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Cyd Mark- Education/ Worship
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

Notice of Congregational Meeting: The October 14th Quarterly congregation chat will also be a voting meeting. The council will ask the congregation to vote on approval for roof replacement work that is not in the current budget. A quorum will be required for this vote to take place. Please plan to attend.

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, Brooklyn, 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

FROM THE PASTOR

FIRST THOUGHTS

But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Matthew 6.6 NRSV

At our Cannon River Conference meeting, Pastor Randy from St. Ansgar's asked us if we had a prayer closet. Do you? Do you have a place and/or a time that you set aside for prayer? Do you set aside a place or a time to talk with God?

One of my times to pray is at meal times. I pray before my meals, so since I'm praying anyway, I talk to God about everything I can think of that is going on in my life, including the people I am concerned about. However, sometimes I talk about so many things that I forget to thank God for the food.

Some of the other pastors talked about praying while looking at or being in nature. Some prayed as they walked or worked out or drove in their car.

I think it would be a good challenge, if you don't already have a place and/or time, to try and find your prayer place and use it this month. A time and place for just you and God.

Another thing I'm going to do is not only find a time and place to talk to God but also to listen.

God bless you,
Pastor Arte

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 READINGS¹

	CHAPTER A DAY	
10/1	Jacob escapes	Genesis 28
10/2	Jacob meets Rachel	Gen 29
10/3	Jacob & Rachel	Gen 30
10/4	Jacob flees	Gen 31
10/5	Jacob sends presents	Gen 32
10/6	Jacob & Esau meet	Gen 33
10/8	Rape of Dinah	Gen 34
10/9	Jacob to Bethel	Gen 35
10/10	Esau's descendants	Gen 36
10/11	Joseph & God's hidden ways <i>Joseph's dreams</i>	Gen 37
10/12	Judah & Tamar	Gen 38
10/13	Potiphar's wife	Gen 39
10/15	2 prisoners dream	Gen 40
10/16	Joseph interprets	Gen 41
10/17	Joe's brothers	Gen 42
10/18	Brothers come again	Gen 43
10/19	Joseph details Ben	Gen 44
10/20	Joe reveals himself	Gen 45
10/22	Whole family to Egypt	Gen 46
10/23	Continued	Gen 47
10/24	Jacob blesses Joe's sons	Gen 48
10/25	Jacob's last words	Gen 49
10/26	Jacob's death	Gen 50
10/27	Moses & Pharaoh	Exodus 1
10/29	Moses' birth & youth	Ex 2
10/30	Burning bush	Ex 3
10/31	Moses' power	Ex 4

Soul Shop, Ministering to those impacted by Suicidal Depression, focusing on youth . Soul Shop will be held at Luther Seminary, Olsen Campus Center 1490 Fulham Street, St. Paul MN on October 12, 2018.

Soul Shop™ equips congregational leaders to minister to those impacted by suicidal desperation including:

- Adults and youth who are considering suicide
- Family members and friends who are anxious about a person who may be considering suicide
- Persons who have lost a loved one to suicide
- Second Day people - those who have been suicidal in the past but have found a way out of suicidal thinking

The intended audience is adults who interact with youth on a regular basis, including teachers, parents, coaches, grandparents, youth ministers and pastors.

Tuition is \$65 - scholarships are available by contacting Amy Fondroy Eich. (contact information below) Here is the URL for registration.

http://www.luthersem.edu/lifelong_learning/kairos/courses.aspx?course_id=1011

Prior to this daylong event, Soul Shop will offer a CAST (Community Awareness Skills Talk) on October 11, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at the Prescott Performing Arts Center, Prescott High School; 1010 Dexter St. Prescott WI. CAST is designed to teach others how to facilitate life-saving conversations and is a free community conversation event designed for anyone who interacts with youth.

If you or someone you know is struggling with thoughts of suicide, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1.800.273.8255.

Event Coordinators:

Pastor Amy Fondroy Eich, Lutheran ELCA; Prescott Community Education Board afondroyeich001@luthersem.edu, 712-830-5315

Denise Graber, Masters in Spiritual Formation specializing in Youth Ministry, Episcopal; ASIST trained, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training by LivingWorks Education dbgraber2@gmail.com, 903-530-5573

Pastor Glen Bloomstrom, Military Director and Faith Community Liaison Chaplain (Colonel) USA (Retired), and Trainer for LivingWorks; ASIST Trained, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training by LivingWorks Education glen.bloomstrom@livingworks.net, 612-816-9728

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.



Crop Walk - October 7 1pm, Central Park

How does the Crop Walk help people?

Tammy Draper's home in Morehouse, Missouri, where she lived with her husband and children, was so badly damaged by a late April 2011 flood that inundated 95 percent of the town that it eventually had to be torn down. " We expected to lose everything in there...but we didn't expect to lose our home," she said.

Since then, Tammy, along with some 20 other participants took part in a CWS disaster recovery workshop in nearby Sikeston. " I didn't know that there are so many more resources," Tammy said. "This is going to be very beneficial to our community. That is wonderful."

