



# FIRST EDITION

## JULY 2024

“We are called by God to grow in faith together, sharing Christ’s love with each other and our community.”

*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

*1 Peter 2:9*



What does it mean to be free? We remember this month the great uprising that gave birth to our nation. In July we commemorate and remember our Independence Day. On this day many young, twenty and thirty somethings, produced a document that would come to define a collection of communities for over two and half centuries. “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” This is perhaps the most memorable line of this document that people have taken heart for generations. In good Lutheran fashion we should ask “What does this mean?”

What does liberty mean to you? Lutherans have confessed the understanding of our faith that freedom from oppression, from sin, death, and the power of the devil through Jesus Christ that “all people, particularly those who have been reborn and renewed through the Holy Spirit, are obligated to do good works.<sup>1</sup>” We believe that these works are necessarily necessary not as a means of salvation but a result of our transformed life.

So, as we live in a civil world that guarantees life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness and a spiritual world which endorses spiritual freedom how then shall we live? Freedom is a precious reality as we are called to remember, I pray in this season of celebration we remember well the price of our freedoms and the empowerment that such a gift carries.

Blessed Independence beloved ones

God bless you as you contemplate your freedom!

Pr. Erik

<sup>1</sup> Formula of Concord, 4.8



**Prayer Concerns and Sympathy** ~ Joe Cappuccino, Karen Johnson, Vernon Zehms (brother of Joyce Seegebarth), Allie, Mya, and Morgan (daughter and grand babies of Rebecca Wiezek), Richard Holmberg (brother of Sue Skalicky), Robert Kinblom, Tom Williams (brother of Robin Hendrix), David Shober, Larry Edin, Jerry Shober, Bradley Fairbanks, Lana Jensen, and Judy Smith.

**For firefighters, EMT's, those who serve to protect,  
Police officers and military.**

**For world peace. For our companion synods.**

**For our missionaries: Jacqueline and Patrick Bencke.**

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We express our Christian sympathy to the family of Jon August Youngblom. May they know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and give them peace.

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## **The Noisy Offering for July goes to the FOOD SHELF.**



### **Sign up to Serve – ways you can help!**

Fill the Blessing Box – two ways.

- Non-perishable foods can be donated by placing in the box in the narthex marked "blessing box" (suggestions: canned meat or tuna, ramen noodles, ready to eat meals.)
- Fill the box by the sidewalk one day a week for one month with donated items or bring your items for the box.

**Be a Greeter** – welcome people with a smile and handshake as they enter church on Sunday. Ask visitors to sign the visitor registration book. Be a greeter once a month or as often as you like.

**Host a Potluck** – Congregational Potlucks are usually the last Sunday of the month. Hosts set up for serving, prepare beverages and clean up.

**How do I get involved?** *Sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex.* Call the church if you have any questions.



**Women’s ongoing mission project-**

We ask members to join us and bring **bars of soap** during the month of **July** for the homeless. Please put them in the basket marked “Homeless Packets” in the cabinet in the Narthex.



Please Join us for the Community Meal  
5-6 pm on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Faith Community Nurse will be doing blood pressure checks for anyone who would like one, Sunday, July 21st during Coffee Fellowship.



**The August Newsletter Deadline needs to be in by 9 am on Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Out to Lunch Bunch on July 18th is at Betty Reiter’s home in Hinckley and is potluck.



***SWEET SUMMER SOUNDS 2024, Westside Park, Hinckley***



<i><b>DATE</b></i>	<i><b>BAND</b></i>	<i><b>MUSIC TYPE</b></i>
<i>July 4</i>	<i>Tim Hadler &amp; Rose Family</i>	<i>Pop County</i>
<i>July 12-13</i>	<i>Corn and Clover Carnival</i>	
<i>July 18</i>	<i>Jolly Huntsmen</i>	<i>Polka &amp; Old Time</i>
<i>July 25</i>	<i>Debbie O’Keefe w Hot Toddies</i>	<i>Big Band, Blues, Pop</i>
<i>August 6</i>	<i>White Sidewalls (National Night Out)</i>	<i>50-60’s Rock n Roll</i>

# Congregation Meal-July 28th

Every fourth Sunday of the month, you are invited to join us for a Congregation Meal served immediately following worship. Everyone is welcome and asked to bring a dish to share.



*Many gifts.... look inside your red hymnal*

*In memory of my sister, Edna Shobe and my brother, Robert Shober by John and Ethel Shober*

*Given by Steve and Nancy Hakanson, In memory of Edward and Viola Winkler*

*In memory of John Svendsen from Dorothy Svendsen*

*Given by Dawn and Elliott Golly in honor of Ashley Golly*

*In memory of Nino and Alice Anderson from their family*

*Given by Scott and Denise in memory of Jamie Ellingson*

*Given by Emily Goebel*

*In memory of Nels and Alice Benson by John and Ethel Shober*

*In memory of "Doc" Chris (Ronald Christianson) given by Betty Christianson*

*Given by Bill Jansen Family*

*Given by memory of Neva Ellstrom*

*Given by Shirley Hoeltzel in memory of my husband Edwin*

*In memory of Wesley and Elsie Sjodahl*

*Given by Mas Tatting in memory of Olaf and Christine Tatting*

*Biven by Leona Sewall in memory of my husband Bud Sewall*

*Many thanks.... Thank you to o many people who donated all our hymnals.*



Please join us at First Lutheran Corn and Carnival Food Stand, Friday, July 12th or Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>

Sign-up sheets are on the table in Narthex. Please sign up if you can help.

