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Sharing Christ's Love

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WORSHIP WITH US THIS WEEKEND!
Saturday 5:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:15 a.m.

Maker Fun Factory

Created by GOD Built for a Purpose
July 9-13 ~ 5 to 8 p.m.



Join us for this fun, interactive week, where kids will explore their abilities in exciting ways that lead to the discovery that God created each of them as a masterpiece! Kids will participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, and make and devour yummy treats!



Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Everyone is invited to join us July 9-13 from 5-8 p.m. Cost is \$10 per child with a family maximum of \$30. Fill out the enclosed registration form and return it along with your registration fee to the church office, or it can be dropped in the drop box by the

office or the offering plate. For more information, please contact VBS co-directors Jennifer Johnson at 945-8364 or Tricia Fuelling at 502-1937.

Director of Youth & Family Ministry Opening

We are looking for our next Director of Youth & Family Ministry!

Those interested in the position can view the complete job description at www.firstgeneseo.org. Candidates must submit a resumé to first@firstgeneseo.org by June 15.

FIRST NOTES:

- Yoga from 9:30-10:30 a.m. starting June 6 in Conference Room A
- First Friends Summer Cookout on Thursday, June 8 at 11:30 a.m.
- Birdies for Charity pledge cards available at the Recourse Center!
- LOMC Summer Camp Brochures are available at the Resource Center!

From Pastor Matt...

The last few days, I have found myself asking this question; has it been six months already? Wow, it has been! By the time you read this newsletter we will be beginning our seventh month here in ministry and while it has certainly been a whirlwind these first six months, it has been truly wonderful and joyful. As I reflect on the last six months, I am deeply thankful for the ministry going on here. Despite some financial challenges within the congregation, you all continue to be faithful, generous, and good stewards of your time, treasure, and abilities. You all continue to be an inspiration to me as you gift us with your insights and creativity during this time.

As you may or may not know, beginning a new call is always a challenge. There is a lot of listening and learning to do, there are many new traditions to become familiar with, and there are a lot of new people to meet. Also, you all have to get to know us and our personalities, all of which takes time. But thankfully through our brief time here, we not only have an amazing and dedicated staff who have been great to us and hard-working throughout this transition, but also a supportive congregation and leadership, who have been very helpful and graceful to us. Thank you all!

As we all look ahead and envision where God might be leading us all, may we ever be mindful to God's mission. Stephen P.

Bouman, in his book *Mission Table: Renewing Congregation and Community* writes "*When I speak of the mission of the church in these pages, I mean God's reconciling and restoring action in the world.*" I love that definition of what our mission can be.

Our mission at FLC is clear; to 'Share Christ's Love' so that the world, all people, and all things, are reconciled and restored in God's love. As we continually look for ways and new possibilities for ministry here, may we keep that on the forefront of our minds and may it be the backbone of our decisions. As we brainstorm and bring our creativity to the table we can ask ourselves this question: does this idea or ministry support the mission of Jesus Christ to reconcile and restore the world?

With that clear vision for the future God is calling us into, we become focused on what God is doing in us and through us, and what God is doing in others.

For the next six months (*and beyond*), we will continue listening and learning, we will continue learning traditions of this place, and we will continue getting to know you all and this community so that we can help each other point to where Jesus Christ is calling us to reconcile and restore the world in God's love.

—Pastors Matt

New Family Restroom

New!! The women's restroom adjacent to Grace Place is now designated as a "*Family Restroom.*" It can still be used by women, but now also by Mom/Dad/Grandparent when they need to take kids to the bathroom, for someone who needs a little extra help from a spouse or family member, or for anyone else who needs it! When the outer door is closed, the Family Restroom is in use. Please leave the outer door open when the restroom is not in use.

June 3 & 4, 2017

Day of Pentecost

This weekend's texts include Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 and John 20:19-23.

June 10 & 11, 2017

The Holy Trinity

This weekend's texts include Genesis 1:1—2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 and Matthew 28:16-20.

June 17 & 18, 2017

Pentecost 2/Happy Father's Day

This weekend's texts include Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8 and Matthew 9:35—10:8.

June 24 & 25, 2017

Pentecost 3

This weekend's texts include Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-18; Romans 6:1b-11 and Matthew 10:24-39.

