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JUNE 2018

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR STANTON



On May 4 and 5, First Lutheran's Vision & Leadership Team met for an overnight retreat at Sugar Creek Bible Camp. Over the rest of the year, your elected leadership meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 6:30—8:?? (that 8:?? is a technical term) which is a limited amount of time to consider the bigger questions. What should our expectations be for our staff? How can we plan for the financial future (like 25+ years ahead) of First Lutheran? And armed with so much feedback from the capital campaign, how do we move forward with addressing our deferred

maintenance needs, our desire to pay off the mortgage, our hopes of becoming a more generous institution in this community and so much more?

Our membership should be so very thankful that God has raised up the leaders we have among us on the V&L Team. President Larry Schreiner, VP Aaron McDonald and Secretary Jenn Wiesjahn comprise the Executive Team. Shaun Gibbs, Diane Shuda, Nancy Beguin and Brandon King complete the group who made great use of our time together.

Friday night was devoted to stories of churches we have been a part of

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KARYN



It has been a full month, this May, with lots of exciting things happening here at First and in the greater church community. In the midst of all that is going on, this past week was "make plane reservation" week for my sabbatical. Things are starting to feel real, and I am both excited and anxious (see photo).

A couple months ago, I talked about the first quarter of my sabbatical, which I have named "Easing into Sabbatical." The second quarter of my sabbatical I am calling, "Art and Connections."

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Summer Small Groups

Weekly Groups:

Courageous Men

Coffee with Pastor Karyn

Parent Share
(Tues mornings, 9am)

Monthly Groups:

Grief Support Group

Rebekah Circle

Elizabeth Circle

Naomi Circle

Deborah Circle

Dorcas Circle

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God's work. Our hands.

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from over 200 visits told us there is great concern about prioritizing the deferred maintenance 'needs' of the property. There are also many among our membership who feel strongly about freeing up more of our annual gifts by ridding ourselves of mortgage payments. In the midst of these conversations, our Foundation Board came to us recently to ask for guidance about how to do their work well in light of by-laws that require updating.

The results of our conversations are exciting. First of all, we know that nobody wants any capital campaign moneys to be spent (even if it's pledged) before it is actually received. So, if we do want to pay off the mortgage and reshingle the sanctuary roof—which together will cost more than \$500,000—we will probably NOT be accomplishing those goals before 2020. In the meantime, though, other less expensive priorities could be done. Resurfacing the parking lot, updating our smoke alarm systems, replacing the flooring in the education building, adding handicapped door buttons in the narthex bathrooms and lighting the Good Shepherd window in the sanctuary are all in the range of possibility if gifts are given as they have been pledged. Raising over \$1 million allows First Lutheran to address every deferred maintenance need while also meeting a few opportunities. This is indeed exciting, as our leadership will be free in years to come to make plans without the doom of leaky ceilings over their heads (literally).

But not every opportunity could be met, of course. Creating a significant capital reserve fund for the next big maintenance need in addition to a cash reserve fund to help our church get through lean summer months without taking short-term loans will not happen. However, as our V&L Team considered

the request from our Foundation Board for greater guidance, we came up with an idea that should build such reserves over time. If all memorial gifts and other special gifts made to First Lutheran were put directly into the Foundation, the principal would grow each year. In the course of 10 years, through investments and gifts, the Foundation principal could double or even triple. That principal usually generates 5-10% interest. These interest amounts could be the future source of a capital reserve, cash reserve and allow First to be more generous to the Synod, Sugar Creek Bible Camp, Lutheran Social Services and more. In short, the Foundation could be an essential part of how First Lutheran will thrive in the future, perhaps without needing to conduct large-scale capital campaigns (maybe I'm wishing here).

I hope you'll 'stay tuned' to hear more about the choices our leadership are making and feel free to contribute

toward the discussion. We will update a sign in the narthex each time capital campaign funds get used, which will also be shown in the monthly newsletter. From time to time, we will also have a V&L member offer an update during the offering at worship. We've already updated the HVAC controls and put a new roof on the education building. Like I said, these are exciting times at First Lutheran!



Pastor Jason Stanton
jason@firstlu.org

READINGS FOR JUNE

Sunday, Jun 3	Mark 2:23-3:6
Wednesday, Jun 6	Exodus 20:3-11
Sunday, Jun 10	Mark 3:20-35
Wednesday, Jun 13	Exodus 20:12-16
Sunday, Jun 17	Mark 4:26-34
Wednesday, Jun 20	Exodus 20:17
Sunday, Jun 24	Mark 4:35-41
Wednesday, Jun 27	1 John 1:1-4

Above are the tentative readings scheduled for June. Readings used during worship are determined by the pastors on a weekly basis, and therefore are subject to change.

