



First Lutheran Church, Newton IA

2018

First Epistle

From the Pastor...

We are pleased to announce that we have finally received our shipment of "ROUND TUITS" so we can include one in each copy of the newsletter this month. Please clip it out and save it. It is extremely valuable!

TUIT

Some of our members at First Lutheran have been saying, "I'll start going to church, or giving an offering, or ushering, or helping serve at Fellowship time, just as soon as I get a 'round tuit'.

If you clip and save the 'round tuit' above and put it in a safe place, you will now be able to do all those things that you've been intending to do, but never could! No longer will you have to wait until you get a 'round tuit' because now you will always have one!!!

The Lord has called each of us to service in His church. We need your willingness to serve as well as your special gifts and talents. My prayer is that each of you in the First Lutheran family might share your energy, excitement, and enthusiasm... but most of all, may you share yourselves with us!!! We will all be richer for it!

Living in Gods Amazing Grace!
Pastor Mark

Charlie the Church Mouse says:

*All that's necessary for evil to win
is for good people to do nothing!!!*

Sunday Worship
9:30 a.m.

Sunday Fellowship
10:30 a.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Sunday Potlucks are suspended till fall.

With our busy summer schedules in full swing, First Sunday Potlucks will be on hold until we get back together in September for Gods Work, Our Hands on September 9th. We will have so much to catch up on! See you then and have a safe and blessed summer!



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



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 July, instant potatoes and powdered milk have been requested.** There is a basket in the narthex for all food pantry items.

Thank you for being so generous.

Chancel Flowers

July 1—at First Presbyterian

July 8—

July 15—

July 22—

July 29—

Fellowship

July 1—at First Presbyterian

July 8—

July 15—

July 22—

July 29—

Please sign up to provide flowers and fellowship.



7/4 Steve Hodnett
Loyeratta Nani
Carson Sumpter
7/6 Leo Friedman
7/8 Talia Friedman
Victoria Jordan
Lonnie Portner
7/13 Barb Anderson
Elizabeth Ketcham
7/22 Ben Caldwell
Anna VanDam
7/27 Todd Lucas
7/31 Jeremy Sumpter



**Enjoy a Safe
and
Blessed
4th of July
Independence Day!**



SUMMER Wednesday Night Community Dinners:

THANK YOU to the people that help with our Wednesday Night Community Dinners! We are going to need more help! Wednesday Night Community Dinners are at First Lutheran Church, and we will serve every two weeks during the summer. Our dinners this month are on **July 11th** and **July 18th**. As the Amundsen's work on Marlys' recovery, we join in to continue their work in our community. **Sign up in the narthex and come help Jesus feed the hungry. We can do this!**

Polar Blast Vacation Bible School

Friday June 29th 4:00-7:00pm (supper will be served during the evening)

Saturday June 30th 9:00am-noon (snack will be served during the morning)

Combined VBS Sunday July 1st, 10:00am at First Presbyterian Church

Are you ready for some cool fun in the hot days of summer? VBS is a little different this year. We are going to try a two day format and see how that works. We will still need your help with the meal and snacks and herding and helping. We will still have all of our usual fun with skits, crafts, stories and games. We are still teaming up with First Presbyterian and United Presbyterian. So plan to come join us and bring your friends! Sign up form is on the back of the newsletter or in the narthex.



Fourth of July Float

The Fourth of July is almost here and First Lutheran's float entry has been submitted. The theme this year is famous US Landmarks. Here is the remaining building schedule:

Completion of float- adding landmark to the top of the hayrack, and putting up the back pieces, side framing, and side curtains/metallic foil.

Location – Hawkeye Stages east across the street from HyVee. Old Maples Chevrolet

- Thursday, June 28 from 6-9 pm
- Saturday, June 30 from 2-5 pm
- Sunday, July 1 from 1-3 pm
- Monday, July 2 from 9 am to noon (if needed)



Once everything is complete, we also need people to ride on the float in the parade on the 4th of July! Please let us know if you want to ride along. Contact David Goos at 641-521-8367.

