

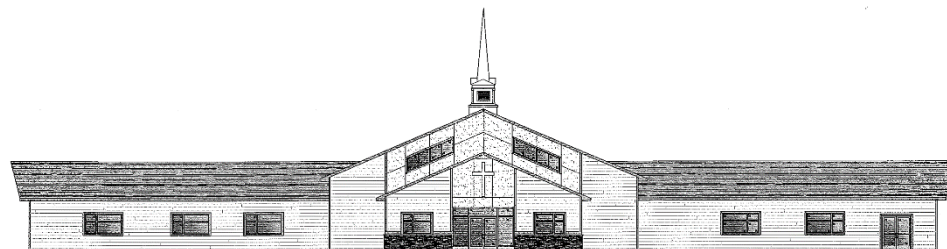
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“Do not worry about your
life, what you will eat or what
you will drink, or about your
body, what you will wear.”

MATTHEW 6:25, NRSV



OCTOBER 2018

A Falling Leaf...

All it took was a falling leaf. He was out walking, enjoying the fall colors. It should have been just another day. But it wasn't. As he walked a colorful maple leaf drifted slowly down until landing right in front of him on the path. Just then it hit him. Like something out of the blue. It was an incredible feeling of dread and sorrow flooding into his consciousness all at once.

As he talked with a pastor later, he was able to collect his thoughts. He hadn't been in a church for decades. When he was a young child his parents took him sporadically to Sunday school before their divorce. They had used the time for themselves enjoying a coffee while their son was being taught by others. One thing he had learned way back then was a little about a person named Jesus. And so that is why all those years later he felt the only place he could go was to a church and seek counsel with a pastor.

The conversation was short but intense. The greying man explained his recent experience with the leaf. What hit him so hard was the realization that he too would one day fall. And that day seemed closer than ever before. His health had been relatively good and he had put away a retirement savings. But seeing the leaf brought to bear the question of his mortality. And he was in great fear and sorrow about it all.

The pastor's message of counsel was simple. All he said was, "Welcome home fellow sinner. Jesus has been waiting for you a long time now." Who would have thought? All it took to hear the voice of God was a falling leaf...

I love the fall colors. Our Creator chose to signal the looming winter with one more blast of beauty before all the white and cold. The Lord speaks to us through his good creation. Our Father reminds us of his creative hand and tender mercies. Yet he also uses such to get us to ponder our condition and seek him while he may be found.

Friends, has the Lord been knocking at your heart's door? Is he somehow using the circumstances of your life to sober your judgments. Listen for his still small voice. As the old hymn reminds us, "Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling oh sinner come home". Blessed Fall to all!

In Christ,
Pastor Bryan

Ark Encounter & Creation Museum Trip



On August 19th, 40 members from nine different churches set out on a bus tour sponsored by First Lutheran Church in Clear Lake to visit the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum.

Overall it was a great trip. We had people from age 9 to 80 and from different churches and denominations. As Christians we tend to focus sometimes on our differences in doctrine instead of our similarities and our love for Christ so it's nice when we can do something like this together. I would recommend anyone to take this trip to help grow your faith and especially take kids. We will be going back again.

Submitted by Dale Wirth

FINANCES

General Fund Update

Monthly Offering Total (\$15,090 needed monthly)	\$11,202.82
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Mortgage Fund Update

Monthly Offering Total (\$2,600 needed monthly)	\$4,100.00
Thrivent Mortgage Balance Remaining	\$221,114.00

First Lutheran Celebrates 100 Years with Groundbreaking

First Lutheran celebrated its 100th anniversary on Sunday, August 26, with a 10 AM church service, which included special guests, such as previous pastors and their families. Artist Pastor Paul Oman painted a large canvas during the service, which will hang in the church fellowship hall for years to come. Attendees stayed for a catered meal following the service and browsed historical displays showcasing the church's 100 years. One special historical item that was unveiled was a time capsule that had been placed in the Fifth Street church addition in 1974. The time capsule included a program from the 1974 groundbreaking ceremony, numerous 1974 newspapers, construction documents, coins, a Clear Lake Days button, and the icing on the cake, a 'Happy Birthday' card from deceased member Leland Paulson. The meal was followed by the groundbreaking for Phase II to build the South Avenue location's sanctuary. Building the sanctuary will allow the membership to utilize the fellowship hall for its intended purpose, rather than using it as a worship space. The congregation looks forward to another century in Clear Lake to live out its motto of "Growing God's Family by Serving ."

(Article reprinted from the Clear Lake Museum Chronicle, by Liane Petersen.)



Pastor Paul Oman painted this piece during the worship service and it will hang in First Lutheran's fellowship hall.



