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The soul as soil

Gardeners who've dealt with inhospitable conditions can relate especially well to Jesus' parable of the sower. Drought, invasive critters and thorny weeds often seem to conspire against growers' efforts. Yet when seeds fall on "good soil," the crop yield is abundant — up to a hundred times what was sown (Matthew 13:8).

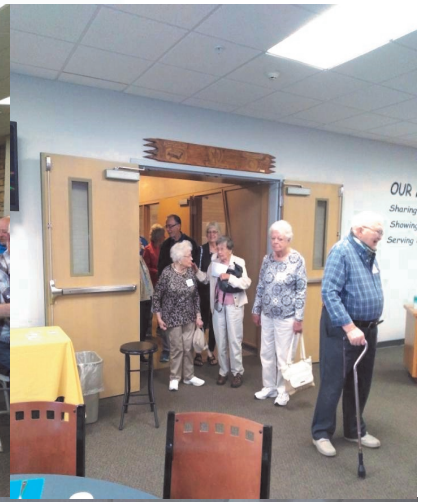
That parable emphasizes the need for hearts to be receptive to God's Word. But it's also a reminder to plant Scripture persistently. Just as soil and weather conditions change, so may someone's attitude toward following Jesus. Pastor J. Ellsworth Kalas writes, "Whenever we serve as witnesses to the faith, we must do so with all earnestness, because one doesn't know the season in which the soul currently abides. That uninterested, distracted or unresponsive person may be nearer the Kingdom than we — or they — realize." Kalas adds, "We dare not give up on anyone at any time — including ourselves."



Senior Appreciation and Quilters Service and Luncheon

FLC seniors, quilters and staff were treated to a wonderful worship service and luncheon on June 8. Thank you to the Board of Fellowship and helpers who made this possible for all who attended. It was a delicious meal and time of fellowship.





Frank Griffin provided entertainment

Cheryl Domrath was our emcee



Thank you to the 48 people who attended and helped at the Appreciation Luncheon on June 8. A thank you to Thrivent Financial who helped defray the cost of the event. We hope we can do this again next year. Fellowship Board



Finances

Income - May 2022

		<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$20,746.00			
Other Income and Offerings	\$1,023.00			
General Fund Income	\$21,769.00	\$308,402.00	\$121,514.92	\$128,500.90
Dedicated Income	\$577.50		\$2,783.50	
Total Income	\$22,346.50		\$124,298.42	

Operating Expenses - May 2022

Benevolence	\$1,741.52			
Board & Other Expenses	\$6,396.88			
Personnel Salaries/Benefits	\$14,736.09			
General Fund Expense	\$22,874.49	\$307,175.39	\$104,245.77	\$127,981.35
Dedicated Expense	\$498.00		\$2,166.00	
Total Expenses	\$23,372.49		\$106,411.77	

Year to Date General Fund Net Income : \$17,269.15

Sign-up sheets are available on Sundays for parishioners who want to volunteer to make coffee and bring in homemade or purchased treats for Fellowship Hour during the months of July and August. If treats are purchased, you will be reimbursed. Save your receipts and turn in to the church office with a note fellowship hour, your name, address and amount being reimbursed. Please bring your treats to church before service on Sunday mornings.



Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

Membership

Baptized.....	804
Confirmed	591
Famillies	103

Worship Attendance

Sunday		Wednesday
5/22 Worship—	131	40
5/29 Worship—	57	36
6/5 Worship—	47	37
6/12 Worship—	69	26
	Video—	
	81	
	72	
	60	
	72	

Altar Guild Servers

Communion:

July..... **Marlene Evenson**, *Chair (Committee #1)*
August..... **Bev Torrison**, *Chair (Committee #2)*

Lectors

7/3	Stefanie Kaderabek
7/6	Matt Berge
7/10	Garrett Ulness
7/13	Dennis Luckow
7/17	Stacy Wilker
7/20	Carol Ulness
7/24	Ava Ulness
7/27	Susan Christel
7/31	Chloe Cigler