You can also view this list online and subscribe to receive them as an email at 1stlu.org/readings.

in our past. The V&L Team have lived everywhere from Massachusetts to California and dozens of places in between. We have worshipped at tiny rural churches and enormous metropolitan churches. In the end, we talked about how First Lutheran, Onalaska, in 2018 continues to be a large church that seeks to create ways of feeling smaller through the ways we worship, serve and learn. It's a great challenge that more and more leaders are choosing to help answer.

On Saturday, we talked about our options regarding the ways we make use of the funds being gathered from the capital campaign. Our feedback

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Kathy Harper



Nicole and Nate Johnson,
Emma, Grace, & Addie



Val Kolden



Tami Mullikin,
Logan & Allie



Viki & Mike Richmond



Kristin Thompson-Larson



Connie Wooden

We extend a warm welcome to our new members of First Lutheran, who were formally received on Sun., May 6, & Wed., May 9.

Members are encouraged to place this sheet in their church directory for future reference.

**I rejoiced with
those who said
to me,**

**"Let us go
to the house
of the LORD."**

FUNDS GIVEN TO SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2018

The First Lutheran Foundation scholarship committee has awarded scholarships to 10 high school graduates to help with their post-secondary education. The recipients are: William Brewer, Dane Carl, Parker Clark, Danny Garrity, Katie Larkin, Olivia Leppert, Carter Melby, Collin Roes, Carson Schultz, and Emily Wittkop. Each will receive \$300 through the Mabel Anderson Scholarship program. The money is awarded after the recipient submits his or her first-semester grades.

The Foundation/Endowment Fund was established in December 1989 upon the passing of Ms. Mabel L. Anderson. Mabel was a longtime member of First Lutheran, having been baptized and confirmed here. Her will/trust bequest a substantial sum to First Lutheran in memory of her parents Peder and Johanna Anderson. It was Mabel's wish that this monetary gift would enable further growth of our church, its ministries and stewardship within the community.

Per the Foundation's bylaws, 5% of its total assets can be spent each year towards four categories: 1) Mabel Anderson Scholarships (for graduating high school seniors); 2) community outreach, such as Salvation Army, local food pantries, and New Horizons; 3) ELCA-related missions, such as Sugar Creek Bible Camp, First Lutheran Helping Hands, and youth trips; and 4) capital improvements for First Lutheran. In the past 4-5 years, the Foundation has graciously donated more than \$10,000 towards these four categories.

Contributions to the Foundation Fund are not spent, but invested. The money is held in a couple of low-risk investment funds and money market accounts. Year after year the interest earned from this fund is used to expand our outreach and ministries. Therefore, contributions made to the fund serve as "seeds" that keep on giving. Contributions may be made through simple gifts, wills & trusts via estate planning, memorials and beneficiary through life insurance policies. Any amount is welcome and greatly appreciated.

Committee members: Todd Hanson (chairman), Steve Lind, Christine Sanders, Michele Burton, Andrea Dombroski, Meredith Hougen

Simply Giving

Ever get to church and reach for your checkbook or envelope and realize they aren't there? Or that you just don't carry them anymore? Automating your giving means your contributions will be received on a regular basis. Set up a recurring contribution at 1stlu.org/simplygive, and click on the "Give Now" button to get started. Questions? Contact our webmaster at andy@firstlu.org.

I can't remember a time in my adult life when a work or school schedule didn't dictate how to spend my time.

During this 3 week period, I will be traveling to Europe. First to Germany with my father to explore our ancestral homeland. We will spend a couple days in Chicago before heading over to Berlin, where we will join with others for a tour that will take us to Dresden, Weimar, Rothenburg, Neuschwanstein, Oberammergau, Marienplatz and Munich (just in time for Oktoberfest!). After the tour, we will be on our own to toodle around and explore southern Germany where our family came from, exploring some historical sites, visiting car museums and (I hope) getting a chance to race really fast cars around a track.

During this time, the Sabbatical Team will be providing you with classes on ancestry research, helping our middle and high school groups film the stories of our church family and teaching our Sunday school the Biblical family tree.

After Germany, I will head to Paris, where I will meet up with my best friend and my sister. We plan on visiting an art museum each day as we explore the spiritual practice of visio divina, there will be afternoons on

the terraces of coffee shops sipping cafe au laits and enjoying a pastry as we take a break from walking around various neighborhoods and evenings eating amazing food. We will also travel to Chartres Cathedral, where the oldest inlaid labyrinth is, for the opportunity to walk it. This has long been a hope of mine, and I am so thankful I will get the chance to do it.

After a week in Paris we will board a train for Amsterdam. Van Gogh has long been my favorite artist, and I am excited to explore this city he loved and immerse myself in his art in a new way.

