



# THE MESSENGER

## First English Lutheran Church

August, 2018

### A Message from Pastor Michael

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The beginning of summer is often the start of the Season of Pentecost. During this season we read the stories of the travels of Jesus and his disciples. Along the way he is healing the sick, caring for the lonely and feeding the hungry. About this time each year we get what is called 'Good Shepherd Sunday.' An image of who Jesus is the Good Shepherd caring for the people who are feeling left out of society, who live on the margins of life, or are the forgotten in life.

The summer for me has become a time when I feel connected to my faith and to the people we are called to serve. Over my time in ministry the summer is a time for me to encourage and get the youth excited about service and mission trips. I often hear back from them even years after their trip about how that week or their experience of serving others has changed them. Some of them will tell me stories of what we did that week that I have forgotten. How the little kids on the Native American reservation touched them. They ask me if I still remember the name of the lady whose house we painted. They wonder if that fence we mended and painted is still standing.

Being sent to serve others in the name of Jesus is part of our calling as disciples of Christ. But we do not have to be 'sent' to go to other places or towns or states in order to serve others. We do so right here in Platteville and at First English Lutheran. Here in our community we serve homeless families through Family Promise. I know many of you donated shoes for Haiti, or gave your pocket change to support the Pennies for Poverty campaign carried out by the LCW. Still others continue to serve on the Food Shelf or Thrift Store board. There are so many ways God has called us to serve.

This next week (July 29<sup>th</sup>) we are taking about 30 young people from our community to camp. This happens because many at FELC serve by acting as the staff, craft cabin leaders, counselors and song leaders. For a week we will serve the youth of our community teaching and guiding them in faith with both words and actions.

So, I want to take time here at the end of this summer season to say THANK YOU to all of you who have served others in the name of Jesus this last year. You continue a tradition started with Jesus' disciples as they were sent to proclaim the Good News in word and deed to all the nations beginning in their home towns.

Now if you continue to be inspired or energized to serve, we are still looking for eager hands to serve the members of FELC. I know Nancy Hammermeister continues to look for Sunday School teachers. The Chimes and Choir are open to having new members join them in music and song. Volunteer opportunities abound at worship (ushers, greeters, communion assistants, etc.) and with other groups.

One team in need of members is the Vision Team. With the wish list being compiled, the council is in the process of envisioning where FELC is headed next. The Vision Team, along with the council and with your input, will be determining where we are headed in the next few years. Our mission is clear – **"Called by God, we are Christians gathered and sent to serve our church, community and the world in the name of Christ"**. I ask you to consider how God is calling you to serve both now and in the years to come.

Pr Michael

August, 2018

## CHAPTER A DAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Psalm 113	2 Psalm 114	3 Psalm 115	4 Psalm 116-117
5 Psalm 118	6 Psalm 119.1-48	7 Psalm 119.49-96	8 Psalm 119.97-144	9 Psalm 119.145-176	10 Psalm 120-121	11 1 Thessalonians 1-2
12 1 Thessalonians 3-4	13 1 Thessalonians 5	14 2 Thessalonians 1-2	15 2 Thessalonians 3	16 Psalm 122-123	17 Psalm 124-125	18 Psalm 126-128
19 Psalm 129-130	20 Psalm 131-132	21 Psalm 133-134	22 Psalm 135	23 Psalm 136	24 Psalm 137-138	25 Psalm 139
26 Psalm 140	27 Psalm 141-142	28 Psalm 143	29 Psalm 144	30 Psalm 145	31 Psalm 146	

## COUNCIL SUMMARY

**FELC Council Summary**

Wish List – discussed the wish list talking about how we might prioritize it working with the Vision and Infrastructure teams.

One summer worship service – discussed the possibility of having only one worship service during the summer next year. Will find ways to ask the congregation for feedback on if that is something we might want to do and what time might work best.

Office work space – approved allowing Family Promise to utilize part of the small office in the front office for their Treasurer to work out of for a few months.  
Approved all reports.

Next meeting will be held on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm.

