

VINE & BRANCHES

A Monthly Newsletter of Fish Lake Lutheran Church

August 2019

What is the best gift God has ever given you? Of course the best gift is the salvation given to us by God on account of Christ our Lord, but beyond that – what is the best gift God has given you? Is it a family member – a spouse, child, grandchild, or maybe a friend who is so close they are now considered family. Or maybe the best gift you have received from God is a home, a place to belong, to feel like a part of things, to feel secure and provided for. Maybe for you it is a particular skill or ability – something about you that really makes you – you. What is your favorite among all the gifts God has given you?

This summer at VBS we will be celebrating the wonderful gifts that God gives to each of us at our Yee Haw VBS. The week of August 11-15 kids from preschool through 5th grade will gather with helpers of all ages to explore all the good gifts that God gives to God's people. We will hear how God gives us a Home, God gives us his Son, God gives us New Life, and God gives us One Another. Yee Haw!

So, break out your bandanas and cowboy hats and join us as we spend some time around the campfire and learn a bit about the wonderful gifts that God gives each of us. If you would like to register a young cowboy or cowgirl for the fun, contact the office and Christin will get a registration form to you (early registrations are important, though VBS is free). If you would like to help with the fun as a station leader, a group leader, or an extra set of hands in the chuck wagon, talk with Michelle Young. Or, if you would like to give a financial gift toward VBS in the coming years, please put it in the offering plate marked for VBS, or call the office and Pastor Amanda or Christin can help you get your money in the right place.

And, be sure to mark your calendars for that **Saturday, August 17th**, for our annual Corn Feed! It's going to be a great week!

Pastor Amanda

Sunday, August 4th
Worship 10:00 am

Wednesday, August 7th
WELCA 9:00 am
Staff Meeting 11:00 am

Sunday, August 11th
Worship/Youth Service
Baptism (Adelia Johnson)
Vacation Bible School 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Monday, August 12th thru Thursday, August 15th
Vacation Bible School 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Friday, August 16th
Corn Feed

Saturday, August 17th
Block of the Month 8:30 am

Sunday, August 18th
Worship 10:00 am

Monday, August 19th
Soaking in the Son Valley Fair

Wednesday, August 21st
Staff Meeting 11:00 am

Sunday, August 25th
Worship 10:00 a,

Tuesday, August 27th
Prime Time 11:00 am

Wednesday, August 28th
1 to 1 Conversation Debrief 6:30 am to 9:00 pm

(See full calendar in center fold)

Fish Lake Firsts

On July 14, 2019 Drake Mellen, Josie Hubbling, Clayton Nephew, Olive DePover, and Margaret Wicklund, along with their families, knelt at the rail and received their First Holy Communion. It was a special day for all the kids, as they for the first time joined with their church family in this special meal.

The day before, Drake, Josie, Clayton, Olive, and Margaret had participated in Fish Lake's First Communion Retreat. Each child brought a parent along with, and together all explored the things that are on the altar at Communion time, read a book on Communion, and talked about what it means to be Jesus's heirs. It was wonderful to see the kids begin to understand the depth of what Jesus did for them on the cross, and how amazing it is that Jesus gives forgiveness to us free of charge (though he paid the ultimate price for it).

The most fun part of the retreat was baking communion bread. The kids and parents gathered in the kitchen and, using the bread recipe from Luther Seminary, made bread to be used at their First Communion. The whole congregation will use their bread the next time we have Communion at the rail (August 4th).

A big thank you to the kids and parents for making this First Communion Retreat such a fun experience!



Youth Corner



VBS

Theme: God Gives Good Gifts! Yee - Haw!

August 11-15 5:30 -8 pm

VBS registrations are available for early FREE registration for anyone age 3 - 5th Grade.

WANTED:

Ranch Hands or volunteers for various jobs and herding our cowboys and cowgirls - 6th grade or older are welcome

Contact Michelle Young at (651) 674-0118 or Call the Church Office

Donations / Lending : 10 hay bales, Cowboy attire, wagon wheels, 2-3 saddles, old or new cowboy boots, rope, gunny sacks, horse shoes, stick horses, paper bags, brown, black, gray and white acrylic paint, fake campfire (for set).