Special guests: Back Row: L to R. Pastor Steve Nelson, Pastor Bryan Anderson, Pastor Dan Ankerfelt, Pastor Perry Fruhling. Front Row: L to R. Pastor Diane Blahauveitz, Larry Blahauveitz, Joan Day, Amy Johnson



Groundbreaking ceremony honorees L-R: Cory Scheilder (Cedar Corp., Architect); Joe Berghammer (Berghammer Builders, Contractor); Committee Chair Brian Wick; First's oldest and longest members Carol Anderson, Gail Clark, Myrna Paulson & Shirley Buhr; committee member Gary Hanson, Church Council president Dale Wirth, committee members Jack Jungmann & Jerry Thompson.

Underground Church Police are needed for this CLAY EVENT.



Memorials Given to Building Fund

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Emma Joy O'Connell	Tim & Patti Wyss
Esther Bingea	Tim & Patti Wyss
Walter Moskal	Tim & Patti Wyss
Walter Moskal	Derry & Janet Monson
Walter Moskal	Judi Desmond
Walter Moskal	Bob & Jeanne Briesemeister
Walter Moskal	Gary & Shannon Steel
Walter Moskal	Eva Wilson
Emma Joy O'Connell	Eva Wilson
Walter Moskal	Jerry & Gloria Thompson
Walter Moskal	Brad & Jo Nilssen
Emma Joy O'Connell	Brad & Jo Nilssen
Esther Bingea	Brad & Jo Nilssen
Bev Mitchell	Brad & Jo Nilssen
Walter Moskal	Larry & Mary Jo Lien
Walter Moskal	LaMoyne, Sr. & Renee Emerson
Walter Moskal	Mike & Rosemary Johnson
Barb Griffiths	Mike & Rosemary Johnson
Walter Moskal	Jim & Angie Dorsey
Walter Moskal	Walter Moskal Family
Walter Moskal	Bert & Sharon Petersen
Walter Moskal	Lois Campion
Emma Joy O'Connell	Lois Campion
Barb Griffiths	Lois Campion
Walter Moskal	Gail Clark
Svend Jensen	Gail Clark
Esther Bingea	Gail Clark
Beverly Pittman	Carol Anderson
Barbara Griffiths	Gail Clark
Barbara Griffiths	Tim & Patti Wyss
Barbara Griffiths	LaMoyne, Sr. & Renee Emerson
Anna Curtis	Barb & Bob Anderson
Barbara Griffiths	Judi Desmond

Memorials Given to Memorial Fund

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Emma Joy O'Connell	Bob & Brenda Campion
Walter Moskal	Bob & Brenda Campion
Walter Moskal	Gloria Hedquist
Esther Bingea	Gloria Hedquist
Barbara Griffiths	Gloria Hedquist

Memorials Given to Sunday School Fund

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Emma Joy O'Connell	Paul & Penny O'Connell
Emma Joy O'Connell	Kermit Thompson
Virgil Kuhl	Gene & Sharon Kuhl
Svend Jensen	Gene & Sharon Kuhl
Emma Joy O'Connell	Richard & Doris Buhr
Walter Moskal	Richard & Doris Buhr
Barbara Griffiths	Richard & Doris Buhr

Memorials Given for Music

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Emma Joy O'Connell	Paul & Penny O'Connell
Barbara Griffiths	Gary Griffiths

Memorials Given to Memorial Garden

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Donald Wick	Bob & Terri Moe
Donald Wick	Gary & Lucille Twining

Honorariums:

- An honorarium was given to the Building Fund in honor of Michelle & Zak Kuehndorf's wedding, given by Richard & Gayle Sullwold.
- An honorarium was given to the Building Fund in honor of Ed & Darlene Neitge's 50th wedding anniversary, given by LaMoyne, Sr. & Renee Emerson.

WOMEN OF THE WORD (WOW)

Minutes of September 20, 2018 Meeting

Meeting held at church at 1:00 PM.

Present were: Barb Anderson, Gloria Hedquist, Theresa Selvig, Shannon Steel and Eva Wilson.

Meeting called to order by President, Gloria Hedquist.

Secretary's report was read. Motion to accept Secretary's report as read made by Shannon Steel. Seconded by Theresa Selvig. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: \$4512.77 in checking. Motion to accept Treasurer's report made by Eva Wilson. Seconded by Theresa Selvig. Motion carried.

Old business:

1. Smorgasbord

New business:

1. 8th and 9th graders needed to help at November 14, 2018 smorgasbord.
2. Smorgasbord to be held 2nd Wednesday of November 2018 (November 14). To cook potatoes for lefse on 10/29 and 11/5. To roll lefse on 10/30 and 11/6.
3. Christmas meeting potluck luncheon – date to be announced.
4. There were 80 jars of pickled beets canned, which will be for sale and also used for luncheons/dinners at church.
5. Need list from Terri of people to send Christmas cards to.

