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“Feast at First” 37th Anniversary at the Delaware County Fair July 12th – 18th, 2021

Summer is finally here and that means that the Delaware County Fair is just around the corner. “Feast at First” food stand at the fair has been our number one fundraiser for 36 years. To make this week a success, we need a large number of people from our congregation to help. Specifically, we need a total of 30 workers in 4 different shifts per day at the fairgrounds, and 6 people per day in the morning at the church kitchen. We also need pie bakers!! (They need to be two-crust pies, and not cream pies.)



The sign-up sheets are currently in the church narthex/welcome area. Please take time to consider signing up for a shift or two or three - it is a great way to get to know other people in our congregation. The church office will have a limited number of complimentary tickets available each day for food stand workers to get into the fairgrounds – first come, first served.

Everyone pray for favorable weather that week - not too HOT, and NO RAIN during food stand hours. It should be another great week!

John Zietlow, “Feast at First” Chair



Be sure to mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School, which will be held July 26th through July 30th from 5:00-8:00 P.M. Supper will be served at 5:00. Registration is being done online this year via the link that can be found on our church website or via our Facebook page. The deadline to register and be guaranteed a T-shirt is July 16th.

Also, we are still looking for volunteers for VBS. Whether it is for just one day, a couple of days, or all week, we would gratefully accept any help. We are needing help in the kitchen, as well as shepherds and teacher assistants to help with the little people. Contact Alana DeMoss at 563-920-8476 (text or voice message), by email at fivekidscrazy@outlook.com, or send Alana a private message via the church Facebook page.

Summer office hours are in effect through September 3rd. The hours will be the same as they have been the past several summers:



Mon. thru Thurs. 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
(gone for lunch from 12:30-1:30)
& Friday 9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

There may be times when Lynne needs to be gone briefly during those hours for a dr. appt. or to run to the post office, etc. You're welcome to leave a note, call, or stop back later. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

July Radio & Flower Sponsors

KMCH Radio Broadcast

July 4Travis & Tanya Burnett family
July 11Bill & Laura Thomas
July 18Ron & Tirzah Wedewer family
July 25Jan & Corene Messer, in celebration
of their 50th wedding anniversary, &
the wedding of their granddaughter,
Makenna Coates & Ryan Kelley

Altar Flowers

July 4OPEN
July 11Mary & Tony Zieser, in celebration of
their 23rd wedding anniversary
July 18OPEN
July 25Jan & Corene Messer, in celebration
of their 50th wedding anniversary, &
the wedding of their granddaughter,
Makenna Coates & Ryan Kelley

***All radio sponsorships for 2021 are filled!
However, many flower spots are still available.***

Prayers Concerns:

If you would like a prayer request sent on the e-mail prayer wheel, OR added to the prayers of intercession spoken during worship services, contact Lynne in the church office at 563-927-3420, or firstlutheranmch@gmail.com.

GodSpeed Equine Mission Trip

GodSpeed Equine is a nonprofit, Christian-based organization to help abused and neglected youth. They use animals (horses and dogs) as therapy to help heal these young kids. First Lutheran is leading a mission trip on Saturday, August 28th to construct fencing for GodSpeed. We plan to start at 7:30 A.M., working in teams to construct over 8,000 feet of fencing, using what is called continual pipe fencing.

We need 60 dedicated people to come along and enjoy the fellowship, while doing something to help these abused & neglected kids. Our goal is to complete the entire task that day. There are jobs for any age and skill level, including preparing the food for everyone (the food will be simply awesome!). We will have a lot of equipment on sight to help with the heavy work. Do not underestimate your ability to help!

The one tool we need a lot of is cordless impacts. If you have one, or know of someone we can borrow from, PLEASE let me know. We will meet on Sunday, August 22nd to sort out job assignments and go over final details!

When this facility is complete it will be called "Victory Ranch", and it is located at 30151 250th Street, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063. We do have a block of rooms reserved at the AmericInn in Grimes for anyone wanting to stay the night before. This hotel is about 3 miles from the facility. These rooms will be available on a first come, first served basis until July 25th. Please contact me soon if you desire a room. Also, if you would like to share a ride with someone, please let me know that as well.

