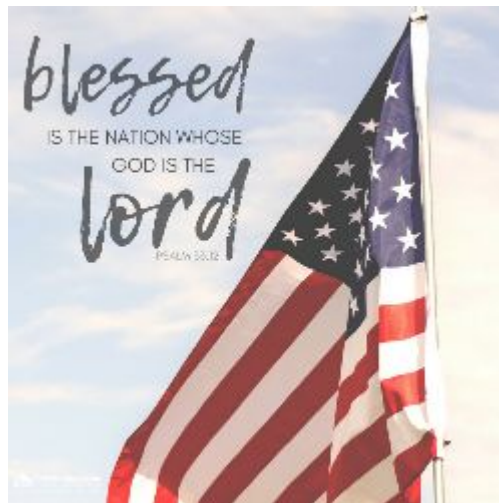




First Hearts July 2021

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From the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Strengthened by the Means of Grace we faithfully witness to Christ in the community and passionately share God's love through acts of mercy."

For the last three newsletter we've discussed the first three pillars that make up that statement. For review, we have discussed Worship, Education and Witness. Today we take up Fellowship. Fellowship is more than coffee and donuts between the Divine Service and Bible Studies or Game Nights. These are all good things that are a part of Fellowship. However, for a fuller view, Fellowship is our life together under the cross of Jesus.

The New Testament word we translate as Fellowship is *koinonia*. Synod prefers the phrase Life-Together. So when we say Fellowship we mean both here at First and with our sister congregations in our circuit, district, and Synod at large. We are joined in Fellowship together, both as members of a congregation and synod, through our mutual participation in the Lord's Supper.

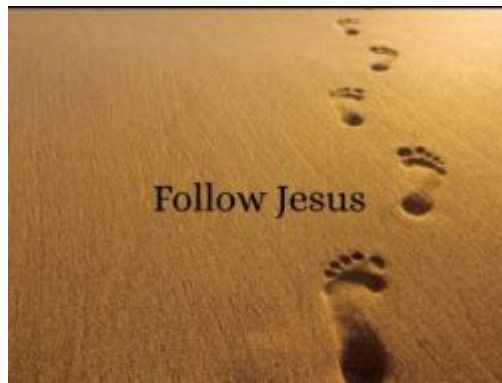
In the Lord's Supper we remember St. Paul's words in 1 Corinthians. Here Paul is writing to them about the fellowship in the Sacrament. One loaf is made up of many individual grains. One cup is made of the wine from many grapes. We are each individual members in the body of Christ. Christ is the head. We together, here at First, and as a circuit, district, and synod are the body led by Christ. Where the head leads, the body follows.

Fellowship flows from our Worship. Gathered around the Word, Sacraments, and prayer we receive and rejoice together in the gifts of God as the body. We are strengthened and encouraged in learning the Word together. Together we are drawn out into the world as Witnesses and doers of Mercy, inviting others to join our Fellowship. Here we rejoice when others rejoice and mourn with those who mourn. We are built up together.

In Fellowship we are together with the incarnate, crucified, and risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We bear sorrows and burdens and trials. We care for each other and provide for each other. We gather around the gifts together. Not because of Laws or demands, but freely.

This is our Fellowship.

Pastor Ed Maanum



Weekly Events

Sunday - Divine Service 9:30 am; Sunday School & Bible Study following
 Wednesday - Evening Prayer Service 6:30 pm

Board Happenings

7/13- School Board 6:00 pm
 7/13 - Elders Meeting 7:00 pm
 7/20 - Planning Council 6:30 pm

Other Church Activities

7/3 - Men's Bible Study 8:00 am
 7/5 - Ladies' Bible Study 7:00 pm
 7/11 -Confirmation 10:45 am
 7/17 - Men's Bible Study 8:00 am
 7/17 - Work Day 9:00 am
 7/18 - Youth Group (following Sunday School)
 7/19 - Ladies' Bible Study 7:00 pm
 7/25 - Confirmation 10:45 am

School Activities

7/5 - Summer Day Camp Closed (4th of July Holiday)
 7/30 - Last Day of Summer Camp