**SYNOD NEWS**

Bishop Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld, who was elected as the bishop of our synod at our annual assembly back in May, will be formally installed on **August 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm @ First Lutheran Church in Janesville**. All are welcome to come and join in the celebration. Pr Michael and Debbie are attending. If you would like to ride along, please contact Pr Michael.

Bishop Viviane will be in the area for a **Meet and Greet on August 23rd, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm** (location to be announced—contact the church office (348-3022) as the date gets closer).

Then on **August 25th Bishop Vivian will be here at First English to preach at both worship services**. Please mark your calendar and join us for worship that day and come to meet the bishop of our synod.



Sunday School starts  
**September 16**

Information will be in the mail to most families in early August. If you are new to First English or have any questions about the program, feel free to contact **Nancy Hammermeister**, Sunday School coordinator.

We are still in need of a couple more “faith-filled and enthusiastic” adults to help with Sunday School this fall. If you’re interested in helping with this important ministry, contact **Nancy Hammermeister** by email/text/phone.

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## A MESSAGE FROM VICAR JONATHAN

“HEAVEN HAS A WALL AND STRICT IMMIGRATION POLICIES. HELL HAS OPEN BORDERS. LET THAT SINK IN.” – meme posted to Facebook.

I recently saw this meme shared by a friend on Facebook. The person is a lifelong Lutheran and current member of an ELCA congregation in Iowa. I'm not going to lie, this meme made me angry, not at the friend who shared it, not at the person who created it, but at the way in which Lutherans have taught the faith. I asked myself, **what have we, and by we, I mean ALL of us, as preachers and teachers of the Christian faith missed? That, a person who is a lifelong Lutheran, could not understand how counter this meme's message is to a Lutheran understanding of salvation and justification by faith?**

“The Gospel **freely offers**, for Christ's sake, to us, who have been vanquished by sin and death, **reconciliation** which is received not by works, but by **faith alone**. This faith brings to God not confidence in one's own merits, but **only confidence in the mercy promised in Christ**. Thus, because faith, which **freely receives the remission of sins**, sets Christ, the Mediator and Propitiator, against God's wrath, it does not present our merits or our love [which would be tossed aside like a little feather by a hurricane].” - excerpt from Article IV: Justification in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession found in the Book of Concord.

The Book of Concord contains the Lutheran Confessions by which we understand and interpret Scripture, theology, creation, human society and everyday life. The Facebook meme presents an interpretation of Christian theology that is grossly incorrect. It states that by one's own personal merits (“strict immigration policies”), one may pass through the “Wall” and enter Heaven. A Lutheran understanding of justification by faith, as expressed in the quote above, vehemently disagrees with such an assessment. Salvation is a free gift received through the power of the Holy Spirit by faith. This faith points to the promised mercy of what Jesus Christ has done, is doing and will do to reconcile us back to the Father. So, no, Heaven does **NOT** have “strict immigration policies!” **Heaven does however say, “On account of Jesus Christ, your faith has been made whole. You are free!” God then beckons us, “Come, live in my presence forever and ever!” So, shall it be.**

*As always, my door is open for conversation feel free to stop in for a visit. I'm here most of the day Tuesday through Friday.*

### Greetings FELC on behalf of LCM!

The last six weeks have seen three New Student Orientation weeks at UWP. Each week we have had a booth set up at the afternoon Involvement Fair. In that time, myself, members of LCM Board and Pr. Mike have spoken to roughly 50 family units. There have been another 30 or so students who have signed up to receive LCM updates via their UWP email. LCM Board voted in June to purchase 50 tickets to the Skillet Concert during the Welcome Back Weekend. Skillet is a Christian Rock band and LCM viewed this as an opportunity for evangelism to UWP students. We are going to raffle off 45 for students and the other 5 will be for adults. Some 70 or so students entered their name for the drawing and that will happen in August! We are excited for the future of LCM this year!

### Youth NEWS

The youth would like to thank all the members who supported them as they were sent off to serve the people of Duluth and Houston. Memories were made which will last them a lifetime.

The youth are still fundraising to cover the cost of the trip. They are selling pizzas through the month of July. These are just like the pizzas the camp youth usually sell in January. So if you are out and are in need of pizzas, contact the church office (348-3022) or one of the youth.