If you doubt the enjoyment and/or the reward from one of our fencing projects, please talk to anyone who has participated in the past - I assure you they will convince you to go! If you have any questions, please contact me @ (563)920-0243.

Godspeed,
Doran Zumbach, Project Chairman



Update on the Fundraising for our GodSpeed Equine Fence Mission Project...

We have made significant progress towards our goal of raising \$75,000-\$80,000. We currently stand at \$46,306.11 with a little over a month to go to raise the rest. Thank you to everyone who has pitched in so far. Please prayerfully consider a generous donation today so that we have the funds available to write the check in July to ensure timely delivery of everything needed by August 28th. Continue to pray for a successful conclusion to this chapter of our mission project, and also continue to share the video and spread the word about this very important ministry which will, without a doubt, change the lives of abused kids forever.

Jeff State, Fundraising Chair

First Lutheran Golf Outing

Be on the lookout for more information about our upcoming golf outing, planned for August 8th at 1:00 pm at Pin Oak!

Thank you to all who honored me with birthday greetings. Some of you added to your name that you were a friend from this congregation. Let me assure you that I'm not senile (yet), as I was able to visualize each one of you in my mind's eye. Throughout the years this congregation has been a blessing to me, and I'm grateful to have been a part of you.



Your brother in Christ, Vello Villberg



July Acolytes

Sun., July 4, 8:00a - Ben Palas, Rachael Hoefer
Wed., July 7, 6:00p - Ethan Bunting, Olivia Halverson
Sun., July 11, 8:00a - Ashton Fangman, Owen Pettlon
Wed., July 14, 6:00p - Alexandar Mesinovic,
Wes Devaney
Sun., July 18, 8:00a - Grady Millenkamp, Lanni Beaman
Wed., July 21, 6:00p - Lance Feldmann, Landen Palmer
Sun., July 25, 8:00a - Nathan Hanson, Kaleb Willie
Wed., July 28, 6:00p - Aarebella & Carson Haynes

**Please be at church approximately
15 minutes prior to the service.**

Stewardship Update...

By the time you receive the July newsletter the fair will be less than 2 weeks away. The fair food stand is First Lutheran's biggest fundraiser of the year. All the profits goes to missions near and far.

Stewardship is more than just giving your tithes, it also is giving of your time and talents that God has blessed you with. Please consider taking time out of your day and week to work at your First Lutheran food stand. It takes many people working together to make it a successful week. Consider working a shift, or maybe just a few hours during the peak times. We need more youth helping at the food stand. It is a good time to teach your children the importance of giving of their time for God. They can learn many skills while working at the stand - how to handle money, take orders, prepare food, work together, have a good work ethic, and much more. Maybe do it as a family to set an example and to have family time together. As the saying goes, many hands make light work.

Again I ask, please look into your hearts and plan to work some time at the fair food stand. It can be very rewarding to know you are serving the local community by feeding the people at the fair, and raising funds for people in need throughout the world. See you at the fair.

Sincerely,
Larry Richmond, Stewardship Chair

P.S. - If you sign up, please work your shift or make sure you find your own replacement. Don't leave it up to John to scramble to find workers.



FREEZER MEALS MISSION

Don't forget about freezer meals! If you know of someone who has a family member that is sick, had surgery, is hospitalized, is grieving the death of a loved one, has a new baby (or anyone who could use an easy meal to prepare), please think about our freezer meals! You can call the church office to arrange to pick up meals, or we can deliver if we have the information.

*Feast at First
Freezer Meals*



Attention: Thrivent Members

If you or someone in your family has a Thrivent product (life insurance policy or investment, for example), that person would be eligible to apply for two Action Team grants per year; each project is worth up to \$250.00. I, or any other Thrivent member, can help you complete the application - we just need to know who is eligible.

