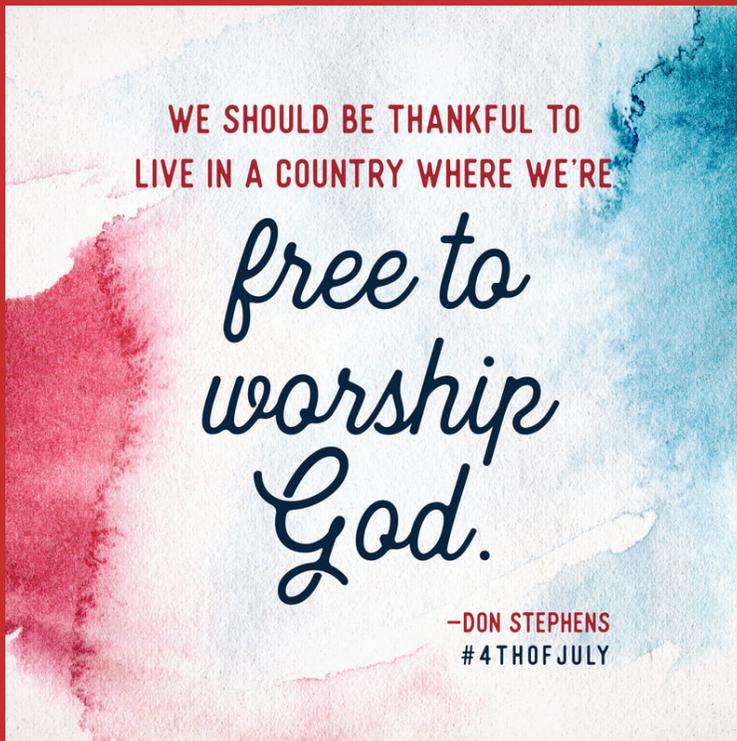


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July 2021

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A MESSAGE FROM FAITH SIMONIEG

JULY 2021

Associate to the Bishop for Stewardship, Generosity, and Ministerial Transition

The Most Important Command (The Message)

34-36 When the Pharisees heard how he had bested the Sadducees, they gathered their forces for an assault. One of their religion scholars spoke for them, posing a question they hoped would show him up: "Teacher, which command in God's Law is the most important?"

37-40 Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.' This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: 'Love others as well as you love yourself.' These two commands are pegs; everything in God's Law and the Prophets hangs from them." Matthew 22

In the text above, a scholar of the law dared to test Jesus; asking him what he thinks is the greatest commandment of all. Jesus gave him a clear answer. The greatest command among many things that man could do is to love. To love God with one's heart, soul and mind and to love one's neighbor are the greatest commandments of all. These two are inseparable. One cannot say "I love God" but hate his/ her neighbor or have nothing to do with his/ her neighbor. Because God is love and that is why we can love.

I admit, it was hard to love my neighbor because their dog was barking at 2:30 a.m. this morning. Last week, it was hard to love my neighbor because they were taking too long in the aisle at Walmart and I was in a hurry to finish my shopping.

How can I live out this commandment I hear in the book of Matthew?

In worship, we say over and over that we are the Body of Christ. We hear it at the communion rail, and we read it in 1 Corinthians 12 where Paul emphasizes the unity of the Church: "*we are made up of many parts, but we are one body. The many parts of the body are different from each other, and all are necessary. There should be no division. And if one part of the body suffers, every part suffers with it.*"

Paul continues writing that spiritual gifts, especially love, are designed to bring glory to God. It is our highest calling – to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We are called into mission as the Church, as the Body of Christ, to continue the work that Jesus did.

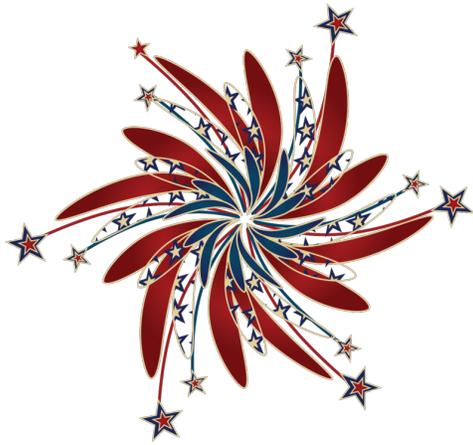
One way to love is to serve. To lovingly show kindness to strangers, especially those who are in need. Practicing loving on our neighbor takes effort, discipline, and intentionality. Imagine how you might do this and begin with prayer.

