

Life  
does not consist  
in the  
abundance of  
possessions

LUKE 12:15

**Called by the Spirit, we serve Christ, sharing God's love with all.**

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**WE WELCOME** all who worship with us today! We extend a special greeting to our visitors and invite you to worship with us again soon. Please make yourselves known to our pastor and people.

**COME TO THE FELLOWSHIP TIME BEFORE AND AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE**  
Gather in the Nave Lounge to enjoy refreshments, talk with fellow worshippers, greet people you don't know, make new friends, enjoy your time at First and share the love of Christ.

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION** Lutheran Christians believe that in the sacrament of Holy Communion, by the power of God's Word and Holy Spirit, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ, along with the bread and wine, for our forgiveness and salvation. If you share in this belief, you are welcome to participate with us. Non-communicating children and adults may come forward to receive a blessing. White grape juice is available, as well as gluten free wafers. If you desire to receive communion at your pew, please alert an usher during the prelude.

**A NOTE TO PARENTS:** First Lutheran Church welcomes children of all ages to be a part of our worship services. Children's Bibles are located in the pews and a number of items are available on a cart in the Nave Lounge to help them (and you) have a pleasant worship experience. We hope you enjoy these activities in church and at home!!

**CHILDCARE:** If you prefer, you may leave your preschool children in our well-equipped, staffed nursery during the service. Or, if you need to take a walk with your child, our speaker system provides audio of the service in the Nave Lounge and Library.

**WHEELCHAIR** available in the north entranceway or in the church office.

**EARPHONES** for the hearing impaired and **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS.**

**PLEASE, NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE MAIN WORSHIP CENTER.**

# THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## A SUMMER EUCHARIST

5:00 P.M. & 10:00 A.M.

AUGUST 3 & 4, 2019

*Before worship, talk to God. During worship, let God talk to you. After worship, talk to your fellow worshipper.*

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**PRELUDE** “Voluntary”

(M. Green)

*Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.*

## CHIMES

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.  
*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: God of mercy,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us † all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

**C: Amen.**

## 449 GATHERING SONG “We Know That Christ Is Raised”

## GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Congregation shall sit.*

## **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CARING FOR KIDS 1<sup>ST</sup> RECOGNITION – Alan Hageman**

# **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung, and preached.*

#### **FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

*The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.*

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with.

<sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11**

*Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes in order to put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.*

**ALLELUIA VERSE** "*Celtic Alleluia*"

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21**

*In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.*

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

*Congregation shall sit.*

**NOISY OFFERING**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**678 HYMN OF THE DAY** "*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*"

**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES RECOGNITION**

**See Bulletin Page 10**

*Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: Your people struggle with the weariness and toil of living in a broken world. Work through your church to restore justice and mercy, and send rest and comfort to all who are bowed down. Trusting in God, our abundant provider, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

A: Your creation longs for generous care. Give growth to the fields, strength to farmers, ranchers, and laborers who toil in summer's heat, and wisdom to us to respect earth's bounty. Trusting in God, our loving creator, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

A: Your world reflects your image in billions of unique ways. Touch every life—low and high, rich and poor—and sway every heart toward your merciful will. Trusting in God, our Sovereign, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

A: Your people in this congregation praise you and pray for your almighty help. Comfort those who suffer from anxiety, depression, or stress. Provide for those in need (*especially - see bulletin page 10*). Trusting in God, our purpose and goal, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

*The Assisting Minister offers additional prayers.*

A: Your communities near and far lack basic resources. Supply work, food, and health care for all who are in need. Bring relief to those who are overworked. Trusting in God, our help, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

A: Your saints who have died now rest in your merciful care. Comfort us in faith and love as we continue our labor on earth. Trusting in God, who gives life to the dead, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**PEACE** P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: **And also with you.**  
*The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.*  
Peace be with you. R: Peace be with you.

