

First Lutheran Church

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Upcoming Events

8/3 Serve at KARM

8/10 Germanfest and Trustee Workday

8/18 Voter's Meeting following Worship Service

8/24 Germanfest 11-8

8/25 Rally Day Sunday

Sunday School 9:15

Worship Service 10:30

FROM PASTOR ROCKEMANN

In his First Letter, the Apostle Peter pens these words: *"Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead"* (1 Peter 3:8 ff.).

Being "of one mind," doesn't mean being of the same opinion on every subject. It does, however, mean being united in God's truth—to confess the same thing. Paul echoes this as well in 1 Corinthians 1:10ff. *"Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgement."*

One thing is for certain: we cannot be of the same mind and judgment if we are not receiving the same spiritual nurture. This is why the foundation of our life in Christ is laid in church. If you want to learn and put into practice the virtues that Peter and Paul are talking about here—and you do because you are called by the Spirit to follow Christ—you must know that you cannot do so without receiving from the Lord His saving truth. The truth unites us. God's Word is Truth. It makes us of the same mind. God joins us together as one. We are reconciled to Him and through Him to one another — doesn't happen any other way! The truth that unites us is not just propositions to be parroted, but the forgiveness of our sins by the grace of God and the blood of His beloved Son, Jesus.

It is surely what happens as we gather in the Lord's house, under His cross, around His altar. He delivers Truth to us—His Truth. That Truth changes us. It gives us one voice to speak against a world raucous with lies and deceit and murderous shame. This one voice speaks but one Word, one Name, and that Word—that Name—delivers true peace and real hope.

Monthly Readings:

8/4- Eccl. 1:2,12-14; 2:18-26, Col. 3: 1-11, Luke 12:13-21

8/11- Gen. 15:1-16, Heb. 11:1-16, Luke 12: 22-34 (35-40)

8/18- Jer. 23:16-29, Heb. 11:17-31 (32-40) 12:1-3, Luke 12: 49-53 (54-56)

8/25- Isaiah 66:18-23, Heb. 12: 4-24 (25-29), Luke 13:22-30

Grant us, dear Lord, to be of one mind and as Your church to speak one Word. Let nothing hinder that Word. In Christ Jesus.

Amen



Weekly Happenings

Sunday: Divine Worship 9:30AM Bible Class following worship service

2nd and 4th Tuesdays: Quilting 9:30 AM (Meeting Room)

Wednesday: School Chapel at 8:30AM

Prayer Requests

Serving Our Country: Brett Anthonijs, Robert Boatman, Isaac Davis, Chad Kaiser, Adam Smith, Jeff Stone, Neil Whitehead, William Smolter

Members: Brion Bissell (needs kidney) Eric Lintz, Margot Bridges (homebound) Carl Testerman (stroke) Gene Franklin, the Varner family, Don & Carolyn Weaver, Karla Hood, Kris Weaver, Mike & Mary Jones Harold & Katherine Whitaker (homebound) Don & Sandy Linde, Sharon Mueller, Marilyn Wing (homebound) Douglas Rodenbeck (transition to being homebound) Jim and Rosa Beck,

Non Members: Jonathan Campbell (Diane Baum's co-worker's brother) fighting infection after an appendectomy to remove his ruptured appendix, Steven Dew (Carolyn Weaver's friend), Bill Flynn (Sharon Mueller's brother), whose cancer has returned Ken Hamilton (father of Anna Marie Hamilton, UT student from Alabama) Judy Hamrick (Shirley Watson's neighbor) with a tumor that is growing, JoAnn Harbaugh (Kathleen Holliday's mother) Cheryl Hooks (Diane Baum's friend) undergoing months of chemotherapy after removal of part of her colon and intestines due to cancer, Helen Linderfelt (Lynda Graves' friend) Joyce Lipscomb (Rick Elmore's friend) Annette Lotivio (Marc Blais's friend) with pancreatic cancer, Joanne Mattingly, Joan Mincey (Shirley Watson's friend) with stage 4 COPD and breast cancer Karen Nall Travis Parrott (the Wolford's son-in-law) needing a kidney transplant Tom Roberts (Sara's grandfather) with Alzheimer's Daniel Rule (the Slifkas' friend) suffering from RSD, Kristy Shirk (Lynda Graves' friend) with cancer of the sinuses Barbara Thornton (Janice Kaiser's relative) Sam and Alex Weaver, and Jean Anderson (Mike Anderson's Mom)

Board Happenings

8/6- Stewardship 7PM

8/10- Trustee Workday 9AM

8/13- School Board 6PM

8/13- Elder's Meeting 7PM

In Other News

Stewardship: Have you ever noticed the subtle ceremony of receiving the offerings during the Divine Service? The offerings are collected in plates or baskets, and they are brought forward and given to the pastor or an assistant. The pastor turns toward the altar, and, as he slightly bows his head, the offerings are raised slightly to the Lord and placed on the altar or an adjacent table.

