

FIRST EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 2018  
NEWSLETTER

# *What Are You Doing for Jesus?*

A few weeks ago, the news reported a terrible tragedy in Sun Prairie. There was a gas leak and the resulting explosion not only damaged buildings, but took the life of a fireman just doing his job. That tragedy prompted action from many including people I know. My godson, Gavin, out of love for Jesus and concern for that fire department, ran a lemonade stand for three days collecting over \$6,000 for the Sun Prairie Fire Department. The children from our Vacation Bible School wanted to help too. They collected pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters to be given the firefighter's family. They did this because of their love for Jesus and concern for the firemen's children so that their needs could be provided.

I mention these two acts of love not because I have connections to both, not as someone proud of his godson, not because I'm comparing the two. One was not better because it made more money than the other. Both were wonderful responses by children who loved Jesus with a heart of faith. I mention them to illustrate what was said to the believers in the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats. Jesus on the Last Day will invite those on his right, those who have put their faith and trust in him to be saved, to come.

*Come, you are who blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. (Matthew 25:34b-36)*

The believers are surprised not because they doubted their place in the inheritance of heaven. They weren't actively trying to do things for Jesus. They weren't trying to gain his favor by their works earning their way to heaven. They were just living their lives, doing what seemed like they ought to be doing. They were living their faith in Jesus. They were serving and helping others. It didn't seem like they were doing anything great, especially for Jesus. Yet Jesus shows them the reality of living their faith.

*I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me. (Matthew 25:40)*

When believers look around, we see ways to show our love for Jesus because of what he has done for us. We see ways to help others like those children did. Just look around and you see how you can show your thankfulness and love for Jesus who has loved you so much that he has given you the inheritance of heaven. It could be something simple like holding the door for someone on the street. It could be a simple card given to someone who is sick, lonely, or for their birthday. It could be through your offerings no matter how large or small that help others to know Jesus. Look around and you see ways to live your faith by what you do. It becomes a natural reaction. The beauty of living your faith is that whatever you and I do for others out of love for Jesus, we are doing for Jesus himself.

What we do not always need to be big and look great to be done for Jesus. It can be done in even the smallest of ways. Yet it's the spirit in which it is done that makes it pleasing to him and done for him. What are you doing for Jesus? Living your lives knowing the inheritance of heaven is yours in him, all that you do for others whether it is to help a physical need or in a spiritual one, you are really doing for Jesus.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, direct our lives to see opportunities to respond to your grace and live our faith in the world around us. As we seek out those opportunities, may we always remember that what we do for others, even the smallest of things, we are doing for you, the giver of life in the inheritance of heaven. Amen

# First Evangelical Lutheran Church Information

## Worship Services/Classes.

- **Thursday:** Bible Study – 9:00 a.m.  
Service – 7:00 p.m.
- **Sunday:** Services - 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.
- **Saturday:** Men's Breakfast Bible Study – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday – 8-9 a.m.  
Women's Bible Study – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday – 8-9 a.m.

## Crossroads Consulting

Member surveys are being distributed after services the next few weeks to receive feedback for Crossroads Consulting to use in formulating the plans to help our church navigate these changing times. Please be sure to honestly complete these surveys and return them. If you would like the surveys mailed to you, please contact the office.

## Congregational Potluck

The Stewardship/Evangelism Committee is hosting a potluck meal on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> following the 2<sup>nd</sup> service. All are welcome to attend. A sign up is located on the brown door.

## Fellowship Golf Outing

A joint fellowship event with 4 of our other WELS congregations: First Lutheran, Lake Geneva, St. Peter's, Helenville, Christus, Richmond and St. John's, Milton, the outing will take place on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, (Raindate: Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>) with a 2:00 p.m. Shotgun Start at Oak Ridge Golf Course, Milton, WI. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes 9 holes of golf with a cart and pulled pork supper. Sign-up as an individual, with a partner, a threesome or a foursome. If there are less than 4 people in your group, you will be paired with others to make a 4-person best ball scramble. The sign up sheet is on the brown door. *Registration deadline is Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.*

## Blood Drive

We will be hosting a Blood Drive on Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 6 p.m. To make an appointment, please call the office at 723-4191 or go online to the link on our website. Walk-ins are welcome!

