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*Our Shared Mission: We are saved by grace
through faith to share the good news of the
Gospel with all people and live
God's love by our words and actions.*

Monthly Newsletter – August 2021



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* Masks Optional/Available *
* 9:00am each Sunday *
(until September 12th swap)

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The annual **Time Swap** for worship services is upon us! **Our new** Service times begin **ON Sunday, September 12**: St. Stephen's will gather for worship at **10:30a** (Gethsemane will gather for Worship at **9a**). This is in effect until September 2022. If we are in a good place regarding local COVID cases, we hope to resume **Fellowship** Time and Faith Formation classes for the kiddos on this day, too.

SO, to recap the next month or so of Worship Services...

Sundays, August 1, 8, 15, 22: St. Stephen's (9a), Gethsemane (10:30a)
Sunday, August 29: **Joint Worship** at St. Stephen's at **10:00a**
Sunday, September 5: St. Stephen's (9a), Gethsemane (10:30a)
Sunday, September 12 **onward**: Gethsemane (9a), St. Stephen's (10:30a)





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| 1 Tyler Sulk | 12 Robert Stone |
| 2 Janet Salo | 13 Sharon Etelamaki |
| 3 Lynda Keller | 23 Patty Vandenberg |
| 4 Karen Tickler | 30 Fred Lesperance |
| 11 Kayla Berger | 31 Kevin Crawford |
| 11 Rosalie Wade | |



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| 5 Paul & Kelly Francour |
| 19 Jim & Janet Voss |
| 27 Roy & Tammy Parrett |



*Jay Chapple, Trish Dams
Thomas Dutkavich
Jared Jurmu, Brent Jurmu
Julie Tanguay*



As there are **five Sundays** in the month of August, we will return to our usual, **JOINT** Worship Service on the 5th of the months. This means that there will be **ONE** Worship service on 8/29:

**** Sunday, August 29th at 10:00am at St. Stephen's. ****

Special service, special time - please make every effort to attend, as hearing the Word of God demands no specific location, just an open heart!

We continue to hold in prayer:

Art Kaliszewski	Bethany Gearhart	Brian Raether	Caitlin Christophersen
Dan Etelamaki	David Kohrt	Dean Kauthen	Deanna Thill
Delores Erickson	Delores Gill	Denise Marineau	Dennis Paul
Dorothy Klein-Wassink	Dorothy Peretto	Emily Christenson	Evelyn Gewerth
Gene Wangerin	James Dutkavich	Jim Gill	Jim Wenger
Karen Raether	Keith Thoun	Kenny Kline	Kevin Havelka
Lewis Nicholson	Logan Parrett	Lois Azelton	Lorrie Stone
Luann Q. Kiefer	Macy Berszenyi	Michelle Beauchard	Mike Lubore
Mike McCarthy	Mike Pfeiffer	Penny Nehls	Rob Boe
Robert Berszenyi	Sandy Baumler	Sarah Hess	Sheila Konkel
Shirley Wangerin	Stephanie Wallgren	Sue Skowronski	Tammy Parrett
Tom Kuntze	Tom Wenger	Tracy Klatt	Wayne Sundstrom
Wendy Gravelle	Wendy Hanson		

*Thank you for holding the friends and families of our Congregants in your daily prayers.
Corrections? Additions? Please contact the Church Office. Thanks!*

GREETINGS from Bishop Katherine Finegan

Dear Northern Great Lakes Synod,

At the beginning of this pandemic, I likened our current times and days to that of the Israelites, wandering in the wilderness. I talked about emerging from this pandemic wilderness differently than we entered it. And here we are, more than a year later, and it feels like we can see the Promised Land.

As restrictions have eased, I have had the pleasure of gathering, maskless, with other faithful people in worship. What a joy! To sing! To eat! To share the Peace of Christ and see a person's whole face! It is such a blessing to gather once again as the Body of Christ and the community of faith. I will say that I am grateful for the vaccine, which makes me less anxious to actually gather with others. Our congregations are pivoting from online to in-person worship, from restrictions to protocols that allow for safe gathering. I sense a feeling of being done with the pandemic, done with masks, done with all the decisions and discernment necessary for safe gathering.



Perhaps we are done. I hope so. But don't throw away your mask just yet. Don't discontinue your online presence just yet.

