

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'"
(Psalm 122:1, ESV)

I've always loved the month of September. The weather is beautiful, with warm days that feel like summer and cool nights that feel like autumn. The vacations are over and the kids are back in school. Baseball is winding down and football is just getting started. And a new season of church activities is about to begin.

I hope that you enjoy being in church as much as I do. I feel the enthusiasm of King David when he heard the people coming to the house of God and it filled his heart with gladness. When I think about coming to church, I think of my friends here at First Lutheran. I think about how much I love all of you as brothers and sisters in Christ. And I think about worship. I love to share the Word of God with you and to sing his praises with you.

But church is so much more than what happens on Sunday morning. There are opportunities throughout the week to learn and serve and enjoy the company of our Christian friends. Many of the weekly activities take a break for the summer. But in September, everything gets rolling again. In this newsletter, you will be reading about some of the things that are happening this fall. But I want to lift up three in particular.

1. Confirmation Class – Wednesdays, Beginning on September 8th, at 7:00 p.m.

Starting on September 8th, all of those young people who are entering 7th and 8th grades are invited to join me for Wednesday night confirmation classes. We will meet every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. We meet in the church Library, across the hall from the church offices. We will learn about the Bible and about the Lutheran church. And we will also have a lot of fun (and frequent snacks). I have already talked to three people who are planning to be in the class. If there is a young person that I have not talked to, who would like to be in the class, please give me a call at the church office at (815) 875-1685 or email me at pastorbill.flc@gmail.com and I will get back to you.

2. Adult Bible Study – Wednesdays, Beginning on September 8th, at 11:00 a.m., or Thursdays, Beginning on September 9th, at 6:00 p.m.

Learning about the Bible is not just for the confirmation kids! Every week I will do a Bible Study that is open to all adults. The first session is on Wednesday morning at 11:00 a.m. Then I repeat that session on Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. So you can come to one or the other. They will always be the same. This year we will go back to our regular meeting space in the church Library. When we get started this fall, we will finish the book of Deuteronomy, at the place where we left off in the spring. We will probably have three or four weeks left in that book. Then we will jump right into the book of Joshua. So come and join us. We always have a lot of fun!

3. Rally Day for All Ages – Sunday, September 19th – Outdoor Worship at 9:30 a.m., followed by Food, Fellowship, and Fun

There is a lot of information in this newsletter about Rally Day, so I won't repeat all of that here. I just want to encourage everyone to join us for this awesome event! Bring your lawn chair

for the outdoor worship. Then stay for lunch and have some fun. You can join in on the games or you can just sit back and enjoy the fellowship. A free box lunch will be provided. We just need you to sign up on the sheet at the back of the church or call the church office, to let us know that you will be attending. We want to make sure that we have enough lunches for everyone. And bring your friends! We would love to meet them. We just need to know that they are coming so that we can get an accurate lunch count.

David wrote, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" And I will be glad when I see all of your smiling faces in the church during this month of September. Let's make this a September to remember!

Pastor Bill

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*If you have any special announcements to be printed in the bulletin, or put on the screen, please get them to the office **by Thursday morning**. Call and leave a message, email, or drop off a note.*

The Church Office will be closed
on Monday, September 6th.

COMMITTEE NIGHT
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH – 7:00PM
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14TH, 3:30PM

COUNCIL SUMMARY: Meeting July 6, 2021

All members were present and the meeting began with devotions.

Minutes from the June 8th meeting were approved.

Pastor's report – 3 worship services, 8 calls, 7 meetings, 5 Bible St./prayer/classes, 13 counseling, 1 baptism (Olivia Shields), 2 weddings, 1 first communion, VBS July 11-15 & 8 vacation days.

Administrator's report – June attendance: 89 average with 44 service views.

Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's reports were accepted subject to audit.

Property – attic windows in parsonage repaired & repainted, waiting for Timber Falls to trim trees in parsonage yard, Elevator entrance walls need repair, medicine cabinet mirror replaced in parsonage, Medicine cabinet mirror in the parsonage repaired & replaced, discussion about how to avoid ice damns on the roof, need special fund line item for replacing Kewanee Boiler. Council approved creating a special fund to replace the boiler.