First Lutheran Church is a valued and important part of the Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry community. On Saturday, October 6th you're invited to a Family-Friendly FUNdraiser to join in community with others who are also committed to helping students around the world! You will have a chance to enjoy games for kids and adults, a silent auction, and a taco dinner - all for a good cause! Tickets are available online at lpgm.org/fundraiser. You can purchase individual tickets for adults, children, or a table of 8 on Saturday, October 6th from 5-8 pm!

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. First Lutheran

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Church Meeting Minutes - 9/11/18

Members Present: Kathy Emery, John Laidlaw, Mark Jaeger, Tom Sasse, Aly Kloeckner, Matt Stinson, Mary Weberg, Joe Rice, Cyd Mark

Staff Present: Pastor Arte, Cliff Emery, Tina Goeman

Call to order by President Kathy Emery - 6:31 PM

Devotions - Mark Jaeger

Approval of Agenda - Tom moved to approve the agenda, Joe seconded the motion, Motion carries

Secretary's Report - Slight amendment, Cyd moved to approve the Secretary's Report, Joe seconded the motion, Motion carries

Treasurer's Report - Joe moved to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit, John seconded the motion, Motion carries

Debit/Credit Card Policies and Procedures - Aly moved to accept the recommendation of the policies listed, John seconded the motion, Motion Carries.

Finance team recommended to add Aly Kloeckner and Pastor Arte to the Thrivent Investment account in addition to Roy, Joe moved to accept the finance team's recommendation, Tom seconded the motion, Motion carries

Staff Reports

Pastor Arte - There has been a suggestion to potentially move the bookkeeper's office upstairs and purchase cubicle dividers to divide Laurel's desk and the other desks. It may be easier for printing purposes and be more accessible to people. The suggestion of the council is to research the costs and bring back to the next meeting. We should wait until we have someone on staff however to make any formal decisions.

Tina

Marilee

Ministry Team Reports

Worship and Music - Nancy Paasch is going to resign from the altar guild. They will be looking for someone to replace her on the committee. Greeters - they could use a few more on the committee. Could call through the directory to see if individuals would like to come. Ushers could step in if needed. Discussion regarding the Spire and how it is delivered: Once we have the directories we could set up a table to pass out them out and get updated information from individuals regarding emails and if they would still want a paper spire or not at the same time.

Property - Roof repair contract - Felber roofing is

looking like our best option to redo the roof. The property team is recommending that we go with Felber roofing and to repair the roof next spring. The bid is for 25,875. We need to hold a vote at the October congregational chat to accept the bid. Constitution\Bylaws state that the council can not enter into a contract of more than \$10,000 without a congregational vote. This will be advertised for the next congregational chat - we will need a quorum to approve this expenditure. Handicap door for bathroom - we have raised 1600 and a donation of up to 1500 to get this done. The bid was 2600 to get the door done, plus cost of electrician (probably less than 250). The work on this should proceed.

Life and Growth - No report

Education - If you know of someone with 40 pumpkins for pumpkin carving night - let Aly or Tina know

Youth - Pastor is still looking for one confirmation teacher - let him know if you are willing to help out!

Christian Action - Crop walk is October 7th - even if you do not want to contribute funds, you can still come out and walk. Christmas Project trees should be up on November 17th and 18th. Habitat House - might do one more work day (painting). Feed my Starving Children - November 3rd

Stewardship - Give to the Max in November. Going to try to switch to a different company for online giving - cheaper system than the "Simply Giving" system.

Personnel - Laurel will not be given a raise at her 1 year - this will be addressed with the other staff salaries at budgeting and Annual Meeting. Revamping the Employee Handbook will be the next project for this committee.

Old Business

Emergency Preparedness Committee - Will have more information at the next meeting

Audit Committee Update - The nominating committee will refer individuals to council for appointment.

New Business

Wells Fargo Educational Opportunities - As part of Wells Fargo PR they offer educational opportunities for people. After some discussion it was decided that if we feel this is an opportunity for our congregation, we would prefer to have Thrivent do any education

sessions. We will tell Wells Fargo “thank you but no thank you”. Pastor will talk with Thrivent to see if they offer any programs that would be educational for parishioners.

Nominating Committee - Kathy and Pastor will work on recruiting some people - 6 people.

Council Terms - Who is staying on and who is terming out? (Get this list from Kathy for notes).

Wish list from Laurel - This list would serve as a guide for her when people call the church and would like to donate something specific/for memorials etc: committees and individuals can add things to the list and she can then recommend from that list.

Rostered Ministers Appreciation - November 11th will be our Clergy Appreciation Sunday.

Seminar on giving - Sept 18th at 10am - Webinar on how to encourage the congregation to raise money. Talk to Kathy if you are interested and she can get the link to you.

Any other business?

Joy in Doing (Ellen Mackey) called Aly last night to discuss new member packets/volunteering lists/new member handbook. Do we have a database of people with “skills”? Professions etc? It appears this was approached before and it was decided not to go ahead with it. Which committee should joy in doing

be working with to come up with volunteering lists and potential new member information? Wendy Erickson is the contact for Life and Growth and they are currently working on new member packets we believe - they should contact them.

