Thanks for Volunteering for September 2023

<u>Ushers</u>

Kent & Jenelle Lindquist



Lector

Jenelle Lindquist



Acolytes

Needed



Altar Guild

Barb Lyga & Jeannie Johnson –

Technology

needed



Money Counters

Val & Kylee Lindquist Kristin Kosloski

Coffee Serving Schedule

9/3 Joan Day & Kathy Howe

9/10 Diane Lund & Judy / Mark Foote

9/17 Shirley & Charlie Albrecht

9/24 Margaret T/Mary W/Wanda F.



Kitchen Manager

Andy Peloquin



Newsletter Deadline

Due to changes & delays in receiving the newsletter- I would ask that any articles & information for the upcoming month's

newsletter be sent to the church office <u>no later than the last</u>

<u>Monday</u> of each Month. This will allow time to process
the newsletter & for members to receive it in a timely
manner. Thanks! Jane

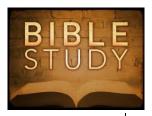
September Birthdays

Danielle Formanek 9/1 Kennedy Rand 9/5 Joseph Yourchuck 9/8 Janelle Lindquist 9/10 Jim Olson 9/10 Lukas Hunter 9/11 Jody Maslow 9/14 Darlene Close 9/14 Roger Nielsen 9/15 Josiah Wegner 9/17 Julie Fox 9/18 Ellyn Lindquist 9/19 Ernie Lyga 9/19 Alexi Gloodt 9/19 Mark Fox 9/22 Doug Beedle 9/22 Lucas Stiemann 9/27 Abel Moritz 9/29 Jacob Stiemann 9/30



**If we forgot your birthday – we are "Sorry"
- please let the office know!

<u>Tuesday Morning</u>- Bible Study will meet at Pilgrim- 10am – in September



<u>Deborah Circle/Bible Study</u> will begin again on September 19th at 4:30pm

(They will meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays each month)

The semi-annual meeting is
September 17th
following service



Thanks for supporting the Book Sale again this year.
They moved many books, and took in approx.\$550.00
The pie social is always a hit!
They took in approx. \$425
Thanks to everyone for your donations and help!





Men's Breakfast Club



We will be meeting again -- the second Saturday morning at 8am!
See you at the Pour House!

It's a time for men from the church & community to get together!

If you are interested - - please contact Jim Olson at 715-566-4391



Remember!!
We change
our worship
time starting

Sunday September 3rd to 8:30am!

Things to keep in mind ...



Grief Support

As a church, we are committed to walking together through all of life's milestones.

Our Regional Hospice Group – Spooner, will again offer a <u>Grief Support Group</u> at Bethany

• Starting September 13th – October 18th 10-11:30am

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Call our Foot Nurse Theresa Andersonat 605-376-6980 to schedule your time. September 1st & 8th



Funerals & Baptisms in August:

Judy Frank – passed away Aug. 2^{nd} – Service at 1^{st} Baptist Church in Cambridge MN – Aug. 26^{th}

Doug Mattson – passed away Aug. 13th –

Service at Bethany Wed. Aug. 23rd

Baptisms: Flynn Wood – Baptized on Sunday August 13th at the Outdoor Service – Crooked Lake Park.



Lessons for September

SUNDAY, September 3

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 15: 15-21

PSALM: 26: 1-8

SECOND READING: ROMANS 12: 9-21

GOSPEL: Matthew 16: 21-28

SUNDAY, September 10

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 33: 7-11

PSALM: 119; 33-40

SECOND READING: ROMANS 13: 8-14

GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 15-20

SUNDAY, September 17

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: GENESIS 50: 15-21

PSALM: 103: (1-7) 8-13

SECOND READING: ROMANS 14: 1-12

GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 21-35

SUNDAY, September 24

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: JONAH 3: 10-4:11

PSALM: 145: 1-8

SECOND READING: PHILLIPPIANS 1: 21-30

GOSPEL: Matthew 20: 1-16



Sunday School Begins again! September 24th 9:45-10:30 am

4K-Grade 6 are welcome to come! Bring a friend!

