

May Blessings

by Valerie Brooks, DYFM

I would like to wish all of the mothers in our congregation a Happy Mother's Day on May 13th! I hope that you are all able to celebrate these wonderful women that have shaped our lives. "Strength and dignity are her clothing and she smiles at the future. She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. Her children rise up and bless her, her husband also, and he praises her. Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord she shall be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done." - Proverbs 31:25-31.

Our last day of Sunday School this year is May 20th. I want to thank all of

the Sunday School staff members who have done such a wonderful job teaching the children and youth this year. You have all been such a wonderful group to work with, and I know the kids have really enjoyed Sunday School this year because of all of you and your amazing talents!

I also want to thank Bill Musser, Tina Bernette, and Sue Smith for leading the children with music this year.

Bill comes in almost every Sunday for us and leads the younger classes in singing/dancing with the guitar while Sue teaches the older kids the ukulele.

Tina directs the children's Handbell Choir for special performances for us. Thank you to all of you for your time and service!

This year, we will be having a little celebration brunch with the Sunday School staff and families on

May 20th from 9-10am. I will be handing out some staff appreciation gifts, as well as recognizing the children for working on their memory work; they've all been working so hard at it! This should be a nice little end to a wonderful educational year! I will be continuing to lead Sunday School throughout the summer starting June 10th from 9-10am. If anyone would like to help lead a Sunday, please let me know so we can get you on the calendar. We'll be doing lessons along with arts & crafts, outdoor activities (weather permitting), and more!



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 at 9:30am Bible class for the study entitled "Peter...from Fisherman to Fisher of Men" by author, Donna Pyle. Class is led by Pam Pfankuch.

"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."
Hebrews 4:12

Mission & Ministry Council

April 9, 2018

6:30-7pm

Attending Disciples: Scott Bernette, 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.

March Minutes: The March 12, 2018 minutes were reviewed. Steve Missfeldt made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Bill Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: The Council reviewed the checkbook register and profit/loss statements. Scott Bernette made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Bill Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Pastor/DYFM reports: Valerie stated preschool classes for next year are full and there is a wait list. Holy Week and Easter service turn-out was very good.

Call Committee Update: Bill Miller stated the report has been updated. The Committee is waiting for a response from District President Dwayne Lueck with a list of candidates for pastor.

Worship Attendance: The Council reviewed Holy Week attendance – 474 (2018); 550(2017) and 515 (2016). Holy Week went very well; thanks to all the volunteers who stepped up to help.

Offering Request: Valerie made a request for part of the offerings from the fifth Sunday in April be used for the mission trip to Detroit. The Council asked several questions including what the group would be doing, how many are going, etc. Valerie will put a sheet in the bulletin about the mission trip and what the group will be doing. Scott Bernette made a motion that a portion of the offerings on April 29th go to support the mission trip to Detroit. Jack Halbleib seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Request for Wireless Microphone: A request was made to raise funds for a hand-held microphone for sharing joys and concerns. Cost would run between \$780.00 and \$1020. The microphone needs to be compatible with our sound system and installed. Mark Erickson will check with some of his contractors. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin so the congregation is aware of the request.

Boy Scouts: The Council received a request from the Boy Scouts for a camp out, May 11th on church property. Bill Miller made a motion to grant permission allowing the Boy Scouts to use the grounds for a camp out on May 11th. Mark Erickson seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. The scouts asked for a representative from the Church to attend their May 17th meeting. Bob Normand will ask Randy Cassellius to

attend the meeting to receive a plaque from the Boy Scouts.

Mission and Ministry Council Responsibilities:

Human Resources: Jack Halbleib plans on visiting with Dick Walters. Bob & Sandra Lulloff are putting together a list of duties they perform.

Stewardship: Randy Knapp reported on the use of Time & Talent sheets. New members complete forms upon reception into membership. All the information is stored on the church's data base.

Other areas needing volunteers are Evangelism, Preschool and Ministry Support.

Other Business: none

The next date for council will be Monday, May 14, 2018 at 6:30pm. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Knapp, Council member

May the God of
hope fill you with
all joy and peace
as you trust in
him, so that you
may overflow
with hope by the
power of the
Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

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 'Waiting Room'

We are still in the 'waiting room' as we patiently wait for the new list of Pastoral Candidates from the district office! We expect the arrival of the new list any day, if it hasn't already arrived by the time of this printing! Once here, the committee will again pour over the documents, with prayerful consideration, seeking candidates who pair well with our congregational self-study. Continued prayers are much appreciated for God's leading in the call process, for Pastor Younghans as he serves in our vacancy and for our future pastor!

