



PASTOR'S CORNER

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As summer begins to fade away, the activities of fall begin. In our house that means we are in get ready for school mode. We are busy gathering school supplies, planning out lunches and snacks, sorting through the worn and too small clothes. We are preparing for another year of learning and growth. As we enter this season of learning, and we prepare for an academic year, these words from Deuteronomy come back to me. These words cause me to pause and think about the other learning that we should be preparing for and looking forward to.

Over the summer I have been praying about, planning and preparing opportunities for our parish to learn and grow together spiritually. As we were getting ready for school, I started wondering, do we get excited and go out to buy a new notebook for Bible Study? Do we prepare a special back to Sunday School outfit? God doesn't need us to have new notebooks or outfits, but I would bet that God would be pleased if we had back to Bible Study excitement or first day of fall worship anticipation! I pray that as we get back into the swing of this fall season, that you would find yourself looking forward to the opportunities to grow in your faith. Watch for new opportunities to explore your faith. Maybe you'll want to check out Generations in Faith together, which will meet every 4th Wednesday of the month beginning in October. This year we will be having Dinner church on the 2nd Sunday of every month beginning in Oct. We will gather around the ta-

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FAITH AND CARE GROUP

September			
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ble for a light meal, scripture, prayer and conversation and end by sharing God's meal for us in Holy Communion. As always there is worship every Sunday. As we enter into this new year of learning and growing, may God bless us we learn and Grow in God's word for us, that encourages us to live out God's love in our lives. I look forward to growing in Faith with you!

Pastor Marilyn

CALLING INTERESTED SINGERS SENIOR CHURCH CHOIR
 Would there be interested singers that would like to start our Church Choir Once Again? I feel that we have so many Skillful people in Our Church just waiting to be asked to share Their God Given Talent. Over the years we have had our Choir(s) Senior, Junior and Cherub. How about waking up Our voices once again and Bless our Church Service with this special music. Let us begin with practice after church on Sundays having had our coffee, than practice from 10:20 to 10:30 or it might be a little longer some times beginning September 22, 2019 and see what we can do. Sing once a month maybe? Lets talk about it bring your ideas. Hope to see you on the 22nd

*...whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.
 1 Corinthians 10:31*

Just Keep Smiling and Singing, Carol

**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.

The Circle of Love Bazaar is just around the corner. We will be looking for help setting up, , working, clean-up and items for the bazaar on Saturday, October 19th. Please contact Liz Williamson or myself.

Thanks, Jennifer Erickson



September Scripture

Sep 1	Acts 2:1-18; Matt 28:17-20	Dani McKinven	Claudia Balcom
Sep 8	Genesis 2:4b-25	Emily Crossfield	Don Swanson
Sep 15	Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7	Justin Swanson	Emily Crossfield
Sep 22	Genesis 32:22-30	Mike Jensen	Karen Johnson
Sep 29	Exo 1:8-14; 3:1-15	Roger Johnson	Merry Yates

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

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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.

THANK YOU

Thank you very much for the necklace you gave me for my confirmation! That day was very special for me. Have a great rest of the summer.
Sydney Smith

Thank you for the quilt from the church. I will use it a lot in college on those cold winter nights in Wisconsin.
-Jacob E. McKinven

Your generosity and compassion will go a long way in making a difference in someone's life at our shelter. Thank you for being an inspiration and spreading kindness to others in need. We appreciate your contribution of tie blankets.
Sincerely,
Community Referral Agency
Staff & Clients

Living our Faith
Our Vision is that; "All people are Fed, Clothed, and Cared for in Christ's Love."

FAITH FORMATION PARENTS MEETING TRANSIT II & TOGETHER IN FAITH (TIF)

Wednesday, September 25th
All Parents and Students meet at
6:30pm.
TIF - 6:30 to 7
Transit II - 6:30 to 7:30

WELCA News

Sep 18 - 6:30pm Circle Meeting. Jan Johnson, Hostess



First Lutheran Church Our Library

As I continue to read the history of the library it is fun to see all the things that have been done to get our Library set up.

There was a need to be able to locate certain books which we knew we had in our library. It sometimes took too much time to locate what one was looking for. In 1989 a computer program, catalog card maker was purchased from the Winnebago Software Company for the Apple Computer. Beulah and Mary Jo Arndt began entering all the books in the library. At that time there were 1953 books plus audio-visual resources of audio and video tapes available, Ron Everson, who had a wood working shop next to the post office in Cushing, was contacted and constructed two sets of four drawers each. One set houses adult books, while the other has children's books. These were purchased for \$162.32. The next task was to get each card filed properly. For this project of filing we had a group of workers which met once a week to file cards. That group was Ruby Swanson, Esther Sorenson, Mary Jo Arndt, Connie Arndt, Leona Brekke and Beulah Nelson. This project was completed by the 1st of December 1990. More history will be coming in October we certainly had willing hands to do all this work.