Throughout our time in these two charming cities we will be spending intentional time talking about connections we have been making and ways we are growing in our faith and understanding of ourselves and God.

While I am doing that, practitioners of Visio Divina and Meditation will be invited to First to teach about these things.

I am awed by what I have been gifted with, both the time and the grant money. I am also a little concerned about what life will be like not working for three months. Not that there won't be plenty to do, but I can't remember a time in my adult life when a work or school schedule didn't dictate how to spend my time. I love my work, and it greatly defines who I am, so not working for three months, well it promises to be a time of great growth. I am very glad that I have some amazing people to journey with me during these months. Thank YOU for all you do that has made this amazing time possible!



Pastor Karyn Bodenschatz
karyn@firstlu.org

REGISTRATION FOR ALL SUMMER PROGRAMMING IS OPEN!

Your child or grandchild can have an amazing new experience this summer with the caring staff and beautiful creation of Sugar Creek! Now is the time to register, before your desired week fills up. Popular programs fill up fast! Register today to reserve your spot!



SUGAR CREEK GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

*Monday, June 18,
Viroqua Hills Golf Course*

For more info contact the camp directly.

FIRESIDE DINNER THEATRE: A SECOND HELPING (A CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES SEQUEL)

Come and join us for 1 day trips to the Fireside Dinner Theatre. Bus starts in La Crosse for day trips. We will pick up in towns along Hwy 14. Cost: \$95. Please call or email camp for reservations.



SUGAR CREEK
BIBLE CAMP

VOLUNTEERS

Sugar Creek needs just a few more volunteer nurses, PAs, or doctors for the following weeks:

- June 10-15
- June 17-22
- July 29-Aug. 3

Medical staff volunteers receive one free week of camp for their own child, or they may gift the free week to someone else. Interested volunteers may contact us at: 608-734-3113 or camp@sgrcreek.org

13141 Sugar Creek Bible Camp Rd, Ferryville, WI 54628
608.734.3113 • camp@sgrcreek.org • www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org

PARENT share

Coming together to pray and talk about
raising our children faithfully

NEW TIME: Tuesdays at 9am

In the Upper Room (201)

Contact Carla Stanton for more info



**Grab a seat at Copeland Park
with First Lutheran!**

Saturday, June 23 6:05pm

RSVP to bridget@firstlu.org

Join us for...

RAFL

RANDOM ACTIVITIES FIRST LUTHERAN!

We know there are a lot of RANDOM ACTIVITIES that you plan at the last minute, and that it'd be fun to meet up with other folks. This is where RAFL comes in: it's a Facebook Group created for members of First to invite one another on random activities.

Going to the pool? Invite others to join you.

Want to sit with others at Moon Tunes?

Post in the RAFL group, and invite others to join you. Want someone to hike with?

RAFL is the place to connect.

This is a great way to get to know others in the congregation better in a social setting, in an informal way.

Join the group. It's open to all.

The prize for everyone is getting out and having fun together... it's a win-win!

Go to

1stlu.org/RAFL

and join in the random, spontaneous fun!



Always wanted to try paddleboarding or kayaking?

Or looking to join some others from First Lutheran in a fun afternoon? **July 29, noon–4pm** is your chance to rent a paddleboard, kayak or canoe and paddle with other folks from First Lutheran. If fishing, Frisbee golf, or watching others is more your thing, you can do that, too. We will meet up at the Pettibone picnic shelter. This is for teens, adults of all ages, singles, families, friends, in other words, **EVERYONE**.

Bring your own lunch, or order a box lunch in advance and we'll have it there. Eat, then head out on the water.

Costs: paddle board rental \$10, kayak and canoe rental \$7, box lunch \$7. Bring your own beverage.

All rentals are for 4 hours and include life vest.

Please RSVP at 1stlu.org/paddle so we can plan for food and have your paddling equipment reserved for you.

See Bridget with questions: bridget@firstlu.org

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER



It's so nice when you step up to a service counter or an information desk and the people seem really happy to help you. They are ready to listen and

give you the information that you need with a genuine smile. That's what our Welcome Center is all about: helping visitors and members alike.

The best part of being at the welcome center is helping and talking to people. We love helping people find their way to the Sunday school or nursery, finding the person they need to talk to, or helping them sign up for something. We are a great help to our nametag people by taking the nametags off the lanyards. We also give out welcome folders to our visitors, welcoming them to First Lutheran. Best of all, we listen to people. We care what each person has to say, not judging but just listening. Sometimes, that is all one needs, someone to listen to them.

The welcome center offers a wonderful opportunity for visitors and members alike to feel connected. It is a welcoming place, a first stop for visitors and members to get information and the help they need. We try to be up to date on all that is happening at First Lutheran. We have generous hearts that like to welcome others. As Romans 15:7 says, "Welcome one another, therefore just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." That is our goal at the welcome center: to welcome each other to the glory of God.

