A computer and books and a pen

Description automatically generated**First EDITION**

**JUNE 2024**

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



A person in a robe raising his hand

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“Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account” Matthew 5:9-11

In a world of challenge and conflict too often we are presented with a view that there is an absolute right and an absolute wrong. The world as we experience it in our heart, however, is far more nuanced; filled with subtlety, and sin. Sin abounds when we fail to acknowledge our own pile of participation in sin. We often actively show sins of pride, arrogance, ignorance, generalizations, cutting people off, failing to listen when others are speaking, failing in the way we speak of others, and allowing ourselves to name someone as an “other.” We forget that we are all subject to and a participant in thinking ourselves more highly than we ought.

The way of Jesus Christ, however, is a way to live in a world of sin and seek to act from a place of Grace. We are called to see conflict not as a struggle against right and wrong, but as a failure of interaction, and communication where both parties as a result of sin have failed to embrace one another as children of God.

The way of Christ is to be as peacemakers restoring interactions in a way which is loving and considerate of the innate divinity bestowed in all people. Jesus acts to restore our vision that we begin seeing everyone first as beloved of God.

It is not a popular place to be. Jesus’ sermon on the mount prays first for the those who seek to restore relationships, and then encourages those who face the consequences of the world. We live in a world that seeks to divide and to simplify nuance into right and wrong.

We are called to do differently, and to follow Jesus in that which is righteous and just. I pray for everyone in this time that we might work to hear and see one another better throughout the days ahead.

Pr. Erik



A logo with a flower and heart

Description automatically generated**Prayer Concerns and Sympathy** ~ 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 (brother of Robin Hendrix), Karen Johnson, David Shober, Larry Edin, Jerry Shober, Bradley Fairbanks, Lana Jensen, and Judy Smith.

**For firefighters, EMT’s, those who serve to protect,**

**Policemen and women and military.**

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

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

A hands holding a pile of buttons

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**Pastor’s Discretionary Fund.**

A thank you card with flowers

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*Many thanks for all the prayers and cards that are helping me recover from my fall.*

*You’ve helped me so much!*

*Friends in Christ,*

*Pat (Richard) Anderson*



A thank you card with flowers

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*Virgil and Joyce Seegebarth*

A purple flowers and green leaves in a circle

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**We express our Christian sympathy to the family of Evelyn Remley (wife of Harry Remley). May they know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and give them peace.**

A group of kids holding balloons

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Father's Day is a holiday honoring one's father, or relevant father figure.

A sign with colorful hands and text

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**If you are interested in being a greeter, please call Carole Lahti at 320-390-0479 to sign up.**

A bag of groceries with red text

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**We need people to sign up for one day a week for a month, to fill the blessing box. If you can, please, the sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. Thank you.**

A group of people wrapped in a blanket

Description automatically generated**Graduation Quilts**

Love is a quilt-a quilt is love,

Both love and a quilt should be

Soft enough to comfort you,

Bright enough to cheer you,

Generous enough to enfold you,

Light enough to let you move freely,

Strong enough to withstand adversity,

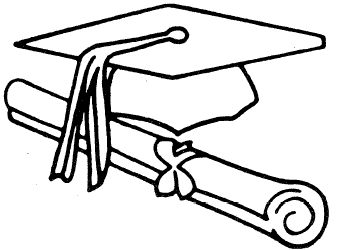
Durable enough to last a lifetime,

And given gladly from the heart.

Thank you to those who made the quilts for the graduates. We are truly blessed!

Diane Ausmus, Elaine Jensen,

Ann Mans, and Patty Olson

 **CLASS OF 2024**

**Always remember you are**

**BRAVER**

**Than you BELIEVE**

**STRONGER**

**than you SEEM**

**SMARTER**

**than you think**

**AND LOVED**

**more than you know.**

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

**Cody Klein, Matthew Masterson, Donovan Mitchell, Savannah St. Claire, Griffin Stiel and Benjamin Strauch.**

Congratulationsto the recipients of the Alice Bailey Scholarship.

