

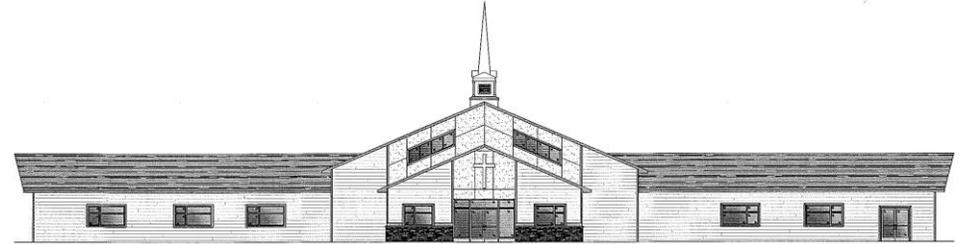
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# First Edition

*“Growing God’s Family by Serving”*



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## August 2018

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# From a Mustard Seed

He began with a rhetorical question. “What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like?”, said Jesus. Then he proceeded to talk of a mustard seed. I have a thimble size glass vile of mustard seeds from the Holy land. There are hundreds of seeds in this small container. Jesus was correct of course. Just one of those tiny seeds can grow into a plant reaching over 10 feet in favorable conditions. It can become so large the yellow finches make their nests in its branches.

Our small slice of God’s Kingdom work in Clear Lake had such tiny origins. A couple took in some pastors stranded by bad weather. There small talk over supper noted the absence of a Lutheran church for the village. Immediate plans were made to remedy the situation. This was the late winter of 1918. By May of 1918 a new Lutheran congregation was chartered with a few families. The rest is history as they say.

Though currently your fellowship of faith is experiencing happy growth and positive ministry, there have also been trying times. No organization that has a century of existence will be immune to problems. Yet the Lord Jesus Christ has graciously seen us through it all. And as long as we have remained faithful to his mission of reaching the least and the lost, we have been richly blessed.

Most have now heard we will be celebrating our Centennial on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. A special 10:00 AM worship celebration will be held with guests from our past and present having been invited. Following this worship a catered dinner has been arranged. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a form to fill out and return to indicate your interest in attending the dinner. Also on the form is an opportunity to purchase a commemorative engraved crystal ornament.

We appreciate all the fine efforts to make the celebration a reality, especially the hard work of the Centennial Committee planners.



On a personal note our family counts itself blessed to be able to participate in this milestone. Our journey began over a dozen years ago when Theresa and I accepted the call to Clear Lake. Since then our beloved children have grown up among your midst. This is the only home they have ever known. So many have been very gracious and caring over the years, we give heartfelt thanks.

In the end, we must give all glory to God. We dare not forget his is the final and most important factor behind all the activity over the past hundred years. Christ Jesus gave us the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. Our Savior taught us the Great Commandments to love God and each other. If we remain faithful to his purposes we can expect another centennial in our far future! Oh how big a small seed has grown!

Thanks to be Christ,  
Pastor Bryan



**Paul Oman**, artist and pastor, will share his *Drawn to the Word* artistic ministry with the congregation at our Centennial Celebration Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at the special 10:00 am Worship Celebration. He served as a science teacher, then Lutheran pastor when, in 2011, he took up work as an artistic pastor full-time.

Paul seeks to give new vision to God’s Word by using the process of painting to captivate audiences in our visually oriented culture. Painting and drawing have been a part of Paul’s life since childhood. Receiving national & international recognition for his work in watercolor, Paul uses this gift to proclaim the Gospel unique and powerful ways that impact lives and inspire mission.

Paul lives near Amery, Wisconsin with his wife, Jana, and their children.

# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



- |                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2: John Hoefflerle          | 16: Cassandra Kuhl           |
| 5: Tom Levendoski           | 17: Ron Fox                  |
| Jackie Goodmanson           | 18: Candy Monson             |
| Danette Buhr                | Nora Buhr                    |
| 6: Robert Briesemeister     | Shawn Young                  |
| Melissa Moll                | Wendy Kjelstad               |
| Adam Kaczmarek              | 19: Ryan Monson              |
| Cassie Emerson              | Joshua Rundquist             |
| Jackie Johnson              | Kimberly Elwood              |
| Brantley Harris             | 20: Dava Manning             |
| 7: Amanda Buhr              | 21: Mason Arcand             |
| 8: Greg Warner              | 22: Sean Hoefflerle          |
| Brittany Campion            | 23: Madeline (Smith) Tomesch |
| Sharon Petersen             | 24: Nancy Aeschliman         |
| Curtis Measner              | Julie Nilssen-Cobb           |
| 9: Anneli Monson            | Lydia Buhr                   |
| 10: Alana Cain              | 25: Sarah Peper              |
| 11: Taylor (Olson) Cardinal | 26: Darci Eckwall            |
| 12: John C. Campion         | Carol Williams               |
| 14: Amber Brannon           | 27: Megan Kuhl               |
| 15: Eric Brihn              | Brenda Johnson               |
|                             | Carole Green                 |
|                             | Janette Cain                 |
|                             | 28: Cynthia Nilssen          |
|                             | Gwendolyn Amick              |
|                             | Harper LaBlanc               |
|                             | 29: Robert Croes             |
|                             | Payson Nilssen               |
|                             | Colleen Moravec              |

