

**First Lutheran Church,
Newton IA**

OCTOBER

2018

First Epistle

From the Pastor... **SHARING THE BLESSINGS OF GOD!**

The Church was shocked this week to learn that one of our most faithful members, **SOMEONE ELSE**, has passed away. This death creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. **SOMEONE ELSE** has been an active member of First Lutheran Church for many years and did far more than his share of the work.

Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend... one name was always mentioned: 'Let **SOMEONE ELSE** do it!'

SOMEONE ELSE was also among the biggest givers to the church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone assumed that **SOMEONE ELSE** would make up the difference.

But now, **SOMEONE ELSE** is gone. Who will pitch in to do all those things that **SOMEONE ELSE** used to do? Fall is a busy time of year! Sunday school, Confirmation, committee meetings, planning for the sesquicentennial, preparing for the Advent and Christmas seasons! There is so much to do! Will you be the one to fill the void left by **SOMEONE ELSE**?

May each of us be moved to share our time, talents, and treasures with our 'family of faith'! I know there are a great many talents that are NOT being shared... and I would encourage you to "Let your Light so shine before others that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father in Heaven!"

I pray that you might share your talents with us, so that you might realize the joy that comes from serving your Lord! Because when you do, we will ALL be richer for it!!!

Living in Gods Amazing Grace!
Pastor Mark

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.	Sunday Fellowship 10:30 a.m.
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1:00—5:00 p.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Potluck scheduled for October 7th!

First Sunday Potlucks are back in session! It's going to be a month packed with great things going on at First Lutheran every weekend, so let's start it off with our potluck and end with our celebration of our 150th year as a congregation! Let's rejoice in being together! See you there!



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 their needs among the contributing congregations keeps a steady supply of their most basic needs coming each month. **For the month of October, cereal and juice have been requested.**

There is a basket in the narthex for all food pantry items.
Thank you for being so generous.

Chancel Flowers

Oct. 7— Rose
Oct. 14—Quanbeck
Oct. 21—
Oct. 28— Historical

Fellowship

Oct. 7— Potluck
Oct. 14— Zinga
Oct. 21— Faith Formations
Oct. 28— Historical

Please sign up to provide flowers and fellowship.



10/4 Christine Breuer
10/5 Teresa Weiland
10/6 Bradley Portner
Christopher Shockey
10/8 David Goos
10/9 Alicia Troen
10/11 Steve Comer
10/13 Clayton Wright
10/14 Braxton Mai
10/17 Brenda Hodnett
Gabriel Wright

10/22 Marie Quanbeck
10/26 Laird Trusler
10/27 Mark Holmes
Jodi Portner
David Troen
10/28 Matthew Coyle
Ruth Kelly
10/29 Carolyn Hesse
Ken Weiland
10/30 Aaron Bartholmey
Emmeline Ketcham
Tom Sharp

The Four Important Sundays of October 2018

(or reasons to gather at First Lutheran this month)

October 7th—Potluck

October 14th—Zinga, Tanzania news

October 21st—Affirmation of Baptism

October 28th—Sesquicentennial (150th) Celebration



Wednesday Night Community Dinners:

THANK YOU to the people that helped with our Wednesday Night Community Dinner last month! We served 83 people! Our next dinner at the Methodist Church will be on the 4th **Wednesday, October 24th**. Menus have been planned out but **we need people** to sign up to lead our crew each month. Please help! **Sign up in the narthex and come help Jesus feed the hungry.**

Choices in Mission for October—Zinga Children's Hospital!

It's October- and that means Paula and Denny will be here to update us on the mission work at the Children's Hospital in Zinga, Tanzania!

October's Choices in Mission will again be dedicated for this mission.

Paula has requested that the funds be designated for the purchase of a reconditioned bus. In the rainy season roads become nearly impassable. A bus, with its higher clearance, can make it through where cars cannot. A bus will also provide transportation for the volunteer teams who come to work at the hospital, bringing them from the airport to Zinga.

Speaking of volunteer teams, have you been wanting to do a little traveling- and add a little mission work to that? We would like to explore taking a team to Zinga in 2020. That's far enough away to save up your funds to travel and make all the other plans necessary. Please visit with Quanbecks, Sandquists, or Monroes to learn more about experiencing mission travel to Tanzania.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Socks and Underwear

Many of our neighbors here in Newton struggle to make ends meet. We all know what a difference socks and underwear make to our daily comfort and self-esteem. As we head into winter new warm socks are just as important as coats, hats and gloves.

Please consider making a donation of NEW socks or underwear (still in their original packaging!)

Money can also be donated earmarked for this specific effort and we'll do the shopping.

Socks and underwear- any size, brand new and in the original packaging, may be dropped off at the First Lutheran Church office during office hours. If you have questions or need to arrange for a drop off contact Judy Monroe, 641-792-4950.

Donations can be made starting on Monday, October 1 and end on Monday, November 5. Thank you in advance for your support of this community support event!

