

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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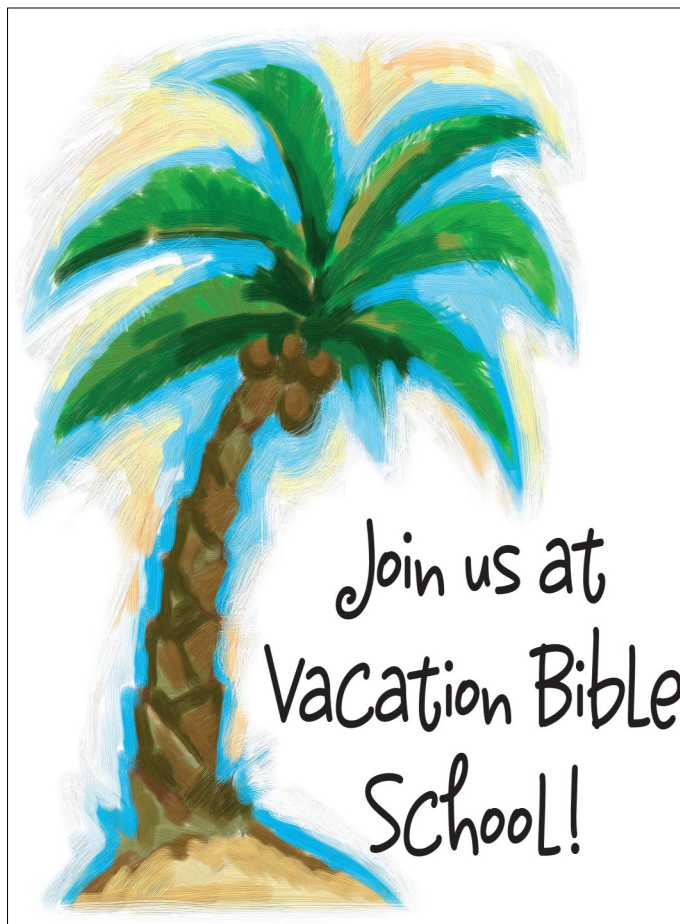
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ADDRESS LABEL



Vacation Bible School June 3rd - 7th

8:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.
Monday-Thursday
8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
Friday

First Lutheran Church June/July Newsletter

June/July 2019

First Lutheran Staff

Interim Pastor
Rev. Gene Anderson
663-3594

Associate Pastor
Rev. Christina Martin
663-3594

Parish Administrator
Jackie Schulz
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**Sunday School Ministry
Coordinator**
Kama Hoovestol
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Custodians
Ron & Mavis Watson

Financial Administration
Jennifer Scheet

**First Lutheran Is A Mission
Partner with Camp of the
Cross Ministries**



Pastor Gene's Thoughts - Let's get to know one another...

Born November 10, 1955, I am 63 years old. I'm married to Rev. Julie Anderson who is a Pastor with Good Shepherd of Bismarck. We have 2 children, Charlene & Trent.

My first calling was as a paint chemist. I have a masters degree in Polymers and Coatings from NDSU. I worked in the industrial coatings industry for 12 years. If you owned Green, yellow and red farm equipment you might have used my paint I created. I had a sense of call to ordained ministry in 1993 and went to Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa from 1993 to 1997.

A spiritual journey - I have always been involved in the Church. At NSDU, when my home congregation had nothe for young adults, I went to the University Lutheran Center and it became my home away from home. I participated in music and worship, was council president my junior year. I saw many changes happening in campus ministry over 4 short years. This ministry has a special place in my heart.

When living in the Quad Cities, I took part in a 2 year learning program 'Word and Witness'. A major event in my faith journey was a Via De Christo weekend. This deepened my understanding of God's grace, and I became even more active. While attending St. Matthew Lutheran Church, we had a few vicars. Vicar Paul was a math teacher before deciding to become a pastor. I first talked to him about becoming a pastor and after a few months of prayer and discernment, started a new calling at age 37.

Service - After being ordained in 1997, I served a 2 point parish 70 miles North of Minot, ND (Sherwood), a 3 point parish in Arthur-Hunter, ND and a congregation in Jasper, MN. I've been doing intentional Interim pastor calls since 2010.

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Worship Schedule for the Summer

Summer Worship Times:

For June, July & August our worship times will be Sunday's at 9:30 A.M. & Wednesday's at 6:00 P.M. We will not have coffee hour during the summer months on Sundays.



