



First Edition

The Newsletter of First Lutheran Church

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June Worship

Sunday, June 2

8:30 am - FLC Choir

10:00 am - First Kids Spring Program

Sunday, June 9

Holy Communion

8:30 am - Spirited Traditional

10:00 am - Celebration

Sunday, June 16 ~ Father's Day

Intinction Holy Communion

8:30 am - Spirited Traditional

10:00 am - Celebration with
Confirmation Camp Blessing

Sunday, June 23

Cell Phone Sunday

Commissioning of VBS Teachers

8:30 am - Spirited Traditional

10:00 am - Celebration

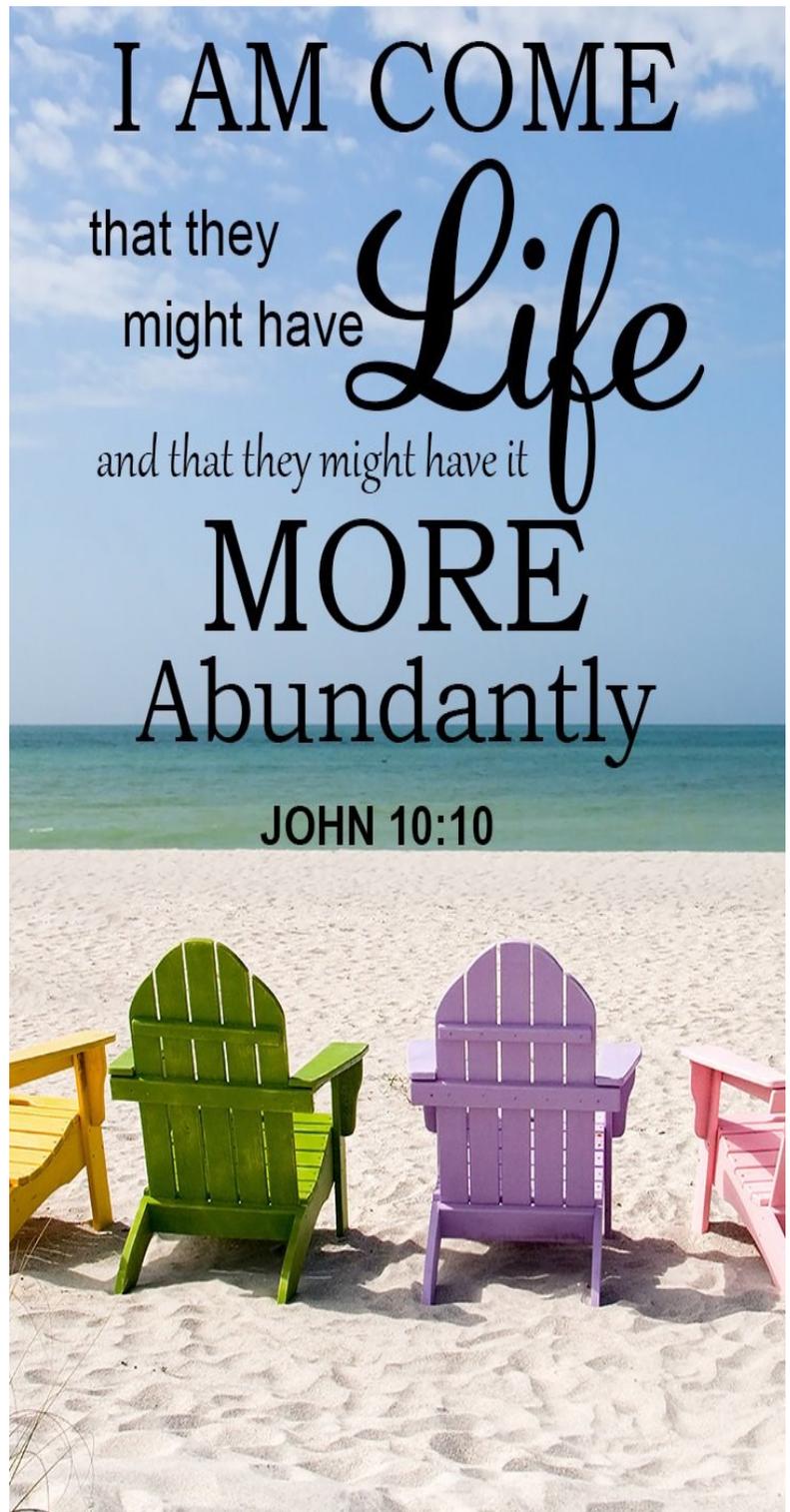
Sunday, June 30

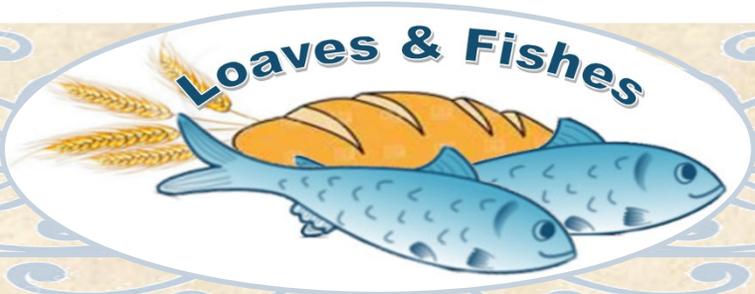
Beatles Service

at both 8:30 and 10:00 am services

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Loaves and Fishes Ministry: A ministry of FOOD.

Let's be real; we all need food and most of us enjoy eating! As the body of Christ, we are to function as Christ Himself would, loving others, serving others, praying for others, and meeting others' needs. If you have a passion for food, this is where your gifts and ministry go together!

We have all been through trying times when thinking about what to do for dinner is the last thing on your mind or in the budget! Maybe you have been ill or had surgery; maybe you have welcomed a new little one into your family or are grieving the loss of a loved one. Whatever the case may be, receiving a meal from your church family can lift your spirits and your burden. It's a feeling of thankfulness, peace and love.

That's what this ministry is all about. If you think you would like to be a part of Loaves and Fishes, please come to a short informational meeting on Monday, June 17 at 7:00 pm in FLC's Conference Room. Contact Debbie Purcell or the church office for more information.

Love Stoughton Area

Love Stoughton Area projects are getting underway! Now that the weather is warmer, we can start some outdoor projects. We are in need of volunteers to paint, clean and plant flowers. Remember that this is a perfect opportunity to show the love of Christ to our community.