If you would like to be a part of our team, welcoming one another as Christ has welcomed you, come to the welcome center anytime and

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talk to one of our team members. We would love to help get you trained and start welcoming others. We will match you up with someone who is already trained so you can see how easy it is to welcome one another. You can also contact me at kathryn@firstlu.org and let me know that you are interested. This is a wonderful and important ministry for our visitors and members to have so that we all feel connected with each other here.

Kathryn Pedretti
Director of Servant Ministries
kathryn@firstlu.org

GO AND DO LIKEWISE

LUKE 10:37

PARKING LOT MINISTRY

The parking lot ministry needs warm and friendly faces to greet guests and worshipers who come into the parking lot, giving help if needed at the entrance door and giving umbrellas to those who need one when it's raining. Come to the welcome center to receive more information and sign up to help.

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SUNSHINE BOYS

The Sunshine Boys meet at First Lutheran on the **first Thursday of the month at 9am** to help with outdoor or indoor projects. Rolls and coffee are supplied to replenish your reserves! Dues are free!

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY

It's a relaxing way to volunteer! **Thursday, June 28, at 9am**, to assemble the July newsletter. See you there!

WELCOME BASKETS

Welcome baskets are a way to welcome a new neighbor into your neighborhood. The baskets are a gift bag tied with a bow and are filled with goodies from church and from our community. They are available to sign out at the Resource Center across from the church office.



If you know of someone who needs a caregiver, speak with Pastor Karyn (karyn@firstlu.org) or call the church office (608.783.2236).

HELPING HANDS

If you need help with small jobs around the house or if you need a couple of meals or groceries delivered, just go to the "Helping Hands" board by the nursery and make out a slip with a description of what you need help with and your telephone number. Then anyone who thinks they can help can take the slip and call the number to work out the details. This ministry is open to all in need of help AND to those who can provide the help. There is no set group of "helpers" so we need involvement from all who can be a blessing to someone else. Thanks!

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

CAP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

PLEDGED DOLLARS:

\$1,009,039

GIFTS RECEIVED:

\$306,771

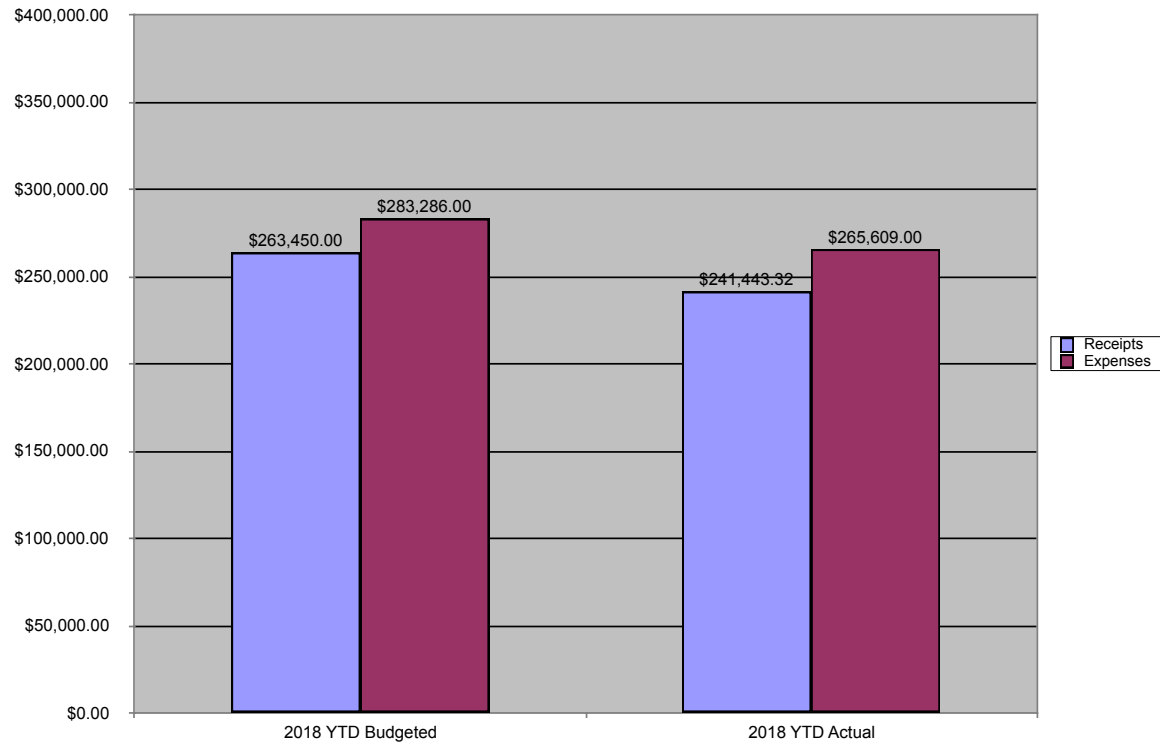
PROJECTS COMPLETED:

