

TABLE TALK

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Admin. Assistant:	Carol Lathrop
Youth Leader:	Cindy Guest
Organist:	Marla Thompson
Celebration Pianist:	Faye Hovland
Choir Director:	Gary Wilson
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Our Purpose Statement:



*"Gathered by faith, under
God's grace, to grow -
in worship and witness,
in service and love.*

As an *OUTWARD* focused church,
our **VISION** is:



**BRINGING
HOPE
to FAMILIES
through CHRIST**

FIRST HAPPENINGS

Lent Begins on February 26 - Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, falls on Feb. 26. Please join with us as we begin this special penitential portion of the Church Year with a Holy Communion service and the imposition of ashes at 6:30 p.m. Also, plan to enjoy the first of the Wednesday Lenten suppers served from 4:45 - 6:00 p.m and a pre-service hymn sing at 6:15.

Pastoral Call Status - As of this writing, the First Lutheran Call Committee is awaiting a new list of candidates from the LCMS North Wisconsin District President. If any member of First knows of someone they wish to be considered, please submit the name to the Call Committee by not later than Sunday, 2/2.

February - First Lutheran Month at the "We Share Food Pantry" - For many years First Lutheran has stepped up during the month of February to provide various kinds of support for our community's "We Share Food Pantry." Now is the time for all of us to consider volunteering some hours of time and/or taking it upon ourselves to provide either cash or commodities to help fill its shelves. See the inside article in this news letter for details on how exactly you can go about providing a measure of help.

Activities on Sunday, February 16
Mark your calendars for Sunday, Feb. 16, for a couple of important activities. *The installation of Council Members and those of Council Ministries*, originally scheduled for January 12, but postponed, will take place at each of the two services. All such persons, including those continuing in office, are asked to make a special effort to be at one or the other of these services. *Also, one of two regular meetings of First's voters (all Confirmed members) takes place at the conclusion of the celebration worship, about 11:30 a.m.* This is the so-called Annual Meeting. The Annual Report of the congregation is to be out prior to this meeting and any pertinent item may be brought up for discussion.

Thrivent Choice Dollars Welcomed
If you are a Thrivent member, you automatically earn certain dollar amounts which may be directed toward a charity of your choosing. However, this does not happen automatically and you have to make a choice each year prior to March 31. Please note the article inside this newsletter for specifics on how these might be designated for our Church.

Rice Lake Pregnancy Help Center - Please don't forget that the baby bottle collections for this charity should be returned to the church by Feb. 16.

AS WE GATHER

We are called to remember our mortality as human beings. We are dust and ashes. We are sinful. We will all die one day. Yet, we also remember our immortality that is gifted to us because of Christ and his saving work on the cross. Lent is a desert journey from the dust and ashes of Ash Wednesday to the cross and forgiveness of Good Friday, and then ultimately to the joys of Easter and new life. But we do not fast-forward through the desert. We still must wander through Lent in humility and faith.

We will do this as we consider our Lenten theme: ***“Living Among the Bible Trees.”*** Unless we are especially environmentally minded, we may care only about the trees we see on a daily basis, such as the ones that drop sap on our cars, shade our homes, and paint our landscapes. Although we may not see them every day, the Bible’s trees are nonetheless relevant to us. In fact, considering them helps us realize why we need a Savior, how God provided a Savior for us in the person of Jesus Christ, and how the saved lives of repentant believers look. During the penitential season of Lent, we consider ***“Living Among the Bible’ Trees.”*** We begin by considering the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. There we realize that although the fruit of that tree renders us by nature blind, dead, and enemies of God, the fruit of Christ’s tree brings us light, life, and salvation.

Worship with us each Wednesday – ***beginning on February 26 at 6:30 p.m. during this Lenten Season.*** We will begin our services with a “hymn sing” about 6:15. Our Ash Wednesday service will be a communion service, with the imposition of ashes. Join us as we journey with our Lord, growing in our understanding of His suffering, passion, and death for our salvation.

Rev. Fred Buth
Vacancy Pastor

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Lenten Suppers – Beginning with Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26, various youth and women’s organizations of the congregation will be serving light suppers prior to the mid-week Lenten services between 4:45 and 6:00 p.m. Plan to join in this time of fellowship prior to these services.

