the grade that they are finishing at <https://vbsmate.com/firstlutheranpontiac>. Online registration is preferred, but a paper copy of the registration form will be available in the church office. We will hold our closing program on Friday, June 7th at 12 noon.

VBS Miraculous Mission t-shirts will be available for purchase. Payment is due when the order is placed.

Volunteers are needed! If you would like to help, please register as a volunteer on the website or contact Chris Lauritzen. We need many people to provide a fun and safe VBS experience as our children learn about God's Word. Our nursery will be open and staffed for our volunteer's children that are not yet old enough to attend VBS. Please register them as a student in the nursery class so that we are prepared for your little one!

In addition, we would appreciate your support. You can help through prayers, snack donations, and monetary donations. More information will be shared in temple talks and in the weekly First Notes.

Our Vacation Bible School mission project this year is the Livingston County Community Pantry. During the week we are asking the participants and volunteers to bring the following items: ketchup, mustard, barbecue sauce, pickles, and olives.

If you have any questions, please contact me (Chris Lauritzen) at 815-842-3029 or 815-674-5326. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, June 3rd!

Meetings in June

June 6 @ 1 pm -Anna Circle
June 10 @ 6:30 pm - Relay for Life
June 11 @ 7 pm - Council Meeting
June 12 @ 1:30 pm - Hymn Selection
June 18 @ 7 pm—Worship Committee

HELP NEEDED: For many years First Lutheran has generously given school supplies that have been packed into school kits and sent to Lutheran World Relief in October. For many years Lynnette Mundschenk has coordinated this program but feels that she needs to pass the baton on to another individual or group of individuals in our church. Lynnette will work along with anyone interested this year. This is a very impactful mission program for our church and for the students in underdeveloped countries and are without supplies to use when they attend school. Walmart is not down the street for these children, even if they had the money to purchase supplies. I ask that you prayerfully consider coming forward to be the project coordinator. If you have any questions feel free to contact Lynnette or me. Truly Vicki Day (815-844-5420)



Congratulations to our Graduates!

8th Grade:

Julie Branz
Mackenzie Coates
Claire Corrigan
Brady Donovan
Zayn Eilts
Thalen Harty
Kalyne Kindermann
Isaac Torkelson
Levy Tucker
Annika VonHolten
Matthew Wiechmann

High School:

Samantha Mehrkens
Magda Vincent
Aubrey Graves
Haley Jones

College:

Ryan Henkel
Kyle Tucker

Joyful Women of First Lutheran will restart it's Sunday evening Bible study on September 29, 2019 at 630 pm at the church. The program chosen for this fall is entitled, 'Golden Fruits, Living the fruit of the Spirit through the best times of your life', written by Julie Hale Maschhoff. It has 9 sessions and each session focuses on one fruit of the Spirit and how the lives of 9 Biblical women convey that characteristic. it is the plan to complete the entire book this fall ending our study on November 24, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Joyful Women is open to all women of First Lutheran and guests, each week is a different lesson so if you can't make each week there is still a spiritual benefit as well as fellowship with one another.

Here are some letters from our First Communion Class on why Holy Communion is important to them:

Holy Communion is important to me because.....

Maya Ray

"It helps me remember my baptism. It reminds me of Jesus' body and blood."

Lyla Donovan

"It is Jesus' body and blood. Also you are renewing your baptism. It also helps forgive your sins."

Jasmine Ray

"You learn about God and the Holy Spirit. It is why we read the Bible. It is the bread of Christ and the wine is Jesus' blood. Also, your baptism that you can remember for the rest of your life."

Landon Jordan

"It is the body and blood of Jesus Christ and it renews your baptism and gives you forgiveness."

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!**



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**LUTHERAN
SOFTBALL---**

The 2019 season will begin May 28 and will end with a tournament in July. All games are played Tuesdays and Thursdays, with 3 games played each evening @ 6:15, 7:30 & 8:45 pm. All games will be played at Pontiac Rec Plex. The league is co-ed and players should be at least 16 years old. Players are to contact Stacy Eilts @ 815 822 1377 or Roger Wahls @ 815 848 1415. Practices will be held on Sunday the 19th and 26th @ 4 – 5:30 pm @ Pontiac Play Park. A schedule will be posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex!

Are you interested in becoming a member of First Lutheran? . . .

New membership classes will start on Sunday, June 9 @ 9:15 am and run through Sunday, June 14. The classes will be held in the Pastor's office.

If you are interested in becoming a member of First, please first contact Pastor (email: or phone the office, 815-844-3695)

If you would be coming to us from another Lutheran Church, you will be encouraged to attend our new member class, but it is not required.

If you are a member of another church body or are not affiliated with another church at this time, you will be required to take the new member class.

We look forward to hearing from you and we welcome you into the Family of First Lutheran.



Please tell your family and friends that Registration is open at Noah's Ark Preschool for the 2019-20 school year!

3 Year Old Schedule

(Children must turn 3 by September 1st to enroll in a 3 year old class)
 T/Th 8:15 am-10:15 am
 T/Th 10:30 am-12:30 pm
 Tuition Rate \$75/month

4 Year Old Schedule

(Children must turn 4 by September 1st to enroll in a 4 year old class)
 MWF 8:15 am-11:15 am
 MWF 11:45 am-2:45pm
 Tuition Rate \$130/month

Classes begin after Labor Day.

Please call Noah's Ark at 815-842-2625 for more information!

