"You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you have made summer and winter."
(Psalm 74:17, ESV)

As I write this newsletter article, my mind is occupied with thoughts of summer. The older I get, the more I am aware that I have a limited number of summers left on this earth. I know that God has blessed me in so many ways. And I seem to have a heightened sense of those blessings when I am enjoying the sunny days and warm nights of summer. Here are some things that I'm thinking about right now.

First, I'm thinking about the farmers in our congregation and community. Their work is crucial to all of our lives. The crops they raise will feed our nation and many others around the world. But right now, we are in a pattern of rainfall that is making it impossible for them to get their crops planted. I've been praying every night for a long stretch of warm, dry weather, so that the farmers can do their work. Most of the farm families I know are very faithful Christians. They know that their lives are dependent upon forces beyond their control. So they have learned to put their trust in God. Hopefully, by the time you read this, their prayers will be answered and their trust will be rewarded with a new crop safely in the ground.

A second thing that I'm thinking about is our summer church activities. One of those is the Old Wheels Car Show on Saturday, June 29th. The show is a great opportunity for our congregation to welcome the whole community to a fun, family-friendly event. I love walking around the parking lot, looking at the cars, enjoying the company of good friends, and meeting new people. And we are also raising money (through food sales) to fund the two mobile food pantry events that we do each year. What a great way to combine Christian fellowship and community service!

Another summer event that I'm thinking about is Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is *To Mars And Beyond—God's Power At Work Within Us*. That sounds pretty awesome! We'll meet on five evenings, July 14-18, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. This is also a community event, because all children, from preschoolers to those who have just finished 5th grade, are welcome to participate. Older students and adults are welcome to be helpers. There are so many things that need to be done. So I hope that you will volunteer to help out and that you will invite the children of your neighborhood to attend!

Finally, I'm thinking about the slower pace of summer, which will allow all of us to enjoy some vacation days and to spend some extra time with our families and friends. Lisa and I were able to take a week of vacation in May and we are hoping to be gone for another week in the month of August. I hope that you will also take advantage of these wonderful summer days. If you're in town, I look forward to seeing you in church each Sunday. If you're out of town, take the opportunity to worship at a nearby church. Remember that God has "made summer and winter." And I believe that summer days are a special gift from God. Enjoy!

Pastor Bill

Council Summary:

Council meeting May 14th. April minutes and financial reports were reviewed & approved.
Sue Scruggs asked for permission to host a Women's Conference, "Revive Our Hearts" here at First Lutheran on Friday & Sat., September 27th & 28th.
Pastor – 10 worship services in April, 11 calls, 8 meetings, 18 classes, 5 counseling appts., 1 funeral, 1 baptism, 1 Lenten supper, special needs prom, OWLS Fellowship, Men's choral group rehearsals, Easter Breakfast, Mobile Food Pantry, Confirmation, Alpha & Omega Party and 1 vacation day in April. Adult Sunday School ends May 26 and Bible Study ends May 29 & 30.
Administrator – Average April attendance 134, Sunday School 41. Average attendance at Lenten services 53 (excluding Ash Wed.), Maundy Thursday 63 (included OWLS), Good Friday 74. Easter Sunday 7:00 - 44 and 9:30 - 144.
Property – Need to purchase a shed to store the riding lawn mower & snow blower, type K fire extinguisher purchased & installed in kitchen, sump pumps checked & working. Small dumpster from Republic Services delivered at a cost of approx. $55.00 per month. The City of Princeton will no longer pick up our garbage. They will pick up our recycling for $600 per year. No to recycling.
Service & Mission – Mobile Food Pantry served 132 households 313 people with 12,000 lbs. of food, Abigail Women's Center Baby Bottle collection begins May 12, Old Wheels set for June 29th, next planning meeting May 11, collecting new shoes, socks & underwear for Another Child June & July, Joy Kaufman gave presentation about Farm Stew
Outreach & Fellowship – Alpha & Omega Party went well. Scheduled swim party for July 21st and Bowling Night for August 10th.
Youth & Education –No meeting but VBS will be held the evenings July 14 – 18.
Worship – Made gift bags for Mother's & Father's day, order red geraniums for Pentecost, revised current Wedding Policy.
Finance – 4/30/19 $5000 behind in giving but ahead $1250 ahead in benevolence.
Endowment – council approved the expenditures: $668.89 to Quentech for a laptop, $100 to Princeton Ministerial Association toward scholarship program & added Jim Scruggs as signatory on Endowment checking account.
New Business – Council approved hosting the Women's conference in September. Committees to decide on meeting in July.

