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MONTHLY  
NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2019 SPIRE

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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 Prayer Time  
**5:00pm** Dinner (*Sept- May*)  
**5:30pm** Worship (*Sept- May*)  
**6:00pm** Education (*Sept- May*)

### Saturday

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

## PRAYER MINISTRY

Kaitlynn Kukuska, Crystal Swanson, Marcia Krause, Jenny Edmonds, Donna Prescher, Bob Swanson, Joanne 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, Arlan Johnson, Darrell Nelson, Cheryl Youmans, Holly (Dissell) Benson, Dylan Michel family, Carol Krie, John Oleson, Edla Bodelson, Ray Boggess, Larry Peterson, Jerry, Margaret Banks

## BAPTISM

**Theo Scott Olson**, child of Nicole and Brittney Olson, was baptized at First Lutheran on Sunday, October 6, 2019.

**Kayden Michael Krie**, child of Blake Krie and Kelsey Sletten, was baptized at First Lutheran on Sunday, October 20, 2019.

# FROM THE PASTOR

We have a lot to be thankful for in November. The first Sunday in November is a double blessing for us. First of all, we give thanks to God for the Saints, the people that God has used in our lives and the life of the church and that we have lost this past year. We are sad and we miss our loved ones. At the same time we give thanks for what they have meant to our lives.

We are also thankful for our students who will be confirmed, who will affirm their baptism. These are the people who will carry on the faith for future generations. They are the hope for the future of the faith. We hope and pray that they will proclaim the faith to ears that need to hear of the marvelous work of God through Jesus Christ. God chooses to work through people for the good of the world and that includes spreading the gospel.

One of the things the students will do again this year as part of affirming their faith will be sharing a favorite Bible verse along with a few words about why that verse is important to their faith and life in Christ.



**Do you have a favorite Bible verse?** Is there one or a few verses of scripture that feeds your faith and hope in Jesus Christ. Maybe there are some you remember on good days and others you cling to

on hard days. The confirmation students were asked to share their favorite verse or pick one if they don't have one yet. Tina and I provided some suggestions for the students. I thought I would share these verses with you. Read them over and see if they speak to you.

## **Deuteronomy 31:6**

Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you.

## **Joshua 1:9**

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

## **Psalms 46:10a**

Be still, and know that I am God!

## **Psalms 103:2**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

# Thanks

## **Isaiah 41:13**

For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, Do not fear, I will help you.

## **Jeremiah 29:11**

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

## **Micah 6:8**

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

## **MATTHEW 11:28-30**

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

## **JOHN 16:33**

I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!

## **Romans 8:28**

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

## **PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7**

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## **1 Timothy 4:12**

Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

## **2 TIMOTHY 1:7**

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

## **1 John 4:18**

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.

God bless you all,  
*Pastor Arte*

# THANK YOU

Thank you First Lutheran Church Members, for supporting this year's, September 21st, "Walk to End Alzheimer's". We had 3 walkers and 16 donations - raising \$750 for the event. (I am pleased with this result).