Motion to adjourn by Eva Wilson. Seconded by Shannon Steel. Motion carried.

Barbara Anderson
Secretary/Treasurer

October Birthdays



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|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1: Deb Arcand | 12: Russell Arcand |
| Sherry Klinger | 13: Tim Prusak |
| Darla Cain | Kyle Fritz |
| Chris Petersen | Kelsie Barney |
| Harold Green | Nicholas Haley |
| 3: Matthew Magnuson | Carol Flath |
| Samantha Haley | 14: Brenda Champion |
| Mackenzie Ward | Weston Nilssen |
| 4: Angela Harris | 15: Terri Moe |
| 5: Leona Voss | Nickolas Witthoft |
| Abigail Monson | Paul Warner |
| Aaron Buhr | 16: Rhianna Champion |
| 6: Shannon Arcand | Nolan Arcand |
| Ryan Buhr | 17: Amber Paulson |
| Nancy Luehman | 18: Crystal Sloan |
| 7: David Callaway | 19: Ben Kobernick |
| 8: Jordan Witthoft | Maurice Hanson |
| Kristen Otis | Barb Juleff |
| Eric Moll | Tracy Brabec |
| Norma Solum | 21: Patti Wyss |
| 9: Greg Dodge | Melanie Cuper |
| Rachel Nuese | 22: Eric O'Connell |
| Anna Wilson | 23: Gina Somsen |
| 11: Dale Wood | Bryn Connors |
| Daniel Hanson | 24: Burton Beckman |
| | 25: Jordan Olson |
| | 26: Steven Paulson |
| | 27: Denny Benson |
| | 28: Jeff Rundquist, Sr. |
| | 29: Brooke Hadac |
| | Emily Hadac |
| | 30: Richard Becker |
| | 31: Carrie Jo Gullickson |
| | Ken Iverson |

OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ALTAR GUILD: Carol Flath & Wendy Kjelstad

ACOLYTES

7 Lizzie Rosen
14 Carter Lillie
21 Lizzie Rosen
28 Bailey Alvermann

READERS

7 Chris Petersen
14 Jody Hadac
21 Sarah Hillstead
28 Tim Wyss

COUNTERS: Richard Buhr & TBD

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Richard Buhr & TBD

USHERS

7 & 14 Richard Becker & Kyle Overby
21 & 28 Jason Monson & Paul Warner

COFFEE SERVERS

- Fellowship servers still needed for October!
- 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.



Haunted Path Oct. 5th- we will leave the church around 4:30 and youth are asked to bring \$3.00 for a donation and 2 canned items to leave at our church for the Clear Lake Food Shelf. Please text Jackie your name and how many will be coming if you wish to come-715-607-0621. She is also looking for parent drivers otherwise we will try to get a bus and the cost for that would be 1.25 a mile and the total will be divided up amongst the youth.

Oct. 21st. Movie and Pizza at the church 4-7pm. Movie is yet to be determined and you will make your own pizzas in the church kitchen.

Oct. 20th CLAY (Christ Led Area Youth) Underground Church 6:00-10:00. More information elsewhere in newsletter.

Smorgasbord Help Needed!

Our Church Smorgasbord is November 14, 2018. People are needed to make homemade rye bread, white rolls, krumkake, rosettes, sandbakkels, spritz cookies and fattigmon. If you know how to make any of these specialty items and are willing to make them for the Smorgasbord, contact Gloria Hedquist at 263-2930. Help is also needed through the supper meal – cooking, filling trays and dishes. **This is an all church project, so help is needed from everybody!**



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 October 7th. A basket raffle is also planned. Empty baskets are available at church. Help yourself if you need one! If you would like to make a monetary donation & have a basket made, donations can be made until October 14th. Thank you for supporting the building fund.

Are YOU ready?
Do YOU have what it takes?
Will you make it to the other side?
Then join us for.....

The Underground Church Saturday, October 20, 2018

YOUR MISSION: Safely make it to the church by identifying a Christian with the clues! To successfully complete your mission, you must navigate through acres of dark woods, high brush, and pine and thorn terrain; avoid “police” and other perils. If you reach your destination, you will be richly rewarded (with food for the body and the soul). ☺

If you are ready to accept this mission, then read and complete the following instructions:

MEET: At 6:00 p.m. at any of these FOUR churches: First Lutheran (Clear Lake), United Covenant Church (Clear Lake) or East Lincoln Alliance (Amery), Reeve Free (Reeve).

RETURN: To the same church that you came to at 10 – 10:30 p.m. (Unless you or your parents have made arrangements with your Youth Leader and Van driver it is important to return in the same vehicle at the same church. (Last year we spent extra time searching for a lost body; we mean person☺.)

