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June Worship

Sunday, June 3

8:30 am - Traditional

10:00 am - First Kids End-of-Year Program

Sunday, June 10

Holy Communion

Commissioning of VBS Leaders

8:30 am - Traditional

10:00 am - Celebration

Sunday, June 17 ~ Father's Day

Intinction Holy Communion

8:30 am - Traditional

10:00 am - Celebration & Camper Blessing

Sunday, June 24

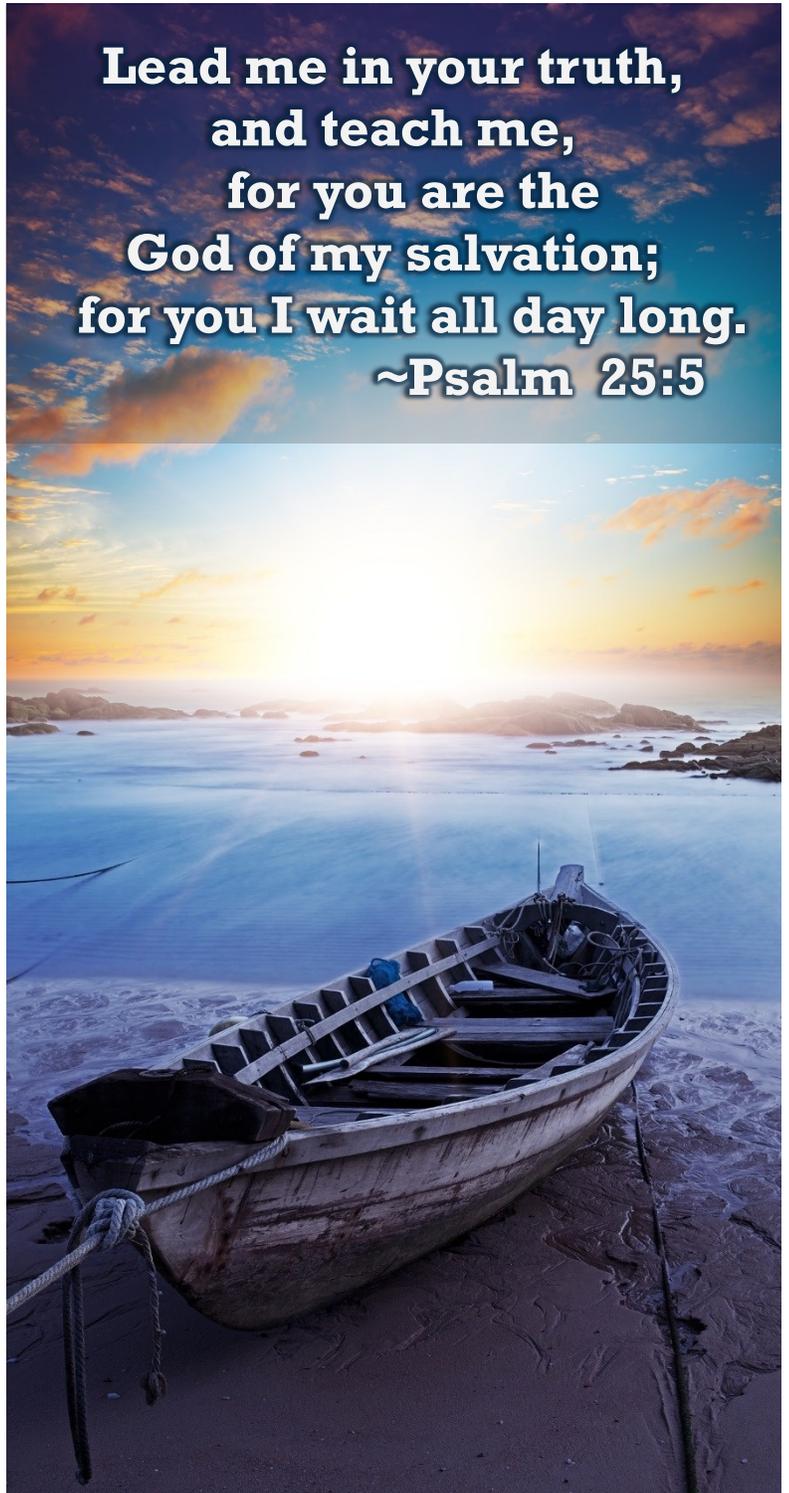
Polka Service

At both services, 8:30 & 10:00 am

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**Lead me in your truth,
and teach me,
for you are the
God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.
~Psalm 25:5**





FLC plays in the clay during a night of Pottery

Wonderful night of fellowship and creativity at Green Road Pottery.