Grace Notes from Linda

We celebrate Pentecost on June 3 & 4—wear RED. Red is the color for Pentecost. Pentecost is the third major festival in the church year—it is the 50th day of Easter. We celebrate the Holy Spirit as the power of God among us that heals, forgives, inspires, and unites.

Worship in the Park — June 18!

First Lutheran will lead Worship in the Park at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 18. This service is part of the annual Music Festival in the City Park. We will have a choir lead this worship—many of our Sanctuary Choir members will participate, but we are also inviting YOU to join us!

There are 2 rehearsals:

Monday, June 12 from 6:15-7 p.m. and
Thursday, June 15 from 7-7:45 p.m.
All are welcome!

FIRST WORSHIP & MUSIC

Please keep the following Lifelines petitions in your prayers:

World and Community: For our leaders: President Donald J. Trump and Governor Bruce Rauner. For the efforts of all who promote peace in our world. For those serving and working in harm's way: Raul Falcon, Josh Fleming, Jakob Gradert, Taylor McKean, Jessica Ruggles, Christopher Schwake, Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders.

Church: For our bishops: Rev. Elizabeth Eaton and Rev. Jeff Clements. For our partners in ministry: Pastor A. Michael Stephin and the people of Osupuko Parish in Tanzania, Rev. Raja Socrates, Bishop of the Arcot Lutheran Synod, India and the Northwest Haiti Christian Mission in Haiti. For Abby Larson as she prepares for summer ministry in Africa. For missionaries who share the Gospel around the world, especially Catherine Nelson and Randy & Carol Stubbs and family. For Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. For our pastors, parish staff, Preschool staff and Church Council (names listed on pg. 8).

Health and Wellbeing: Jim Bowton, Rick Brown, Max Buffington, Judy DeBoever, Mary Devine, Ida Goldsmith, Jill Hartel, Aaron Kamprath, Evelyn Kline, Charlie Lowe, Judy McAvoy, Sandy Miller, Kathy Mollett, Deb Morris, Scott Pittenger, Cindy Scheckel, Trevor Schefsky, Peggy Schram, Connie Sellers, Linda Schmidt, Larry Skiles and Marilyn Worple.

Joys: On the births of Lily Christine Unrath, daughter of Chris & Kate Unrath and granddaughter of Jim & Beth Unrath; Ayla Joy Dunagan, great niece of Kathy Nelson; and Pastor Virgil & Marilyn's 20th great-grandchild. Baptism of Liam John McLoughlin, son of John & Holly (*Swanson*) McLoughlin and Eli William Paris, son of Michael & Holly (*Swanson*) Paris. For Meredith Chavez and Andrew Holt, who will be united in marriage on June 27, 2017 in South Padre Island, Texas.

Thanksgiving: For safety and protection during recent storms.

Sorrows:

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.

FIRST PRAYER

FIRST WORSHIP & MUSIC

Women's Chorus

A Women's Chorus will lead worship on July 15 & 16. All women or high school girls are welcome! Please attend at least 2 of the 3 brief rehearsals:

Monday, June 26 6:30-7:15 p.m.
Thursday, July 6 10-10:45 a.m.
Saturday, July 15 4:30-5 p.m.

There will be a Family Choir July 30, and a Men's Chorus August 27...stay tuned for more details!

Yoga!

Join Tricia Fuelling for free yoga this summer! Classes will be held Tuesday mornings starting June 6 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Conference Room A. There is no cost for these classes, however we will be collecting items for the food pantry on a free will basis. Bring your own mat and enjoy some relaxing yoga!

Children's Church

Children's Church is offered on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10 a.m. for children ages 3 through 2nd grade. The children will learn to share Christ's love through the vision of worship. Here's the schedule for Children's Church this summer:

9:15-9:30 a.m. — *Welcome, Announcements, Song, Scripture and Children's Message in sanctuary*

9:30-10 a.m. — *Theme related Games and Activities in classroom setting*

10 a.m. — *Children return to worship in sanctuary*

Following is a list of the scriptures the children will be learning this month:

June 4 - *Filled with the Holy Spirit*
June 11 - *The Great Commission*
June 18 - *Justified by Faith*
June 25 - *Freed from Sin*

Celebrating God's Creation

Music Camp is August 7-11...is your child/grandchild registered?? Scholarships are available—talk to Linda for more information. Music Camp is open to all children who will be 2nd-6th graders this fall. We will have an awesome week; please consider joining us!