## FINANCES

### General Fund Update

Total offering for July (\$15,090 needed monthly) \$16,499.50

### Mortgage Fund Update

Total offering for July (\$2,600 needed monthly) \$4,450.00  
 Thrivent Mortgage Balance Remaining \$232,342.00

# AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**ALTAR GUILD:** Carol Flath & Wendy Kjelstad

## **ACOLYTES**

- 5 Andrew Campion  
 12 Bart Lund  
 19 Andrew Campion  
 26 Wyatt Brihn

## **READERS**

- 5 Carol Flath  
 12 Eva Wilson  
 19 Theresa Anderson  
 26 Linda McIntire

## **COUNTERS**

- 5 & 12 Paul Colbeth & Penny O'Connell  
 19 & 26 Paul Colbeth & TBD

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Paul Colbeth

## **USHERS**

- 5 & 12 Bob Campion & Ryan Buhr  
 19 & 26 Tom Levendoski & Jared Levendoski

## **COFFEE SERVERS**

- 5 Mike & Becky Schramski Family  
 12 Eva Wilson and Dixie & Bob Croes  
 26 Church Centennial-Celebratory Dinner
- Fellowship servers still needed for August 19.
  - Contemporary service fellowship will be put out by the Worship Committee volunteers.
  - Traditional service fellowship will need volunteers to sign up.
  - Coffee and cookies are provided but will be put out and cleaned up by volunteers. Please note that some may desire to bring their own goodies in place of those usually provided.

**The sign-up sheet is in the church entryway.**



As you purchase back-to-school supplies, consider picking up extras to be sent to kids around the world!



### Lutheran World Relief School Kit Supplies:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2½" eraser

*A drawstring backpack will be provided at church for all of the supplies.*

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.

All items should be new and in good condition.

Remove any excess packaging.

Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.



Please return School Kit supplies to First Lutheran by **Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**.

Questions? Call the church office at 715-263-2846



## NEWS & NOTES

Levi Ramsey and Barb Griffiths (sister of Brad & Larry Nilssen. Please continue to remember them in your thoughts and prayers. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

**Memorials:** Memorials were given to the Sunday School Fund by Gene & Sharon Kuhl in memory of Bev Mitchell and Betty Weiss.

**CALLING ALL MEMBERS!** The Centennial Committee is requesting any member who would like to share his/her memories of our congregation. We would like to include these in our historical records. We encourage you to think of a favorite memory, influential person in the congregation or a topic of your choice. Please drop off your written memory to the church office or email the memory to [firstluth@cltcomm.net](mailto:firstluth@cltcomm.net) by **Sunday, August 12**. Any questions, talk to Liane Petersen.

**Complete and return your Centennial Dinner RSVP form.** Copies are available at the back of church. **Due by Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.** Questions? See Tim Wyss.

### Time to be planning for the Smorgasbord raffle!

We need items for the general raffle. If you have an item you would like to donate, we ask that you let Kathy Wick or Terri in the church office know by September 28<sup>th</sup>. A basket raffle is also planned. Empty baskets are available at church. Help yourself if you need one! Thank you for supporting the building fund.

### ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

(SIGN-UP SHEETS IN ENTRY.)

1. Offering Counters
2. Fellowship Serving
3. Lawn Mowing



# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WORSHIP & CELEBRATORY DINNER

## Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

- 9:30am Children's Games & Coffee Fellowship
- 9:45am Gathering Music in sanctuary
- 10:00am Worship & Program with special guests  
& Drawn to the Word by Paul Oman
- 11:30am Celebratory Dinner

Please visit the memorabilia and historical room in the Sunday School wing!

-- cut & return to church office with payment by Sunday, August 12 --

**Celebratory Dinner R.S.V.P.**

MENU	
Chicken Breast	Wild Rice
Rice	Green Beans

PRICES	
\$10	Adult (age 13 and up)
\$5	Age 6 to 12
	Free for age 5 and under

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults (age 13 and up) x \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age 6 to 12 x \$5 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age 5 and under x \$0 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Total # of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Price: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



The Centennial Souvenir is a small glass ornament with an engraved picture of our church. It is suitable for a Christmas tree or a wall/window hanging.

It will make a great gift or keepsake.

\_\_\_\_\_ of souvenirs x \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

All order forms and \$ due by Sun., August 12. Make checks payable to First Lutheran Church.

Centennial Dinner = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

+ Centennial Souvenir(s) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