Thank You for Your Generosity to Friends in Hope

The May Choices in Mission was Friends In Hope, a local group of people that walks with those struggling to guide and help them in the process of getting back on their feet and stable. You donated \$530 which was matched for a total of \$1060 to help people right here in Newton. Thank you!

First Lutheran in the community!



Above: Proceeds from the Cloverton concert were presented to Newton Public Schools, to benefit the Clothing Closet, Special Ed P.E. and Silver Chord.



Above: Police Appreciation Breakfast

Our Tanzania Mission

The torrential rains that caused such havoc at Zinga last month have stopped, and roads are becoming passable again. Patients are returning to the clinic, more every day. This coincided, happily, with the visit of a husband and wife medical team, a dermatologist and pediatric pulmonologist from Lebanon, New Hampshire. In addition to providing medical care, the couple is exploring the possibility of sending medical students and residents from the Dartmouth College Medical School to the Children's Hospital, Zinga. (You can read their reflections in the May Update on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.)

One little boy had a close call recently. The heroics that went into saving his life are heart-warming and mind-boggling. Here is the story in Paula's words:

"The Outpatient unit is open and serving patients daily despite the weeks of tropical rains flooding roads, ditches and fields.

Five-year-old Hashim was playing with friends at a neighbor's because his folks were away. The bank of a ditch gave way and Hashim fell in and didn't resurface. His terrified playmates ran for help.

The neighbor dashed to the rescue, plunged into the muddy water, pulled Hashim out and squeezed water out of him, but the boy was barely conscious.

That good guy ran, sopping wet, with Hashim in his arms, to the highway (we don't know the distance) and flagged a small motorcycle. The two men, with the limp child between them, raced at top speed for twenty minutes to get here.

Dr. Bon and Dr. Kitundu administered oxygen and steroids and initiated a five-day regimen of I.V. antibiotics for aspiration pneumonia. Everyone was greatly relieved when Hashim cried loudly and lustily with the first shot.

After three weeks, Hashim is fully recovered and his parents are very happy.

Angels on duty. Prayers answered."



The Children's Hospital, Zinga, continues to bring hope and life to children and families. We thank God for the heroics, medical and non-medical, that saved this little boy's life.

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We also thank God for the latest development. Paula again: “The District Commissioner visited the hospital. The next day a crew of civil engineers came to see what it would take to improve the road from the main highway to our front door. They did a very detailed analysis of the needs, the number of culverts needed, the places where the roadbed needs be raised, the amount of rock, gravel, etc., to do everything, and submitted that to the budgetary committee. We are thrilled. With a new road, patients will be able to reach us even during the wet season.”

Thanks be to God!

For our Tanzania Ministry,
Marie Quanbeck
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“We Are An Offering”
Share a part of your talents on Sunday

We need your voices. We need your hands. First Lutheran needs you and your talents. Try volunteering around the church! Summer is a great relaxed time to try some new skills or practice some old ones for the benefit of your church family. Share your garden flowers or practice your arranging by signing up on the flower chart. Does your zucchini overflow? Bring zucchini bread for fellowship! (You can bring extras in a bag, so non-gardeners benefit too.) Fellowship is a great excuse to try out that new Pinterest recipe. Don’t grow rusty over the summer months out of school; read, sing, share special music. Share your mad technology skills by putting together the slide show, or running it, or both. No really, if you can navigate social media or email, you can run the slideshow. You are not too young, you are not too old. Best of all, become a valuable part of the groups that keep us going each week! We need you and we would love to have you join us. Please sign up and help!

**Prayer
Corner**

We pray for our families, friends and church family. Lord, in the month of July we celebrate our freedoms and independence. These are freedoms we receive in our nation and also through you. In both cases these freedoms are not free, someone paid dearly for us out of their love for us. All of this love comes first from you and your example for us. Being Christ-like in how we act and treat others is the highest level we can attain. Jesus came that we might know the truth and be free, that we might have life abundantly, and in our abundance that we would share all of these blessings with others. Thank you. Help us to do your will. We continue to pray for our congregation, our leaders, our community and our world. Amen.

