



Our Prayer

God who labors and rests, thank you for giving us this rhythm for life. I rest in you. Jesus, in our hearts we carry grief, anxiety, weariness and more. Help us release those burdens to you and take on your lighter yoke: a peace the world cannot give. And as the northern hemisphere, summer is turning to fall later this month, Creator of all good things, I thank you for your steadfastness when things around me change.

You are "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust": I thank you for the assurance that whenever I call on you, you will answer (Psalm 91:2).

Amen

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Church Council Meetings Review :

Present: Corrine Coyle, Bryan Friedman, Steve Putz, Kay Hesse and Allison Bartholmey, Connie Lucas

Informal fellowship with UCC council was very positive. Questions and answers were freely exchanged by both councils.

Call to Order: Friedman called the meeting to order at 7:07pm August 18th.

Devotions: Friedman provided an opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Council reviewed the minutes from the July 19th, 2022, meeting. Coyle moved to approve. Bartholmey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

A warm welcome was extended to our new board member Connie Lucas. Coyle moved to accept the minutes with a second by Bartholmey.

Reception of Petitions/ Communications: Stan Kirchhoff and Duane Quanbeck approached our meeting with a concern that ELCA might not be helping as much as they could, and they see a need to look for other options. Friedman stated he was in close contact with ELCA and Pastor Carey and they are aware of the concerns.

New Business:
· Coyle made a motion to elect Bartholmey as our new vice president. Lucas seconded. A unanimous vote was passed.
· Preparations for "God's Work, Our Hands" is still being discussed. We are continuing to search for people the church can help in our community. God's work our hands will be held on September 11th following church service and coffee time.

· Connie Lucas shared a new idea called chapter 155 which reads

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Connie's mission is to unite the church and grow- trying to involve more people and ideas with strength.

· Duane Quanbeck and Connie Lucas are pursuing Bethany Lutheran to ask about their agreement with Hope Lutheran. They are inquiring about the connection between Bethany, Hope and how it works for them to stream in services.

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Old Business:
· Shared Ministry is moving ahead together and search for shared minister.

Treasurer's Report: Coyle presented the June financial statements and explained the notable items.

Calendar Review: The draft of the September calendar was reviewed and was approved. Noting that October 9th will be our Zinga Sunday. Paula and Denny will be visiting. The September Council meeting will be moved from September 15th to September 22nd at 6:30Pm.

Committee Reports:
Faith Formations: Bartholmey invited everyone to attend Bible

school for all ages. She also went over upcoming dates for Faith formations

Collage Art Workshop
Wed, Sept 14 6:30-8:00 pm
No artistic ability required. :)
Enjoy conversation while you turn recycling into something new.

Craft & Podcast Time
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Bring a craft project you're working on or create something new with us. Listen to some food for thought as you work and discuss with friends.

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Show your thankfulness via the lost art of snail mail.

Music Jam Session
Wed, Dec 7 6:30-8:00 pm
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Next Meeting: September 22nd at 6:30Pm. Hesse will read the devotions.

Adjournment: Coyle moved and Bartholmey seconded to adjourn. Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted:
Kay Hesse.



Zinga News Update!

Last month, Dr. Denny and Paula Lofstrom announced their plans to return to Tanzania in March, after three frustrating years of being unable to do so because of Covid-19 worldwide. This after spending nearly two decades dividing their time between the US and Tanzania, with the fall and winter months traveling throughout the States to spread the word about the work of IHP first at Iambi and Nyakato and now at Zinga, and raising money to fund the projects. Early spring would find them heading back to Tanzania to direct the work on the ground and welcoming teams of volunteers, what they love best.

In December or January, Dr. Charles Powell will also be traveling to Zinga. He has been approached by the Department of Engineering at Valparaiso University "to provide them with an innovative assignment that will benefit our neonatal intensive care unit, and possibly create a reproducible device that can be used in other places in the developing world." For more on this, go to IHPTZ.org and click on IHP Monthly Updates.

Paula turned 80 on August 29, and Denny is 94. They are excited at the prospect of returning to Zinga. We are inspired by their passion for the Children's Hospital, and continue to support them with our prayers and gifts. We look forward to their message for us on Zinga Sunday, October 9. More on that next month!

September 2022, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Direct Support Professionals Week

Do you know someone who is a caregiver to a loved one? It is a role that is both demanding and meaningful. During September's National Direct Support Professionals Week, we celebrate all the ways in which professional caregivers help children and adults achieve their goals and build meaningful lives.

One way LSI empowers Iowans is through our Services for People with Disabilities. From 24-hour support to occasional respite care, the LSI team lifts up Iowans with disabilities as they find the confidence and independence they need to thrive in their communities.

Through our innovative Host Homes program, caregivers can also become mentors to individuals with disabilities, welcoming them into their private family home where they can receive more one-on-one care and encouragement.

If you would like to learn more about how you can support crucial programming like LSI 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 LSI (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.

A New Home for D.

D. wanted to become more connected to her community, while still ensuring she could receive the care she needed on a daily basis. Through LSI, D. has been able to enroll in the Host Homes program, which provides 24/7 care for individuals with disabilities and mental illness who thrive in a one-on-one setting instead of a busier group home environment.

D. was able to move into a private family home with her Host Homes mentor, Anita, and they have built a friendship and a shared social life. Anita is there to support D. as she works on her personal goals, while D. is still able to get the care she needs.

Currently, one of D.'s goals is to exercise and become more active in the community, so the duo enjoys shopping and walking around the local mall to stay active. Back at home, the two can work on skills – like hygiene and cooking – that make D. feel more independent and confident.