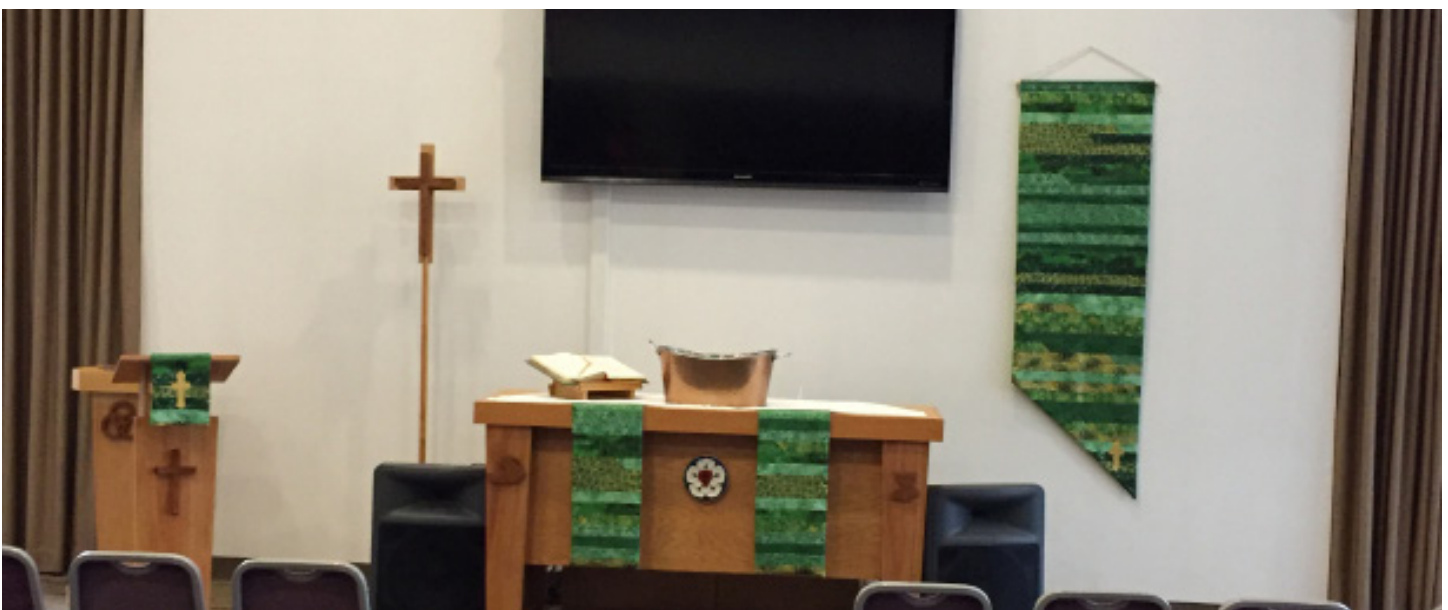
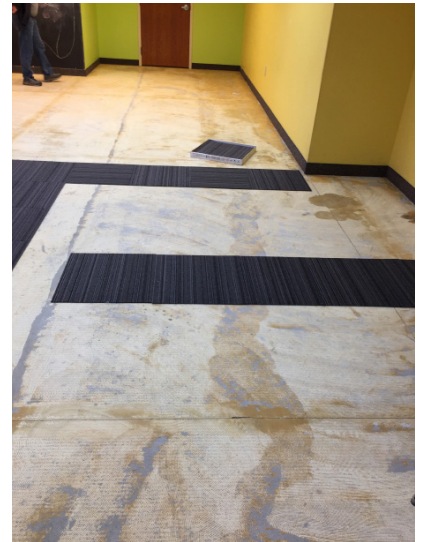
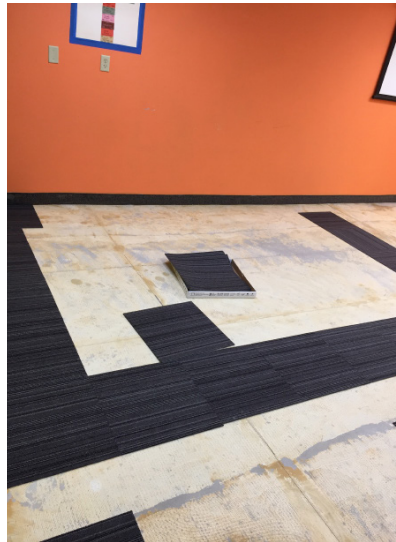
Peace,  
Truman Stehr

Thank you to Dale and Linda Kinneman for "Lighting the Spire."

Thank you to the group that came in to recarpet the youth room. It is so great to have a fresh look and safe flooring in this room.

Thank you to the quilters at FLC, especially Dorothy Jacobson for helping make our Fellowship Hall a more colorful worship space! We now have liturgical altar cloths, along with a banner for each church season.

Thank you for the time spent and creativity given!



# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**OCTOBER 8, 2019**

Present: Pr. Arte Sharot, Joe Rice, Aly Kloeckner, Bunny Kulstad, Matt Stinson, Cyd Mark, Mark Jaeger, John Laidlaw, Mary Weberg, Wendy Erickson, Kathy Emery

**Devotions and Treats:** Bunny Kulstad

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Emery, council president.

**Agenda:** MSC (moved, seconded and carried) to approve as amended.

Additions to the agenda:

Big Turn Music Festival  
Sanctuary Congregations

Boy Scouts

Health Plan

**Secretary's Report:** MSC to approve the September meeting minutes with the addition of Bunny Kulstad and Mark Jaeger as being present at that meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** September income is down as is typical.

**Staff Reports:** MSC to accept staff reports.

**Ministry Team Reports:**

**Worship and Music**—The team is still researching a gluten free communion wafer option.

**Property**—The youth room has new carpet. Thank you to all the volunteers who completed this job. There are still issues with the air conditioners. It appears they haven't been adequately serviced and at least one unit isn't working. Further investigation is required. The Bunn Coffee maker in the kitchen is on its last legs. Al Smith has been cleaning it and repairing it but it is no longer reliable (it's 19 years old). The cost of the parts needed to repair it are only slightly less than a new one. It was decided that a new one would be the best option. Now will decide how to pay for it.

**Life and Growth**—The team is looking into ideas for future activities.

**Youth and Family Ministry**—A mission trip is planned to Indianapolis for the high school

youth this summer. A speaker from Hope Coalition came to talk to the youth. Pumpkin carving will take place on Wednesday, October 16.

**Christian Action**—A group went to Feed My Starving Children on Sept. 21. The Crop Walk was on October 6. Planning and work has been going on for the Goodhue County Christmas Project.