### CAMP NEWS

As you receive this newsletter the youth are preparing for their week of camp. We will leave on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> following worship returning on Friday afternoon. This year's theme is 'Weak but Strong.' Please remember the campers, staff and all who travel with us this week.

## SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

	8:00	10:00
<b><u>August 5</u></b>		
Greeters	Dawn Williams, Bruna Addison	Joyce Jones, Volunteer
Ushers	Ken & Mary Jo Kramer	Lisa & Alex Hartz
Readers	Maxine Lane	Jane Harrison
Communion Assts	Maxine Lane, Louise Brockman	Jane Harrison
Communion Care	Pam Stark, Kathy Udelhofen	Dan & Pauline Smith
Coffee Hour	Ken & Mary Jo Kramer	Lisa & Alex Hartz
Bread Baker	Cindy Martens	
Acolytes	Mary Jo Kramer	
Organist	Daniel Wells	Volunteer
	Ellen Acierno	
<b><u>August 12</u></b>		
Greeters	Dennis & Suzanne Neuser	John & Jan Pople
Ushers	Chris & Wayne Jentz	Cheri & Jenna Oftedal
Readers	Jerry Schewe	Debbie Short
Communion Assts	Chelle Calvert, Kathy Udelhofen	Debbie Short, Nancy Weigel
Communion Care	Jerry Schewe, Louise Brockman	James Swenson
Coffee Hour	Kathy Udelhofen, Louise Brockman	Cheri & Jenna Oftedal
Bread Baker	Naomi Wells	
Acolytes	Melissa Kilian	
Organist	Volunteer	Volunteer
	Rebecca Swenson	
<b><u>August 19</u></b>		
Greeters	Diana Blindert, Volunteer	Phil & Janean Wyse
Ushers	Dale & Cindy Wills	Brooke & Joci Grinde
Readers	Dan Sedgwick	Cheryl Schober
Communion Assts	Chelle Calvert, Dan Sedgwick	Cheryl Schober, Curt Kettler
Communion Care	Maxine Lane, Carol Sedgwick	Barry Ellis
Coffee Hour	Dale & Cindy Wills	Brooke & Joci Grinde
Bread Baker	Gary & Eileen Engelke	
Acolytes	Gary Engelke	
Organist	Jeremy Schober-Lange	Jordan Schober-Lange
	Terri Ellis	
<b><u>August 26</u></b>		
Greeters	Pam Stark, Terry Benn	Nancy Weigel, Joyce Jones
Ushers	Brooke Buch, Brenda Dalecki	Ken & Jessie Kilian
Readers	Dan Sedgwick	Cheryl Schober
Communion Assts	Dan Sedgwick, Jerry Schewe	Cheryl Schober, Debbie Short
Communion Care	Carol Sedgwick, Louise Brockman	Greg & Mary Sieckman
Coffee Hour	Pam Stark, Terry Benn	Nancy Weigel, Joyce Jones
Bread Baker	Cheri Oftedal	
Acolytes	Stephanie Saager-Bourret	
Organist	Jeremy Schober-Lange	Jordan Schober-Lange
	Mary Baehler	

**ALTAR GUILD FOR AUGUST: DIANA BLINDERT, CHRIS JENTZ**

**FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR**

**August, 2018**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 2:00—Muslim Prayer Service	4
<b>FELC CAMP AT PINE LAKE</b>						
5 <b>SCRIP ORDERS DUE</b> 8:00 - Worship 10:00 - WPVL 10:00 - Worship <b>LCW Salad Luncheon</b>	6	7 7:00 - Boy Scouts	8 4:00 - Busy Hands	9	10 2:00 - Muslim Prayer Service	11 <b>Youth Pizza Making</b>
12 8:00 - Worship 10:00 - WPVL 10:00 - Worship	13 6:30—Book Club	14 7:00 - Boy Scouts	15 8:00 - WMM 9:00 - Cover Girls 4:00 - Busy Hands	16	17 2:00 - Muslim Prayer Service	18
19 8:00 - Worship 10:00 - WPVL 10:00 - Worship	20	21 7:00 - Boy Scouts	22 4:00 - Busy Hands	23 <b>6:30 pm—Meet &amp; Greet Bishop Viviane at Peace Lutheran in Belmont</b>	24 2:00 - Muslim Prayer Service	25
26 8:00 - Worship 10:00 - WPVL 10:00 - Worship <b>Bishop Viviane will preach today.</b>	27	28 7:00 - Boy Scouts	29	30	31 2:00 - Muslim Prayer Service	