## Helping Institutional Ministries

Donate Meditations: Don't throw out – Recycle! WELS Institutional Ministries will accept Meditations booklets that are no more than one year old. Also wanted are hotel/travel size shampoo, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes. These hygiene supplies are given out to returning citizens after incarceration. Please place these donated items in the box marked "Institutional Ministries" in the narthex. Thank you for your help.

## Prayer Chain

If you would like to be added to our prayer chain and pray for members and present their needs, requests and/or praises to God, contact Kelly Stech - 262-728-8020 or Suzanne Manthe - 262-725-6131. If *you* have a specific prayer request, bright green forms are available in the tract rack - please indicate if you would like the prayer public in church, kept within the prayer chain, or if you only want the pastor to know. Please place prayer requests in the "church" box near the tract rack. *"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."* James 5:16

## Christian Assistance Fund

A Christian Assistance Fund has been created for our congregation to follow Christ's directive to "love one another". Contributions to this account are appreciated. Designated Gift Envelopes are available in the rack on the side of the member mailboxes. If a member has need for assistance, application forms are available from pastor. Any requests are kept in the strictest confidence.

### **Christian Education Assistance Fund**

No member of First Lutheran will be denied a Christian education in our school because of need. First Lutheran School has a Christian Education Assistance Fund to assist families with tuition costs. The Board of Education then distributes fund based on the application and need. If you would care to contribute to this fund or need a tuition assistance application, please see Mr. Schramm. Gifts can be given at any time. *We have a number of families who have requested aid this year. Contributions to the Assistance Fund are needed and appreciated! If you are able to help provide a quality Christian Education, please see Mr. Schramm or Mrs. Papenfus.*

### **WELS Radio and TV Ministry**

**Music for The Master** followed by **Message from The Master** radio program can be heard each Sunday morning on AM "JOY 1340" WJYI at 7:00 a.m. The Milwaukee television stations that air **Time of Grace** are: WBME (ME Tv) – Sunday at 7:00 a.m.; WDJT (CBS 58) – Sunday at 10:30 a.m.; WWRS – Thursday at 3:30 p.m. and WTMJ (4) – Friday at 12:05 a.m. The cable channels that air the program are Freeform on Thursdays at 5:30 a.m. and TBN (Trinity Broadcast Network) on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. Please check your local provider's channel listing for more information.

### **Thrivent Members**

A benefit available to Thrivent members is being able to designate Thrivent Choice Dollars to an organization. There is no additional cost to you for this program. Both First Lutheran Church and First Lutheran School are options for designation, along with a list of other organizations. You may go online, log into your account, and designate funds to your choice of organization(s), call your Thrivent representative, OR call Thrivent directly at 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted say, "Thrivent Choice". We encourage you to help an organization with this member benefit.

### **ACH Offerings**

First Lutheran Church has set up an automatic payments option through VANCO Payment Solutions for member giving. Authorization forms for your gifts to the church are available in the office. As always, personal contributions are kept in the strictest confidence. If this form of giving is an option for you, please return completed forms to the office. Please contact the office or Mike Schwark with any questions.

### **Food Pantry**

Our church collects non-perishable food for the Elkhorn Food Pantry. The collection bin for donations is located in the narthex. Please note that the Elkhorn Food Pantry serves Elkhorn Area School District residents and is located at 14 W. Geneva Street. Representatives of Elkhorn area churches run the pantry. Our members Bill Holtz and Fred Baudais are on the Board of Directors. Our members - Bill Holtz, Carla Baudais, Jim and Vickie Mueller, Doris Salem, and Bonnie Nommensen share their time at the pantry. The Walworth County Food Pantry, which serves the rest of Walworth County and is located at 205 E. Commerce Court, is a *separate* entity from the Elkhorn Food Pantry. Your generosity in helping the less fortunate is appreciated! *The Food Pantry always welcomes new volunteers. If you are interested in helping one morning a week (Monday, Wednesday, or Friday) each month, please contact Carla Baudais.*

### **Meals on Wheels**

Our church helps with the Walworth County Meals on Wheels program. If you would be willing and able to help, or have questions on what meals on wheels is about, please contact Doris Salem at 723-2537.

