



the Spire

MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER

October 2019 SPIRE

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John Laidlaw - Stewardship/Education
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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, 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, Arlan Johnson, Darrell Nelson, Cheryl Youmans, Holly (Dissell) Benson, Dylan Michel family, Carol Krie, John Oleson, Edla Bodelson, Ray Boggess

FUNERALS

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

Wanda Henke, who died August 27, 2019. A funeral service was held at First Lutheran Church, September 3rd.

FROM THE PASTOR

Jeremiah 18:1-11 *The Potter and the Clay*

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.



Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and Jesus Christ, his son our Lord. In this reading the great prophet, Jeremiah, gets to communicate with God just like you and I can communicate. Wouldn't that be great, wouldn't that be scary? In this teaching God tells Jeremiah that he can do with the House of Israel, the family of Israel, what ever he wants. In the same way a potter manipulates the clay This sounds both scary and wonderful. God will not sit idly by and let evil happen forever. God will act. God can also make beautiful things happen like a potter makes beautiful things out of a lump of clay.

Let's look at this through the lens of the "God's Work Our Hands" theme. We have the honor and privilege to be God's beloved children. As God's children we have responsibilities, to be God's hands in the world. God's children work in many different ways to make First Lutheran, our community, our world a better place. If we let this privilege go, God will lift up others and give them the honor of doing his work. If we place ourselves in God's hands he will use us and mold us into something beautiful to do something wonderful.

Let's trust God and keep our hearts and minds open to God's possibilities. I am always amazed at the big and little things it takes to make the world go round. We know this world needs God's help, and we can be a part of that.

rESET is changing to rESET PRAYER TIME Wednesdays at Noon



We might not be able to communicate with God like Jeremiah but we can communicate through prayer. We are changing the name and format of rESet to rESet Prayer Time. We will begin with a *sharing time*, followed by *silent prayer*, followed by *walking prayer*, followed by *mindful movements*. You are welcome to come and participate in some or all of it.

THE SEVEN FUNNIEST BIBLE STORIES

(from THE LUTHERAN HANDBOOK)

- 1 Gideon's dog-men (Judges 6:11-7:23)
- 2 David ambushes Saul in a cave while he's "busy" (1 Samuel 24:2-7)
- 3 King David does the goofy (2 Samuel 6:12-23)
- 4 Lot's Wife (Genesis 19:24-26)
- 5 Gerasene demoniac (Mark 5:1-20)
- 6 Disciples and loaves of bread (Mark 8:14-21)
- 7 Peter can't swim (Matthew 14:22-33)

** if you want more readings start reading through the gospel of Luke*

THANK YOU

Colin and I would like to thank everyone for your thoughts, prayers, meals and flowers that you sent during my recent cancer treatments. I would also like to thank the media team for all the work they do. Many Sundays we watched the live stream of the church service and were grateful that we have that available. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Karen Graves

Thank you to Yo Baby and Terry Lohman for Lighting the Spire in memory of Marcus.

We've saved 59,000 in receipts. That's 1/3 of the way there! Thanks to Candy Fleck for being our volunteer receipt counter, and thanks to everyone who has saved Family Fare receipts! Keep it up, and remember that even small dollar amount receipts are helpful as we count and bundle the receipts to be turned in.



Thank you for being God's hands on Rally Day. We did some good work for people who need a helping hand.

We put together 40 emergency kits for Lutheran World Relief. We made some "thinking of you" cards for homebound people. We tied blankets for a local charity. We had some good Sloppy Joes and we had a good time.

We still have some Thrivent "Live Generously" and "God's Work Our Hands" t-shirts.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church Council Meeting - 9/10/19

Present: Kathy Emery, John Laidlaw, Mary Weberg, Jon Ubbelohde, Tom Sasse, Cyd Mark, Aly Kloeckner, Joe Rice, Mark Jaeger, Bunny Kulstad, Pastor Arte
Meeting called to order at 6:35 by President Kathy Emery.