Circuit Pastor Needs Up-date – Pastor Jody Walter from Redeemer Lutheran in Webster has recently written the following about his wife, Bonnie’s, ALS condition. *“Bonnie continues to slowly decline. She uses her feeding tube more and more. Our newest addition is a Tobii Dynavox computer. This is a computer that is controlled by her eyes. It is able to speak for her. It arrived yesterday and is still in the boxes. Waiting to hear from the manufacturer if we are to set it up by ourselves or if they’re going to come out. This was covered by the Concordia plan.*

She will be going on hospice at a yet undetermined date. And once she is on hospice we anticipate that we will likely still need to hire some additional care, although hopefully for fewer hours.....We are asking for your continued financial gifts for Bonnie’s care. They were a life saver in 2019 and we thank you in advance for any continuing help.”

Please continue to keep the Walters in your prayers and lend financial help by placing a check in the offering plate marked for “Circuit Pastor” as you are prompted.

New Bible Study Class to Start – Lutherans are often known as a Christian denomination whose teachings are solidly based on the Bible, but whose members often have relatively little Biblical knowledge. This new Bible study is intended to help correct that situation. It begins on Thursday, Feb. 6, at 3:00 p.m. in the church library, meeting six more times (every other week) by April 30, and then seven more in the fall of 2020.

The study is based largely, but not totally, on the book by Biblical scholars Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart, ***“How to Read the Bible for All its Worth,”*** which has sold over 500,000 copies. The first seven sessions cover the origins of the Bible and the main elements of the Old Testament. In order to help with planning, please sign up in the narthex, where additional detailed information is also available, by February 2. We’re calling this study, ***“Knowing Your Bible Better.”***

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

"I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the House of the Lord." Psalm 122:1 (KJV)

Worship Hours

Sunday Traditional Worship - 8:30 a.m.

Celebration Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays - 6:30 p.m

**Holy Communion - 1st and 3rd Sundays
and Previous Wednesdays**

February 2 - Fourth Sunday in Epiphany

Divine Service - Setting Four

Service Theme: In His Temple Now Behold Him

Lessons: 1 Samuel 1:21-28; Hebrews 2:14-18;

Luke 2:22-32

February 5 and 9 - Fifth Sunday in the Epiphany

Service of the Word - Setting Two

Service Theme: The Light of the World

Lessons: Isaiah 58:3-9a; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12;

Matthew 3:13-20

February 12 and 16 - Sixth Sunday in Epiphany

Divine Service - Setting One

Service Theme: Reconciliation and Peace

Lessons: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9;

Matthew 5:21-37

February 19 and 23 - Transfiguration Sunday

Divine Service - Setting One

Service Theme: "Listen to Him"

Lessons: Exodus 24:8-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21;

Matthew 17: 1-9

February 26 - Ash Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

Special Order of Worship w/ Holy Communion and
Imposition of Ashes

Service Theme: "Living Among the Bible Trees"



FEBRUARY 2020 CHOIR NOTES

InCHOIRing About Us?

This month is a time of transition: Epiphany, Transfiguration, Lent.

Our first selection this month will be on February 16th. It is a new anthem for the choir, *"Come, Build a Church,"* written by Ken Medema. Medema was legally blind from birth. Early in his life he used braille sheet music and his memory to learn the classics. He went on to receive his master degree in music therapy. It was said that he "sees with his mind and heart."

On Transfiguration Sunday, February 23, we will sing a hymn probably unfamiliar to the congregation, #416 in our Lutheran Service Book, and entitled, *"Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory."* The congregation is invited to sing this one along with the choir and become familiar with it.

As we begin Lent on Ash Wednesday, Pastor Buth is using the theme, *"Living Among the Bible Trees"* for his mid-week services. We offer the *"Tree of Life"* by David von Kampen during communion distribution. It has a familiar text by Stephen Starke, who has written more than 175 hymns.

A large variety of anthems and octavios are being planned for March and April as we progress during the Lenten and Easter seasons. If you have the desire to sing, we certainly welcome you to join our choir any time during the choral season. As a former director of the Kings College choir in Cambridge, England, has said, *"Choral singing is the best possible use of body, brain, and heart - the whole self. Everyone should get out there and sing."* Blessings as we sing to God's glory!

