



## PASTOR'S CORNER

**G**reetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write this article, I am enjoying the beauty of God's creation out at Luther Point Bible Camp. I often forget how important it is to take time to sit in God's beautiful creation, to listen to the birds singing, the sound of water lapping against the shore, wind rustling the leaves, the sound of children laughing and playing. This week has reminded me of how very much God is all around us, if we but take the time to see God's beauty.

As I have been sitting in God's beauty, I have been pondering on the text from our first week in our new sermon series, from the book of Hebrews. The text for the first week is Hebrews 1:1-4:

*Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. 3 He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.*

In this text we are reminded that God does continue to speak to us. As we continue in the book of Hebrews we will think on the ways that Jesus leads us to hear God's calling on our lives, to see the example that Jesus came to give us, and to challenge us to continue in our journey to share the message of God's redemptive love for us.

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It can be difficult to hear God speaking to us, much less to live each day reflecting God's light, love and message in all that we do, with all that we meet. I talked with some of the counselors about this very fact. That while they are at camp, it can be easy to live God's love, to see and hear God around them, but thinking ahead to the fall, it is daunting to think about returning to life outside of camp.

That is the very place that we live in, life outside of camp. It is the very lives that the book of Hebrews is speaking to. Inviting us to remember that we have an example in Jesus, and we have a community in which we have been placed. And the Holy Spirit will meet us in our noisy, busy lives and show us God's presence in our lives, if we but take the time to listen.

As this last month of summer begins, let us all take time to see how God is around us. How God is calling us to listen, to hear God's love for us. And how God is calling us to show that love to others. May God's presence and love surprise you and inspire you. I look forward to hearing how God speaks to you.

Blessings as we journey together,

Pastor Marilyn

**CUSHING COMMUNITY  
CALENDAR  
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
150 YEARS**

We are putting together a calendar for the year 2020. We are asking the congregation to submit photos showing First Lutheran Church or Cushing events for the past 150 years.

Looking for 150 year old photos, newer photos, any photos in between.

Sunday School, Cushing School, Cushing Fun Days, Bazaars, Christmas programs, Baseball Teams, Soap Box Derby, 4-H, etc.

We will need to know names of who the people are in the photo, date?

We will copy the photo and then get it back to you. Please put them in the Secretary's Office, Liz's tray, on the table by the copier.

*August Scripture*

Aug 4	Hebrews 9:1-14	Roger Johnson	Don Swanson
Aug 11	Hebrews 11:1-16	Steve Jensen	Emily Crossfield
Aug 18	Genesis 1:1-5; Matthew 6:30-34	Brooke Chappellear	Karen Johnson
Aug 25	John 1:1-18; 1Cor 1:18-25	Carol Medchill	Merry Yates

Deuteronomy 11:18-21 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

18 You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and fix them as an emblem on your forehead. 19 Teach them to your children, talking about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. 20 Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, 21 so that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth.

# First Lutheran's 150th Anniversary

**In preparation for the 150th Anniversary in 2020 the Committee is requesting the following.**

Anniversary theme ideas • Money donations for Anniversary activities • Updated names and addresses for celebration invitations • Pictures of the past from both the Church and Community.



August 4th - 8th  
5:00pm to 7:30pm  
North Valley Lutheran Church  
1988 220th Ave Centuria

**SENT REGISTRATION  
TO MARLEY HOEFS BY JULY 28TH**  
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**Living our Faith**  
Our Vision is that; "All people are Fed, Clothed, and Cared for in Christ's Love."

First Lutheran 150th  
Anniversary

SAVE THE DATE postcards will be sent this year to former members. We need their names and addresses.

Please do some research to find people who have had a connection to the Cushing community and the congregation.

Submit your list to the church office or mail it to Vickie Johnson at 2601 240th, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024.

## WELCA News

Aug 7 6:30 pm Unit meeting at Pizzeria

Aug 21 - 6:30pm Circle Meeting. Marion  
Fox, Hostess



## Laketown Workers

Cleaning - Karen  
Newsletter - Jill

### More First Lutheran Church Library History Summer Reading Program

The Summer reading program had special movies, videos, speakers, and contests as "Battle of the Books" which was held every week. Winners were given prizes and several attended movies in St. Croix Falls as their team prize. "Walt Disney's Movies". Dr. Helen Sorenson retired from Ball State University she helped with the story hour. The summer reading program still continued for sometime. Several ladies helped to make it successful. In recent years there have been Sylvia Trumble, Jeanette Ramstrom, Irene Mattson, Karen Emerson, Joan Swanson and La Vonne Lumsden. This program has had an average between 20 to 50 children each summer.

In 1974 Paperback books were added to the collection. When the nice entrance to the church was completed in 1976, it was decided to move the library into that room as it was much more accessible to readers. Gordon Fox added our addition. The Children's library was moved to the movable shelves situated in the entrance also. Then in 1990 it was divided and the beginner's books were moved to a movable rack in the basement and the intermediate books to the room by the pastor's study.