Communion Servers

7/3	Stefanie Kaderabek
7/13	Terry Haupt
7/17	Stacy Wilker

Head Usher Lee A. Evenson

Acolyte Schedule

7/3	Hunter Spindler
7/6	Addison Spindler
7/10	Whitney Ulness
7/13	Peter Cigler
7/17	Mollie Junk
7/20	Tristan Teuke
7/24	Makenna Kaderabek
7/27	Hunter Spindler
7/31	Peter Cigler

Greeters

7/3	Ava Ulness
7/6	Mary Evenson
7/10	Ron and Jo Jones
7/13	Aric Olson
7/17	Keith and Audrey Lippert
7/20	Paul and Jill Franz
7/24	Tom and Rae Madson
7/27	Susan Christel
7/31	Richard and Linda Menza

Ushers

7/3	Jim Ahrens and Steve Ahrens
7/10	Wayne Huske and Larry Naidl
7/17	Austin and Stetson McCulley
7/24	Tyler Madson and Brian Ulness
7/31	Ben and Chloe Cigler Family

Sound Operator

7/3	Loren Ulness
7/10	Terry Huske
7/17	Erin Lenzner
7/24	Lucas Spindler
7/31	Garrett Ulness

Video Operator/Live Stream

7/3	Carter Lenzner
7/10	Bill Riesterer
7/17	Mike Lenzner
7/24	Eric Thomsen
7/31	Travis Schisel

Projection

7/3	Judy Harris
7/10	Terry Huske
7/17	Erin Lenzner
7/24	Addison Spindler
7/31	Whitney Ulness

*"What sunshine is
to flowers, smiles
are to humanity."
—Joseph Addison*



Report of the 2022 Synod Assembly

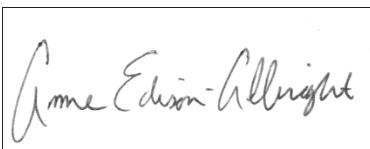
Dear people of the ECSW,

Please join me in giving thanks for the work and ministry of the 2022 assembly of the East Central Synod of WI. Voting members at this assembly took the risk of moving and singing in new ways; figured out a voting process that allowed us to be one assembly with in-person and online participants; and engaged with questions, debate, discussion and amendments on the business that came before us. As the highest decision-making body of our church, they have put us to work! Here are some of the ways we will be working together as a church as a result of the work of this assembly:

- + An amended memorial on reducing the church's carbon footprint will go to the reference and council committee of the Churchwide Assembly; the version our synod assembly created together will be combined with versions from other synods, and a memorial will go before the Churchwide Assembly in August.
- + We will be checking in regularly on the resolutions passed at this assembly and giving updates in The Wave on work and ministry coming out of these resolutions. Follow the links below to read more about our shared work and ministry ahead related to hunger; bold action and advocacy by our synodical women's organization; helping congregations be safe spaces for children; anti-racism study as vital and revitalizing work of the church; and diverse, intersectional representation in donated books for libraries.
- + The assembly passed new minimum guidelines for compensation that will help bring our synod in line with what pastors and deacons need and receive in neighboring/comparable synods. We will continue to work with congregations in transition as well as congregations who are wondering how best to support and sustain the ministry of their rostered leaders over the long term.
- + Treasurer John Herder and Vice President Nancy Schanke answered questions and shared more about the decision to sell the synod office building. While conversations about selling/moving out of the building started about 6 years ago, this process is in many ways just beginning; we are looking forward to ongoing conversations with you, the church, about ways that we can use this shift to be more engaged with ministry around the synod, and that the building itself and/or proceeds from its sale could be a gift to the church and the world to further God's work. The assembly engaged us in candid conversation about some of the barriers to selling a commercial space right now; lots of other businesses in our area are trying to sell their spaces, too. Please pray, keep talking to us, and if you have ideas for buyers or an organization that might need the building for their ministry ... let us know!
- + I mentioned the work of the SAM committee in my bishop's report. To learn more about Synod Authorized Ministry and other paths to being a presider in the ELCA, please read Presider and Assembly, a document I created to help congregations and leaders in transition and discernment with some of the questions we frequently wonder during these times. Please pray for our SAM committee as we develop our process for this synod, as well.

