

Announcements & Activities continued

This Week's Activities

Tues., July 18, 2023	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting, moved from 7/13/23 due to County Fair
Thurs., July 20, 2023	7:00 pm	Bible Study Club at Sharon Holland's home. Hosting: Sharon Holland and LeAnn Peterson
Sun., July 23, 2023	8:30 am	Worship, communion offered, fellowship following.
	9:45 am	Adult Sunday School

July / August Volunteers

Fellowship: July 23 – Janet and John Haugen
July 30 – Lanette Branstad
Aug. 6 –

Lector: July: Nancy Scalisi

Ushers:

Altar Flowers: July: Judy Norstrud

Communion Prep & Clean-up:

There is a need for a Lector for the month of August. If you are interested in doing the lesson and Psalm readings, the sign-up sheet can be found in Fellowship Hall.

Happy Birthday: Ryan Mullins (7/17), Ryan Berryhill (7/21)

Baptismal Anniversary: William Kirschbaum (7/16), Ryan Mullins (7/17)

Note: Bulletin Information can be sent to Cindy by email: csarver52@gmail.com or phone-319-931-3570. Entry deadline, Wednesdays at 5:00 pm.

WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

40041 150th Ave

Leland, Iowa



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 16, 2023

Mission: To proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to all through worship, education, outreach, and fellowship.

Communion offered the 1st and 4th Sundays in July
Healing Service July 30th

Please be advised, the service is livestreamed and posted on the internet.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

(*Stand as you are able)

Prelude/Enter joyously to worship the Lord
Welcome and Announcements

- *Confession & Forgiveness p. 77
- *OPENING HYMN *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* #499
- *Greeting p. 78
- *The Kyrie p. 78
- *Hymn of Praise *"Glory to God in the highest..."* p. 79

May the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, scatter the seed of your Word in our hearts. Grant that it may be received in joy, sprout, and bear the fruits of your mercy as we grow in faith, hope, and love. Then send us into your world to scatter the seeds of your love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING **Isaiah 55:10-13**
PSALMS **Psalm 65:9-13**
SECOND READING **Romans 8:12-17**

- *Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia"* p. 83
 "Glory to you, O Lord" p. 83
- *HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**
 "Praise to you, O Christ" p. 83

PULPIT HYMN *"The Old Rugged Cross"* **Grey Book #256**

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Tony Scalisi

HYMN OF THE DAY

"God's Word Is Our Great Heritage" #239 repeat verse

*Confession of Faith Apostles' Creed p. 85

*Prayers

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Sharing the Peace.

The Offering

*The Offertory *"Create in me..."* p. 75

*Offertory Prayer p. 87

*The Lord's Prayer p. 91

*The Blessing p. 95

*SENDING HYMN *"When Seed Falls on Good Soil"* #236

Go in peace, serve the Lord

Thanks be to God

Postlude

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PIANIST: Nancy Scalisi
LECTOR: Nancy Scalisi

~Pastor Tony is available for visitations and prayer requests.

~ Please call or email with your request.

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West Prairie prayer list:

Phyllis Disque, Irene Eide, Joyce Greer, Brittney Hawke, Ryan Mullins (in the military), Nicholas Oppman, Allen Peterson, Jean Peterson, Roger Peterson, Arlene Preston, Jacob Reupke, and our sister churches in the LCMC,

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hull, IA, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Irwin, IA and New Life Lutheran Church, New London, NC.

Please let me or Pastor Tony know of any prayer requests you may have. We will gladly list them. Cindy at csarver52@gmail.com or 319-931-3570.



Brighten Irene Eide's day!
Remember her with a phone call.
(641) 323-7020



Forest City Community Blood Drive

First Baptist Church
18508 Hwy 9 | Forest City

Thursday, August 17

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Text: LIFESERVE to 999.777 | Call: 800.287.4903 | Visit: lifeserve.info/schedule



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The first lesson is from the 55th Chapter of Isaiah

¹⁰ As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. ¹² You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD's renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let us pray Psalm 65 (read responsively)

⁹ You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it.

¹⁰ **You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops.**

¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.

¹² **The grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.**

¹³ The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.

Amen

The second lesson is found in the 8th Chapter of Romans

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

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The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the 13th Chapter.

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ² Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

¹⁸ “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²² The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³ But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