**Stewardship**—First Lutheran will be participating in Give to the Max day again this year. It is on November 15 and each contribution on that day puts us in a drawing for cash gifts. Pledge letters and cards will be mailed soon. It is hoped they will be returned by Nov. 17.

**Personnel**—There is a need for training on the new wage law and how they pertain to First Lutheran. Pastor Arte is setting this up. The personnel committee was asked to come up with a recommendation for staff wage increases for 2020 for budgeting purposes.

**Old Business**

**RIC** (Reconciling in Christ) The committee has written a letter and it should arrive for all congregants early next week.

**Website**—The updating continues as Dani Rice receives new information. Please let her know if you have any suggestions or information you would like to see on the website.

**Kitchen Use Request**—This was tabled.

**ELCA Sanctuary Denomination**—Pastor Arte shared a statement from the ELCA of what it means to be a sanctuary denomination. This is available on the ELCA website or see Pastor Arte for a copy.

**Health Plan**—It was MSC to continue the same health plan through Portico as last year for the Pastor Arte.

**New Business:**

**Yearly Contract Review:** There is some

confusion about the dates of the contracts with Bells of the Bluffs and the daycare. It was assigned to the executive committee to research this and make a plan for reviewal.

**Solar Energy**—There is an opportunity for First Lutheran to take part in a community solar garden. This would not involve putting solar panels on the church, rather a solar “farm” would allocate a set amount of their energy to us through Xcel. There is a need to gather more information on this. We will seek out a congregational member who might better understand the process and cost vs. benefits and ask that person to make a recommendation to the council.

**Cell Phones**—It was MSC that the church pay a portion of Tina Goeman and Pastor Arte’s cell phone bill as they are used so much for work purposes. The Personnel Committee will research this and recommend the amount to be paid.

**Nominating Committee**—The committee will

start working on nominations for Council Members, Synod Convention, Auditing Committee and the new Nominating Committee at the end of October.

**Big Turn Music Festival**—A request was made by BTMF to be a host site for the music festival in February. It was MSC to agree to the principle of hosting. A committee was formed to work on this with the staff from BTMF and work out the details. (Cyd Mark, Kevin Mark, John Rohan, Wendy Erickson and Aly and Lee Kloeckner)

**Boy Scouts**—Troop #32, which has been hosted by First Lutheran, is now Troop #320 due to the inclusion of girls. We discussed the space needs of the troop and agreed that their activities should take place downstairs other than the annual Blue and Gold Banquet.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is November 12 and Cyd Mark is on for devotions and treats.

Respectfully submitted, Wendy Erickson,  
Secretary

## SEPTEMBER 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

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OPERATING INCOME	Sept Actual	Budgeted Sept	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted
General Fund Pledges	27,415	32,500	297,867	292,500
Mission Support	52	42	371	378
Other Income	4,202	3,694	39,930	38,290
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>31,669</b>	<b>36,236</b>	<b>338,168</b>	<b>331,168</b>
OPERATING EXPENSES	Sept Actual	Budgeted Sept	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted
General Operating Expenses	35,516	36,714	312,040	331,788
ELCA Benevolence	2,083	2,084	19,250	18,750
Other Outside Giving	1,324	1,325	11,917	11,919
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>38,923</b>	<b>40,123</b>	<b>343,207</b>	<b>362,457</b>
<b>Income vs. Expenses</b>	<b>-\$7,254</b>	<b>-\$3,887</b>	<b>-\$5,040</b>	<b>-\$31,289</b>
Beginning Cash Balance 1/1/19	\$ 124,476	Operating Fund Balance 1/1/19	\$ 13,522	
Ending Cash Balance 9/30/2019	\$ 133,741	Operating Fund Balance 9/30/2019	\$ 8,479	

# NOVEMBER "JOY IN DOING"

## BREW CREW

- 3 Murph and Lois Berg  
10 Clark and Jean Fjelsted  
17 Dwight Gustafson and Arlene S.  
24 Norm and Nancy Wille

## ACOLYTE AND CLEAN UP

- 3 Allison Hoover  
10 Bryley Miller  
17 Jackson Odman  
24 Leah Ganser

## SATURDAY ASSISTANT

- 2 Sandy Sharot  
9 Gary and Darlene Longballa  
16 Penny Oleson  
23 Cheri Roberts  
30 Barry and Jean Dossdall

## LECTOR

- 3 Cheryl Sasse  
10 Chuck Schwartau  
17 Linda Seivert  
24 Gloria Solsaa

## GREETERS

- 3 Charles and Carol Charbonneau  
10 Kip and Sue Edquist  
17 Wendy Ehlers  
24 Janet Erickson

## 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

- 3 Kevin and Cyd Mark  
10 Bill and Barb Raw  
17 Ed and Rae Santelman  
24 Carol Schwartau, Kay Schwartau