Gary and Hope Wilson

First Lutheran Church Council -2020

President - Jeff Frank	715-234-4670
Secretary - Sandy Kubesh	715-234-4106
<i>Chairs of Ministry Teams</i>	
Day School - Karla Arrigoni	715-234-2865
Family Life - Charlotte Walker	715-234-2404
Finance - Caroline Rabehl	715-234-3407
Outreach - Kay Frank	715-234-4389
Spiritual Care & V Pres. - John Smuda	715-651-7606
Worship - Helen Thompson	715-205-0871
Christian Care - Vacant	
Property - Vacant	
Stewardship - Vacant	

MISSION CORNER

A Work in Progress at Camp Luther

One of the major undertakings of our North Wisconsin District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is that of Camp Luther. For many years this has been a major outreach endeavor in an effort to instill, especially in our youth, a love for their Savior in the midst of enjoying the wonderful works of our Creator here in northern Wisconsin. *Its record of achievement tells us that those youth who have enjoyed the summer camp experience it offers are more likely to remain faithful to their Lord as they enter into their adult lives than would otherwise be the case.*

In the midst of this winter First Lutheran has recently received a communication from the Camp which primarily tells about major construction now underway which will provide a significant improvement to its facilities. *The first phase is on the main level and contains a new kitchen and pack-out kitchen, as well as a dining hall, which will also serve as the Community Center for the entire Camp.* This construction is expected to be completed by the time the upcoming summer camping season starts at a cost of about \$2.85 million, for which funds have already been received or pledged.

The second phase of this construction includes lower level education rooms, a coffee shop, restroom facilities, an elevator and storage facilities. *This has an estimated cost of \$350,000. and will not commence until funding is available.*

The second purpose of this communication includes a thanks to all who have been supportive of Camp Luther, including this particular project. *As a part of First Lutheran's recent Reformation 500 Thank Offering, our congregation has provided about \$16,000. toward it.*

At this time it is important that we keep Camp Luther in our prayers - that it will continue to lead especially young people to a life of faithfulness to their Lord. Additionally, more donations are needed to complete this effort and are welcomed by sending a check to Camp Luther, 1889 Koubenic Road, Three Lakes, WI 54562.

PRAYERS FOR FEBRUARY

1. Remember in your prayers **First Lutheran's Confirmation students:** Brett Mikolon, Colt Mikolon, and Dayton Eck. Pray that the Holy spirit will guide them as they study God's Word and grow in their faith together.

2. Pray for the **Bluegrass Gospel musicians,** asking God to use their music as a witness of His love and sharing the HOPE found in Christ.

3. Ask the Lord to open our hearts to **support our Rice Lake "We Share " Food Pantry,** especially during February, First Lutheran's special month for Food Pantry support. Pray that many in our congregation will respond by volunteering, and/or by donations of cash or food, along with prayers for local area people in need of food at this time.

4. Include in your prayers the **Pregnancy Help Center in Rice Lake and the clients who come to the Center** - that they would thirst after and desire to know God and be devoted to making positive changes in their lives.

5. **For those who hate and those who are hated,** pray for them. Pray also for forgiveness for our thoughtless prejudices and give us patience when others are intolerant of us.

6. Continue to **pray for the success of the "call process" at First Lutheran.** Let us be bold in asking God to soon guide a new shepherd to lead and serve us in caring for our spiritual needs.

More on Camp Luther - This is a good time to think about the summer camp program and registration for our children at Camp Luther at Three Lakes, WI. The program schedule for the summer camps is now available. If you do not have access to a brochure, check by our church office or call Camp Luther directly at 1-715-546-3647. *Camping is available for children of all ages throughout the summer.* They have camping at Camp Luther near Three Lakes and also at Keweenaw Base Camp for teens in grades 9-12. The Keweenaw camp is located near Houghton, Michigan. Pat and I visited there last fall. It is a beautiful place for camping. Check out these places for your children and grandchildren, and help them get registered for a wonderful camping experience. *FButh*



MORE HAPPENINGS

First Lutheran Food Pantry Month - During the month of February, the Christian Care Ministry will be collecting food and monetary donations for the "We Share" Food Pantry. Beginning February 1 there will be a box in the narthex and at the back entry for this purpose. Please check the Sunday bulletins for a current listing of the requested items although any non-perishable food items are appreciated. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, checks should be made payable to the *We Share Food Pantry* and placed in the weekly offering plate at church or mailed directly to the *We Share Food Pantry, P. O. Box 54, Rice Lake, WI 54868*. All donations are tax deductible.

