

### **Our Monthly Prayer**

Risen Jesus, as spring blossoms around us, may your love blossom in us, that I might share its fragrance and brilliance with others. God your strong and tender love is overwhelming, thank you for those who have shown us your love in motherly ways, and for the opportunities I have to care for others. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, today and always, Lord God. Energize and equip us to live out your love in the world. **Amen**

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### **Council synopsis, April 20, 2023 :**

Funds were received as a distribution following Mary Ann Iske's death. These were voted to be put into the Pastor's discretionary fund.

Remaining funds from the 150th anniversary celebration were approved to be used for the Chapter 155 needs.

The compensation package to be offered to Pastor Hoover was approved.

The congregational meeting procedure for April 30 was discussed.

Received a suggestion for a Thank You for Pastor Cal, this will be discussed at the May meeting.

Connie is contacting the Newton Parks and Rec department about tree planting as a possible God Work Our Hands project and honoring of First Lutheran Chapter 155 legacy.

Mahaska is now our internet and phone provider.

### **Reflection from council**

The Weather Report

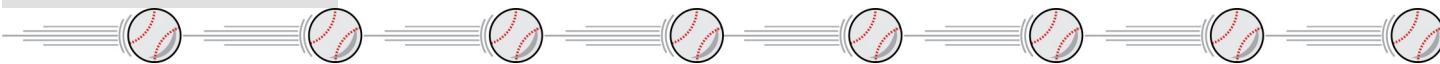
B.J. Gallageher

"Any day I am vertical is a good day"...that's what I always say.

If you ask me, "How are you?" I'll answer, "GREAT" because in saying so, I make it so. When Life gives me dark clouds and rain, I appreciate the moisture that brings a soft curl to my hair. When Life gives me sunshine, I gratefully turn my face up to feel its warmth on my cheeks. When Life brings fog, I hug my sweater around me and give thanks for the cool shroud of mystery that makes the familiar seem different and intriguing. When Life brings snow, I dash outside to catch the first flakes on my tongue, relishing the icy miracle that is a snowflake. Life's events and experiences are like the weather they come and go, no matter what my preference.

So, what the heck?! I might as well decide to enjoy them.

For indeed, there IS a time for every purpose under Heaven.



## Choices In Mission, May 2023

Due to the wide variety of disasters across the US and the ongoing war in Ukraine council voted to sponsor a Choices in Mission event for Lutheran Disaster Relief. You may use the envelopes in the pews for this, and make a note that your offering is for Choices in Mission.

### Chapter 155 Planning Team Meeting Report

April 10, 2023

#### Theme for celebration on September 17:

*Honor Our Legacy and Embrace Our Future*

**Bible verse:** Being decided

**Decoration:** Colors are Red and Gold. Large banner for outside announcing 155 year anniversary.

**Food:** Potluck with meat and decorated cake purchased

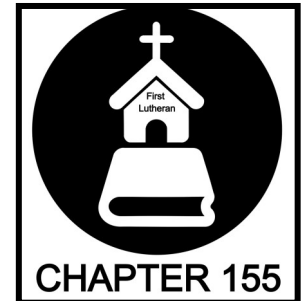
**September Choices in Mission:** If you have an idea let us know. One suggestion is plant a tree in Maytag park to commemorate our anniversary and replace a tree damaged by the derecho.

**Invitations:** Past pastors including interim pastors. If you know of someone you would like invited please let Connie Lucas or Nicole (in the church office) know.

**Program:** Music will be some old hymns and some praise songs. Old slides be shown during meal.

**History:** Will continue to do interviews of members.

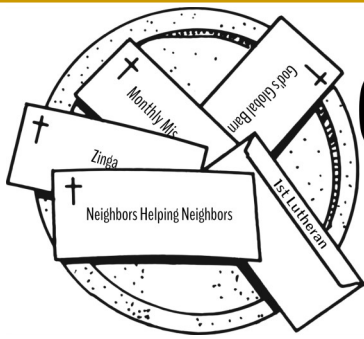
Thank you to everyone who is helping make this a special day. If you want to help, just let us know.



### **Reminder:**

**Bible study every Sunday morning**

**8:30am**



# Coming Soon!

## Coming soon:

We will return to passing the offering plates during worship service in the near future.

Exact date has not been determined.

This was action taken by Council last year, and just has not yet been implemented.

## Zinga News!

### Zuzu, one step at a time!

At Zuzu, a village northwest of Dodoma, IHP-US has purchased 26 acres of land for a new hospital. The land is on the village road, 4 kilometers from the main road to Dodoma. That would be about 2.5 miles. The distance to Dodoma town is 13 km, or 8 mi.

Building plans for the outpatient department and the maternal and child health care units have been sketched out, and Paula will be making a list of things required. More on this soon! It will be exciting to watch the new facility grow from the ground up, bringing healthcare to the mothers and children of Tanzania.

Thank you for remembering our Tanzania mission in your prayers!



## Bible Quiz

According to Peter, at what time of day did the Holy Spirit come upon the disciples on Pentecost?

- A. 9 a.m.
- B. Noon
- C. 3:30 p.m.
- D. 9 p.m.



