

Summer at Last!

by Valerie Brooks, DYFM

Summer is here! Congratulations to all of our 2018 high school and post-secondary education graduates! "For I know the plans I have for you," declare the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." – Jeremiah 29:11. This verse came at a time when God's people had been exiled to Babylon. God wanted to let His people know that even though they may face tough times in the future, He has a plan for all of us and we just need to trust Him and have faith. So I would leave the graduates with this advice for the future: No matter what happens in life, know that God is with you and He will always be there to carry you through whatever joys and challenges you may encounter.

Over the summer, we'll still be

having some activities going on as well. On Saturday, June 9th, we will be having a Boys' Retreat from 9am-3pm. This is for boys in grades 2-7 and the cost is \$10 (includes lunch & activities for the day). Men and youth boys in grades 8-12, if you would be interested in helping, that would be great! This is a day retreat that will focus on a devotional theme of trusting in God in all things.

Coming up over in the Twin Cities is the 2019 National Youth Gathering – fun! We'll be starting to fundraise for the Gathering near the end of the summer, so please keep that in mind as well. The NYG is open to any youth ages 14-19 at the time of the Gathering (July of 2019). Please let me know by June

30th if you're interested in attending the Gathering; friends are welcome to come, too!

Also throughout the summer there will be various opportunities for children/youth to gather here at church. Starting Wednesday,

June 6th, we will be

having

#Wednesdaynights, which is open to children/youth of all ages.

This will be (weather permitting) outdoor activities and a devo-

tion after worship on Wednesday nights from 7-8pm. Youth are welcome to lead devotions if they would like to for the younger kids. On Sundays, we will be having Summer Sunday School starting June 10th from 9-10am. We will be meeting over in the Fellowship Hall and then moving to outside



(weather permitting) for lessons, arts & crafts, and games. Parents are welcome to stay and join us if they would like to!

Also starting June 10th, Corey and I will be getting together here at church for some "JAM (Jesus and Me) Sessions" and all are welcome to join us. We'll be meeting from 7-9pm on Sundays to just sing/play classic and contemporary Christian music. Feel free to join us and bring songs that you would like to try!

Join us for a weekend of amazing concerts and family fun as we attend OneFest! We'll be gathering over at Faith Saturday morning to set up "camp". Families are invited to bring their campers, tents, or just sleeping bags if you'd like to camp indoors. We can carpool over to OneFest if you'd like - please just purchase your tickets ahead of time for the event! Prices can be found online at www.one-fest.com. After the concerts (or whenever you'd like to head back), we'll hang out at the church fire-pit and have some s'mores and enjoy spending time together. Sunday morning, OneFest is hosting worship at 10am at the Fairgrounds. Questions? Just let me know! Should be a fun weekend.

Sunday Morn Bible Class

Come Sunday morning at 9am to the study of Lutheranism 101 led by Dick Walders.

Monday Aft Bible Class

Consider joining this group on Monday at 1pm as they study Women of the Bible. Leader: Sue Smith.

Tuesday Morn Study

Class meets Tuesday's at 6:30am. Bring your Bible and your appetite (cost of the meal is on your own). Topic: Hebrews Led by Susan Cassellius.

Thursday Bible Class

Join our Thursday Bible class May 31 at 9:30am when they will study the Biblical meaning of the word "hell". Class is led by Pam Pfankuch

Mission & Ministry Council

May 14, 2018

6:30-7pm

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

James 1:17

Attending Disciples: Scott Bernette, Larry Bohl, Mark Erickson, Jack Halbleib, Bill Miller, Steve Missfeldt, Bob Normand, Valerie Brooks, and Randy Knapp.

Call to Order: Bob Normand called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, Valerie Brooks led with the opening prayer.

April Minutes: The April 9, 2018 minutes were reviewed. Scott Bernette made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Jack Halbleib seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: The Council reviewed the checkbook register and profit/loss statements. Bill Miller made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Steve Missfeldt seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. The summary report will be placed in the bulletin so the congregation knows how the church is doing financially.