HVAC CONTROLS

ED BLDNG ROOF

COMING SOON:

PARKING LOT REPAIRS



The following is a financial summary through the end of April:

Actual receipts -
\$241,443.32

Budgeted receipts -
\$263,450.00

Actual expenses -
\$265,609.00

Budgeted expenses -
\$283,286.00

Our total receipts through the end of April fell short of the current year budgeted amount by \$22,006.68. Our total giving (general fund and other miscellaneous offerings) fell short of our current year budgeted amount by \$20,036.19 or 9.1%.

As noted above, our expenses are less than budgeted through the end of April by \$17,677.00. The majority of this favorable variance is due to the timing of certain expenses.

In summary, we budgeted for a deficit of \$19,836.00 through the end of April and have realized an actual deficit of \$24,165.68.

In addition to the above noted operating receipts and expenses, we received \$27,581.65 for our capital campaign in April and incurred expenses associated with our capital campaign of \$1,040.36. Cumulative receipts and expenses associated with our capital campaign through the end of April are \$306,771.93 and \$130,987.34, respectively.

As always, full details of this report are available by request in the church office. Also, everyone is welcome to attend a finance committee meeting—we meet every month, on the second Wednesday, at noon in the Thomas Room.

*Respectfully,
Finance Committee*

OPENING: NURSERY ATTENDANTS

First Lutheran is seeking part-time nursery attendants. Nursery kids range from newborn through 4 years. These are paid positions. Inquire in the office, call 608.783.2236 or e-mail us at office@firstlu.org.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION



A baptism preparation session will be **Saturday, June 2, at 10am** in the narthex for anyone who is considering or has scheduled a baptism.

To register or ask questions call the church office, 608.783.3326.

FAITH ALIVE VISITATIONS

A group of First Lutheran members have initiated a new Faith Alive mission. Their goal is to "keep-in-touch" with our fellow members who are home bound.

The visitation team will keep Faith Alive with phone calls, home visits or by mailing notes to remind "at home" members that our church loves and cares about them.

Please notify the church office at 608.783.2236 or office@firstlu.org if you're aware of an individual or care giver who is either long or short-term home bound.

WE CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF HOLY BAPTISM

- Hadley Leona Brueggen
- Reid James Heiden

WEDDINGS

God's blessings to...

- Michaela Muehlenkamp
& Brett Helling

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF:

- Genevieve 'Midge' Anderson
- Carolyn Skogen

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

Thank you for the following memorials:

In memory of Dee Teale

- Designated for First Lutheran Foundation Fund: Nancy Beguin, Gaylord & Esther Dolphin, Mary Eide, Marilyn Fox, Adrian & Doris Hagen, Joan Hauser, Teresa King, Amy Govert Larson, Pam Nehring, Nancy & Gary Olds, the Delores Teale estate

HOSPITAL REMINDERS

For Gundersen: be sure to alert the hospital of your church affiliation when they ask, and they will release your name to us when we call.

For Mayo/Franciscan Healthcare: it is important that you or a family member contact us at the church office: 608.783.2236. Mayo no longer lets churches know who is a patient at their hospital.

LATEX- & NUT-FREE CAMPUS

A reminder to all members that First Lutheran is a latex- and nut-free campus. Please do not bring food containing nuts or nut butters of any kind onto the church campus. This is for the safety of all of our members. Thanks!

SUBMITTING NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

To have your announcement in the monthly newsletter, send it to newsletter@firstlu.org, or give it to Andy in the office. Deadline for the newsletter is always noon on the 15th of each month.

To have your announcement in the weekly announcements pages handed out each weekend, send it to announcements@firstlu.org, or give it to Andy in the office. Deadline for the weekly announcements is always noon each Wednesday.

GO GREEN

We offer two e-mail lists for subscribing:

- **First Lutheran Publications:** which includes e-mail links to our e-newsletter, so if you request to stop receiving this paper in your hands, this will save natural resources, and helps First save money on supplies and postage.
- **First Lutheran Updates & Publications:** all of the above plus several updates from our website.

To subscribe to either one and to cancel the delivery of this paper copy, simply visit 1stlu.org/subscribe and fill out the online form, or contact the office at office@firstlu.org.

THANK YOU SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & HELPERS!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who made Sunday school possible! It's you who made this ministry happen, and we look forward to seeing you again next year!

THANK YOU CHOIR!

