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Sharing Christ's Love

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WORSHIP WITH US THIS WEEKEND!

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Partners in Mission

Thank you to all who have participated in our summer program, *Partners in Mission*. Over the first ten weeks of summer, our Noisy Offering has totaled \$1,573.84 to benefit ten different ministry partners, plus additional gifts from many of you! We have also been able to raise awareness of remarkable ministry happening locally and globally.

In August, we will learn more about and support these ministries:

August 4 & 5 ~ *Abilities Plus*

August 11 & 12 ~ *Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry*

August 18 & 19 ~ *Arcot Lutheran Synod*

August 25 & 26 ~ *Racial Justice Ministries*

Continue bringing your coins to church each weekend for the noisy offering to support our Partners in Mission. Stop by the bulletin board in the Fellowship Room and see how we are connected with our partners all over the world!

Coming in September!



Faithtime is an evening of “*Sharing Christ’s Love*” through fellowship, food, music & arts, and education for all ages. All members and guests of First Lutheran Church are welcome to participate in any of *Faithtime*’s activities!

Faithtime will be gearing up in September! An exciting year is in store for those who attend. A *Faithtime* Brochure highlighting the complete schedule and opportunities will be coming soon!

The National Youth Gathering and Beyond

On Sunday, August 5 in between Sunday morning worship (9:30 a.m.), the youth who went to the National Youth Gathering in Houston will be telling of their experience there. They will tell of the inspiring worship, the music, the dancing, the speakers, the service day, the fun they had, the learning they did, and the people they met. But what they might not tell you, is how completely exhausting it all was. We did a lot and experienced a lot, for all of which I am grateful. It brought me back to my experience as a youth and the fun I had in New Orleans back in the late 1990's. It was exhausting, but I believe it was overall very good for each and every one of us.

We had the opportunity to worship and commune with 31,000 people. We ate together, we had fellowship together, we prayed together, we sang together, we built relationships together, we danced together, and we learned together. The speakers did not shy away from very contentious issues and were careful to tie these hot button issues into our faith. For me, their stories were the highlight of my time there.

The theme of the Gathering was *"This Changes Everything."* Each speaker spoke on how God in Christ Jesus has changed and continues to change everything in us and in the world. Jesus has changed us in Baptism. Jesus has changed who we welcome. Jesus has changed our perspective and experience of God. Jesus has changed our ideas of what is just in God's kingdom. Jesus has changed our hearts when it comes to who we love and who we reach out to with open arms. Jesus has changed the whole world and continues to transform it through God's love and care for all people and the world.

So what's next? We all came home and we all have, for the most part, sunk back into our routines and the busy-ness of everyday life. However, there is always more to do building

up God's kingdom, and while that might be exhausting, it is the call of the baptized in every time and in every place. In gratitude for the very fact that we have been changed, we are called to continue to be a part of the transformation of the entire world that was begun in Jesus Christ.

We have a few opportunities coming up for all of us to grow in faith, fellowship, and discipleship. The first way to grow is to contribute to the noisy offering every Sunday which goes toward our *"Partners in Mission,"* and learn more about their ministries which continue to reach out in love to people in new ways. You can enjoy fellowship by joining us for a family swim at the *Geneseo Aquatic Center* and enjoy the sun and fun on August 5. The third way to grow is to participate in *"God's Work, Our Hands"* Sunday, which is an opportunity to beautify our community through a roadside clean-up on September 9. Another way to grow is to invite a friend or family to *"Friends and Families Weekend."* The fourth way to grow is to help out/volunteer with *Vacation Bible School* (July 29-August 2) or *Faithtime*, which starts on September 5. The fifth way to grow is to come to *Theology on Tap* which starts up again at Geneseo Brewing Company on September 4.

I invite you to check out the calendar, and keep your eye out for the many opportunities to grow and be a part of the transformation that has begun in Jesus Christ which has an ongoing impact on our lives, community, and world.

*In Christ,
Pastor Matt*

August 4 & 5, 2018

Pentecost 11

This weekend's texts include Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15, Psalm 78:23-29, Ephesians 4:1-16 and John 6:24-35.

August 11 & 12, 2018

Pentecost 12

This weekend's texts include 1 Kings 19:4-8, Psalm 34:1-8, Ephesians 4:25—5:2 and John 6:35, 41-51.

August 18 & 19, 2018

Pentecost 13/Back-to-School Blessings

This weekend's texts include Proverbs 9:1-6, Psalm 34:9-14, Ephesians 5:15-20 and John 6:51-15.