BRING / WEAR: Weather appropriate, (this event is outdoors), dark/camouflage clothes that can get dirty, grubby shoes or boots a flashlight, maybe safety glasses. (We would suggest if you bring phones be sure you have a zip pocket for them. There were phones lost in the past.)

Any questions by YOU or Parents?

Jim and Cindy Mohrland @ 715-948-2153 or ask your Youth Leader.

The Underground Church is a Youth Event designed to replicate what Christians in persecuted countries go through to attend a simple worship service. The ultimate purpose of this event is to raise awareness of the persecuted church, to cultivate thankfulness for our religious freedoms, and to encourage young people to stand firm in their faith.

Would you be willing to disguise yourself as a ‘POLICE’ at the CLAY Underground Church Event?

Date: October 20, 2018, SATURDAY

Time: 6:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.

Where: It’s a secret; however, you will be informed about details if you are a volunteer. The location will be in one of these places - Clear Lake, Reeve, Amery, Turtle Lake, Clayton, or Deer Park.

Please inform Jim and/or Cindy Mohrland if you would be available or have other questions. E-mail/ cinjim49@gmail.com; (H) 715-948-2153; © 651-470-2129

What is CLAY?

Some youth events have been promoted as CLAY events. So what is CLAY? Some of you may remember it stands for Christ Led Area Youth.

What is the purpose of CLAY? To create events where students can encounter and choose to follow the Living Christ and create events that will encourage existing Christians to grow in their faith, reach out to others and deepen their relationships with other believers.

The CLAY verse: 2 Corinthians 4:7 “But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.”

Reflection of verse: As Christians, we have a treasure for the world – the gift of Jesus Christ. As youth, we often feel inadequate to share this treasure with those around us. But God tells us he has put this treasure in clay pots (in us – in plain, inadequate, ordinary vessels) so that people would know it isn’t US, but the power of God! We don’t have to be “adequate”; we have to be willing and faithful!

NEWS & NOTES



Levi Ramsey, Jerry Thompson and Bob & Carole Larson. 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.*

Sympathy: Our sympathy is extended to the following on the death of a loved one:

- Terri & Bob Moe Family and Cindy & Larry Nilssen Family (father, Walter Moskal)
- Bob & Terri Moe Family (brother-in-law, Richard Lammers)
- Brad & Jo Nilssen Family and Larry & Cindy Nilssen Family (sister, Barb Griffiths)
- Mark & Sarah Peper family (loss of family members in a fire)
- Brian & Kathy Wick Family (father, Donald Wick)
- Barb Anderson (aunt, Anna Curtis)

Marriages: Congratulations to the following couples on their recent marriages:

- Michelle Sullwold & Zak Kuehndorf (August 25th)
- Carly Warner & Seth Kirk (September 22nd)

Thank You: Thanks to my daughter Debbie, I have been the recipient of many Happy Birthday wishes from my wonderful church family. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. You are always in my thoughts and prayers and now I have another reason to be grateful for you all. All my love, Lois

Thank You: We recognize the following individuals who signed up to mow the grounds this past summer: Ken Iverson, Dale Wirth, Greg Warner, Bob Croes, Eric Brihn, and Dick Buhr. Thanks to all of you who made sure our grounds were well kept.

Shake Shack Trailer Storage Needed: Does anyone have room in a shed to house the shake shack trailer over the winter? If so contact Dale Wirth at 651-336-4731 or Church office at 751-263-2846.

New Member Class: There is sufficient interest to receive another group of new members into the congregation. An informational class will be held after the 10:00 a.m. worship service October 14th. Those interested should notify the church office (263-2846) so adequate supplies can be on hand. New members will be officially received into the congregation on Sunday, November 4th. Please speak to Pastor Bryan if you should have any questions.

Please join together on October 21st for an all Cancer benefit.

A free-will offering for special desserts will be taken during both coffee times.

Please consider helping Sarah Hillstead get to San Diego this November by donating your spare change into the special bucket during coffee time. This will help her pay for an airline ticket, as she will be volunteering on the Susan G. Komen national Cancer Walk.

OPEN HOUSE AT RIDGEVIEW

The residents of Ridgeview Senior Living of Clear invite the public to an open house on Saturday, October 13th from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. If you or someone you know is contemplating future plans for senior living housing, this is a chance to see what Ridgeview has to offer. Come tour and enjoy a cup of coffee along with fresh homemade donuts.

Ridgeview residents would love to have Trick or Treaters come visit and receive treats on Halloween from 5:30-8:30 PM in the Commons Room at the main entrance.

ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (SIGN-UP SHEETS IN ENTRY.)

1. Offering Counters
2. Fellowship Serving
3. Sunday School Teachers