### **Pastoral Acts:**

Affirmation of Baptism of Ezra Joshua Voigt, June 10, 2018,  
by his grandfather, Pastor John Hartmann



# FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL

## 2018 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

### **Welcome!**

We pray God has blessed you with a safe and relaxing summer. The change of pace hopefully allows for a little more family time, even if it's not down time! The teachers and staff have been making preparations over the summer and are looking forward to the beginning of another school year. What a humbling privilege it is to teach God's Word to the children that you entrust to us. May God continue to bless the partnership we share.

There is a lot of exciting things happening this upcoming school year. Our school is going the the re-accreditation process, our congregation is going through a long range planning process, we're rolling out our new logo, and more! It will be a great opportunity to see all of the blessings that God has showered on First Lutheran.

### **WELSSA Re-accreditation**

A little over 4 years ago, First Lutheran embarked on a self-study through the WELSSA accreditation process. Every 5 years, our school needs to repeat the self-study to maintain our accreditation status. The school board is currently forming various committees to help work through this process. Many of you may be asked to help serve in some way. At the end of April, there will be a visiting team that comes to First Lutheran to review our self-study and observe our school in action. More information will be shared throughout the year as the date of the visit approaches. Please contact Mr. Schramm if you have any questions, or are willing to help.

### **Crossroads Consulting (Long Range Planning)**

First Lutheran Church has begun a long-range planning process and has enlisted the help of Crossroads Consulting to help facilitate the process. This process will be taking place throughout the next year. It involves an in-depth analysis of what we currently do, and gathers information about what it is we'd like to do in the future. The school will play a role in this process as it is a ministry of the church. Input about the school from parents and students is vital. Included in this packet are 3 or 4 different surveys:

- Parent School Survey (to be completed by parents).
- Student School Survey (to be completed by students).
- Assessing our School (to be completed individually by both parents and students, and recent graduates, if there is one in your house). Multiple forms will be sent as necessary.
- Early Childhood Parent Survey (to be completed by families who have a child in 4K).

**Please complete the surveys and bring them back to school on registration night (August 15).** There will be more copies available at registration if needed. Please contact Mr. Schramm if you have any questions.

## **New Logo... and T-shirts!**

In June, we received our final proofs for our new logo (seen at the top of the newsletter). The new logo has variations for both the church and school. We are excited to roll out the new logo! Soon we will receive, and be using new letterhead, stationery, and other materials which incorporate the logo and color scheme. As a way to help roll out the logo, First Lutheran would like to provide a t-shirt with the new logo for every student. The final design will be available to view at registration, but we need sizing information so that the shirt will fit properly. Be sure to find the table at registration and provide your student's size. We will place the order after registration so we can have the shirts available at the beginning of the school year. Parents are welcome to order a shirt as well, but will have to purchase it. The approximate cost for parents who want to order a shirt for themselves will be \$10 or less.

## **Registration**

Registration will take place on Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 7 PM. You are welcome to register anytime between 4 and 7, **but we ask that you attend one of the 15 minute (or less!) presentations at 4:30, 5:30, or 6:30.** These presentations highlight important announcements and some of the new things at First Lutheran School. Please make every effort to attend registration and one of the short presentations. If you have a conflict and are unable to attend registration, please inform the school office as soon as you can. This packet contains many of the forms that need to be filled out for registration. If you have any questions, we are always happy to help.

## **Tuition**

There are two options for tuition payment. The first option is to pay your tuition in full on registration night. The second option is to enroll in the FACTS online tuition management system. This system allows you to make monthly tuition payments with an automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account. If you are re-enrolling in FACTS, please confirm this with Mr. Schramm at registration. If you have not previously enrolled in FACTS and are interested in doing so, please go to the FACTS website -<https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3ZPWH> to enroll. If you have any questions, please contact me before registration.

Tuition Assistance is available for students (see handbook for more details). If you have any questions, please talk with Mr. Schramm or a member of the school board.