Deadline for the bulletin is Thursday morning 10am.
Deadline for the Newsletter is the 20th of each month.
Listen to or watch Pastor's sermons on our website.

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Beginning June 1st, the City of Princeton will no longer pick up our garbage. The church is considered a commercial property.

As a courtesy, they have offered to pick up our recycling for a fee of $600 per year.

We have made arrangements for a small dumpster from Republic Services for a charge of approximately $55 a month.

We will not pay the recycling cost. If individuals wish to take any recycling items home, you may do so. There will no longer be any recycling collection containers here.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH - JUNE 2019

LWR School Bags

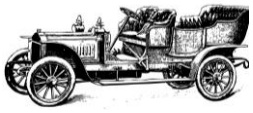
School supplies will be on sale soon! We are asking for items for our LWR school bags. You were very generous last year with supplies. This year we will **NOT** need pencils or erasers. Please concentrate on notebooks, rulers, pencil sharpeners (**No Novelty**), ink pens (**Blue** or **Black** ink & **NO Gel pens**), blunt point scissors, and 16 or 24 count crayons. Thank you again for caring. -- LWR committee

Bible Journaling Class
Now meets 2X / month

The 2nd Sunday, June 9th at 4:30pm or 4th Thursday, June 27th . Come to either class or both.

LCW Culver's Share Night
We earned a total of $206.08 to give to Second Story! Thank you everyone who helped or ate at Culver's!

Old Wheels Meeting
Saturday, June 1
Breakfast in
Fellowship Hall



The date for this year's Old Wheels Event is Saturday, June 29th, that is a couple weeks later than our usual date.

2019 OLD WHEELS SHOW

Saturday, June 29
10 am – 2 pm

First Lutheran Parking Lot
Antique, Classic, Special Interest Cars, Trucks, Tractors, Motorcycles, Hot Rods, Customized Cars & Trucks.
FOOD! MUSIC! ENTERTAINMENT! BAKE SALE!
Brats, hot dogs & soft drinks!
Music from the 60s, 70s, 80s!
Pedal Car Corral for the Kids!
This year's show is dedicated to Bud Wedding, a loyal supporter of the show.
If you have something to enter, please contact:
Email: old_wheels_car_show@yahoo.com
Facebook: Old Wheels Car Show Princeton, IL
Church office: 815-875-1685

BABY BOTTLE
FUND RAISER
Return June 16

Please return your bottle filled with loose change or bills on Father's Day! The Abigail Women's Clinic appreciates your support.

Cubs Tickets
Cubs vs Pittsburg Pirates
Saturday, Sept. 14 – 1:20pm

Seats still available on the bus. Total cost $80 per person - $20 will reserve your spot – payment in full by August 1st. Checks made out to First Lutheran with Cubs tickets on the memo line. Sign-up in the Office.

ANOTHER CHILD FOUNDATION COLLECTION

During June & July, we will be collecting new shoes, socks & underwear for Another Child Foundation for the children of Romania. Deposit them in the box in the back. Please try to get these items here by July 14th, as last year they collected & packed them before the end of July.

LCW BAKE SALE
@ OLD WHEELS SHOW
Saturday, June 29th

Do you have a specialty that people request you bring to all family gatherings? Bring that to our bake sale!

