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First Edition

“Growing God’s Family by Serving”



First Evangelical Lutheran Church ~ LCMC

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Faith is the assurance
of things hoped for,
the conviction
of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1, NRSV



August 2019

Back from Chicago

“I stand at the door and knock.” (Revelation 3:20)

Those were the words that converted the heart of a 27-year-old gang member. His name is Ray. We met him in Chicago on the High School servant trip. Ray is older now—and much wiser. He gave his life over to Christ in the early 1970s but didn’t stop there. An opportunity to save others from drugs and violence presented itself and Ray seized the opportunity.

We met other fine Christians in Chicago. It was quite an eye-opening experience. Our youth come from a town without a stoplight and the Windy City is so obviously different! One of the biggest lessons to learn is appreciation. There is so much to appreciate about small town life as compared to an urban center. There may be more lights and activities in Chicago but there is also the heavy increase in poverty, crime, and broken lives. It’s not easy growing up a kid in Chicago.

Another friend we made was Cordia. Ray worked with us in a food pantry while Cordia was a coordinator of a community garden. The goal of the garden was to bring the neighborhood together in a common cause. It builds relationships. It also provides fresh produce in a food desert. That part of Chicago has no grocery stores. Can you imagine not being able to get good access to fruit and vegetables? I must say, Cordia did much more service on our behalf than we did for her. Sure, we pulled some weeds and did composting. A few even made some plantings but most of the time she wanted to talk to the youth. Cordia had various tidbits of wisdom to share. Perhaps the most important was the question of our names.

Names can signify a lot. Cordia shared her name meant one who builds community and makes for peace. She sure lives out her name. She asked us to consider our own names. Bryan means strong. Applying Cordia’s wisdom, I am called to be a strong person in life. Think about your own name. Do you know what it means? Can it inspire you to live out your name for Christ?

Back to Ray. Ray means in one sense a beam of light. And Ray is that for his small piece of Chicago. He shines into lives with the message of Christ. He walks the walk friends; he doesn’t just talk. We had 12,000 pounds of food to move by hand and though now in his 70s Ray did just that right along with our younger bodies. But even more significant were Ray’s words to our young people. He took the time to share his testimony. He called our youth to an active life of faith.

Now you don’t have to go all the way to Chicago to serve and grow in faith. There are servants of Jesus right here in our backyard. Won’t you be one of them? I give thanks for those of you who already are.

In Christ,
Pastor Bryan



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



- 2: John Hoefflerle
- 5: Tom Levendoski
Jackie Goodmanson
Danette Buhr
- 6: Robert Briesemeister
Melissa Moll
Adam Kaczmariski
Cassie Emerson
Jackie Johnson
Brantley Harris
- 7: Amanda Buhr
- 8: Greg Warner
Brittany Campion
Sharon Petersen
- 9: Anneli Monson
- 10: Alana Cain
- 11: Taylor (Olson) Cardinal
- 12: John C. Campion
- 14: Amber Brannon
- 15: Eric Brihn
- 16: Cassandra Kuhl

- 17: Ron Fox
- 18: Candy Monson
Nora Buhr
Shawn Young
Wendy Kjelstad
- 19: Ryan Monson
Josh Rundquist
Kim Elwood
- 20: Dava Manning
- 21: Mason Arcand
- 22: Sean Hoefflerle
- 23: Madeline (Smith) Tomesch
- 24: Nancy Aeschliman
Julie Nilssen-Cobb
Lydia Buhr
- 25: Sarah Peper
- 26: Darci Eckwall
Carol Williams
- 27: Megan Kuhl
Brenda Johnson
Carole Green
Janette Cain
- 28: Cindy Nilssen
Gwen Amick
Harper LaBlanc
- 29: Robert Croes
Payson Nilssen
Colleen Moravec



AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ALTAR GUILD: Carol Flath & Wendy Kjelstad

ACOLYTES

4 Mason Olson 18 Kelli Niles
11 Emily Hadac 25 Brooke Hadac

READERS

4 Theresa Anderson 18 Eva Wilson
11 Theresa Anderson 25 Bill McIntire

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Jerry Thompson

COUNTERS

4 & 11 Penny O'Connell & Jerry Thompson
18 & 25 Rosemary Johnson & Jerry Thompson

USHERS

4 & 11 Bob Campion & Ryan Buhr
18 & 25 Tom Levendoski & Jared Levendoski

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

4 Mike & Becky Schramski Family
11 Ryan & Carrie Buhr Family
18 Tom & Lori Levendoski Family
25 Larry & Mary Jo Lien Family

FINANCES	
<u>General Fund Update</u>	
Total offering as of July 14 th (\$15,090 needed monthly)	\$5,832.25
<u>Mortgage Fund Update</u>	
Total offering as of July 14 th (\$5,000 needed monthly)	\$2,150.00
Thrivent Mortgage Balance Remaining	\$158,836.23



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 15th**.

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

NEWS & NOTES



Darcy Bruner and Alex Colbeth. 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.*

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 27th. 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. Lawn Mowing



Memorials Given to Building Fund

In Memory of

Given by

Victoria Rosser
Curt Measner
Orvand Lien
Curt Measner
Curt Measner
Curt Measner
Paul Streif

LaMoyne, Sr. & Renee Emerson
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Tim & Patti Wyss
Tim & Patti Wyss
Mike & Rosemary Johnson
Dennis & Cindy Nelson
Bob & Carole Larson