Pastor/DYFM report: The Preschool teacher contracts are completed. Bob Normand will sign as President of the Council. Pastor Yunghans is recovering from some health issues. Pastor Kangas will do the Wednesday night service. A pastor for the Sunday services is being sought. Mission trip has been cancelled.

Call Committee Update: Bill Miller reported four candidates have been selected. The candidates are being contacted to see if they are open to a call and interview. Karen Prenzlow has resigned from the Call Committee.

Replacements were discussed. Randy Knapp made a motion to appoint Bill Musser as a replacement on the Call Committee. Larry Bohl seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Delegate for 2018 Convention: Jack Halbleib made a motion for Dick Walders to serve as our delegate for the North WI District convention June 3 & 4 at the Central WI Convention and Expo Center in Rothschild. Bill Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Visitation of Shut-In Update: A schedule and a list of team members to visit shut-ins was shared with the Council.

Summer office hours: Starting May 21st, the church office hours will be 7am to 3pm.

Video-taping of services: The venture of video-taping services is being considered. Bill Miller will take the lead in setting up a team to determine logistics. A notice will be put in the bulletin to let the congregation know of this endeavor and to seek team volunteers.

Christ Lutheran School request: It was the consensus of the Council to allow a speaker from Christ Lutheran to speak at our services to promote fall enrollment for their school.

Worship services: July 4 (Independence Day) falls on a

Wednesday this year. Randy Knapp moved to cancel the Wednesday night service on July 4th and have a Unity Service on July 1st at 9am. Steve Missfeldt seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Mission & Ministry Council responsibilities:

Human resources: Jack Halbleib is working with the staff on the duties they perform. He is also covering how the church is secured after groups use the facilities.

Facilities: Mark Erickson reported several shrubs have been removed to improve the church's landscape. A time is being considered to turn lights off and on at the parsonage as a security precaution. A microphone for sharing joys and concerns has been tested. The cost of the microphone is \$300.00. Funds are being raised for this purpose.

Ministry Support: Scott Bernette volunteered for this category. The next meeting date for the Council will be Monday, June 11 at 6:30pm. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Knapp, Council member

Congregational News

Worship Services

Join us for worship services on Wednesday's at 6pm (blended) and Sunday's at 7:45am (traditional) & 10:15am (contemporary).

Call Committee Update Interviewing!

Four Pastor Candidates have been contacted. Two have agreed to interview with the Call Committee. Two were not in a position to take a call at this time.

Interviews have been scheduled for the last two weeks of May! Please continue to check the bulletin for weekly updates!

[Continued prayers are appreciated for God's leading in the call process](#), for Pastor Yunghans as he serves in our vacancy and for our future pastor! As always, feel free to contact any Call Committee member with questions: Co-Chairs Bryan Vogels and Roberta Chittendon, Secretary Tracie Dallas, Call Committee Contact Person Pam Dietsche, Dan Helgeson, Bill Miller, Bill Musser, Ron Tiry and Advisors: Valerie Brooks and Dick Walders.



JAM (Jesus & Music) Sessions

Join Corey & Valerie Sunday evenings from 7-9 pm throughout the summer as we play some new worship songs. Feel free to bring your own chord/sheet music or instrument you might play. It's a fun & joyful way to praise God!

Vacation Bible School

VBS will be July 30th - August 1st this year (3 nights), and is for children age 3 up through grade 6 (as of Fall 2018). Youth in grades 6+ are encouraged to help out with VBS. I have registration forms for VBS out in the Narthex— you can always invite friends along too! I am also still in need of lots of volunteers to help out, so please also take a look at the volunteer sign-up form out in the Narthex as well. Our theme this year: Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus.



Outdoor Adventures Boys Retreat

On Saturday, June 9th, we will be hosting a day retreat for boys in 2nd-7th grade. From 9:00am-3:00pm, they will experience "Outdoor Adventures" through devotional study and activities, as well as fellowship with boys their age. Cost to attend this event is \$20 per child and also includes lunch – Dads and Grandpas can join us too! If you'd like more information or would like to register for the event, please RSVP to Valerie by Wednesday, June 6.



