

HELPING HANDS ASSIGNMENTS

Month of May 2021

USHERING:

Sunday, May 2 at 10 a.m.: Corey & Tammy Longnecker

Sunday, May 9 at 10 a.m.: Marty & Janelle Koeplin

Sunday, May 16 at 10 a.m.: Neal & Deb Rud

Sunday, May 23 at 10 a.m.: Audrey Davies & Sydney Ulrich

Sunday, May 30 at 10 a.m.: Eric & Brittany Perleberg

***Attention Ushers:** Please fill out the Usher Report provided at the back of the church on the shelf by the offering plates. It is important that you take a head count and put the number on the report. There is also a sheet on the bulletin board with the duties of the ushers.*

READER: Sunday, May 2: Corey Longnecker

CO-CHAIRPERSONS: Tammy Longnecker & Sydney Ulrich

FUND: Carpet Fund

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

Sunday, May 2 at 9:15 a.m.: No coffee fellowship

Sunday, May 9 at 9:15 a.m.: No coffee fellowship

Sunday, May 16 at 9:15 a.m.: No coffee fellowship

Sunday, May 23 at 9:15 a.m.: No coffee fellowship

Sunday, May 30 at 9:15 a.m.: No coffee fellowship

*Please note: If you cannot do your task, please find someone to switch with!
If you cannot find someone to switch, please notify a chairperson.
Thanks for your help!*

Legacy and Mission: Looking Back and Ahead

By Pastor Amy

Just this past week the Church Council set the date for our rescheduled 100th anniversary celebration. Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 26! We look forward to a wonderful day of worship, fellowship and great food too.

This has me thinking about what an incredible legacy we have received from those who have come before us and has me wondering what God is calling us to as a church. What legacy will we leave to those who come after us?

As we look back over the history of our congregation, we recognize that people in every one of those 100 years created the legacy we have inherited. They were committed to living out their faith in Jesus Christ in action, and they did that again and again by making a commitment and by placing their trust in God again and again. They could not predict or see the future, but they leaned into the future God had in mind.

And because they did, we inherit this amazing legacy of faith, grace, and love.

So, how are we to do the same? What legacy are we to build for future generations? What legacy are we to leave? What is God calling us to in this chapter of our life together?

In the midst of these important wonderings, we are blessed to have our mission statement to guide us. Here it is:

Living out our faith in Jesus Christ, we strive to love all people by accepting unconditionally, caring faithfully, and giving joyfully.

This beautiful and meaningful mission statement was adopted just a few years back and is the perfect guide for our life together. Unlike many other church mission statements, ours has teeth, meaning that it actually has enough specifics that it can guide us.

Living out our faith in Jesus Christ... right from the start is made clear that our faith is not just something we think about or just something we believe. Our faith in Jesus Christ is something we act upon, something we live out!

we strive... Wow! What a strong verb! We don't just try. We don't just wish. We STRIVE! This means that we are committed to this mission. It means that we are the kind of people that don't just stand by and watch and wish, but that we are the kind of people who get in the game. We commit. We do the work of God.

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May Announcements

Thanks to all who continue to send in their offering, even if you are not yet attending in-person worship services. We appreciate you all and your continued support of FLC as we could not continue our ministry without each and every one of you! Just a reminder, you can follow along with worship with a bulletin that is posted weekly on the church website at www.flcnewrock.org.

LIFT! meets for the final time on May 5th at 7 p.m. for a Theme Event (6th graders and all parents attend also). May 19th will be a final guide huddle at 7 p.m.

Final Breakout for the school year will be on Wed., May 19th during the school lunch break. Please join us and bring a friend!

Luther League will meet on May 2 and May 16 at 6 p.m.

Senior Recognition will be held on Sunday, May 16th. Scholarships will be awarded during the service. A breakfast will be held for the graduates and their families at 9 a.m.

Cradle Roll Graduation will be held on Sunday, May 16th. If your child is turning 4 by August 1st and would like to be included, please contact the church office.

Open House Graduation celebration for Kenna Munson will be held on Sunday, May 30th from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at FLC. All are welcome!

We will have a special offering for our missionary family on Wednesday, May 26th and Sunday, May 30th. Thank you for the support and prayers you bless them with!

Mark your calendar for our 100th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, September 26th. We will have a special worship service followed by a catered lunch. More details coming soon.

Thank you for the Easter flowers!