## **4K**

4K will continue to be offered every day from 7:45 - 10:45 AM. There is an important 4K orientation meeting on **Monday, August 27th** from **6:15 - 7:00 PM**. All parents and students should attend this meeting as Mrs. Kuehl will go through procedures and policies for both parents and students. This also gives students an opportunity to become familiar with the school and classroom before school begins.

## **New Math Curriculum**

The faculty is excited to implement our new math curriculum beginning this school year. After careful study of our program, we made a few changes. The new math curriculum has a more narrow focus on prioritized standards. Students will spend more time learning the concepts behind the process as opposed to only following the prescribed steps. While an understanding of basic mathematical functions is always important, you may notice fewer math problems on your child's paper. While there may be fewer problems, they have a more rigorous application. Some things will be noticeably different in math, so if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak with your child's teacher or Mr. Schramm.

## **Wrap-Around Care**

First Lutheran School is continuing to offer wrap-around care (before and after school care) for children who need to be dropped off early or picked up late. The hours of operation are from 6:30 - 7:20 AM and 10:45 AM - 6:00 PM as needed. Families interested in using the wrap-around care program can sign up your children, pick up a handbook, and learn more at school registration night on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Our director, Mrs. Sandy Christian (sjchristian60@gmail.com), will be available to answer any questions you may have. Handbooks are also available in the office or on our website.

## **Piano Lessons**

Piano lessons at First Lutheran will continue to be offered to students on Tuesday's and Wednesday's during the school day. Mrs. Kristen Barker will be available with more information and a sign up sheet at school registration night on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Every effort is made for students to be in class for critical academic information, but with many students in piano, some students may miss certain classes. We ask for your flexibility and understanding as we work to make the schedule work for all students.

## **Band and Strings**

First Lutheran offers individual band and string lessons through Mr. Keith Wordell and Ms. Sarah Siegler, grade school band and strings directors from Shoreland Lutheran High School. Mr. Wordell may be available at our registration on August 15<sup>th</sup>, and there will be some information on the program and a sign up for those students, and parents, who are interested in lessons. The band and string lessons are offered during the school day, just like piano lessons. The teachers work hard to ensure that students don't miss critical academic time for lessons.

## **Field Trip Drivers**

First of all, thank you! Thank you to all of our drivers. We most certainly couldn't go anywhere without you! If you plan on, or think you might want to be a driver for a field trip this upcoming school year, we will need to have a copy of your driver's license and insurance. We can collect this on registration if you have it with you. If you don't have it on registration, it can be turned into the office anytime before the field trip.

## **Technology**

As technology keeps advancing and improving, First Lutheran continues to teach our children responsible uses of technology to better equip them for their future. To better help our students with word processing and other computer skills, and to give them access to digital resources and information, chromebooks are issued to all students in grades 3-8. Chromebooks will be kept at school and are used by the students under the teacher's careful supervision. There is an annual \$70 technology fee for the chromebooks for students in grades 3-8, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who have paid this fee from 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade can keep their chromebook after graduation if they wish. See Mr. Schramm for more details or if you have any questions.

First Lutheran School will continue to use Schoolspeak as our student information system and gradebook this year. Username and password information will be sent out on or before the first week of school.

## **Calendar**

Remember to stay up to date by checking or linking to the FLS Google calendar and FLS Athletic calendar on our website - <http://www.firstatthecross.com/school/get-involved/school-calendar/>