A Word from the Pastor

In the Old Testament Book of Ecclesiastes, there are some famous phrases that start with the words, *For everything there is a season*. What does it mean to us as we approach the season of summer? What are your plans?



For example:

- ✧ Do you hope to take a trip, visit friends and/or family or take leisurely walks outdoors?
- ✧ Do you have some projects to complete or intend to do some gardening?
- ✧ Do you want to get in better shape by exercising more or anticipate seeing a few sporting events outside?
- ✧ Do you hope to get closer to God?

What? Get closer to God? Who makes summer plans to get closer to God when their calendars are already getting full?

Given the ways calendars fill up at other times during the year, this is probably not a new issue. But it may be a more significant one since our summers in Wisconsin are a bit shorter than for those who live in more southern states.

A couple of years ago, FLC promoted a little gimmick related to our Christian faith in the summer called "Flat Jesus".



Flat Jesus was a paper cutout of an image of Jesus that children often customized by coloring with markers or pencils. They would take it with them wherever they went and took selfies or had others take their pictures and send them to church.

Flat Jesus went to a lot of places: at a ballgame in Wisconsin, a tourist destination in the United States, overseas to another continent, etc. The goal, of course, was to prompt our people to remember that God is always with us, no matter where we go.

Other members dropped off bulletins from different churches where they worshipped on vacation or sent pictures with comments like, "Isn't God's creation wonderful!"

What do you plan to do this summer? Will it include getting closer to God?

I hope so!

Pastor Lehman

Council Highlights

At its May meeting, FLC's Council:

- ✦ Continued to discuss ways FLC could improve **hospitality** at the church.
- ✦ Learned that Emilee Purcell was hired as a **Vacation Bible School Assistant**.
- ✦ Learned that several **property issues** were addressed during spring cleanup:
 - ◆ A **storage room** located in the "dungeon" across from the main boiler containing a lot of old wooden items was cleaned out.
 - ◆ New **flower boxes** were installed at the parsonage.
 - ◆ The playground in the back parking lot received a fresh coat of **new wood chips**.
 - ◆ Several areas in the **back yard** received extra topsoil and were re-seeded.
 - ◆ **Landscaping debris** was removed.
- ✦ Received **very favorable reports** related to giving to the General Fund and Follow Your Heart Appeal.
- ✦ Approved the commissioning of a **rosemaled plate** to be sent as a gift to the Lutheran Church in Kremenets, Ukraine. (Pastor Shep will deliver the plate to the church when he takes a trip to the Ukraine later this August.)
- ✦ Learned that \$15,000 was donated to FLC to create a **Lukas Christofferson Donor Advised Fund**. (This fund has a separate designation within FLC's Endowment Fund.)



"He's using the devotional we gave him for Father's Day."

Sharing and Caring

Congratulations to...

Anthony and Katie (Beck) Galston on the birth of their daughter Eliza Galston.

Known to have been hospitalized...

Audrey Jandrey
Judie Lehman
Donald Larson
Harley Stokstad

Our Sympathy to the family of...

Lorraine Anderson, *grandmother of Renee Stokstad*
June Anderson

Special Prayers for...

Virginia Barba, *friend of Rachel Anderson*
Matt Hansen

Megan Helf, *granddaughter of Ruth Pundt*
Lorraine Matter, *mother-in-law of Valerie Matter*

Celia Milam, *granddaughter of Linda Milam*
Dave Lyons, *brother of Steve Lyons*
Ione Knudsen, *friend of Sue Tarpinian*
Theresa Whaley, *sister of JM Sparkman*



Have a prayer request or would like your loved one to be listed in this section of the newsletter? Please contact the church office or one of the pastors.