**SCRIP ORDERS WILL BE COLLECTED on August 5th.  
Thank you for supporting Campus Ministry.**

## LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

### Save the Date One Day Women's Fall Spiritual Retreat

Saturday, September 22, 2018

at New Life Lutheran Church,  
7564 Cottage Grove Road, Madison

### "Listening for God – Walking with Jesus"

Led by Carla Stanton, a Certified Spiritual Director from the  
La Crosse area

Registration starts at 8:30 am,

Program starts at 9:30, Closing by 3:45 pm

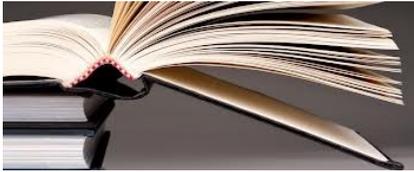
Handicap accessible. Childcare available. Complete information  
in the July Trumpeter.

Bring a friend

The LCW will pay half of the registration for any woman from FELC  
who would like to attend. If you have questions, please talk to  
Jane Harrison or Stephanie Saager-Bourret.

### WOMEN'S ISSUES

The ladies will be taking a  
summer break and will  
continue with their meetings in  
September.



### BOOK CLUB

For August book club, we will be discussing "*Bear Town*" by  
Fredrik Backman - - a story of a hockey-loving small town  
and the events that occur and effects it has on the people  
during and after the hockey season. A must read for any sports-loving fan, and if you are not a  
sports- loving fan, you'll just enjoy the story. Fredrik Backman is also the author of "*A Man  
Called Ove*."

Please come join us on Monday, August 13th at 6:30 pm in the church nursery.

### LCW Summer Luncheon

Join us on Sunday, August 5 for a salad luncheon and program. Our friend Suzanne Bartels from  
Boscobel will be sharing "Apron History and Memories" from her collection of antique aprons. We  
will gather for lunch at 11:30 in the Gathering Space, and enjoy the program after lunch. You are  
encouraged to bring an apron and story to share. All are welcome.

### Lutheran World Relief

It was just the first day of summer and here I am requesting school supplies. We will once again  
help the Sunday School students collect items for school kits for Lutheran World Relief. They will  
be assembled by the students in September and shipped out in October. I like to remind you early  
enough so you can take advantage of all the Back To School Sales.

The following items are what we are requesting for these school kits:

- 70 sheet count notebooks (wide or college ruled paper)
- Pencils, unsharpened, #2
- Rulers, with inches on one side and 30 centimeters on the other
- Pencil sharpeners
- Scissors, blunt end safety scissors preferred
- Ballpoint pens, blue or black (no gel ink)
- Crayons, 16 or 24 count
- Eraser 2 ½"

These items can be placed in the Lutheran World Relief tote in the fellowship hall. Again, thank  
you for your support for these mission projects. ~Pauline



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We want to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who made our July Family Promise host week a success. Thank you for your gifts of time, energy, food, and supplies. We couldn't have done it without you!

Our next host week begins October 21st. Mark your calendars! Family Promise is an organization that provides support and shelter to families experiencing homelessness in our community. If you would like to join our team of volunteers, please contact Fern Nall (348-5332, f\_nall@hotmail.com) or Joci Grinde (608-763-2060, jocigrinde@yahoo.com).

### UPDATED FELC WISH LIST

The following is a list of items the council with input from the Infrastructure Team and the LCW along with other individuals. This is not meant to be a complete list but a list which changes to help meet the needs and forward the mission of FELC.