I hope you folks have been thinking of reading when the

Snow flakes come, or even before. We do have many wonderful books.

Take Care, and Happy Reading,
Betty and Carol

Laketown Workers

Cleaning - Debbie S.
Newsletter - Marlys

Sept 4 -7pm Unit Meeting
with Election of officers



Scan this nametag on Instagram to follow
firstandlaketown.

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, Maurice Christensen 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.

Pies Pies Pies

The Pie Crust is here, the Pie Tins are here, the flour, sugar and spices are here.

We are waiting for Apples at this writing they are about two (2) weeks behind last year.

The Apple Cores/Corps will be on the move and making progress on filling the freezers with delicious pies from the abundance the Lord provides as soon as the apples are ready.

The Cores/Corps Captains are still looking for troops to help with the conquest/picking the sweet orbs (apples) and assembling of the pies. The schedule will be as in years past, pick apples Sunday following Worship (come in your apple picking clothes) or evenings depending on the weather and people's schedules for Monday's 8:00am assembly of pies. Then again pick on Wednesday mornings at 8:30am or evenings again depending on the weather and people's schedules for Thursday's 8:00am assembly of pies. This will continue until our goal has been archived which is, the trees are bare and pies are in the freezer.

Everyone including our Youth are welcome to help and we do need more workers for both picking and assembling, so mark your calendars and join in the conquest. Come, share the Fun and Fellowship as we make use of the abundance the Lord provides.

So start taking orders now for our tasty treats (pies) so that everyone that wants our tasty treats will get as many as they want, we will reserve 200 of our tasty treats for the Circle of Love Bazaar (October 12th).

**For more
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contact your
Cores/Corps
Captains**

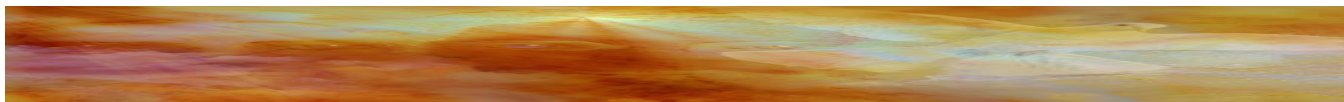
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REACH OUT!! / GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Reach Out/God's Work-Our Hands is September's banner theme. You will note that both banners have Hands on them they are YOUR HANDS/OUR HANDS! We have been Reaching Out for 140+ years to those in need of help and healing by God's Grace and Our Hearts and Hands in our community and cultivating relationships because of our Reaching Out.

All through out both the Old and New Testaments God's people are called to Reach Out /God's Work-Our Hands and bear witness to God's Love and Redeeming Power to all the world.

Remember Jonah, he was told by God to Reach Out/ God's Work-Our Hands go to Nineveh not Jewish people and an enemy city of the Israel and call them to repentance and to come to God. After arguing with God and then trying to run away from the task only to take a three-day side trip in the belly of the great fish Jonah went to Nineveh. Sound like somebody you know? And when Jonah did finally get to Nineveh and preached the Word, all of Nineveh repented and turned to God. Reread the book of Jonah for the whole story.

The Prophet Isaiah called the Jewish people of the Old Testament to reach out to all the peoples of the world in that day.

Isaiah 43:10-11

10You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. 11 I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior. NRSV

During his ministry Jesus Reached Out to many people even though his disciples and the religious leaders of his day chastised him for Reaching Out to those sinners and Gentiles. Three notables of these sinners and Gentiles are two women, one a Samaritan who had had 5 husbands and was living with another that was not her husband (John 4:1-42) and the other a Canaanite whose daughter was possessed by a devil (Matthew 15:21-28/ Mark 7:24-30). Both of these women were not Jewish, but understood or came to understand who Jesus was and went on to tell others about him. And Zacchaeus, Tax Collector from Jericho, Jesus called him down from the tree and went to dinner with him. Because of that and what Jesus taught Zacchaeus gave half of his wealth to the poor and restored fourfold that which he had taken wrongfully (Mark 19:1-10).

And in his Great Commission, Jesus tells us to Reach Out/God's Work-Our Hands to others, who are lost and hurting, first in our own family, then our home town, then our state, then our country and finally the world.

Acts 1:8

8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' NRSV

This month as we have Rally Sunday to start off the Sunday School and Confirmation year. Both are great opportunities to Reach Out/God's Work-Our Hands and invite someone who has no church home to come and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. We can also Reach Out/God's Work-Our Hands to those who have not been with us in a while and to find out why that is and invite them back. God's Work is Reaching Out it is Our Hands as members of the body of Christ that are called to do the work. Pastor Marilyn is here to help guide us as individuals and a Congregation/Parish and is a fellow worker as we Reach Out/God's Work-Our Hands to others.

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.

Yours in Christ,
Steve Jensen



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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.

Address service requested