



the Spire

MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER

June 2019 SPIRE

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Phone: (651)388-9311
office@firstlutheranrw.com
www.firstlutheranrw.com

FIRST LUTHERAN STAFF

Arthur Sharot: Senior Pastor

ext. 15 / arte42@gmail.com

Marilee Anderson: Director of Music

ext. 19 / marilee.a.anderson@gmail.com

Tina Goeman: Director of CYF

ext. 14 / tina@firstlutheranrw.com

Gina Nelson: Bookkeeper, PT

ext. 11 / bookkeeper@firstlutheranrw.com

Laurel Stinson: Administrative Assistant

ext. 10 / office@firstlutheranrw.com

Dial 6 to leave a message

Syl Andersen: Custodian, PT

H: 651/388-7453 C: 651-380-8663

Brian Fladhammer: Maintenance, PT

H: 651/388-2675

2019 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Kathy Emery - President/Personnel

Alyson Kloeckner - Treasurer/Youth & Family/
Education/Finance

Joe Rice - Finance/Personnel

Wendy Erickson - Secretary/Life and Growth

John Laidlaw - Stewardship/Education

Cyd Mark- Vice President/ Worship

Tom Sasse - Worship

Matt Stinson -Stewardship

Mary Weberg - Christian Action

Mark Jaeger - Property

Bunny Kulstad - Life and Growth

Jon Ubbelohde - Property

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour

10:45 a.m. Sunday School (*Sept- May*)

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Reset Wednesday

Saturday

5:30 p.m. Worship in the Norelius Chapel

PRAYER MINISTRY

Kaitlynn Kukuska, Crystal Swanson, Marcia Krause, Jenny Edmonds, Donna Prescher, Bob Swanson, Joann Hosking, Janet Larson, Gerald Lein, Beverly Lein, Horst Radtke, Carol Peterson, Kandis Mendez, Juventino Mendez, Adair Palmatier, Doris Johnson, Eleanor Peterson, Abby Ritter, Bob Weir, Carl Meyer, Dan Jones, Betty and Ann O'Brian, Jenny Piehl, Arlan Johnson, Darrell Nelson, Cheryl Youmans, Marie, Karen Graves, Holly (Dissell) Benson



BAPTISM

Griffin Patrick Kohner, child of Matthew and Jessica Kohner, was baptized at First Lutheran on Saturday, May 11, 2019.

FUNERALS

Our sympathy and prayers go out to those mourning the loss of a loved one.

Dorothy Naseth, who died May 4th, 2019. A funeral service was held at First Lutheran Church, May 10th.

Melinda Helmer, who died May 17th, 2019. A funeral service was held at First Lutheran Church, May 22nd.

FROM THE PASTOR

'You chose this house to be called by your name, and to be for your people a house of prayer and supplication. 1 Maccabees 7.37 NRSV

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus.

Some time back I did a lenten series on the "Marks of Discipleship". We highlighted the fundamental of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We talked about Worship, Bible reading and study, generosity, Christian friends and prayer.

Prayer is one of the most important things that we can do as Christians. In prayer as we communicate with God, we bring our joys and sorrows our thanks and praise. We also, and maybe most importantly, bring our supplications for others, for their troubles and problems.

We have a wonderful facility here at First Lutheran, I love it. The whole community loves this building and wants to use it partly because it is so accessible and, with an older community, that is so important.

We also have great space for the children's day care. The parking lot is handy along with the classroom space. It is wonderful to be able to provide the space since there is such a shortage of day care in Red Wing.

I am also impressed with the acoustics of our sanctuary. It is a pleasure to sing here at First Lutheran.

Yet, with everything that we have going for us at this facility and with all the uses for us and the community, we need to remember that the church building is first and foremost a house of prayer.

During our worship services, we list the people on our prayer list who are in need of prayer for one reason or another. I must confess sometimes the list gets long but then I remember this is a house of prayer. If we do not pray together here for people in need during our worship here in this place, where will it happen?