## **Things to Remember During August**

- **School supply list** - Please purchase all the items on the student supply list before school begins. *We have included information about Wisconsin's Sales Tax Holiday, which is August 1 - 5. Please review the information regarding purchases for school related items that are tax exempt during this period.*
- **Medical forms** - Remember to turn in the immunization, physical, and/or dental forms by the beginning of school. New students and students entering kindergarten, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade need certain forms on file at school. If you have not arranged the medical or dental appointments, please do so right away. If you have lost any form, please make arrangements to receive another form.
- **Registration** - Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. At this meeting, parents will pay tuition (or enroll in FACTS), hand in forms, sign up for activities, schedule home visits, and more!
- **Student Accounts** - Families have the option of having an account for school fees/field trips/extras (Subway, Dominos, etc.). Any amount of money can be turned in on registration night or during the first week of school. *Please note that a separate check is required for the student account funds.* An account will be set up and funds will be deducted from the account for the various school fees. School related items (field trips) are automatically deducted from the account. Optional fees (special meals, milk, Friday lunches, etc.) must be approved by a parent. Parents will be notified when the balance of the account is below \$5.00. Any fees left in the account at the end of the school year will be refunded or held until the next school year, per your direction.
- **Home Visits** - Most families will receive a home visit from our teachers prior to September. If your son or daughter is staying in the same classroom, it may not be necessary to meet again. We will, however, honor any requests for a visit if you find it necessary. If not scheduled at registration, your child's teacher(s) will be in contact to set up the date and time of your visit.

## **Important Information for the First Week of School**

- The first day of school is Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. We will begin the school year with an 8:00 AM worship service in the church. Parents are invited to attend this opening service.
- The school hours for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are from 7:45 AM - 2:40 PM. 4K hours are from 7:45 - 10:45 AM. School doors will open at 7:20 AM. Students should arrive at school between 7:20 and 7:40 AM.
- Durham School Bus Service provides bus transportation for all schools in the Elkhorn Area School District, including First Lutheran School. NOTE: check the Elkhorn Independent newspaper for your child's bus number, bus stop, and pick-up time, or you may receive a postcard with that information from the bus company. If you have any questions, please contact Durham School Bus Service - 723-7667. If the public schools do not have school and First Lutheran School is in session, bus transportation will not be available on those days. Alternate transportation to and from school will need to be arranged for your child(ren). If your child is in 4K and you're interested in busing back home at 10:45 AM dismissal, please contact both the bus company and Mr. Schramm.
- The milk program will begin Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Milk fees will be paid in advance for the year. The cost is \$10 per carton for the year. If your child would like 2 cartons of milk each day, the fee is \$20.



# August 2018

## Council Hosts:

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>9:30</u>
August 5	M. Schwark	J. Sulik
August 12	T. Stech	J. Mueller
August 19	J. Voigt	M. Dorn
August 26	B. Brugger	M. Papenfus

## Ushers:

<u>8:00</u>	<u>9:30</u>
M. Hoyord/J. Schwark	S. Beaver
R. Mitton/W. & M. Holder	C. & R. Collins
D. Hintz	P. Rote
C. Greving	M. Yunker

## Greeters:

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>9:30</u>
August 5	Beverly Freitag	Steve & Linda Godfrey
August 12	Alice Lembach	Doreen Grams
August 19	Glenda Schellin	Paul & Michelle Lemke
August 26	Mike & Marsha Schwark	Bill & Mary Schombug

## Birthdays: shut in members are in bold print

1- Nolan Beaver	15- Nathan Peterson
2- Quentin Kayser	Courtney Sharp
Mark M. Hartwick	Amy Beaver
3- Frances Schmidt	16- Virginia Knutsen
Michael Thomas	17- Rebecca Kayser
Wesley Lauderdale	18- Mary Johnson
4- Caleb Olson	Leroy Lauderdale
5- Carrie Elwell	19- Scott LeNoble
6- Deborah Clark	Angela Winkowski
Eva Lauderdale	20- Jean Carlo Stech
Daniel Kolacke	21- Raymond F. Becker
9- Channing Sanders	William Holtz
10- Anita Papcke	Daniel Lauderdale
Pamela Gepford	22- Maximus Garcia
Rhonda Filter	Molly Brugger
Helen Schweinler	Jean Willms
Cathryn Heuer	23- Emilie Lemke
11- Christopher Sanders	Oliver Behling
Kaitlin Schroeder	25- Laina Papenfus
12- Wally Holder	Mackenzie Adamson
13- Herbert Papenfus	26- Travis Meinen
Michelle Lemke	Julianne Roberts
Kate Hommen	27- Jason Walbrandt
14- Jacob Schwark	Tracy Hauerwas
Madison Voss	Elianna Heuer
Chelsea Barry	