Service & Mission – no meeting

Outreach & Fellowship - no meeting but is anyone interested in a float for Homestead Parade.

Youth & Education – VBS still needs volunteers, food donations good, Thrivent card & other donations are available to us, expecting 35-40 students.

Worship & Music – making plans for the Christmas Carol Sing-along December 5th.

Finance & Stewardship – no report.

Memorial – a gift was received from Peter Garramone’s family designated for fellowship time, and council approved use of the funds for our Rally Day celebration.

COUNCIL SUMMARY – August 10, 2021

All members present. The minutes were accepted with corrections and the financial reports were accepted subject to audit.

Pastor’s Report – Usual activities, 1 funeral for Linda Roberts, VBS, VBS Ice Cream Social, Wittenberg Door meeting. Outdoor worship August 8 went well, had some issues with radio transmitter. Rally Day Sept. 19, Pastor will be away Sept. 25-26. Pastor Norm will preach.

Administrator – July attendance 86, 72 average views.

Property – Patio doors fixed, contractor coming to check roof, one sump pump was replaced, north handrail is rusting out, parsonage trees to be trimmed & post under the back deck rotted & needs replacing. Work scheduled to be done in the vestibule of the elevator. Considering our options to replace the boiler & \$4035 to repay Endowment for the Driveway finishing the loan.

Service & Mission – Council permission to change WUNT benevolence to WCIC, Our Table serving prepackaged food once a month and need additional funding. Left over benevolence will be divided between Our Table, Pastor’s Discretionary Fund & Sudan & S. Africa Ministry and Council approved this.

Youth & Education – VBS had 37 students & 35 volunteers. \$230 was collected for EdPowerment in Tanzania. 2021-22 Sunday School is staffed, 3 classes about 20 students & 7 teachers. Rally Day Sept. 19, Confirmation begins Sept. 8, Adult Sunday School begins Oct. 3.

Rally Day Report – Box lunches of Ham & Turkey sandwiches purchased from Sullivan’s, need to reserve to provide enough food, invitations will be sent, will contact the hot wheels track guy and Barrels of Fun guy. Ordered Frisbees.

Worship & Music – Council approved a policy that requests to use the organ other than our own accompanists must be approved by the Worship committee. Going back to normal Communion Sept. 5th, wafers will be used, assistants will wear gloves, no common cup. Candles ordered for the year, kid’s activity bags are out, Coffee fellowship will resume Sept. 26.

Finance – Income behind - \$8,260.00. Benevolence up-to-date. Schuetz’s agreed to run the Auction to be November 28th.

Endowment – submitted financial reports, no requests at this time, looking ahead to supporting the boiler project.

First Family News

ALTAR GUILD TEAMS

September – Mary Ann Smith,
Dianne Van Drew

October – Karen May, Julia Cain,
Lani Swinford

November – June Ohlson, Cindy Pierson,
Laurie Anderson

ALTAR FLOWERS

The following dates are open in September and
October: **September 19, 26 and**

October 10, 17, 24, 31

Please call the office if you would like to
schedule one of the above weekends.

September Anniversaries

Bob & Susan Pierson 9/23

Mike & Sue Eggers 9/26

Missed 1 August Anniversary

Don & Sheila Kyle 8/28



Baptism

Sofia Mussari

August 21, 2021

Great Grandparents – Pam and Jerry Libert

THANK YOU!

Thanks for all the Bake Sale
donations for Lunch in the Park. We
made \$433.50!



CHOIR PRACTICE

Begins 7:00pm

Wednesday

September 1st

In the sanctuary

Come join us!

Thank You

Many thanks to the generous hearts of this
congregation! Due to your grocery donations
and the help of Thrivent; we were able to feed
every attendee of VBS along with all the adult
volunteers including carryout pizza and fun
special treats for our closing. Your food was
appreciated.

From kitchen staff of VBS

HOUSING?

If anyone can provide overnight
accommodations for Pastor Norm & Karen
on September 25 / 26th when he fills in for
Pastor Bill, please call the office.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

7:00pm Wednesday, September 8th

In the Church Library

7th & 8th grade students

AUCTION NEWS

A garage sale will be held

Thursday & Friday,

September 2nd & 3rd

to benefit our Annual Auction.