Playdate in the Park!

Preschool families are invited to join the Pastors for a playdate at the playground at City Park on Wednesday, June 14, 10 to 11:30 a.m. No RSVP necessary; friends are welcome! We will take a break at about 10:45 a.m. for snacks and drinks.

Parent Group

Pastor Laura will lead a group for parents using the resource *"In the Midst of Chaos: Caring for Children as Spiritual Practice"* on the first Saturday of the month throughout the summer, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., in Grace Place. Together we will explore three aspects of parenting as they relate to our Christian lives. Parents of children ages 0-18 are invited to attend, and are welcome to join us each month, or once or twice as your schedule allows. Childcare will be provided for young children. No RSVP is necessary, but you can sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend. Here's the summer schedule:

- **June 3** ~ *"Giving Unto Others...But What About Myself?"*
- **July 1** ~ *"Playing the Field: Xbox, Soccer, and Other Fun Family Games"*
- **August 5** ~ *"Take, Read: From Seuss to Scripture"*

Adult Education Opportunity

Our summer Adult Education (*confirmation age and up*) begins Sunday, June 4 at 10:30 a.m. in Conference Room A. The topics for the four weeks of June will be as following:

June 4, 11 & 25 ~ Pastor Matt will lead a short series on the Lutheran interpretation of scripture. Classes will build on each other, but people are certainly welcome to come for just a week or two as their schedule allows.

June 18 ~ Pastor Amy Fallon, Campus Pastor, will share with us the ministry of Grace Place Campus Ministry at Northern Illinois University.

Childcare will be provided each week during the education hour (10:30 to 11:30 a.m.).

Childcare Providers Needed!

Your help is needed! We will be providing childcare during the Adult Education hour over the summer months so that parents can attend the class. We are looking for volunteers to provide the childcare. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you can help for one week. We are also asking for snack donations for the kids over the summer - sign up at the Welcome Center for this as well!

FIRST MINISTRIES

Thank You!

Thank you to the congregation for your prayers, visits from the pastors and the beautiful flowers from Sherry. I really appreciate your kindness.

Kathie DeJaeger

First Lutheran Church, Geneseo, IL

Reformation 500



Reformation T-shirts!

Our very special First Lutheran Reformation 500 T-shirts and sweatshirts can be ordered now and throughout the summer. Youth T-shirts are \$10, Adult T-shirts are \$12, and Adult Crew Sweatshirts are \$20. (*2X cost an additional \$2 and 3X cost an additional \$3*) Check out the display of samples in the Fellowship Room and order for your family today!



Celebrate the Fathers in your Life!

Join us for a fun family stamping event to create Father's Day cards. We'll remember Martin Luther's printing press days by stamping our images on cards and crafting a special piece of art created by First Lutheran's children during this Reformation 500 activity.

Who: Children age preschool - 5th grade

Where: FLC Fellowship Room

When: Saturday, June 10 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Supplies provided! Light snacks included.

Reformation Fair

Mark your calendar! — *Sunday, October 1 ~ 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

Lots of fun, food, games and activities for all ages!

- Stay tuned for more information about a congregational art event at Smith Studios...

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Six Flags High School Youth Trip

The High School Youth are invited to enjoy some fun and fellowship at Six Flags this summer! We will be leaving for Six Flags around 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28, and returning on Thursday June 29 around 9 p.m. We will spend most of Wednesday night traveling to the park, swimming, hanging out, and having devotions with Pastor Matt later in the evening. On Thursday we will spend all day in the park riding rollercoasters and swimming. This event is for high school youth who will be Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors next year. Please let Pastor Matt (mkamprath@firstgeneseo.org) know by June 15, if you would like to join us. The cost of the event is \$60 which includes hotel (*Baymont Inn and Suites in Gurnee, IL*) and the ticket for the park. Youth will be responsible for lunch and snacks in the park on Thursday. Dinner will be provided by FLC on Wednesday and Thursday. Join us and reconnect with the high school youth program!

Upcoming Youth Events ~ Save the Date!