*Congregation shall sit.*

**OFFERING** *Please place attendance form in the offering plate.*

*"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"* Allie Montague - Cello, Connor Montague – Guitar (J. K. Manley)

*Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.*

**686 OFFERING SONG** *"We Give Thee but Thine Own Stanzas 1 & 4*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Blessed are you, O God,

C: **for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*"Joyful, Joyful"*

*(This morning we are using a hymn setting for Holy Communion called "Joyful, Joyful".*

*The Communion Liturgy will be sung to well-known hymns.)*

**PREFACE** (Tune: *"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"*) Sung by Pastor and **Congregation**

P: Oh, may the good Lord be with you. C: **And may the Lord be with you too.**

P: Oh, praise Him! C: **Alleluia!**

P: With hearts uplifted thank the Lord. C: **We lift them up. Be God adored!**

P: Oh, praise Him! C: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Spoken by Pastor

Always and everywhere praise and thanks are due to You, O Lord, holy Father, God of life eternal, through Jesus Christ our paschal Lamb, sacrificed to take away our sin and raised again that death might be swallowed up in everlasting victory. With thanks and joy we join the hymn offered by Your faithful always and everywhere.

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

(Tune: *"Ode to Joy"*)

Sung by **Congregation**

Heav'nly hosts proclaim Your glory, Holy, holy, holy Lord.

All on earth repeat the story, God of hosts, by all adored.

Blest is He who comes, victorious, In the name of God the King!

Our hosannas, glad and glorious, To the Lord of all we sing!

## THE CONSECRATION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

P: God invites you to this table of bounty. Come, the banquet is ready.

*Congregation shall sit.*

**LAMB OF GOD** (Tune: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring") **Sung by Congregation**

**Lamb of God, our mighty Savior, All our sins You take away.  
Lamb of God, by Your great favor, Lord, have mercy now, we pray.  
Lamb of God, our prayers attending, Never let Your mercies cease,  
But, Your Holy Spirit sending, Grant us all Your gift of peace.**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY "Trio"

*(J. Rheinberger)*

**471** COMMUNION HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together"

*Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

**Congregation: Amen**

THE THANKSGIVING

(Tune: "Ode to Joy")

**Sung by Congregation**

**Thank the Lord, His praises voicing, For His promised faithfulness!  
All who seek the Lord, rejoicing, Tell His love, His name confess.  
Praise the Father, Son, and Spirit, Living God, who sets us free  
By His mercy to inherit Life and joy eternally!**



## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### BLESSING

(Tune: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”) Sung by Pastor and **Congregation**

P: May the good Lord bless and keep you.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

P: May God lift His face upon you.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

P: May God’s shining face behold you and God’s favor e’er uphold you.  
May God’s peace and love enfold you.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## 650 SENDING SONG “In Christ There Is No East or West”

### DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE *Improvisation on “Engleberg”*

*(R. Hobby)*

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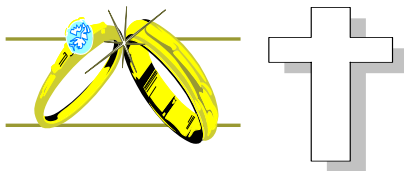
**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Lou Heisler to honor Dan McCready and by Allyn O. Lockner & Barbara J. McCandless in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**ETERNAL CANDLE FOR AUGUST** is given by Cindy Crawford in memory of her dad, John Blattner.

**PARENTS’** take this bulletin home for a fun game with your kids! Have them search through the bulletin and circle or highlight **this week’s word: LIFE.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:**

Mark Fuller (home), Pat Wild (home), Robert Hanna (home), Twila Zeigler (home), Jeani Anderson (home), Ann Sanders (home), Rob Peterson (home), Breck Edds (home), Ann Johnson (home), Vera Pearce (home), Ken Sherbert (home), Charlotte Weddle (CDO Teacher), Julie Bradley (Caring for Kids 1<sup>st</sup> Director), Mike Kruger (Diane Dukat's nephew), Jerry Manning (friend of Nancy Sherbert), C.A. Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders' father), Ken Buch (Verla's son), Micah Ewing (friend of the Lubers), Joan Stahlman (Joyce Koenig's sister-in-law), Lynette Kottas (Eileen Caspers' mother), Pete Godlove (Michelle Black's father), Dan Lykins (cousin of Nancy Sherbert), Nancy Isley Wolfe (friend of the Wolgasts), Ben Beery (friend of Haden Roark), Jerome Gutierrez (Dolores Ussery's nephew), Heather Roesch (Tracy's sister-in-law), Norm Stahl (friend of Carolyn Olson), Katelynn Herring (Jeanie Schuler's great-niece), Bob Avery (friend of Carolyn Olson), Robin Michael (daughter of friend of Nancy Vaughn), Mary Lou Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders' mother), Linda Myers (Trudi's daughter-in-law), David Metzenthin (Bud & Lois' son), Annika Lundgren (friend of the Engelhardts).