The 2021 Synod Assembly theme: "Love God, Love Neighbor" came from Matthew 22. I encourage you to view video of the engaging Bible Studies led by Pastor Pauline Crowder, Pastor Sylvia Bull, and Pastor Joe Natwick by following this link: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/8514460>

Please reach out to me by phone at 701-226-5865 or via email at faith@wndsynod.org. God called me to serve on the synod staff as a resource on stewardship, so I would love to talk with you!

Peace be with you,
Faith Simonieg,
Associate to the Bishop for Stewardship, Generosity and Ministerial Transition

Love YOUR
neighbor
as yourself.
MATTHEW 22:39



A Message from FLC Stewardship Committee

What Is Your New Essential?

By Rev. Keith Pearson, ELCA Foundation, WND Synod Gift Planner

One of the blessings to come out of the struggles of the last year and a half was a new definition of “essential.” We assigned the title of essential workers to many jobs that used to reside somewhere quietly in the background of daily life. We also learned some things we once thought of as essential were just clutter. We experienced the essential and irreplaceable value of spending time with family and friends.

So, what is your new essential? What lessons learned will you hold onto as you move forward into a new day? What non-essentials will you let go of to make life richer? How will you use this moment of clarity to keep yourself from sliding back into old ruts and forge a new path for your future that is more directed toward these essentials?

A good place to start would be to set aside some time to review your legacy plan. If you don’t already have one, then this is the perfect time to start one.

What is a legacy plan? Think of it as a way of defining the essentials in your life – what is important to you, what you want to take care of, what you want to last, what needs fixing, and what you want the next generation to also consider essential.

Your legacy plan should include a will (as in “last will and testament”), but it is more than that. A legacy plan is a set of instructions and the tools necessary to reach a goal. And that goal should be more than a finish line. It should be something you have built up that is substantial and worthy of a lifetime’s work. It should be a statement that propels things forward toward all that you believe is essential even after you are gone.

And a legacy plan isn’t just about what happens after you die. It can and should be a lively conversation you have during your lifetime with those who mean the most to you. It can be a truly life-giving exercise just to name these things and talk about them. A legacy plan can be a compelling statement that inspires others to share your essential values. And I think you’ll find a unique freedom in having spent just a little time now to set up a plan that will eventually take care of what is essential to you.

Your legacy plan is unique to you and only you can do it. But you don’t have to do it alone. When you are ready to start putting your legacy plan together give me a call. I’d love to help.

Keith Pearson is the ELCA Foundation’s Regional Gift Planner in Western Minnesota and North Dakota. His services are available at no charge to congregations interested in building and growing endowments and other planned gifts, and to individuals interested in creating estate plans that will provide legacy gifts to local congregations, other ministries of the ELCA, and to charitable causes important to them. He can be reached at 612-718-4197 or keith.pearson@elca.org.



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First Lutheran Church
Monthly Council Minutes
Tuesday, April 13th, 2021

Meeting was brought to order at 7:04 pm by Vice President, Mike A.

Members Present: Janell Monson, Nancy Stute, Mike Aasen, Laura Kersten, Joe Kjelshus, Brian Knudson, Katy Drader, Swain Benson, Janell Shannon

Members Absent: Jenna Nelson, Sheila Bertsch

Others in Attendance: Pastor Carol, Stephanie Oakland, Tammy Hahn

Acceptance and Approval of Monthly Council Agenda

- Requested Additions: New Business-Candle lighters; Old Business-Custodian Hours
- Brian K. motioned to accept the agenda with the additions; Joe K. seconded; motion carried

Treasurer's Report: Lisa H./Stephanie O.