This is our most profitable sale of the year!
We welcome all items.
Please be aware of the summer heat.
We don't want things to melt into a puddle.
Fruit pies are always good.
Please help, bake, sell or buy.
Thanks -- LCW

Do You Have??????

For VBS, we are looking for some specific items. Do you happen to have 35mm film plastic film cannisters? (5 or 6) 15 or more frosting containers and a plastic wide-mouth vase. You may leave items in the office or contact Cindy Pierson 815-866-4233

Kids Klub Korner

✓ July 14-18 (5-7:30 pm) ~ Vacation Bible School 2019

"To Mars and Beyond - God's Power at Work Within Us"

Now is the time to volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School.

It takes about 30 men, women and teen volunteers to host our VBS kids, so yes, you are needed. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the pews if you can help.

(Later we will also have a sheet for food donations for supper.)

Registration for VBS Open Now, too.

We are asking for a $5.00 registration fee per family. Registration forms are available with the sign-up sheets, in the church office or on our website… www.flcprinceton.org

2019 Bureau County Workcamp
Week of July 29 – August 2.
Volunteers are needed to do dishes after meals, provide treats, deliver treats or deliver materials to work sites. Visit the Facebook page for 2019 Bureau County Workcamp
And fill out a volunteer registration form.

Festival 56

Festival 56 is looking for host families to provide housing for cast & crew members for the summer from mid-June to early August. You would not be responsible for their meals. Please call:
Mary Damon (815) 872-0697 or
Sarah Cooper (815) 876-0595.
As a thank you, you will be given 4 free tickets to attend plays during the season.

LCW NEWS

Thanks to those who provided cookies for the Blood Mobile at the Methodist Church in May.

Gay Kyle represented us at the CWU May Friendship Day.

Memorial books were dedicated on Mother's Day for the women who have passed away since last year. Books were in memory of Sue Williamson, Marguerite Klett, Marilyn Johnson, and Emily Morton. Check them out in our Library.

The Culvers fundraiser for Second Story totaled $206.80. Thank you, Joanne S., Louise T., Linda F., Karen M., Susan L., Lisa S., Debbie L., Dianne V., Sue S., and Jim S. Special thanks to Jim who bought ice cream for the workers

Personal Care Kits are short 2 items: Wide Tooth Combs or Nail Clippers.

June 6th at 1:30, is the OWLS Worship & Cookie Fellowship hosted by Lydia Circle.

Saturday, June 29th is the LCW Bake Sale & Old Wheels Car Show. Everybody is invited to get their recipe books out and bake. Help is needed the day of the show, if you are available, please come and bring a lawn chair. This is one of our main fund raisers. Come & enjoy.

The August LCW Road Trip is going to Starved Rock for a Land & Water Cruise. The total cost is $41.00; a date is yet to be determined. A sign up will be out as reservations need to be made.

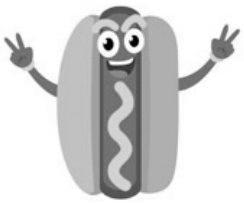
A "Revive our Hearts" teleconference will be held here September 27th & 28th. This will be open to the community; more information will be in our next newsletter.

Prayer Shawl gals meet Tuesdays, June 11th & 25th in the Church Library at 10:00am. Quilters meet Thursdays, June 13th & 27th at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome and you will be taught whatever you need to know.

3 LCW Circles: Lydia Circle (3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.), the Naomi Circle (3rd Thursday at 1:30 p.m.), and Rebekah Circle (3rd Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.). Contact the Church Office for more information.

Cathy Nelson celebrates her birthday in June.

See You at Old Wheels!



"Gourmet" Hot Dog Cookout Cookoff

Evangelical Covenant Church

Sat., June 8th 11:00am – 1:00pm

For the Community

Our own Rick Cook & Jim Scruggs are going to enter this competition.

For Fun, Fellowship, Laughter, Outreach, Meet Our Neighbors & hear their stories.

We are also invited to bring our church information, programs & VBS information to share with the community.