Most of the people requesting projects are not members of First Lutheran, so this is a perfect opportunity to meet others and invite them to worship with you. We all need Jesus in our lives, and this may be the open door you need to plant a seed for their salvation!

If you are part of the project team, you will be getting an email describing the particular projects. If you aren't, call the office today and let us know that you would like to help out when you can and as you are able! We will contact you as projects come our way.

Thank you!
Valerie Fisher, LSA Coordinator



On the "To Do" list:



Council Highlights

At its meeting, FLC's Council:

- † Expressed gratitude to Pastor Sara for recruiting **over 80 volunteers** to help with the Syttende Mai food stand and parking.
- † Discussed potential **repairs to or the replacement of the hot water boiler** that malfunctioned several weeks ago.
- † Received a report and viewed a presentation from the Finance Committee, who is working on a **Financial Strategy** for the church.
- † Celebrated very **strong giving** to the General Fund and Follow Your Heart appeal for the first four months of the year.
- † Learned that a **new furnace and AC unit** had been installed in the parsonage. Appeal gifts covered this cost.
- † Recommended that the Evangelism Committee sponsor a "**Nametag Sunday**" in order for members to get acquainted more easily on Sunday mornings.
- † Learned that the church will offer a **Beatles Service** in June and an **Elvis Service** in July.
- † Heard a report about an opportunity for volunteers to help construct a **new lodge at Lutherdale Bible Camp**. Anyone interested can talk with Pastor Lehman to get more information.



A Word from the Pastor

It was the Sunday of Syttende Mai weekend after worship. The rain fell on and off. Sometimes the showers were so strong that people decided to come inside and sit in the Fellowship Hall. Many ordered food and sat at the round tables eating their meals.



A middle-aged man with a large camera hanging by a strap around his neck asked if he could see the sanctuary instead. I offered to give him a tour and he immediately accepted.