Love Stoughton Area Update



Gutter Work

Thank you to Scott Quam and Gary Gimmestad for re-attaching the gutters to this Stoughton home! This project request came to FLC in January from a worried homeowner that his roof and ceiling would have water damage because the gutters needed to be replaced. Scott took a look at the gutters during February and saw that the gutters were still in good working order but the original nails holding the gutters in place had become loose and popped out over time. All that was needed was replacing the nails with screws. The fix could be done, but the weather was a problem...snow, ice and rain, plus men on a roof do not mix. Finally, the weather cleared and on a beautiful Saturday morning, the men were up on ladders fixing the gutters. What a tremendous blessing you both were to these homeowners! Thank you for giving of your time and talents



Stoughton Library

Several First Lutheran Members took time out of their day to come and dust off shelves at the Stoughton Library. What a BIG job! We started on the 3rd floor in the area right in front of the circulation desk. Then we moved to the fiction section. You wouldn't think it, but those shelves were really dirty. Over the 2 days, we cleaned from A to R and had a great time! In our groups, we visited and found new books to read. Thank you to: Sharon Mason-Boersma, Karin Campbell, Gary & Susan Gimmestad, Erlene Killeen, Karen Meiers, Linda Milam, and Amy Stepp!



Small Group and Fellowship Ministries

Women's Circle News

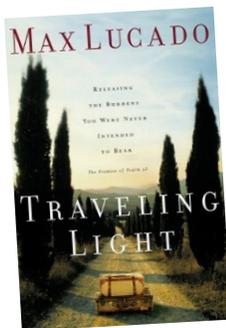
Circle 17 meets Monday, June 11 at 11:30 am at Sunrise Family Restaurant.

Circle 3 meets on Wednesday, June 13 at the Church at 10:15 am to go to the Trout House in Palmyra.

Phoebe Circle meets on Tuesday, June 12 at 6:30 pm at Gaye Lehman's.

Soul Sisters

We don't always have physical luggage, but sometimes we carry a spiritual load, such as envy, doubt, and homesickness. Psalm 23 reminds us that God uses this Psalm to remind us to release those burdens in our study series called *Traveling Light* by Max Lucado.



Soul Sisters will toss these ideas around on Monday, June 18, from 10:00-11:45 am in the Fireside Room.

We hope you will drop in and join us.

FLC Guys Golf

Golf outings are scheduled for Tuesday mornings:

- ✧ June 12, 8:30 am at Edgerton Towne & Country Club
- ✧ June 26, 8:32 am at Evansville Golf Club

Please plan to join us for any of these outings that work for you. It's a great opportunity for a fun activity and some fellowship with your FLC friends.

Please contact:

Chuck Geurink (cggeurink@charter.net, 345-4333) or Rich Albright (albrightclannn@gmail.com, 215-6027) to indicate your interest.

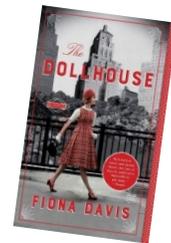
See you on June 12th
and/or June 26th.

Bring a friend.

Book Club News

The **Evening Book Club** is off for the summer and will restart the discussions in September.

The **Selah (Daytime) Group** will meet on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 am at Milestone Senior Living. This month, on June 21, the book discussion will be on *The Doll House* by Fiona Davis.



Bible Journaling Continues through the summer!

Come and spend a peaceful time with others as we get creative and express our faith through art.

**First Thursday of the Month ~
June 7th, July 5th, and August 2nd!**

6:30-8:00 pm. in the Art Room. Bring your supplies or use ours! Treats too!

BIBLE
Journaling
a new way to
study your Bible



LSA is Looking for Projects!

Do you know of anyone
who could benefit from the
Love Stoughton Area Ministry?



Maybe it's for a friend,
a congregational member or even you! Whoever it
is, please hand them a brochure or tell them about
our website (flcstoughton.com). You could even
submit the request for them!

Forms can be found in the information Center.
Fill out the form and then mail it, drop it off at the
church office or contact Valerie Fisher at 873-7761.



