



First English Lutheran Church

NEWSLETTER

August 2024



FELC Mission Statement

By the grace of God First English Lutheran Church will grow as one family of faith, secure in the knowledge of Christ's gift of salvation, proclaiming God's love for all.

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From the President



Hello:

Welcome to August. My first few weeks as president have been busy. We have submitted our Ministry Site Profile for their approval, which should just be a formality. At our August board meeting, we will formally establish our call committee of 6 members to start our call process.

We are also trying to schedule a time to interview a potential interim pastor to fill our pastor's position until a new one is called. Ellie H. and I will be interviewing the candidate along with the president and vice president from Zion.

We also are continuing our partnership exploration meetings with Zion. Our committee met in July to go over issues from the previous meetings and to discuss the ramifications, problems, and solutions of becoming a joint parish. We also have a joint service scheduled for August 11th at First English with Pastor Hans presiding as minister.

Sincerely,

Jon Anderson

FELC Council President

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH BOARD MEETING

Council Minutes – July 8, 2024 (not yet approved)

Members present: Jon Anderson (president), Ellie Helgeson (vice president) *and Lay Ministry*, Becky Parker (treasurer) *and Stewardship*, Julie Schneider – *Stewardship*, Darin Ehrenberg- *Stewardship*, Kristi Ehrenberg – *Lay Ministry*, Cody Backstrand – *Lay Ministry*, Marla Strei - *Evangelism*, Josh Wollschlager, and Barbara Wegner-*Secretary*.

Meeting was called to order by President Jon Anderson with a prayer at 7:05 pm.

Becky recommended saying yes on the Ministry Site Profile to allowing the new pastor to have a Sabbatical Leave and Parental Leave. We used to allow Sabbatical Leave allowed for the pastor. It was removed in the past due to not foreseeing a pastor at FELC using it. But it was discussed that if this is in the Synod Guidelines and if this is what other churches are doing, we should allow it as well. The Sabbatical Leave (paid time up to 12 weeks) would not be able to be taken by the pastor until five years of service and after the Sabbatical they would be required to stay for another year. There was a Sabbatical fund in the past. After we hire a pastor, we should start to fund that again. Parental leave is 6 weeks paid time. Saying that we will do this will make our church look more attractive to prospective pastors.

Approved saying yes on the MSP to add Sabbatical Leave & Parental Leave. Ellie, Kristi **MSP**

Approved the Ministry Site Profile document. Julie, Darin **MSP**

Jon read the Endowment Fund Committee's request to give \$3,950 to Capital Improvements, \$250 to Ortonville Ambulance, \$750 to Katie's Kicks, \$350 to Abbey of the Hills, & two scholarship grants of \$400 each to Julia & Jadyn Wiik.

Approved the Endowment Fund Report. Becky, Marla **MSP**

Becky mentioned that Pastor Hans Sacrison was asked to review the Ministry Site Profile document and he thought it was great. He had a couple of suggestions which were followed. Pastor Marlene had some input as well.

Next council meeting will be on August 5th at 7:00 PM.

Motion to adjourn – Ellie, Marla **MSP**.

Closed with Lord's Prayer at 7:16 pm.



It's summer, but the Day of Love keeps sewing. People are cutting, pressing, pinning and tying, all in order that they might complete the quilts. We have sent quilts to the Eagles Nest, the new Veteran's Home in Montevideo, Child Protection Program, the residents at the Divine Houses and the Orphan Train. We continue with our Baptismal Quilts and have made five graduation quilts this year for our graduates. Along with this, we have also given quilts to our youth for their Silent Auction and to the MSI in Clinton. We have done all this since the first of the year along with sending our greeting cards to our shut-ins. It's a very busy group with busy hands doing God's Work. To each of you, we thank you for your donations and also a big thank you to the Endowment Committee for funds so that we can continue to purchase fabric, batting, etc. We appreciate you!!!

July 2024 Youth News

July was a busy month for the youth of our church that were involved in Bible Camp and with the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. We are so grateful to everyone in the congregation that gave a donation to help make these events possible for our youth. The youth all had such wonderful, enriching times.



ELCA Youth Gathering '24 New Orleans



We are still in a holding pattern with some of the upcoming fall items, like Confirmation (*we're still looking for a confirmation leader*) and the Youth Group start dates, but we will try to keep you updated through the bulletin, posts on the Facebook page, and mailings.