When we entered the sanctuary, he said, "Wow it is so beautiful and so clean!" I told him about our first appeal over 15 years ago and how we remodeled the worship space, retrofitted the organ and added modern audio visual capabilities. He was very impressed.

He said FLC was a lot like the Roman Catholic Church where he grew up. Then he started taking pictures of the organ and stained glass windows. Plus, he was fascinated to hear how the church was built in a time of rationing after World War II. It was a joy to share our sanctuary with someone who truly appreciated it.



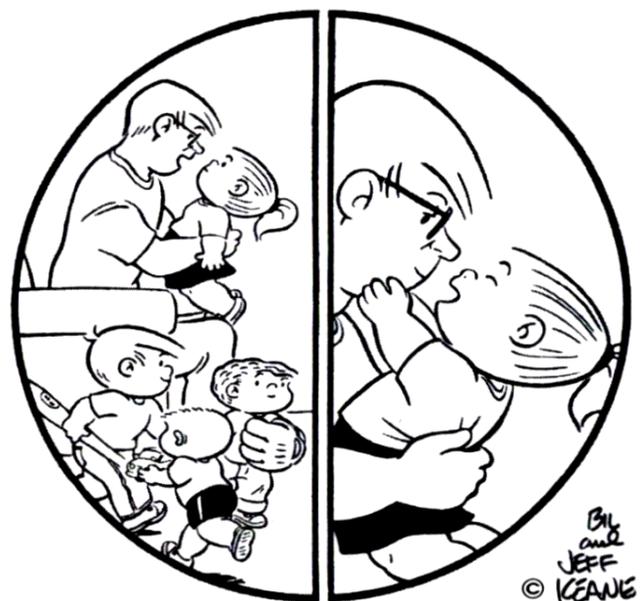
Several weeks ago, there was a very bad fire at the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. In 1981, I sang in that church with my college vocal choir at a time when it was being remodeled. Even with all of the construction, it was still a sight to see. So, it was disheartening to see a newscast showing the flames on the roof and the steeple falling down.

However, it is at such times that we are reminded that **the church is more about the people and our faith in Christ than the building**. A majestic sanctuary is a blessing, but it is the ministry and mission focusing on a relationship with God that counts the most.

Like that man, you might go on vacation this summer and worship in a sanctuary that reminds you of FLC. Or maybe not. But either way, you will still connect with God and other Christians.

Keep the faith!

Pastor Lehman



"You're my favorite daughter."

"And you're my favorite daddy!"

Sharing and Caring

Congratulations to...

Jeffrey and Gwendolyn (Casey) Davis on the recent baptism of their daughter, Fionnola Rosalie Davis.

Katherine Fox and James Potter on the recent birth of their son, Finley Charles Potter.

Randy and Melinda Page on the recent birth of their son, Scott Allan Page.

Vincil and Leny Varghese on the recent birth of their son, Levi Varghese.

Known to have been hospitalized...

David Hermanson
Ardys Pfundheller
Liz Nelson
Donald Vike



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 a pastors.

Special Prayers for...

Udo Bresinger, *father of Heidi Sehmer*
Haley Denzer

Stephan Francis, *friend of Jeanne Gilbertson*

Linda and Neal Klassy, *relatives of the Klassy family*

Polly Linden, *mother of Beth Johnson*

Athena and Eliseo Molina, *parents of Phil Molina*

Our Sympathy to the family of...

Tony Abplanalp, *uncle of Cally Ehle*

June Krueger, *mother of Paul Krueger*

Pastor John Pannkuk, *friend of the Lehman family*

Doug Pfundheller

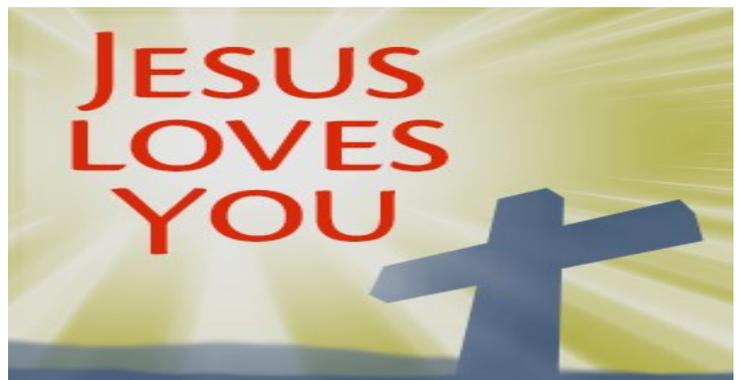
Chet Pitney, *brother of Wayne Pitney*

FLC Community is Everywhere!