Carnival stand will be very simplified this year.

Money will be used for Mission Trip.

It's always a great time to rekindle old friendships, see family members and have something good to eat!

If you are interested in joining the church, there will be a New Member Class Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. Please contact Pastor Erik or the church office.





## July Birthday's

- 7/1 Ashley Golly  
Sharol Huggett
- 7/2 Elliott Golly  
Julie Thom
- 7/3 Scott Jindra  
Preston Mettling
- 7/4 Aubree Blowers
- 7/5 Amanda Stephenson
- 7/6 Staci Klein  
Aribella Ortega
- 7/8 Dustin Mensing
- 7/9 Gavin Olson
- 7/11 Carol Goddard
- 7/12 Cassidy Dunkley
- 7/13 Jackson Klopff
- 7/15 Lauren Vickstrom
- 7/16 Barbara Palmer  
Samantha Palmer
- 7/19 Brody Bork  
Justin Zaudtke
- 7/20 Jim Ausmus  
Nancy Lytle  
Dwaine Palmer  
Kyle Thomas
- 7/21 Kylie Jindra
- 7/22 Kaiya Koski  
Jerry Shober  
Sara St. Clair
- 7/23 Don Peterson  
Ashley Thompson  
Shelly Thurner  
Joshua Zaudtke
- 7/28 Chayne Dunkley
- 7/29 Joanna Hendry  
Marina Vork †
- 7/30 Haley Erickson
- 7/31 Cherlyn Steinke  
Gail Wells

† Octogenarians

Please let us know if there are any corrections or additions.

Thank You!

## SCHEDULE FOR JULY

Remember if you cannot serve, to please find your own substitute. Thank You.

### Acolytes

Sunday, July 7-

Sunday, July 14-Jaeden

Sunday, July 21-

Sunday, July 28-Brittyn Stiel

### Lectors

Sunday, July 7-Paul Olson

Sunday, July 14-Donna Wachsmuth

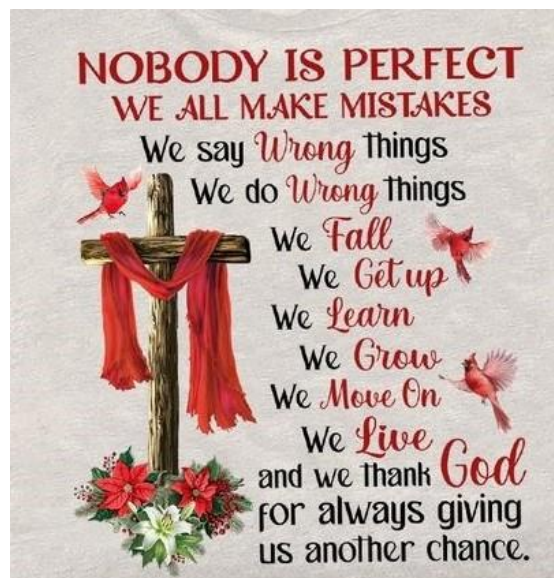
Sunday, July 21-Diane Ausmus

Sunday, July 28-Carole Lahti

Kitchen Cleaning- Linda Trott

Ushers-Dave Kadous and Don Peterson

Altar- N/A



# JULY 2024


**\*\*Subject to Change\*\***

**Worship Service is available**

**Live on Facebook,**

**You Tube, and Website.**



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 11:15 am Evangelism/ Steward Board Mtg. 5-6 pm Community Meal	3	4 	5	6  8 pm AA mtg.
7 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am Worship.	8 5:30 pm All Boards	9 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	10 9:30 am Library 10 am Staff mtg. FLC Night@ Knights BB game 6:30 pm	11 7 am Men's Coffee Fellowship 7:30 am Men's Text Study 9:30 am Quilting 5 pm New Member Class	12 <b>Youth Corn &amp; Clover Food /stand</b>  13 8 pm AA mtg.	
14 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am Worship	15	16 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	17	18 7 am Men's Coffee Fellowship 7:30 am Men's Text Study Out to Lunch Bunch Betty Reiter's picnic potluck	19	20  8 pm AA mtg.
<b>Mission Trip-July 13-21, 2024, ELCA Youth Gathering-Memphis/New Orleans</b>						
21 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am Worship Church Council after Worship	22 <b>AUGUST NEWSLTTER DEADLINE</b>	23 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	24	25 7 am Men's Coffee Fellowship 7:30 am Men's Text Study	26	27  8 pm AA mtg.
28 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am Worship Congregational Fellowship Meal	29	30 9:30 Women's Bible Study 10 am Valley Fair Feed My Starving Children return 10 pm	31			

# Youth and Family News!

*All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children.*

**Mission Trip:** Mission Trip plans are being finalized and we are excited for a great trip!! This year we will be serving in Memphis and the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Thank you for your support of the youth as they have prepared for this trip with fundraisers, bible studies and local service projects.