As always, feel free to contact any Call Committee member with any questions: Co-Chair Roberta Chittendon, Secretary Tracie Dallas, Call Committee Contact Person Pam Dietsche, Dan Helgeson, Co-Chair Pam Johnson, Bill Miller, Karen Prenzlou, Ron Tiry, Bryan Vogels and Advisors: Valerie Brooks and Dick Walders.

Mother's Day Fellowship

We will be celebrating Mother's Day with fellowship after services on Wednesday, May 9 and Sunday, May 13. Come and enjoy a slice of pie and refreshments. Enjoy time with fellow disciples of FLC.

Women of Faith will meet May 15 at 5pm at Christensen's Greenhouse and then at 6pm at Olson's Ice Parlor for ice cream. Come for the fellowship and enjoyment of God's beautiful creation. This event is open to all ladies of FLC.

Refrigerator Update

Women of Faith is happy to announce that thanks to the support of all the congregational members of FLC the new kitchen refrigerator has been ordered and should be delivered soon. Praise God!

Graduate Recognition

Every year we recognize our high school seniors as they celebrate the milestone of graduation with their loved ones. Our Senior Recognition service is going to be on May 20th this year at the 10:15am service. All seniors and their families are then invited to join us for a lunch in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. Each senior family should have received their letters in the mail from me already, but please let me know if you have not. This is a wonderful service that we have each year, and we will be handing out the senior quillows during the service as well. We hope you all can join us as we celebrate the seniors.

Visitation Team Members

We are seeking volunteers to help with visitation of our shut-ins. Our visitation team is in need of some extra helpers. This caring ministry opportunity may be the perfect fit for you to share the love of Christ in our lives. Please contact the church office today for further details.

Vacation Bible School

Even though it's only May, I know a lot of families already have summer calendars filling, so I wanted to just put a note in here about our 2017 VBS dates. 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'll have registration forms for VBS out in the Narthex starting May 2nd, and 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, May 30th. Men – if you would be interested in helping out or leading an activity that day, please let me know! It would be fun to have some outdoor activities led by you!

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. The request would enable the purchase of the microphone, installation of the equipment and integration with our current audio system. If you wish to contribute funds to this cause, please designate it as such and submit it with your offering.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Sunday School

Classes are offered on Sunday's at 8:45am, beginning with music in the fellowship hall. Children ages N-grade 6 will grow in God's word, and build relationships with fellow students. Students are gearing up to be a part of worship on May 13. Final day for class is May 20th.

Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY)

Join this group Sunday mornings at 9am in the youth room as grades 6-12 grow and build unity in Christ.

#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 May 2. Valerie Brooks will be leading this time of growing in God's Word. Just show up and have fun!

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.





May 2018

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

- 1-Matthew Engel, Bryon Nesvacil
- 2-George Flint
- 4-Todd Dreger
- 5-Bonnie Schimmel
- 7-Linda Ahlen
- 8-Susan Cassellius
- 9-Eleena Hasart
- 10-Kendal Musser
- 11-Brenda Beaudette
- 12-Shari Schumacher, Patricia Smith
- 14-Talley & Tarrin Halvorson, Lehmen Larson
- 15-Mary Lee Halbleib
- 16-Paula Kohlbeck, Olivia Sedlacek, Alyssa Voight
- 17-Amber Adams, Mason Newman, Donna Spaeth
- 18-Sophia Albert, Izabel Eliason, Bea Grassnickle
- 19- Deanie Schaller
- 22-Michael Newman

- 25-Andrea Strand
- 26-Kara Hauptmann, Len Langteau, William Mueller
- 27- Barb Erickson
- 28-Michelle Haller, Steven Jake
- 29-Betty Solin

Happy Anniversary!

- 2-Marvin & Shirley Schroeder
- 3-Emerly & Janice Schindler
- 4-Eric & Jeannie Dubberke
- 5-Dale & Jolene Andersen
- 9-Steven & Barbara Missfeldt
- 12-Steve & Jessica Hardwick
- 21-Tiege & Andrea Druckrey
- 25-Bob & Sandra Luloff
- 26-Corey & Valerie Brooks
- 26-Ricky & Karen Ericksen