#### Short term / quick items

- Hymnals (30 @ \$25 each)
- Pew Bibles (75 @ \$15 each)
- High top tables (3 or 4 for upstairs gathering area)
- White boards for Sunday school rooms
- Banners for sanctuary
- Music & mallots for chimes
- Handicapped toilet for the old bathroom

#### Intermediate term / replacement or prevention items

- Replace Zone furnace & A/C units (3)
- Replace A/C unit for sanctuary
- Sanctuary ceiling fans (3)
- Electronic sign in front of church
- Updating Brides (Love) room
- Updating sound board in Sanctuary
- Video equipment to video services
- Automatic (handicapped) door openers for fellowship hall doors
- Install handicapped toilets in all bathrooms

#### Long term / capital improvement items

- Covered drop off entry for members
- Shingling pitched roof over Gathering space
- Replace carpeting – starting in high traffic areas (tile, wood, carpet squares?)
- Purchase of solar panels for church
- Remodel south (back parking lot) entrance
- Remodel west end of rental house for storage area
- Columbarium for cremains

Diakonia classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 6-9 pm beginning September 6th. The classes will be held downstairs in the Love Room.

### August Birthdays



Swenson, Rebecca	8/2
Blindert, Diana	8/4
Udelhofen, Justin	8/5
Kettler, Ilene	8/6
Witz, Linda	8/6
Wyse, Wade	8/6
Klein, Vernelle	8/7
Schlueter, Chris	8/7
Kieler, Reegan	8/8
Wyse, Janean	8/8
Ellingson, Dan	8/9
Cummins, Eydith	8/10
Evanoff, Jeshua	8/11
Jenkins, Charlye	8/12
Brandt, Jane	8/13
Jones, Levon	8/13
Kettler, Cori	8/13
Broske, Bill	8/14
Weigel, Brandon	8/15
Sieling, Sandy	8/16
Noble, Troy	8/17
Short, Debbie	8/18
Kilian, Ken	8/19
Davies, Tina	8/21
Neuser, Dennis	8/23
Klein, Lorita	8/25
Martens, Cindy	8/26
White, Lucas	8/27
Adrian, Linda	8/28
Nall, Fern	8/29
Swenson, Daniel	8/29
Baehler, Robyn	8/30
Cummins, Elliott	8/30



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### **Mission Statement of FELC**

*Called by God, we are Christians  
gathered and sent to serve our  
church, community and the world in  
the name of Christ."*

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### **Company's Coming**

Choosing a vegetable recipe for this month from all the tagged pages in my cookbooks and magazines was a challenge. I tried and rejected several before choosing this easy prep coleslaw recipe aptly named "permanent" because the longer it sits, the more flavorful it becomes. When friends and neighbors are unloading their extra cukes, say yes and make a batch of uncooked refrigerator pickles. I especially like this garlic/dill recipe that I've made countless times. Enjoy the bounty of the season!!

Tastefully yours,  
Mary D.

#### **Permanent Slaw**

1 cup sugar  
1 cup water  
1 cup cider vinegar  
1 ½ tsp celery seeds  
1 ½ tsp mustard seeds  
1 tsp salt  
2-10 oz pkg angel hair cabbage  
(or shred your own)  
1 ¼ cups shredded carrots  
1 cup thinly sliced red pepper  
1 cup thinly sliced or chopped sweet onion

Combine the first six ingredients in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil over high heat, stirring occasionally, and boil one minute. Combine vegetables in a large bowl; pour hot vinegar mixture over this slaw mixture. Cover and refrigerate at least 12 hours or up to one week. Sprinkle with ¼ cup scallions before serving.

#### **Uncooked Garlic/Dill Refrigerator Pickles**

10-12 medium cucumbers, preferable seedless  
3-5 medium onions, sliced  
1 green pepper, cut in strips  
2-3 cloves peeled fresh garlic  
4 heads fresh dill  
1 cup sugar  
1 ¼ cup white vinegar  
1/3 cup pickling salt  
2 ¼ cups water

Cut unpeeled cucumbers lengthwise into quarters or slice in thick rounds. Layer in a 5 qt ice cream bucket with remaining veggies or pack into quart jars (probably 4). Add garlic and dill. Boil remaining ingredients and pour over. Cover tightly and refrigerate. Ready to serve in 24 hours.