Answer on Pg. 6



Gary Johnson 05/05  
Heidi Sumpter 05/05  
Gloria Grant 05/07  
Isaac Friedman 05/08  
Darrell Boettcher 05/11  
Lane Rose 05/12

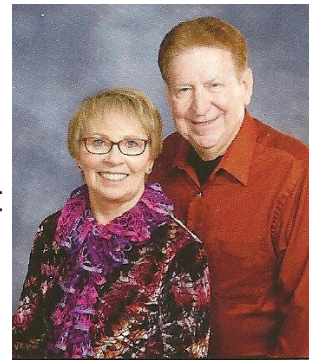
Janice Olson 05/14  
Alice Klopping 05/20  
Sarah Sandquist 05/23  
Marv Zimmermann 05/23  
Ben Breuer 05/26  
Claire Breuer 05/26  
Halie Dellamuth 05/29  
Andrew Weiland 05/31

HAPPY  
Birthday  
FROM YOUR  
CHURCH FAMILY

## **155 Group Celebration—History Committee Interviews for April**

### ***Denny and Arlene Dobesh***

Denny and Arlene both grew up on farms in South Dakota 17 miles apart. Denny was brought up in the Methodist Church in his town of Gregory, SD. Arlene was baptized and confirmed in a Lutheran Wisconsin Synod Church in the country 2 miles from her farm. They didn't know each other until Arlene's senior year in high school at Burke, SD. Denny was in college at SDSU in Brookings, SD. However, Denny said he had his eye on her as a cute little cheerleader in high school. They met at dances and through his neighbor friend who was dating Arlene. That Fall Arlene attended SDSU also. Denny graduated from SDSU in 1963 in Pharmacy. On August 10, 1963, they were married in the Lutheran Church in Gregory, SD. This year they will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.



DOBESH, Dennis & Arlene

Denny's first pharmacy job took him to Mason City, Iowa. Arlene's mother couldn't believe that Denny was taking her daughter 425 miles away. Arlene worked at the Cerro Gordo Courthouse. They attended both a Methodist Church and Lutheran Church. Denny liked the pastor at the Lutheran Church so he took instructions and became a member of the Lutheran Church. They lived in Mason City for six years. Both their boys, Bradley and Scott, were born in Mason City. Skiff Memorial Hospital brought them to Newton in 1969 where Denny worked as director of the hospital's pharmacy.

They rented a house in Aurora Heights and friends invited them to Holy Trinity Church where they became a member for several years. On October 28, 1979, they became members of First Lutheran Church when Eugene Cedarholm was pastor. Also, there was a youth director, a beautiful adult and children's choir, many Sunday School classes, and a friendly congregation to make them welcome. Pastor Cedarholm started a First Friends group. Our group was the only group that continued years later with Pastor Martens and his wife and Pastor Vrankin and his wife attending. Even after that their First Friends group met. Now all except one (Bob Floss) have moved from Newton. Denny and Arlene both served on Church Council. Denny was president when the basement remodeling project started in 1995. Arlene taught Sunday School after Naomi Anderson moved from Newton. Arlene was president of WELCA when there were many ladies' bible study groups. She remembers the special Christmas brunches and gatherings of the groups. Both their boys were confirmed at First Lutheran. Denny and Arlene both served on the Fellowship Committee for years and organized the Corn Boil for many years.



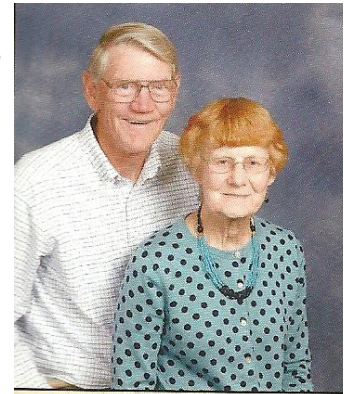
After their retirement, Arlene in 2006 after 30 years with NCSD and Denny in 2009 with the State of Iowa Pharmacy Investigator, they went to Texas for 16 winters. They aren't looking forward to the cold and snowy winters in Iowa but will look forward to Sunday morning services and fellowship afterwards.

### ***Bob and Sarah Sandquist interview.***

Bob was born in Graceland, Kansas and Sarah was born and raised in Lindsborg, Kansas.

The Sandquists' met at Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas. Sarah was a student in the class that Bob was serving as a professor's assistant. After graduation they married and were blessed with 3 children.

Bob's first teaching position was in Smitsville, Missouri teaching Biology and Chemistry. In 1969 they moved to Newton, Iowa looking for jobs. Bob was hired by the High School to teach Biology and Chemistry and Sarah was hired by Skiff Hospital as a lab technician. They held these positions until they retired.



SANDQUIST, Bob & Sarah

When first moving to Newton they attended Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. When they found out that First Lutheran Church had hired a youth minister, they decided to make First Lutheran their home church. Their children received First Communion and Confirmation classes here at First Lutheran and they also sang in the children's choir.

Bob and Sarah love the Lutheran theology and have been faithful members since joining. Bob enjoyed singing in the Adult Choir and Sarah loved working in the church kitchen and participating in women's circle. Bob is chair of the Barnyard Event held every year at Christmas time.