Cody Klein

Matthew Masterson

Griffin Stiel





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**Women’s ongoing mission project-**

We ask members to join us and bring **bars of soap** during the month of **June** for the homeless.

Please put them in the basket marked “Homeless Packets” in the cabinet in the Narthex.



A logo with a cross and a lake

Description automatically generated*Until All Are Fed*

NE MN Synod Women of the ELCA

2024 Summer Convention/Gathering

Monday, June 10- Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Zion Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, MN

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Please Join us for the Community Meal

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The Faith Community Nurse will be doing blood pressure checks for anyone who would like one, Sunday, June 16th during Coffee Fellowship.

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**The July Newsletter Deadline needs to be in by 9 am on Monday, June 17th.**

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**Out to Lunch Bunch on June 20th is at the China Buffett in Forest Lake.**

**10:45 am Meet at church to carpool to Forest Lake.**

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SWEET SUMMER SOUNDS 2024,Westside Park, Hinckley

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| --- | --- | --- |
| DATE | BAND | MUSIC TYPE |
| June 27 | New Riverside Ramblers | Cajun/Zydeco |
| July 4 | Tim Hadler & Rose Family | Pop County |
| July 12-13 | Corn and Clover Carnival | |
| July 18 | Jolly Huntsmen | Polka & Old Time |
| July 25 | Debbie O’Keefe w Hot Toddies | Big Band, Blues, Pop |
| August 6 | White Sidewalls  (National Night Out) | 50-60’s Rock n Roll |

A hand holding a letter in a bowl

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This is a total of Simply Giving, Thrivent and Regular Giving.

The total for April’s giving is: $10,209.68.

With our “average” giving of $ 12,000.00, we are under for the month by $3,633.00.

Thank You... Kathy Thompson/Financial Secretary



**Treasurer’s Report** **April 2024-Mary Mortenson, treasurer**

**April Summary:**

* Apr General Fund income $ 13,534.56
* Apr General Func expenses $ 18,454.69
* Apr loss of ($ 4,911.00)
* General Fund balance $ 8,718.14

**YTD Summary:**

* Jan-Apr General Fund Income $ 62,140.13
  + 82 giving unit, 35-40% Simply Giving
* Jan-Apr General Fund Expenses $ 54,044.47

A book cover with text

Description automatically generatedMany gifts….

Thank you to our church Library Committee. Our Library has an excellent choice of great books to read. This book will re-affirm your faith in God and remind you of all blessed we are to be able to attend church, and to be thankful our church doors are open!

Many thanks….



Youth and Family News!

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

**Camp Connect, June 17th-21st** is an opportunity for K-6th grade kids to come spend the day learning, singing, and playing games all in the beauty of Luther Point’s campus.

Please sign up with Mindy if you are interested.

**Thank you for the support of the Youth Garage Sale!!!**

**June 9th Mission trip sending breakfast** join us before and after church for Youth Mission trip breakfast – free will offering.

**Leadership Camp – June 9th – 12th at Camp Onomia - grades 9-11**

*Youth Leadership Camp is about equipping youth with leadership skills to live out their faith in their church, school, communities, and everywhere they go.*

If you are a congregation that has a vision to connect youth with meaningful relationships, deeply root them in faith, and equip them to lead in your church and beyond, Youth Leadership Camp is for you!

Participants are steeped in Peer Ministry skills, equipped to lead large group activities and small group discussions, grounded in Lutheran theology and scripture, and connected in deep relationships with others who share a love of Jesus. Congregational Teams and Individuals leave Youth Leadership Camp with a plan for how they want to use their skills when they return home. And of course, there are plenty of fun activities, free time, mystery events, and campfire worships!



**First Lutheran Vacation Bible School, 2024**

**June 3RD – 6TH 5 – 7:30 p.m.**

Join us for a wonderful week of learning God’s word through music, crafts, games, and fun lessons.

Dinner will be provided nightly. Invite friends!