Now, I know that we can all pray for people anywhere at any time, but God calls us together as a congregation to not only hear the word, sing his praises, ask for mercy and forgiveness and receive the sacrament, but also to pray together as the people of God, for the people of God.

We can help feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and lonely and be a loving presence but we cannot solve all of world's problems. Many times we are limited in what we can do but we can always pray that Jesus will heal the sick and change people's lives.

We believe in a God that not only brings us comfort, knowing that he listening to our prayers, but a God that often acts to make the world a better place.

May First Lutheran be a house of prayer and may we be a prayerful people. God bless you, *Pastor Arts*

6/1	Mt 8:28-34	Gerasene Demoniac
6/2		
6/3	Mt 8:19-22	Sending 70
6/4	Mt 14:13-21	Feeding the 5,000
6/5	Mt 17:1-8	Transfiguration
6/6	Lk10:25-37	Good Samaritan
6/7	Lk 13:10-17	Bent-over woman
6/8	Lk 15:1-32	Parables of Lost and Found
6/9		
6/10	Lk 16:19-31	Rich man and Lazarus
6/11	Lk 19:1-11	Zacchaeus
6/12	Mt 25:31-46	Sheep and Goats
6/13	Mt 21:33-46	Parables of the Vineyard
6/14	Acts 2:1-21	Pentecost
6/15	Acts 3	Healing the Lame man
6/16		
6/17	Acts 4	Peter & John b4 the Council
6/18	Acts 8:26-39	Baptism of the Ethiopian
6/19	Acts 7:58-8:1; 9:1-30	Call of Paul
6/20	Acts 19	Peter and Cornelius
6/21	Phil 2:1-13	Philippians Humility
6/22	1 Cor 13	Love Hymn
	Congrats you	Completed the 60 readings
6/23		
6/24	Judges 6:11-7:23	Gideon's Dog Men
6/25	1 Samuel 24:2-7	David Ambushes Saul in a cave while he's "busy"
6/26	2 Samuel 6:12-21	King David dances
6/27	Genesis 19:24-26	Lot's wife
6/28	Mark 5:1-20	Gerasene Demoniac
6/29	Mark 8:14-21	Disciples and loaves of bread
6/30		

Southeastern Synodical Women's Organization Cannon River Conference, April 27, 2019

The Cannon River Conference was held on April 27, 2019 at First English Lutheran Church in Faribault. Besides the speakers, the 59 women who attended were from: First English Lutheran (Faribault), Vang Lutheran (Dennison), Dale Lutheran and Gol Lutheran (Kenyon), Grace Lutheran (Nerstrand), St. John's Lutheran and Bethel Lutheran (Northfield), St. Paul's, United and First Lutheran (Red Wing) and Cross of Christ (Welch). Over \$800.00 in contributions were collected from these various churches.

The speaker was Sam Ouk whose parents were from Cambodia. He said the best situation was in the 80's and 90's when churches sponsored immigrants. Now very few immigrants were coming to southern Minnesota.

The Winona Campus Ministry has a new theme for the summer. It is "Care for God's Creation." The Crossroads Ministry at Mankato State University has the theme, "God Takes Us as We Are." Their prayers have been answered with staff members appearing when needed and money to repair their roof. They also have a lady who knits blessing scarves. Tuesday lunches have been helpful to students and there are bags for food for students who need them.

Thrivent and Habitat for Humanity are coordinating various projects. Habitat projects are following the formula of the founders Millard and Linda Fuller, "We have got to be practical." The next home they build will be their 50th. The criteria for a Habitat home is: need, willingness to pay the mortgage, and partnering (participating in the construction). "Everyone Deserves a Place to Live" is the Habitat slogan.

Our next Synodical meeting is Sat. Sept 21, 2019. "Called to Serve" and will be held in Owatonna. There is also another meeting for WELCA at Good Earth on June 30th.

Submitted by Nancy Thorson

Music Notes

Thank you to all the musicians in Chancel Choir, Joyful Ringers, Kids Rock, and the Praise Team for your leadership in worship since last September. Also a huge thank you to anyone who provided special music for services.