August 25 & 26, 2018

Pentecost 14

This weekend's texts include Josh 24:1-2a, 14-18, Psalm 34:15-22, Ephesians 6:10-20 and John 6:56-69.

Mark your Calendar!

On Sunday, September 2, we will worship at 9:15 a.m. The style of worship is yet to be determined, but will likely be a blend of old traditions and new technologies. Sunday fellowship will begin at 8:30 a.m. Informal Worship on Saturday, September 1 is at 5:30 p.m.

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Hospitalization

Due to Federal guidelines, known as HIPAA, hospitals are no longer able to contact the church about the hospitalization of one of its members. If you or your loved one is taken to the hospital, be sure to contact the church office at 944-3196 so that Pastor Matt or Pastor Laura can call on you.

Please keep the following Lifelines petitions in your prayers:

World and Community: For our leaders: President Donald J. Trump and Governor Bruce Rauner. For all who work for peace and justice. For those serving our country in the military, especially Raul Falcon, Griffin Fleming, Josh Fleming, Jakob Gradert, Connor Luxmore, Taylor

McKean, Jessica Ruggles, Christopher Schwake, Christopher Unrath, Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders. **Church:** For our bishops: Rev. Elizabeth Eaton and Rev. Jeff Clements. For our partners in ministry: Pastor Daniel Meyan and the people of Osupuko Parish in Tanzania, Rev. Raja Socrates, Bishop of the Arcot Lutheran Synod, India. For missionaries who share the Gospel around the world. For Catherine Nelson, seminary student. For Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. For our pastors, parish staff, Preschool staff and Church Council (names listed on pg. 8).

Health and Wellbeing: Lorece Arnett, Sally Boley (*Marla Johnson's friend*), Judy DeBoever, Sherry Dickens, Tim Janey (*Sue Conrad's husband*), Evelyn Kline, Roger Peterson, Cindy Scheckel (*Suzi Sandoval's friend*), Peggy Schram (*Doris Swanson's daughter*), Mike Stiener and Jim Turner.

Joys: On the marriages of James & Alizabeth Nowers; and Patrick & Jena Stebly.

Thanksgiving: For a safe homecoming and for rich and blessed experiences in Houston and Omaha. 10 youth and 3 adults attended the National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas; 11 people attended the Area 8 Festival of the Handbell Musicians of America in Omaha, Nebraska. Thank you to those who made pies for the Praise Band Jam: Shirley Clark, Jodi Barnhart, Kathy Heller, Dawn Ebarb, Jill Laingen, Laura Pearson, Theresa Nelson. Thanks also to those who provided food to the LOMC Swing Choir and helped serve/clean up. July 15 was a busy day as we shared Christ's love!

Sorrows: On the deaths of Kinina Park, good friend of Dane Burghgrave; Eric Dietrich, friend of the Palmer family; Dr. Harley D. Schnowske, father of Joy Dornfeld; and John Melcher, family friend and neighbor of Barb Burghgrave.

If you wish to submit a prayer request, please contact the church office at 944-3196 or by e-mail prayer@firstgeneseo.org. If you or a member of your family have a medical procedure planned or are admitted to the hospital, please call the church office. In the event of an after-hours emergency please contact Pastor Matt at 703-505-9517.

FIRST PRAYER

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Grace Notes from Linda Schmidt, Deacon

I do hope YOU are thinking about adding your gifts to worship this fall. Sanctuary Choir (*high school and adult singers*) resumes rehearsals on Wednesday, September 5. Glory Ringers will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 6—and we are still looking for 3 more youth or adult ringers! If you are interested in singing or playing on a praise team, I would love to hear from you! We are always happy to welcome more ushers/altar guild/greeters/lectors/nursery volunteers/communion servers. Let me know if you are interested. Thanks!

2nd Sunday Choir

Our 2nd Sunday Choir will again meet in August. All youth and adults are welcome to join us on Sunday, August 12 at 7:40 a.m. as we prepare music for the 8:30 service.

Music Camp

It is not too late to sign up for Music Camp! All children entering 2nd-6th grades are welcome! We meet August 13-17 from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The Music Campers will help lead worship on Sunday, August 19. Registration forms are available on the website, as well as at the Welcome Center at church. Our days will be filled with instruments, singing, games, snacks, crafts, lunch, bowling, swimming, and more!

• **Please Note: Sunday, August 5** is the absolute last day to sign up—please join us!