What we know for sure about August:

- ☀️ **August 25th** is the blessing of the backpacks so remember to bring your backpacks to church that day. Noisy offering will also be collected that day as well.
- ☀️ **August 26th:** Ortonville Schools start.

Parish Nurse Article for August

When we think of Lydia we think of purple. She was a respected merchant of purple cloth from Thyatira, Greece. Lydia was a worshiper of God.

Paul and Silas went to the river in Greece where they heard there was to be prayer meeting and they could do their teaching of Jesus. While they taught the scripture, Lydia was there. The Lord opened her heart and she accepted all they were saying. She and all her household were baptized that day.

Lydia was the first documented convert to Christianity in Europe.

Lydia - Acts 16:13-15



CHURCH NEWS

Zion Lutheran is having a Pie and Ice Cream Social on August 4th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The menu is Bar-B-Que, Hot Dogs, Chips, Homemade pie, ice cream, pop & coffee. 100% of proceeds to go to Someplace Safe and Big Stone County Cancer Society.

The Members of Zion Lutheran Church will be coming here to First English for a combined worship on August 11th. Please come to welcome them and have coffee fellowship with them afterward.

We are looking for someone to help lead confirmation classes this school year. If you are willing to lead them, please contact someone in the office to discuss it. We do have the curriculum materials from previous years available.

Our Annual Backpack Blessing is August 25th – Let's send our congregation's kids into the new school year assured of God's promises and our loving support! Be sure to join us at our 9 am worship service so we can include all our young people in our prayers as they return to school. Children should bring along their school backpacks for this special backpack blessing event. During the service, children will come forward for a special moment of prayer and blessing.



God's Work, Our Hands will be on September 8th. Keep an eye on the bulletins for more information.

Coffee Fellowship needs volunteers to continue this summer. Please contact the office or sign-up in the fellowship hall if you're willing to help to prepare & serve coffee. If no one volunteers to serve, we won't have coffee fellowship that Sunday.



Congratulations and God's blessings to Rachelle Muenchow and Oscar Gomez who were married June 21, 2024 in North Las Vegas.

KDIO BROADCASTS

.... (July 7th) was sponsored by Jackie & Mel Domine in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.

.... (July 14th) was sponsored in honor of Ortonville Area Health Services (OAHS) Health Care Workers from Anne & David Tonn.

.... (July 21st) was sponsored by Glenda Reiffenberger in celebration of family.

.... (July 28th) was sponsored by Jon & Carol Ydstie in loving memory of their parents, Lawrence & Evelyn Lundin and Orlin & Elizabeth Ydstie

2025 KDIO Radio Cards have been placed in the box in the Narthex. If you would like to grab a 2025 card to help support our KDIO broadcasts, please check for your desired day's card.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT Carol Barrett; Jane Debner; Arlen LaCombe; Gail Olson; Harris Selvig; Beth Swanson; Brandi Tweeter; Monty Athey, Paul Erdman; Rosie Frank; Larry Helgeson; Natalie Henneberg; McCoy Jipson; Janice Redfield; David Scholberg; and Jerry Stotesbery. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Janet Anderson; Ricky Anderson; Arvilla Bergseth; Adeline Burgess; Ruth Hansen; Jim Hipple; Vivian Janssen; Roger Nornes; and Mary Lou Olson in Madison. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict, especially Alexander Johnson (Ev Johnson's grandson). If you would like a name added/removed, please contact the church office.



THE PINK ENVELOPES

for each month are for designated funds. You may designate your extra gift to any fund you wish. Our Board of Stewardship also designates a special emphasis for each month of the year. September special gifts go to the Endowment Fund which helps cover the cost of the KDIO broadcasts when we do not have a weekly sponsorship. If you do not receive personalized pink envelopes, there are generic ones in the Narthex for you to use.

Thank you for supporting FELC's giving emphasis!