We would like people to step forward to share musical talents at our summer worship services. Let Marilee know if you are interested.

Do you play piano? Can you play hymns? If so, we need you. Pianists are needed for the Saturday worship services. Pianists play on a rotating basis. Let Marilee know if you can help.

Where Have All The Flowers Gone...?

Isn't it wonderful to see gorgeous flowers on our altar every week? A heartfelt thank you to everyone that has generously provided altar flowers. We do have a number of Sundays open on our signup sheet, and we would love to see your arrangements grace our altar. Did you know you do not have to order your flowers from a specialty shop? You can purchase flowers anywhere - Kwik Trip, your favorite grocery store, anywhere they sell flowers! Do you have a flower garden? It is finally warming up (YAY!). It won't be long until we see our gardens blooming - please consider sharing your own cut flowers with the congregation. The signup sheet is located on the wall behind the service desk. Thank you for your consideration!

Church League Softball

Church League Softball has started! The First Lutheran Team has the following schedule for this year:

May 30th - 8:30PM

June 3rd - 6:30PM

June 13th - 8:30PM

June 20th (Double Header) - 7:30 and 8:30PM

June 24th - 7:30PM

July 8th - 6:30PM

July 18th - 6:30PM

Playoffs are either Saturday, July 27th or August 3rd. All games will be played at Upper AP Anderson Park on field 2.

Come watch the team! If you are interested in playing - please contact Ethan Draz at 507-279-9383

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2019

Present: Mary Weberg, Jon Ubbelohde, Joe Rice, Aly Schwartz, Tom Sasse, John Laidlaw, Bunny Kulstad, Pr. Arte Sharot, Mark Jaeger, Cyd Mark, Kathy Emery, Wendy Erickson,
Absent: Matt Stinson

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Emery.

Treats and devotions were offered by Wendy Erickson.

AGENDA: MSC (moved, seconded and carried) to accept the agenda as presented.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: MSC to accept as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: We are ahead slightly on giving for the year but this is mainly still due to several people paying their entire year's offering in one lump sum. MSC to accept the financial report as presented.

STAFF REPORTS: These were submitted prior to the meeting. There were no questions.

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS:

•Worship and Music—The committee is discussing ideas for worship. They are not meeting in June or July.

•Property—Felber Roofing should be starting on the roof repairs in the next couple of weeks depending the weather. Sylvander will assist by moving the air conditioning units. We are still waiting to hear when the back (old food shelf) steps will be repaired. The spring cleanup day went well. A request has been made to the county to paint lines in the parking lot.

•Life and Growth—Carnations were given to mothers and daughters on Mother's Day. Plans are also being made for Father's Day. Plans are also underway for activities in August and September.

•Education—Senior Sunday is May 19. Planning for Vacation Bible School is underway.

•Youth—A draft of a policy for volunteers who work with youth was given to committee members for review.

•Christian Action—Habitat for Humanity is currently working on two houses in Red Wing and will also build a third one later this year. Parker Quammen would like to do a temple talk. Please sign the blessing board in the narthex. There is a plan to go to Feed My Starving Children quarterly. Using more environmentally friendly cups was also discussed.

•Personnel—All the staff reviews have been completed. The next project is updating the employee files. Kathy Emery and Roy Harley will work on this.

OLD BUSINESS:

•Church Website—Dani Rice gave us a demonstration of the changes made to the church website. She has been working with Bill Mackey, Pastor Arte and Laurel on this. Committees are asked to submit a brief description of their committee's work and if possible a photo or image. This can be given to Dani or Laurel.

NEW BUSINESS:

•Spire and Bulletin—The Spire is being reviewed/proofed by Kathy Emery and Ellen Mackey. If anyone has anything to contribute, please submit it to Laurel by the second Thursday of the month.