*Robert & Carmen Ludwig
IMO Nathan Ludwig

*Amy Kippen
IMO my parents, Hartley, Pearle & Viola

*Tim & Amy Perleberg
IMO loved ones
IHO our grandchildren

*Jon & Cherry Heinz family
IMO Janice Heinz

*Karla, Gretchen & Nicholas Berglund
IMO Johnathan Berglund
IMO loved ones

*Kerstin, Jamie, Katie & Thomas Allmaras
IMO Gary Georgeson

*Rick & Kristi Swenson
IMO our parents & grandparents and Rick's sister, Laurel
IHO Aaron & Amanda, Daniel, Kaylee, Ellie & Oliver

*Ross & Melanie Homelvig family
IMO Maxine Stage
IMO Dennis Anderson

*Sharon Hirschert, Bruce & Jodi Hirschert family
IMO Arthur & Wilma Bertsch and Delbert, Janice & Arland Clelland

*Cindy Collier
IMO my parents, Glenn & Tillie and my grandparents, John & Thekla and Homer & Ophelia

*Deb & Stan Stafford
IMO Beulah & Wilmer Bjugstad and Roger Soggie and IHO Janice Ploium

*Greg & Janine Anderson
IMO Marvin & Emma Anderson and Cliff Gedrose

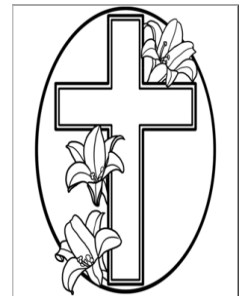
*Metta McDowell
IMO Jack McDowell

*Larry & Bev Broin
IMO our grandson, Levi Duda

*Arlo Omoth
IMO Linda Omoth
IMO loved ones

*Traci Harrington family
IMO Scott Harrington

*Becky & Norris Kjos
IMO our son, Kris Kjos



First Lutheran Foundation

The Foundation was established in 2009 to create an entity for contributions to FLC programs with tax favorability to donors. Contributions allocated according to these guidelines: 25% to Endowment (only interest is used); 25% to FLC programs; 25% to community projects; 25% to Missions.

Professional advice is available through ELCA. Contact your tax advisor for State and Federal tax benefits. Contact Foundation board members for more information: Bruce Hirschert, Jeanette Perleberg, Richard Carlson, Amy Perleberg & Dori Tollefson.

Please remember First Lutheran Foundation in your Estate and Financial planning!

Memorials given during April:

CARPET FUND

IMO Darlene Tennyson, by
Jeff & MarJean Pfau
Paul & Janel Fortney

GENERAL FUND

IMO Manfred, Anna & Kyler
Bymoan, by
Rachel Brash

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

IMO Darlene Tennyson, by
Allan & Gail Weisenburger

HUNGER FREE FOOD PANTRY

IMO a dear friend, by
Shirley Lindstrom

PROPERTY FUND

IMO Darlene Tennyson, by
Elaine Thompson

FL FOUNDATION

IMO Weber Family
Walter & Leanna Weber

100TH ANNIVERSARY

IMO Darlene Tennyson, by
Stan & Deb Stafford
IMO Tyler Wobbema, by
Stan & Deb Stafford



CHURCH RECORDS

ATTENDANCE: OFFERING:

April 1 - 60	\$ 180.00
April 2 - 44	\$ 70.00
April 4 - 59 & 91	\$2,620.00
April 7 - 16	\$ 87.00
April 11 - 56	\$2,610.00
April 14 - 24	\$ 200.00
April 18 - 51	\$2,023.00
April 21 - 33	\$ 430.00
April 25 - 60	\$1,548.00

<i>WEEKLY NEED:</i>	\$ 2,716.00
<i>Y-T-D EXPENSES:</i>	\$ 48,046.37
<i>Y-T-D OFFERING:</i>	\$ 50,515.00
<i>Y-T-D BUDGET:</i>	\$ 47,071.92

General Fund
(Checking Account)
Balance as of 4/27/2021:
\$22,171.77

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS:

Property Fund:	\$15,563.96
Hopes & Dreams:	\$1,630.32
Banner Fund:	\$229.99
Music Fund:	\$737.19
Budget Reserve:	\$3,063.53
Thrivent Choice:	\$182.00
Noisy Offering:	\$239.00
Lent Offering:	\$1,623.00
FLC Men's group:	\$2,653.98
Carpet Fund:	\$8,541.71
100th Anniversary:	\$3,379.71