	July 4 (Prop. 9)	Sixth S. a. Pentecost	Ezek. 2:1–5	Psalm 123	2 Cor. 12:1–10	Mark 6:1–13
	July 11 (Prop. 10)	Seventh S. a. Pentecost	Amos 7:7–15	Psalm 85: (1–7) 8–13	Eph. 1:3–14	Mark 6:14–29
	July 18 (Prop. 11)	Eighth S. a. Pentecost	Jer. 23:1–6	Psalm 23	Eph. 2:11–22	Mark 6:30–44
	July 25 (Prop. 12)	Ninth S. a. Pentecost	Gen. 9:8–17	Psalm 136:1–9	Eph. 3:14–21	Mark 6:45–56
	or	St. James the Elder, Apostle	Acts 11:27—12:5	Psalm 56	Rom. 8:28–39	Mark 10:35–45

In Other News

Stewardship

“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1).

We celebrate this month because of the freedoms and liberties our country has afforded us. We should be thankful for these liberties – the freedom to gather together to worship and to live out what we believe in our daily lives.

But freedom and liberty in our age have devolved. It has become a freedom from duty instead of a freedom for it. Indeed, freedom and liberty in our age has turned into licentiousness – a license to do what we want, when we want. For freedom as license to do what we desire when we desire it means we are slaves to our desires and slaves to our passions.

Christ died to set us free from our desires. In Holy Baptism, our Old Adam is drowned and put to death along with all sin and evil desires so that a new man may arise and live before God in righteousness and purity. In Christ, we are a new creation.

Our duty is what God calls us to do as members of a family, society, and the Church. God calls us to believe in His Word and gladly hear and learn it. He calls us to pray for all people. He calls us to live in faith toward Him and in fervent love for our neighbor. He calls us to put the gifts He gives to us in His service.

God calls the government to punish those who do evil and to reward those who do good. He calls pastors to preach and teach the Gospel, repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And He calls hearers to support those who teach them with every good thing.


Christ died to set us free from the works of our selfish flesh, giving us the freedom and liberty to do our duty. Stand firm, then, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Board of Trustees – Special Project List

The Board of Trustees has put together a list of (11) key projects for facilities improvements for the church and school. (See attached below). The dollar

amounts, shaded in green are the estimated amounts needed to complete each project, with the column on the right showing what has been raised thus far. As of this past Sunday, there are (5) projects that have been fully funded but there are many important projects that are still in need of donations.

Please prayerfully consider contributing to one or more of these funds over the next few weeks and months. If you would like to support a specific item, write the item on the memo line of your check. If you have any questions about the projects, please contact Doc Sternberg.

 FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL	COLLECTED	GOAL
	\$52,600	\$559,500
WHITE HOUSE ROOFING / GUTTERS	\$20,000	\$4,000
WHITE HOUSE WINDOWS	\$4,000	
RUBBER ROOF REPAIRS	\$18,000	COMPLETE
MAINTENANCE ROOFING CONTRACT	\$2,800	COMPLETE
SEAL LEAKING PARAPETS	\$9,100	COMPLETE
BUILDING STABILITY	\$375,000	
SANCTUARY ROOFING	\$60,000	\$5,600
LADIES BATHROOM REMODEL	\$30,000	\$500
SCHOOL HVAC AIR SANITIZERS	\$3,600	COMPLETE
PAINT THE GYM	\$9,000	COMPLETE
3 REMAINING HVAC UNITS (CIRCA 1978)	\$28,000	

Wednesday Worship: We will begin Wednesday Evening Prayer Services again on Wednesday, June 2. These services will be at 6:30pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

We need your help. We are excited to start up Summer Sunday School at First Lutheran. We need volunteers to teach or team teach, beginning May

30 through Rally Day. There will be a Pre-K through 2nd Grade combined class and a 3rd-6th grade Sunday School class. 7th grade and older will join Pastor Ed in the Adult Bible Class. If you are available to teach, assist, or substitute for either class, please let us know. Email Pastor Ed pastor@firstknoxville.org and Mike Anderson mike_and@yahoo.com

Ushers - Are you looking for a way to help out around church? We need volunteers to help out with usher duties and to lead the usher teams on Sunday mornings. Please speak to Greg Buckner if you would like to volunteer.

