



# Life at First

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I have missed the green leaves outside the windows of my office. From where I sit, I can see down into the coulee, the green grass shining in the sunlight and the leaves of the trees moving with the breeze. Today, there is a breeze, anyway.

Last summer, I painted a silk stole for the Bishop. It had cottonwood leaves on it, and a verse from Revelation that reads, 'and the leaves of the tree shall be for the healing of the nations.' I think about this verse often. It's referencing the New Jerusalem prophesied in Revelation. It speaks about a tree with 12 kinds of fruits, producing fruit for each month, and how its leaves are for the healing of the nations. It evokes imagery of the Garden of Eden, and God's intention for the trees and plants to provide food and sustenance for creation. It evokes imagery of returning to the Eden that God intended life to live in. And for me, it makes me ponder what healing and wholeness look like in our world today.

I saw an interesting quote a few weeks ago from N.T. Wright, who is an Anglican priest and theologian living in England. The quote reads, "Our culture is so fixated on dying and going to heaven when the whole of Scripture is about heaven coming to earth." I've been pondering this quote for the past few weeks, and I think there's some truth to it.

We tend to take Scripture passages like this verse from Revelation to point to what heaven will be like at the end of time. But what if the Kingdom of God to come was actually one brought to earth here and now? What if the Kingdom we strive for in eternity is present now, breaking into our world in unexpected and wild ways? And what if our role was to participate in this breaking in, so that God's Kingdom is lived out in the present rather than some unfathomable idea that is unattainable in our lives? I'm not suggesting that heaven is something that isn't real; I believe that when we die, we go to rest in God's mercy and are gathered with the great cloud of witnesses around God's throne. But the Kingdom of God, is, in my opinion, something slightly different than the idea of heaven.

Heaven evokes imagery of some future glory that we will enter when we die. The Kingdom of God evokes imagery of a participation in God's call to love and serve God and neighbor here and now. These seem quite different to me. It speaks of active work, engagement and participation in a reality that changes everything here and now. Sometimes, I think we tend to believe that God's Kingdom will come at some later point after we are gone so that we don't have to necessarily get our hands dirty with the hard work that comes with loving our neighbors as ourselves. I'm not suggesting everyone is guilty of this, but I know I certainly am. I tend to lean toward passages from the book of Revelation as the "end-all-be-all" solution to a problem that isn't mine to solve. But while the problem isn't mine to solve, it is mine to participate in, and try to rectify in what small ways I can.

What if our roles in this world, aside from loving God and loving neighbor, was to bring whatever small ways of healing and wholeness into this world as a means of loving God and loving neighbor? What if the breaking in of God's Kingdom was about offering up space in our lives to live out the call to be the hands and feet of Christ to a world in need. What if we are meant to be the bearers of God's Kingdom come to earth through the way we live our lives in faith, justice, and peace? What if God's Kingdom wasn't something lightyears away but a very real presence in our lives here and now? Would our lives look different? I certainly think so.

We are not the healers. There is only one Healer, one "Rapha" (Hebrew for Healer). We are simply (or is it simply?) participants in bringing healing, being bearers of healing. We carry God's healing and wholeness in our lives through our interactions with others. And the healing we carry can only be produced by God because it is a healing that heals our deepest wounds: separation from God by sin. Yet, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have restored and healed relationship with God. So, while we are not the ones doing the healing, our actions point to the One who does the healing.

How do we do this? I think it begins by the simple idea of loving our neighbors. And who is our neighbor, as Jesus was asked? Maybe a better question would be, “Who ISN’T our neighbor?” Our neighbors are the ones in close physical proximity yes, but they’re also ones who are physically distant. Our neighbors are the ones we agree with, but they’re also those who we disagree with. Our neighbors are the ones we love the best, but they’re also the ones whom we fail to love. Our neighbors are the ones with similar lifestyles and choices, but also ones who have different lifestyles and who have made different choices. Our neighbors are the ones with whom we agree politically, but they’re also the ones who belong to different political affiliations. Our neighbors are the ones who worship as we do, but they’re also the ones who worship differently, or believe differently, or practice their faith differently. All people are our neighbors.

