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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Tom Sasse - Worship  
Matt Stinson -Stewardship  
Mary Weberg - Christian Action  
Mark Jaeger - 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  
**5:00 p.m.** Dinner served in fellowship hall  
**5:30 p.m.** Worship in the fellowship hall  
**6:00 p.m.** Church School

### Saturday

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

## Joy in Doing

Check your mailbox for a letter from the Joy in Doing Committee! It's time to make new volunteer lists! Return your volunteer forms to the box on the information desk by November 18.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Call the church office at 651.388.9311 or e-mail your prayer requests to office@firstlutheranrw.com. If you want a pastoral visit or would like to be included on the prayer list or prayer chain, please call the church office or Pat Swanson, 651-388-7032.

## PRAYER MINISTRY

Kaitlynn Kukuska, Mike Charbonneau, Crystal Swanson, Marcia Krause, Jenny Edmonds, Donna Prescher, Theresa Nash, Bob Swanson, Lorrie Anderson, Joann Hosking, Dick, Janet Larson, Patrick Ostrowski, Gerald Lein, Beverly Lein, Horst Radtke, Sheryl Jablonski Krause, Carol Peterson, John Bonde, Carol Merckling, John Heinsch, Kandis Mendez, Juventino Mendez, Bunny Kulstad, Adair Palmatier, Nancy Swanson, DJ and Dennis Johnson, Eleanor Peterson, Abby Ritter, Bob Weir, Lois Ziller, Dave Erickson, Arlan Johnson, Melinda Helmer

# FROM THE PASTOR

## FIRST THOUGHTS

### Joshua 24:1-15 [16-26]

*Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord...for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went. Joshua 24:16a-17 NRSV*

Joshua has not only almost completed the mission God called him to do, but he has almost completed his life. God fulfilled his promise through Joshua to give Abraham's descendants a land flowing of milk and honey. They have conquered the land. God has truly blessed them all along the way. Now going forward will they serve the Lord?

Joshua says "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord". The people promise in verse 24 *The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey."*

Many of us have this verse displayed in their homes, on our front doors, in our kitchens or dining rooms or living rooms.



For some it is a very real and meaningful reminder of their faith. However, Brent A. Strawn, Professor of Old Testament

Candler School of Theology at Emory University worries that this verse is so common place that it no longer has meaning to people.

The people of Israel weren't just promising to put plaques up in their homes they were promising to put their life on the line. They were promising to serve and obey.

All year long we strive to serve and obey the Lord in our lives through what we say and what we do. During this time of the year we emphasize how we serve and obey Christ by supporting his mission through First Lutheran. If you pledge to serve the Lord, which I know you do, prayerfully consider your financial promise, as the people promised to serve and obey the Lord, for the coming year.

God bless you, *Pastor Arce*

You are invited to participate in reading the "60 ESSENTIAL BIBLE STORIES AS RECOMMENDED by the The Lutheran Handbook. I am breaking them down to a chapter per day. Sunday will be a day of rest. You'll be coming to worship and hearing bible readings anyway

## 60 ESSENTIAL READINGS

11/1	Exodus 5	Bricks w/out straw
11/2	Exodus 6	Deliverance assured
11/3	Exodus 7	The plagues
11/4	Sunday	
11/5	Exodus 8	Frogs, Gnats & flies
11/6	Exodus 9	Disease, boils, hail
11/7	Exodus 10	Locusts, Darkness
11/8	Exodus 11	Warning
11/9	Exodus 12	1st Passover
11/10	Exodus 13	Unleavened bread / Pillars
11/11	Sunday	
11/12	Exodus 14	Red Sea
11/13	Exodus 15	Song of Moses
11/14	Exodus 20	10 Commandments
11/15	Exodus 16	Bread from Heaven
11/16	Exodus 17	Water from the Rock
11/17	Exodus 18	Jethro's Advice
11/18	Sunday	
11/19	Deuteronomy 1	Events recalled
11/20	Deuteronomy 2	Desert years
11/21	Deuteronomy 3	Defeat of King Og
11/22	Deuteronomy 4	Moses commands obedience
11/23	Deuteronomy 5	10 Commandments
11/24	Deuteronomy 6	The Great Command
11/25	Sunday	
11/26	Joshua 1	God's command to Joshua
11/27	Joshua 2	Spies to Jericho
11/28	Joshua 3	Crossing the Jordan
11/29	Joshua 24	Tribes renew the Covenant
11/30	Judges 1	Failure to complete conquest

A quote by Rabindranath Tagore, to reflect upon. "I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy.

Before the Annual Meeting in January, we need two more Council Members (to join the best ever council - in the President's opinion), an Auditing Committee of three members, six volunteers for our Nominating Committee and three people willing to attend the Synod Convention on May 31 and June 1. Please consider prayerfully which of these might be a good fit for your service to First Lutheran Church.