Bring your back pack!

During the 8:30am service – your

child's backpack will be blessed for the school year!

To Pastor Emily & Bethany Family;

Thank you for your guiding light, love, laughter, and wisdom. We want to express our sincere gratitude to you for making Flynn's baptism day so very, very, special.

Thank you to all of you that gave of your time and talents to make this day such a gift for us. To Harmonic Balance, Rick & Kristin, Andy & Michelle, Fran, Laura, Diane & Darren, Joan, Danna & Bonnie, and the Quilters. And to Cindy J. for the beautiful cake!

Thank you to our wonderful Bethany Family for being an important part in Flynn's special day!

May God Bless You All!

The Woods and The Flanigan's







E-MAIL Have you been receiving

Pastor's weekly email message through smore.com? Would you like to? **Contact Pastor Emily**



pastorstelling@sirentel.net

- If you know of someone that would benefit from a call or visit from Pastor Emily, please email her *Or call her phone at: 320-438-5807*
- Let us try to be the church that people in our family and area need. Interested In Baptism? All Are Welcome!
- No One Is Turned Away Do you know someone who is considering baptism, but is questioning everything? Perhaps you have a new baby in your life! If you want to talk about this "means of grace", then please let the office know

Prayers Needed

Ongoing Prayers for:

Becky Strabel Debbie Sherman Lewis Cliffton Greg Close Marlyce McKinney Lona Nordgren

Mary Lou Daeffler Aiden, Bonnie & Chris Foehser

Bonnie Foehser needs help cleaning her gutters. If you are able to help her – please call 715-566-0690 Thanks!



confirmation will be starting again with a planning meeting! September 6th

6:30-7:30 pm

@Pilgrim

All returning and new students & parents are invited to attend!

Following the meeting will be A Youth Gathering Meeting for those interested In going to the ELCA Youth Gathering In New Orleans - July 16-20th

Youth Gathering Commitment Due soon! Each Family is to pay \$150 Deposit **Due September 10th!**

Bethany Lutheran Church - Council Notes 08/08/2023

Members present: Joan, Mary, Kent, Jim, Wayne, Rick, Pastor Emily,

Donna, Cindy, Darren, special guests were Charlie and Jessica.

Meeting called to order at 6p

"what is a disciple" activity was run

m/s/c last meeting minutes were approved

Treasurer's report was received

Pastor's Report was received

*First Sunday for earlier service starts September 3 at 8:30a Old Business

- 1. Cleaning schedule starts Sat. Aug. 12th, 8-12p, Painting will be Aug. 15th during the day. Volunteers are always welcome
- 2. Sharing financials was discussed and will Aug. 13th.
- 3. Aug. 20th we will have the Parish Worship Band performing for the first time.
- 4. Book Club & Pie Social was approx. \$1,000
- 5. President to ask all clubs/groups for a monthly check in to report at the council meetings
- 6. We will be making one more adjustment to the treasurer's report for better understanding

New Business

- 1. Directory update is ongoing, all other pictures for the directory are due Aug. 17th. Submitted pictures will carry a \$15 cost.
- 2. Clothing sale will be extended for an extra week.
- 3. Trash Update: reviewing current contract and thinking about changing to Waterman's
- 4. LED Sign update: quotes currently being taken and a showing is planned soon.

EVENTS

- 1. Free Veggies will be in on Sundays for all
- 2. Block Party date will be moving
- 3. \$40 to Village of Siren for our Service at the Park on Aug. 6th. It went GREAT!!
- 4. Pie Social/Book Sale made \$1,000!
- 5. Potato Bake is being planned for Sept/Oct.

Committee Reports were received

Strategic Planning to-do list was updated m/s/c meeting adjourned @ 8:09p Lord's Prayer

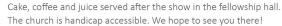




The Looney Lutherans are a trio of wacky gals who use music, comedy, and some help from the audience to share their age-old wisdom for living a long and lively life, the Lutheran way. Material is comedic and family friendly, and you don't have to be Lutheran to love 'it! Please welcome THE LOONEY LUTHERANS!