If we are to learn anything from history and the Influenza epidemic of 1918-1920, and if we are to learn anything from what is happening around the globe, we would be wise to pay attention. For us, this pandemic has lasted just over a year. But the lessons of history would teach us to be prepared for closer to two years. With Covid variants making the news, with new waves of the virus plaguing population pockets across the globe, it makes sense to stay vigilant. I hope we do not have to pull out the masks again and limit the attendance of our gatherings, but mentally, emotionally, we need to be mindful of that possibility. Covid-19 continues to be a reality that lingers and mutates, as viruses do. I encourage congregational leaders to remain aware of Covid and vaccination numbers in your community and respond accordingly.

Currently, we are in a promising and hopeful trajectory. Covid cases are down significantly and the vaccination rate is slowly rising. But if Israel and India are any indication, we need to stay vigilant and be prepared to pivot, once again, if necessary.

I know that's not what people want to hear. I know that we are tired of protocols and masks and worry and we are ready to declare the pandemic over. But it is not over. Perhaps, for now, we can enjoy what low Covid numbers and rising vaccination rates make possible and gather once again for in-person worship, but please continue to make accommodations for those who cannot be vaccinated because of health factors or age.

I give thanks for the presence of Christ that we experience in each other. I am grateful for these past few weeks when I have been fed by corporate worship, fellowship, and hearing the voices of others raised in song and prayer. It feels like a drink in the desert and relief in the shade of an oasis. I hope we can stay here. But more than that, I hope that if we have to venture into desert territory again, that this reprieve from pandemic challenges will fortify us for the journey ahead. Whether we stay or whether we must go, Christ is with us.

Yours in Christ, Rev. Katherine Finegan
Bishop of the Northern Great Lakes Synod



*Fortune Lake and the Sisters of the Cloth
are pleased to announce that*

Fall Fest is ON for 2021!

The date of the event is **Saturday, October 2**, and we are planning for a hybrid in-person event with a live auction as well as a virtual silent auction.

Our 2021 Fall Fest will include the following:

- A live in-person **auction** of a small lot of carefully selected hand-made quilts
- A **Country Store** featuring smaller hand-made items to be purchased on site
- A **draffle** (drawing-raffle) for opportunities to win unique prizes and gifts
- A **silent** virtual auction featuring a large selection of homemade quilts and other hand-crafted items, which will begin September 22 and conclude October 2 and is open to anyone, the world over!
- **Tentative**: brunch and bake sale, to be determined at a later date



Please share this information with your quilters, your women's group and circles, your congregation, and the general public. We are accepting donations of items for the auctions, the draffle, and the Country Store.

All items must arrive at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp **by September 1**
and must include the **DONATION FORM** found on inside this newsletter.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE QUILTERS, CRAFTERS, AND VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE! Please mark your calendars and make plans to participate in the ways you see fit! More information will be shared as details are worked out.

Check our website (fortunelake.org) for updates.

CHECK-in REFERENCE (alpha-#): _____ Date Rec'd: _____ AUCTION LOT #: _____

OR in Corner Country Store @ \$ _____ OR in Draffle _____

FORTUNE LAKE FALL FEST and QUILT AUCTION (Saturday, October 2, 2021)
AUCTION / STORE DONATION FORM

SUBMISSION of ITEMS: Projects should be received at FLLC by Wednesday, September 1, 2021.

[PLEASE NOTE: Any items received later than September 1, 2021 WILL NOT be considered for the auction.]

Late submissions or remaining auction items may be retained by the donor, or its use designated at the discretion of the Committee.

Attach this Sheet to Project (Please print legibly. Thank you!)

Donated by: _____

Made by: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

Congregation: _____ Congr City _____

Piece/Pattern Name: _____

Size: in. X in. _____ Main Colors: _____

Material/s: _____

Technique: _____

Quilting: _____

Other Info/Description: _____

Cost of Materials: \$ _____ Hours of Labor: _____
(Not suggested retail value) (Information only)

Please list any history or other significant information here (attach addtl sheet if needed):

Please see submission guidelines on reverse side.