August 2024

Designated Funds

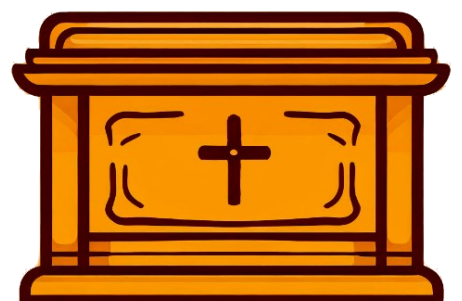
Building (please specify) \$ _____
Operating Fund \$ _____
Other Baptism Chests \$ _____

Name _____

JanuaryTechnology Fund
 February.....Service Trip Scholarship
 March..... Big Stone Lake Area Food
 April..... SWMN Funding Initiative
 May..Global Missions - Companion Synod South Africa
 June.....Someplace Safe
 July.....Families in Need
August..... Baptism Chests
 September.....Endowment Fund
 October.....Jaycees Project Christmas
 November.....God's Work, Our Hands/Service Projects
 December.....ELCA Missionaries



*Be strong and take heart, all who hope in the LORD.
 Psalms 31:24*





Southwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 God's work. Our hands.

The congregations and all the baptized who are the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are claimed by this mission: God places us in cities, farms and towns together under one prairie sky. The Risen Christ surprises us with opportunities to plant God's Word in the world.

Walking together in confidence, we cultivate life-giving congregations, nurture partner ministries, and cooperate in the life of the ELCA.

By God's grace, together we have what we need.

'As members of the ELCA, we believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. With our hands, we do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities in Jesus Christ's name throughout the world.'

**Upcoming Stonecroft Ministries
 Sponsored By Women's Connection**

Tuesday, August 20th, at 5:30 pm at
 Big Stone Tabor Methodist Church.

The cost is \$6.00, and there is a free nursery available by reservation.

Speaker: Cynthia Sheppard, of Egan, SD
"An Exchanged Life"

Stonecroft Regional Administrator for South Dakota

Special Feature: Jason Frank, from the Ortonville Library speaking of his work here and some of his special interests.
This is not a repeat but a change of months.

Music: Delores Street of Milbank
 Pianist with many years of experience.

FOOD WILL BE SERVED & ALL ARE WELCOME!

SPIRIT RIDE & STRIDE – AUGUST 2024



**REGISTER
 ONLINE AT
 GLLM.ORG**



Spirit Ride & Stride (Ordinary Time Weekend)

August 15-19, 2024 | Camp House

Participant Fee: \$95 adult/night, \$65 youth/night

Reconnect with your faith routines as summer comes to an end and we prepare for the busyness of fall. Camp House staff invite you to a time of rest and renewal, with opportunities for worship, conversation, a warm sauna and a refreshing swim, great food, and fellowship in the lodge. Stay at camp, or venture out each day to explore all that the Arrowhead of Minnesota has to offer.



LSS

Caregiver Respite
 &
 Support Program



****Training Provided****

In-Home and Group
 Respite

4 Hour Increments

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Socializing, Reminiscing
 Playing Cards, misc. crafts
 Baking, Reading
 Going for walks, Music

Jamie Aubart

320-979-4068

Jamie.Aubart@lssmn.org

ALTAR GUILD TEAMS – August

Sacristy, Sanctuary, Surplices:

Chelsy Stattelman & Ginger Athey

Banners:

Julie Hipple & Jocelyn Schowalter

Flower Committee:

Kim Anderson



SCHEDULING

KEYBOARD/ORGANIST

Aug. 4: Amy Adelman
Aug. 11: Lisa Berdan
Aug. 18: Kathy Haukos
Aug. 21*: Kathy Haukos
Aug. 25: Carol Ydstie
Sept. 1: Kathy Haukos
Sept. 8: Amy Adelman
Sept. 15: Lisa Berdan
Sept. 22: Carol Ydstie
Sept. 29: Marilyn Hanson

LECTOR

Aug. 4: Terry Kalberg
Aug. 11: Darin Ehrenberg
Aug. 18: Archer Dorry
Aug. 25: Ellie Helgeson
Sept. 1: Kim Anderson
Sept. 8: Brent Zahrbock
Sept. 15: Marilyn Hanson
Sept. 22: Jon Ydstie
Sept. 29: Kathy Randall