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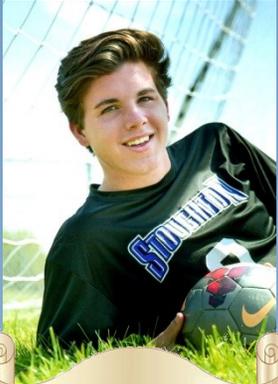


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Shipwrecked: Rescued By Jesus

2018 Vacation Bible School

will take place on June 10-June 14, Sunday through Thursday evenings.
We will have dinner waiting at 5:30 pm with activities beginning at 6:00 until 8:15 pm

Vacation Bible School helps anchor kids in the truth that
Jesus carries us through life's storms!

Want to Lead? Still time to sign up for **Crew Leaders** (helping a group of 5-6 kids through the evenings) or **Station Leaders** (providing learning for those groups) on the Bulletin Board in the upper Atrium or call Pastor Sara at 873-7761.

Registration is going on now!

Fill out a registration form, return it to the church office ASAP and your child receives a theme T-Shirt! Cost is \$25 individually/ \$40 per family.
(Scholarships are available.) **Invite friends and neighbors!**

We will also have a registration table open in Fellowship Hall.
You can check out the t-shirt size there! You can also purchase a music CD.
Lots of fun awaits at the Shipwrecked VBS this summer!



Practice Your Faith with Your Family This Summer

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1
share



2
read



3
talk



4
pray



5
bless

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The five steps are:

- **SHARE** your highs and lows
- **READ** a Bible verse or story
- **TALK** about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows
- **PRAY** for one another's highs and lows
- **BLESS** one another

Come to a Faith Five Campfire and Cookout June 24th

It will be held in the Back Parking Lot. The Meal will be provided.

5:30-6:00 pm Food and play time

6:00-6:30 pm Faith 5 Fun

6:30-7:30 pm Free time and time to relax

Sign up in the Information Center.





Jesus is steadfast and present

This past month the children have learned that Jesus is always with us and that we are his representatives here on earth as we work and play with others.

Memory work is also available on the church website for your use at home over the summer.

The First Kids Spring Program will be Sunday, June 3rd, 10:00 Service!

Certificates for memory work completed will be awarded on June 3rd!

A huge THANK YOU to all of the volunteers that have comprised our First Kids staff this year. Talents in singing, acting, leading games, reading stories, discussing ideas, and creating crafts have helped our First Kids hear, see, smell, taste, and touch the Lord in the world around us.

They will be recognized in our Spring Program.



Please stop a teacher or helper and thank them for their devotion!



Did you know that:

- ◆ Each month a group of dedicated volunteers put together 7 Baby Basket Gifts for new mothers in Dane County?
- ◆ These Gift Baskets include necessary baby items as well as books, toys and gifts for the mom?
- ◆ Many baskets contain hand sewn items from ladies in our church including quilts, burp cloths and bibs?
- ◆ Three sets of clothes are included in the basket and they are chosen to grow with the child and change for the season?
- ◆ In any given year, we need 84 of each item placed in the basket: that's 84 sippy cups, 84 bibs, 84 bottles of shampoo and 84 packages of wipes, etc.!
- ◆ We value your support as we move forward with this ministry to help needy moms!

THANK YOU!!

Right now, we are in need of Baby Shampoo, Boys Spring & Summer outfits in size 3-6 mos. and unisex onsies in all sizes. A designated monetary donation would be greatly appreciated as well.

56ER'S...

Reminders:

- ☞ Help as an usher or reader at end of the year program. Report to Openings room on June 3rd. If you won't be there let Pastor Sara know.
- ☞ Turn your book in with lessons completed for the weeks you were gone to Pastor Sara or your teacher.
- ☞ 6th graders turn your money for camp in.
- ☞ Worship over the summer! 6th graders can start worship notes after camp.
- ☞ Come to VBS as a student or helper.
- ☞ Come to Faith Five Cookout on June 24th if you are around!
- ☞ Help with Baby Basket Sorting in August!
- ☞ 56er meeting on August 27th at 6pm.

Youth and Family Ministries



Syttende Mai Thank You!

The Syttende Mai Food Stand and Parking Lot were a great success this year! Over 90 people helped staff the parking lot, assisted with set-up and clean-up and welcomed visitors and friends to FLC!

The proceeds from this event will go to support FLC's Youth Ministries. This very important fundraiser could not happen each year without the help of great volunteers. **THANK YOU!**



Thank you!!

Confirmation Thank You!!