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Please Donate Winter Clothing and Shoes/Boots

You can help make a difference in the lives of others in our community! Just sort through your warm clothing and donate those gently used items you honestly don't wear anymore. We are hoping to have warm clothing, coats, boots, hats, gloves, mittens. Please, NO dress clothing or dressy shoes. Blankets are also accepted. Clothing should be clean and can be brought in a plastic bag or box, and dropped off at the First Lutheran Church office during office hours. If you have questions or need to arrange for a drop off contact David Goos at 641-521-8367 or Judy Monroe, 641-792-4950.

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Property committee info: Changes Coming and Help Needed

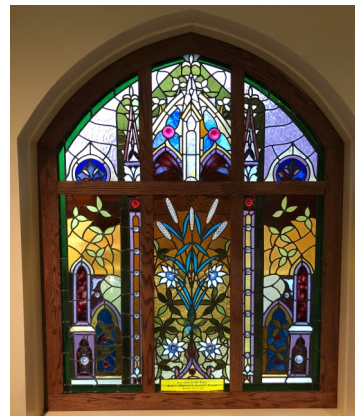
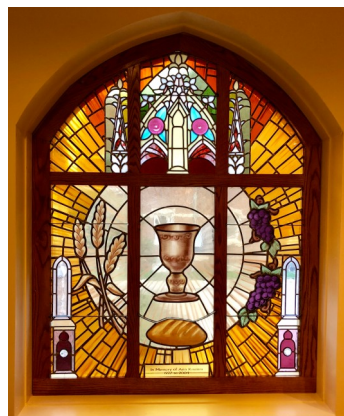
The Committee is looking at either November 11 or 18th as dates to start our re-vitalizing project. If we can coordinate taking out the pews, removing carpet, painting the ceiling and replacing the carpet. We will need a number of volunteers to move pews, remove carpet and then put everything back in place!

Hopefully, we will be able to complete project for the start of Advent which is December 2nd! More details later in October!

The heating project is moving along as Warnick and Reeves is currently installing the hot water boilers. They are about the size of a kitchen stove! Hopefully, the weather will cooperate until they are finished. We will be going to a 94 percent efficiency system.

The two windows on first and second floors are totally finished with Custom Kitchens replacing the inserts supporting the Ann and Dan Krumm stained glass.

Thank You,
Property Committee





**Women of the ELCA
Cluster 2 Fall Gathering
Saturday, October 6, 2018**



**Trinity Lutheran Church
3628 Highway 63
Malcom, Iowa**



Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Cost \$5.00.

Theme: All Anew

Theme verse: "Therefore, if any man will be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are to become new!" 2 Cor. 5:17

Love-In-Kind offering of prayer shawls and tied fleece blankets will go to Iowa City Chaplaincy Outreach.

Program will be led by Pastor Cindy Breed. She will be talking to us about the work she does as the ELCA chaplain at Iowa City Hospitals and Clinics.

Some of the other agenda items include Bible study, business meeting, coffee time, and offering.

Please **RSVP** by October 2 to Pat Kolpin at 641-750-6661.



SESQUICENTENNIAL **COMMEMORATIVE TILE**

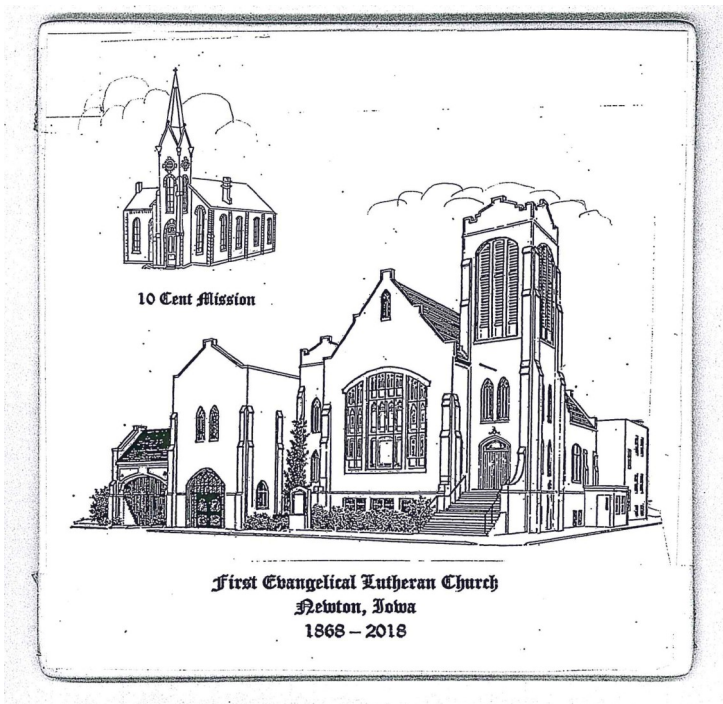
In order to commemorate the occasion of our 150th birthday, we are having this tile created. We hope that you will consider buying one or more to keep or give to children or friends as a way of remembering the founding of First Lutheran Church.