Special Account
(Savings Account)
Balance as of 4/27/2021:
\$37,844.39

Helping Hands

May (Group 1)

Helen Christianson
Audrey Davies family
Duane & Annette Duda
Jordan & Steph Grossman family
Dennis Haugen
Paul Hungness
Leland Jensen
Marty & Janelle Koeplin
Diane Langley
Corey & Tammy Longnecker
Roger & Patti Longnecker
Eric & Brittany Perleberg family
Neal & Deb Rud
Hannah Brandner family
John & Jean Schuster family
Elma Smith
Mike & Jill Thompson
Sydney Ulrich

Acolyte Schedule:

Sunday, May 2:
Hannah Dockter & Kaiya O'Connor
Sunday, May 9:
Bennett Meier & Jackson Schumacher
Sunday, May 16:
Addysen Fandrich & Ava Peterson
Sunday, May 23:
Tristan Shrock & Noah Wobbema
Sunday, May 30:
Bradyn Collier & Easton Benz

Thanks to all the sponsors of our radio broadcasts!

May 2: IMO Darla Carlson, by family & friends.

May 9: IMO Alice, Neal & David Nielson, by Deb & Bob Belquist.

May 16: IMO Earl & Vennoy Stokke and Earl Stokke Jr., by MarJean & Jeff Pfau.

May 23: IMO Leonard Pfau, Pat & Les Wenzel, by Jeff & MarJean Pfau.

May 30: IMO Kathryn Jorgensen, by Corey & Katie Jorgensen family.

There following date is open for 2021 radio sponsorship: August 22. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please call the church office. The cost is \$50 for a Sunday. Thank you for all the sponsorships!



APRIL 2021:

BAPTISMS:

WEDDINGS:

FUNERALS:

Tyler Wobbema on 4/6/21

TRANSFERS:

ALTAR COMMITTEE for May
Deb Stafford
Sheila Brown
Altar Guild
Your 2021 schedules are in your church mailbox!

CHURCH COUNCIL

Board of Education—Senior Recognition and Cradle Roll Graduation will be held May 16. Vacation Bible School will be held August 4-6.

Lay Ministry/Evangelism—Members are currently working on preparations for the senior recognition breakfast for the seniors and their families. Members are also working on pulpit-fill when Pastor Amy is gone for continuing education.

Property/Stewardship Board—Projects at the parsonage and church were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Steps Back to Normalcy—Pastor Amy reported that some items, that have become obsolete, may never be started up again and others are coming back gradually and naturally.

Signature Cards—Shelly Ehni made a motion to remove Corey Longnecker from the checking account and the safe deposit box signature cards, Tina Mills from the safe deposit box, and Kristy Swenson from the radio account signature card at Bank Forward. Glenda Collier seconded the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Extra Benevolence—Glenda made a motion to give \$150 to the benefit fund for the Ryan and Kristi Genre family. Jon seconded the motion, motion carried.

Obsolete Telephones—Jon made a motion to disconnect the land line telephone in the parsonage and the second land line telephone in the church as neither are necessary. Kent seconded the motion. Motion passed.

100th Anniversary—Plans are being made for the 100th Anniversary celebration to be held during the church service on September 26, 2021. A catered meal will be served after the church service.

Faith 5 continued:

- 4. Pray
- 5. Blessing

The meeting was adjourned.
Respectfully submitted, Janel Fortney



CHURCH COUNCIL

First Lutheran Church Council met on April 14, 2021. In attendance were Pastor Amy, Ardyce Snyder, Shelly Ehni, Amy Perleberg, Janine Anderson, Kent Brown, Glenda Collier, Kayla Jay, Jon Johnson, Erin Radke and Janel Fortney.

The meeting was called to order by President Ardyce Snyder. There were no additions or corrections to the agenda. Erin made a motion to approve the agenda, Glenda seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

Pastor Amy led us in Faith 5:

1. Share highs and lows
2. Bible verse
3. Discuss verse

Secretary's Report—Glenda made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Jon seconded the motion, motion carried.

Financial and Treasurer's Report—As of April 14, the checking account showed a balance of \$27,003.71. Janine made a motion to approve the financial report, Kent seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Correspondence—Thank you notes from several members were presented to the council.

Cards of Care—There were no Cards of Care at this time.