This summer our office will close on Friday's ONLY at 3:00 P.M.

Office hours for June, July & August will be:

Monday-Thursday: 8:00-5:00

Friday: 8:00-3:00



SUMMER HOURS for CHURCH OFFICE



Thank you to Dakota Community Bank & Trust for grilling, providing all the food & serving LAF on Thursday, May 16th. It was greatly appreciated!

Saturday, June 15 - Annual Prairie Lake Festival

Saturday, June 15th at the Garrison High School Gymnasium.

Viewing from 8:00-9:30 A.M.

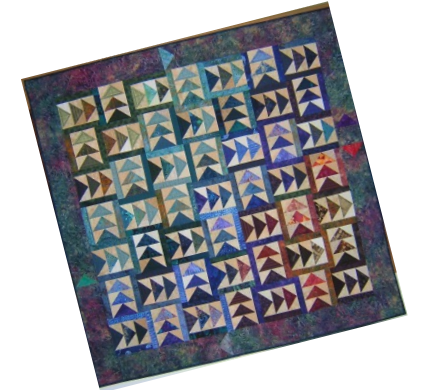
Auction begins at 10:00 A.M.

Food

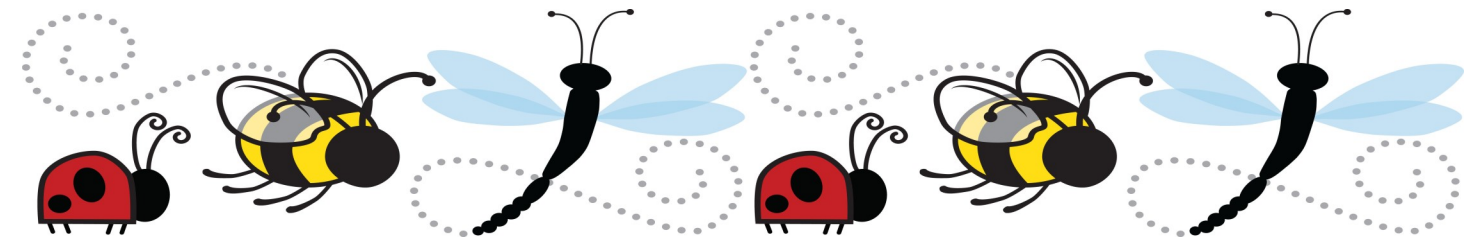
Entertainment

Fellowship

Fun



Please plan to join us!



First Lutheran Church will be preparing and serving "The Banquet" on Saturday, June 29th & Saturday, July 27th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bismarck. We are looking for cooks, servers, dishwashers, and people to help clean up. If you would like to help, please call the church office at 663-3594. Thank you!



GIVING BACK THE GREEN

Join us for B-Involved Night at Bennigan's!

Present this flyer to your Bennigan's server on
Monday June 17th 2019
from 5pm-9pm

and up to 20% of your purchase will go to
First Lutheran Church Mandan
Youth Mission Trip!

Help Support the Mission, and enjoy great
food and good times!

RSVP is required to assist Bennigan's staffing.

RSVP to Pastor Chris at
christina@firstlutheranofmandan.org

We'll see you there!
(psst...don't forget to bring this flyer!)

Proudly hosted by:



Bennigan's
1506 27th St NW Mandan ND 58554
701-401-6060

bennigans.com

June/July Youth Page

Mark Your
Calendar...



3rd: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. - VBS

4th: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. - VBS

5th: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. - VBS

6th: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. - VBS

7 p.m. - VBS program in
sanctuary

7th: 8 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. -
VBS

Upcoming Events

VBS at First Lutheran Church

Come join First Lutheran Church and Camp of the
Cross Ministries for a fun week!



When: Monday, June 3rd - Friday, June 6th

Who: K-6th Graders

Time: 8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. Monday-Thursday

8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. Friday

Cost: \$10.00 per child

We are asking each child to bring their own sack
lunch with their name on it Monday-Thursday.
Each day will be filled with fun events like a visit from a Fire Engine
or a trip to the park!

Please register your child/children as soon as possible!

Go to our website and register your child. Click on 2018-2019
REGISTRATION PAGE tab.