We are people who tend to be quick to find that which divides rather than that which unites. But what if we lived our lives in such a way that the divisions we perceive are lines that can be erased by love? What if the divisions we see are lines that can be erased by seeing the image of God in all whom we meet? What if our divisions are just lines that can be erased simply because we’ve decided that there doesn’t need to be lines? After all, we are, all of us, God’s children.

I had a seminary professor tell me something that I will never forget, and it’s this: every time we draw a line between someone else and God, we’ve only drawn a line between ourselves in God; God is always on the other side with the one we’ve tried to exclude. And this has stuck with me. And I imagine it will stick with me forever because it’s true. Every time we try to pin God down, God is somewhere else. God cannot be limited to our ideas and stipulations. Every time we try to say that someone is outside of God’s love, we’ve only effectively said we ourselves are outside of God’s love. Every time we try to exclude someone, we have only excluded ourselves.

God IS love. And God is NOT hateful or judgmental. God is infinitely loving, merciful, and kind. And there is a place for ALL people in God’s Kingdom. The God we believe in and worship is more vast and complex than we can comprehend. And in that, I find comfort. It leaves space for ambiguity. It leaves space for mystery. It leaves space for God to be God. And it leaves space for me to be thankful that God is God, and I am not. It leaves space for me and you to be bearers of this Kingdom, free to participate and free to love. Period.

In Christ’s peace,  
Pastor Katie



**Confirmation Sunday - May 5, 2024**  
Congratulations to Camden Olson and Brody Hanson!



**Pentecost Sunday/Graduation Sunday**  
The choir sang  
“ I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

# OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN, SERVE AND GROW




Use this **QR code** to schedule when and what amount you wish to give from your personal bank account, credit card or debit card. You can change the amount or schedule at any time from your phone using the Vanco Mobile App.

Please submit all pictures and articles to the church office by **June 15, 2024**. Help make our newsletter as complete a picture of "Life at First Lutheran" as possible!

Use **Text To Give** – Send text to **833-376-1678** with dollar amount in the text message field (1 = \$1.00; 50 = \$50; etc.). First timers will receive a link to tap on & register your contact and payment information.

- You will receive a text or e-mail receipt to text your offering anytime you wish.
- The church office will receive notice of your giving.
- Future giving – text the same number which is specifically assigned to First Lutheran Church of Harvey.



**Quilting every Monday at 1:00 pm in the church**

QUILTING

**June is First Lutheran's turn to help at the Food Pantry:**

**Shelf/Freight Day is Tuesday, June 11th, and 3 volunteers are needed from 5 - 6 p.m. Thursday, June 13th, is Distribution Day and a total of 8 volunteers are needed. Two volunteers are needed from Noon until 12:30 for home deliveries and the other 6 for distribution from 12:30 - 5:00. If you would like to help out, please contact the church office. Thank you!**

**Men's Coffee Group meets Monday – Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Join them for Fellowship and a great cup of coffee.**

*Thank you*

Thanks to Melvin and Grace Arndt for delivering the Lutheran World Relief Items to Minot and to everyone who donated blankets, items for the baby care and personal care kits, and/or items for making the quilts. Thanks to all who helped make the quilts. The following items were sent in May: 83 quilts, 2 blankets, 16 personal care kits, and 29 baby care kits. The next time for sending items will be in October.


We now have two blankets available for use in case of a medical emergency. One is located in the closet in the kitchen, and one is on the shelf by the elevator on the main floor.



**Text HFLC to 84576 to stay connected with First Lutheran Church.**


**Please remember our nursing home residents in your thoughts, cards and prayers:**

**Agnes Dick  
Lou Glass  
Lester Lien  
Wanda Bowlinger  
Travis Graumann**



If you think of someone we are missing, please call Karla at the church office.

**Would you like to be more involved in worship?** Please let the church secretary, Karla Faul, know if you'd like to: Read, usher, provide treats, or serve communion. We are always happy to see new faces and will help you to be prepared for this new role.



Thank you to all those who helped with the May worship services. If any one is interested in helping in any of these areas, please contact the church office.