Work Day—Kitchen Cleaning!

We are so blessed to have such a wonderful kitchen to use. Come and lend a hand as we put a sparkling shine on our kitchen on Saturday morning, August 4 from 8 a.m. and noon. No sign up required...we'll see you in the kitchen! Donuts and coffee will be served!

Adult Education on Sunday

In August, Pastor Laura will continue teaching the Bible Study on the Letter of James. We will look for the gift of God's wisdom in this letter that Martin Luther called an "*epistle of straw*." Bring your Bible and a cup of coffee and join her in Conference Room A at 9:45 a.m.

Following is an outline of the lessons:

August 5 — *Wisdom: Faith and Action*

August 12 — *Wisdom: God's Sustaining Care for the World*

August 19 — *Wisdom: Healthy Habits that Sustain Christian Hope*

August 26 — **No Class**

Save the Date!

The first annual *Friends & Families* weekend is planned for September 14 & 15, 2018 by the Outreach Ministry. All members of First Lutheran are encouraged to invite family members and friends to worship with us and enjoy fellowship time that weekend.

Prior to the Saturday evening service and from 9-10:30 a.m. on Sunday, there will be delicious refreshments for all and fun activities for the children.

Special invitations for your use will be made available beginning on August 25 & 26. Make plans now to invite and enjoy!

Students and Teachers

It's almost time for a brand new school year – plan to start the year with God's blessings surrounding you! At both services on Sunday, August 19, we will offer Back-to-School Blessings. Students, bring your backpack to church that day. We will also offer a blessing for teachers, aides, administrators, bus drivers, support staff, and all others who work in the school system.

Summertime Fun at the Pool!

Come and soak up the sun at First Lutheran's Pool Party at the Geneseo Aquatic Center on Sunday, August 5. First Lutheran has reserved the Poolside Room from 3-5 p.m. and will provide sandwiches, chips, cookies and beverages during that time. Pool hours are from noon-6 p.m. and families can use their pool passes or pay \$7 per person to enter the Aquatic Center and swim as much as you like! Kids under 2 years of age are free! See you there for sun, fun and fellowship!

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Preschool Movie Night!

Join us for Preschool Movie Night on Wednesday, August 15 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Come in your pj's and enjoy a movie and snacks with Miss Linda!

Do you wish to join the congregation?

We will receive new members in worship the weekend of September 15 & 16. Speak with Pastor Matt or Pastor Laura if you have any questions; if you are ready to join, please let one of the pastors know by August 19.

You're invited!

Abby Larson will enter into global missions work with Young Adults in Global Missions with the ELCA by serving in Rwanda for one year. Our family will be hosting a Partnership Picnic on Sunday, August 12 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. to support the YAGM program mission. Burgers and Brats will be served along with side salads and drinks, a free will donation will be collected. The congregation of First has been very instrumental in Abby's faith journey and continues to be vital in the spread of Christ's love through support of global missions. We give thanks for the outpouring of love and encouragement we receive from our church family.

Jim and Janet Larson

Financial Planning Basics Workshop

First Lutheran's Stewardship Team will present a "*Financial Planning Basics*" workshop on Tuesday, August 28 at 7 p.m. This one-hour workshop, presented by Jennifer Sperry of Thrivent Financial, will give you an overview on setting and achieving financial goals. Whether it be paying off debt, buying a new car or saving for retirement, developing a smart plan will help turn those goals into reality. This workshop will give an overview on budgeting, emergency funds, risk management, credit, debt, investing, taxes and planning for your future. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Child care will be provided. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

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Children's Ministry: Faithtime

Faithtime will be starting on September 5! Children in K-6th grade will have an opportunity to learn the foundational stories of faith from the Bible, proclaim their faith through singing, and share their faith through games, theatre, crafts, service projects and much more! Hurry and register today!

- **Volunteers Needed** — Faithtime is in search of volunteers who can be drivers, teachers, substitutes, and snack time assistants. If you want to volunteer, or have any questions, please email Haylee Gustafson, Director of Youth & Family Ministry at youth@firstgeneseo.org.

Save the Date — We will be having our volunteer meeting for the year on Thursday, August 30 at 7 p.m. in Conference Room A.

National Youth Gathering Fellowship

We will be having a fellowship on August 5th at 9:30 a.m. We will be talking about our experiences at the National Youth Gathering in Houston in June. Come and talk to some of the youth who went on the trip. We are excited to tell you our stories!