We have used Thrivent Action Team money to offset expenses for the fair food stand, college/military care packages, fundraisers for Heaven Bound youth trips, and buying food for freezer meals. There are rules that apply, but many members are available to help. If you are interested in learning more about this, please contact your Thrivent representative, or call me, Brenda Saunders (563)920-3191. Thank you.

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C³ Contemporary Worship

Our short-term goal is being implemented at Wednesday night worship with Pastor Tony leading singing with his guitar. We have agreed that in addition to praise music, we need to continue to include confession, prayer, scripture, the creed, a sermon, and communion. Those components of worship may eventually look different than our current service, but will remain a part of the service.

We need people to join our committee with ideas to achieve our long-term goals. We are looking for people to use their talents to lead singing or play instruments. We plan to visit other churches who have contemporary worship.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, July 21st at 7:00 after worship. Call Vicki Zietlow at 563-608-6574 or Karen Nieman at 563-923-6225 if you have suggestions or questions. Other members of our vision team are Norma Borcharding, Rayma Huggins, Diane Blatt, and Pastor Ede.



First Lutheran Church Council Minutes ~ June 13, 2021

The regular meeting of First Lutheran Council was called to order at 9:24 A.M.

Members present: Pastor Tony Ede, Sarah Maurer, Brenda Saunders, Larry Richmond, Mark Guetzko, Doran Zumbach, Vicki Zietlow, Karen Nieman, Lisa Guetzko, Troy Askeland, & Tanya Burnett

Devotions were given by Larry.

Church Growth: Reading of Constitution on hold for now; Part VI 'Officers and Boards' when continued;

Approval of May Council Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mark, seconded by Larry. Motion carried.

Approval of May Treasurer's Report: Reports were presented by Sarah; moved by Larry, seconded by Lisa, to approve the May treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Total Income YTD May 2021	\$ 89,868.43	Total Income Prior YTD 2020	\$79,702.94
Total Income YTD budgeted	\$ 111,020.85		
Total Income YTD vs budget	(- \$ 21,152.42)		
Total Expenses YTD May 2021	\$ 96,608.70	Total Expenses Prior YTD 2020	\$94,279.15
Total Expenses YTD Budgeted	\$ 88,710.08		
Total Expenses YTD vs budget	\$ 7,898.62		
Operating YTD Loss	(- \$ 6,740.27)	Operating YTD Loss 2020	(- \$14,576.21)

Treasurer's Report – Sarah Maurer: Will give a financial update to the congregation in July

President's Report – Doran Zumbach: See Old Business

President-Elect – Troy Askeland: Suggested modification of the wheelchair space in the sanctuary; needs to be bigger for easier access.

Pastor Ede's Report:

- He attended an anniversary celebration for Pastor Rabary's 25th ordination;
- Pastor will celebrate his 15-year anniversary of his ordination on August 20th;
- At NALC pastors' retreat recently, they announced the addition of regional districts; the central office for the Bishop and General Secretary will be established in Dallas, Texas - exact location TBD;
- Meadows bible study has been intermittent due to COVID restrictions there;
- GNH communion service to be held this week

Christian Ed – Tanya Burnett:

- Per Youth & Family Vision Team, goal is for ALL members to have educational opportunities;
- Larry's bible study continues on Sunday mornings;
- GIG is taking a break for the summer, but we encourage participants to volunteer at fair food stand and other mission opportunities this summer;
- First Lutheran is helping with community VBS at Lambert Elementary June 14th-18th;
- VBS at First Lutheran will be July 26th-30th in the evenings. Volunteers are needed.