We also staff the Food Pantry on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 to noon and on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 until 2:30 throughout the month of February. *If you would like to help, please call Bea Wellsandt at 715-234-2791 and offer your assistance.* As a member of First Lutheran, your contribution to this effort is essential to the operation of the food pantry in our community and very much appreciated.

Some Special Words of Thanks - Whenever one cites some individual(s) for their special efforts, it's probably true that others may well be overlooked. So, let it be known at the outset we are thankful for every one at First Lutheran who in any way are putting out some extra effort to help our Congregation function as well as it does as a part of the body of Christ. However, while we are still in the very beginning of a new year, we especially want to thank the following for their special services to all of us in 2019:

- ~ All who served in any leadership capacity
- ~ All Altar Guild members for week after week maintaining an attractive and worshipful sanctuary
- ~ Our Financial Secretary and Treasurer for faithfully conducting all our financial affairs
- ~ Our musicians, and especially our keyboard players and choir leadership
- ~ Our Call Committee
- ~ Our youth leader and all who work with her in connection with our children and youth
- ~ Our property management and maintenance people for keeping our facilities in good order
- ~ Snow shovelers - with lots to do this past year
- ~ Our preschool and child care staff

A CAKELESS BAKE SALE

*A bit of news I have today
A "Cakeless Bake Sale" is on its way.
In these rush days would now you bake
Pies or cookies, or even a cake?
You'd be surprised if you counted the cost
Of materials, heat and the time you've lost.
Baking for sales is extra work.
So now we've thought of a plan that's
Grand - and we feel quite sure
You will understand.
In a little envelope, PLEASE
Put the price of a pie or
A cake - or something nice.
Without fuss or bother
You have done your part.
We are sure you will give
With a willing heart.
This is the end of our little tale.
Let's make a success of our
"Cakeless Bake Sale."*

In lieu of our regular BAKE SALE, the above poem explains it. The proceeds will be designated for our **MIS- SION PROJECT**. This year the Mary/Martha Circle has chosen to give money to the *Associated Churches for Emergency Outreach (ACEO)*. ACEO allows for emergency funding help with shelter, heat and utilities, food, clothing, and transportation assistance for needy persons in the Rice Lake area.

Rice Lake area churches started this effort in 2004 to address needs of this kind on a coordinated basis as an inter-church community service.

We are asking our congregation to participate. Just take an envelope and label it **CAKELESS BAKE SALE**, place your donation in it, and then put it in the offering plate at church or mail it or take it to the church office. Checks should be made out to the *First Lutheran Mary/Martha Circle*. Please do this by April 1.

Thank you for your support!

Mary/Martha Circle

FIRST LUTHERAN FINANCIAL REPORT

December 2019

Operating Results

	<u>December 2019</u>		<u>Year To Date</u>	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Donations	\$ 33,968.50	\$34,504.00	\$ 253,397.50	\$ 239,963.10
School Inc.	7,769.08	6,390.25	68,184.30	70,993.30
Expenses	<u>\$ 28,810.94</u>	<u>\$28,300.64</u>	<u>\$ 296,290.37</u>	<u>\$ 300,570.79</u>
Net Income	\$ 12,926.64	\$12,593.61	\$ 25,591.43	\$ 10,385.61

Cash Assets

Checking	\$122,603.71
LCEF Savings	\$ 2,919.10
Long Term Savings	<u>\$ 83,643.10</u>
	\$210,166.64

Liabilities

LCEF Loan	\$ 41,385.49
Dedicated Funds	\$ 31,733.84
Special Support	\$ 31,797.68

Raawe Fund

Raawe Fund in LCEF	\$19,784.12
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Other February 2020 Items

Attention Thrivent Policy Owners - As you reflect about the results of First Lutheran's finances during 1919 (above), if you are a Thrivent policy holder you are urged to pause and also give some thought to the ***Thrivent Choice*** program. ***During the past several years it has been used effectively by our congregation and preschool.*** These are dollars from your Thrivent products that accumulate and can be directed by you to a charity of your choice. However, to do so you must direct what charity you want to benefit from it before the end of March of each year. So, ***now is the time for you to consider doing this and you can begin by simply calling 1-800-847-4836 and saying "Thrivent Choice,"*** or if you prefer, go to the Thrivent internet site and punch in: ***thrivent.com/thriventchoice***. Both our congregation and our preschool are then on your list of options, as are numerous other charitable choices. But please use these benefits - or lose them.