Two First Lutheran people met for the first time in Ireland....



Gary Gimmestad and Kim Thompson at NUIG - National University of Ireland Galway.



Q: What is a good read to share with a friend?

A: Your favorite verse from the Bible!



Small Groups and Fellowship Ministries

Women's Circles

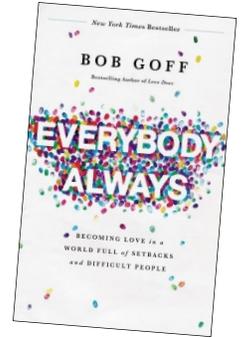
Circle 17 meets on Monday, June 10 at 11:30 am at Sunrise.

Circle 3 meets on Tuesday, June 11 at 11:00 am at the church to go to 1855 for lunch.

Phoebe Circle meets on Tuesday, June 11 at 6:30 pm at Gaye Lehman's.

Soul Sisters

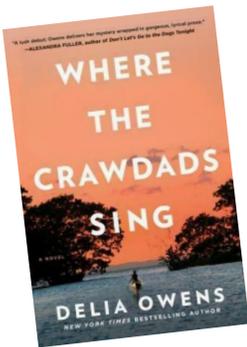
It's hard to love difficult people. God did not say it would be easy, but he did say it would work. As we conclude our Bible study series on **Everybody Always** this month, we have come full circle in understanding the meaning of Matthew 5:43-48 that is based on what "love your enemies" truly means. Author Bob Goff concludes this study by saying, "Instead of trying to figure everybody out, just love everybody."



You are more than welcome to join us on Monday, June 17 in the Fireside Room from 10:00-11:45 am. Guests and new members are always welcome.

Book Club News

The **Selah (Daytime) Group** will meet on Thursday, June 20 at 10:00 am in FLC's Library. This month the book discussion will be on **Where the Crawdads Sing** by Delia Owens.



FLC Guys Golf

Outings are scheduled the 2nd and 4th Tuesday morning of each month at area golf courses. Please join us for any of the outings that work for you. It's a great opportunity for some fun on the course and fellowship with your FLC friends.

June Outings:

6/11 at 8:30 am ~ Coachman's Golf Resort in Edgerton.

6/25 at 8:32 am ~ Evansville Golf Course in Evansville.

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



Game on and bring a friend.

Baby Baskets

There is a new sign-up at the Information Center for those who would like to take a month and fill baby baskets. Please consider signing up with a friend or family member; it is a great ministry to volunteer together.



If you prefer to shop for the baskets instead, we are in need of infant books, crib sheets, baby wash and all sizes of sleepers that could be used for a girl or a boy (unisex).

Summer Break

The following groups are on break for the summer:

Bible Journaling
Evening Book Club
Women's Bible Study

See you in
the fall!



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Roar: Life is Wild—God is Good 2019 Vacation Bible School

will take place on June 23-June 27, Sunday through Thursday evenings.
We will have dinner waiting at 5:30 pm with activities beginning at 6:00 until 8:15 pm

This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

Want to Lead? 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.

* *Could you donate something?*

Here's a list of all the stuff we need by June 15 to help us out:

- ✿ jar of baby food
- ✿ medium and large card board boxes
- ✿ black balloons
- ✿ yellow plastic table cloths
- ✿ Sand
- ✿ Frosted flakes
- ✿ 2 blue plastic table cloths
- ✿ wet wipes
- ✿ foam board
- ✿ small plastic jars (10)
- ✿ flexible straws
- ✿ river rocks
- ✿ gold wrapping paper or fabric
- ✿ 8 aluminum roasting pans
- ✿ 3 oz. cups
- ✿ 4 beach balls
- ✿ 27 plastic emptied and clean beverage bottles (12-16 oz)

Items to be loaned: ✿ small blankets or throw rugs ✿ decorative African items
✿ decorative pillows ✿ feather duster ✿ 2 child sized plastic wading pool
✿ Stuffed Animals (especially lions, rhinos, giraffes, elephants, zebras, gazelles)
✿ camp cot ✿ wooden crates ✿ 40 dominos ✿ baskets of varying sizes



Registration is going on now!