## COMMUNION

- 3 Wendy Erickson, Karyl Frye, Maureen Kees  
10 Colin and Karen Graves, Dick Houghton  
17 Kelly Kolby, Arnold and Karen Strusz  
24 Bunny Kulstad, Diane Ringeisen, Cheri Roberts

## TREATS

- 3 Kevin and Cyd Mark, Daryl Mark, Gerald and Louise Mewhorter, Ellen Mackey  
10 Bill and Barb Raw, Jeff and Enid Reames, Tom and Cheri Sasse, Renee Schlegelmilch  
17 Ed and Rae Santelman, Sandy Sharot, Peggy Sorensen, Arlene Stromback  
24 Chuck and Carol Schwartau, Kay Schwartau, David and Jane Schwartau, Arnold and Karen Strusz

# MUSIC NEWS

*For all music schedules, check out the music schedule at [firstlutheranrw.com](http://firstlutheranrw.com) Look for Music Schedule and Updates*

*Music in worship for November:*

*November 3 - All Saints — Chancel Choir*

*November 10 - Tri Lutheran Choir (Choirs from First Lutheran, United Lutheran and St. Pauls Lutheran combine to sing at all three churches that morning)*

*November 17 - Praise Team*

*Come to Kid's Rock on Wednesdays at 4:15 in the sanctuary.*

*Imagine having you as a member of First Lutheran's Music Program and how AWESOME that would be!!! Come and Join us*

- *Chancel Choir*
- *Handbell Choir*
- *Praise Team*
- *Children's Choir*
- *Soloist*
- *Instrumentalist*
- *Small Ensemble*
- *Accompanist*
- *Saturday Night Pianist*
- *Other?*

# NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>There Will Not be any Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service this year. Have a Happy and Safe Holiday!</b>						1 5:30 pm Worship - Jean Fjelsted
3 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Church School 7:00pm Women and Wine - Bunny Kulstad's	4 6:30pm Girl Scouts	5 11:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Text Study 2:00pm Mindfulness 4:00pm Piano lessons 4:30pm Praise team 4:00pm-7:00pm Team Meetings	6 8:30am Men's Bible Study 12:00pm Reset 4:15pm Kids Rock 5:00pm Dinner 5:30pm Worship 5:45pm Ringers 6:00pm Education 7:00pm Choir	7 5:00pm Bells of the Bluffs	8	9 5:30 pm Worship - Sue Heller plays
10 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Church School	11 7:00pm Scouts	12 10:00am Hospice 11:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Text Study 2:00pm Mindfulness 4:00pm Piano lessons 4:00pm Finance 4:30pm Praise team 6:30pm Council Meeting	13 8:30am Men's Bible Study 12:00pm Reset 1:00pm Quilting 4:15pm Kids Rock 5:00pm Dinner 5:30pm Worship 5:45pm Ringers 6:00pm Education 7:00pm Choir	14 5:00pm Bells of the Bluffs	15 5:00pm Confirmation Trip	16 5:30 pm Worship - Marilee Anderson plays
17 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Church School 7:00pm Women and Wine - Wendy Ehler's	18 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Scouts	19 11:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Text Study 2:00pm Mindfulness 4:00pm Piano lessons 7:00pm Eve	20 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Martha 10:00am Mary 12:00pm Reset 4:15pm Kids Rock 5:00pm Dinner 5:30pm Worship 5:45pm Ringers 6:00pm Education 7:00pm Choir	21 5:00pm Bells of the Bluffs	22 3:00pm Christmas Project meeting	23 TBD Christmas Project meeting 5:30 pm Worship - Jean Fjelsted plays
24 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Church School	25 6:00pm Cub Scout Cake Auction 7:00pm Scouts	26 9:00am Spire Folding 10:00am Hospice 11:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Text Study 2:00pm Mindfulness 4:00pm Piano lessons	27 8:30am Men's Bible Study 12:00pm Reset 1:00pm Quilting	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30 9:30am Decorate Sanctuary for Christmas 5:30 pm Worship - Pastor Arte plays

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## HAPPENINGS

### *Education Notes*

There will not be Church School on Wednesday, November 27 or Sunday, December 1.

### *Confirmation Save the Date*

The date of the Confirmation and All Saints worship service will be Sunday, November 3. Students will be receiving more details about this service during their education hour(s).

### *Christ & Coffee*

Students in 9th - 12th Grade are welcome to participate in our bible study group on Wednesday nights at Caribou. We meet shortly after 7. Follow us on instagram @rwchristcoffee For more information contact Marshall Laidlaw or TinaGoeman.

Thank you for those that participated and helped with Pumpkin carving night.

Thank you to all the volunteers that make Wednesday Night Meals happen! We wouldn't be able to offer this to our Wednesday night worshipers without you!