*with this ring, I thee wed...*

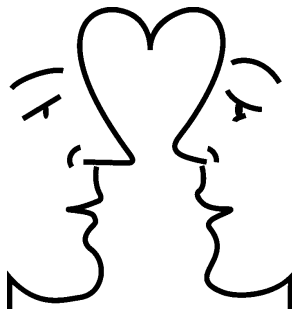
**50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (1969)**

6/7/1969 Jerry & Marsha Serk

8/15/1969 Allyn Lockner & Barbara McCandless

**60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (1959)**

10/4/1959 Bill & Phyllis Buch



**LAY MINISTERS TODAY****10:00 am**

<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Evelyn Wilson
<b>Lector</b>	Bryce Cripps
<b>Acolyte</b>	Katie Krumins
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Scott Bangert, Diane Dukat
<b>Presenting the Gifts</b>	Alan & Anne Hageman
<b>Council Member Team</b>	Ted Ensley / Joyce Koenig
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy Besta, Mary Fobes, Maureen Krumins
<b>Ushers</b>	David & Patricia Drake
<b>North Door / South Door Greeters</b>	Denny & Darlene Payne / Bud & Sara Welch
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Robert Hanna
<b>Bus Driver &amp; Host/Hostess</b>	Bryce & Judy Cripps
<b>Saturday Lector / Altar Guild / CA</b>	Dick Nelson / Karen Wollin / Tina Lewis
<b>Stephen Minister 8/5-11/2019</b>	JoAnn Stanley

**LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK****August 11<sup>th</sup> – Ninth Pentecost****BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS 10:00 am**

<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Michelle Black
<b>Lector</b>	Jeff Montague
<b>Acolyte</b>	Makenzie Liby
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Bryce & Judy Cripps
<b>Presenting the Gifts</b>	Lowell & Lorraine Chellberg
<b>Council Member Team</b>	Bob Wollin / Robert Hanna
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Patricia Drake, Nancy Vaughn
<b>Ushers</b>	Kevin Eaton, John Harold
<b>North Door Greeters</b>	Bill & Phyllis Buch
<b>South Door Greeters</b>	Lu Heisler, Nancy Vaughn
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Kevin Eaton & Lora Carlson
<b>Bus Driver &amp; Host/Hostess</b>	Marvin & Penny Boleski
<b>Saturday Lector / Altar Guild / CA</b>	Martha Donohoe / Dawn Graham / Dave Krug
<b>Stephen Minister 8/12-18/2019</b>	Dick Schaeffer

**USHERS:** To provide consistency, a list of usher responsibilities have been developed. Please review and follow the laminated list of usher responsibilities placed on top of the bulletins and/or in the drawer of the table at the back of the sanctuary where the bulletins are placed.

To continue our efforts to increase security at church, the **SECURITY COMMITTEE** has recommended and the **Council** has approved the policy to **lock the outside doors 10 minutes after worship starts and unlock them 10 minutes before worship ends.** The doors are not locked for someone exiting, just to someone entering. The council team members will be in the narthex during worship to recognize if someone needs entrance during worship. This change took effect July 7, 2019.

## The Meaning of Life

The book of Ecclesiastes in the Hebrew Bible is full of situations the author describes as “vanity” and “chasing after wind.” The author is troubled by these situations, which seem unfair or absurd. He laments over a wise man who must leave all his possessions to a foolish heir (Eccles. 2:21), and over a rich man who loses everything on a bad venture (Eccles. 5:13-14). The author of Ecclesiastes believes that hard work and wisdom should be fairly rewarded, but notes that reality often turns out differently.

One might see today’s parable from the Gospel of Luke fitting neatly alongside Ecclesiastes’ cynicism. A rich man, blessed by an abundant harvest, tears down his barns to build bigger ones—but he dies before he can enjoy the fruit of his labor. This, too, is vanity and a chasing after wind!

But Jesus doesn’t tell this parable as a commentary on the absurdity of human existence. Rather, he is teaching an important lesson about what we value.