Meeting Adjourned - 8:27PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Aly Kloeckner, Church Council Secretary

Thank You

**Dear First Lutheran Church,
Thanks again for all you do to make it possible for the Red Cross to have a Blood Drive in your fellowship room. Your efforts are most appreciated. We will be back again on the 29th + 30th of Nov. Enjoy the days which the Lord has made!**

- Sincerely Sandy Luhman RC co-ordinator

Dear First Lutheran,

Thank you for helping to send me to Camp Wapo! I had such a fun time. Thank you again!

-Sarah Kolby

AUGUST 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT

	Month		Year -to- Date	
Operating Income	32180.00		304453.00	
Operating Expenses	33547.00		301754.00	
Difference	-\$1,367.00		\$2,699.00	

Please note that there have been adjusting entries to correct prior year transactions that are reflected in this year-to-date number.

There is also a pending insurance claim that we need to factor in while reflecting on our current financial position.

We continue to work on correcting the financial documents and anticipate having corrected third quarter financials for the congregation.

OCTOBER "JOY IN DOING"

COMMUNION

7 Cheri Roberts, Kevin & Cyd Mark
14 Diane Ringeisen, Daryl Mark, Linda Seivert
21 David & Kathleen Olson, Carol Smith
28 Neal & Barb Siewert, Gloria Solsaa

LECTOR

7 Cheryl Sasse
14 Judie Bowes
21 Kathleen Olson
28 Gloria Solsaa

GREETERS

7 Pam Hallahan, Candy Fleck
14 Jim and Kay Halvorson
21 Roy and Karol Harley
28 Bev Hawkenson, Jan Larson

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

7 George and Doris VanNorman
14 Jeff and Enid Reames
21 Mary Weberg, Mike Sorensen
28 Muph and Lois Berg

SATURDAY ASSISTANT

6 Larry and Jean Wiederich
13 Tricia Harris
20 Penny Oleson, Sandy Sharot
27 Mike and Sue Heller

TREATS

7 George and Doris Van Norman, Cheri Roberts, Bill and Anne Robertson, Tom and Cheri Sasse
14 Jeff and Enid Reames, John and Renee Schlegelmilch, Dave and Jane Schwartau, Sandy Sharot
21 Neal and Barb Siewert, Virginia Sorenson, Arlene Stromback, Arnie and Karen Strusz
28 Murph and Lois Berg, Michelle Swanson, Norma Swingdorf, Bud and Shirley Warnsholz

ACOLYTE AND CLEAN-UP

7 Scott Langhans and family
14 Courtney Roberts and family
21 Mary Ellen Robertson and family
28 Justin Rice and family

BREW CREW

7 Charles and Carol Charbonneau
14 Dick and Nancy Houghton
21 Bill and Barb Raw
28 Nils and Ellis Fauchald

WEDNESDAY SERVERS AND CLEAN-UP

3 Ian Nibbe and family
10 Brianna Novak and family
17 Sarah Wiederich and family
24 Ella Benson and family

USHERS

Rollie Meffert (Chair)
David Carlstrom
Steve Haase
Mark Jaeger
John, Julie & Marshall Laidlaw
Scott Lappegaard
David & Linda Olson

New Books Gifted to the Library Adult

Don Piper *90 minutes in Heaven*
Product Concept *I know I put my glasses somewhere*
Rachel Held Evans *Searching for Sunday*
Jodi Picoult *Small Great Things*
Crystal McVea *Waking up in Heaven*
Mitch Albom *First Call from Heaven*
Eben Alexander *Proof of Heaven*
Guidepost *Joys of Christmas*

Children

Gail Benson *I Never Wanted to be a Duck*

Thank you to Bunny Kulstad for Lighting the Spire for September in Memory of Jim Kulstad (The Light of my Life).

Thank you to 'yo baby' and Terry Lohman for Lighting the Spire for October in memory of Marcus.

OCTOBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	3:30pm Piano lessons 5:00pm Learning Circle Board Meeting 7:00pm Grief Share 7:00pm Boy Scouts troop 32 7:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	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	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	5:30pm Bells of the Bluffs		5:30 pm Worship Music – Jean Fjelsted
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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New Children's Music for Fall

Kids in school are invited to come to these Exploration Music Sessions this fall.

- **Drumming Rocks** - You will learn some very fun drumming stuff. We have special drums to help us learn.
 - **Puppets & Skits Rock** - You will learn a skit and use puppets to help us tell the story.
 - **Handbells Rock** - You will learn how to play handbells and make a lot of noise with them

COME AND JOIN THE FUN

Music in Worship

Sunday, October 7 - Chancel Choir, Joyful Ringers

Sunday, October 14 - Praise Team

Sunday, October 21- TBD

Sunday, October 28 (Reformation) - Chancel Choir, Joyful Ringers

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
- Beginning Handbells
- Praise Team
- Children's Choir
- Soloist
- Instrumentalist
- Small Ensemble
- Accompanist
- Saturday Night Pianist
- Other?