- Brian K. moved to approve the Treasurer's report from March. Joe K. seconded. Motion carried
- Budget will be re-visited at next meeting; it was noted the budget categories need adjustment. Mike will contact Stephanie and will review at next month's meeting.

Secretary's Report

- Janell M. moved to approve the Secretary's report for March, Laura K. seconded. Motion carried
- Sheila Bertsch was added to Annual Meeting minutes as a volunteer for Council Committee. Joe K. moved to approve the Secretary's Annual Meeting minutes with the addition of Sheila, Katy D. seconded. Motion carried.

Nominations

- Brian K. nominated Mike Aasen for Council President; seconded by Janell S.; motion carried.
- Janell M. nominated Jenna Nelson for Council Vice-President; Swain B. seconded; motion carried.
- Joe K. nominated Nancy S. for Council Secretary; seconded by Swain B.; motion carried.

Committee Assignments/Changes

- Committee assignments of Council Representatives were made
- Daryl Waters resigned from the Evangelism Committee

Devotions: Pastor Carol-Reading from 1 John

Committee Reports:

Endowment: 1 application and it was emailed out

Parish Ed: Confirmation Sunday be April 18th with the banquet being held April 14th, Senior Sunday will be May 23rd-followed by Fire Up Breakfast, VBS will be June 1st and 3rd at Metigoshe, Pastor Cole's \$500 in Bottineau Bucks will be requested for an end of the year compensation, discussing more about a Youth Director and what the position with entail

Worship: No Report

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Vinje: No Requests, Scholarships are out

Property and Security Team: Custodian hours were budgeted for 30 hours and he has been working the previously Council approved “up to 40” hours with COVID, Past lawn care has been \$945

-Brian K. proposed that the church purchase lawn care equipment and allow the Custodian to maintain full time hours with lawn care and building improvements (which a list will be provided at the next Council meeting). Janell M. seconded. Motion carried

Mutual Ministry: No Report

Evangelism-No Report

Vision-No Report

Old Business:

-Call Process-The Call Process Committee has had 3 applicants and met several times; no leads at this time.

-Treasurer Interviews-Advertised in house, 2 applicants were reviewed by Council President and VP, recommendation will hopefully be available by the next meeting

-Janell S. made the motion to propose a starting salary of \$800, Swain B. seconded.

-Janell S. amended motion of \$800 monthly salary and motioned for a \$700 monthly salary, coming out to be \$8,400 annually, or about \$23.33/hr wage for 30 monthly hours. Swain B. seconded. Motion carried

-COVID Protocols-Open all pews, bring back singing, mask mandate still in effect

-Custodian had \$2,200 of budgeted health insurance that was not used, there was a deficit of \$4,000. Budget for \$25,072 salary but working 40 hours ends up being a \$7,000 deficit but we will allow him to do lawn care and start to save money in that area

New Business:

- Jim Kofoid asked if he could purchase 2 new candle lighters for worship; this was approved.

-Summer Worship schedule-Will be 9am starting June 6th

Pastor Carol Time: Nothing at this time

Closing: Lord's Prayer by all

Next Meeting: May 11th, 2021 at 7pm

Katy D. moved for the meeting to adjourn, Janell M seconded. Motion carried at 8:53 pm

Minutes submitted respectfully by Nancy Stute, FLC Council Secretary



First Lutheran Church
Council minutes
May 11, 2021

Members present: Mike Aasen, Brian Knudson, Janell Monson, Katy Drader, Laura Kersten, Janell Shannon

Members Absent: Nancy Stute, Swain Benson, Jenna Nelson, Sheila Bertsch, Joe Kjelshus

Laura Kersten made a motion to approve the May agenda, Katy Drader seconded it, motion carried.

April minutes were reviewed. Katy D. made a motion to approve the April minutes as corrected; Brian K. seconded; motion carried.