More History will be coming in September, 2019.

Happy Reading,  
Betty and Carol

Aug 4 - United Pioneer Pie  
Social. Need 4 pies.  
Aug 12 - Serving Birthday  
Party @ UPH



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# Thanks, Praise and Prayers

*As God's beloved children, let us pray that the light of Christ shine on the nations, the church and all those in need.*

Loren & Beulah Nelson, Curtis Johnson and others we name before God today.

**Sometimes in our busy lives we forget to stop, reflect upon our blessings, and take the time share our compassion and empathy with others. Since there has been very little room in the past few bulletins to pray for family and friends who need our immediate attention, let's do it now**

There are a number of ways to add someone to the prayer list. Call the church office and leave a message; make a note of it on Sunday morning with your name and name of person and give it to Pastor Marilyn or put it in the offering plate. We will keep the person on the prayer list for 6 weeks. If you would like the person to continue on the prayer list, just let us know and they will be added/kept on the list for another 6 weeks. There is no limit to the number of times a person can be put on the prayer list. Thank you for your help and for lifting one another up in prayer.

## Please Note!

Please remember to have family notify the church office if you are in the hospital. The privacy data laws do not allow the hospital to notify the church of your admittance.

## LUTHER POINT BIBLE CAMP'S 31ST ANNUAL SUMMER CELEBRATION AND AUCTION

Sunday, August 11  
11:00 am Auction @  
1pm

Donations Needed  
Quilts - Vacation - Crafts  
Time - Gift Cards - Shares  
Outings - Other



## Laketown

## Lutheran

## 140TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

August 25th

10:45am Outdoor Worship  
Lunch to follow

## GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS & GOD'S PROMISED BLESSINGS



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
As we continue in the Season of Pentecost, green is the color reminding us to grow in our relationship with God, fellow believers and our neighbors. We continue to have as our Church wide theme banner "God's Work, Our Hands". We need to think about this theme and realize that all that we do is His work no matter what work we do we and the theme for this month shows us this very well.

August's theme banner "God's Promised Blessings" reminds us that as believers in the finished work of the Cross we are blest for our Faith and Life Journey and that God's greatest promise and blessing awaits us when we are with him in eternity.

From the opening verses of Genesis to the last verse of Revelation God wants to bless us and he does in many ways, but we could have much more. Adam and Eve had the blessing, Eden (God's presence), but sin entered in and they had to leave. God promised them that they and their children (all believers) would return to Eden one day by the blood of his sacrifice (Jesus). God made promises to Noah, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob of whom we are joint heirs through Christ. If we look at these promises through the lens of the Ten Commandments, we see that Commandments 1-4 is how God wants us to see him, honor him and worship him. The 5th Commandment, "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you. (Exodus 20:12, Deut. 5:16) is as the Apostle Paul calls it "which is the first commandment with promise" (Eph. 6:2-3). We are promised that if we honor our elders who are to be the earthly reflection of God's love our blessings will be many. Commandments 6-10 show us our human short comings and our need for Jesus and his finished work of the Cross. We need to remember that for every promised blessing of obedience there is an equal or greater curse for disobedience.

King Solomon was asked by God in a dream "What should I give you?" (1 Kings 3:5-12) remember Solomon asked discernment/wisdom and not the earthly things, God gave him discernment/wisdom and the earthly things besides and in great abundance.

Jesus in his teachings (Sermon on the Mount Mathew 5-7 & Luke 6:17-26) and miracles reinforced these promises of blessings and the Apostle Paul along with Peter,

James, and John in their letters to the Church also reinforces them.

The Apostle Paul sums up the promises of blessings best "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:7-10)

With all that has been happened in our Country and the World we now more than ever to be the "Hands of God" and share "God's Promised Blessings". To receive the "Promised Blessings" we need to repair our broken relationships by listening to one another just as God listens to us. Let us read and put into practice what Jesus said in Matthew 5:37-48. Being mindful of this as we continue on this journey of Faith as a Congregation and Parish with Pastor Marilyn. We each need "God's Promised Blessings" to show us the way we should go in our own life as well as the life of our Congregation and Parish. We need to ask ourselves, Am I/are we walking daily as children of Promise (Romans 8:17)? What am I being shown by "God's Promised Blessings" to do as part of this Journey and beyond? We as a faith community are ALL to work together ("God's Work, Our Hands") in telling the World about God's Love and showing "God's Promised Blessings" towards all people through his son Jesus. Pastor Marilyn is here to help and guide us in our Faith journey not to do all the work.

Yours in Christ,  
Steve Jensen



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God's work. Our hands.

# Ministry Messenger

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### Laketown Lutheran Church

We seek to know and love God, share His love and word, strengthen our faith through the Holy Spirit, and as servants of Christ serve those in need.



### First Lutheran Church

As part of God's family we seek to grow in our faith, provide spiritual education to our congregation, and reach out to others.

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