Many of us first learned about the deadly act of domestic terrorism and white supremacist hate in Buffalo, NY as we traveled home from the assembly. No one should have to be afraid of grocery shopping while Black. Sometimes it seems like the ELCA is all words—statements, documents, resolutions and memorials ... what does it do? To be very Lutheran, What does it mean? We proclaim a God who is Word made flesh; Word that breathed, breathes, and will breathe again. Following through on the resolutions we passed at assembly, we give breath (body, hands, feet, voices) to words. As an assembly, we heard witness and testimony from St. John's in Ashwaubenon that being immersed in the study of anti-racism is transformative, life-giving, faith-renewing; it is a ministry we are invited to take part in where God's Word breathes, changing us and the world for the better.

Assembly 2022 is closed; we are invited into the ministry of the assembly. Thanks be to God!



Gratefully,

Bishop Anne

Service Project

Monumental VBS Service Project - Help us keep kids in Manitowoc County warm

Recently at VBS we learned about the story of Joseph - the guy who was given a special coat. Wouldn't it be awesome if everyone had a warm coat this winter? This is where we need your help!

As part of our Service Project for Confirmation at Faith Lutheran, we are collecting gently used winter items to donate to the Salvation Army's Coats for Kids program. It may be summer, but the Salvation Army is already getting set up for this upcoming winter season.



Check your closets - have your kids outgrown any of these items? Are they clean and still in good shape? Items needed are as follows:

- **Winter Coats** (no Spring jackets please)
- **New or gently used Winter Boots**
- **New or gently used Gloves or Mittens** (no hats)



Our service project will run until July 3 so you can drop off winter gear at Faith Lutheran during this time. If you do not have any of these items, we are also collecting money to purchase these items when they become available in stores this Fall. (Please drop off in the office).

We appreciate your help in making sure all kids in Manitowoc County can be lucky enough to have a special coat - just like Joseph!

Thank you,

Peter Cigler and Carter Valleskey

Faith Lutheran Church Minutes—May 16, 2022

Housekeeping Item: A reminder-mention was made to make sure that information concerning financial matters gets passed along to Jill, so she doesn't need to call stewardship with questions.

Old Business: Men's Retreat, "Forged". Kelly was contacted as to his needs and hopes for what our role would be in support of his retreat. The following are needs for which he would like help: a venue; a place to hold the retreat, advertising and promoting, person to register people, funds collection for booklet or pamphlet (perhaps as a \$20 fee for the retreat), nametags, a person to check people in. Food: coffee & donuts in the morning, some kind of lunch (subs?). We discussed these things, and it seems workable. Joyce will find out a tentative date; we will need some promotional information, perhaps an outline.

Lay Ministry – Joyce Sorenson

Joyce mentioned that they are looking for more lectors for Wednesday nights.

Fellowship – Cheryl Domrath

The Appreciation Luncheon will take place on June 8th for members 75 and older. Invitations have been sent out; RSVP will be done via phone calls to those invited.

Property – Mark Zutz

Manitowoc lumber will be coming as soon as the part comes in. They are planning to grind out the stump on our grounds. We are getting some topsoil put on the side hill. Ken will be finishing the corner downstairs.

Christian Education – Gretchen Spindler

VBS will be June 20th -23rd. The last confirmation class will be this Wednesday.

Youth and Family Ministry – Erin Lenzner

They've been considering bracelets, leather cross or string with cross, as gifts for confirmands. They have received a candidate to interview for the position of Youth Coordinator.