*Corinthians 9:7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*



Summer Greetings, Dear Girlfriends in Christ,

Continuing to mold our BOLDNESS as Christian women -

### BOLDNESS IN TEACHING

- ▶ **TEACHING CAN BE SEEN THROUGH THE LENS OF WITNESSING –**  
*Soon afterwards (Jesus) went on through the cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities. Mary, called Magdalene... and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Suzanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources. Luke 8: 1-3*
- ▶ **TEACHING CAN BE HEARD IN THE FORM OF PREACHING –**  
*At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Raman and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. Judges 4: 4-5*
- ▶ **TEACHING CAN BE MODELED THROUGH THE ACT OF MENTORING –**  
*On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatire and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us. Acts 16: 13-15*

In these passages we read of boldness in the women who traveled to witness to their faith and in Jesus, who welcomed women so openly into discipleship. Deborah, the bold prophet, judge, and preacher, was given the power to teach others. Through her role as both weaver and faithful believer, Lydia BOLDLY mentored others, teaching them of her own baptism and opening her home for ministry to others. These are manifestations of BOLDNESS in teaching we find and exhibit.

### DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF BOLD IN TEACHING?

We are coming off a busy, busy couple of months. Thank you so much to the many women who have helped us with the many missions that we embarked on. FLCW could never be the vital arm of the church without the willingness of our women to continually share your time and talent as we continue to "DO GOD'S WORK WITH OUR HANDS." June and July are traditionally less busy, giving us a chance to recharge and take the time to enjoy all that our short summer has to offer. We will gear up again in August with our annual Kick-Off Picnic.

- √ THANK YOU to all who participated in the Plant Potluck. I have certainly benefitted from this endeavor, bringing home a variety of new plants. It is a fun project that costs nothing, and seems to have caught on a little more this year.
- √ Spring Lutheran World Relief delivery is in the books, and our QUILTERS produced some amazing numbers again: 83 quilts; 2 blankets; 16 Personal Care Kits; 29 Baby Care Kits. All items for the kits are donated by members of the church – THANK YOU very much to all of you who donate and make it possible for us to participate in this mission. THANK YOU to our dedicated quilters, who also made beautiful quilts for our six graduating seniors.
- √ THANK YOU to Gail Wangen and Joyce Pestal for helping to deliver MOTHER'S DAY bouquets to our members who are residents in the Nursing Home and some of our members who are consistently homebound. This is actually a mission that we should be conscious about doing more often, the mission of visitation. It is so rewarding, and definitely so appreciated.
- √ THANK YOU to Sheena Schneibel who did a wonderful job recognizing our graduating seniors and assisting with the Quilt Presentation. Sheena knows these kids so well, and is just the perfect person to do this.
- √ We were able, through your generosity, to send to the Women of the ELCA, in the form of THANKOFFERING, \$677.71. THANK YOU so much for continuing to participate in this mission. I am quite proud of the amount "small change" that we were able to contribute.
- √ First Lutheran will be hosting the LONETREE FALL CLUSTER GATHERING. It is always fun to host our sisters in Christ. We will get in the swing of planning that in August, once we become aware of the details, date, etc. for the Gathering.
- √ I have just received notification of Metigoshe "WOMEN'S DAY OUT", set for Tuesday, July 23. So, SAVE THE DATE -more information will be forthcoming.
- √ SYNODICAL WOMEN'S CONVENTION is June 21-22 at Trinity Lutheran in Bismarck. Scholarships are available. If you have interest in attending, Kathy Muscha has the information.

√ August is **SCHOOL KIT MONTH**. Just sending out early notification if you should happen to come across any good deals over the summer.

*And Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation."* Mark 16: 15

**In His Service,  
Kathy Muscha, President, FLCW**

### PEACE LIKE A RIVER

Western North Dakota Women of the ELCA 19th Biennial Synodical Convention  
June 21-22, 2024 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bismarck  
Contact Kathy Muscha (701-341-1127) if you have an interest in attending or have questions

### WOMEN'S DAY OUT, July 23rd at Camp Metigoshe — 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Free Will Offering

Tour Metigrowshe Garden  
Worship and pray together  
Start up some herb gardens  
Tasty food

RSVP by July 10th

Contact Joyce Pestal (701 - 625- 1473) if you are interested and would like a registration form

### A YEAR OF THANKOFFERINGS (suggestions)

FEBRUARY - \$ .50 for every Valentine that you sent and/or received

MARCH - \$ .10 for each of the 40 days of Lent

APRIL - \$2.00 for the first crocus or meadowlark that you see

MAY - \$5.00 in honor of your Mother

JUNE - \$1.00 for every wedding that you are invited to this month

JULY - \$ .25 for every American flag that you see displayed on your street or rural road

(to be continued next month)

### Sheets Needed

The quilters are in need of sheets for the backs of quilts and also for liners. Ones for backs should be in good condition, but ones for liners may have stains. Any size can be used. Cotton or cotton/polyester is preferred. They can also use sheet blankets, flannel sheets, and mattress pads. If you have any items to donate, please leave them on the bench by the "office" door or take them to the quilting room in the basement. Thank you!