- July 23 — Confirmation & High School Service Project: Painting at LSSI!
- August 18-19 — Overnight Camping! This event is for all youth going into and continuing high school. More information to come!

Birdies for Charity



First Lutheran has a generous history of supporting and encouraging our youth in attending LOMC for both the weekend retreat in November with Peder Eide and a weeklong summer camp with the Andover cluster also at LOMC. We also take mission trips with our high school youth as well as our ELCA National Youth Gathering which is in Houston, Texas in 2018. We have so many opportunities for our youth and need to be proactive in our fundraising efforts.

*Here's how it works...*we will be asking for pledges until July 2nd for Birdies for Charity. Simply fill out a pledge card that is available at the Resource Center, with your contact information and pledge amount. Pledges need to be at least one penny per birdie, OR can be a one-time flat donation. Once you fill the form out please put the part of the form with your information on it in the offering plate or church office.

*After the tournament...*you will be invoiced based on the number of birdies recorded. For example, if you pledge \$0.01 per birdies and 2,000 birdies are recorded, you will be billed for \$20. If you donated a flat fee you will be invoiced for exactly that amount. First Lutheran Church will receive 100% of your donation. Best of all, the tournament then takes its annual profits and adds a second "bonus" check of 5-10% to each organization. So, for every \$1.00 pledged and collected, the charity receives between \$1.05 - \$1.10. Tough to find a better deal than that!

You will also be able to guess the birdies and win a two year lease on a 2017 Lexus NX plus other contest prizes!

*Thank you for your support...*this really is a win-win opportunity.

LWR Baby Care Kits

Baby Care Kit items are still being collected through the end of June. Here are the items included in each kit:

- 2 lightweight cotton t-shirts
- 2 long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (*without feet*)
- 2 receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel (*up to 52" square*)
- 4 cloth diapers (*flat fold preferred*)
- 1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- 2 pairs of socks
- 1 hand towel (*dark color recommended*)
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars (*8 to 9 oz.*) of "gentle" soap (*in original wrapping*)
- 2 large safety pins

Clothing sizes 6 to 24 months may be "gently" used. Donations may be left in the basket outside the church office.

First Friends

First Friends will meet on Thursday, June 8 at 11:30 a.m. for a summer cookout! Come enjoy fellowship and an indoor picnic with burgers, hot dogs & all the trimmings! \$5 covers your meal. Sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office at 944-3196.

Council Highlights for May 15, 2017

Action Items

- Approved payment to HSG Construction for tuck pointing and repair on west annex at a cost of \$1500. Mike Lindbeck helped with the masonry.
- Approved Jennifer Johnson as Programs Meal Coordinator.
- After discussion approved posting a job description for Director of Youth & Family Ministry. This would include being responsible for directing Faithtime.

New Business

Reviewed upcoming plans for the Reformation 500 celebration.

Scholarship Spotlight

Congratulations to the following three applicants who will receive a scholarship for the 2017-18 school year.

Sydney Himmelman
Ryann Tracey
Abigail Zobrist

Best wishes for a successful school year!

Scholarship Committee,
Mandy Baumgardener, Anne Calder,
Mark Luciani & Pastor Matt

FIRST MINISTRIES



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, June 7 & 14 at 9 a.m. in Grace Place. The need is great!

Women's Bible Study will be held on Wednesday, June 21 at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. 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.

Social Ministry Benevolence Request

Gave approval to Social Ministry as a part of its Benevolence Policy, granting \$1,000 to Royal Family Kids Camp.

Financial Report

General Fund Offering:

April actual	\$42,217
April budget	\$36,614
YTD actual	\$141,767
YTD budget	\$139,466

Net Income Over Expenses:

April actual	\$5,048 surplus
April budget	\$4,991 deficit
YTD actual	\$14,331 deficit
YTD budget	\$41,393 deficit



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Happy Father's Day

The council, staff and pastors of First Lutheran Church wish every dad a "Happy Father's Day!" May your day be filled with family and friends.

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Meeting Schedule:

Cabinet — Monday, June 12
Ministries — Monday, June 12
Council — Monday, June 19

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**NEXT CHIMES DEADLINE:
TUESDAY, JUNE 13**

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday

8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday

8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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