## Anniversaries:

Joshua & Heidi Kuehl, August 4, 2007  
Tom & Kelly Stech, August 15, 1987  
Paul & Morena Rote, August 15, 2015  
David & Bonnie Nommensen, August 17, 1974  
Fred & Carla Baudais, August 17, 1974  
Benjamin & Brooke Dahlberg, August 18, 2012  
Steven & Linda Godfrey, August 19, 1972  
Michael & Sharee Yunker, August 19, 2005  
Michael & Diana Lambert, August 21, 2004  
Randy & Mary Kayser, August 24, 1991  
Tim & Christine Wills, August 29, 1987



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
			Ladies Aid - 1:30 pm	Bible Study—9:00 am Communion Service—7:00 p.m.		
<b>5</b> Communion Services - 8:00 & 9:30 a.m. Potluck meal following 2nd service	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Bible Study—9:00 am Worship Service—7:00 p.m.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Men's Breakfast Bible Study - 8-9 a.m.
<b>12</b> Worship Services - 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> FLS Registration Night - 4 - 7 p.m. - <i>narthex</i>	<b>16</b> Bible Study—9:00 am Communion Service—7:00 p.m.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Women's Bible Study - 8-9 a.m.
<b>19</b> Communion Services - 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.	<b>20</b> Board of Ed. - 6:00 pm Board Mtgs. - 6:30 pm Church Council - 7:00 p.m.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Ladies Book Club—7:00 p.m.	<b>23</b> Bible Study—9:00 am Worship Service—7:00 p.m.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Worship Services - 8:00 & 9:30 a.m. Congregational Golf Outing	<b>27</b> Blood Drive - 2-6 pm 4K Orientation - 6:15 p.m.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Bible Study—9:00 am Communion Service—7:00 p.m.	<b>31</b>	

The Ladies Aid Minutes for June 6, 2018

We began with the table prayer. Doris Salem and Rosemary Strand served eleven members, one guest, Ann Kuehl, and Pastor Heuer.

Pastor Heuer gave the devotions starting from 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:7. Talking about the treasure of the gospel being put in clay pots. We are like jars of clay, imperfect people, but we have our faith in the gospel in us.

Doris Salem gave the treasures report. After all transactions including the money received for library use, we have \$3270.13 which includes the checking and our savings account.

Carla Baudais said she would check and clean the kitchen; such a good job was done last year there isn't much to do this year. There are candles and holders and pitchers & creamers not being used. These will be put on the Ladies Aid table at the rummage sale.

Laura Kuehl said that at the end of June, they will be going through the library discarding or finding books that are not being used.

Vickie Mueller said seven people have signed up so far who will be needing tables to be used for selling their articles at the rummage sale. Beverly Freitag will put an add in the Advertiser giving our address and the entrance to be used. Morena Rote will make signs.

Eight people were here for the plant exchange. Everyone was happy with the exchange.

Vickie Mueller read a letter from Twin Oaks thanking everyone for donating hats, scarves, mittens, and socks for the homeless people that was placed on the Giving Tree last Winter.

Vickie Mueller reminded us about the music in the Delavan band shell, June 30<sup>th</sup>.

We will discuss our Summer outing next month, possibly going to the "Smell the Roses".

Carla Baudais mentioned about the LWMS Convention that will be held in Green Bay. Alice Lembach and Carla will be going. It will be held from the evening of June 21<sup>st</sup> until the Sunday morning services June 24<sup>th</sup>. She will give us more information next month. It will be the 125<sup>th</sup> year that the WELS is connected with Apache Land.

Vickie Mueller reminded us about the Summer Celebration June 29<sup>th</sup>. Help is needed for the games and food, a sign up sheet is on the brown door.

July 15 to July 19 will be Vacation Bible School from 6-8 p.m. There will also be adult Bible Study.

Beverly received one thank you and sent out three cards.

We were reminded that our next meeting will be July 11<sup>th</sup> as the first Wednesday is July 4<sup>th</sup>.

We sang Happy Birthday to Ann Kuehl, and wish Jean Klomp and Nancy Haak a Happy Birthday.