Soaking in the Son

August 11th - 15th: Help with VBS

August 19th: Valley Fair All Day





FISH LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
REGISTRATION FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019
Call the church office if you have any questions:

Name _____ M/F _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Age _____ Birth date _____ Grade Entering _____

Parent(s) Name(s) _____

Parent(s) Telephone Number(s) _____

Parent(s) Cell Phone Number(s) _____

Primary Physician's Name/Clinic/Phone Number _____

Insurance Carrier/Policy Number _____

Any health related issues you want us to be aware of (food or drug allergies, bee stings, ect.) _____

Healthcare requirements (inhaler, medications, etc.) _____

My permission is given for any emergency medical or surgical treatment as may be required for the minor (child's name) _____, while he/she is participating with Fish Lake Lutheran Church in the above activity.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

I understand that my child will be supervised by adults, members of Fish lake Lutheran Church, Harris, Minnesota. Although they are expected to do their normal best to chaperone and supervise these young people and are chosen with care for this responsibility, they have no formal training in childcare or security.

In exchange for this youth being permitted to participate in the above program, I release the church, it's officers, members, employees, and it's accompanying adults from any and all liability that may happen to this child or his/her family, heirs, or assigns for any injury that occurs during his/her participation. This release covers any physical or mental injury or property loss to any claimed negligence of the church, it's agents, officers, employees, accompanying adults, or any third party. I does **not** release anyone other than the above mentioned.

I understand that this is a legal and binding document, having full regard for this child's growth, development, and the hazards of life, I do hereby sign on his/her behalf.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Youth and Family Announcements



Camp Wapo

Jeremy, Darin and Matthew had a great week at Wapo/Ox Lake Bible camp. Celebrating being wildly claimed by God with worship, games, new friends, fun song and campfires.

Thanks to all who supported them financially at Fish Lake Lutheran. So that they could have this wonderful experience.

Soaking in the Son

Soaking in the Son had a fun and successful 2nd activity. We helped pack 157 boxes (33000 meals) at Feed My Starving Children in the morning then had a picnic and cooled off at Bunker Beach water park.



A message from Sr. LaDonna...

This month I am sharing with you a part of a workshop presentation by Mark Nepo, a Christian poet, teacher and author.

The presentation is called Every Kindness Matters. Mark mentions a book by Neil DeGrasse Tyson, *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry*, which gives his theory on the beginning of the universe. The theory is that there were a certain billion number of antimatter particles (Hydrons) and a billion number +1 of matter particles (Photons). The particles were basically eating each other and in one particular second that one photon made all the difference.

Mark Nepo suggests that this theory has more to do with our current lives than with the theory of how the universe was formed. What if as ongoing co-creators with God, it is our kindnesses that keep the universe going? I am not sure that this is truly the case, but it makes for an interesting way to step back and view our lives. Stopping to help the woman who's groceries have fallen out her bag, holding the door for a person in a wheelchair, sending a note to someone who comes to mind, donating to the food shelf, all of these ways of showing kindness make a difference. If we truly are the hands and feet of Christ then our lives account for more than eating, sleeping and working to get ahead. Life is much more rich and full than that if we are able to pay attention, to notice the needs of others and to do what we can to help them.

It is interesting to see the leaves that are sticking to the vine in our sanctuary. God is showing up in our lives and many times it is through some form of kindness that we or another person has shown. How can you be a way that God shows up in someone's life this week?