***SCHEDULE FOR JUNE***

***Remember if you cannot serve, to please find your***

***own substitute. Thank You.***

***Acolytes***

*Sunday, June2- Claire Linden*

*Sunday, June 9- Jaeden Blesener*

*Sunday, June 16-*

*Sunday, June 23- Brittany Stiel*

*Sunday, June 30-Kenna Barnick*

***Lectors***

*Sunday, June 2-Donna Wachsmuth*

*Sunday, June 9-Diane Ausmus*

*Sunday, June 16- Linda Libra*

*Sunday, June 23- Carole Lahti*

*Sunday, June 30- Charles Mans*

***Kitchen Cleaning*-** *Colleen Volden*

***Ushers*-***Ron Jensen and Dwaine Palmer*

***Altar-*** *N/A*

A birthday party with balloons and gifts

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*June Birthday's*

**6/1** Bryan Blowers

**6/2** Mykenna Johnson

Sydney Kreger

**6/4** Lillian Warman

Gavin Bicking

Olive Bernhardt

**6/5** Mary Jabe✝

**6/7** Kari Mans

**6/9** Matthew Cabak

Kent Wicklund

**6/12** Courtney Conway

**6/14** Dylan Van Gordon

Riley Scott

**6/15** Christopher Bostrom

Jennifer Peterson

Griffin Bostrom

**6/19** Katie Reamer

**6/20** Kirsten Barnick

Nolan Stiel

**6/22** Ava Blowers

Amber Koski

Kieran Tvedt

Jan Chaffee

**6/23** Jim Peura ✝

**6/24** Greg Pardun

**6/25** Elijah Currie

**6/26** Braden Johnson

Isabelle Warman

**6/28** Judy Kaiser

**6/29** Kevin Stephenson

Lynnea Mayer

**6/30** Gayle Hoxmeier ✝

✝ **Octogenarians**

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

**Thank You!**



**Women’s Bible Study’s** **ongoing mission project**.

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

Thank You.



A greyscale shot of a carnival ride

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**Please watch the bulletins and newsletter**

**for more information about the *Revamped Corn and Clover Carnival Stand.***

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| **JUNE 2024**  \*\*Subject to Change\*\*  **Worship Service is available Live on Facebbok, You Tube, and Website.**  **Wednesday Night Youth Schedule (see below)** | | | | | | | |
|  | **MON** | **TUES** | **WED** | | **THURS** | **FRI** | **SAT** |
|  |  |  |  | |  |  | 1 8 am-6 pm  Church for Dorothy Svendsen Funeral  10 am Visitation  11 am Funeral  8 pm AA mtg.  Set-Up for VBS after Funeral |
| 2  8:30 am Coffee Fellowship  9:30 am Worship/Bells  Set up for VBS. | 3 | 4 9:30 am Women’s Bible Study5-6 pm Community Meal | 5  10 am Staff mtg.  **Mt. Everest Vacation Bible School 5-7:30 pm** | | 6  7 am Men’s Coffee Fellowship  7:30 am Men’s Text Study | 7 | 8  11 am-6 pm Karen Johnson using Fellowship Hall/Church  8 pm AA mtg. |
| 9  8:30 am MT Breakfast  9:30 am Worship/MT Blessing & Sending  Tear down VBS decorations. | 10  5:30 pm All Boards  **Leadership Conference 9-12** | 11 **Pastor out of Office**.  9:30 am Women’s Bible Study  11:15 Evan/Steward  Board mtg. | 12 **Pastor out of**  **Office.**  9:30 am Library | | 13  **Duluth Mission Trip 12-14**  7 am Men’s Coffee Fellowship  7:30 am Men’s Text Study  9:30 am Quilting | 14 | 15  8 pm AA mtg. |
| 16 **Father’s Day**  8:30 am Coffee Fellowship  9:30 am Worship  Church Council after Worship | 17  **JULY**  **NEWSLTTER**  **DEADLINE** | 18  9:30 am Women’s Bible Study | 19  Pool Party/Games/  Worship @ RV Park 5-8 pm 7th gr. and up | | 20  7 am Men’s Coffee  Fellowship  7:30 am Men’s Text Study  Out to Lunch Bunch-China Buffet, Forest Lake meet @ church 10:45 am | 21 | 22  8 pm AA mtg. |
| 23  8:30 am Coffee  Fellowship  9:30 am Worship | 24 | 25  9:30 Women’s Bible Study | 26 | 27  7 am Men’s Coffee Fellowship  7:30 am Men’s Txt Study | | 28 | 29  8 pm AA mtg. |
| 30  8:30 am Coffee  Fellowship  9:30 am Worship  Evangelism Stewardship Congregational Meal after Worship |  |  |  |  | |  |  |

