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The deadline for the November Newsletter is October 18.

Worship at First Lutheran

October 7

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Genesis 2:18-24

Second Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Psalm: 8

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

October 14

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Second Lesson: Hebrews 4:12-16

Psalm: 90:12-17

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

October 21

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: 63:1-7

Second Lesson: Acts 8:14-15

Gospel: Luke 11:1-4

October 28

Reformation Sunday

First Lesson: Exodus 3:11-15

Second Lesson: Revelation 4:9-11

Gospel: John 4:13-26



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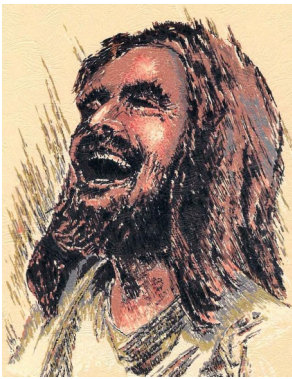
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First Call Retreat/Godly Play Pastor Doug

In September, I attended a retreat for first call pastors. I attended because I am still in the first three years of my ordination, October 17, 2015, which happens to be the day after my first day coming to First Lutheran, October 16, 2016. Anyway, as I digress, I am also aware that many may not realize that there is ongoing training for first call pastors.

During these retreats (which this is the last one I will be attending) we are given all sorts of good insights through targeted training. The bishop attended this retreat and gave us tips, pointers, and fielded questions about worship practices. It was refreshing to hear from someone who has a gift for worship. Bishop Maas loves to participate and plan worship, although he does not get to as much as he would like, not being in a parish setting anymore.

I also was introduced to a different way of teaching our biblical stories. These can be taught year after year, to children, adults, older adults, etc. In other words, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Confirmation, Worship, Nursing Homes, and other places with people that are willing to listen. There are all sorts of possibilities, and what is most exciting are the intergenerational possibilities that can be seen.

What is this different way? It is called Godly Play, <https://www.godlyplayfoundation.org/> There is training for those that would lead in the teaching of the stories and then there are the materials. The stories can be first taught to the Sunday School and beyond. The idea is to have all the story materials available on hand and tell

our stories from the Bible. Tell the story of creation, Joseph, John the Baptist, parables, Psalms and much more.

From the Godly Play Foundation Website:

Godly Play is a creative, imaginative approach to Christian formation and spiritual guidance.

Godly Play has a Montessori foundation with 40+ years of research and practice.

Godly Play values process, openness, discovery, community and relationships.

Godly Play models the worship life, stories, symbols and rituals of Christian congregations.

Godly Play allows practitioners to make relevant and personal theological meaning.

Godly Play nurtures participants to larger dimensions of belief and faith through wondering and play.

The Godly Play series contains 8 volumes of stories, and there are materials available for each story. It sounds expensive (and it is), but it is something that does not have to be replaced year after year. It is something that can be creatively used over and over.

Can you imagine, our youth will learn the stories hands on and be able to tell the stories to others. Years and years worth of Sunday school and VBS materials that never go out of date. An opportunity to tell the stories to our members and friends in the nursing home. An opportunity for the youth to help tell the stories in the nursing home. A time of telling and sharing in multiple group settings. What a great opportunity to open the doors to faith, through the telling of our biblical stories.

The training is three days long. Currently there is no training in Nebraska, but there are pastors actively working on getting a training to come to Nebraska. There is a training coming up in October in Chicagoland. I have already heard of someone who wants to go.

I encourage you to head out to the Godly Play website to check out the program. Do you want

to be a story teller? Let me know, I would love to hear from you. Do you want to help support this program? Let me know, I would love to hear from you. You can contribute financially to this program, by designated giving to Godly Play. Some of the materials we can make on our own. All we need are people willing to support telling the stories of our Bible and willing to contribute their time to making the props for the stories. If you are interested, take a look at the website and then let me know. I would love to hear from you.

Keeping the biblical stories alive for generations to come.