Volunteers needed:

Guys – if you would be interested in helping out or leading an activity for the Outdoor Adventures Retreat, please let me know! It would be fun to have some outdoor activities led by you! Contact Valerie.

Military Bible Stick

During the month of May, FLC is raising funds for the Military Bible Sticks—a small, personal listening device pre-loaded with the audio New Testament and selected Psalms to be distributed by chaplains to troops, often those on the front lines, who have courageously volunteered to serve our country. If you wish to donate to this cause, simply designate funds to "Military Bible Stick" and submit to the offering plate or church office. What a wonderful way to support our armed forces!

Father's Day Fellowship

Celebrate the gift of our father's on Wednesday, June 13 & Sunday, June 17th (immediately following services). We will be serving up a slice of pie & refreshments. All are welcome to join in the celebration!

Wireless Microphone Fund

A fund has been established to afford the purchase of a wireless microphone for use during the Sharing of Joys & Concerns at the start of our services. Total cost needed is \$300. If you wish to contribute funds to this cause, please designate it as such and submit it with your offering.

Video Taping

A new team to video tape services is being formed. In order to facilitate this process, volunteers are needed. Please contact Bill Miller for more details and join the team today!

Women of Faith will meet Thursday, June 21 at 5:30pm at the River Bend Winery. Please note the day of the week, the winery is not open on Tuesday's. Come for the fellowship and enjoyment of God's beautiful creation. This event is open to all ladies of FLC.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Summer Sunday School

Beginning June 9, Valerie Brooks will be doing Sunday School programming on Sunday's at 9am. There will be fun activities both inside and outside (depending on the weather). This is a wonderful way to keep our children and their families faithful and nurtured in His word.

#Wednesday Nights

We are delighted to introduce a "new thing" for our youth here at FLC. It's kids activities for ages 3+ on Wednesday evenings beginning June 6. Valerie Brooks will be leading this time of growing in God's Word. Just show up and have fun!

All Things Bright and Beautiful By Cecil Frances Alexander

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God make them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunset, and the morning, that brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one.

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell,
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.



June 2018

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

- 2-Shirley Tibbitts
- 3-Jennifer Dreger, Alison LeDuc
- 4-Matthew Solin
- 5-Jolene Andersen, Lanny Roth
- 6-Erma Seidlitz,
- 7-Elaine Miller
- 9-Kyle Juedes, Amelia Marshall, Turi McIlquham
- 12-Joan Schaller
- 13-Wally Smith
- 14-Maxwell Thompson
- 17-Dana Anderson, Chris Chittendon, Susan Kern
- 18-Collin Schindler
- 19-Joyce Davidson
- 20-Diane Schroeder
- 21-Lawrence Johnson, Kyle Kressin, Rev. Plautz
- 24-Ashley Boley, Sandy Larson, Alex Peterson
- 25-Linda Bohl, Margret Gullickson

- 26-Larry Bohl
- 28-Jack Bremness, Lillian Schaefer
- 30-Rosemary Plautz

Happy Anniversary!

- 5-Gene & Donna Moldenhauer
- 6-Lloyd & Lorraine Benner
- 6-Gerald & Barbara Wucherpfennig
- 7-Robert & Beverly Normand
- 7-John & Arlene Pederson
- 10-Gerald & Marcia Goettl
- 13-Garnet & Patricia Mathwig
- 16-Richard & Janice Wirth
- 18-Rev. William & Rosemary Plautz
- 18-Dan & Alice Helgeson
- 22-Lawrence & Iris Johnson
- 24-Jerry & Lori Sorensen
- 25-Mark & Barb Erickson



God is our umbrella through the storm; he shelters us from the rain and keeps us warm. The umbrella is the analogy that God protects us with every step and every breath of life. He is with us even if we feel alone and nothing is working for us, with us, or in us. God bless you in the storms of life.