**Check out page 10, for a flyer for a
Bennigan's Youth Fundraising event!**



Please join the youth going on the
Mission Trip Sunday, June 9th from
11:00-5:00 down at their booth at
Buggies & Blues. They will be serving
Root Beer, Grape or Orange floats,
waffle bowl sundaes & ice cream cones.
Please stop by and grab a yummy treat!

Thanks
Dad!

**Happy Father's Day to all the
men at First Lutheran
Church!**



Pastoral Acts

Baptisms:
 May 12 Blakely Grace Peterson
 May 19 Kinley Jeanette Held
 May 26 Braxton Buck Pudwill

Funerals:
 April 29 Gilbert Stenmoen
 May 6 Jeanette Sagmiller
 May 11 Grace Mork

July ~ Mission of the Month

Lutheran World Relief

See page 9 for full details!



Deadline for articles for the August Newsletter will be July 24th.

Worship Schedule



Sunday ~
 9:30 am ~ Traditional

Wednesday ~
 6:00 pm ~ Mid-Week Worship

Memorial Fund

In memory of John Hermanson given by Gary & Claudia Tomanek (for carpet), Dave & Eunice Wolf, Laura Hermanson, Leon & Jeanne House, Dave & Lualice Stockert, Walter & Leona Keidel, Kathy Brandvold, Joan Kelsch, Ralph & Naida Feland, Maxine Fleck, Norma Lundstrom, Wally & Eileen Joersz, Al & Vangie Fitterer, Earl Setterlund, Dave & Kathy MacIver, Ruth Gray, Ray & Bernice Rolshoven, Linda Stastny, Lorell & Renae Jungling.

In memory of Lester Toman given by Ralph & Naida Feland, Dave & Eunice Wolf, Doris Carlson, Walter & Leona Keidel, Barb Dove, MW Lepp, Pat & Arden Hagerott.

In memory of Lloyd Keidel given by Linda Stastny.

In memory of Betty Eisenbeis given by Linda Stastny.

June ~ Mission of the Month

Great Plains Food Bank

Items needed are Canned Meats-Chicken, Tuna, Soup-with pop tops, Pasta, Minute Rice, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables-canned, Fruit-no sugar added-canned & cups, Cereal-less sugar, Oatmeal, Granola Bars, Peanut Butter, Sun Butter, Sauces-Spaghetti or Tomato Sauce, Boxed Meals-Hamburger, Chicken or Tuna Helpers, Personal Hygiene Products.

You may put your items in the boxes in the Narthex. Thank you!

Special Thanks

Thank you to all the greeters, ushers, communion servers, readers, communion set-up, coffee hour workers, and to all who have supplied goodies for the last month. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Friendship Circle is collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief.

Items needed: (for one complete school kit)

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide-or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2½" eraser

One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth or nylon bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

You may drop off these items in the Narthex in the boxes provided.

With my experiences as a young adult, I have always been concerned with guiding our youth in spiritual matters. I am an advocate for Bible Camps, youth retreats, and campus ministry. I have gone to the Boundary Waters 2 times and the National Youth Gathering 2 times.

To make worship more attractive to youth, I learned guitar and shamelessly plagiarized the Camp Metigoshe Liturgy with Pastor Marsh Drege's approval. I have modified that order of service five times with the help of congregation members to fit Jasper Evangelical Lutheran Church. I am concerned about making worship meaningful in today's world.

In my sermons, I try to make God's Word relevant for living today. God's love and guidance is not just an option among many, it is the most important resource for living today. I also believe the Biblical sense of community is lost in our culture today.

Char teaches AP Chemistry in Minot, she and her husband Luke have 2 children, Anders, who is 2 and Winter, who is 2 months. Trent and his wife, Shannon are finishing PhD's in Chemistry. Trent works in administration at a Fargo Bible College.

A Word on Stewardship: You don't own anything!