LIVIN' LA VIDA LUTHERAN: Looney Lifestyle tips for Livelier Living! (90 Min)





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"Where Does She Retreat?" -- The Society of the Holy Trinity

I am part of an order, a more modern word may be ministerium, but it is more monastic than it is bureaucratic. I don't really proclaim it much, because there are negative attachments to it that are not entirely just. Because The Society is the most pan-Lutheran organization in the land (Europe has their own versions of these orders but with deeper roots)—LCMS, LCMC, NALC, ELCA, WELS, ELS are just a handful of the more than 10 Lutheran denominations in the country—the Society is labeled as "conservative" or "rebel-rousing". Most of The Society is made up of pastors from the ELCA and NALC with some LCMS. The latter two church bodies lead many to those inaccurate conclusions.

In the early years of the formation of the ELCA radical changes were introduced such as changing the baptismal formula from "in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" to "in the name of (fill your adjectives for God here—often something like "Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier"). This may seem arbitrary, but it really is a big deal. Luckily, the ELCA never officially endorsed such things though it has underscored the congregational governance over and above the episcopal (or catholic, or church-wide) meaning that churches can ultimately do what they like. As a result, The Society was created:

"Ordained to the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament in Christ's Church, called to such an office in Lutheran churches, we form together an ordered society of pastors. We commit ourselves to gather regularly for hearing the Word, celebrating the Lord's Supper, prayer, and theological reflection. We gather to help one another be faithful to the promises spoken when we were ordained." --Official statement from The Society's *Rule* (www.societyholytrinity.org/therule)

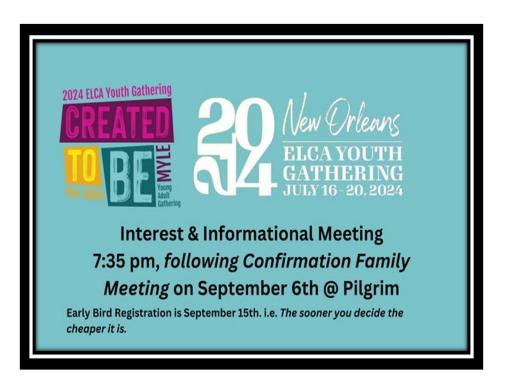
Each member of the society signs The Rule. *The Rule* are guidelines for helping members of the society be faithful to the vows they made when they were ordained to the priesthood. I encourage you to read it. Never has The Society made political stances or propose schism or animosity toward the Lutheran church bodies in America. It really is

a brethrenhood or support group for Lutheran pastors as we all navigate through the storm of religious changes and challenges. Being part of the STS has been incredibly helpful and I won't deny it. Labels like "liberal" or "conservative" are helpful only to a point; eventually it tears up traditions that are more complex than that dualistic thinking.

This is where I go when I am on "retreat". The General Chapter Retreat happens every September and is typically held in Mundelein, IL—basically Chicago. I am part of the Minnesota Chapter and we aim to meet quarterly for 24 hours of prayer, fellowship, theological study, and rest.

Pastor Emily





Worship Leaders

- Music
- Ushers/Welcomers to visitors
- Altar Guild/Communion Assistant
- Tech: Sound & Streaming
- Acolyte
- Lector
- Coffee Server
- Counter

(Above are people we already schedule. Below are Pastor Emily's suggested worship leaders we would like to start scheduling):

- **Prayers of the People** this person prepares the prayers and keeps the parish prayer list updated. They are in charge of finding readers on Sundays.
- **Announcements** *council member/someone shares the news from the pews*
- **Children's Sermon** this person oversees the children's message (normally before the readings or after sermon). Create sign-up for people (inc. Pr. Emily).
- Coming soon: Communion Ministers/Eucharist Ministers/Visitors bring left over communion to the homebound and visit with ppl as needed.

Talk to Pastor Emily is you would like to volunteer to be one of these worship leaders!