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Fortune Lake Fall Fest 2021 Guidelines for Donated Items

1. Please fill out form completely and legibly.
2. Measurements must be on each item.
3. **ALL ITEMS ARE DUE TO CAMP OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 to be considered for inclusion in the auction.**
4. This will be a juried auction, so the Auction Committee will look at all items submitted on time, to decide which to include in the Auction.
5. Quilts/Projects that are valued at less than \$50 or small items may be grouped together and/or will be part of the Store or Draffle drawing. A few items may be offered as door prizes.
6. Value of items will be assigned by the Auction Committee's assessment of item based on the cost of materials provided.

The Auction Committee would like to get the highest possible income from the auction items in order to benefit Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp with this fundraiser, so there will be a limited number of items in the auction. Remaining items will be used at the discretion of the Committee.

THANK YOU for your generous and talented support of FLLC !!



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Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

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***+Beau Christopher Beardsley**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever!*

*Son of Christopher and Maura Beardsley,
Grandson of John and Sandy Beardsley, and
Great-Grandon of Janice Sederquist.*

*(And many proud Aunts and Uncles
and cousins **love** the little guy, too!)*



*"What IS that thing?!" Lily Keyzers
tried her hand at fishing during the
Menominee County Fair. Nice catch!*



Almighty, God, you have given us this good land as our heritage. Make us always remember your generosity and constantly do your will. Bless our land with honesty in the workplace, truth in education, and honor in daily life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance; and from every evil course of action. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and, in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Pastoral Musings from Pr. Brenda

Lots happening at the Parsonage this past month!

***But all things should be done decently
and in order. 1 Corinthians 14:40***

Perhaps you don't know this about me, but I LOVE to **paint**. My garage walls were simply TOO spotty to leave as they were, so I spruced them up with a can of "mis-tinted" paint from Ace Hardware. (*Deeply discounted paints where someone made an oops on an order.*) Added a few tool holders, and VOILA, I have a much, happier garage!



***When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.
Psalm 56:3***

*I should have stayed **INSIDE** that garage!* All kidding aside, a trip to town with new driver, **Sara Havelka**, was a great way to catch-up with this now-Confirmed, child of God. Truth be told, she was an AWESOME driver - it must have been all of her practice on the family farm. Way to go, Sara!



***For nothing will be
impossible with God.
Luke 1:37***

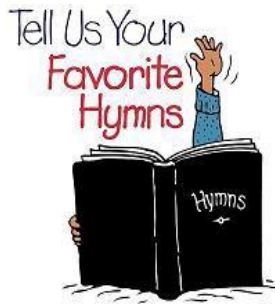
Nothing! Not even welcoming the newest member of the Parsonage, **Juki**, into the fold! For a lady who never had pets, I'm certainly making up for lost time!



***He restores my soul.
Psalm 23:3***

...my soul AND my deck! Shout out to the hard-working **Shane Konell** of *Holy Paint*, who brought the side and back decks of the parsonage back to life!





The Hymn Hat has been a great success!

It's fun to see what Hymn Number will be drawn from the Hat, and we've even learned a few, new melodies along the way!

Pastor Brenda will continue picking **2-3 Hymns** out of the Hat during worship for a mini Sing-along.

Simply write down your suggestion(s) onto a little piece of paper
(listing the Hymn **BOOK** and the Hymn **NUMBER**),
toss your suggestion into the **Hymn Hat**, and a-singing we will go!



Want to put in 1 suggestion? **Great!** Have 25 hymn suggestions? **Great!**
Want to take the hymn books home to peruse some choices? **Great!**



Fall Semester Coming Soon! The Northern Great Lakes Synod offers a diverse series of online classes for adults who want to increase their knowledge and understanding of the Bible, church history, Lutheran Theology, contemporary Christian issues, and more. Launched in 2020, Lifelong Faith Formation evolved from the synod's Lay School for Mission.

The **schedule of classes** to be offered this fall will be announced with full details by the end of July. Here's a preview of the upcoming schedule:

- ***Holy Communion Post-Pandemic: What, When, Where, Who, and Why*** with Bishop Katherine Finegan
- ***Walking Together: Companionship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania*** with Luanne and Bishop Emeritus Tom Skrenes
- ***Biblical Greek or Hebrew*** with Pastor Nicole Hanson-Lynn
- ***The Book of Ezekiel*** with Pastor Tommy Richter
- ***An Introduction to Family Systems Thinking*** (one session) with Pastor Jim Duehring.
- ***Book study of Friedman's Fables*** with Pastor Jim Duehring
- An ongoing **Bible study**

Pr Brenda will distribute the Fall class schedule as soon as it is released by the Synod. Visit the main Synod website for updates: nglsynod.org.

