



First Lutheran Church, Newton IA

2016

First Epistle

From the Pastor...

Every Wednesday, the 7th and 8th graders of First Lutheran arrive at the church building to learn about the Bible, faith, and life. We call this *Confirmation*. At the end of this two-year program, the students have an opportunity to stand in front of the whole congregation and make an Affirmation of Baptism. They will affirm the promises and responsibilities made to and for them in their baptisms and take on adult responsibilities in the church.

Over the past several weeks the confirmation class has been studying the Apostles' Creed. A creed is a statement of beliefs for a particular group of people. The Apostles' Creed was written more than a millennium ago and Christians have used it to describe what we believe since. In our class, we looked at what each line of this creed means and how it connects to our lives. As part of this unit, the class spent some time writing their own creed, their own statement of belief. This process helped them grasp the importance of each word and phrase in a creed—there is a lot of meaning squeezed into a relatively few number of words. It also helped them to put into words what they actually believe right now as they worked with the other students to craft their own creed. The students enjoyed this project quite a bit.

In an effort to connect the life of these young people in our congregation with the whole family of First Lutheran, in an attempt to interconnect our stories, I now share their creed with you. I invite you, as you read this statement of belief, to examine your own beliefs. What would your creed say?

We believe in God, our Lord, who created and rules over the entire universe.

We believe that God loves everyone no matter what and that his forgiveness is unlimited.

We believe that we have a duty to God, to spread His Word and His love to all people.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the beloved Son of God, who walked among us as a man.

We believe that Jesus sacrificed himself on the cross for us, so that our sins may be forgiven.

We believe that Jesus rose again on the third day, and that he ascended into heaven.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who encourages us to do good in the world.

We believe that the Holy Spirit gives us the strength to do things we don't have the courage to do.

We believe that the Holy Spirit guides us through times of peace and times of trial.

We believe that we are all part of the great community of saints, and that we have been and will be redeemed and resurrected by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

—the 2015-16 First Lutheran Confirmation class: Thomas Hodnett, Brock Jordan,
Lane Rose, and Mae VanDam.

Sunday Worship
9:30 a.m.

Sunday Fellowship
10:30 a.m.

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First Lutheran Church is renewing the Lutheran Church Potluck tradition!

Every First Sunday of the month, First Lutheran will be hosting a pot luck following worship service. If you're able, please bring a hot and/or cold dish to share, as well as your own table service. If you're unable, please join us anyway! Normally, water, coffee and lemonade will be provided.

We hope to see you there! Jello salad here we come!

Please remember, if you are having trouble hearing:
Listening devices are available. Please ask an usher.

Mark your calendars! Summer Saturday Evening Worship will start on June 4th and go through August 27th at 5:30pm. The exception will be no service on June 11th to allow and encourage everyone to take part in the Community Worship during Newton Fest at Maytag Bowl on Sunday June 12th.



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

The Food Pantry would like us to emphasize a specific item each month. Remember, you may bring any item you wish, but spreading this among the contributing congregations keeps a steady supply of their most basic needs coming each month. **For the month of May, pancake mix, muffin and bread mixes and syrup have been requested.** There is a basket in the narthex for all food pantry items.

Thank you for being so generous.

Chancel Flowers

May 1—
May 8— Good Cheer
May 15—
May 22— Monroe
May 20—

Fellowship

May 1— Potluck
May 8—
May 15— Good Cheer
May 22—
May 20—

Please sign up to provide flowers and fellowship.



WORSHIPING THROUGH THE CHRISTIAN YEAR



Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost
this summer,
spend your weekends at worship as we see
how the seasons of the Christian Year enhance our time together
starting the first weekend
in June



5/1	Jodi Morgan-Peters	5/18	Eric Jordan
5/5	Gary Johnson	5/19	Brian Rose
	Heidi Sumpter	5/20	Alice Klopping
5/6	Andrew Shockey	5/22	Sue Thompson
5/7	Gloria Grant	5/23	Sarah Sandquist
5/8	Isaac Friedman		Marv Zimmermann
	Ryan Jolivette	5/26	Ben Breuer
5/12	Lane Rose		Clair Breuer
5/13	Ben Lampe	5/28	Colleen Spain
5/14	Jan Olson	5/29	Madison
5/15	Sara Shockey	5/31	Andrew Weiland

Thanks to our First Lutheran Family

I want to extend heartfelt thanks to all of you for your concern, prayers and support through my father's tough ordeal. Death is certainly a strange master. He continues to get stronger every day, but we also know, medically speaking, he is on borrowed time. To have more time with him is a blessing indeed!