Price \$10.00 each, must be prepaid.

Make check payable to First Lutheran Church.

(Full size tile is 6 x 6 inches.)

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



Mission Coalition Pie Sale

Saturday, November 3rd
McCann Center, 9:00 a.m.

Pies are sold for \$10 and it is hoped a good variety will be donated. We are looking for at least eight from First Lutheran. Please note there is no refrigeration available. Please call Sarah Sandquist 792-7702 if you will be making a pie. Proceed go to support Elderly Nutrition and Neighbors Helping Neighbors.



Prayer Corner

We pray for our families, friends and church family. Lord, the month of October is often a showcase for the duality of change. Are the fall colors amazing or has everything gone dull and lifeless? Where is this change taking us and how do we feel about it? Are we excited and feeling renewed or are we depressed and feeling fearful and anxious? Change is inevitable but our control of it and attitude to it can vary greatly. Remind us Lord, that you are in control, even when we are not. Remind us to reach out to share and find support with those around us. If we let you Lord, you will lead us and teach us in every season. You are with us always. We continue to pray for our congregation, our leaders, our community and our world. Amen.

October LSI Update

Warming Hearts with God's Love and a Good Pair of Mittens

Far too often, children arrive at LSI's Beloit and Bremwood Residential Treatment Centers with very little in their possession.

We give thanks for Iowa congregations who faithfully respond to these needs, year after year! As winter approaches, LSI relies on your loving support to meet the demands for winter apparel for children and youth at Beloit and Bremwood. Often, children in residential treatment have little control over their lives, so it's important for us to give children the opportunity, when possible, to shop for their new coat or mittens. Because of this, we ask that you please not donate articles of clothing. With your generous financial donation, many children will have the simple joy of choosing their new coat, knowing that they are loved and cherished.

If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

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.

A Loving Companion

When Tatyana came to LSI's Bremwood Residential Treatment Center in Waverly, she was lonely.

She lost her mom at a young age, and her father was incarcerated. She didn't have anyone to look up to, and the only way she knew how to cope with trauma and anger was by yelling and hitting.

When she began seeing her LSI therapist, she wasn't comfortable talking about her difficult past.

Then she met a new friend, Max. Max is a three-year-old yellow Labrador Retriever, and a friendly face to everyone he sees on Bremwood's campus. Thanks to a generous donation by a local church and through a partnership between LSI and Retrieving Freedom, Max is now the official therapy dog at Bremwood.

Max has been working with Tatyana for over a year now. He sits on the sofa next to her during every therapy session, which makes her feel safe talking to her LSI team. Tatyana practices calmly giving Max commands like "sit" or "stay," which is teaching her that her voice is heard without needing to yell. She is using a calmer voice when she talks to others on campus too.

The children and teens at Bremwood love seeing Max each day. And when more children like Tatyana walk through the doors for the first time, Max is there, ready to be a friendly face and let them know they will be loved and cared for at LSI.

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 <i>No Confirmation 6:30 Property</i>	4	5	6
7 <i>9:30 Worship 11:00 Potluck</i>	8 <i>7:00 Hannah</i>	9	10 <i>6:30 Confirmation</i>	11 <i>Good Cheer 6:30 Council</i>	12	13
14 IHP Zinga <i>9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship</i>	15	16	17 <i>9:30 Lois 1:00 Martha 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Eunice</i>	18	19	20
21 <i>Affirmation Of Baptism 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship</i>	22 Newsletter articles due	23	24 <i>5:30 Community Dinner 6:30 Confirmation</i>	25	26	27
28 Sesquicentennial <i>9:30 Worship Celebration Dinner 1:00 Organ Recital</i>	29	30 <i>9:00 Dorcas</i>	31 <i>6:30 Confirmation</i>			

October Serving Schedule

Sunday 9:30am	Acolyte	Council on Duty	Lector	Ushers	PA
October 7th	Brock Jordan	Krista Baumgartner	Aaron Bartholmey	Dirk Amundsen, Alex Anderson	Duane Quanbeck
October 14th	Claire Breuer	David Goos	Marie Quanbeck	Lee Swenson, Aaron Bartholmey, Dennis Porter	
October 21st	Hailey Sumpter	Judy Monroe		Bob Floss, Stan Kirchhoff	Deb Rose
October 28th	Ben, Hailey, Leo, Claire, Blake	Stan Kirchhoff	Aaron Bartholmey	Gary Johnson, Jim Lammey	David Goos

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October Plans at First Lutheran



**Choir practice is at 8:30
Sundays before church**

Oct. 7th is Potluck

Oct. 14th is Zinga news

**Oct. 21st is
Affirmation of Baptism**

**Oct. 28th is our
SESQUICENTENNIAL
(150th) Celebration!
Make plans to join us
for a special worship service,
Luncheon, choir performance
and afternoon organ recital.**



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God's work. Our hands.