Anniversaries

Jerry and Jeana Davis—October 4
Dennis and Linda Fischer—October 21
Chris and Misty Hedquist—October 18
Kimon and Ronda Litras—October 1
Andy and LeAnn Mohning—October 20
Lane and Carol Ostendorf—October 27
Rick and Manon Thramer—October 9

Happy Birthday

Ranelle De Jong—October 11
Douglas Dill—October 29
Cathie Galvin—October 11
Jace Graves—October 24
Sara Gunderson—October 5
Rick Heuertz—October 29
Melissa Jensen—October 15
Linda Johansen—October 3
Diana Jones—October 8
Bill Kendra—October 26
Andrea Kleider—October 26
Greg Kleider—October 9
Becky Knudsen—October 9
Sharie Lieber—October 22
Patty Matz—October 31
LeAnn Mohning—October 3
Bob Oberg—October 5
Sharon Parker—October 18
Kaylana Pedersen—October 29
Amanda Phommavong—October 21

Mike Rich—October 13
Jennifer Rosenbaum—October 20
Ray Schleusener—October 10
Randy Walsh—October 11

Youth Birthdays

Eyan Barr—October 19
Myles Chytka—October 4
Diew Diew—October 3
Nyaluet Diew—October 3
Sara Diew—October 14
Madison Gunderson—October 20
Raelyn Hamilton—October 12
Katelyn Lieber—October 28
Lincoln Phipps—October 25
Bubba Schiltz—October 13

Giving Statements

If we have your email address on file, we will email your giving statement to you. All others will be printed and available to pick up at the Welcome Center.

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 4. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!

Social Ministry

Social Ministry collects "Pantry" items each month to donate to the needs of our community. The Pantry items collected for October are food items for families in need. Please leave your donations in the cart in the entryway.

One Service

We will have one service at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 28. This is Confirmation Day for the 9th graders.

WELCA General Meeting

The Women of the ELCA General Meeting that was scheduled for October 2 has been postponed.

Financial Reports

Treasurer's Report - August 2018

WOMEN OF THE ELCA GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

POSTPONED

☼☼☼ CIRCLE MEETINGS ☼☼☼

LYDIA GROUP October 11, 2018 7:00 p.m.

LEADER: Machelie Dass
HOSTESS: Vicky Johnson

CIRCLE I October 15, 2018 2:00 p.m.

LEADER: Group
HOSTESS: Jackie Gierman
Sandy Larson

CIRCLE II October 9, 2018 9:15 a.m.

LEADER: Mary Wolf
HOSTESS:



Bible Study

"Repentance"

Lydia: "Living Above Worry and Stress"

Beginning General Fund Balance: \$ - 51,803.63

Receipts:

Contributions	\$20,292.73
Misc. Income	93.02
TOTAL:	\$20,385.75

Expenses:

Pastor's salary	\$ 3,458.34
Pastor's allowances / exp.	4,568.44
Auxiliary staff salaries	5,697.60
Payroll Taxes	418.61
Parsonage Payment/Utilities	870.55
Utilities	958.54
Grounds Maint.	256.77
Building Maint.	186.14
Christian Education	258.49
Office Expenses	316.11
Postage	150.00
Insurance	2,373.00
Youth	35.00
Parish	287.17
<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>545.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$20,379.76

Transfer to Capital Improvement: \$ 100.00

Ending General Fund Balance: \$ -51,897.64

August Attendance & General Fund Receipts

August 5	123	\$ 3,931.00
August 12	118	\$ 3,156.00
August 19	148	\$ 8,104.00
August 26	114	\$ 3,101.73
Online/Electronic Giving		\$ 2,000.00

Thank You

A big thank you to those who helped with the tree removal at the parsonage and church. It was very much appreciated!

First Lutheran Church Food Pantry-Thank you to Circle I and Salem Lutheran Church for their donations of food. Seventy-two boxes of food were distributed in August.

Harney Elementary-Thank you so much for donating all of the backpacks and school supplies for the students at Harney Elementary. We are so grateful for your generosity. Thank you for helping our students succeed in school and life.

Lutheran World Relief

Sunday, October 21 is the deadline for bringing LWR projects, kits, etc. to the church. A sample of the items will be on display. You can find lists of the supplies needed to complete School, Personal, Baby Care, and Fabric kits on the bulletin board in the entryway. Wrapped bars of soap are also needed.

If you would like to fill a School Kit backpack, there are several backpacks on the Women of the ELCA bulletin board. If you need more information regarding these projects, please call Lee Mathiason (494-6125).

Craft Fair

A Craft Fair will be held here Saturday, November 3 from 9:00 am—3:00 p.m. If you would like to sell a craft, registration forms are available in the entryway. Baked goods are also needed.

Armed Forces Candy

In November the church will be remembering our current service personnel with homemade candies. If you have a family member in the service you would like to be remembered, please give their name and current address to the church by November 1.

If you are able to help with providing candy,

please call Jackie Gierman (494-1218). Monetary donations will also be accepted to help with postage costs.

Instant Notification

It is now October, which means the white stuff will be hitting the ground again soon. For some a joy, for others the scourge. Either way, it also means cold and ice and the possibility of having to adjust events at FLC. Last year, one of the services was cancelled due to snow. We did our best to notify as many people as we could, but there was just no good way of reaching everyone.

We posted on Facebook and posted on one of the news channels. Not everyone got the information. If we need to cancel an event or worship, we want you to know before you leave the house. This year, we have been able to reach more people through email. We will also have access to all three news stations and there is still Facebook. We also put into place a text-based notification system in May.

We currently show a membership around 400 people with an attendance of 120 on normal weekends. We have only 40 people signed up for text message notifications. On the front of the Sunday bulletin, there is information on how to sign up. There are also postings around FLC on how to sign up. I encourage each of you to get signed up, so you do not miss out on the happenings of FLC. There are multiple groups you can select to be part of. There is a general info, Emergency Text, Fellowship, Confirmation, Choir, Bells and Band group.

Here is all that you need to do to sign up.

Text FLCSSC to 797979 from your cell phone. From there, follow the instructions. It is that easy. Alternately, you can head to our website, <http://www.flcssc.org> and click on the graphic on the right-hand side that says, "Join Our Txt Msg List Now!" It is that easy. While on the website, you can also sign up for our email list update, just below the text message sign up.

Happy texting, and hopefully you will not get a text message this year about cancelling worship service. However, better to know before you leave home.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Doug

Treats! No Tricks...

Speaking of treats...or maybe a trick...have you seen the change to pumpkin EVERYTHING in the stores? Pumpkin spice latte, pumpkin bread, I found pumpkin spice English muffins, bagels and even a pumpkin spice air freshener this week. And believe me, I didn't look too hard to find them all!

As the season turns to fall (Grass quits growing—good! Leaves dropping everywhere—bad), children's thoughts turn to Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

And as parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends, we all find ways to get even busier—how does that happen? School events, sports, activities, visits to/from relatives, and more. They all conspire to steal crazy amounts of time from us.

The trick is to find the time to worship even as we enjoy the treats of the season. We want more than just the treats of Halloween (OK, make mine peanut butter cups), but we often get tricked into putting too much time in too many places.

And when Sunday comes around, it can be overwhelming—and it's just easier to skip the service. But you miss out on the real 'treat' of the season! A drive to church looking at the changing colors, brisk breezes and the smells are all different. And all there for you to enjoy.

And when you arrive, you can get refreshed by either the traditional or contemporary service and in between enjoy a variety of treats and coffee—and conversations with your fellow members. It's a real treat to be here on Sunday mornings!

I can't promise you won't find some pumpkin spice something on the treats counter, but I can

assure you that whichever service you attend, it will be a real treat for you and your family!

I also want to give a shoutout to the many volunteers who work tirelessly to make our services a great success! Your help is really appreciated! And we need more people to help in so many ways—please sign up on the lists!

Oh, one final comment—not sure if it's a trick OR a treat—I have it on good authority that we will NOT be serving Pumpkin Spice communion bread!

J.R. Reider

Contemporary Music Leader

October Flower Chart

October 7 (Altar) Given by Jan and Linda Johansen in memory of loved ones.

October 14 (Altar) Given by Joey Hartshorn in honor of her mother, Arlene Barker.

October 21 (Altar) Given by Paula Reider in memory of her parents, Earl and Florence Stickney.

October 28 (Altar) Given by Elaine Fader.

(Chancel) Given by Lance, Linda and Sophie Swanson in honor of Breck Swanson's Confirmation Day.

OCTOBER 28—CONFIRMATION/ONE SERVICE @ 9:30 a.m.

NOVEMBER 3—CRAFT FAIR from 9:00 - 3:00

NOVEMBER 3—BLOOD DRIVE from 9:00 - 12:00

DECEMBER 2—CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM/ONE SERVICE @ 9:30

DECEMBER 9—CHRISTMAS CANTATA/ONE SERVICE @ 9:30

DECEMBER 24—CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP @ 5:00 and 11:00

October 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY																																																	
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Thanks to our October Volunteers

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