Thrivent also has a program called "***Thrivent ActionTeam***." Thrivent members can apply for a fund raiser, service activity, or educational event. Under it Thrivent provides \$250. in seed money and other materials to carry out its goals. Here, also, our church and preschool have in the past enjoyed the benefits through the actions of local Thrivent members, to whom we are thankful. In fact, we are thankful for these extra funds from both of these sources. For more information, please call Caroline Rabebl at 715-234-3407.

Bahama Island Relief - On 1/11/20 the Florida/Georgia LCMS District advised receipt of \$2,500. from First Lutheran. Most of these funds will go to devastated Abaco island still then without power and kids not in school.



Kids at First News



February 2020

Bible Story: Jesus' Miracles & Zacchaeus

Bible Verse: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.

Mark 12:30

January Happenings

January was a fun filled month learning about Jesus' many miracles. The kids were amazed at how Jesus could make a blind man see and heal a crippled man. It was fun watching them act out some of these stories and tell their friends how even the winds and waves obeyed Jesus.

We enjoyed a hot cocoa day and our PJ and Pancake day at school. The kids loved making (and eating 😊) pancakes and reading, "If you Give a Pig a Pancake" by Laura Numeroff.



Toward the end of this month we once again started our sweet partnership with a lady from "Home Sweet Home". She and her helper come and play games or read books with the students every Monday. Our sweet volunteer is wheelchair bound and it has been a wonderful way for the children to explore and be comfortable with the idea of disabilities. Our students all love their Mondays with our special friend.

February Events

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Come and join us for our 8th annual Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Kids at First on Saturday, February 8th from 8-10am. Tickets will be sold at the door; \$6 for adults, \$3 for ages 3-10, and 2yrs and under are free. Our preschool children and families, along with our Dayschool Ministry Board will be doing the preparing and serving.

We will once again have gift baskets available to make bids on. Please join us for a delicious breakfast and help support our Preschool.

ENROLLMENT OPEN: We will be opening enrollment (for summer and fall 2020) to current students on February 3rd. Enrollment will open on February 10th for the public. If you or anyone you know may be interested in our childcare center, please contact Becca or Allyson, stop by the office, or check out our website to see our options, rates & registration information.

Please spread the word to everyone you know.

Afternoon Daycare Teacher

We are currently looking to hire an afternoon daycare teacher to work alongside our afternoon staff. If you know of anyone who is 18+, wonderful with kids, and reliable, please let us know. Applications can be filled out on our website or can be picked up in the office.

Thanks for your continued support!

Becca Kodesh, Preschool Director/Teacher



JAM and FLASH NEWS!!!

JAM= Jesus And Me

FLASH=Faith, Love, And Service for Him!

AKA: First Lutheran Awesome Squad of Happiness!

Education Hour: Classes are 9:30-10:30 every Sunday. **February 2nd** will be our next Servant Sunday (Hearts for Jesus)



(February) Hearts for Jesus-LAMP: This year's Hearts for Jesus 2020 mission is LAMP (Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots Inc.) This ministry flies North to Canada to teach VBS as their main form of ministry to Indigenous, or native, people of the North. It is there 50th anniversary.

Visit: <https://www.lampministry.org/> to learn more.

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (JAM and FLASH students): Thank you all that participated in the Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. *Open your mouth for the mute (those who are not able or willing to speak), for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy. Proverbs 31: 8-9.*

Parenting Class (8 weeks long): There will be a parenting class offered during the education hour for approximately eight weeks, **tentatively start date is January 26th**. Watch for a signup sheet on the JAM room door.