ACOLYTES

Aug. 4: Brianna & James
Aug. 11: Brandon & Lexi
Aug. 18: Chase & Ava
Aug. 25: Mikeala & Liam
Sept. 1: Bennett & Bryson
Sept. 8: Bailey & Rylie
Sept. 15: Livia & Miley
Sept. 22: Ashton & Madilyn
Sept. 29: Cameron & Raimi

LAY ASSISTANTS

Aug. 4: Marilyn Chindvall & Lori Larson
Aug. 11: Dave Ellingson & Amanda Stattelman
Sept. 1: Jim Foster & Marge Dragseth
Sept. 8: Kirsten Karels & Marla Strei

FWV Neighborhoods

Aug. 4: Kim Anderson
Aug. 11: Ann Mattison & Liz Ketz
Sept. 1: Jim & Neva Foster
Sept. 8: Becky Parker & Brent Zahrbock
Sept. 29: Kristi & Darin Ehrenberg

GREETERS

Aug. 4: John & Lila Salls
Aug. 11: Marilyn Hanson & Ev Johnson
Aug. 18: Marge Dragseth & Brent Zahrbock
Aug. 25: Scott & Julie Schneider
Sept. 1: Jim & Ranet Schmeichel
Sept. 8: Sandy & Tom Rice
Sept. 15: Sara Mattison & Lois Bergeson
Sept. 22: Glenn & Deb Henningson
Sept. 29: David & Debbie Ellingson

SOUND SYSTEM

Aug. 4: Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson
Aug. 11: David Ellingson & Marina Thomson
Aug. 18: Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson
Aug. 25: Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson
Sept. 1: Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson
Sept. 8: David Ellingson & Marina Thomson
Sept. 15: Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson
Sept. 22: Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson
Sept. 29: David Ellingson & Marina Thomson

USHERS






















Aug. 4: Brent Zahrbock, Dean Strand, Vern Nickolauson, & Dave Ellingson
Aug. 11: Darin Ehrenberg, Eldon Knutson, Ellie & Harley Helgeson
Aug. 18: Russ Thielke, Warren Wiese, Gale May, & Connie Newman
Aug. 25: Eugene Stotesbery, Jim Foster, Gale May, & Keven Berdan
Sept. 1: Ev Johnson, Ron Athey, Jon & Kim Anderson
Sept. 8: Glenn Henningson, Art Vollmer, Scott & Julie Schneider
Sept. 15: Dean Longnecker, Josh Wollschlager, Rodney Torgerson, & Dick Strei
Sept. 22: Tami Lundberg, Marilyn Chindvall, Jackie & Mel Domine
Sept. 29: Dick & Marla Strei and Scott & Julie Schneider



**THANK YOU TO ALL
OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

**YOU ARE
APPRECIATED!**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
August 2024 † † † First English Lutheran Church				Daily Devotions are available @ www.firstenglish.net go to "Lutheran Faith" & then "Prayers, Study, & Devotionals."		
				1 	2 9:00 am Bulletins Printed	3 
4 9:00 am Worship (w/Rev. Melissa Gall) – Communion - KDIO & Facebook Live 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am Fairway View Worship – Pre-recorded	5  COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 pm Council Meeting	6 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV)	7 9:30 am TV Broadcast 5:30 pm TV Broadcast 	8 	9 9:00 am Bulletins Printed 	10 
11 9:00 am Zion Combined Worship Here at FELC (w/Rev. Hans Sacrison) – Communion - KDIO & Facebook Live 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am Fairway View Worship – Pre-recorded	12 	13 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV)	14 9:30 am TV Broadcast 5:30 pm TV Broadcast 	15 	16 9:00 am Bulletins Printed  →	17
18 9:00 am Favorite Hymns Worship (w/Rev. Rick Hoyme) – KDIO Broadcast & FB Live 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship 	19 	20 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV)	21 9:30 am TV Broadcast 1:30 pm Hymn Sing at FWV 5:30 pm TV Broadcast 	22 	23 9:00 am Bulletins Printed	24 
25 9:00 am Worship (w/Lois Bergeson & Liz Ketz) – Noisy Offering – Backpack Blessing– KDIO Broadcast & Facebook Live 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship 10:15 am WAM Meeting  	26 5:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting 	27 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV) NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	28 9:30 am TV Broadcast 5:30 pm TV Broadcast 	29 	30 9:00 am Bulletins Printed	31 