Thanks also to all who helped cover my duties while my life was on a crazy path. It was appreciated for sure.

Jane Johnson



A hearty thank you from the Community Meal for the use of First Lutheran on April 20th.

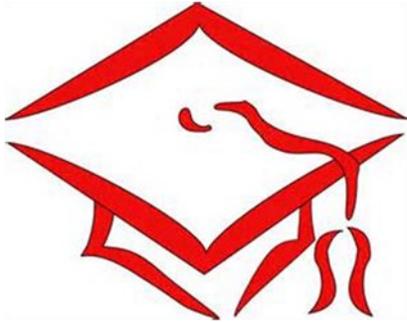
Thank You

Wednesday Night Community Dinners:

THANK YOU to the people that helped with our Wednesday Night Community Dinner this past month! Our next dinner is on **May 25th**. This is the last meal at First United Methodist before we switch to the summer schedule at Sacred Heart. Please join us again to continue this very important community service. Come help Jesus feed the hungry.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS:



**Blake Geilenfeldt
Victoria Jordan
Amanda Laube
Fran Lucas
Andrew Weiland**

ELCA College Information Website

ELCA colleges and universities have a helpful website –whygolutheran.org – for students and parents as they embark on the college search process. On the site families can:

Learn more about [the value](#) of the Lutheran college experience.
Read about the distinctive features of a [Lutheran liberal arts education](#).

[Complete one simple form](#) to request college information from individual institutions.

The Jasper County American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Saturday, June 4, 3pm to 11pm. at the stadium



ONCE AGAIN OUR CHOICES IN MISSION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY: Please use the envelopes in the pews if during the month of May you would like to contribute to this effort to fight the dreadful disease of cancer. The money goes to helping us all stay well or get well, to finding a cure and to fighting back through advocacy. Checks can be made payable to First Lutheran with Relay for Life on the lower left memo line. Or if giving cash please make sure your name is on the envelope so I can get a receipt to you if desired.

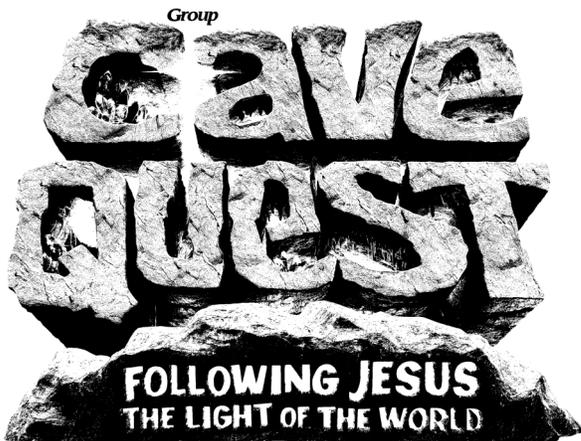


Everyone is welcome to come out to the stadium on June 4th to celebrate HOPE AND SURVIVAL and to remember lost loved ones. You may join in the activities or sit and watch the fun. Schedule of activities will be in your hands very soon

Dot Logan
Team: The Relay Rockers

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for June 20-24 from 9-12 noon for our annual Vacation Bible School! Our theme this year is Caves and it looks to be great fun for all ages! We will again be combining with First Presbyterian and United Presbyterian churches for this week of fun. Bring a friend or two along and join us on this adventure. VBS is open to preschool through 6th grade. Kids just finishing 6th grade through high school are greatly appreciated as Junior Helpers that week! Please let us know if you can help. A registration form is at right and will be available at the office and in the narthex through May and June.



Prayer Corner

We pray for all of our families, friends and church family. Lord we are ready for your magnificent month of May! It is so full of travel and celebrations! We praise you as we watch the earth spring forth with new life. We wind down the school year and get ready for new ventures and adventures and start making our summer plans. Lord keep us safe and soft hearted as we share our joys. Yet, help us continue to reach out to those grieving or struggling in any way, and keep them in our prayers. We honor and remember our loved ones and all who have risked their lives to keep others safe. We continue to pray for our congregation, our leaders, our community and our world. Amen.