Servant Sunday: No Sunday School until January 5th, 2020. On this day we will be having our Servant Sunday (Sanctity of Human Life). See you next year!

Boston 516 Servant Event 2020: (Tentative youth going Jackson, Jamie, Kristen, and Nevaeh) Dates for this event are **TENTATIVELY CHANGING TO August 2nd-7th, 2020**. Our next meeting is tentatively set for **Sunday, February 9th, 11:30-12:30**.

National Youth Gathering 2022: (Nevaeh, Melissa, Cindy) If you are currently 11 years old...you may be eligible for the next National Youth Gathering. Our next meeting is planned for **Sunday, January 26th, 11:30-12:30**.

Acolytes: (Come to the 9:30 Education Hour for training).

We look forward to having you be a part of our worship service. If you are unable to acolyte or do offering, please find a replacement.

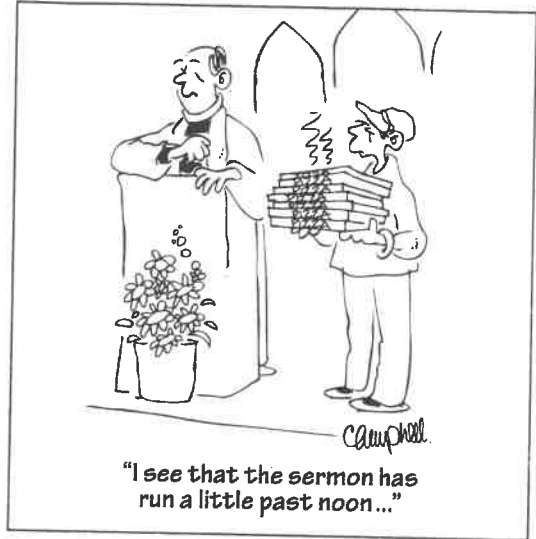
RSVP me cguest1988@charter.net or 715-415-1988 All for Him, Cindy Guest-Youth Leader

The very best Valentine

Almost everyone — at least of the female persuasion — knows the romantic meaning of the phrase “hearts and flowers.” Valentine’s Day is coming! What will I get from my boyfriend ... my husband ... my best friend? I’m hoping for some sort of bouquet, a card full of loving words and red hearts, candy or at least a sweet balloon.

Human beings may disappoint. That special someone may forget to check the calendar for February 14. But even if he doesn’t come through exactly as I hope, I can still be amazed and happy with the valentine I am sure to receive every day from my heavenly Father and his Son: words of delight and joy and caring — always surrounding me with love and more love. These are the best “hearts and flowers” I could ever have, and which I do have, on Valentine’s Day and throughout eternity.

—Sandy Hyland



February 29 - Saturday

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March 1 - Sunday

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MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

2 - Elbert

9 - Arrigoni

16 - Fulton

23 - Krenzke

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SATURDAYS

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8 - Willert

15 - Henningsen

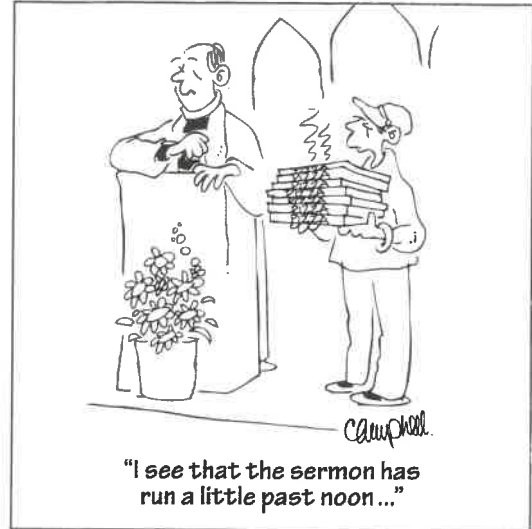
22 - Poethke

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16 - Fulton 715-234-1864

23 - Krenzke 715-234-6839

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SATURDAYS

1 - Sandstrom 715-234-5714

8 - Willert 715-234-8036

15 - Henningsen 715-234-3694

22 - Poethke 715-234-3077

February Birthdays and Anniversaries



Birthdays

1	Stacey Hahn, Marcia Erickson	17
2	Brady Shimko	18
3	Cooper Vesper, Hailey Mikolon	19
4		20
5	Florence Strand, Andy Oestreich, Runae Maloney	21
6		22
7	Craig Anderson	23
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9	Justin Harriman	25
10	Ethan Anderson	26
11	Donald Poethke	27
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13	Doris Kamrath, Walter Rabehl, Harry Smuda,	29
14	Charlotte Walker	30
15	Theresa Kamrath	31
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Anniversaries