Small Group Guides served weekly, **Mentors** helped our 9th graders, and **Parent Helpers** provided treats, meals and continuous support!

Small Group Guides & Helpers

Bill Berry	Carla Gomez
Tessa Berry	Tristan Kohrt
Anna Callahan	Dave Moll
Jeremy Eppler	Stacey Quam
Jody Gennrich	

Mentors

Karin Campbell	Kathy Lyons
Bob Christofferson	Steve Lyons
Kirsten Goetz	Bill Manson
Tina Ferguson	Lori Moll
Todd Fossum	Liz Nelson
CC Hampton	Ann Marie Olsen
Dave Horneck	Anne Olson
Colleen Kruger	Stacey Quam

Camping at Lake Kegonsa

June 28-29 (6pm-10am): Join us for a night of fun, food and time together. People needed to help plan. Sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board by June 10. If you want to come but need to come late or leave early see Pastor Sara. **Friends are Welcome.** Adult Chaperones needed.



Summer Youth Opportunities

Summer is a busy time. Make sure you **mark your calendars** to spend time in your faith life along with all your other activities. Here are some ways you can engage your faith this summer.

- ☼ **June 10-14 ~ Help with Vacation Bible School.** Sign up to help with a station or be a crew leader in the upper atrium.
- ☼ **June 28-29 ~ Camping at Lake Kegonsa.** Join us for a night of fun, food and time together. Sign up on the Youth bulletin board. Adult Chaperones needed.
- ☼ **July 29 ~ Hymn Sing Sundae and Tie Dye Shirts** Come to worship, stay for ice cream and tie dye your own shirt after 2nd service!
- ☼ **August 8 ~ Bonfire in the Parking lot, 7:00 pm** Hotdogs and s'mores followed by games and closing worship. Help is needed to plan this event.
- ☼ **August 12 ~ Youth Worship Services** Skit practice after the second service on **August 5.** Actors, readers, greeters and musicians needed.
- ☼ **August 13, 10:00 am ~** Come help sort items for baby baskets along with cookies and a nice tall glass of cold lemonade.

Watch for more information on **fun summer youth events** here, via email and on the youth bulletin board. If you have an idea or want to help plan any event especially a back to school event for late August or early September please **talk to Pastor Sara.**

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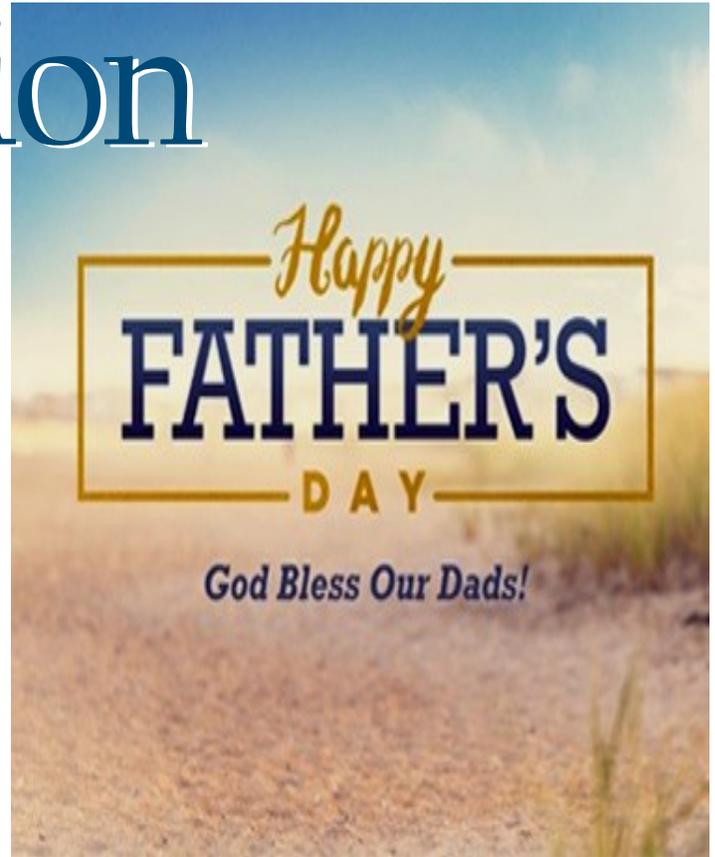
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