Daily Bible Readings - Year B

*Year B focuses on the Gospel of Mark with more selections from the Gospel of John than any other year.
The second, New Testament, readings are from 1 and 2 Corinthians, Ephesians, James and Hebrews.*

Sun. Aug. 1 — 10th Sunday after Pentecost Exod 16:2-4, 9-15, Psalm 78:23-29, Eph 4:1-16, John 6:24-35

Prayer of the Day: *O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

Mon — Aug 2	Num 11:16-23, 31-32	Ephesians 4:17-24	Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43
Tue — Aug 3	Deuteronomy 8:1-20 1	Corinthians 12:27-31	Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43
Wed — Aug 4	Isaiah 55:1-9	Mark 8:1-10	Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43
Thu — Aug 5	1 Samuel 28:20-25	Romans 15:1-6	Psalm 34:1-8
Fri — Aug 6	2 Samuel 17:15-29	Galatians 6:1-10	Psalm 34:1-8
Sat — Aug 7	1 Kings 2:1-9	Matthew 7:7-11	Psalm 34:1-8

Sun. Aug. 8— 11th Sunday after Pentecost 1 Kgs 19:4-8, Psalm 34:1-8, Eph 4:25, 5:2, John 6:35, 41-51

Prayer of the Day: *Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

Mon — Aug 9	1 Kings 17:1-16	Ephesians 5:1-14	Psalm 81
Tue — Aug 10	Ruth 2:1-23 2	Peter 3:14-18	Psalm 81
Wed — Aug 11	Jeremiah 31:1-6	John 6:35-40	Psalm 81
Thu — Aug 12	Job 11:1-20	Acts 6:8-15	Psalm 34:9-14
Fri — Aug 13	Job 12:1-25	Romans 16:17-20	Psalm 34:9-14
Sat — Aug 14	Job 13:1-19	John 4:7-26	Psalm 34:9-14

Sun. Aug. 15 — 12th Sunday after Pentecost Prov 9:1-6, Psalm 34:9-14, Eph 5:15-20, John 6:51-58

Prayer of the Day: *Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

Mon — Aug 16	Genesis 43:1-15	Acts 6:1-7	Psalm 36
Tue — Aug 17	Genesis 45:1-15	Acts 7:9-16	Psalm 36
Wed — Aug 18	Genesis 47:13-26	Mark 8:14-21	Psalm 36
Thu — Aug 19	Joshua 22:1-9 1	Thessalonians 5:1-11	Psalm 34:15-22
Fri — Aug 20	Joshua 22:10-20	Romans 13:11-14	Psalm 34:15-22
Sat — Aug 21	Joshua 22:21-34	Luke 11:5-13	Psalm 34:15-22

Sun. Aug. 22 — 13th Sunday after Pentecost Josh 24:1-2a, 14-18, Ps 34:15-22, Eph 6:10-20, Jn 6:56-69

Prayer of the Day: *Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

Mon — Aug 23	Nehemiah 9:1-15	Ephesians 5:21—6:9	Psalm 119:97-104
Tue — Aug 24	Nehemiah 9:16-31	Ephesians 6:21-24	Psalm 119:97-104
Wed — Aug 25	Isaiah 33:10-16	John 15:16-25	Psalm 119:97-104
Thu — Aug 26	Exodus 32:1-14	James 1:1-8	Psalm 15
Fri — Aug 27	Exodus 32:15-35	James 1:9-16	Psalm 15
Sat — Aug 28	Exodus 34:8-28	John 18:28-32	Psalm 15

Sun Aug 29 — 14th Sunday after Pentecost Deut 4:1-2, 6-9, Ps 15, James 1:17-27, Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Prayer of the Day: *O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

Mon — Aug 30	Deut 4:9-14 1	Timothy 4:6-16	Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48
Tue — Aug 31	Deut 4:15-20 1	Peter 2:19-25	Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48

**Father, we pray
for knowledge and understanding
for teachers, pupils and parents.
We pray that you will be
with our teachers and pupils
as they start a new school year.
We pray that you will give pupils
tenacity as they seek for understanding
and new revelations in their studies.
Father we also pray for parents,
that they will support pupils by building
a closer working relationship with teachers and staff.
This we ask in Jesus Name.**





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