Until next time,

Pastor Gene

April	Apr-19	YTD	2019	Percentage
FINANCIAL GIFTS	2019	2019	ANNUAL	2019
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	%
Total Receipts	57,370.06	164,499.92	636,499.00	25.84%
Total Disbursements	44,882.68	169,131.77	636,499.00	26.57%
Receipts Over or (Under)				
Disbursement	12,487.38	(4,631.85)		
BUDGET 2019				
ACTUAL INCOME vs. BUDGET				
	Received	Weekly	Difference	
April 1, 2019	9,225.77	12,238.00	(3,012.23)	
April 7, 2019	14,569.55	12,238.00	2,331.55	
April 14, 2019	10,188.25	12,238.00	(2,049.75)	
April 21, 2019	16,207.37	12,238.00	3,969.37	
April 28, 2019	7,120.55	12,238.00	(5,117.45)	
Interest Earned on Checking	\$ 58.57			
	57,370.06	61,190.00	(3,819.94)	
BUDGET 2018				
DEBT RETIREMENT				
BUILDING FUND	Received	Weekly	Difference	
April 1, 2019	733.00	1,153.85	(420.85)	
April 7, 2019	1,545.50	1,153.85	391.65	
April 14, 2019	1,054.00	1,153.85	(99.85)	
April 21, 2019	718.00	1,153.85	(435.85)	
April 28, 2019	895.00	1,153.85	(258.85)	
	4,945.50	5,769.25	(823.75)	
ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL 2019		ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL 2018		
April 3, 2019	118	April 1, 2018	667	
April 7, 2019	266	April 4, 2018	59	
April 10, 2019	114	April 8, 2018	170	
April 14, 2019	412	April 11, 2018	82	
April 18, 2019	280	April 15, 2018	311	
April 19, 2019	89	April 18, 2018	87	
April 21, 2019	703	April 22, 2018	301	
April 24, 2019	56	April 25, 2018	138	
April 28, 2019	290	April 29, 2018	258	
Total Attendance for Month	2,328		2,073	

First Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Date: April 22, 2019

Members Present: Pastor Gene Anderson, Pastor Christina Martin, President Kevin Fishbeck, Vice President Wayne Friesz, Secretary Jeff Bradford, Mike Hatzenbuhler, Ron Webb, Cody Miller, Mike Held, Carol Nitschke, (Financial Manager Jennifer Scheet present for financials)

Members Absent: Pastor Lee Herberg, Tony Michlitsch

Devotions presented by Pastor Christina Martin: Reflections and Discussion of Luke 24: 1-12

Introductions with Pastor Gene Anderson

Approval of the Agenda:

Moved: Wayne Friesz

Seconded: Mike Hatzenbuhler

Motion Passed

Approval of Secretary's Minutes:

Moved: Mike Hatzenbuhler

Seconded: Cody Miller

Motion Passed

Financial Report:

Given by Jennifer Scheet, Financial Manager

Income for February 2019: \$ 41,319

Expenditures for February 2019: \$ 43,948

Cash on Hand: \$130,162.76

Building Fund: \$ 34,061.43

Additionally, Council President and Chris / Gene will meet with Kathy Brandvold and Cathy Long to discuss duties over the summer. If summertime duties are scaled back, interim pay increases may be adjusted.

Unfinished Business:

- **Ceiling fans in Sanctuary...middle one has failed:** There have been two contractors that have been contacted about doing the replacements. The 42 foot height makes them difficult to replace.
- **Education/Youth Support Staff Position:** Continuing outreach to find Wednesday candidates.
- **Leadership for Faithful Innovation:** In Garrison next week on Monday and Tuesday for meetings & training.
- **Sanctuary Choir Director/ Contemporary Worship Coordinator positions:** There are ongoing discussions about filling the positions.
- **Transition/Interim Pastor/Call Committee.** Pastor Gene Anderson has signed a contract for a term on 1 year to help with the interim process. Names are being collected to form a call committee of 6 members.

New Business:

- **Finalize plans for Pastor Lee's retirement party on Sunday, April 28th:** Food has been purchased and board members will be ready to help.

- **Begin process of analyzing parking lot issues:**

A contractor has been contacted about making repairs to the parking lot and retaining walls. We will have a quote soon.

A work day at the church is scheduled for May 18 at 10am. We need help to clean parking lot, hedges, weeding, cleaning windows and many other jobs. Hot Dogs will be provided for Lunch.

- **How do we want to handle the check signing process? In the past, the Administrative Pastor, the Council President, the Council Vice-President and the immediate past Council President have had check signing privileges. Our system of checks and balances requires 2 signatures on all checks that are issued, regardless of account:**

Bank Changes:

Currently Wayne Friesz, Jessie Hilfer, DJ Campbell and Lee Herberg

Remove: Jessie Hilfer and Lee Herberg

Add: Kevin Fishbeck and Christina Martin

Sam's Club Card: Will assess options this summer.