Fill out a registration form, return it to the church office by May 31 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 on June 2nd 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 Roar VBS this summer!



Little Lambs Play Group

You are invited to an informal playtime group for children 4 and under and their caregivers. Let kids have a little free play while the caregivers watch and provide support for each other.

This group meets in the church's Nursery from **9:00 - 11:00 am** on **Tuesday mornings**.

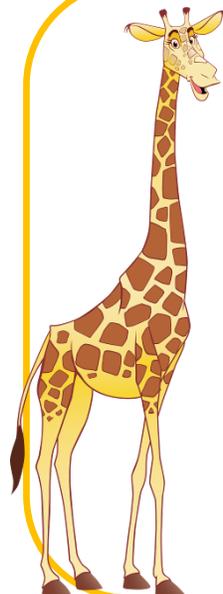
Join in the fun, bring a friend!

Contact Jennifer Seehaver for more Information at (262) 573-3949.



We Need You!

WE HAVE A LONG, LONG LIST!



VBS Decorating at the Church on:
Saturday, June 1 at 9:00 am
Thursday, June 13 at 6:15 pm

We had an awesome year in First Kids!

This summer remember to come to worship, pray at home, experience other churches while traveling and come to VBS!

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 2nd, 10:00 Service!

Certificates for memory work completed will be awarded on June 2nd!

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!



IMPACT 456

Reminders:

- ☞ Help as an usher or reader at end of the year program. Report to Openings room on June 2nd. 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 in your money for camp.
- ☞ Worship over the summer!
6th graders can start worship notes after camp.
- ☞ Come to VBS as a student or helper.
- ☞ Help with Baby Basket Sorting in August!
- ☞ IMPACT 456 meeting on August 19th at 6:00 pm.

THANK YOU!

We have had a wonderful group working with the First Kids. These teachers, helpers, song leaders, and substitutes keep First Kids running.

Here is our Hall of Fame:

Heather Allen
Kyleigh Allen
Tara Bergeson
Robin Bradford
Sandy Briski
Steve Briski
Cally Ehle
Kendra Eppler
Matt Eppler
Nate Eppler
Jody Gennrich
Jim Ginther
Jodi Gray
John Gray

Kjersten Janowski
Kristeen Johnson
Lee Ann Klitzke
Rikki Klassy
Beth Lehman
Kristi Midthun
Tricia Nicoll
Hannah Olson
Karen Pitney
Amy Steinmetz
Jess Tiede
Deb Thompson
Corbin Winter

Please give them a very big THANK YOU!

Youth and Family Ministries



Syttende Mai Thank You!

The Syttende Mai Food Stand and Parking Lot were a great success this year! Over 80 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!**

Summer Youth Worship

Attention Youth! We will be doing a worship service entirely led by the youth in August. Look on the Youth Bulletin Board to sign up to play an instrument, sing a song, usher, greet, or help lead the message. More details coming soon!



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

Jeremy Eppler	Carla Hoffman
Jody Gennrich	Tristan Kohrt
Angie Hjortland	Stacey Quam

Mentors

Becky Beck	Susan Schellin
Linda Christofferson	Becky Skavlen
Jeremy Eppler	Diane Sparkman
Todd Fossum	Stephanie Spilde
Jody Gennrich	Corbin Winter
Colleen Krueger	

Attention Youth Musicians!

Have you just had a recital coming up and have a musical piece to share?

See Pastor Sara for a time to share your music in worship!



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 2: Help with the end of the year picnic. Play games with the younger kids.

June 23-27: Help with Vacation Bible School. Sign up to help with a station or be a crew leader in the upper atrium.

June 27: Bonfire in the Parking lot, 8:15 pm Hotdogs and s'mores followed by games and closing worship. Help is needed to plan this event.

August 4: Make Sand candles. Come to worship, stay for lunch and make a candle after 2nd service!

August 11 at 11:15: Skit Practice for Youth Worship Services on **August 18**. 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 in late August or early September please talk to Pastor Sara.

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