Thanks to all the members of the choir who dedicate their time and share God's gift of music with the congregation! Thanks also to director Todd Saner for his leadership! Enjoy your break, and we'll look forward to hearing you again in the fall!

Mark Abitz
Nancy Beguin
Dick Daleki
Peggy Daleki
Marlene DeWald
Meredith Hougen
Kerry Jedele
Sharon Kjos
Janice Klimke
Bev Larson
David Lee
Terry Lee
Steve Lind
Connor Liudahl
John Robison
Missy Robison
Scott Ryan
Jenny Saner
Tom Skogen
Carol Skoy
Steve Thomas
Christy Wittkop
Emily Wittkop
Katy Wood

Hero!
#ImAHero



Hero!
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BE A HERO

First Lutheran Church- Onalaska Blood Drive

Monday, July 30
12:30pm–5:30pm

Location: First Lutheran Church- Narthex of the church, 410 Main Street in Onalaska

Visit **1stlu.org/blooddrive** or
call Diane Shuda 608-386-4270
to make an appointment.

Appointments encouraged. Refreshments provided.

Be a Hero, Donate Blood



Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

Flip Flop 'til You Drop!

Sun., July 15, noon–2pm
at Shelter #1 in Rowe Park

RSVP at 1stlu.org/vap

We have so many people to
thank for all that happens
at First!



WE'RE HIRING

First Lutheran is seeking
part-time nursery attendants

The position is paid

Inquire in the office, call 608.783.2236
or e-mail us at office@firstlu.org

PEER MINISTRY

Eight 10th graders were commissioned as peer ministers in May after going through 16 weeks of training designed to make them better listeners and leaders. Commissioned were:

- Jacob Breiling
- Tommy Duren
- Jaidyn Groshek
- McKenzie Marcon
- Kenzie Miller
- Lexi Miller
- Liz Peterson
- Brooke Visker

CONFIRMATION

Teen-relevant, age-appropriate, active, modern, and theologically sound

THANK YOU!

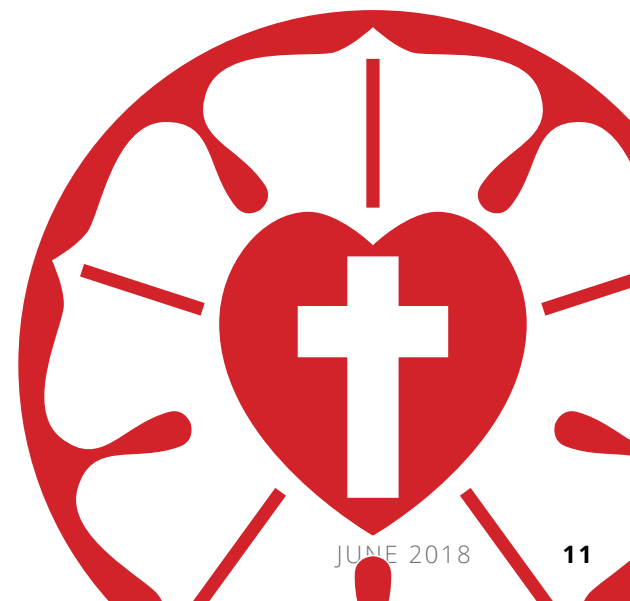
A big thank you to our Confirmation Small Group Guides and our 6th and 7th Grade Confirmation Bible Class teachers. Our youth ministry wouldn't happen without you, and our youth are truly blessed to have these affirming, authentic and available adults in their lives!

Small Group Guides

Glen Vilim
Mark Davidson
Jill Davidson
Jerad McHenry
Kurt Breiling
Tolly Hegge
Madi Olson
Marci Leppert
Lindsey Ziolkowski

6th and 7th Grade Confirmation Bible Classes:

Jared Oelke
Pat Lunney
Tara Shilts
Jim Sysimaki





OLDER WISER LUTHERANS



With the arrival of spring weather, the OWLs rejoiced in the delights of May. Our potluck was a delightful combination of good food and fun with a variety of great games. Many are anticipating a great adventure on a Lanesboro Amish tour as I write this update.

With June and the anticipated arrival of summer the OWLs are planning an outing on the Mississippi. We will meet at the church on **Thursday, June 7**, for a trip to Winona, where we will have dinner and board the Winona Tour Boat for a 90-minute trip on the Mississippi. This is a narrated tour that not only entertains but educates about the famed waterway and the history of Winona and its relation to the Mississippi River. Bring your camera and your binoculars to catch all the wildlife, including eagles in their natural habitat. This is an evening cruise that leaves the dock at 6pm. The boat is fully enclosed if it is a cool evening. There is a bathroom on board. We will leave the church at 3 PM and travel to Winona for an early supper at a local establishment. Cost of the boat tour is \$15, and supper is on your

own. Please email owls@firstlu.org or call Brian (630-816-5917) or Mary (630-291-8181) by Wednesday, June 5, if you would like to attend.