Council Highlights

The church council, in lieu of a July meeting, took action on two items of business via e-mail:

- Approved one Sunday worship service at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, September 2, with fellowship at 8:30 a.m. (Saturday worship is at 5:30 p.m. on September 1.)
- Approved \$1,485.00 from the Building Fund for a sprinkler system to be installed in the closets of the Preschool room. The installation of the sprinkler system will allow for a renewal of our license from the Fire Marshall.

Confirmation

Confirmation is a two-year program for students (*7th grade and older*) in which adolescents explore their faith, ask questions, grow in their knowledge of Scripture and the church, and build relationships. Confirmation Orientation and Acolyte Training for all Confirmation students (*in the first and second years of the program*) and parents will be on Wednesday, August 29 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Class begins on Wednesday, September 5. Registrations should be turned in to the church office by Sunday, August 19. See Pastor Laura or Haylee Gustafson, Director of Youth & Family Ministry, for more information.

Youth Group

Youth group is starting up again on September 5! All 9th-12th grade are welcome to join us in the youth room on Wednesday nights from 6-7:30 p.m. We will play games, do Bible studies and service projects! Come and join in the fun of Wednesdays!

Financial Report

General Fund Offering:

June actual	\$33,550
June budget	\$32,767
YTD actual	\$223,383
YTD budget	\$225,199

Net Income Over Expenses:

June actual	\$432 surplus
June budget	\$3,589 deficit
YTD actual	\$4,289 deficit
YTD budget	\$12,309 deficit

Women's Ministry

Cover Girls Quilting

Come and work with the "Cover Girls" on a variety of projects including tying quilts made of donated fabrics and assembling several care kits for Lutheran World Relief.

You are welcome to come any time you can help on Wednesday, August 1 & 8 at 9 a.m. in Grace Place. The need is great!

Women's Bible Study will be held on Wednesday, August 15 at 9 a.m. in Grace Place. We will be using the Lutheran magazine, "Gather" for our study guide. All women are welcome to join us for this time of fellowship and Bible Study. Questions, call Carol Boyd at 944-2413.

Food Pantry Collection

The Geneseo Food Pantry is collecting *salad dressing, mushrooms, vegetable oil, sloppy joe sauce, pickles, garbage bags, foil, kleenex, toilet paper and lotion* to share with those in our community. Donations may be left in the basket by the church office.

Other ways to help!

- Is your garden starting to overflow with produce? Please feel free to drop off any extra to the Food Pantry by 4 p.m. any Monday so it will be available for food distribution day on Tuesday. Our clients always appreciate fresh produce!
- As the school year begins and fall approaches, our clients will be in need of lightweight jackets, long sleeve shirts and jeans. We are especially in need of baby clothes. A large number of families and individuals use the items donated by the community to reduce the cost of clothing for their children.

LWR School Kits

First Women's Ministry is still collecting items for Lutheran World Relief "School Kits" through the end of August. During the next few weeks, please clip the "School Kit needs" list and donate what you can in the basket located by the church office. School kits are packed in cloth drawstring backpacks and sent to places where even the few required school supplies may be more than a family can afford. Thank you for giving a child the opportunity to go to school. Pencils and paper can help write a positive future!

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List of LWR School Kit Items

- 70-sheet spiral notebooks (*no loose-leaf paper*)
- **Please Note:** Each school kit requires four of the 70-sheet notebooks.
- rulers (*30 cm*)
- pencil sharpeners
- blunt scissors
- #2 unsharpened pencils
- black or blue ballpoint pens (*no gel ink*)
- Crayola crayons (*16 or 24 count*)
- 2 ½" erasers

Did You Know?

If you or someone from your congregation is affected by hearing loss, Augustana's Center for Speech, Language, and Hearing can help. The Center provides hearing assessments and communication services for any member of the Quad Cities' community. For nearly 80 years, staff, along with student clinicians studying in the field have offered their services to individuals of all ages, based on clients' schedules. In recent years a full-service audiology clinic has been added. The center is a nonprofit organization and accepts Medicaid and Medicare for audiology services. Informational flyers are available at the Resource Center.

- To watch a short video about our clinic visit: <https://youtu.be/RBvZOxO8obQ>



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Meeting Schedule:

Cabinet — Monday, August 13
Ministries — Monday, August 13
Council — Monday, August 20

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**NEXT CHIMES DEADLINE:
THURSDAY, AUGUST 9**

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday
8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Wednesday
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday
Office Closed
Closed for Lunch ~ Noon-1 p.m.

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