### Bible Conversations - All women are welcome!



Bible Conversations will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 12th. We will continue our book study. The book is, Hallelujah Anyway Rediscovering Mercy by Anne Lamont.

**First Lutheran Church Council  
Meeting May 8, 2024 at 7:15 pm  
Unofficial Minutes**

**First Lutheran Church  
Council 2023-2024**

Officers:

President: Beth Huseeth  
Vice President: Ted Sitz  
Secretary: Joleen Swang

Members:

Elinor Meckle  
Ryan Filler  
Wade Anderson  
Heather Mayer

Council members present: Beth Huseeth, Ted Sitz, Joleen Swang, Elinor Meckle, Ryan Filler and Wade Anderson. Absent: Heather Mayer. Also present: Pastor Katie and Karla Faul.

Pastor Katie led us in devotions.

President Beth called the meeting to order.

Approval of the April minutes - Moved by Joleen, seconded by Ted to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Moved by Ted, seconded by Wade to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

FLCW – 138 people were served at the Potato Bar following the Centennial/Notes of Joy Concert.

-The Rummage Sale proceeds were \$2,792.37.

-Three ladies attended the Lonetree Cluster Gathering in Mercer.

-May 19<sup>th</sup> will be senior recognition and potluck.

-The Plant Potluck will take place the month of May.

-Flowers will be taken to the nursing home and shut-ins for Mother's Day.

-Quilts and kit items need to be delivered May 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> for Lutheran World Relief. 95 quilts were donated in 2023.

-Women's Synodical Convention is June 21 & 22 in Bismarck.

-July 14<sup>th</sup> is the send-off and potluck for the LYO New Orleans Group.

-First Lutheran FLCW will host the fall Lonetree Cluster Meeting.

-We will be purchasing some new lightweight tables.

Pastor's Report – Funeral for Lorraine Volochenko on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

-Attended Pastor's Conference in Fessenden on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

-Led Long Term Care Bible Study on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

-Confirmation Banquet was April 28<sup>th</sup>.

President's Reflection – Printed in newsletter.

Ministry Team Reports:

- Music & Worship: (Ted Sitz)
  - Met April 22<sup>nd</sup> and selected hymns.
  - Had a discussion around slide creation. Pastor Katie would like to be done with the slide creation beginning in July.
  - Kid Inclusive Worship Integration – will work with Buildings & Grounds.
  - Received a quote of \$1,765.00 for a screen and installation from Tricorne Audio.  
Moved by Ted, seconded by Ryan to purchase the screen based on the bid from Tricorne Audio of \$1,765.00 and move forward. Motion carried.
  - Discussion on Pastor Katie wearing here Alb in the summer months.  
Moved by Ryan, seconded by Wade to leave it up to the discretion of Pastor Katie if she wishes to wear her Alb during the summer months. Motion carried.
- Stewardship: (Wade Anderson)
  - Tim will get a hard copy from Ted on the Living Generously card. Also developing a larger card that will be laminated to educate the parishioners on the program.
  - Chip In For Mental Health – The date has been set for July 7<sup>th</sup> at the Peaceful Valley Golf Course. The selected cause is Community Cares.

- Discussed continued on sending a letter to the congregation as part of the semi-annual statements acknowledging the generosity of our congregation in helping us meet our financial obligation. We will work to construct this letter at the May meeting.
- We will continue to research the TIME/TALENT concept of sharing our story in utilizing creative And innovative methods.
- Parish Education: (Joleen Swang)
  - We recommend that we do not have Metigoshe come this year for VBS. Alternative would be to have something in the fall/winter in the evening if volunteers are available.
  - Confirmation Class for next year. A survey was sent to this year's class and 4 have responded. We will share them with Pastor Katie and review at our May meeting.
  - 13 people attended the Confirmation Banquet for Brody and Camden.
- Buildings & Grounds: (Elinor Meckle)
  - No meeting.
- Evangelism: (Ryan Filler)
  - Re-cap of the Spring Carnival. We had donations of \$1,800. The balance remaining in the fund is \$234.96. It was a 3-hour event with 175 participants.
  - Discussed décor and plants for the front of the church, swimming party in July and the Blessing of Backpacks in August with a “back to school” hayride possibly.
- Constitution: Went over Pastor's Job Description and will approve next month.
- Mutual Ministry: Met recently and had a good discussion.