Here is the link to Mark Nepo's talk:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4YX5Kt9lmb0&feature=youtu.be>

God's Grace Notes

Driving, it was just something I didn't think I wanted to do, after all I had friends or someone that would take me anywhere I needed to go. Early in our marriage Steve was unable to drive for several months so I had to learn to drive and I got my license at 19. I was very nervous at first and would take every back road and go out of the way to avoid traffic. It felt like cars were coming right at me and the guy behind me was going to run into me. I would hold my breath until a semi would pass me. As time went on and with practice my driving improved a lot. There is one thing that had stayed with me longer and that is "merging"! I know I'm not the only one out there because I see it all the time. Many years back I had an appointment in Minneapolis and had no one to drive me. I drew a map and wrote directions but I knew I had to use the dreaded 694 freeway at 1J00 in the afternoon. As I approached the on ramp I saw semis, cars, buses and vehicles in front of me and vehicles behind me all in a great hurry! My hands were sweating and my heart was racing! I blurted out loud "Oh God you have to help me!" and instantly I heard in a calm voice "Take a deep breath, it will be ok." I almost couldn't believe what I saw but the traffic moved and made room for me to merge. This seems so small now when I look back. The first pastor in my life was Pastor Tweeter, probably the nicest man I've ever known. He told me "Don't be afraid to ask God for help".

Through all my life whether big or small times of anxiety God has always answered "Take a deep breath, it WILL be ok". With God all things are possible!

Bonnie Mettling

*Praise
the
Lord*



Saturday, August 17
Begins @ 4:30 p.m.

Fish Lake Lutheran
43353 Cedarcrest Trail, Stark, MN

Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, bars, beverages

and ALL THE CORN YOU CAN EAT!

\$8.00 or 2 for \$15.00

The Best Corn Feed in Chisago County!

*Proceeds will go toward maintaining the
historical integrity of Fish Lake Lutheran
Church.*

A Message from the Council -

On July 14, 2019 we asked for your time to review an unanticipated change in our budget for possibly the remainder of the year. We gave you the bottom-line information, but not the background for this change. We decided to follow-up with an article and to let you know that the council is open to any questions or comments you might wish to share.

All pastors receive their benefit package Portico, a company that manages health care, retirement benefits, and life and disability insurance. The package from Portico is an all inclusive benefit package and can't be separated to pick and choose what may best fit each Pastor's needs. The Council and our Pastor have been discovering the limitations of this package as it relates to Family Health Care.

When Pastor Amanda accepted her call from us, all the benefits established by the synod were included in her call. We were paying for family coverage for a couple months. When Grant received his call, our costs were reduced by half because cost of family coverage was shared between the two churches. Now that Grant's employment status has changed, we need to again pick up the family coverage in its entirety.

The council voted to cover the family health care expense under Portico for three months (at \$1986 per month) while we worked with the synod, Portico, and health insurance brokers in an effort to reduce or minimize the impact to our budget. Through much work with the synod, and the help of our bishop, Patricia Lull, we have found a way to get Grant and Sam's insurance outside of Portico, bringing the total monthly cost to cover the family to \$1311.72—a savings of about \$675 each month. This change should be finalized by September. We also know this could be an ongoing expense and need to review our current budget for ways to pay for this expense.

We will continue working with the Synod in a variety of ways and plan this expense into our 2020 budget as needed. Again we encourage you to ask questions about our specific efforts and ask for your understanding of the complexity of Portico Benefits coverage and its limitations.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.

Amen.



COLOR CAREFULLY AND FRAME THIS PAGE FOR YOUR ROOM

Pray WITHOUT CEASING

Those fighting cancer – Julie, Andrew, Mary Crawford, Nancy, Michael Skara, Jim Reece, Connie, Carol, Barb Sauer, Beth Jones.

For those in need of healing - Kyle, Carol Nieman, Ronnie Hunt, Lois Colliander, Coral Brutsman, and Scott & Tracy.

Our service men and women including Sami Klein and all those who are facing active duty deployments, including Tim Mellen.

Partner congregation – Wasa congregation in Tanzania

All those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, including the family and friends Mary Beth Lietze.

All who battle depression and anxiety or any form of mental illness.