In a nutshell, here's what those Committees do:  
Church Council - these people serve a two-year term and are elected at the annual meeting. They can serve three consecutive two-year terms. It is their responsibility to make decisions on behalf of the Congregation with input from the membership.

Nominating Committee- This group nominates members for open council positions, recommends people to go to the annual synod assembly and secures an auditing committee. All of these positions are voted on at the annual meeting in January.

Auditing Committee will review the financial records and procedures annually. At this time we need some one to serve a three year term, a two year term and a one year term.

The Synod Convention is held once a year and this year we will be electing a new Bishop. This is a two-day event filled with meetings and workshops.

### **BAKE SALE - BAZAAR**

Christ Episcopal Church  
Saturday November 10th 9:00-2:00  
On Fourth Street between East and West Avenue

### **CLERGY APPRECIATION SUNDAY**

On Sunday, November 11, FLC is celebrating Clergy Appreciation Day in the Fellowship Hall following the 9:30 Worship Service. Members of the Congregation are invited to write a note of thanks to Pastor Arte and bring it to church or mail it to him at First Lutheran. Thank you cards will be provided at church that Sunday.

Life can get crazy. We can lose our way very quickly when we leave the building after worship. Why not reset and refocus yourself on Jesus and his mission in the middle of the week. Starting in October we are going to meet on Wednesday's at noon. We will start with some "Mindful movements". These are slow stretching movements, easily adaptable for anyone. The idea is to be mindful of your body. Next we will spend some time in silent prayer followed by a pray walk around the block, praying for our community and the world. Again you can adapt to your own situation. This will take @ 30 minutes. People can remain after if they wish to discuss the experience or anything else. This will be non political, very ecumenical and welcoming since we won't be talking about any doctrine. We won't be talking.

The hope is that this will help us to focus on Jesus and his mission.

See you October 3rd 12 noon.



### **Mayo Clinic Health System Auxiliary Volunteer Services**

#### **Lunch Break**

**Friday November 2 11am to 1pm**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

**320 West Ave. Red Wing, MN**

**Tickets \$5 advance or \$6 at the door available from members and at the Gift Shop at Mayo in Red Wing.**

Do you enjoy visiting with others and making a difference? Consider becoming a Hospice Volunteer! Opportunities are available in this area! If interested contact St. Croix Hospice (507) 281-5700 or at [volunteer@stcroixhospice.com](mailto:volunteer@stcroixhospice.com). First Lutheran

### **NEW MEMBER SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18TH**

We will recognize our new members on November 18th. If you would like to join First Lutheran please contact Pastor Arte



# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church Meeting Minutes – 10/09/18

Members Present: Kathy Emery, Roy Harley, Tom Sasse, Matt Stinson, Aly Kloeckner, Mary Weberg, Cyd Mark, Mark Jaeger

Staff Present: Pastor Arte, Cliff Emery, Tina Goeman

Call to order by President Kathy Emery at: 6:34PM

Devotions – Roy Harley

Approval of Agenda – Matt moved to approve agenda, Cyd Seconded, Motion carries

Secretary's Report – Cyd moved to approve the secretary's report, Tom seconded, motion carries

Treasurer's Report – Things balance finally!

- If people are going to give directly to the roof, we should really have a separate item line

in the accounting for it. Cyd moved to add "Roof Fund" to the accounting system – Aly

seconded, motion carries

- ELCA Giving is down for the year because three checks were never mailed by Teresa.

Matt moved to accept finance's recommendation to pay 1.5x the normal dollar amount to the synod for the next three months and evaluate the balance at the end of the year. Mark seconded, motion carries.

Staff Reports

- Pastor Arte

- Tina

- Marilee

Ministry Team Reports

- Worship and Music – Talked about Pew cards that say "I already gave online etc".

Could these be put in the pews? Yes. Joy in doing list got mailed out and some members who were not signed up for those 3 months still got the list – should they be sending information to everyone in Joy in Doing? Or just who is on for the three months? Does this waste postage? We should have someone check into how often this happens and if it is worth the time to pull the names out. Envelopes for giving – for those that opt out of getting the envelope packets – should we get some special envelopes for holiday's (Christmas/Easter/Lent etc) that can be available in the pews or at the desk?

- Property – Worked on their budget, talked about the roof replacement, Bill Rice will be at the chat on Sunday to answer any questions about the roof, there was a service call to Smith Heating and Cooling to clean the dryer vent – the property committee

has approved a service contract with them to get it cleaned yearly. The daycare replaced the carpet in 4 rooms at their own expense. Estimate for repair of the concrete wall – \$3,500 is the estimate.