#### Discussion Items:

- Fuel Fund – We used the contracted 6,500 gallons.
- Correspondence – Pastor Katie updated us on some resolutions coming to the floor at Synod Assembly.
- Flocknote – No report.

#### Old Business:

- Endowment & Audit Committee Team Members – no update.
- Endowment Fund – Council decision on hold.
- Mandatory Reporting – Sheena, Ryan and Heather have completed the training.
- Memorial Gifts – need guidelines.
- Faith in Action – No discussion.
- Synod Assembly – Beth, Ted, Kathy and Pastor Katie are attending. Ann is an alternate.

#### New Business:

- Discussion on paying Livestream staff.
- First Lutheran raised \$162 for Allison Leer by selling quilt raffle tickets.
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade – Promote the “Chip in for Mental Health” event as well as the church itself. We would like to hand out water bottles again.
- Food Pantry – It is First Lutheran's turn in June. June 11<sup>th</sup> is shelving and the 13<sup>th</sup> is distribution. Volunteers are needed for both days.
- Pastor Katie would like to attend a Women's Clergy Continuing Ed event in Sioux Falls August 6 – 8, 2024. The only cost to the church will be the hotel. Council approved and because of this, we will move the August council meeting to the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting will be June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.  
We closed with the Lord's Prayer at 9:08 p.m.

Recorded & Submitted by  
Karla Faul  
Church Secretary

<b>First Lutheran Financials</b>	
General Fund Balance on May 1	\$ 9,511.35
Deposits for May	\$11,850.30
Expenses for May	<u>\$16,971.12</u>
General Fund Ending Balance on May 24	\$ 4,390.53
<b>We need \$14,000 a month to meet our budget.</b>	



2—Nicholas Fry  
 3—Cassie Filler  
 4—Garrett Heilman  
 5—Joyce Lillemon  
 6—Bausten Paulson  
 6—Huxley Paulson  
 8—Crystal Holzer  
 9—Kathy Muscha  
 10—Tammy Anderson  
 10—Gracie Schindler  
 12—Dianne Susag  
 13—Tim Nordby  
 14—Beverly Berg  
 15—Delores Brynjulson  
 15—Barry Dick, Jr.  
 15—Ellen Gabbert  
 15—Beth Huseth  
 15—Tucker Nordby

17—Stetson Pederson  
 17—Katie Rodriguez  
 18—Allen Brynjulson  
 18—Lacey Grade  
 18—Brinley Heilman  
 19—Phil Leer  
 20—Candace Richardson  
 21—Summer Pederson  
 22—Rachael Buechler  
 23—Camden Olson  
 23—Gail Wangen  
 24—Tate Hase  
 24—Jesse Pederson  
 24—Jynnea Peterson  
 25—Ronda Pederson  
 26—MacKenzie Sagert  
 26—Rhonda Swang  
 27—Brooklyn Davis  
 27—Jersey Keller  
 28—Matt Kittelson  
 30—Barrett Bush  
 30—Jaime Bush  
 30—Carlie Filler



2—Ted & Ann Sitz  
 5—Allen & Delores Brynjulson  
 10—Gerry & Melissa Anderson  
 11—Brett & Carissa Gleave  
 12—Barry & Mardelle Buechler  
 12—Bob & Joyce Pestal  
 12—Todd & Rhonda Swang  
 20—Wade & Renae Anderson  
 20—Steve & Amy Lesmeister  
 24—Bryon & Laura Brynjulson  
 25—Jesse Y Ronda Pederson  
 29—Jerry & Lara Schuh

## Mother the Camp!

Help fill Metigoshe Ministries pantry by “Mothering Our Camp.” Any of the items listed here are items we use a lot at camp. Please help by dropping off the following items in the basket in the Place of Welcome during the month of June.