August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
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4 Worship 10:00 am	5	6	7 WELCA 9:00 am Staff Meeting 11:00 am	8 M
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Sunday Morning Schedule

10:00 a.m. Worship
Refreshments and Fellowship



Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Council Meeting 6:30 pm	9	10
5 VBS 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm Online and Branches Deadline	16	17 Block of the Month 8:30 am Corn Feed 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm
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9	30	31

Offering Counters

- 4 Rick & Deb Lofboom, Cindy Blesener
- 11 Joel & Katie Santjer, Nancy Hoffman
- 18 Julie Osborne, Laurie Knutson
- 25 Mary Street & Arnie Ricke

Coffee Hosts

- 4 Cookie Jar
- 11 Confirmation/Sunday School
- 18 Tim Team
- 25 WELCA Ladies: Nancy Bengtson, Sue Kane, Nicci Bengtson and Kristina Bengtson.

Ushers

- 4 Eric Gustafson
- 11 Sara Stone & Jareet & Connor Nelson
- 18 Noel & Sharon Petit
- 25 Steve & Bonnie Mettling

Prime Time

Join us for our senior worship service, Prime Time. Tuesday, August 27th at 11:00 am for worship followed by a meal with your Fish Lake Friends.

Deadline for Vine and Branches Articles are due by the **15th of every month.** Please submit by or before the **15th of each to ensure a highlighted spot in the Newsletter.** You can email your messages (articles in **Word doc (preferable)** to: office@fishlakelutheran.org or by calling Admin Christin at 651-674-4252

YOUTH SUNDAYS!!

In case you haven't heard, **the second Sunday of each month** is Youth Sunday at Fish Lake! On these days we will have more contemporary music (leaning toward recorded music with visuals), and participation from our younger Fish Lakers in roles such as reading, serving Communion, and ushering. Come and get involved in this fresh, modern-feeling worship!

Shalom Thrift Shop

Are you or a family in need of some financial assistance, or do know of a family that is? Members of Fish Lake Lutheran volunteer their time at the *Shalom Thrift Store* in Cambridge. Because of the generosity of their time, Fish Lake Lutheran receives funds each month to help families with financial struggles. *Contact Pastor Amanda Applehans or the church office if you, or someone you know, could benefit this service. So far this year we have received \$8,400.00. We have filled 10 requests totaling \$6,234.30 . Thank you to all who work at Shalom and who have made this giving possible!*

WANTED!

Ushers, acolytes, worship assistants, readers,
coffee hosts, and communion assistants.

*Please contact the church office if you are
willing to serve in any of these areas.*

The Communications Team **Where are YOU?** The weekly emails are a great avenue to know what is happening at Fish Lake in the coming week! If you or someone you know would like to be included on this weekly email then -- please call the office 651-674-4252 and leave your email address, and we will add you to our list of contacts. ***Pass this information along to anyone else you know who maybe interested!***

School Supplies for Area Children in Need

Even though we are still celebrating the joys of summer we plan to begin collecting school supplies for needy children on July 28. We want to conclude our collection in order to deliver the supplies to the schools by the start of school. Some of the stores provide lists of supplies that the teachers recommend for class levels and certain schools. Next time you are shopping please pick up a few things to help fill the "school bus" located in Fellowship Hall.

God Bless you,
Sharon Petit and the Social Ministry Committee

School Supply List

Pencils #2 and colored
Pens
Crayons
Glue Sticks/Bottles of Glue
Washable Markers
Folders
Notebooks
Erasers
Pencil Sharpeners





Council Minutes -- June 30, 2019

Members: *Steve Mettling, *Clarke Street, Galen Yates, *Justin Ricke, *Bev Zachrison, *Barb Sauer, Clay Wilking, *Kelli Klein, Candy MColley (*=Present)

Devotions: Bev Lead our Devotions. Justin will lead us next month

Financial Report: Accepted Financial Report as Preliminary because we have another day in June to include. Prime Time made a deposit into the Building Fund for Driveway Project. Signature Cards will be updated at the Bank. Paperwork is prepared, new signers need to bring to the Bank. Discussed and approved Mid-year Financial Statements going out to our members.

