

HELPING HANDS ASSIGNMENTS

Month of August 2022

USHERING:

Sunday, Aug. 7 at 10 a.m.: Alissa Bachmeier & Nate Collier family

Sunday, Aug. 14 at 10 a.m.: Ken & Marlys Throlson

Sunday, Aug. 21 at 10 a.m.: Morgan & Lynnae Lies

Sunday, Aug. 28 at 10 a.m.: Lucas Weisenburger family

***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, August 7: Christina Anderson

CO-CHAIRPERSONS: Curtis & Marty Larson family & Reed & Jenna Weisenburger family

FUND: VBS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

Sunday, August 7 at 9:15 a.m.: Lucas & Becki Schumacher family

Sunday, August 14 at 9:15 a.m.: Brenda & Amy Bachmeier

Sunday, August 21 at 9:15 a.m.: Kevin & Vikki Cartwright

Sunday, August 28 at 9:15 a.m.: Paul & Janel Fortney

*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!*

By Pastor Amy Kippen

What Did She Say?

Hello First Lutheran Family,

A couple of months ago, I received a call on a Sunday afternoon. The caller wanted to discuss my sermon from that morning, as they had been offended by something I had said. My first reaction was to wonder what exactly had offended them. My second reaction was to be so happy that this person trusted me enough to call and talk with me about it.

As we talked it became obvious that we actually did not have a disagreement about theology, but rather the issue came from the caller hearing my sermon from a totally different perspective than I written it from. In my two years of being your pastor, there have been several instances of congregants being shocked or offended by something I have said in my sermon. But in these instances, I don't hear about it directly, but second or third hand, and sometimes months later. Now, to be clear, I am not upset about this. I want you all to be talking about the sermon after church! My whole life, I talked with family and friends about my pastors' sermons.

But, this call did get me thinking about you all, and my desire to let you know how much I long for conversation about my sermons, especially when you disagree with what I said. So, I want this newsletter article to serve as a wide-open invitation for you to text me, call me, or stop by the church for that very purpose. This also has me thinking about the many times in my own life when I completely disagreed with my pastor.

So, what should a Christian do when they disagree with their pastor? Talk with your pastor! Sure, talk with your church friends, but never without also talking to your pastor. I would love to discuss any and all things theological. It's literally what I am called to do, and I actually really enjoy it. I guarantee I will not be hurt or offended. I will welcome the conversation.

Because a pastor went to seminary, does that make them right? The emphatic answer is no. Yes, I have spent many months delving deeply into Scripture, but most of our understanding of Scripture comes from our own life experiences. Your life experiences will bring you to a different conclusion about a particular Biblical text than my life will. And that's okay. The goal is for us to share our interpretations in order to expand our knowledge of the things of God. The more we hear others' wisdom, the more we know God.

Does God expect us to agree? Well, I am not God so I don't know for sure, but here's one thought that guides my understanding. God made each of us with our own DNA. Each of us has our own individual experience of life. With both of these things being true, I cannot imagine that God would expect us all to think alike. Diversity of thought is, I believe, by God's design. Do pastors try to offend their congregation from the pulpit? I cannot answer

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August Announcements

Home Communion delivery is available on August 7th this month. If you would like to be added to the schedule, please call the church.

VBS is August 3-5. Picnic & program on Thursday, August 4th at 6 p.m. with program following. More info on pg. 6.

If you have any **flowers** you would like to share during the summer months for Sunday worship, we would love it!

The Wednesday **Spirit of Summer Worship** series will continue on August 3, 10, 24 & 31. Please join us at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall for a relaxed service which includes a video and discussion. We will have a potluck on the final day, August 31st. Regular Wednesday worship on August 17 in the sanctuary at 6 p.m. Please join us!

Red Willow Quilt Auction on Saturday, August 27th. 10 a.m. Viewing in the gym, 11-12:30 a.m. Lunch, 1:00 p.m. Live Auction. This is the main yearly fundraiser for the camp, online bidding forms are also available on their website.