Please donate any items you don't need any more to this sale and the proceeds will be used to purchase items or gift certificates from local businesses that will be included in our auction.

This way we will be helping local businesses who may be hurting from the shut-down of the past year and a half.

Items can be dropped off at Schuetz's

567 W. Boyd in Greencroft

Please call ahead to

815-878-8695 Dave and Bernice Schuetz

The Church Auction will be held Nov. 28



September Birthdays

Mickey Frazier 9/01

Lydia Gastor 9/02

Abby Shipp 9/03

David Ohlson 9/05

Jean Schoff 9/06

Sue Scruggs 9/07

Carolyn Mahon 9/8

Cheri Swanson 9/08

Gayle Little 9/10

Khloee Jaques 9/13

Lydia Kyle 9/14

Roger Munson 9/15

Caroline Ramirez 9/16

Dale Anderson 9/17

Lorraine Schmidt 9/19

Beth Dieng 9/19

Vada DiPietro 9/20

Denny Miller 9/23

Ethan Thompson 9/23

Glenn Allen 9/24

Bryan Busche 9/24

Bill Shields 9/25

Justice Blythe 9/25

Jaxson Eggers 9/25

Hank Sale 9/30

Our Deepest Sympathy

*To the families who have lost loved ones
since our last publication.*

Anna Meyer 7/6/21

(sister of Bernice Schuetz)

Zayne Throop 7/21/21

(nephew of Linda Bacon)

Mark Schmidt 7/21/21

(friend to our congregation)

Patricia Anderson 7/26/21

(sister of Tom Anderson)

Martha Schlund 8/2/21

(friend of many in the congregation)

Mary Lee 8/7/21

(mother of Kate Feurer)

Don Bosnich 8/10/21

(brother of Pam Zibert)

Kelly Stone 8/20/21

(brother of Lynn Holland)

LCW PIZZA & PACKING NIGHT

Wednesday, September 29th

5:00pm

Church basement



**Start with the pizza & end with packing all
the LWR kits for shipment this fall.**

It's an All-Church Celebration

Plans are in the works for a celebratory outdoor worship followed by games for all ages. We will serve a catered box lunch and ice cream. Old Wheels may have a limited display, too. We hope for a fun day for all.

Sunday, September 19, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm

**Please make a reservation no later than September 7
by calling/email the church office or signing up in the back of church.**

Dress is casual. Bring a lawn chair. Bring a friend. And plan for a day of fun for all.

We are going BACK TO THE FUTURE!



Kids Klub Korner



September is just around the corner and Rally Day for Sunday school is coming. We are looking forward quickly to in-person Sunday school this year and are busy preparing classrooms and recruiting teachers for in-person learning.

Rally Day is being planned for Sunday, September 19. It is our way of starting a new year of Sunday School. It is a time to be introduced to your teachers and a first chance for your teachers to get to know you. It is where we take a final count of who will be attending so we are prepared for you. It's a big deal. We want you there.

This year it is going to be an even bigger deal because the whole church is sharing the day with you. You still will meet your teachers and have fun activities to do with them, but the whole church will be involved in outdoor worship, activities and a box lunch for all.

The theme is *Back to the Future*, so grab your Hover Boards and puffy vests and join in the fun of Rally Day. It begins with outdoor worship at 9:30 am and continues through lunch. See you there...

Continued prayers for:

Those with cancer: Tom Lee (*father of Kate Feurer*), Mary Dorsch, Kim Darrough (*daughter of Tom & Jo Kloster*), Marvin Hartz, Janette Dunn, Matt Scruggs, Susan Scruggs (*mother of Matt*), Diane Welch. Other health issues: Lani Swinford, Sarah Himes, Marilyn Borri, Joanne Sheldon, Linda Kloc, Betty Habermaas, John Purvis, Kate Newby, Mary Hull.

Autumn on the River

Why not join Deb Lindberg, Joanne Sheldon and Dianne Van Drew at **Starved Rock October 11!** Lunch at 11 in the lodge (special menu), trolley tour of the park & a boat ride on the river (trees maybe changing color).

Cost \$45.00 Time 11 to 3.