- Life and Growth – No report

- Education – See Tina's report

- Youth – We are looking for 40 pumpkins for Pumpkin carving night – let Aly or Tina know if you know of any. (Update – some were found!)

- Christian Action – Sunday October 7th was Crop Walk – they raised \$820 for this. Feed

my Starving Children is planned for November 3rd from 11:30-1:30, there are 25 slots. If you are interested please let Mary know! November 17th will be setting up Christmas trees for Christmas project. Thursday October 11th there will be a pastor's build for Habitat for Humanity.

- Stewardship – Switching to a new giving platform for automated giving. Tithely. Matt will help people get signed up for this. We are switching because we have less cost per transaction, as well as the ability to give via credit or debit card (as opposed to just checking accounts). If you are already giving in simply giving we will roll it over at the end of the year and get it switched to Tithely.

- Personnel – Will look to hire a bookkeeper soon. Applications will be available at the desk, and online at the website. Should send to First Lutheran, will interview top candidates and then offer the job. Would be better to get someone in place in November so that we are ahead of year end. Tina is willing to do the training, as well as do the bookkeeping position until that point. Separate pay to her for that specific job at the standard bookkeeping rate (15/hr). Committee is looking at the employee handbook to make sure it is up to snuff.

- Items to be discussed at the Church Chat

- Roof

- Reports are current

- Synod giving plan

- Opening applications for bookkeeper

- Update on the fraud

- Simply Giving transfer to new program

- Audit Committee

Old Business

- Emergency Preparedness Committee



- Meeting will be held in November, Joe Rice is the contact person.
  - Kathy will contact the daycare liaison to obtain a copy of their plan so that we can align them.
  - Audit Committee
  - We are still looking for individuals to serve on this!
- New Business
- Contracts - The last time we discussed the contracts Aly was so sick that the minutes did not make any sense and Aly and Laurel were not able to decipher them in order to update the contracts accordingly. Aly has the documents and will make the updates as

would like to go.

- Tina's Bonus for all the time spent on bookkeeping
- Aly moves to purchase two \$500 Visa gift cards in appreciation of the work Tina has done. Matt seconded. Motion Carries. Pastor Arte will take care of the transaction as requested.
- Dividers for office – we should get the divider for Laurel's desk and wait for the other one until we have a new bookkeeper.

Adjourned at 8:14pm

Respectfully Submitted 10/11/08

Aly Kloeckner, First Lutheran Church Council Secretary

we talk about them again tonight. (Contracts were updated, please see Laurel if you would like to see the updates).

Any Other Business?

- Correspondence – Letter from the ELCA bishop regarding the concluding term as synod bishop and wants us to consider our commitment for next year.
- A Safety conference hosted by Bethany Lutheran is coming up – October 11th. RSVP information is required. Please talk to Kathy if you

**IMAGINE HAVING YOU  
...as a member  
of First Lutheran's  
Music Program  
and how AWESOME  
that would be!!!  
Come and Join us**

## September 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT

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Thank you for your tithes and offerings

	Sept Actual	Budgeted Sept	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>				
General Fund Pledges	29,803	31,833	287,958	286,497
Mission Support	-	42	285	378
Other Income	4,173	3,816	44,031	40,406
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>33,977</b>	<b>35,691</b>	<b>332,274</b>	<b>327,281</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
General Operating Expenses	35,171	36,568	326,714	333,582
ELCA Benevolence	2,167	2,167	13,250	19,503
Other Outside Giving	963	1,295	10,336	11,919
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>38,301</b>	<b>40,030</b>	<b>350,300</b>	<b>365,004</b>
<b>Income vs. Expenses</b>	<b>-\$4,324.97</b>	<b>-\$4,339.00</b>	<b>-\$18,026.36</b>	<b>-\$37,723.00</b>
Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 113,723.84			
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 84,906.45			

# November "JOY IN DOING"

## COMMUNION

4 Mike Sorensen, Peter and Peggy Sorensen  
11 Mark and Nancy Swanson, Kay Trainor  
18 Kris Ubbelohde, Mary Weberg, Glenda Anderson  
25 Mitch and Chris Boldt, Judie Bowes

## LECTOR

4 Bernadette Galvin  
11 Bunny Kulstad  
18 Jennifer Lohman  
25 Nancy Paasch

## GREETERS

4 Dick and Nancy Houghton  
11 Barb Jablonski, Brenda Jablonski  
18 Dale and Linda Kinneman  
25 Kelly Kolby and family

## COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

4 Mitch and Chris Boldt  
11 Charles and Carol Charbonneau  
18 Cliff and Kathy Emery  
25 Wendy Erickson, Bev Hawkenson

## SATURDAY ASSISTANT

3 Steve and Gwen Kohner  
10 Terry and Cindy Lohman  
17 Gary and Darlene Longballa  
24 Darrell and Barb Nelson

## TREATS

4 Linda Wiebusch, Aveline Zibble, Craig and Marlene Anderson  
11 Charles and Carol Charbonneau, Glenda Anderson, Margaret Banks, Dennis Bluhm  
18 Judie Bowes, Caroline Brodigan, Audrey Carlson, Kay Carlson  
25 Bev Hawkenson, David and Brenda Carlstrom, Peggy Crownhart, Adair Dahman and Horst Radtke

