



**First Lutheran Church,
Newton IA**

2019

First Epistle

From the Pastor...

THE CHURCH IS YOU!

YOU are a walking advertisement of First Lutheran Church and the God that we proclaim. You take the church out of the building and make it alive in the outside world. You are a reflection of our congregation.

Some people think that the pastor is the church. And it's true that I speak for the church... I declare what it stands for... and I invite people into our fellowship of faith. It's true that I am your representative... but I am certainly **NOT** your substitute!

I can preach the best sermon ever... but it won't mean a thing unless it makes a difference in the way we live our lives. Our Sunday School teachers are ineffective **UNLESS** their teaching makes a difference in the attitudes and behavior of our children. Our church is measured **NOT** so much by what is said by its leadership... but by what **YOU** say and do in your every-day lives!

As a congregation, we claim that we are concerned for the welfare of all people. You express that concern in the way that you act toward others. As a congregation, we claim to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You share that Gospel when you do your job well... when you active in church, school, and community... and when you invite others to join us on Sunday morning.

The way you live your life each day will preach more sermons... teach more people... and save more lives than the words spoken inside the church. Remember... without **YOU**... the church has **NO** life! Thanks be to God for the ministry that we share!

Living in God's Amazing Grace!
Pastor Mark

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.	Sunday Fellowship 10:30 a.m.
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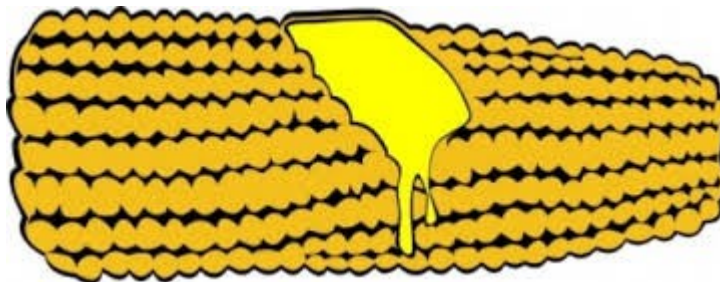
Pastor's Office Hours

Wednesday
1:00—5:00 p.m.
or by appointment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Sunday Potluck will return in September!

Due to busy summer schedules we will take a break from our gatherings in July and August and resume with the school year in September. Enjoy your summer and we will see you in church! **Also keep watching for Corn Boil information later this month!**



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.



Feeding the Community

**For the month of July...
Tuna and Tuna Helper
have been requested.**

There is a basket in the narthex
for all food pantry items.

Thank you for being so generous.


Chancel Flowers

July 7—
July 14—
July 21—
July 28—

Fellowship

July 7—
July 14—
July 21—
July 28—

[Please sign up to provide flowers and fellowship.](#)

	7/4 Steve Hodnett Carson Sumpter Loyeratta Nani 7/6 Leo Friedman 7/7 Steven Benskin 7/8 Talia Friedman Victoria Jordan Lonnie Portner	7/13 Barb Anderson Elisabeth Ketcham 7/18 Allison Bartholmey 7/22 Ben Caldwell Anna VanDam 7/27 Todd Lucas 7/30 Joey Lammey 7/31 Jeremy Sumpter
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Please remember, if you are having trouble hearing: Listening devices are available.
Please ask an usher.



Wall of Recognition!

Our church is wanting to support and lift up the Military and recent graduates of First Lutheran.

We are going to be posting pictures and contact information here in the church so everyone can lift them up in prayer and maybe send a card with some kind

words of encouragement, or even a care package.

We will leave it up to you what God is leading you to do.

These young adults need us to lift them up now more than ever.

If this describes someone in your house please let Nicole in the church office know that way we can get started on this new and uplifting project.

We are proud of our Young Adults!

Let's let them know!



Wednesday Night Community Dinners:

THANK YOU to the people that help with our Wednesday Night Community Dinners! Wednesday Night Community Dinners will take a break over the summer and resume back at the Methodist Church on the last Wednesday in August. **Please keep the hungry in your prayers, donate to the food pantry and drop off fresh garden produce at the Salvation Army.**





Vacation Bible School

Thank you to all who participated and volunteered time, energy, supplies, and money for Vacation Bible School 6/17-6/21. It was a "A ROARing good time" of fun and fellowship and learning more about how God is Good all the time in our lives. These were the daily catch phrases of the week:

When life is unfair! (God is Good!)

When life is scary! (God is Good!)

When life changes! (God is Good!)

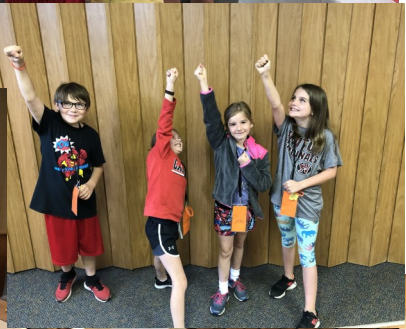
When life is sad ! (God is Good!)

When life is Good! (God is Good!)

The combined total of donated funds from the week and the combined church service was \$206.86 ! This money was donated to the Neighbors Helping Neighbors to help provide clean clothing to people in our community. Also to help with their winter clothing give away. This is a wonderful combined mission that we share with United Presbyterian and First Presbyterian churches.

We thank you for your support!





Zinga calling!

The work continues at Zinga! The first surgical team of the summer is arriving from Kansas on July 26, and the pressure is on to complete the first few rooms of the Mary Ellen Kitundu birthing center for post-op patients. Still needed are bathroom fixtures such as toilets, sinks, and shower mixers.