Pastor's Report: Now have 15 Renewal Team members conducting member visits. Training for this work was on June 27th along with member assignments for each team member to contact.

We celebrated the graduation of six Fish Lakers this year with our annual Quilt Wrapping.

VBS Curriculum has been developed. Parade Floats were in two parades advertising VBS and its theme.

Having conversations with Confirmation parents about possibly changing some things for next year's program. Nothing finalized.

Stark Stroll was yesterday, our church hosted a pancake breakfast and a fabric sale through WELCA/Block of the Month. Also had an entry in the parade. Home Visits 6, 5 with Communion; Worship 6, Vacation 1 Sunday, Funeral 1 for Bud Clover at the Grandstrand Funeral Home on June 8.

Audit Report: Scheduled for July 9, 2019 at 6 p.m.

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Youth and Family: Requested and approved carnival Events at the Corn Feed. Work continues for a Sign for Hwy 95. VBS seeking volunteers and donations, Michelle Young is the Contact Person. Bulletin and Vine and Branches will have a Youth Corner for Confirmation and Youth events every month. Meeting with College Youth is set for later today. Review the year, what went well, what suggestions were made to improve this Ministry

Evangelism/Stewardship: Set a meeting for August, New Member Dinner on the Agenda

Property: Alarm System, Steve is working on this solution. Video Screen Update, Justin made contact with the same person who designed the Video Screen at Calvary of Rush Point. Seeking recommendations. Lights needing to be replaced and Office Door repaired.

Social Ministry: Mid-Wife Kits for Global Health Ministries. Teamed up with Block of the Month, WELCA of Fish Lake and Spring Lake Churches. Diaper pins (with the plastic tops) and Ivory soap are much needed items.

WELCA: BOM Breakfast Cookbook will be handed out in July. Sue Kane and Janelle Masloski submitted their recipes from the past year. Equipment Box will be purchased by WELCA for the BB Hoop and Gaga Pits. Working on Bingo Quilts. Steve offered to check with the Harris Legion for Bingo Cards for us to use.

Communication: Discussed shortening our minutes to bullet notations. Council asked that we continue as they are for the Vine and Branches. Continue reviewing our printed documents.

Year of Renewal: Training went well and was Video Taped to share with those who could not attend the training meeting.

Old Business: Work continues on Annual Staff Reviews for the Month of July and August. Council indicated a desire to join the North Branch Chamber of Commerce.

New Business: Corn Feed Planning, Justin will pick up the corn in the morning; Steve will bring out the grill and repair wheel. Barb will grocery shop. Ask that Council and Spouses be in attendance and help. Need two pans of bars from each Council Member

Reviewed and Discussed new information regarding Family Health Care for Pastor Amanda. Pastor is exploring a Subsidized Health Care Plan that would save a substantial amount of money in the next few months, but is not yet sure if her family will qualify, or if they will have to stay on Portico insurance. We will continue to explore all available options and present to the Congregational Information Meeting on July 14, 2019.

Decided to join the Chamber of Commerce in North Branch and Steve will look into the Isanti Co. News for advertising our church along with others in the area.

Affirmations: Candy McColley and all the Volunteers for the Pancake Breakfast. Shelley and Jeff Lustig for building and installing additional kitchen shelving for our large coffee pots. Volunteers for decorating our float and marching in the parades. Sue Kane and Janelle Masloski for the Breakfast Cookbook from Block of the Month. And Christin Caza for her creative designs, organizing and printing the cookbook. Noel Petit for keeping our sign up to date and looking good. Steve and Clarke for handling the parking lot work. WELCA for donating storage space for sports balls outdoors.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting: Thursday August 8th, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Barb Sauer

2019 FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP AT FISH LAKE LUTHERAN

Date	Actual Offering	Budgeted Offering	Percent	Above/ Below Budget
June 16th	1,606.00	3395.00	47%	(1789.00)
June 23rd	1,623.00	3395.00	48%	(1772.00)
June 30th	3,689.00	3395.00	92%	293.08
July 7th	3,061.10	3395.00	90%	(333.90)
July 14th	3,401.50	3395.00	100%	6.50
2019 YEAR TO DATE	83,572.60	91,704.00	91%	(8,132.00)