Devotions by Pastor Carol:

-Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil - gardening, tilling and caring for the soil is like the spirit tending to our hearts

Committee reports:

Endowment: Brian asked about re-landscaping the front of the church and would check into funding

Parish Ed:

- * Senior Sunday set for May 23 with cupcakes being served as well as breakfast served by Fire-Up Youth
- * Janell M will check with council to see if the \$500 from Vinje was written and dispersed to Pastor Cole and also put in the request for the 2nd \$500 to finish out the year. Mike will contact Shawna and get the formal request written up and taken care of.
- * VBS is set for June 1st and 3rd with snacks being provided by Jessie B. and Jenna N.
- * Shawna A. and Faith B. will be compiling a list of duties for the Youth Director position and include hours and salary that will be presented to the council
- * Mike will be checking with Brent to make sure the anonymous donor ok'd the money for youth director.
- * The last day of Sunday School went well with games and fun projects.
- * Parish Ed will look at new material for fall Sunday school in June - waiting on school calendar for comparison.

Worship: Wants to fire up again and start helping pastor/ singers/ etc with setting up service. Also asking for members to pitch in and come back to church. Brian K. is going to ask Brad Robertson to be on committee

Vinje:

- * Scholarships have been sent out, 5 sent back, 4 yes, and 1 maybe
- * Request was made by Rueben to put the videographer and sound board positions on the budget for next year.

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Property:

- * Brian had positive things to say about Otis Elevator Co and the quick service (one day) they did at our church to fix the problem.
- * They will also decide what to do with the clean-up of outdated items they find in all closets and storage places.
- * Bills not pertaining to the general monthly bills will be reviewed by the property committee for approval before being paid. Brian will visit with Stephanie and work out a system.

Mutual Ministry: No Report

Evangelism:

- * Laura is asking if the parking lot party and pontoon Sunday are a go this year. She will check with Rod Parrill and Reggie Myhr for assistance and guidance.
- * No new members at this time
- * Memorial Day treats will be handed out at church on Memorial Day .
- * They are brainstorming for fun and enticing activities at the church this summer which would encourage new members. Anyone can participate and volunteer to start or head up new events.

Vision: No Report

Old Business:

- *There is nothing new with the call process. At this time there are 22 openings looking for pastors.
- *Covid: About 90% of the congregation on Sunday has been fully vaccinated.
- Council agreed that it is time to put books back in the pews. Tammy and Willie will handle this.
- *Council along with Pastor Carol agreed on the new wording of “recommended mask use” instead of “mandatory” starting in June with our new time for worship. Offering will stay at the back of the church. We will now have coffee and fellowship on Sundays.
- *Council still has a vacancy. This will be advertised in the bulletin

New Business :

- *Girl scouts want to meet at our church. They will be asked to sign a “church use form”
- *The Boy Scouts file will be reviewed also to make sure they have a signed “church use form”
- *Senior companions are looking for a member to be the liaison between them and the church for usage of a room here.
- *Technology and equipment discussed, Brad Robertson will continue to keep the website up to date.
- *The stewardship committee will look into the synod program and the webinars they have to offer on “good giving practices.”
- *The Ministerial Association along with Warren Emmer are planning a Community Healing Service on August 18th to be held at BHS. Brian K. will be the representative from First Lutheran.

A motion was made by Brian K. and seconded by Janell M. to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting is June 8th, 2021 at 7pm

Minutes submitted respectfully by FLC Council Secretary, Nancy Stute





CLOTHING CENTER SCHEDULE

Tuesdays & Thursdays
10am - 3pm

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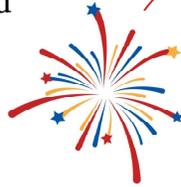
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If you would like to
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service, please call the
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Altar Guild
Diane Pritchard
Sheila Bertsch

Service Group Chairpersons
Marlene Marquardt



FLC CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Office: Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Vice-Pastor: Wednesday
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Summer Worship Hours

9:00 a.m.

*Coffee Fellowship
to Follow*

OFFICE CLOSED

July 5th



Sunday Morning Worship Broadcasts

8:30 a.m. - Radio - Sunny 101.9 FM

LIVE - Facebook - www.facebook.com/FirstLutheranChurchBottineau

10:00 a.m. - Television - Local Cable Channels 19 & 52



IN LOVING Memory

Memorials

Alice Ihla
Fay Benson
Helen Arntzen
Mildred Reinke
Mildred Williams
Marlyce Larson



COUNCIL MEMBER NEEDED

First Lutheran Council could have up to one more member on the team! If you are interested in sharing your gifts and becoming more actively involved in our church, please speak with a council member or Tammy in the office. Your talent is God's gift to you; what you do with it is your gift back to God.