Recent volunteers to Zinga include Mary Pace, a Kansas City special education teacher, who writes about her work with local children in need of physical and occupational therapy. Louise Bown returned to create more keyhole gardens, an important aspect of teaching local women to grow the vegetables crucial to proper nutrition for their children. You can read their reflections, and those of others, on their work at the Children's Hospital in Paula's update, which is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, and also at <http://www.ihptz.org>

A common thread in all their testimonials can be found in the words of Linda Willis of Salt Lake City: "My time here filled and nourished my soul and renewed my commitment to serve and share God's abundance with which I have been blessed."

A "Christmas in July" \$15,000 challenge grant will complete the birthing center when met. Paula commented that she is 'not sure Santa is accustomed to being asked for toilets for Christmas, but for women in labor, and after delivery, it's a pretty wonderful gift!'

Thank you, all, for keeping Paula and Denny and the work at Zinga in your prayers!

For our Tanzania mission,
Marie Quanbeck



Prayer Corner

We pray for our families, friends and church family. 'Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord' Psalm 33:12 Lord, July is the month we celebrate our nation. We use this time also to build relationships and memories with our family, friends and community. We celebrate this time of warm weather and the special gifts of summer. Here at First Lutheran we celebrate our local agriculture heritage with a Corn Boil that we invite others to come and enjoy with us. Lord encourage us to receive with welcome all who would enjoy the food and fellowship. We continue to pray for our congregation, our leaders, our community and our world. Amen.

**Happy is the nation
whose God is the Lord,
Psalm 33:12**



**If my people who are called by
my name humble themselves,
and pray and seek my face
and turn from their wicked
ways, then I will hear
from heaven and will
forgive their sin
and heal their land.**

Psalm 33:12

Free movies!

Newton's own Capital II Theater is excited to announce they have a free movie coming up as well as starting back up our Sensory Friendly Movies.

Toy Story Sensory Friendly Movie

Saturday July 6th, 2019 10:00 AM

Free Movie, sponsored by Newton YMCA

The Secret of Kells

Thursday July 11th, 2019 1:00 pm

Saturday July 13th, 2019 10:30 am



July 2019 LSI Update

LSI's Host Homes Program

Each year, Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) empowers hundreds of Iowans with disabilities. There is no greater joy for us than seeing an individual develop greater independence, find their confidence, and thrive in their community. And through our innovative Host Homes program, LSI has found a new way to lift up our Iowa neighbors. Through the program, adults with disabilities or “mentees” move from a supported community living setting – like a 24-hour, fully staffed home with roommates – into a private family home with a Host Homes “mentor”. LSI collaborates with the individuals we serve and the contracted mentors to ensure each match is the perfect fit and to create a shared living opportunity that is beneficial to mentors and mentees.

LSI is seeking compassionate and dedicated caregivers to join us in the mission. If you have room in your heart and in your home, being a Host Homes mentor might be for you! Visit LSIowa.org/HostHomes to learn more. If you are interested in supporting crucial programming like LSI's Services for People with Disabilities, 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 LSIowa.org and Facebook.com/LSI.Iowa.

The Best Kind of Bond

Amanda needed a change. For years, she had received 24-hour care, living in a busy home with three roommates. But she was lashing out and becoming aggressive, and she required multiple psychiatric hospital visits throughout the year to receive mental health treatment. She and her dad, Bruce, knew she needed more one-on-one attention to thrive.

They turned to LSI's new Host Homes program. Through LSI's Services for People with Disabilities, the program allows adults with disabilities to transition from supported community living to a private family home where they build positive, lasting relationships with a specially selected mentor instead of a team of staff members.

Soon, Amanda was matched with Mavis, an LSI Host Homes mentor. On the day Mavis and Amanda first met, they clicked. And a year later, the family hasn't looked back. Instead of several emergency calls and incidents each year, Amanda has gone over a year without any mental health hospitalization. Mavis has spent the last year collaborating with Amanda to find the best way for her to communicate her emotions. She wants Amanda to know her voice and thoughts are heard.

“Mavis has helped in every way,” Bruce says. “She cares, she's loving, she's patient, and she's getting Amanda engaged in art classes and hobbies she loves. I have a happier daughter now.”



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God's work. Our hands.

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First United Methodist Church



July 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 <i>Property Meeting 6:00 pm</i>	4 	5	6
7 <i>9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship</i>	8 <i>N.H.N. 4-8:00 pm</i>	9 <i>T.T.T. Women's Group Meeting 7:00 pm (fellowship hall)</i>	10	11	12	13
14 <i>9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship</i>	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 <i>9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship</i>	22 <i>N.H.N. 4-8:00 pm</i>	23 <i>Cooking Class 6:00 pm (fellowship hall)</i>	24	25	26	27
28 <i>9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship</i>	29	30	31			

July Serving Schedule

	Acolyte	Council on Duty	Lector	Ushers	PA	Fellowship	Child. Message
July 7	Leo Friedman	Judy Monroe	Aaron Bartholmey	Dirk Amundsen, Alex Anderson	Deb Rose		Robyn Friedman
July 14	Hailey Sumpter	Jim Lammey	Pat Foote	Lee Swenson, Aaron Bartholmey, Denis Porter	David Goos		Aaron Bartholmey
July 21	Ben Breuer	David Goos	Dirk Amundsen	Bob Floss, Stan Kirchhoff	Duane Quanbeck		Deb Rose
July 28	Claire Bruer	Judy Monroe	Evelyn George	Jim Lammey, Gary Johnson	Deb Rose		Robyn Friedman

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