



**First Lutheran Church,  
Newton IA**

**2018**

## **First Epistle**

From the Pastor...

### **A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON GIVING**

I sometimes hear people say, "The church is always asking for money." But when you think about it, nothing could be further from the truth!

The bank is constantly reminding us that we have to pay the mortgage to live in our homes. I also have to pay for insurance and gas just to drive my car! The doctor and dentist send a bill when I have visited them. We all pay taxes so that our children can be educated. And to receive the newspaper at my door, I pay for that as well.

AND YET... no one will be charged admission to attend church (even though I pay an admission fee to attend a ball game or movie). We have not turned down any student in Sunday School or Confirmation because of what their parents give as an offering. No bill will be sent for the newsletter that comes each month. The pastor will make house calls and hospital visits and never send a bill.

WHO ASKS FOR MONEY? Not the church! A certain percentage of our families receive ALL the services of the church for nothing... as a gift of love from God and from those families who have responded to God's Call to share their blessings so that the work of God might be done. Thanks be to God for their unwavering commitment! By giving back to God what truly belongs to God, they are ensuring that the sacraments are given to all, house calls and hospital visits are being made, counseling is done, and children receive the Good News of Jesus Christ!

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THE CHURCH DOES NOT ASK FOR MONEY. IT GIVES IT AWAY IN LOVING SERVICE TO OTHERS AS WE CONTINUE TO DO THE WORK THAT GOD HAS CALLED US TO DO!

Thanks for your generosity in sharing the rich blessings that God continues to pour out upon us!

Living in Gods Amazing Grace!  
Pastor Mark

**Sunday Worship**  
**9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday Fellowship**  
**10:30 a.m.**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MARSHALLTOWN DONATIONS

**In an effort to help with the recovery efforts in Marshalltown** following the devastation of the tornado, First Lutheran Church is now collecting donations of paper goods (paper towels, paper plates, bowls, cups, plastic silverware), household cleaning supplies, non-perishable food items and more. We will be collecting these items through **Sunday, August 5th**. Drop items off at church or bring them to Sunday worship. Thanks so much for helping our neighbors in need!

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 August, personal care items – soap, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes, lotions, etc. have been requested.** There is a basket in the narthex for all food pantry items.

Thank you for being so generous.

## Chancel Flowers

Aug 5— Bob Floss

Aug 12— Dobesh

Aug 19— Sandra Ayers

Aug 26—Community

Worship

## Fellowship

Aug 5— Judy, Cammie,  
Aaron, Pastor Mark

Aug 12— Quanbeck

Aug 19—

Aug 26—Community

Worship

**Please sign up to provide flowers and fellowship.**



8/2 Terri Hayden  
8/7 Blake Geilenfeldt  
Deborah Rose  
8/9 Thomas Hodnett  
8/10 Alex Breuer

8/11 Rachel Monroe  
8/17 Duane Quanbeck  
8/19 Arlene Dobesh  
Carey Jordan  
8/21 Elizabeth McVey  
8/22 Debora Lammey  
8/26 Cami Wright  
8/27 Steven Putz  
8/28 Barbara Birkenholtz  
Marilyn Gelinas  
Candy Thompson  
8/29 Elizabeth Coyle  
8/30 Marcelina Marvelli

**We remember in Christ, the passing  
of Gene Cedarholm,  
our former Pastor.**

**Funeral services will be held on  
August 31st, at 2:00pm,  
at First Lutheran**



We need people to help at church with reading the lessons or making or running the slide shows. Slide shows are made with a template already in place and are updated each week. Slide shows may be made in either MS PowerPoint or Mac Pages. Running the slides entails clicking the arrow button to advance the screens as we go through the worship service.

Please consider helping. A sign up sheet is available in the narthex so you may help as it fits your schedule. Thank you.



### **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 **August 8th** and **August 22nd**. 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.**

## Thank You for Your Generosity to Newton Police for the Body Cameras Campaign

The June Choices in Mission was Newton Police Department, for their Body Cameras Campaign to equip local officers with body cameras for their safety and that of the public. You donated \$1055 which was matched for a total of \$2110 to help our first responders right here in Newton. Thank you!



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### Discover Hope 5:17—Building Campaign

DiscoverHope517 is launching Phase 2 of our Building Campaign! We are a 501 (c)3 Non-Profit Organization. We have recently purchase a new building (located at 733 1st Ave E) to accommodate our growth within our Addiction Recovery Community Center and our Recovery Transitional Housing for Men (max. of 12). I would like to ask for your financial support as we continue to move forward in GOD'S MISION to bring transformation within our community!

As we have exceeded Phase 1 Goal, which we couldn't have done without all of you who supported us! THANK YOU! Our goal is to raise \$360,000 by Feb. 2019. We have already raised \$140,000 of it. We are looking to raise \$220,000! I appreciate what you are willing to give to the mission of the Discover Hope 517! Remember whatever you give, changes a life! You can DONATE on our website ([www.discoverhope517.org](http://www.discoverhope517.org)) or mail it to us (P. O. BOX 331 Newton, IA, 50208)!