Our June potluck will be on **Wednesday, June 20, at noon** in the narthex. For our program we will return to an OWLs tradition of getting to know each other by our stories. For our new members, that means we are the program. The theme will be "my favorite vacation memory or story." Each person will be given up to 5 minutes to tell about their favorite vacation memory. It can be something that happened last week, or any time during your life. If you have a souvenir or old photos to share, bring them along. If you do not wish to speak, that is OK, come enjoy the stories of others. These are always delightfully happy gatherings.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in June.

The OWLs are a group at First that welcomes anyone, First Lutheran members or not, who are 55+.

For information or to ask questions, contact Brian Narveson at owls@firstlu.org.



STUDENT'S NAME:

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY: STATE: ZIP:

HOME PHONE:

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME:

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL:

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER:

ALLERGIES OR SPECIAL NEEDS:

GRADE COMPLETED:

**SHIRT SIZE
(PLEASE CIRCLE ONE):**

Youth Extra Small

Youth Extra Large

Youth Small

Adult Small

Youth Medium

Adult Medium

Youth Large

Adult Large

*A suggested donation of \$15/child or
\$40/family is welcome and appreciated
and will help cover VBS expenses.
Thank you!*

VOLUNTEER FORM

NAME:

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY: STATE: ZIP:

EMAIL:

CELL:

AREAS WILLING TO SERVE:

Crowd Control

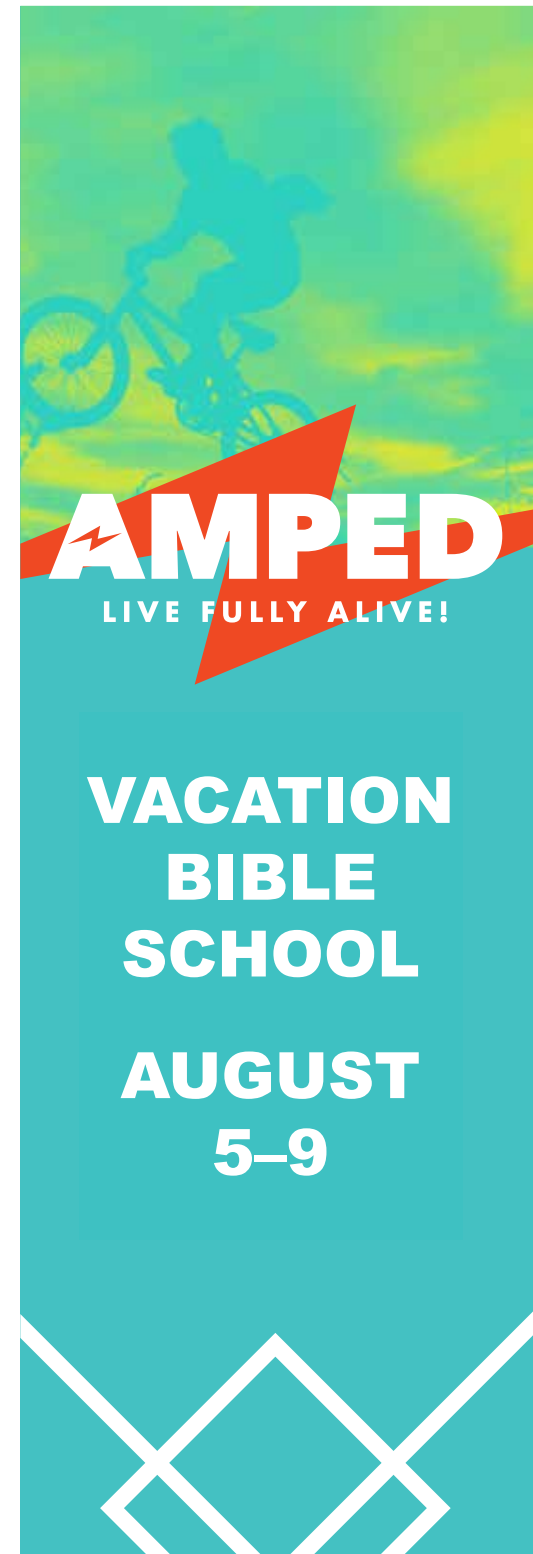
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Registration

Tech Crew

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Other



UP (Coming You+H) Events

Confirmation Camp:
June 10–15

Middle school trip to
Indianapolis
July 22–27

High school trip to
National Youth Gathering
in Houston, TX
June 27–July 1

Vacation Bible School:
August 5–9



Families of First are invited to Noah's Ark in Wisconsin Dells. We will be going as a group on **FRIDAY, June 15** (not on Saturday, as printed in the previous newsletter). The park is open from 10am–6pm. Cost: \$16, includes hot dog lunch. Katie Everson has volunteered to lead this event for 2018. RSVP to Beth Miller: beth@firstlu.org.