July LSI Update

God's work. Our hands.

As a social ministry organization of the ELCA, Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) is so thankful for your partnership in ministry! Thanks to you, we're able to provide education for young parents and empowerment to some of Iowa's most vulnerable children and families. This month, we would like to give special thanks for those of you who have made LSI a focus of your congregation's "God's work. Our hands." project.

This project began in 2013, the 25th anniversary of the ELCA, as a day dedicated to doing service work alongside neighbors in communities across the country. On a chosen day in September, each congregation is encouraged to participate in a project for "God's work. Our hands." This is a perfect opportunity to do special projects and/or to raise money as a church body for a nonprofit like LSI.

We thank you for your witness of God's love and your service! If you are interested in supporting the Iowa children and families served by LSI and would like to know more about our current needs, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Striving Towards Her Highest Peak

Eight-year-old Kendale felt nervous and scared.

For years, she had struggled with lying, manipulating, and acting out violently toward her peers. Her family turned to residential treatment facilities across Iowa for help. But nothing worked. Kendale showed no signs of progress.

Her last hope was LSI's Beloit Residential Treatment Center in Ames, and she was anxious and didn't know anybody.

But as each day passed, Kendale began feeling more comfortable and open to LSI staff, especially Ashley, a Youth Associate at Beloit.

Ashley and the LSI team have been working with Kendale on communicating and building positive relationships, as well as developing healthy decision-making and anger management skills.

Kendale has a caring support system at Beloit. She has developed a routine and is surrounded by a passionate LSI team that makes her feel confident and empowered.

"It's beautiful to see Kendale blossom. She is a lovely little lady with an incredible imagination and a big heart," Ashley says. "I'm so proud of how far she has come and the joy she exudes every day."



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

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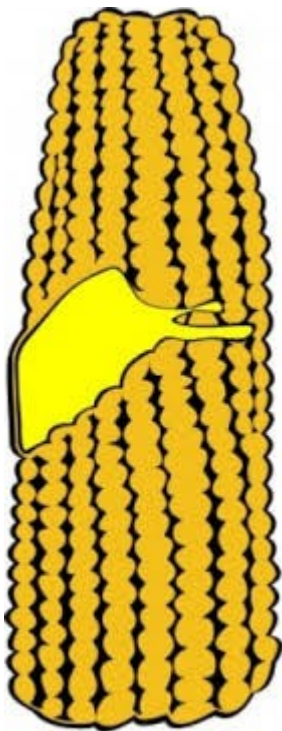
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00am worship VBS Sunday at First Presbyterian	2	3	4 4th of July parade Independence Day Office closed	5	6	7
8 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	9	10	11 5:30 Community Dinner 6:30 Property	12 Good Cheer 6:30 Council	13	14
15 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	16 7:00 Hannah	17	18 1:00 Martha 5:30 Community Dinner Corn Boil	19	20	21
22 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	23 Newsletter articles due	24	25	26	27	28
29 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	30	31 9:00 Dorcas				

July Serving Schedule

Sunday 9:30am	Acolyte	Council on Duty	Children's Message	Lector	Ushers	PA
July 1st VBS service at First Presbyterian		Pat Foote			Dirk Amundsen, Alex Anderson	
July 8th		Stan Kirchhoff	Allison Engel	Lane Rose	Lee Swenson, Aaron Bartholmey, Dennis Porter	Deb Rose
July 15th		Deb Rose	Aaron Bartholmey	Dirk Amundsen	Bob Floss, Stan Kirchhoff	David Goos
July 22nd		David Goos	Allison Engel		Gary Johnson, Jim Lammey	
July 29th		Krista Baumgartner	Robyn Friedman		Captains	Duane Quanbeck

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The Corn Boil is Coming!
Wednesday
July 18th
Free will offering

The usual Great Food!
The usual Good Fun!
And as usual, we need your help!

Watch for the sign up sheets and
Take a flier to your neighbors or to work
The more the merrier and we want to share!
So bring your friends and family
And we'll see you in the fellowship hall!