## ACOLYTE AND CLEAN-UP

4 Logan Goeman and family  
11 Lewis Kinneman and family  
18 Jackson Odman and family  
25 Hayden Almsted and family

## BREW CREW

4 Murph and Lois Berg  
11 Clark and Jean Fjelsted  
18 Dwight and Arlene Gustafson  
25 Nils and Ellis Fauchald

## WEDNESDAY SERVERS AND CLEAN-UP

7 Gracy Gernentz and family  
14 Sarah Anne Kolby and family  
28 Zoe Lohman and family

## USHERS

Gerry (Chair) & Holly Peterson  
Ron Holthe  
Dean & Linda Reinhart  
Dennis & Deb Rindels  
Diane Ringeisen  
Jerry Seivert  
Milt & Rosie Sorensen  
Bob Weir

## Music Schedule

November 4 - All Saints - Chancel Choir, Joyful Ringers

November 11 - Tri Lutheran Choir\*

November 18 - Praise Team (Healing Service)

Wednesday, November 22 - Thanksgiving Eve Service at United Lutheran

Sunday, November 25 -

Tri Lutheran Choir consisting of choir members from First Lutheran, United Lutheran and St. Paul's Lutheran will be doing the Annual combined Red Wing Church tour on Sunday, November 18. We will be singing three anthems at each church. Be sure to come here us.

Thanksgiving Service At United Lutheran

Wednesday, November 22 @ 6:30

There will be a mass choir singing with a rehearsal at 5:45. All are invited.

# NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 5:30pm Bells of the Bluffs	2	3 5:30 pm Worship Music – Jean Fjelsted
4 9:30am Worship Eucharistic Ministers All Saints Confirmation 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Church School	5 3:30pm Piano lessons 7:00pm Grief Share 7:00pm Boy Scouts troop 32	6 11:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Text Study 2:00pm Mindfulness 3:30pm Piano lessons 4:00pm Property team 4:30pm Praise team 5:00pm Executive 7:00pm Team Meetings	7 8:30am Men's Bible Study 12:00pm Reset 4:15pm Kid's Rock 5:00pm Dinner 5:30pm Worship 5:45pm Joy Ringers 6pm Church School 7:00pm Choir	8 4:00pm 4-H open house 5:30pm Bells of the Bluffs	9	10 5:30 pm Worship Music – Sue Heller
11 9:30am Worship Clergy Appreciation 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Church School	12 3:30pm Piano lessons 6:00pm Cub Scouts - Lions 7:00pm Grief Share 7:00pm Boy Scouts troop 32 7:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	13 10:00am Hospice Meeting 11:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Text Study 2:00pm Mindfulness 3:30pm Piano lessons 4:00pm Finance 4:30pm Praise team 6:30pm Council Meeting	14 8:30am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Mary 12:00pm Reset 1:00pm Quilting 4:15pm Kid's Rock 5:00pm Dinner 5:30pm Worship 5:45pm Joy Ringers 6pm Church School 7:00pm Choir	15 4:30pm Cub Scouts 5:30pm Bells of the Bluffs	16	17 Christmas Project Tree Set Up 5:30 pm Worship Music – Marilee Anderson
18 9:30am Worship 10:30am Healing Service New Member Sunday Fellowship 10:45am Church School 7:00pm Women and Wine- Ellen Mackeys	19 3:30pm Piano lessons 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Grief Share 7:00pm Boy Scouts troop 32 7:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	20 11:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Text Study 2:00pm Mindfulness 3:30pm Piano lessons 7:00pm Eve	21 8:30am Men's Bible Study 12:00pm Reset 5:15pm Dinner at United Lutheran 6:15pm Ecumenical Worship at United	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24 5:30 pm Worship Music – Becky Swanson
25 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship	26 3:30pm Piano lessons 7:00pm Grief Share 7:00pm Boy Scouts troop 32 7:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	27 10:00am Hospice Meeting 11:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Text Study 2:00pm Mindfulness 3:30pm Piano lessons	28 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Martha 12:00pm Reset 1:00pm Quilting 4:15pm Kid's Rock 5:00pm Dinner 5:30pm Worship 5:45pm Joy Ringers 6pm Church School 6pm Make it OK 7:00pm Choir	29 1:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive 5:30pm Bells of the Bluffs	30 11:00am Red Cross Blood Drive	

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