- ⇒ Breakfast Cereal
- ⇒ Old-fashioned Oatmeal
- ⇒ Tomato Sauce
- ⇒ Canned Fruit & Vegetables
- ⇒ Brown & Powdered Sugar
- ⇒ White Sugar
- ⇒ Flour
- ⇒ Choc./Butterscotch Chips
- ⇒ Peanut Butter & Jelly
- ⇒ Pancake Syrup
- ⇒ Honey
- ⇒ Mayonnaise
- ⇒ Pickles
- ⇒ Pasta
- ⇒ Hershey Kisses
- ⇒ S’mores Ingredients
- ⇒ Gluten-Free Baking Mixes
- ⇒ Gluten-Free Flour
- ⇒ Granola Bars
- ⇒ Batteries (AA, 9v)
- ⇒ Napkins/Paper Towels
- ⇒ Paper Cups & Plates
- ⇒ Toilet Paper
- ⇒ Dish Soap
- ⇒ Mosquito/Wasp Spray
- ⇒ Sunscreen
- ⇒ Permanent Markers
- ⇒ Reams of Paper

## Shape Up The Shop!

Please help by dropping off any of these items in the Place of Welcome. Whatever you can provide will be appreciated!



- ⇒ Leaf Rake
- ⇒ Garden Carts
- ⇒ Shop Towels
- ⇒ Floor Jack
- ⇒ Tape Measures
- ⇒ .08 Trimmer Line
- ⇒ Duct Tape
- ⇒ Drill Bit Set
- ⇒ 20v DeWalt Tools
- ⇒ 20v DeWalt Batteries
- ⇒ Premixed Roundup
- ⇒ Planer (hand & bench)
- ⇒ Paint Brushes & Rollers
- ⇒ Paint Trays & Drop Cloths
- ⇒ Kerosene
- ⇒ Gift Cards to: Cenex, Walmart, Target, Runnings, Amazon Marketplace Foods

We also have a wish list on Amazon. To access, go to <https://a.co/7lJvGoA>





## Listening to God Through Scripture

Every week at our Sunday worship service, Pastor Katie will provide one story of a person or community who discerned God's call for them. Through weekly readings we will encounter many people of faith who heard God's call. Some of these stories will resonate and make you say, "That sounds like our community of faith!" Other stories may feel foreign and distant. God speaks in many ways to many people. Experiencing a wide range of Biblical stories will aid our discernment process. Feel free to join us on our Livestream on our Facebook page or YouTube.

On the following Wednesday, Pastor Katie will lead discussions on the same passage so we can share how the people of faith hear God's call to them. If you cannot attend, you can join us on Zoom. **The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89924223586?pwd=U1U5ZjUwVDQyT214ODcvU1llbjFIZz09>**

**Sharing your reflections**. How did you feel this scripture related to our community of faith at First Lutheran Church of Harvey?

We encourage you to write your reflections on the bulletin board in the Narthex or the QR Code.

Please join us on this journey of discernment. Together we will gain clarity about our ministry and boldly follow God into the future.



### LIVING GENEROUSLY

#### THE FOUNDATION OF STEWARDSHIP

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it; the world, and those who live in it. Psalm 24:1

The Bible consistently gives us a countercultural and counterintuitive understanding of the world and ourselves. It is so radical that many of us cannot accept it.

The idea is that the world belongs to God, and so does everything IN the world. Even US! We, who proudly think of ourselves as autonomous, self-directed, and self-made, actually belong to God. In other words, we do not own ourselves. We are possessions of the Almighty.

Think about that for just a minute. We do not own the earth, our houses, our cars, our possessions, our animals, our children, or even ourselves. It all belongs to God. We are mere caretakers. We belong to God. Though made in God's image, we are nonetheless humble servants.

The reality that God owns everything, even us, forms the foundation for biblical stewardship. If God owns everything, including us, then we are responsible to God for our wisest and best use of the planet, our possessions, our talents, and our lives.

Taking that responsibility seriously, God's people will prayerfully make choices that are in accordance with God's wishes. We will care for ourselves, our neighbors, and the earth. We will strive to love the Lord our God with all of our being, and our neighbor as ourselves.