**TO CHANGE A LIFE, IS TO CHANGE A COMMUNITY. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**



**First Lutheran in the community!  
Fourth of July Float  
We won 2nd place in the parade!**



### **RAGBRAI at First Lutheran**



## JUSTFAITH

Newton, Iowa has been chosen to host the new JustFaith program in Jasper County. The vision of JustFaith Ministries is that the work of peace, mercy, and justice is best done by groups of people working together. Communities can accomplish things that individuals simply cannot.”

JustFaith is designed for people who want to live more simply, love more compassionately, and make a difference by responding to the needs of the world. This small group program will help you explore today’s issues through the lens of your faith and formulate a personal/group response. Through prayer, engaging reading, thought-provoking dialogue and relationship building, you’ll share a journey of faith that invites you to consider how you can “be the change” in our world. The JustFaith program explores today’s issues through the lens of the Christian faith, but is open to anyone who would like to participate including those who are not aligned with any faith community.

JustFaith is made up of three, eight-week phases that can be taken individually or together. The three phases of JustFaith are:

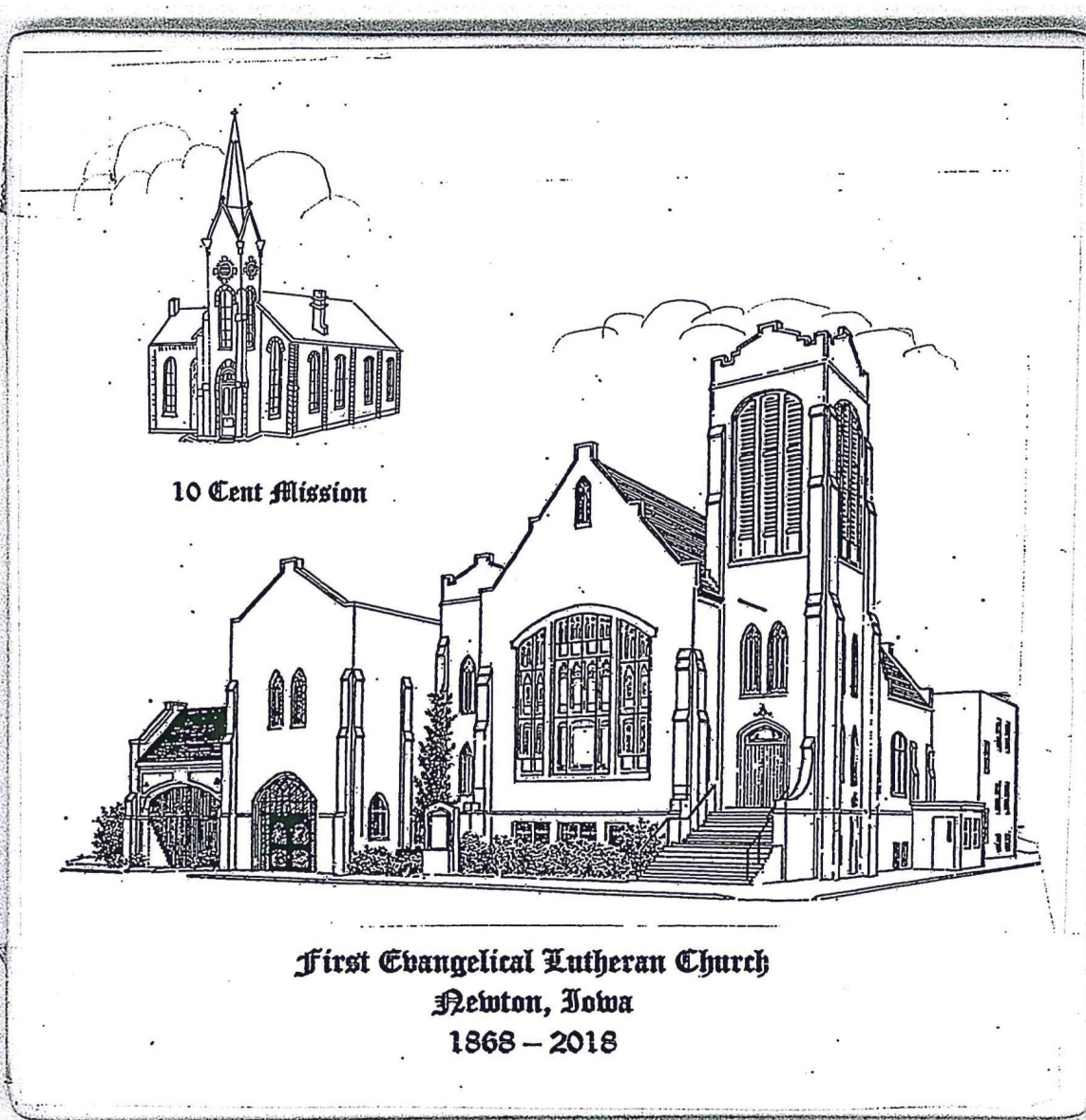
- Phase 1, Living Compassionately: Caring for the Poor, this focuses on poverty, consumerism, and the Gospel call to care for those in need. (October 10)
- Phase 2, Living Justly: Caring for Each Other, develops a deeper understanding about issues of racial and economic justice.
- Phase 3, Living Simply: Caring for the Earth, encourages participants to embrace the invitation to care for the earth while learning more about the intersection between poverty and environmental stewardship.