Bible Study will be starting in September at the parsonage. There will be two opportunities each month. Pastor Amy's plan is to pick a book of the Bible and then together dive into it. If you have a particular book you would like to study, let Pastor Amy know. Look for more info in the September newsletter.

What Did She Say? Continued

for all pastors, but I can answer for myself. I never intentionally offend but I do intentionally challenge. The Gospel is meant to comfort the afflicted AND afflict the comfortable. Sometimes we, as Christians, have gotten too comfortable.

My pledge to you as your pastor is that my door and my spirit will always be open. I will always welcome and honor your perspective. And together we will grow in understanding the things of God.

Memorials given during July:

MUSIC FUND
IMO Aileen Berglund, by
Stan & Deb Stafford
IMO Gertie Laib, by
Family & friends

SCHOLARSHIP FUND
IMO Bill Starke, by
Allan & Gail Weisenburger
IMO Aileen Berglund, by
Allan & Gail Weisenburger

CARPET FUND
IMO Gertie Laib, by
Family & friends

EaND Synodical Fall Convention will be on September 24, 2022 in Medina, ND at the English Lutheran Church.

Registration is 8:30 to 9:15AM with the meeting starting at 9:30AM

Deborah Wald will be the special speaker. She is a singer, song writer, poet, spiritual advisor and a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Fargo. Deborah is from Buffalo and is a retired vocal music teacher from the Fargo Public Schools.

More details will be coming as they are received. Please mark your calendar and save the date.

As a side note, Jeanne Wobbema is now the EaND SWO Treasurer!

Everyone have a great day. Blessing to all of you from: Ardyce Snyder and Betty Westby.





Hey parents! We are just days away from our summer VBS! We can't wait to see how this summer has grown your child's connection with God and others. If you have not yet filled out a registration form, please do that as soon as possible and let us know if you have any questions. See you soon!

August 3rd, 4th, & 5th schedule:

- 8:30-9:00 - Check-in
- 9:00-12:00 - VBS Programming, Part 1
- 12:00-12:30 - Lunch (Friday, 12 pm is pick-up. No afternoon session Fri.)
- 12:30-1:00 - Music
- 1:00 - VBS Programming, Part 2
- 3:00 - Pick-up

stuff to bring:

- * lunch (Wednesday and Thursday only).
- * water bottle
- * secure shoes (avoid sandals and flip flops).
- * hats, bug spray, and sunblock (for outdoor play).
- * change of clothes for emergencies (for younger kids).
- * paint shirts

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DROP OFF 8:30-8:55 am. PICK-UP: 3:00 pm on Wednesday and Thursday and 12:00 pm (noon) Friday

Students need a sack lunch on Wednesday and Thursday.

Thursday, Aug. 4th 6 pm Family VBS supper. 7 pm VBS program.

CHURCH RECORDS

ATTENDANCE:	OFFERING:
July 3 - 56	\$1,345.00
July 6 - 6	\$ 0.00
July 10 - 65	\$2,575.00
July 13 - 14	\$ 60.00
July 17 - 82	\$4,312.00
July 20 - 9	\$ 140.00
July 24 - 63	\$1,735.00

WEEKLY NEED:	\$ 2,867.00
Y-T-D EXPENSES:	\$ 87,273.78
Y-T-D OFFERING:	\$ 82,740.49
Y-T-D BUDGET:	\$ 86,966.25

*General Fund
(Checking Account)
Balance as of 7/27/2022:
\$17,350.80*

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS:

Property Fund:	\$33,552.72
Hopes & Dreams:	\$1,897.27
Banner/Altar Fund:	\$675.08
Music Fund:	\$808.01
Budget Reserve:	\$13,253.17
Thrivent Choice:	\$837.00
Noisy Offering:	\$745.00
FLC Men's group:	\$2,713.43
Carpet Fund:	\$9,446.27