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Allyson Lammers: Daycare Financial

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Carol Lathrop: Admin. Assistant

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Sunday School (JAM Time)

Sundayschool@firstlutheranricelake.com

Church Office Hours:

Mon. – Thurs. 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Church Council Minutes – January 16, 2020

Members Present: Pastor Buth, Jeff Frank, Sandy Kubesh, Karla Arrigoni, Charlotte Walker, Caroline Rabehl, Kay Frank, and Helen Thompson.

Others Present: Walter Herrman

I. Meeting called to order and prayer:

President Jeff Frank called meeting to order at 6:30pm. Opening prayer was given by Pastor Buth. Jeff introduced and welcomed Helen to Council.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes from the Thursday, December 12, 2019 meeting:

Approval of Thursday, December 12, 2019 was done via email.

III. Approve Agenda:

Motion was made by Karla and seconded by Caroline to approve agenda with adding an item to Old business and New business. Motion carried.

IV. Old Business:

A. Update on Handicap Entrance:

Walter gave report on behalf of the Property Ministry. The two doors at the west entrance have had handicap door switch buttons installed. One door was done in December of 2019 and the other one in January of 2020. Sandy made a motion and Charlotte seconded to approve Property recommendation to install the second door. Cost for the first door is \$3500.00 and will be paid through the Property Ministry budget in 2019. The second door costing \$3000.00 will be taken from the Raawe Fund in LCEF. Motion carried. Council is very thankful for the entities that funded this project.

B. Church locks/key box:

Church locks will not be changed at this time, but, it is suggested to find out who has keys and record their names and number of key. A new key box has been installed in the office on the west side. Combination was given to Jeff to distribute to whom he thought would need it.

C. Cindy Guest – Council member:

Jeff will take care of this item and will report back to Council when more information is acquired.

D. Call Committee update:

On January 7th, Pastor Buechner was here. Strategy moving forward was discussed. Pastor Buechner will call President Lueck for a new list and is uncertain how long that will take.

E. Children & Youth Ministry to have a credit card:

After careful consideration and discussion, it was agreed to let Cindy Guest have a credit card to purchase items she needs for the Children and Youth as she is using her private account now. She will keep her fund raising account separate from this one. Karla made a motion and Charlotte seconded to approve a credit card for Cindy Guest for Children and Youth Ministry with a limit set. Motion carried.

V. New Business:

A. Council Vice-President:

According to the constitution, President and Vice-Presidents have to be male. Discussion followed and Jeff will bring forth information acquired at the Voter's meeting regarding this. Sandy made a motion and Charlotte seconded to approve John Smuda as Vice-President of Council. Motion carried.

B. Fill out Council information sheet:

An information sheet was passed around for Council members to fill out with their names, Ministry name, phone number and e-mail address.

C. Add Cindy Fulton to Christian Care Ministry:

According to the constitution (Letter B. number 2: An officer may serve for no more than (3) full terms; plus any part-term for any given Council position, without a break in service of at least one (1) year.) Meaning, Cindy cannot be a voting member but can still go to all meetings as a volunteer as she used her six year term and must be off for one year. This part of the constitution will be brought up at Voter's meeting to possibly change.

D. Distribute orientation sheets:

Orientation/Information packet was distributed. Church constitution, 2020 church officers and Ministry team members, preparation for Ministry team meetings and Council meetings, additional expectations of Council members, volunteer request form, information about financial aspects and payment voucher. Annual report, Church Directory and 2020 budget will be given out as well.

E. Church Directory:

Directory is being worked on by our administrative assistant and Pastor Buth. It will be distributed when it is completed. A suggestion to add e-mail addresses to next years' directory.

F. Annual Report:

Annual report is being worked on by Sandy Kubesh. It will be ready for distribution by February first.

G. Who is in charge of Weddings/Funerals: