

Moment of Contact



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

As we enter into the summer months, our worship life will focus on being a disciple. What is a disciple? A disciple is someone who learns from a teacher and applies the teaching to their life. Jesus led by example. His disciples, a strange mixture of fishermen, tax collectors and curious followers, spent time with Jesus. They ate with Jesus. They listened in to conversations Jesus had with all sorts of people. They saw Jesus heal. They heard parables which needed to be explained and they were sent out to go and be like Jesus.

Jesus called the disciples to share good news of the coming reign of God, even although this news may not have been considered "good" for all who heard!

As Jesus' disciples today, he teaches us much about discipleship by calling, claiming, and sending us. This sending is *ongoing*. To be a disciple of Jesus is a continual and arduous sending, it can be accompanied by success or failure, and always seems to need to innovate!

This summer as we gather for worship, fellowship and ministry, we reflect the mission of Jesus' own disciples as we are called, claimed and sent. When

God calls us, Jesus' disciples for today, he calls us to innovate and be creative in how we reach out to others to share the good news. This summer let's keep in mind our ability to be creative, innovative and curious comes as a result of being Jesus' followers. Life-long learners who follow Jesus wherever he may lead!

Pastor Kristine

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Children completing kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to attend Vacation Bible School. Please mark your calendars for June 5 – 8, 2023. VBS will be held this year at Riverside Lutheran (1817 Riverside Blvd, Sioux City). You may register at the door or go to the Riverside Lutheran VBS website: <https://nhcc.me/>

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The group which meets on Thursdays to study scripture invites you to join them. This summer we will study a parable of Jesus each week. A parable is a story which illustrates an instructive example or a lesson. The parable we study will be printed in the bulletin for the coming week, you will also be able to check our website for a weekly update as well. You are invited to read through the parable before coming to class, and then engage in a lively conversation about what Jesus may have meant by the story he illustrates in his parable. The first week of June, Thursday, June 8 at 1 pm in the Fireside Room, we will look at the parable of *New Cloth on Old Garment*, read Matthew 9:16-17, Mark 2:21-22 and Luke 5:36-39 and come prepared to discuss! Hope to see you there.

Financial update month ended 4/31/2023

April total income: \$25,495.30

Total expenses: \$22,968.04

YTD ended April 31st, 2023

Total income: \$129,239.66

Total expenses: \$93,718.16

The Month of May is when we begin to see less net income all the way through the summer months. Expenses remain relatively on budget.

Pete Hawkinson

Finance Committee Chair

Hannah Gross graduated from the University of Washington-Seattle with a Masters of Social Work on June 10th. Hannah and her family would like to thank you for the prayers and support.

Congratulations Hannah!





June 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u>Key</u></p> <p>CR = Community Rm FH = Fellowship Hall FR = Fireside Room</p>				<p>1 1:00 Adult Bible Study, FR</p>	<p>2 9:00 Quilters, FH 12:30 Timm F., Gym 7:00 AA, FH</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 10:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion After Worship - Fellowship, FR</p>	<p>5 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed 7:00 Scouts FH</p>	<p>6 10:00 Text Study</p>	<p>7 9:00 Food Pantry</p>	<p>8 1:00 Adult Bible Study, FR</p>	<p>9 9:00 Quilters, FH 7:00 AA, FH</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>VBS @ Riverside Lutheran, June 5-8, 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM</p>						
<p>11 10:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion After Worship - Fellowship, FR</p>	<p>12 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed 7:00 Scouts FH</p>	<p>13 10:00 Text Study</p>	<p>14 9:00 Food Pantry</p>	<p>15 1:00 Adult Bible Study, FR 4:00 Soup Kitchen Volunteers</p>	<p>16 9:00 Quilters, FH 7:00 AA, FH</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 10:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion After Worship - Fellowship, FR</p>	<p>19 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed 6:30 Mary Circle 7:00 Scouts FH</p>	<p>20 10:00 Text Study 6:30 Council Meeting</p>	<p>21 9:00 Food Pantry 12:30 Rachel Circle</p>	<p>22 1:00 Adult Bible Study, FR</p>	<p>23 9:00 Quilters, FH 7:00 AA, FH</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 10:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion After Worship - Fellowship, FR</p>	<p>26 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed 7:00 Scouts FH</p>	<p>27 10:00 Text Study</p>	<p>28 9:00 Food Pantry</p>	<p>29 1:00 Adult Bible Study, FR</p>	<p>30 9:00 Quilters, FH 7:00 AA, FH</p>	

HELPING IN THE HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

June 6, 13, 20, 27 Janet Gross & Nissa Downing preparing bags for Wednesday distribution.

May 31	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Sue Mullin Nadine Holst	Mary McCoy Jeanne Hanna	Ann Doellinger Becki McGlaufflin	Dorothy Goettsch Nadine Holst	Chris Taylor Sue Bowers



The Clean-up/Green-up event on May 20th was a success. We had 58 vehicles participate and the Food Pantry will receive \$580 from Thrivent.

In addition to this donation they will help plant 116 trees (2 per car) in working with the Arbor Day Foundation. We would like to thank all our volunteers for the Green-up portion of this day: Ann Doellinger, David Gross, Becki McGlaufflin, Dina & Craig Crees, Fran Krommenhoek, Kaia Downing, Mary McCoy, Terry Glade and Janet Gross.

April Review:
184 households = 594 individuals served



A Thrivent Action Card was obtained by Mike Mahaney to purchase \$250.00 worth of meat. Mike secured the purchase of hamburger and some hotdogs through The Butcher Shop. The bulk packaged meat was portion packed, frozen, ready for distribution to guests. Thank you, Mike, for your work on this donation!



An anonymous local pork producer and an additional donor, donated 500 pounds of processed pork to the pantry. Thank you!



Worship Leadership Calendar

Pentecost 2023 Summer	June 4 <i>Holy Trinity</i>	June 11	June 18 <i>Father's Day</i>	June 25
ASSISTING MINISTER	Bruce Miller	Alison Hertenstein	Dan Moore	Janet Gross
SACRISTAN	Jenny Denne	Mike VanBeest	Julie Thiele	David Gross
READER	Kassie Henderson	Gary Troth	August Schenzel	Paula Damon
CRUCIFER	Judah Henderson			
COMMUNION MINISTER	Tim Geary	Sheila Geary	Jim Lippke	Jason Denne
USHER/GREETERS	Jay Schenzel Bruce Miller Sarah Biorn	Mike Mahaney Denise Powell Lee Knop	Mike VanBeest Julie & Brian Thiele	Gary Troth Mike VanBeest Ann Doellinger
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS	Mary McCoy Chris Taylor	Lori McClaren	David & Janet Gross	Dee Bertram Bev Rosenkrans



The First Lutheran Church Women would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Bakeless Bake Sale. For those that do not know what we do, we would like to give you a preview. We sponsor our quilting group that donated 57 quilts to Lutheran World Relief, donated \$1,050 to local charities and \$1,150 to various charities within WELCA (Women of Evangelical Lutheran Church Women). We updated the ladies restroom, purchased and installed changing tables in the restrooms, and most recently carpeted the hall. We are able to provide refreshments and also work at the funeral luncheons.

We sponsor our Circles and would like to invite new members that would be interested in some Christian fellowship. One of our Circles meet in the evening and one meets in the afternoon. We are also looking for new members to join the Board. Thank you!!



We have summer openings available for radio broadcast and livestream. The 2023 radio and livestream sponsor signup lists are in the Narthex or email:

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