Youth will meet after Worship on July 10<sup>th</sup> for final meeting and planning.

Thank you for keeping them in your prayers.

**Duluth mission trip went great!!** We served with Loaves and fishes, Dorothy Day house Bike Cave, and CHUM in their transitional housing apartments (Nicole Smith led us this day and did a fabulous job teaching us about the work of CHUM - churches united in mission.)

**\*\*\*\*\*Signup sheets are out for carnival stand (July 12<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>):** please sign up if you can help. Carnival stand will be very simplified this year.

**Camp:** thank you for camp support – in June we had kids attend Leadership camp, Day Camp, and grandparents camp – we are excited to see camp ministry grow in our congregation and hope to build this even more next year.

**Vacation Bible School:** Thank You to all the volunteers and for everyone who donated. We had a great turnout of kids and volunteers including all our wonderful teenage helpers. The week was full of fun songs, bible lessons, games, crafts, and great food. The decorations this year were amazing, thank you to the decorating crew for all your work.

**Valley fair and Feed My Starving Children – July 30,** leave church at 10 am and return at 10 pm – cost is \$30– sign up on youth bulletin board.

**“Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say, how you live, how you love and what you believe.”**

**Timothy 4: 12**



The Church Council has asked to have monthly **GENERAL** giving totals for the congregation, to be put into the bulletin. MAY Total: \$9,913.67

Our average giving for a month is \$12,000.00, so we are under \$2,086.33, for the month.

Thank you ... Kathy Thompson, Financial Secretary

**Financial Report for May- Mary Mortenson, treasurer**

General Fund Income: \$9,913.67 (2023 \$10,876.46)  
General Fund Expenses: \$18,319.54 (2023 \$19,263.82)  
Net loss: \$8,405.87  
General Fund balance: \$307.99

#### Year-to-date Summary

Jan.-May General Fund Income: \$72,049.52 (2023 \$62,180.83)  
Jan.-May General Fund Expenses: \$72,364.01 (2023 \$69,327.84)

- Pastor's final call letter included \$6,000 for moving expenses. As he is moving soon, where should this expense come from? I found a note in an early Council meeting where \$2,500 would come from the Edwin Fund. There is only \$1,642.85 in the fund today.
- Options:
  1. \$1,642.85 from the Edwin Fund, \$2,357.15 from the Kofed Fund, and \$2,000 from the Tatting.
  2. \$1,642.85 from the Edwin Fund and \$4,357.15 from the Parsonage ELCA Endowment
- Endowment/Named Designated Funds
  - Thrivent risk assessment request – will discuss with the Endowment Team
  - Request for \$5,000 for Building Fund
  - What is the restriction on the Parsonage fund?
- Benevolence to be paid end of the month:
  - General Fund NE Synod \$1,250 and Missionary \$250
  - Designated: Food Shelf \$218.90, Backpack \$212, World Relief & Hunger \$229.18, Missionary \$4.28
- Musicians/IT to be paid: Deanna Gotschall \$550 (First Word) and Kevin Stephenson \$275
- Bank Reconciliation complete, May Federal taxes filed & paid.

*Mary Mortenson*

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### First Lutheran Church, Hinckley -Council Meeting, May 19, 2024

**Members Present:** Kathryn Souer, Donna Wachsmuth, Carole Lahti, Robin Hendrix, Paul Shober, Rick Dunkley, Kevin Stephenson, and Nancy Stephenson.

**Absent:** Tom Wachsmuth.

**Also present:** Pastor Erik, Denny Volden, Gary Hoxmeier, Kon Bergum, and Treasurer Mary Mortensen.

**Called meeting to order.**

**Opening devotions:** Robin Hendrix                      **June:** Carole Lahti

**Secretary reports:** Motion by Kathryn Souer, second by Paul Shober- approved. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Motion by Carole Lahti, second by Nancy Stephenson.

**Board reports:** Motion by Pastor Erik, second by Carole Lahti-approved reports.

**Old Business:** Audit decided that audit wasn't needed at this time.

**Update of Treasurer** –Motion/resolution made by Nancy Stephenson to formally authorize and document the change of Northview Bank signatories for First Lutheran Church to remove Rick Bicking as a signer as Treasurer and add Mary Mortenson as the Treasurer and add Erik Rundquist as a credit card/ATM user. All other signers are to remain unchanged. Mary Mortenson should be a signer for checks and have access to all accounts on-line under Federal ID 41-0901075-including all checking and savings accounts, CDS, and credit cards. Motion seconded by Donna Wachsmuth.

**Webpage:** discussion /no action.



**Laptop for Pastor Erik:** money will be taken from interest-motion by Paul Shober seconded by Kevin Stephenson, passed.

**New Business: Treasurer-**see old business.

**Parish Nurse** – See Robin’s report.

**Director of Youth, Family and Education** – see Mindi’s reports.

**Pastor Erik’s report**

**Adjournment and closing prayer.**

**Respectfully, Robin Hendrix**

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