"I like helping D. and seeing her progress and growth in her daily living," Anita says. "When you and the person in your care begin living like a family, when they are able to trust you and open up, then you know you're getting somewhere."

*LSI does not identify the people we serve, except in well-vetted circumstances. The names and some personal details we use in this story have been changed.



Upcoming Faith & Fellowship Events from Faith Formations at First Lutheran

All Ages Welcome!

Invite a friend or get to know the neighbor from the next pew. Come and go as your schedule allows.

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Please join us for a sharing session on Sunday, September 25th following fellowship, or September 28th at 6:00 Pm. In the fellowship hall for the first of our Chapter 155 meetings.

As we come together Lord, so that we might do your work in the world in Jesus' name.

Connie's mission is to bring people together and receive the congregations ideas, visions of where First Lutheran is going, and what as a congregation we can do to grow as God leads us.



HAPPY Birthday FROM YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Connie Lucas 09/02
Mary Obersteller 09/02
Garrett Frehse 09/05
Bryce Grabe 09/08
Patty Balk 09/09
Morgan Frehse 09/09
Belinda Birkenholtz 09/12
Jim Lammey 09/15
Josh Cantu 09/18

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



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Please remember to sign up to donate chancel flowers.
The Flower Chart/Sign Up Sheet is located in the
Narthex

Special dates

Labor Day,
September 5, 2022

Patriot Day,
September 11, 2022

National Grandparents
Day,
September 11, 2022

Hispanic Heritage
Month, 15–Oct. 15, 2022

First day of
autumn,
September 22, 2022

Bible Quiz

Besides being known for his proverbs about wise living, King Solomon was knowledgeable in other fields, including which of the following?

- A. zoology, including ornithology and ichthyology
- B. botany
- C. herpetology
- D. songwriting
- E. A and C
- F. B and D
- G. All of the above



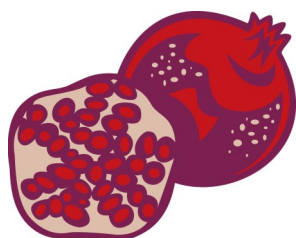
Answer on Pg. 6

Labor Day laughs

Take a break and enjoy this work-related humor!

Christian symbol

POMEGRANATE—Because the pomegranate has an abundance of seeds, the fruit is used to represent hope and future life. It also symbolizes the many believers who are individual members of the universal Christian church.



- My first job was in an orange juice factory. I got canned because I couldn't concentrate.
- When I couldn't hack it as a lumberjack, I got the ax.
- I wasn't suited to being a tailor.
- Working in the muffler factory was too exhausting.
- I was a banker ... until I lost interest.
- I realized there was no future in being a historian.
- Any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard at the deli.
- I studied to become a doctor but had no patients.

Always room in God's kingdom

Jesus told a parable about a man who invited his friends and neighbors to a banquet, but they declined. So he told his servants to go find anyone who was hungry or lonely or in need. Still there was room. "Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in," the host said, "so that my house will be full" (Luke 14:23, NIV).

In *Searching for Sunday*, Rachel Held Evans retells this story and writes: "This is what God's kingdom is like: a bunch of outcasts and oddballs gathered at a table, not because they are rich or worthy or good, but because they are hungry, because they said yes. And there's always room for more."

We're all "outcasts and oddballs" in one way or another! May we know that God warmly invites us to his banquet — for no reason but that we're hungry.



Puzzle!

Look up each verse in an NIV Bible and find a word that fits in that row. Then write the word from the bold vertical column in the blank below to complete Proverbs 24:3-4.

1 Corinthians 8:1		N				
Philippians 1:9					H	
2 Peter 1:5						S
			A			2 Timothy 3:7
Matthew 24:32				S		
John 7:15				R		
					I	Isaiah 33:6
2 Peter 3:18						E
		W				Proverbs 24:5

By wisdom a house is built, and ...
through _____ its rooms are filled with
rare and beautiful treasures.

PROVERBS 24:3-4, NIV

Answer: know, insight, goodness, always, lesson, learning, foundation, grace, power, knowledge



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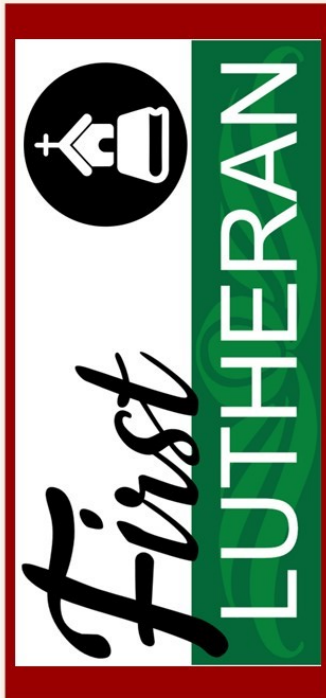
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Dorcas 9:00 AM	2	3
4 Pastor Myron Herzberg Worship Service 9:30am	5	6	7 Property Meeting 6:30 pm.	8	9	10
11 God's work. Our hands 2022 Rev. Cal Oraw Worship Service 9:30am	12	13	14	15 Martha Cr. 1:00 Pm. Council Meeting 6:30 Pm	16	17
18 Rev. Cal Oraw Worship Service 9:30am	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Rev. Cal Oraw Worship Service 9:30am	26 Autumn Begins	27	28	29	30	31

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Sunday Morning Worship starts at 9:30 Am.

Let us know how we can pray for you!