(Source: Reverend Robert Blezard, Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, MD., and part-time web editor for the Stewardship of Life Institute)

## Time & Talent

Thank you for volunteering your time to the church. **Ushers** - arrive by 9:30 - **Please check the duty list inside the closet located in the Narthex or on the table with the bulletins. Reader - Lessons will be emailed to you. If you need to switch days, please switch with someone on this list or find a replacement and let Karla know. Thank you!**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Communion</u>
6/2/2024	Deb Kourajian Ryan Filler	Heather Mayer	Kathy Muscha
6/9/2024	Allen Zuther Dianne Susag	Laurie Bartz	Bret Dockter
6/16/2024	Richard Roerick Gaylene Roerick	Scott Swang	Joleen Swang
6/23/2024	Ryan Schneibel Sheena Schneibel	Ted Sitz	Nikki Svoboda
6/30/2024	Joyce Lillemon Ellie Schneibel	Tim Huseh	Beth Huseh
7/7/2024	Bob Pestal Joyce Pestal	Bob Pestal	Debbie Buchwitz
7/14/2024	Darlene Wurtele Maxine Loerch	Bret Dockter	Emmy Gilbertson
7/21/2024	Wayne Muscha Kathy Muscha	Kathy Muscha	Courtney Lemer
7/28/2024	Scott Swang Joleen Swang	Scott Swang	Gerry Anderson
8/4/2024	Tim Huseh Beth Huseh	Tim Huseh	Heather Mayer



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 10:00 Worship/Communion <b>Synod Assembly in Watford City</b>	3 10:00 Men's Coffee 1:00 Quilting	4 10:00 Men's Coffee	5 10:00 Men's Coffee <b>6:30 Listening to God Through Scripture</b> <b>7:30 Council Meeting</b> 7:00 TV Ministry	6 10:00 Men's Coffee	7 9:30 Women's Group in Basement Lounge 10:00 Men's Coffee	7 10:00 Men's Coffee <b>Synod Assembly in Watford City</b>
9 10:00 Worship/Communion	10 10:00 Men's Coffee 1:00 Quilting <b>6:00 Buildings &amp; Grounds Mtg.</b>	11 10:00 Men's Coffee <b>5:00 Food Pantry Shelf/Freight Day</b> 3 Volunteers Needed	12 10:00 Men's Coffee <b>10:30 Bible Conversations in Basement Lounge</b> <b>5:00 Evangelism Mtg.</b> <b>6:30 Listening to God Through Scripture</b> 7:00 TV Ministry	13 10:00 Men's Coffee <b>12:00 Food Pantry Distribution</b> 8 Volunteers Needed	14 9:30 Women's Group in Basement Lounge 10:00 Men's Coffee	15 10:00 Men's Coffee <b>Early Newsletter Deadline</b>
16 <b>Father's Day</b> 10:00 Worship/Communion	17 10:00 Men's Coffee 1:00 Quilting	18 10:00 Men's Coffee	19 10:00 Men's Coffee <b>6:30 Listening to God Through Scripture</b> 7:00 TV Ministry	20 10:00 Men's Coffee <b>1:30 Nursing Home Bible Study</b>	21 9:30 Women's Group in Basement Lounge 10:00 Men's Coffee <b>WND Women's Biennial Synodical Convention in Bismarck</b>	22 10:00 Men's Coffee
23 10:00 Worship/Communion <b>6:30 LYO - New Orleans Parent/Youth Meeting at Ryan &amp; Sheena's</b>	24 10:00 Men's Coffee	25 10:00 Men's Coffee	26 10:00 Men's Coffee <b>6:00 Parish Ed Mtg.</b> <b>6:30 Listening to God Through Scripture</b> 7:00 TV Ministry	27 10:00 Men's Coffee 10:00 Women's Clergy Group in Minot	28 9:30 Women's Group in Basement Lounge 10:00 Men's Coffee <b>Wedding Rehearsal</b>	29 10:00 Men's Coffee <b>10:00 Metigoshe Quilt Auction</b> <b>4:00 Mariah Nitz &amp; Cory Peerboom Wedding</b>
30 10:00 Worship/Communion <b>2:00 Nursing Home Worship Service</b>						

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**Worship Schedule**

**Sunday — 10:00 am**

**Wednesday — 6:30 pm**

The 10:00 am worship service is broadcast on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm on local cable Channel 19 (Midco); Channel 451 (NDTC) and is livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.

**Sunday School**

**September-April**

**9:00 a.m.**

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