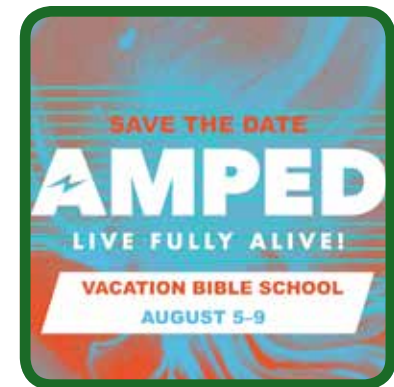
Grab a seat at Copeland Park with First Lutheran! **Saturday, June 23, 6:05pm.** RSVP bridget@firstlu.org



For children entering grades 1–5, on **Wed, June 27, 7:30am–4:15pm.** Why? Experience a day at Sugar Creek (a parent is welcome/preferred)! How: Carpool/van/bus from First Lutheran! Additional info: wear tennis shoes and bring swim suit and towel. Snacks, lunch and water are provided! Cost: \$20. RSVP to beth@firstlu.org.



Young Youth Campfire!
More info coming soon!



Plan ahead to be here for Vacation Bible School this summer! **Sun., Aug. 5 through Thur., Aug. 9.** For 3 years old and potty trained through 5th grade in the fall. Register at 1stlu.org/VBS

JUNE AT FIRST LUTHERAN *see also weekly events list on back*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Confirmation Camp at Sugar Creek						
<div>9:15 AM Frolic! - Rm 102</div> <div>9:15 AM Internship Committee - House</div> <div>6:30 PM Hospitality Leadership Team</div>	<div>7 PM AA - FS</div>	<div>9 AM Parent Share - UR</div> <div>1 PM Dorcas Circle - NX</div> <div>3:45 PM Worship & Music Team - NX</div> <div>6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Mtg - MR</div> <div>7:30 PM Coffee Shoppers Quarterly Meeting</div>	<div>12 PM Finance Team Mtg</div> <div>7 PM Monthly Small Group - UR</div>	<div>11 AM Small Group - House</div> <div>7 PM Women of the House Small Group</div>	<div>Newsletter Deadline</div> <div>9 AM Noah's Ark in WI Dells</div> <div>7 PM AA - FS</div>	
<div>17</div> <div>1 PM Elizabeth Circle</div> <div>2:30 PM Springbrook Worship</div> <div>7 PM AA - FS</div>	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div> <div>9 AM Naomi's Circle</div> <div>9 AM Parent Share - UR</div> <div>5:15 PM Personnel Team Mtg</div> <div>6:30 PM Property Management Team Mtg - Mike's Office</div> <div>6:30 PM Vision & Leadership Team Mtg</div>	<div>20</div> <div>10 AM Ona Terrace Worship</div> <div>12 PM OWLs Potluck - Narthex</div>	<div>21</div> <div>10 AM Deborah's Circle - NX</div> <div>11 AM Small Group - House</div> <div>1 PM Grief Support Group - Nancy Beguin's house</div> <div>7 PM Women of the House Small Group</div>	<div>22</div> <div>7 PM AA - FS</div>	<div>23</div> <div>6:05 PM Loggers Baseball at Copeland Park</div>
<div>24</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Sugar Creek Golf Tournament Fundraiser</div> <div>7 PM AA - FS</div>	<div>26</div> <div>9 AM Parent Share - UR</div> <div>6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Mtg - MR</div>	<div>27</div> <div>ELCA Youth Gathering</div> <div>7:30 AM Sugar Creek Explorer Day</div>	<div>28</div> <div>9 AM Newsletter Assembly - NX</div> <div>11 AM Small Group - House</div> <div>7 PM Women of the House Small Group</div>	<div>29</div> <div>7 PM AA - FS</div>	<div>30</div>

weekly events for

JUNE

at First Lutheran

SUNDAYS

8:00am Worship

10:30am Worship

TUESDAYS

9:00am ParentShare - UR

1:15pm Staff Meeting

5:30pm Bells Practice - Sacristy

WEDNESDAYS

6:00am Courageous Men - FS

6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn -
Panera, Onalaska

6:15pm Worship



Confirmation
Celebration
Wed, May 23
6:30-8pm

CALENDAR KEY

CR = Choir Room

FBB = Faith Building Block

FH = Fellowship Hall

FS = Fireside Room

LG = Lounge

MR = Mary Room

NX = Narthex

SN = Sanctuary

TR = Thomas Room

UR = Upper Room

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