•There will be no council meeting in July.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Erickson

Next meeting—June 11 at 6:30 pm

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your ongoing support to Red Wing Youth Outreach throughout the years. Your donations have helped with our mentoring program with the High School and the Middle School. Students in the program have increased their GPA's and their attendance, and 99% of the students have no discipline referrals. You have been taking part in making a positive difference in the lives of our youth. We are forever thankful for that. We appreciate you all!

-Love, All of us here at youth outreach

Thank you for allowing us to use your beautiful facility for piano lessons again this year.

- Anita Dabelow and Students

Thank you to all of our volunteers that contribute to the faith formation of our young people at church. We appreciate everyone that helps on Sundays, Wednesdays, and our Family Fun Nights.

- Tina Goeman

Thank you to the prayer group who prayed for the Mount Olivet Youth trip to San Diego. It was very succesful. There was going to be a huge flight delay, but they were able to get it solved. The prayers really made a difference

- Nancy Thorson

As I write this note, it's been exactly 2 months since Denny completed his earthly journey.

As you can imagine, the emptiness is great. I want to thank you for the many cards, prayers, memorials and phone calls.

Without friends like you I would be totally lost. I hope you have pleasant memories of the many ways Denny enjoyed ministering at First Lutheran. We enjoyed our time of worshipping with you and building special friendships.

dj

Doris Johnson

djndj@msn.com

APRIL 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL 2019

Thank you for your tithes and offerings

	April Actual	Budgeted April	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted
OPERATING INCOME				
General Fund Pledges	47,421	32,500	157,563	130,000
Mission Support	35	42	128	168
Other Income	8,352	6,694	19,213	19,324
Total Income	55,808	39,236	176,904	149,492
OPERATING EXPENSES				
General Operating Expenses	34,302	37,049	144,350	147,545
ELCA Benevolence	2,083	2,083	8,333	8,333
Other Outside Giving	1,324	1,324	5,297	5,297
Total Expenses	37,710	40,456	157,980	161,175
Income vs. Expenses	\$18,098	-\$1,220	\$18,925	-\$11,683
Beginning Cash Balance 1/1/19	\$ 124,476	Operating Fund Balance 1/1/19	\$ 13,522	
Ending Cash Balance 4/30/2019	\$ 178,399	Operating Fund Balance 4/30/19	\$ 32,443	

JUNE "JOY IN DOING"

BREW CREW

- 2 Charles & Carol Charbonneau
- 9 Bill & Barb Raw
- 16 Dick & Nancy Houghton
- 23 Murph & Lois Berg
- 30 Clark & Jean Fjelsted

ACOLYTE AND CLEAN UP

- 2 Jack Mahoney
- 9 Samuel Witts
- 16 Justin Rice
- 23 Jackson Odman
- 30 Hayden Almsted

SATURDAY ASSISTANT

- 2 Steve & Gwen Kohner
- 9 Jan Larson
- 16 Terry & Cindy Lohman
- 23 Gary & Darlene Longballa
- 30 Penny Oleson

LECTOR

- 2 Cheryl Sasse
- 9 Sandra Sharot
- 16 Gloria Solsaa
- 23 Karen Strusz
- 30 Mary Weberg

GREETERS

- 2 Dale & Linda Kinneman
- 9 Dale & Lynn Lund
- 16 Daryl Mark
- 23 Kevin & Cyd Mark
- 30 David & Linda Olson

USHERS

- Colin Graves (Chair)
- Michael and Sue Heller
- Bob and Bonnie Kubik
- Todd, Trina, and Andrew Petterson
- Bill & Barb Raw
- Ed & Rae Santelman
- Jon and Kris Ubbelohde

COFFEE HOSTS

- 2 Mary Weberg, Pam Hallahan
- 9 Murph & Lois Berg
- 16 Charles & Carol Charbonneau
- 23 Clark & Jean Fjelsted
- 30 Linda Lindell, Ellen Mackey

COMMUNION

- 2 Maureen Kees, Kelly Kolby, Daryl Mark
- 9 Dick Houghton, Cheri Roberts, Chuck Schwartau
- 16 John & Julie Laidlaw, Bunny Kulstad
- 23 Kevin & Cyd Mark, Diane Ringeisen
- 30 Ellen Mackey, Linda Seivert, Carol Smith