Youth! Mark your calendars, join in fun and fellowship after Sunday School on the third Sunday of every month.

Online Services: Please visit the church website www.firstknoxville.org to view our worship services and to participate in worship at your home. There are also links for Bible study and other resources.

Facebook Page: Follow First Lutheran on Facebook for all the latest updates: <https://www.facebook.com/KnoxFirstLutheran/>



News from First Lutheran School

Though we are always looking ahead and planning for the future. This time of year always seems to sneak up on me. I know that the new school year is just around the corner, and I am filled with all the excitement and panic that entails.

Our summer day camp has been a blast so far with students “travelling” the world learning about different countries in their Friendship Games. We have the best summer staff. They jump right in making sure every summer is memorable. Their enthusiasm is contagious, and it makes sense that

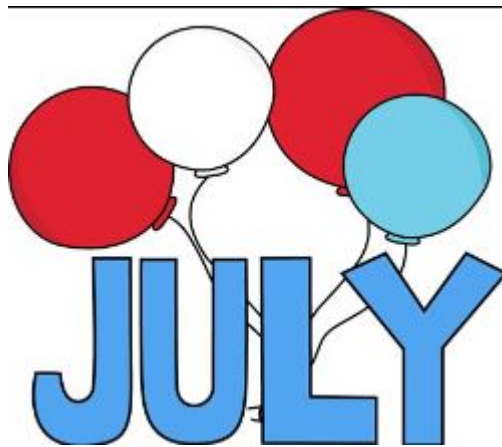
families return year after year.

Also, Ms. Natalie Bahr has accepted the Call to be a Middle School teacher and our Athletic Director. A lifelong Lutheran, Ms. Bahr is the granddaughter of Lutheran Pastors and the daughter of a Lutheran school teacher. Originally, from the St. Louis area, she lived in Shanghai where her father taught at Concordia International School. She has also lived in Texas, eventually attending Concordia University Austin. Ms. Bahr has a passion for math and mission work, and we are excited to have her joining our staff.

Lastly, we are happy to share our theme for the upcoming school year is: “In All Things” based on Romans 2:28 “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” As a school, we will be looking how God works in all our lives to accomplish great things.

As always, we thank you for your continued support for our school. As we look ahead to the new year, please keep our school in your prayers and do not hesitate to tell others about the great things that are happening at First Lutheran.

Hope and blessings,
Jessie Irwin, Principal



Birthdays:

July 1: Jacob Cloninger; Holly Flanigan; Nick Weideman

July 2: Trevor Anderson; Tabi Maanum

July 3: Steve Wheat

July 4: Brett Anthonijs

July 6: Jim Perrine

July 8: Bobby Eisold; Tabitha Lukens; Monika Rash; Abby Walkup

July 9: Cameron Brown; Angela Lukens
July 11: Rev. Ed Maanum
July 12: Zachary Mueller; Melissa Sanders
July 13: Michleen Jones
July 14: Lin Holloway, Jr.
July 16: Avery Anderson; Amy Keller
July 19: Tara Chrapliwy; Karen DeArmond; Sheila Wolford
July 20: Martin Slomski; Nathan Wade
July 22: Melissa Schell; Marilyn Waldeck
July 23: Theo Anthonijs; Kim Smith
July 25: Gianna Haun-Harshaw
July 26: Jonathan Boatman
July 29: Jayda Turner; Lisa Wade
July 30: Wendy Slifka; Drew Slomski
July 31: Abby Sanderson

Anniversaries:

July 10: Jered & Christine Sprecher
July 12: Kevin & Kathleen Holliday; Scott & Karen Spaid
July 17: Brian & Amy Cutler; Seth & Rebecca Nutter
July 20: Fred & Melissa Schell
July 24: Greg & Beth Buckner; John & Lindsey Hofman
July 30: Randy & Mindy Lovelace
July 31: Mark & Debbie Fettig