Church Credit Card: When Lee leaves, cancel his account and keep Chris and Jackie as cardholders.

Motion for above three items made by Ron Webb. Seconded by Mike Hatzenbuhler.

Motion passed.

- **Resignation letter from Joyce Sayler, our congregational representative on the Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center Board. Her resignation is effective September 22, 2019.** We will add to the bulletin that we are looking for a replacement
- **Summer worship schedule...for the past 7 years we have gone to one service in the summer during the months of June, July and August. Last year Jackie had trouble to find enough help for Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend as well. Discussion as to whether the one service Sunday format at 9:30A.M. should also include Memorial Day and Labor Day weekend as well...the last Sunday in May and the first Sunday in September.** Motion made to move to single service on Sunday starting on Memorial Day weekend and continuing through Labor Day. Service to be at 930. Motion made by Ron Webb. Seconded by Wayne Friesz. Motion passed.
- **Mandan Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for Thursday, May 9th at 7:00A.M. at the Baymont Inn and Suites. (Carol Nitschke):** Updates were given by Carol.

Reports

- **Pastor Lee:** 3 Baptisms, No Weddings, 3 Funerals. My application form for retirement has been signed by Bishop Mark Narum and received by the ELCA. I still have some other paperwork to complete but will have everything submitted prior to my retirement date. I have removed most of the office décor which I had paid for myself and will have the rest of my office cleaned out and ready to go by the close of day on May 1st.
- **Pastor Chris:** 1 Baptism, No Weddings, 3 Funerals. In Garrison next week on Monday and Tuesday for meetings & training. Baby is on track for an August delivery.
- **Stewardship:** No report
- **Worship:** No report

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- **Parish Education / Youth:** VBS will be the first week of June. Augsburg Fortress had sales on materials so confirmation bibles were purchased. New curriculum for church school was chosen to be Holy Moly.
- **Evangelism and Outreach:** LAF is going well. Last one will be May 16th with Dakota Community Bank and Trust serving the meal.
- **Property and Management:** Updates were on above business items.

Correspondence:

- Thank you received from Lutheran Social Services for our on-going support of LSS.
- Thank you received from Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center Foundation for the gift of \$112.82 to the M-Club.
- Thank you received from Golden Age Services for the gift of \$66.85 for their Home Delivered Meals program.

Motion to Adjourn:

Moved: Jeff Bradford

Seconded: Wayne Friesz

Motion Passed

Ended with the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting on May 16th at 7:00



SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, October 13, 2019

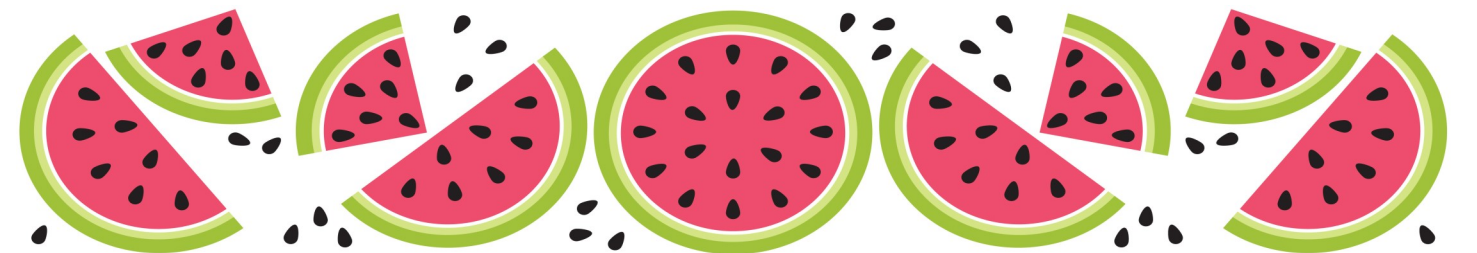
CELEBRATE: 50th Anniversary of Bismarck—Mandan CROPWALK

GATHER: 12:30—Good Shepherd Lutheran (Bismarck)

Hunger awareness activities. Program highlighting 50 years of CROPWALKS.

Light refreshments following walk.

JOIN TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE! ALL ARE WELCOME!



Pastor Gene will be providing FREE guitar lessons to anyone 4th grade and up. If you are interested please call Pastor Gene at 663-3594.