TREATS

- 2 Pam Hallahan, Maureen Kees, Dale & Linda Kinneman, Marilyn Knutson
- 9 Murph & Lois Berg, Kelly Kolby, Bonnie Kubik, Dale & Lynn Lund
- 16 Charles & Carol Charbonneau, Keith & Joan Larson, Larry & Linda Larson, Beverly Lein
- 23 Jean Fjelsted, Patty Landers, Gerald & Louise Mewhorter, Connie Minnick
- 30 Linda Lindell, Ellen Mackey, David & Linda Olson, Jim & Shirley Olson

2019 VBS June 17-20 Overboard! *Going Overboard for God's Gifts*



Join us for this year's Vacation Bible School! We will have four nights of learning through games, snacks, crafts & science, and Bible adventures. We look forward to students in Preschool through (completed) 4th Graders participating. There are also great volunteer opportunities for adults and youth to get involved. Online registration is available, along with registration forms at the church. We hope to see you there.

JUNE 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 5:30 pm Worship Music – Jean Fjelsted
2 9:30am Worship Eucharistic Ministers 10:30am Fellowship and cooking club meeting 2:00 pm Troop 32 Event	3 3:30pm Piano lessons 5:00pm Learning Circle Board Meeting 7:00pm Boy Scouts	4 11:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Text Study 2:00pm Mindfulness 3:30pm Piano lessons 4:00pm-7:00pm Team Meetings	5 8:30am Men's Bible Study 12:00pm Reset	6	7	8 5:30 pm Worship Music – Marilee Anderson
9 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship	10 3:30pm Piano lessons 5:00pm Relay for Life - conference room 7:00pm Boy Scouts	11 10:00am Hospice 11:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Text Study 2:00pm Mindfulness 3:30pm Piano lessons 4:00pm Finance 6:30pm Council Meeting	12 8:30am Men's Bible Study 12:00pm Reset 1:00pm Quilting	13 1:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive	14 11:00am Red Cross Blood Drive	15 5:30 pm Worship Music – Jean Fjelsted
16 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship	17 3:30pm Piano lessons 4:00pm Endowment Committee 6:00pm VBS	18 11:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Text Study 2:00pm Mindfulness 3:30pm Piano lessons 6:00pm VBS 7:00pm Eve	19 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Martha 10:00am Mary 12:00pm Reset 6:00pm VBS	20 6:00pm VBS	21	22 5:30 pm Worship Music – Sue Heller
23 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 30 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship and Quarterly Church Chat	24 3:30pm Piano lessons	25 9:00am Spire Folding 10:00am Hospice 11:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Text Study 2:00pm Mindfulness 3:30pm Piano lessons	26 8:30am Men's Bible Study 12:00pm Reset 1:00pm Quilting	27	28	29 5:30 pm Worship Music – Marilee Anderson

First Lutheran Church

615 West 5th Street
Red Wing MN 55066
651.388.9311

Address Service Requested

June 2019

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U. S. Postage
PAID
Permit # 311
Red Wing MN
55066

HAPPENINGS

COOKING CLUB MEETING

Cooking Club will meet in the conference room following worship on June 2nd. Time to get ready for the waffle breakfast!

3rd ANNUAL GOLF EXTRAVAGANZA

Join us at 10 am, Friday, June 7th, for 9 holes of golf at Mississippi National Golf Links. We're playing the Lowlands course. We are looking for 6 mixed foursomes. All skill levels welcome! Light lunch and beverage is included. Contact Bill Mackey at billmackey70@gmail.com to sign up.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 17th - June 20th 6-8pm

Please register in advance at www.firstlutheranrw.com or pick up a registration form in the Narthex and return it to the church office. To volunteer or if you have questions please contact Tina.

QUARTERLY CHURCH CHAT

Congregational meeting June 30 following worship. Come find out what's happening at First Lutheran.