REPORTS:

Pastor's Report—Pastor Amy reported that she was elected to the Red Willow Board of Directors. With parent's consent, confirmation students in grades 6-8 are being registered for a summer camp experience at Red Willow Bible Camp. Luther League for students in grades 9-12 is meeting twice a month, currently 7-9 members are attending. Pastor Amy also reported that area pastors are leading Wednesday morning worship at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd. A Worship & Arts team has been created. They are working closely with the Altar Circle to decorate the church, create art work to display in the church, and plan worship. Pastor Amy will also be completing continuing education in the near future.

My Bible and Me

by Hallie Brown



As shared by Hallie Brown at LiFT!, in her role as a Jr Guide for confirmation.

Phillipians 4: verses 6 and 7 says: “Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

I can't remember where I heard about this verse, but ever since then it has been one of my favorites. I just love it so much because in the more recent months I have been relying on God a lot more. This time last year I probably didn't even think it was possible to rely on the Lord this much. I use the idea of this verse almost every day. For example, I always find it very helpful to pray before doing things that I'm worried about. Just this last week I prayed for both the music kids that were having a contest and I prayed for everyone helping with and going to prom. And I'd like to think that it's part of the reason everything went so well for the music kids and prom went smoothly. I have so many more instances when praying has helped me through something. Even just praying before I take a test seems to make a difference for me. After I finish that prayer, my whole attitude about the thing that I was worried about changes, I know I can do it, and I feel invincible, like nothing can tear me down as long as I have God on my side. It's almost like I can hear God whispering to me “you can do this.” Praying has become just a routine for me now. It is SO easy to make it a habit to just take 30 seconds to a minute to pray over things you are worried about. And, once you allow yourself to, it is SO EASY to trust in God. To end my bible time with you guys I'm going to read a verse from the gospel of Luke.

“And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

May Birthdays

1st - Jim Dockter
3rd - Dan Shroyer
4th - Kaci Weisenburger
8th - Kaelyn Ystaas
9th - Raelynn Fleming
11th - Mariah Alderman
14th - Melony Allmaras
18th - Susette Allmaras
Lynn Homelvig
Noah Neumiller
22nd - Greg Anderson
Curt Weinmann

23rd - Jake Burkhardsmeyer
Audrey Davies
Janet Heskin
Stuart Richter
Lonnie Thompson
24th - Lynnae Lies
Judy Meier
Kaiya O'Connor
Terik Pfeiffer
Gail Roberts
27th - Chantel Heskin
30th - Ross Homelvig

If you find that your birthday isn't listed, or if the date is wrong, please let us know.



Please note: The parsonage phone line has been disconnected due to non-use. If you have an after hours pastoral need, please call Pastor Amy on her cell phone at 701-799-6181.

(Pastor Amy cont. from pg. 1)

to love all people... How do we live out our faith in Jesus? What are we striving to do? To love all people. The best way that we can live out our faith is to love people, to love those whom God loves, and that is indeed ALL people.

Next comes three very clear ways that First Lutheran Church lives out our faith by loving all people.

Accepting unconditionally: What an incredible loving commitment this is for a church family to make. And in my 8 months as your pastor, I have seen this lived out. When I was made aware of a person in need in our community, no one asked me for details, they just asked how they could help. When young children are less than still and quiet in church, there are no quick judgmental looks. When our confirmation youth are less than reverent, you welcome them and are genuinely happy that they feel at home.

Caring faithfully: First Lutheran does this magnificently! I have never known a congregation that is so willing to help people in need. From the food pantry to our budgeted "extra benevolence" funds, to our Cards of Care program, to our involvement in our community, our church cares. And we don't just care with our words and thoughts and prayers, we care with our resources.

Giving joyfully: I am just thrilled that this is a commitment our church has made, and I have a real sense that many of you have caught what I call the "generosity bug". I know this because in the midst of a pandemic, when most churches are struggling to stay afloat, our giving is up. I know this because we more than quadrupled our Advent offering this past year. I know this because there are several people who have increased their regular offering amount seemingly because they caught the bug! What a joy it is to give to the work of the Lord, to make a difference in our world in Jesus' name. If you have not yet caught the bug, I challenge you to give generosity a try.

As we launch into this next chapter of our life together, may we each renew our commitment to our mission. In so doing, we will assure an ongoing legacy of love and grace and provision and mercy and hope and faith in Jesus' name.