Devotions - Mark Jaeger

Mark moved to approve the agenda, Jon seconded the motion

Additions to the agenda

Little Free Library

Church Chat

Personel should be added to reports

Cyd moved to approve the amended agenda, Tom seconded, motion carries.

Joe moved to approve the minutes from the July meeting, John seconded, motion carries.

Tom moved to accept the treasurer's report and checkbook ledger, Jon seconded, motion carries.

John moved to accept the staff reports, Bunny seconded, motion carries.

Committee Reports:

Worship and Music

Recommended that Christmas Eve Services be 3pm and 4:30pm.

Tom moved to accept the recommendation, Cyd seconded.

Motion fails.

Cyd moved to have Christmas Eve Services at 3, 4:30, and 6pm. Jon seconded, motion carries.

Property

Bill Rice is talking to Sylvander heating about a/c unit.

The carpet will be replaced in the youth room

first. Other needs for carpet include: the library, office, and Tina's office. These will be taken care of as we can.

AmeriCore Volunteers - may be able to help with the carpet installation process.

We may need to re-stucco the exterior of the church by the playground. In process of getting quote.

The rock in the landscaping on the north side of the church will be cleaned.

Property Committee would like to do another fall cleanup day. The boy scouts would like to help with this.

Some discussion was held regarding how a ramp in the sanctuary may be a need - e.g. help for communion assistants.

Life and Growth

"Gods Work Our Hands" was a success! Very well received.

Education

There will be 11 youth in confirmation classes this year.

Working on completing background checks for teachers.

Hope Coalition will be meeting with the older kids to talk about dating safety.

Christian Action

"Feed my Starving Children" will be Saturday, September 21st from 11:30-1:30.

CROP Walk is October 6th.

Stewardship

No report

Personnel

Employee handbook will be reviewed soon
New wage law went into effect. The committee is working on getting this information out.

RIC Update - letter will be going out to the congregation shortly.

Website - Please make sure you are getting

your information to Dani so that she can get the pages updated and make them current.

Embezzlement Update - Court date on 9/11/19 - no update until after that.

Council Representation - Kathy and Tom will be going off of council - Nomination Committee will start soon.

Kitchen Use Request - Cooking Club is opposed to the idea, however the agenda item was tabled until the next meeting (when Matt can report on his findings).

Church Chat - October 6th.

Little Free Library - Aly moved to have a little free library in the vicinity of the Gustafson Garden, Bunny Seconded, motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aly Kloeckner - Secretary pro-tem

Education Notes

There will not be classes on Wednesday, October 16 or Sunday, October 20 due to the school break. It isn't too late to join Sunday or Wednesday school. Register with Tina or for more information contact tina@firstlutheranrw.com

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) this month.

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 7P.M. Follow us on instagram @ [rwchristcoffee](https://www.instagram.com/rwchristcoffee) For more information contact Marshall Laidlaw or Tina Goeman.

AUGUST 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

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Thank you for your tithes and offerings

OPERATING INCOME	August Actual	Budgeted August	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted
General Fund Pledges	32,650	32,500	270,452	260,000
Mission Support	22	42	319	336
Other Income	3,549	3,694	35,728	34,598
Total Income	36,221	36,236	306,499	294,934
OPERATING EXPENSES	August Actual	Budgeted August	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted
General Operating Expenses	31,096	36,716	276,804	294,766
ELCA Benevolence	2,083	2,083	17,167	16,666
Other Outside Giving	1,324	1,324	10,293	10,902
Total Expenses	34,504	40,123	304,264	322,334
Income vs. Expenses	\$1,717	-\$3,887	\$2,235	-\$27,400
Beginning Cash Balance 1/1/19	\$ 124,476	Operating Fund Balance 1/1/19		\$ 13,522
Ending Cash Balance 8/31/19	\$ 139,738	Operating Fund Balance 8/31/19		\$ 15,753

October "JOY IN DOING"