In retirement their favorite pass times are working in the yard and reading for Bob and Sarah loves walking and spending time with Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

Submitted by Kay Hesse

### **Christian symbol**

#### **TONGUES OF FIRE -**

Reminiscent of the Pentecost account in Acts 2 when "tongues of fire" rested on the disciples' heads as the Holy Spirit birthed the church, images of flame symbolize the Spirit. Sometimes a tongue of fire is paired with a dove and set on a red background — other symbols of the Holy Spirit. Fire may also indicate spiritual fervor and zeal in a Christian's life.



**Special dates**  
**Bible study every Sunday**  
**morning 8:30 A.M.**

- **National Day of Prayer,**  
**May 4, 2023**
- **Mother's Day,**  
**May 14, 2023**
- **Ascension Day,**  
**May 18, 2023**
- **Armed Forces Day,**  
**May 20, 2023**
- **Victoria Day (Canada),**  
**May 22, 2023**
- **Pentecost,**  
**May 28, 2023**
- **Memorial Day,**  
**May 29, 2023**



## ***Honor your mother***

Anna Jarvis, the woman who first suggested a national day to honor mothers, had an incredible mother to honor. Her mom, Ann Reeves Jarvis (1832-1905), was a Sunday school teacher and activist who helped lower infant-mortality rates in Appalachia and promoted friendship among families of Civil War soldiers.

At a memorial service for her mother, Anna Jarvis distributed carnations — her mom's favorite flower — to attendees. Her idea to set apart one day each year for moms gained traction, and in 1914, President Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May Mother's Day. It was customary by then to wear white carnations in honor of departed mothers and red carnations to honor the living.

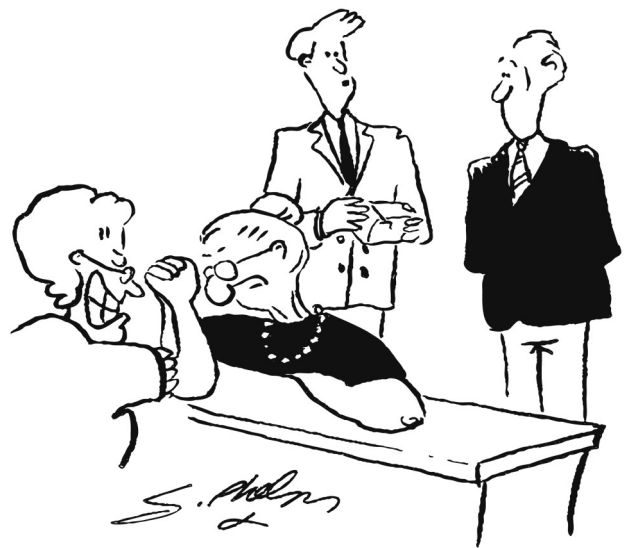
Of the white flowers, Jarvis said they “symbolize the truth, purity and broad-charity of mother love; its fragrance, her memory, and her prayers. The carnation does not drop its petals, but hugs them to its heart as it dies, and so, too, mothers hug their children to their hearts, their mother love never dying.”

### **Final exams**

A 96-year-old lady was a faithful attendant at my women's Bible studies. She came with her lessons prepared and knew all the answers. One day a tactless member asked her, “Why do you work so hard on these lessons when you're so old and it doesn't matter?” Little Bess Elkins looked up and said confidently, “I'm cramming for my finals.”

—Florence Littauer,

Women's Devotional Bible



**“Next year let's buy two carnations for the oldest mother.”**



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Worship Service Every Sunday at 9:30am

Sunday School

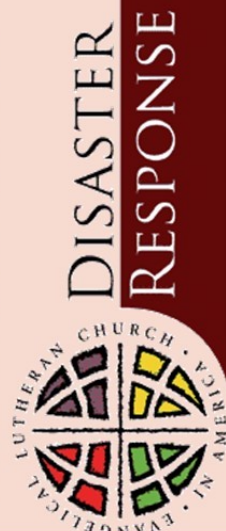
Every Sunday 10:30-11:00am


Pulpit Supply Pastor:

**Pastor Cal Oraw**

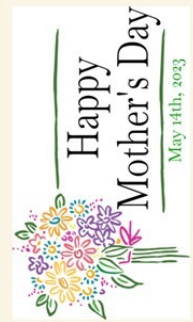
will be with us for the month of May!

Choice in Mission for the month of May!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Property Meeting 6:30 pm.	4 Dorcas 9:00 Am	5	6
Worship Service 7 9:30am Sunday School 10:30-11:00	8	9	10	11	12	13
Worship Service 14 9:30am Sunday School 10:30-11:00	15	16	17 Lois Cr. 9:30 Am.	18 Council Meeting 6:30 Pm	19	20
Worship Service 21 9:30am Sunday School 10:30-11:00	22	23	24	25	26	27
Worship Service 28 9:30am Sunday School 10:30-11:00	29	30				

Bible study!!  
Every Sunday morning at 8:30 A.M.





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