All too often, we place trust first in ourselves, thinking we can achieve success and happiness all on our own. Or we believe we will be happy if only we get that latest gadget or that new car; we put our faith in blind luck, trusting that the harvest will be good, or that the stock market will continue to go up. And yet we find ourselves disappointed again and again.

“One’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions,” Jesus tells us. Wealth and material success will not give our lives meaning. Instead, we should be “rich toward God” (Luke 12:21). What does this mean? We are “rich toward God” as we build up our relationship with our Creator through prayer and studying scripture, through worship and acts of service. Such an endeavor is surely *not* vanity or a chasing after wind.

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## ✠ IN THE FIRST PLACE THIS WEEK ✠

*Caring For Kids 1<sup>st</sup> Summer School Age Childcare Program Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.*

### TODAY EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion & Golden Anniversaries  
11:15 a.m. – Magi Moments and Potluck Fellowship  
12:15 p.m. – Youth & Family Ministry Committee  
4:00 p.m. – Cub Scout Committee (115)

### Monday, August 5

12:30 p.m. – Staff Meeting  
5:45 p.m. – Property Committee  
6:30 p.m. – Finance Committee  
6:30 p.m. – Caring For Kids 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting  
7:00 p.m. – Altar Guild Committee

### Tuesday, August 6

CARPET CLEANING  
7:00 p.m. – Stephen Ministry Supervision

### Wednesday, August 7

#### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

9:00 a.m. – What-Sew-Ever  
6:00 p.m. – Read, Pray, Sing Worship (Chapel)  
6:30 p.m. – Library in Use  
7:00 p.m. – Outreach Committee

### Thursday, August 8

10:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Study at Thornton Place

### Friday, August 9

Pastor Jenny's Day Off

### LAST DAY of Caring For Kids 1<sup>st</sup>

6:30 p.m. – Toy Story 2 Movie (PH)

### Saturday, August 10

11:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. – Parish Hall in Use  
5:00 p.m. – Holy Communion & Backpack Blessing

### Sunday, August 11

#### NINTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

#### BACKPACK BLESSING

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion  
4:00-8:30 p.m. – Parish Hall in Use

### LESSONS AUGUST 10 & 11

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalms 33:12-22

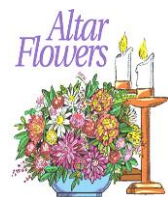
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

## PARISH NOTICES

### ALTAR FLOWERS – NEW FLORIST AND NEW PRICES

SEASONAL EFFECTS BY MARK LAMANTIA will be providing our altar and pulpit flowers **beginning August 1, 2019**. Mark has been a floral designer for more than 40 years in Topeka. After many years at the same cost, we also will be increasing the price of the flowers as of August 1 to **\$25 per vase and \$50 for pulpit flowers**. If you have previously committed to providing flowers but no longer wish to do so because of this increase, please contact Jeanie Schuler as soon as possible. Questions? Please call Jeanie Schuler 785-845-7964.



### BLESSING OF BACKPACKS – August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

SCHOOL IS HERE! We will celebrate the start of a new school year with a Backpack Blessing during worship on August 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. **Teachers, students, bus drivers, custodians, all!** Bring your bags or just yourself for a special prayer and blessing.





### **NOTE DATE CHANGE!**

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** coming to church **August 18<sup>th</sup>** before and after worship. Stay tuned for an online sign up and information about registering. **Save the date to help save a life.**



**Women of First Lutheran Church join your WELCA friends  
for a SUMMER PICNIC & SOCIAL**

to celebrate the success of our past year and prepare for the next year!  
Bring your favorite picnic food to share. Table service and drinks will be provided.  
Invite a friend to enjoy the event with you!

**Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall**

### **CHURCH YARD**

**Have you noticed how “Beautiful” the church yard looks this year?**

**Well-manicured yard and flowers!!!!**

**SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING:**

Flowers, watering, weed eater and edging – Cindy and Chris Lear

Trimming of bushes and spraying – Marsha and Jerry Serk

Mowing Team – Kevin Eaton and Jerry Anderson

Removal of weeds – Barb Collins

Remove brush – David Krug, Bud Welch, John Hedeem and Jerry Anderson

Check out the **PRAYER GARDEN** east of the Nave Lounge!!

It is a very relaxing space with benches, a fountain and flowers.