MEMORIALS

Fish Lake Lutheran gives many thanks for the gift received in memory of:
 Vernon & Hilline Finkelson, Oliver & Selma Twingstrom and Maynore Twingstrom,
 by: Harley & Candy Twingstrom

Frank & Mary Carlson, by: Marjorie Jothan

Mary Beth Leitye, by: Rick & Deb Lofboom

All who contributed to these funds:

- **Cemetery Fund—\$2,588.00** was given so far this year in support of maintaining our Cemetery.
- **Building Fund—\$6,136.00** was given so far this year in support of maintaining our building and grounds.
- **General Fund through Simply Giving—\$8,600.00** was given so far this year through electronic giving.



Our monthly WELCA meeting was held on Wednesday, July 3, 2019.

1. The Secretary's minutes were approved and accepted, as written. A thank you note was received from the Harris American Legion for our donation to them following our annual Memorial Day Dinner.

2. The Treasurer's report was read and approved. The opening balance was \$4,037.26; income was \$3,025.00, expenses were \$2,097.62, leaving a balance of \$4,964.64. We have a savings account balance of \$3,399.69. An amount of \$600.00 from our savings will be given to our youth who will be attending Camp Wapo.

3. Social Secretary: Kathy continues to send out cards to our shut ins.

4. Old Business:

a. WELCA Sunday is July 28th. Servers for that day will be Debbie Lofboom, Laurie Knutson, and Connie Smegal. Servers for August 25th will be Nancy Bengtson, Sue Kane, Nicci Bengtson, and Kristina Bengtson

b. Quilt Needs:

(1) Baptism Quilts: We have seven on hand. No baptisms are scheduled.

(2) Wedding Quilts: There are two available and one that was tied and ready for trimming. One wedding is scheduled for October. There are kits available for sewing; we will be looking to see if there is anyone in the congregation that doesn't attend our WELCA meetings that might be interested in doing some sewing. We will look for a date when we can spend time in the back room and put fabric together to make mission quilts. Time/date TBD.

(3) Graduation Quilts: All 2019 grad quilts have been distributed. We are now working on quilts for our 2020 grads.

(4) Habitat for Humanity: There is one fleece quilt on hand.

(5) Veteran Quilts: One has been completed and is at the Legion; another three quilts are ready for binding and a fourth will be delivered to a Veteran who was in a motorcycle accident.

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(6) Quilt Bingo: All quilts for this year's event were displayed and following our lunch, we all reviewed the quilts and named them. Barb is working with Christin in putting together the brochure for our September Quilt Bingo.

(7) Mission Quilts: We have four on hand that Noel Petit will deliver when he travels to Africa this month. That leaves none on hand.

(8) American Heart Association quilt donation: A quilt was chosen for this event.

(9) Corn Feed Raffle: A quilt was chosen for this raffle. Receipts from this raffle will be donated to Amborella House which is a home in Forest Lake for survivors of sexual assault and exploitation. For more information about this project, see their website www.amborellahouse.org. The drawing for this quilt will be held during our pork dinner in November.

c. Service and Mission Update:

- Kitchen updates: Julie Osborne goes to CostCo once a month and will make a list of church kitchen needs each WELCA work day. We can all help by adding to the list on the bulletin board when we see something is running low. Kool Aide should be purchased. Also discussed the need for hairnets while cooking or serving. We talked about what to do with the leftovers of the Stark Stroll Pancake Breakfast.

- Bundles of Love: None
- Wedding Quilt Policy - Tabled.