First Lutheran Church, Hinckley Council Meeting, April 21, 2024

**Members Present:** Rick Dunkley, Tom Wachsmuth, Paul Shober, Kevin Stephenson, Nancy Stephenson, Kathryn Souer, Donna Wachsmuth, Carole Lahti, Pastor Erik Rundquist. **Staff present:** Treasurer Mary Mortensen. **Others Present**: Elaine Jensen, Pam Wayde

Prior to meeting being called to order, Mindy Johnson reported that a grant had been received for $1500 for the summer mission trip and $750 for summer activities. Also, Vacation Bible School will be held June 3 to 5. Having another commitment, Mindy was unable to stay for the meeting.

Also prior to the meeting, Elaine introduced Pam Wayde who prepares the bulletin for her church. Pam presented several ideas for simplifying our Sunday bulletin and our staff will take them under advisement. Also, Elaine informed the council that none of our organists/ pianists are available to play on the last Sunday of May. CDs will try.

**Meeting was called to order** by Chairman Rick Dunkley.

**Minutes of March meeting**: Motion by Tom, second by Kathryn to approve. Motion carried.

**Financial Secretary report**: $10,000 included in March report was for buy-back of property. Mary recommended that it be included in general fund. Motion by Nancy, second by Paul to approve that recommendation and the financial secretary’s report. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report**: Mary has been working with Kathy to coordinate the way income is reported so both reports agree; also, to get payroll on direct deposit. Motion by Tom, second by Carole to move as possible to direct deposit and online payment. Motion carried.

Mary confirmed that the cemetery records need to be available to the church since both are under one Federal ID number. Further discussion is needed to recreate those records. Motion by Tom, second by Nancy to approve treasurer’s report in entirety. Motion carried.

**Evangelism/Stewardship**: See report. A change will be made to the date of the community barbecue due to conflict; to be announced.

**Property**: Garbage disposal has been fixed; issue was a GFI. Motion by Paul, second by Kathryn to accept report. Motion carried.

**Youth and Family and Education**: See report.

**Old Business**

Dishwasher has been fixed. Handicap door is working well and being used. Painting has been completed.

Audit – no progress has been made. Treasurer – Salary of $350 per month requested. Motion by Tom, second by Paul to approve. Motion approved. Phone – phone has been installed in kitchen. To make call, dial 9 first.

Installation of Pastor – Deacon Susan Williams will preside.

**New Business**

Pastor ‘s Installment -council will be in charge of potluck. Laptop for Pastor – Motion by Tom, second by Nancy to authorize Kevin to research best computer for Pastor’s laptop, not to exceed $1500. Kevin will also research updated AV equipment for 2025. He was also given permission to dispose of equipment no longer used.

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

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

**Pastor Erik’s report**

Pastor is working on new member classes, bowling and worship on May 15, task forces (AV, IT, Security, stewardship) Confirmation scheduled for first Sunday in October Cautioned regarding a scam email that is going around showing pastor’s name and asking for money.

Pastor will be asking for 6 weeks paternity leave in October.

**Meeting was adjourned** as there was no further business.

**Reported by** Carole Lahti

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**VBS Registration Form-June 3-6, 5-7 pm.**

*Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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*Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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*Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Home E- Mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Specific information we may need to know:*

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*Would you be willing to volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*



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**sing praises...**

“Favorite Familiar Hymns”

***Summer’s coming!!***

It is time when our choirs take a vacation, too, and the congregation is once again invited to pick their favorite hymns to be sung during worship. Jot down your ***favorite hymn, page number, and which book it’s from****, and drop this into the offering plate.*

We’ll try to use as many of the hymns you select as possible. Please return ASAP.

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