The meeting closed with praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Jean Willms, Secretary

## The Minutes of the Ladies Aid for July 11, 2018

As always we opened with praying the table prayer. Dorothy Klein and Jean Klemp served nine members, one visitor, Sandy Christian, and Pastor Heuer.

Pastor Heuer gave our devotions reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:58. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Carla Baudais gave the treasures report in Doris Salem's absence. Our income was \$20.25 for LWMS; and expenses \$200 for the Youth Group Trip, \$27 for Advertiser and a flower. Now our checking account has \$273.14 and savings account \$2730.24 totaling \$3003.13. This includes the \$716.20 to be used for purchasing any library books needed or wanted by the school or congregation. It was suggested that after going through the library before discarding any old books, they would be put on a table in the narthex for members to pick and choose any they might want.

There were 8 people selling at the rummage sale. Vickie Mueller reported it was really hot in the gym that day, wondering if next year other parts of the church could be used. It was also suggested to have next years rummage sale held the same day as the Elkhorn city wide rummage sale. The Ladies Aid table earned \$42. Vickie gave the painted rocks away. One lady came by, picked a rock up with a Bible Message on it and began to cry. She said the message was just what she needed.

About 20 church members enjoyed the Band concert in Delavan and will go again next year.

Carla Baudais said the LWMS Fall Rally will still be held on Sunday, but will be discussed and probably change to Saturdays next Spring.

Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Carla plans to clean the kitchen, and if anyone would like to help. Will probably rearrange some things because of added drawer space.

Carla Baudais is our LWMS Reporter. She told about the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual LWMS Convention she and Alice Lembach attended in Green Bay. They had 1450 registered attendees and 58 out of 60 circuits were represented. The current membership is 839 congregations and 11 individual members. Sixty people from Apacheland came to the convention celebrating 125 years of Grace. The delegates voted to raise the dues from each congregation to \$85 instead of \$75. The total Mission Project offering was \$125,413.64. The worship Service offering at the convention was \$61,829.05. The 2019 56<sup>th</sup> Annual LWMS Convention will be held in Des Moines, Iowa. Alice Lembach will be giving a more detailed report in our Monthly News Letter. Carla will give us a report next month about "Moments with our Missionary Wives".

The ladies still want to go to "Smell the Roses" for our September outing, and go out to eat someplace, but that is not decided yet. This will be on our September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting day.

Beverly Freitag sent out 5 cards last month. We sang Happy Birthday to Sandy Christian, and wish Rosemary Strand and Eleanor Nappe a Happy Birthday too.

WE closed with praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Willms, Secretary

## **Splash Canyon Vacation Bible School 2018**

During vacation Bible school week, about 40 students (3 yrs-old through 7<sup>th</sup> grade) and 10 adults participated in activities that allowed them to spend time learning about God's promises on life's wild ride. Each of our daily lessons highlighted a way God is with us, helps us, and blesses us. Our key Bible verse from 2 Corinthians 1:20 tells us, "For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him." We are eager to share this great news: Jesus came to save all people from their sins. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16

The students studied and applied the Bible lessons during class discussions. They also participated in activities such as songs, craft projects, games, and eating snacks.

We thank our teachers and helpers for sharing the promises of our Savior with the children of our community and our congregation. Their time, energy, and talents led to an exciting week of vacation Bible school.

Devotion leaders: Pastor Heuer and Paul Lemke

Helpers: Meghan Mertes, Kaylee Young, Taylor Young, Katie Duwe, Reid Collins, Jason Kuehl, Amanda Papenfus, Caroline Terry, Laina Papenfus, Nancy Wunder, Shawn Wunder, Kaylee Wunder, Jason Wunder, Alex Papenfus, Joe Schultz, Jacob Mertes, Caylee Olson, Marley Sulik, Maddie Bongard, Thomas and Casey Schneiker, Anna Mertes.

Music: Amy Schneider

Crafts: Michelle Lemke, Carla Baudais

Games & Activities: Ben and Sara Schramm

Teachers: Kristi Stueber (3K), Ann Kuehl and Laura Kuehl (4K/5K), Deb Buelow and Kelly Stech (1-4), Ted Glodowski (5-7), Pastor Heuer (Bible class)