- Volunteers to maintain: Sewing Cart - Judy Nelson
Donation Bin - Nancy and Mary Kay
Quilt Bingo Door Prizes: Marcie and Jane
Stash Sale Items: Kathy and Shelly
Pet Beds: Sharon and Judy

5. Updates from previous agenda:

a. We still need a volunteer to monitor our special events.

b. The Council approved our donation for a deck box by the Ga-Ga pit/playground area.

c. Discussed the Amborella House in Forest Lake. Spoke of possibly requesting a speaker from the home to talk to us about their project.

d. Christmas Centerpiece/Adopt a Table: Continuing with making and receiving these table toppers. Members of the congregation will be given an opportunity to create centerpieces to compliment the table toppers. More information will be available in the Vine and Branches.

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e. Camp WAPO scholarships: We are donating a total of \$600 to youth who will be attending camp this summer.

f. BOM: Approx 60 people are registered again this year. BOM Breakfast cookbooks were finished and distributed to our WELCA Group. There are plans for a shop hop for September 28. We need to confirm the availability of the bus. The fabric sale the past two months went very well. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 20th.

6. New Business:

a. Candy Twingstrom receives dollars from Allina as a volunteer when she donates her time to sew for us. This money will now be given to the Eagles Healing Nest which is a home in Sauk Center for homeless vets who are recovering and/or working on getting back to living independently.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 2019. Any woman, friend, or member of Fish Lake Lutheran is welcome to all or any part of our day.

Our meeting was concluded with the Lord's Prayer followed by a pot luck lunch.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Kay Linder



Preaching Texts Summer 2019

August 11 - Psalms Week 2
Psalm 113
Luke 15:8-10

August 18th - Psalms Week 3
Psalm 27
Matthew 6:25-34

August 25th - Psalms Week 4
Psalm 40
Luke 17:11-19



Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesday – By Appointment.



WELCA ADOPT A TABLE for ADVENT /CHRISTMAS 2019

WHO: Quilters of Fish Lake Lutheran

WHAT: Make a Table Topper in Christmas fabrics in a pattern of your choice. (I have a bunch of patterns if you would like to look at them or borrow one.) Suggested size 18"-24", square looks good on our round tables.

WHERE: Each donated table topper will set the tone for a centerpiece on a table in our FLL Fellowship Hall.

WHEN: The Table Topper should be turned in to me by the last Sunday in October or before. I would like to know if you plan on doing one or two so that I can make sure there are enough for all our tables.

WHY: Festive, Fun, an excuse to use some of your Christmas fabric stash... We will then open up the "ADOPT A TABLE" to the congregation (individuals or families) to create a centerpiece to go on a specific Table Topper. The centerpieces will be placed on the tables the first Sunday in Advent. We will have a popular vote for the best centerpiece in a number of categories.

Join the fun!
Sharon Petit

Year of Renewal 1-to-1 Conversations

You may have heard a bit about the Year of Renewal and the 1-to-1 Conversations we will be having this summer. So, here are some quick answers to some questions you may have about the process.

Why are we doing the Year of Renewal? The Year of Renewal is a program of the St. Paul Area Synod meant to help congregations key into what's important to their people and their community. Fish Lake is entering this process with the intent of using it as pre-work for writing a new mission statement.

What is a 1-to-1 Conversation? A 1-to-1 Conversation is a conversation where one person (the conversationalist) seeks out time to talk with one other person (the conversation partner).

What will we talk about during this conversation? That is completely up to you. The conversationalists are not coming into the conversation with any agenda other than hearing your story and getting to know you better.

When and where will we have this conversation? These details are completely up to you and the person with whom you will be conversing. Whenever and wherever is convenient is fine. The church library is open for these conversations, or you could go out for coffee, or meet in one of your homes. Wherever you feel comfortable is fine.

How do I get involved? Everyone will be randomly assigned to a list, and from each list our conversationalists will be seeking to speak with 5 people. If you get a call and would rather not participate, feel free to kindly turn down the offer. If you would for sure like to participate, call the office and we will get you on the top of someone's list.

These conversations are the first stage of a year-long process of renewal we have begun. Please pray for Fish Lake during this time of renewal. Thank you in advance for being as open as possible to this process!

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