Anna Circle will meet on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 1:00. Our current Bible study is God is in the Laundry Room, by Susan Senechal. June's study will finish Chapter 3 --- Pest Control (Getting Rid of Spiritual Bugs) by looking at the life of David (starting on page 40) and then begin Chapter 4 ---- Cleaning Out the Closets: What not to wear. Carole Graves will be our hostess. New members and guests are always welcome to join us on the first Thursday afternoon of the month.

Quilting Ladies....

The ladies WILL be quilting this summer, but NOT every week as we did during the school year. In June, July and August, we will be working every OTHER Thursday morning from 9 - 11 am. In June, we will work on the 13th & 27th. In July, we will work on the 11th & 25th. In August, we will work on the 1st, 15th & 29th. If you have any questions, please talk to Lynnette.



Hope Pregnancy Center: Baby Bottle project! Please pick up a baby bottle located in the East Transept to fill with your spare change. The change collected will be used to help babies and mothers across the entire area. This will run through Father's Day!

For the month of June the pantry is requesting Peanut Butter & Jelly, etc. This request is for June and is separate from other months.



Food Pantry

June Birthdays

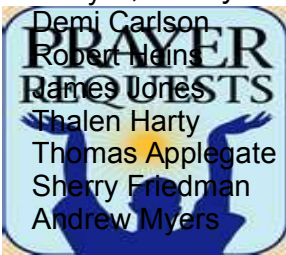


Jared Bressner	6/1
Marian Chapman	6/2
Eileen Robinson	6/2
Harley Mayer	6/3
Gene Orendorff	6/3
Joseph Durbin	6/4
Zayn Eilts	6/4
Delbert Robinson	6/4
Betty Olson	6/6
Marion Harding	6/7
Riley Kelly	6/7
Andy Torkelson	6/7
Dawn Graves	6/9
Amy Coates	6/12
Brittany Roper	6/13
Martin Wiechmann	6/14
Jaden VanHouten	6/15
Elizabeth Alvey	6/16
Francis Schott	6/16

Mary Ann Johnson	6/17
Jim Day	6/18
Caroyln Moore	6/18
Mary Sue Patterson	6/20
James Bartley	6/20
Jack Vogel	6/21

Please Pray for our Members:

Please continue to pray for: Jean Miller, Jean Stephanie Durnea, Mary Ann Johnson, Rupert Rodriguez, Harrison, Mary Anne Johnson, Steve Weber, Jan Demi Carlson, erie Harding, Steve Weber, Jan Robert Heins, Ime Willie Willhoite, Evan Rich, James Jones, llis Bradley, Kim Slaton, Jalene Thalen Harty, uchheit, Jakob Miller, Jonathan Thomas Applegate, er, Bill Hall, David Robinson, and Sherry Friedman, Bill Hall, David Robinson, and Andrew Myers



Homebound or Nursing Home Residents

Let us pray also for the following members who are homebound or nursing home residents:

Accolade: Victor Schroeder, Stacie Hensley, Bill Hall

Evenglow Lodge: Helen Rigg, Phyllis Bradley, Avis Schulz

Evenglow Inn: Delores Schultz, Nancy Willke and Marge Jacobson

The Pointe: Judy L Sykes

Pontiac Towers: Francis Schott

Homebound: Jim Jones, Stephen Weber & Doris Swenson

Citadel of Kankakee: Sylvia Bashore

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HOW TO WATCH OUR CHURCH SERVICES ONLINE:

YOUTUBE: www.firstlutheranyoutube.org

You can also subscribe to our YouTube channel by going to YouTube and searching for "Pontiac First Lutheran"

OUR CHURCH WEBSITE: <https://firstlutheranpontiac.org/live-stream/>

APPLE TV & ROKU: *Download an app called "Box Cast" and search for a channel called "Pontiac First Lutheran" Once you find it, make it one of your favorites and you can watch from your tv or phone!*

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/pontiacfirstlutheran/>

Go to this link and request to be added to the group. Once you are added you will get notifications of our next service and see past services!

TWITTER: <https://twitter.com/FirstPontiac>

If you have the twitter app, search for "First Pontiac" and you can 'follow' us on Twitter!



First Lutheran Church
Worshiping Christ - Serving Our Neighbor



Youth Group will be taking a break for the summer. We will be getting together soon to make plans for the upcoming year.



Men In Mission will have their annual steak fry on **Thursday, June 27** starting at 5 p.m. This year the steak fry will be held at Delbert Robinson's Pond. Look for directions and sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of offices. Come join us for some great food and fellowship!

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Worshiping Christ and Serving Our Neighbor”
Weekend Worship Schedule

Sat., 5:30 pm

Sun., 8:00 am

Sun., 10:30 am

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Our Staff

Pastor: **Tim Hubert**

Office Admin: **Judy Sykes**

Acct: **Angel Hall**

Custodian **DeAnn Dennis**

Vol. Coord: **Beth Ray**

Educ.: **Stacy Eilts**

Choir Dir: **Joseph Durbin**

2019 Congregational Council:

Kurt Lauritzen, President

Harold Hensley

Martin Wiechmann, V. President

Deb Crull

Joani Swenson, Secretary

Shelly Miller-Koeller

Steve Ray, Treasurer

Toby Coates

Marion Harding, Fin. Secretary

Julie Rapp

Andrea Muzzarelli

Kelly Villier