

Announcements & Activities

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, our sister churches in the LCMC: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hull, IA; Lake Lutheran, Vincent, 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.

Thank you

to everyone who participated in the Puckerbrush and Winnebago County Fair parades last weekend. Your involvement was appreciated. A special thank you to Julie and Jan Reimann and Dave and Sandy Snider for all their hard work.



Forest City Community Blood Drive

First Baptist Church
18508 Hwy 9 | Forest City

Thursday, August 17

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM



SCAN ME

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



WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

40041 150th Ave

Leland, Iowa



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 23, 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.

West Prairie Lutheran Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

(*Stand as you are able)

Prelude / Enter joyously to worship the Lord

- *Confession & Forgiveness p. 77
- *OPENING HYMN "Come, You Thankful People, Come" #407
- *Apostolic Greeting p. 78
- *The Kyrie p. 78
- *Hymn of Praise "This is the Feast" p. 81

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God of mercy, when this world seems overrun by the evil that surrounds us, remind us that your Son, Jesus, has conquered evil and death and triumphed over all. Help us to confront the evil that can reside within us and turn it over to your transformative grace and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING **Isaiah 44:6-8**
PSALMS **Psalms 119:57-64**
SECOND READING **Romans 8:18-27**

- *Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 83
"Glory to you, O Lord" p. 83
- *HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**
"Praise to you, O Christ" p. 83

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Tony Scalisi

HYMN OF THE DAY "O Holy Spirit, Enter In" #459

*Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed p. 84

*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 "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" p. 86

*Offertory Prayer p. 87

*Great Thanksgiving p. 88

"Holy, Holy, Holy" p. 89

*The Lord's Prayer **Grey book #440**

Communion

"Lamb of God" p. 92

Distribution

"Thank the Lord" p. 92

Prayer after Communion p. 94

*The Blessing p. 95

*SENDING HYMN "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord" #368

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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PIANIST:

Nancy Scalisi

LECTOR:

Nancy Scalisi

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

Gene & Jodi Fjeld

~ Pastor Tony is available for visitations and prayer requests. ~

~ Please call or email with your request. ~

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

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. ²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. ²⁷ "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' ²⁸ "An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' ²⁹ "No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. ⁴⁰ "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Church Council Minutes, June 2023

The West Prairie Church Council met Wednesday, June 14, 2023. Council members attending the meeting were Julie Reimann, Jan Reimann, Cindy Sarver, Jodi Fjeld, Terry Durby, and Lisa Durby. Pastor Tony and Lanette Branstad were also in attendance.

Claire Olson from the Forest City Ambulance Service gave the council members an overview of the AED unit the congregation received. A user's manual and DVD are included with the unit. The batteries should be checked at least once a month and the unit serviced yearly by the FCAS. If the unit must be reset, call the ambulance service's main number, 585-4634.

The council meeting was called to order by President Julie Reimann and the agenda was presented. A motion to approve the agenda with the addition of discipleship and donation was made by Terry, seconded by Jodi, and approved.

Pastor Tony led devotions from Psalms 103 verses 13-14. He shared his monthly report and shared a list of notes and suggestions for discipleship. Pastor Tony would like the council to create a discipleship committee. Cindy will put a notice in the announcements that the council is looking for committee members.

Pastor was contacted about a donation that will be made to the congregation. A discussion was held as to what this donation could be designated for. Suggestions will be shared with the donor.

The Secretary's report was read and a motion to approve the minutes was made by Jodi, seconded by Cindy, and approved.

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Caroll to the council for review. Income for the month of May was \$6,814.49, expenses totaled \$3,940.55. Edward Jones requested to have Julie Reimann's name added as an additional signature to the Lord Abbett CD. Terry made the motion to add Julie Reimann as an additional signature to the CD. Cindy seconded the motion, and it was approved.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Jodi, seconded by Jan and approved.

Old Business:

- Carpet update, purchase is on hold.
- VBS: Julie called Zion and left a message concerning a VBS event for West Prairie. She had not received a response.
- Ramp: The grant was submitted by the deadline. There has been no notification as of the meeting date.
- Mother's banquet: There was a great turnout, Nancy did a great presentation, and there was a lot of participation.
- Tree replacement: 15 trees will be replaced. They will remain at the greenhouse in Lake Mills until they can be planted.

New Business

- Parade Float: Julie has contacted Deb Nordskog about the church replica we had in the past. She will also contact Bob Nath to see if he knows where it is located. If the replica cannot be located, another theme will be chosen. The float will be pulled through the Puckerbrush parade on July 15th, and the Thompson parade on July 16th. A notice will be put in the announcements.
- Pastor Tony will be playing in the community band concert at the courthouse gazebo.
- Congregational Picnic: A congregational picnic will be planned as a Sunday School kickoff event on September 10th.
- Fall Dinner: The Fall dinner is scheduled for October 8, 2023. Lanette and Cindy will head the committee. Advertising will begin a month before, the menu will include BBQ meatballs, cheesy potatoes, bars/cookies. Plans will be made to serve 200 people. The council will decide how the income will be designated.

Due to conflicts, the next meeting will be held at 7:00 on Thursday July, 13th. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cindy, seconded by Jodi, and approved. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Durby, council secretary