The program will begin October 10 and will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm at Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Newton Iowa. If you would like additional information contact Karen Crawford at [vosskar@aol.com](mailto:vosskar@aol.com) or go to the Center for Social Ministry website (local coordinator of the JustFaith program) at <http://www.centerforsocialministry.org/programs/justfaith-ministries/justfaith/> for information and to register.

## Prayer Corner

We pray for our families, friends and church family. Lord, the month of August is often full of duality. Either chock full trying to cram every last adventure into our summer break (the fair, the vacations, the family visits); or almost grinding to a halt trying to evade the intense summer heat. Help us to find balance. Help us to remember what matters. That it is less about destination and more about shared journey. Remind us not to get so caught up in the doing that we forget or pass by the simple things that bring us joy and bring us sweet memories. Help us to hold on to what is right, and what is good and what connects us. Help us to do your will. We continue to pray for our congregation, our leaders, our community and our world. Amen.





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## SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE TILE

*In order to commemorate the occasion of our 150<sup>th</sup> birthday, we are having this tile created. We hope that you will consider buying one or more to keep or give to children or friends as a way of remembering the founding of First Lutheran Church.*

*Price \$10.00 each, must be prepaid.*

*Make check payable to First Lutheran Church.*

*You may place orders during August, either by sending to the church or at church service on Sundays.*

# August LSI Update

## Back to School Month

School is right around the corner! But imagine being a child or teen with an emotional or behavioral disorder. This time of year can be extremely stressful. They are afraid they won't be able to concentrate or fit in at their school. They worry about adjusting to a new classroom routine or making new friends.

Did you know Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) partners with schools across the state to provide mental health services? Our therapists work one-on-one with children while our Behavioral Health Intervention Services team collaborates with families in their own homes to help them develop skills like anger management and healthy decision-making. LSI also provides 24-hour mental health care at the Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers in Waverly and Ames to empower Iowa's most vulnerable children and teens.

We thank you for your support of LSI's mission as we respond together to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service! We know there are more Iowa children in need of this critical care. If you would like to learn more about how you can give a gift to support these crucial services, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto: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](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

## A Loving Bond for Landon

Seven years ago, Ashley was eager to welcome her first child, Landon. While Landon was a perfectly behaved newborn, Ashley began feeling overwhelmed when his behavior changed as he grew.

Landon stopped napping. He began throwing tantrums and lashed out when Ashley tried to help him. Ashley was desperate for a relationship with her toddler, but Landon always pushed her away. She turned to LSI's Behavioral Health Intervention Services.

Peggy, Landon's LSI worker, began visiting their home to help Landon develop the coping skills he needed to control his anger and guide him back to being the happy child he once was. Peggy and Landon began taking walks together, visiting the library, and playing games. When the family moved to a new home, Peggy made sure Landon was comfortable in his room and encouraged him to use it as a safe space when he needed to be alone.

Peggy and Landon have been working together for years and Landon, now 7, knows he has a support system to turn to on the rough days.

"We would truly be lost without Peggy," Ashley says. "Now Landon gives hugs, lets me know when he's angry and – the biggest gift of all – I occasionally hear, 'I love you, Mom'."



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

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## August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 Property	2	3	4
5 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	6	7	8 5:30 Community Dinner	9 Good Cheer 6:30 Council	10	11
12 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	13 7:00 Hannah	14	15 9:30 Lois 1:00 Martha 7:00 Eunice	16	17	18
19 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	20 <b>Newsletter articles due</b>	21	22 5:30 Community Dinner	23	24	25
26 Downtown Block Party Worship 10:00 Worship	27	28 9:00 Dorcas	29	30	31 2:00pm Funeral Cedarholm	

## August Serving Schedule

Sunday 9:30am	Acolyte	Council on Duty	Lector	Ushers	PA
August 5th	Hailey Sumpter	Lynette Birkenholz	Dirk Amundsen	Dirk Amundsen, Alex Anderson	David Goos
August 12th	Blake Baumgartner	Marie Quanbeck	Pat Foote	Lee Swenson, Aaron Bartholmey, Dennis Porter	Deb Rose
August 19th	Claire Breuer	Judy Monroe	Marie Quanbeck	Bob Floss, Stan Kirchhoff	Duane Quanbeck
Community Worship August 26th	Leo Friedman	Andy Breuer		Gary Johnson, Jim Lammey	

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## **Community Worship**



**10:00 a.m.  
Sunday, August 26**

**6 churches  
1 service**

**It's time for the  
Downtown Worship  
Summer Blockparty!**

**Potluck fellowship  
sampler following!**