VBS

REGISTRATION FORM

June 20-24, 2016

9:00am-12 noon

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Age _____ Birth Date _____

School Grade in coming year _____

Parents'/Guardians' Names _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Relationship to Child _____

Who will be picking up your child from VBS?

Relationship to Child _____

Allergies or other medical conditions _____

Commission for the Enhancement of the Music at First Lutheran Church

- Whereas** Music has been a significant part of Christian worship since the very first followers of Jesus as evidenced by the great and very early hymn found in Paul's letter to the Philippians chapter two, where we sing that "every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."
- Whereas** First Lutheran Church stands squarely in this Christian tradition of music as worship.
- Whereas** the pipe organ at First Lutheran Church has been a staple in the leading of music for many decades and is now sitting in poor condition.
- Whereas** over the years, music at First Lutheran has incorporated other forms of music leadership beyond simply organ to include, among other things, piano, keyboard, guitar, and drums.
- Whereas** there has been a stated desire within the congregation of First Lutheran Church to enhance and develop our musical elements within worship.
- Whereas** in 2018 we will celebrate the 150th anniversary of this congregation and want to ensure that our celebrations can include the best possible music for us and for this celebration.
- Whereas** the Council of First Lutheran Church is responsible for overseeing the visioning and planning process of the life of this congregation.

Now, therefore be it

- Resolved** that under the direction of the Council, First Lutheran Church will establish a commission to engage in the conversation, education, and planning around the music of First Lutheran.
- Resolved** that the commission will be charged with the following expectations:
- 1) to have 7 or 9 members from a cross section of the congregation with a variety of skills including musicianship, theology, fundraising, planning, and a passion for this worshiping body;
 - 2) to examine our current musical instruments regarding their need for upkeep and their functionality within our worship setting;
 - 3) to examine the needs and desires of this worshiping body regarding music from theological and pastoral perspectives;
 - 4) to develop a plan to enhance our worship music and the instrumentation behind it;
 - 5) to engage the congregation throughout this process as well as educate the congregation on the various options the commission explored and why a particular recommendation was made;
 - 6) to seek Council and congregational approval of the proposed plan;
 - 7) to execute the plan including, but not limited to: fundraising, getting the congregation excited, and overseeing the implementation; and
 - 8) to be prepared to unveil their plan to move forward regarding music and musical accompaniment at First Lutheran by the January 2017 congregational meeting.

Sign up sheet is located in the narthex.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Worship 11:00 Potluck 6-8pm Downtown Youth	2 <i>5:00 Bible Study</i>	3	4 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:00 WOW 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Property	5	6	7
8 Mother's Day 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 6-8pm Downtown Youth	9 5:00 Bible Study 7:00 Hannah	10	11 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:00 WOW 6:30 Confirmation	12 1:30 Good Cheer	13	14
15 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 6-8pm Downtown Youth	16 5:00 Bible Study	17 6:00 Council	18 8:00 Men's Breakfast 9:00 Lois 1:00 Martha 6:00 WOW 6:30 Confirmation	19 7:00 Eunice	20	21
22 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 6-8pm Downtown Youth	23 5:00 Bible Study Newsletter articles due	24	25 8:00 Men's Breakfast 5:30 Community dinner 6:30 Summer Book Study	26	27	28
29 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	30 <i>Memorial Day Office Closed</i>	31 9am Dorcas				

May Serving Schedule

Sunday 9:30am	Acolyte	Council on Duty	Greeters	Lector	Ushers	PA
May 1st	Thomas Hodnett	Terri Hayden	Pat & Steve Putz	Marlys Amundsen	Dave Troen, Dirk Amundsen, Alex Anderson	David Goos
May 8th	Brock Jordan, Lane Rose	Deb Rose	Sara and Andy Shockey	Marie Quanbeck	Lee Swenson, Aaron Bartholmey, Dennis Porter	Matt Coyle
May 15th	Isaac Friedman	Steve Putz	Arleen & Dennis Dobesh	Dirk Amundsen	Bob Floss, Stan Kirchoff	Rex Thompson
May 22nd	Lizzy Coyle, Anna Coyle	Katie Cantu	Judy & Lee Swenson	Pat Foote	Gary Johnson, Jim Lammey, Tom Sharp	
May 29th	Anna VanDam, Mae VanDam	Pat Foote	Don & Rachel Monroe	Marie Quanbeck	Captains	Andrew Weiland

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spend your weekends at worship as we see

how the seasons of the Christian Year enhance our time together

starting the first weekend
in June