Originally, this ceremony included more than simply bringing forward what was collected in the offering plates. The elements for the Holy Communion – the bread and the wine – were brought forward with the offerings. The offerings and elements were lifted toward the Lord and placed upon the altar. The altar, now made a table, would be set for the Lord's Supper.

Gifts brought to the altar come from the sweat of His people's brow. They are the bread and wine, the fruits of His people's labor in this fallen world. After six days of labor and toil, the people are to bring a generous proportion for the Lord's work. Gifts set upon the altar are offered to the Lord for Him to take up and press into service for His gracious work.

For what is offered to the Lord from the sweat of His people's brow – the bread of anxious toil – comes back to us as the bread of life. The bread comes down from heaven that whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup will receive life through the forgiveness of their sins.

What a blessing! God provides for us in all things. He provides bread from the sweat of our brows. He receives this from us in the first-fruits offerings we give to Him in thanksgiving and praise, and He turns these into spiritual bread. He gives this heavenly bread – the bread of eternal life – back to us so we might have joy.

So, the next time you are in the Divine Service, watch this ceremony in wonder. The offerings we have given to Him, the Lord gives back to us in His supper so that we may rejoice in the salvation He won for us upon the cross.

55 Alive: We will resume meeting in the fall. Have a wonderful summer!



Sunday School: If you are interested in teaching Sunday School this fall please contact a member of the Parish Education Board.

News from First Lutheran School

The summer is an interesting time at First Lutheran School. One might think that halls are quite and the classrooms peaceful, but nothing could be further from the truth. You might have even noticed signs of it as you wandered the halls. An Arctic tundra, swimming dolphins, and jumping frogs are just a few of the things you would see. Overall, it was a hustling and bustling summer.

Our Summer Day Camp program was a great success with over 100 students of all ages attending. Our ECE and summer staff did an amazing job entertaining and educating the students who attended. This year they learned about God's Amazing Creatures. From the North Pole to the tropical Rain forest, they learned about sneaky snakes, dapper penguins, and even pink dolphins.

In addition to learning, they took trips to the zoo and the aquarium seeing creatures up close and personal. They read plenty of books and did some research. They made crafts and created beautiful art. On top of that, every Friday was water day. It was a summer to remember for all the students.

While the children have had a great summer, the teachers aren't taking it easy. They were in and out of their classrooms: rearranging furniture, planning activities, and writing lessons. You might not even realize that hand saws, shop vacs, and trowels are tools of the trade, but without them there would be no place to put books, no sunflowers, and no dry floors. After this summer, the shop vac even has a name. It is called Larry if you were wondering. Our teachers and staff regularly use the opportunity summer provides to go above and beyond the call of duty.

With summer ending and school just around the corner, please, remember the teachers who work so hard for their students. Tell them thank you. Offer to lend a helping hand, and most importantly Remember them in your prayers. God has blessed First Lutheran with an incredible staff who are truly called to serve Him by loving every child who walks through our doors and sharing with them the love of Christ and the message of salvation.

Jessie Irwin, Principal

Anniversaries:

8: Chris and Rose Broyles, Mark and Stephanie Daniels, Carroll and Sherry Ward

12: Gary and Kim Smith 19: Gene and Ruth Franklin

20: Erik and Emily Blomenberg 24: Doug and Martha Rodenbeck

28: Steve and Rebecca Keyes 30: Marc and Lois Blais

Birthdays:

1: Holly Keiser; Mindy Lovelace	19: Chris Cox; Ruth Franklin
2: John Mueller	20: Bethany Capehart
3: Gary Boatman; Noah Broyles	21: Phyllis Nall; Dawn Roberts
4: Sharon Mueller	22: Nathan Baum; Robbie Miller
	23: Emily Keyes
5: Jered Sprecher	24: Wayne Poore
6: Jim Perrine	26: Chris Broyles
7: Jerry Stewart	28: Keith Hodson; Carl Testerman
9: Christina Boatman	29: Annie Miller; Larry Miller
10: Kim Robinson	30: Jackie Wheat
12: Tyler Ward	31: Olivia Wolford
13: Doug Bales; Shellia Byrd; Zach McSween	
15 Wendy Appleton	
16: Rex Bartholomay	
17: Roger Bartholomay; Stephanie Daniels; Steve Killian; JoAnn Niedens	
18: Terrie Yeatts	

Deadline for June Newsletter is Friday, August 23rd, 2019

Sundays: 9:30AM Worship Service Bible Class Following

Rev. Larry Rockemann, Vacancy Pastor, Rev. John Schulz, Pastor Emeritus, Jessie Irwin, Principal