*Special Account
(Savings Account)
Balance as of 7/27/2022:
\$63,729.45*

*Helping Hands
August (Group 7)*

- Christina Anderson
- Alissa Bachmeier & Nate Collier family
- Andy & Amy Bachmeier
- Bill & Brenda Bachmeier
- Kevin & Vikki Cartwright
- Bev Clifton
- Jim Dockter
- Adam & Ashley Fleming family
- Paul & Janel Fortney
- Curtis & Marty Larson family
- Morgan & Lynnae Lies
- Dennis & Debra Lommen
- Eloise Lucht
- Barb Perleberg
- Lucas & Becki Schumacher family
- Jeremy & Julie Shrock
- Kathy Thompson
- Ken & Marlys Throlson
- Lucas Weisenburger family
- Reed & Jenna Weisenburger family

Acolyte Schedule:

- Sunday, August 7:*
- Madison Hultgren & Olivia Larson
- Sunday, August 14:*
- Logan Cudworth & Ava Peterson
- Sunday, August 21:*
- Kaci Weisenburger & Emmie Belquist
- Sunday, August 28:*
- Bailey Baumbach & Judy Meier

Thanks to all the sponsors of our radio broadcasts!

- July 3: IHO our Anniversary, by Tom & Kathy Ryan.
 July 10: IMO Ray & Olene Lommen, by Richard & Vicky Ryan family and Dennis & Debra Lommen family.
 July 17: IMO Lynette Clelland by Jake Clelland and family.
 July 24: IMO Arland Clelland by Bruce & Jodi Hirschert family, Holly Christopherson, Colleen Semmens and Dakota Clelland.
 July 31: IMO Earl & Vennoy Stokke and Earl Jr., by Jeff & MarJean Pfau.
 All Sunday broadcasts for 2022 are booked! Thanks to all our wonderful sponsors of the radio broadcast!



JULY 2022:


BAPTISMS:
 Lillian Lee Lommen on 7/6/22
 Tessa Charlotte Koeplin on 7/17/22

WEDDINGS:

FUNERALS:

TRANSFERS:
 *Amanda Koeplin from Trinity Lutheran, Carrington, ND to FLC
 *Brooke Ronningen from Trinity Lutheran, Binford, ND to FLC

ALTAR
COMMITTEE
for August
Deb Stafford
Amy Wobbema




Your 2022 schedules are
in your church mailbox!

August Birthdays

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| 1 st - Larry Broin
Kim Dockter
Paul Fortney
Melanie Quinton | 15 th -Sharon Hirschert
16 th -Kendall Weber
Terah Weisenburger |
| 2 nd -Cindy Homelvig | 17 th -Alissa Bachmeier |
| 3 rd -Cassidy Clifton
Kroy Grossman
Jaxon Reis
Liza Ystaas | 20 th -Megyn Bjerke
Heather Soderholm |
| 5 th -Mandy Fandrich | 21 st -McKenzie Jensen
Barry McNett |
| 6 th -Hailey Carter | 23 rd -Abigail Nystrom
Alex Weisenburger |
| 7 th -Karen Hovey | 24 th -Elizabeth Holzwarth
Tiffany Munson |
| 8 th -Brianna Guler | 25 th -Dawson Clifton |
| 10 th - Glen Nystrom | 28 th -LaDonna Keller |
| 12 th -Brittany Perleberg | 29 th -Diane Langley |
| 13 th -Kaylynn Chamberlain
Rylen Heskin | 30 th -Hendrick Zeltinger |
| 14 th -Bob Belquist
Leona Eversvik
Jerrold Rimmereid | 31 st -Presley Collier |

New Acolyte Uniforms?

Pictured here are Noah and Dustin, who unknowingly showed up to acolyte in matching outfits- Gray t-shirts, blue jeans, and Heydude shoes.



We thought they looked so handsome, perhaps this could be our new acolyte uniform?!