If interested call Starved Rock at 815-220-7386.

There will be car-pooling available.
See you there!

LYDIA CIRCLE NEWS

Lydia Circle will finish their study on "Women of the Bible" this fall & move on to "Twelve More Women of the Bible" to begin in January. Books cost \$12 - Please let Lisa know you want one so they can be ordered.

2021 Meeting Schedule all meetings at 6:00pm:

Sept. 21 - "The Woman at the Well: Turning Our Messes into Messages" led by Judy Shofner

Oct. 19 - "The Syrophoenician Woman: Approaching God with Persistency and Boldness" led by Linda Fine

Nov. 16 - social gathering in Fellowship Hall to put together gift bags (no Bible study)

Dec. ? - deliver gift bags (no Bible study)

AT YOUR SERVICE September 2021

	September 5	September 12	September 19 RALLY DAY	September 26
Altar Guild <i>for the month</i>	Mary Ann Smith Dianne Van Drew	→	→	→
Coffee Fellowship <i>(serve & treats)</i>	X	X	X	Shofner and Buchanan
Communion Set-up & Assist	June Ohlson	X	X	X
Communion Assistants	Laurie Anderson Dianne Van Drew Carl Anderson	X	Gary Pierson Sue Scruggs Cindy Pierson	X
Flowers	OPEN	Dianne Van Drew and Family	OPEN	OPEN
Prayers of the People	X	Sue Scruggs	X	Laurie Anderson
Readers	Dale Fiste	Duane Smith	David Ohlson	Dianne Van Drew
Ushers <i>for the month</i>	Dave Schuetz Tom Kloster Sr. Keith Cain	→	→	→

C Usher Captain

→ for the entire month

X not needed that day

OPEN position needed but not filled that day



Children's Christmas Program Director needed.

Contact Mary Ann Smith or the office if you would be happy to do this.



Christmas Carol Sing December 5, 2021

Please watch for more information.

Explorer's Bible Study

meeting in Princeton almost 50 years

2021-2022 classes starting soon

Explorer's is an ecumenical bible study meets weekly and is an in-depth, community based bible study.

This year's study is the book of "Acts".

2 meeting times for the same study.

Daytime group - Christ Community Church, 1719 S. Euclid Ave, Princeton from 9:30-11:00 a.m. every Wednesday begins Sept. 8. Daytime group offers childcare.

Call Sue Scruggs @815-875-1446

Nighttime group - St. Matthews Church, 416 E. Dover Rd, Princeton every Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m. begins Sept. 9.

Call Teri Schlindwein @ 815-878-5604

Both groups encourage both men and women to come, please bring your friends!



Young Life Mum Sale

Friday, September 10

Pre-orders due – Wed. Sept. 1

Cost \$15

To order, contact:

Buc Grey at bcgrey1@juno.com or

Text 815-878-5874

Checks should be made to:

Young Life, P.O. Box 83, Princeton IL 61356

Pick up in Parking Lot of

Evangelical Covenant on Sept. 10th

WYLDLIFE CLUB

(Jr. High version of Young Life)

They are looking for donations of snacks to offer the kids at their gatherings throughout the year. Because of allergies, donations must be the brands listed. They may be taken to Logan Jr. High or brought to church. *A complete list will be available in the back of the sanctuary to pick up.*

Snacks: Kraft Handi-Snacks, Goldfish crackers, Cheez-its, Kellogg's Rice Krispies Treats, Chips Ahoy-Original, Teddy Grahms, Betty Crocker: Fruit Roll-Ups, Fruit by the Foot, Fruit Snacks & Fruit Gushers.

Drinks: Capri Suns, apple juice box, little hugs fruit barrels.

Candy: Tootsie Rolls, Tootsie Fruit Rolls, Tootsie Pops, Tootsie Pop Drops, Lifesavers & Jolly Ranchers *(to name a few)*.

CROSSING GUARDS

The Princeton Police Department is experiencing issues with providing enough school crossing guards at busy intersections. Police officers have been taking care of it but often get called away. Would you be willing to fill in on an as needed basis? Or if you sign up through People Link, you could be paid for this. Call the Police Department for more information 815-875-2631.