Who: Two drivers each day

When: Monday, June 28th, 2021 - Friday, August 6th, 2021

Time: 10:45 a.m.

Where: Senior Center East Door

**You will not be going into homes (most recipients have made arrangements to leave the meals at their door or meet you at the door)

**Masks are not required

If you are able to volunteer, please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex, or email/call the church office. I will email an updated list periodically. ***Thank you for serving our community!***



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rally Sunday - September 12th

1st Day of Sunday School - September 19th

Sunday School will be following the Bottineau Public School schedule (if no school the Friday before or Monday after, there will be no Sunday School). Sunday School teachers are needed!

Please contact a member of the Parish Ed Committee if you are able to volunteer or have any questions! Thank you!



Parish Education Committee

Jenna Nelson
(Council Rep)

Janell Monson
(Council Rep)

Jessie Boehnke
Nancy Stute

Lindsey Guss

Jeremy Moen

Shawna Allard

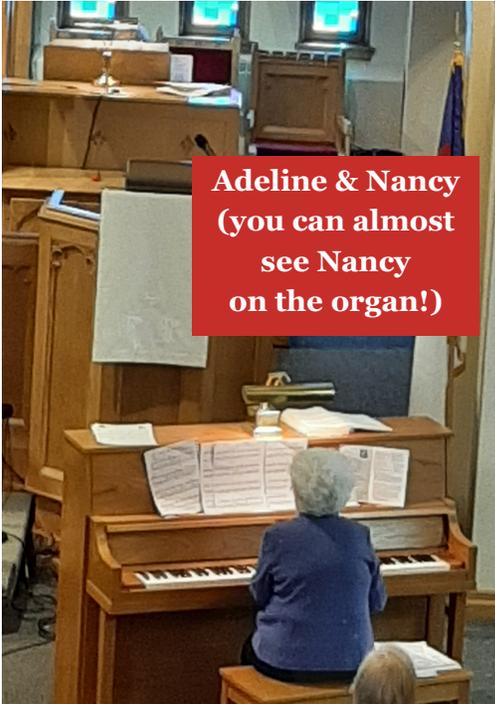
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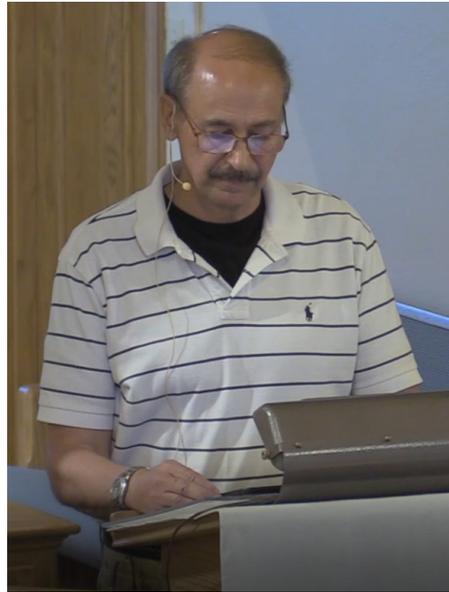
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May 30th Worship



**Adeline & Nancy
(you can almost
see Nancy
on the organ!)**



**Brad Robertson-
Worship Leader**



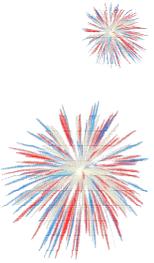
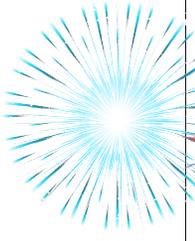
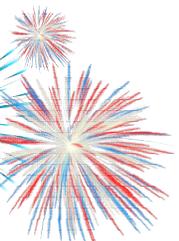
The Nelson Girls



FLC Veterans

**Reggie Myhr,
Rod Schmidt,
Roger Heidbreder,
Jim Dahle & Art Lund**

July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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