Evangelism – Lisa Guetzko:

- Will meet on Zoom for book study 'The Gift of Being Yourself' on June 18th;
- EvangaTeam is planning an Ice Cream Social after Wednesday service on June 30th;
- Planning a golf outing on August 8th;
- Possible car cruise being considered for September;
- Possible campfire being considered

Lay Ministry – Karen Nieman: No report (committee does not meet in summer months)

Properties – Mark Guetzko:

- 3-D model of education wing almost complete to aid in planning for best use of rooms. All groups who use this space encouraged to give input; asked council to continue thoughts on best use of wing;
- Planning August 6th-7th for church work day - disposal of non-used items, painting of education wing, general clean up;

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- Parsonage carpet cleaning, installation of master bathroom heated vent fan to be done;
- AC unit in office area was serviced. HVAC serviceman advised that this system is very old, and replacement of the entire unit will be needed in the near future;

Social Ministry – Vicki: No report

Stewardship – Larry Richmond: Pleased to welcome people coming back to church after COVID

Secretary – Brenda Saunders: Asked if servers can start handing wine directly to those receiving communion; it was decided this is appropriate now; continue to sanitize hands, but gloves are no longer necessary;

Old Business:

- Subsplash website - Received approval from Apple; Sarah hopes to have website up and running before the Del. Co. Fair
- Mark will schedule zoom meeting in June with committee working on sound system;
- Vision Planning: Pastor suggested vision team leaders give update every week on one of the areas
- Godspeed Equine - Material shortages and prices still are hurdles;
- Fundraising for Godspeed - Donations are coming in, but we have a long way to go;
- NALC convocation to be held in Corpus Cristi, TX. First Lutheran is allowed three voting delegates; need volunteers to represent this congregation from August 4th-6th.
- Discussed some non-designated funds that could be used for Godspeed Equine if needed;
- Discussion on Volunteer Coordinator position, job description; until the position is filled, Karen Nieman (lay ministry chair) will send out emails to fill service positions. Assigning members to fill spots has been used in prior congregations of council members - offered this as suggestion. Would like to engage more of our members to fill positions.

New Business:

- Received word that Natalie will be leaving Goslings for other employment, but could still continue doing financial services for First Lutheran - Sarah will follow up with Goslings to seek best solution;
- Discussion on change of July council meeting; motion made by Troy, seconded by Sarah to move the July meeting to Sunday, July 11th at 9:30 A.M. Motion approved;
- Planning on a busy "Feast at First" food stand at the fair and will need many workers. Please keep this in mind, and sign up to help.

Next meeting will be held Sunday, July 11th at 9:30 A.M. Meeting adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Saunders

You are encouraged to use the any of the tools provided to you for supporting the church financially. These tools include:

- ♦ *Place your offering in the plate at the back of church after worship services*
- ♦ *Mail a check or cash to the church office*
- ♦ *Sign up for automatic giving with your bank*
- ♦ *Give online via Subsplash through our church website, firstlutheranmch.com*
- ♦ *Give through Venmo, [@flchurch](https://www.venmo.com/flchurch)*



You are invited to attend a service of Holy Communion with Renewal of Ordination Vows for Christopher Staley on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

Sunday, July 25th, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.

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212 N. Main St., St. Ansgar, Iowa

Pastor Staley is the current Dean of the Iowa Mission District of the NALC. You may send congratulatory greetings to:

Pastor Christopher Staley

712 W. 6th St., St. Ansgar, IA. 50472

THANK YOU for your CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT to FIRST LUTHERAN

Attendance & Offering Report

<u>Year-To-Date Contributions</u>		<u>YTD Total Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Weekly Avg.</u>
March	\$ 54,674.59	\$ 58,814.73	- \$ 4,140.14	259	65
April	\$ 72,717.39	\$ 77,931.49	- \$ 5,214.10	421	150
May	\$ 89,868.43	\$ 96,608.70	- \$ 6,740.27	540	108



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July 2021 Summer Worship Schedule

Sundays @ 8:00 A.M. ~ Wednesdays @ 6:00 P.M.

*(The Sunday service is broadcast on KMCH Radio 94.7 FM
and live streamed on kmch.com and Facebook Live)*

OFFICE HOURS

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Our Mission Statement

***“To GATHER and CELEBRATE God’s saving love around Word and Sacraments,
to GROW in faith, love and service, & to GO into the world as Christ’s disciples”***