BREW CREW

6 Charles & Carol Charbonneau
13 Dick & Nancy Houghton
20 Bill & Barb Raw
27 Norm & Nancy Wille

ACOLYTE AND CLEAN UP

6 Jack Mahoney
13 Samuel Witts
20 Jackson Odman
27 Hayden Almsted

SATURDAY ASSISTANT

5 Tricia Harris
12 Mike and Sue Heller
19 Steve and Gwen Kohner
26 Sandy Sharot

LECTOR

6 Bernadette Galvin
13 Bunny Kulstad
20 Jennifer Lohman
27 Bill Raw

GREETERS

6 Craig and Marlene Anderson
13 Glenda Anderson
20 Murph and Lois Berg
27 Judie Bowes

USHERS

Keith Larson (Chair)
Clark & Jean Fjelsted
Terry & Cindy Lohman
Darrell & Barb Nelson
Nancy Paasch
Norm Wille
Wendy Erickson

COFFEE HOSTS

6 Charles and Carol Charbonneau
13 Ken and Margaret Johnson
20 Clark and Jean Fjelsted
27 Pam Hallahan, Linda Lindell

COMMUNION

6 Mary Weberg, Arnold and Karen Strusz
13 Mitch and Chris Boldt, Wendy Ehlers
20 Judie Bowes, Carol Smith, Janet Erickson
27 No Communion

TREATS

6 Charles and Carol Charbonneau, Dale and Linda Kinneman, Marilyn Knutson, Bunny Kulstad
13 Mitch and Chris Boldt, Kelly Kolby, Bonnie Kubik, Patty Landers
20 Clark and Jean Fjelsted, John and Julie Laidlaw, Keith and Joan Larson, Larry and Linda Larson
27 Pam Hallahan, Linda Lindell, Beverly Lein, Ellen Mackey

MUSIC NEWS

For all music schedules, check out the music schedule at firstlutheranrw.com Look for Music Schedule and Updates

Music in worship for October

October 6 -

October 13 - Chancel Choir

October 20 - Praise Team

October 27 - Chancel Choir

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?*

OCTOBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		11:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Text Study 2:00pm Mindfulness 3:00pm Piano lessons 4:00pm-7:00pm Team Meetings	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	5:00pm Bells of the Bluffs		5:30 pm Worship
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:30am Quarterly Church Chat 10:30am Crop Walk 7:00pm Women and Wine	5:00pm Learning Circle Board Meeting 7:00pm Scouts	10:00am Hospice 11:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Text Study 2:00pm Mindfulness 4:00pm Piano lessons 4:00pm Finance 6:30pm Council Meeting	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	5:00pm Bells of the Bluffs		8:00am Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast 5:30 pm Worship
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Church School	7:00pm Scouts	11:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Text Study 2:00pm Mindfulness 4:00pm Piano lessons 7:00pm Eve	8:30am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Mary 12:00pm Reset 5:00pm Dinner 5:30pm Worship 6:00pm Pumpkin Carving	5:00pm Bells of the Bluffs		5:30 pm Worship
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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HAPPENINGS

Family Fun Night

Pumpkin Carving

Join us for a night of fun and pumpkin carving in the fellowship hall following worship at 6:00 on Wednesday, October 16.

Donations of pumpkins (we use 30-40 pumpkins) are welcome. Monetary donations are also welcome to support the purchase of pumpkins.



Crop Walk

October 6th, following the Quarterly Church Chat, we'll go down to register and walk around the park. Bring your donations at that time or bring them to church the 4 Sundays prior. 1/4 of the money raised goes to our local food shelf. "Bring your walking shoes and end hunger one step at a time."

Did you know that malnutrition is an underlying cause of death for 3.5 million children each year? That's about one third of all child deaths in the world. Factors contributing to this malnutrition are many - drought and disasters that decimate crops, lack of clean water, poor sanitation and hygiene, and rising food prices, to name a few. We hope you'll help raise funds and walk with us - or donate- so we can wipe out malnutrition for good!