Call Committee – Joan Pritzl

Joan Pritzl was with us to give us some information and background on what is happening in their search for a new pastor for the church. She has talked with Pastor Asher from the synod, hoping to receive some insight on why it is taking so long and why First Lutheran in Manitowoc receives six candidates while we receive just one. It seems that candidates prefer larger churches and larger cities. He still seems hopeful for us, but there are a few things that affect our search, especially with a limited number of candidates in the total pool.

Population (Valders- 1,000; Manitowoc-30,000)

Geographical location (Rural vs. urban)

Church size, greater attendance, bigger budget

Our MSP could use some updating

The Call Committee will be reviewing our MSP to update, and perhaps find incentives to offset those points. A few possible suggestions were made during a discussion in our meeting. Also, as part of the MSP update, the salary and benefits need updating, which requires Council approval. Therefore, this was discussed to expedite the process. An increase in our package was necessary to remain current with synod guidelines. A motion was made & carried to approve an increase in our benefits package to include a housing allowance of 30% of base compensation, thereby keeping us current with increased synod guidelines.

Adjourn

Having completed all business, a motion was made and the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:58 pm.

Next meeting on June 20th at 6:30. Devotions by Stephanie Mittnacht.

Judy Harris,
Secretary

Celebrating Your Birthday!

JULY

1. Nancy Saueressig
Tiffany Jandrey
Constance Schiesl
2. Gloria Smith
3. Ruth Torrison
Mary Thomsen
Emily Schwoerer
4. Rand Harris
Gloria Scharenbroch
Rylee Endries
5. Barbara Griffin
Jeffrey Ahrens
Michelle Williams
Anders Sorenson
Lauren Halverson
6. Mark McCulley
Makenzie Simon
7. Mark Zutz
Dorene Schneider
Ashley Reinertson
Madalyn Larson
McKenzie Ott
8. Sharon Naidl
Lee A. Evenson
Tammy Karstaedt
Michelle Schwoerer
10. Taylor Wittmus
Katherine Thomsen
11. Walter Stenzel
Dean Behnke
Nathan Wenzel
12. Dianne Hougen
Donald Schreiner
Robert Pinkerton
13. Keith Lippert
Judy Rusch
14. Joy Madson
Lori Propson
Chloe Cigler
15. Paul Franz
Tommy Spindler
16. Theresa Haupt
Westen Schisel
17. Bree Wenzel
Addyson Johnson
18. Jesse Duchow
Mike Shimek
William Riesterer
19. Ava Ulness
Joshua Duchow
Paden Hougen
20. Eric Nelson
Jared Zutz
Isaac Petska

AUGUST

2. Cathleen Luckow
Matthew Berge
Caleb Boll
3. Donald Sebo
Maelyn Miller
4. Stephanie Mittnacht
5. Myrna Lippert
Aubrey Hill
Hadley Beckman
6. Arlene Roehrig
Tammy Meyer
Taylor Zucchi
7. Thomas Madson
Scott Zucchi
Mary Reichardt
8. Guy Valleskey
Hunter Spindler
9. Mark Ulness
Hunter Griffin
10. Kylee Tuschel
Cheryl Domrath
Matthew Brill
Kylee Griffin
22. Susan Christel
24. Richard Lodel
Lyle Roehrig
Mardell Tienor
Nadia Williams
25. Ben Stalvey
26. Macy McDonald
27. Brian Ulness
Cheyenne Saunders
Trevor Wittmus
Luke Evenson
Michelle Koehler
Alyse Fuller
28. Tyler Madson
Samantha Hammel
29. James Schuh
Madison Bergel
30. Dane Ott
31. Rolyn Jorgenson
Nancy Christianson
Kerry Schnell
John Huske
Brynlee Meidl



Celebrating You
on Your
Special Day



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour	4 Office Closed 	5 6:00 Board of Evangelism	6 6:15 Worship	7 8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise	8	9
10 8:00 Bds. of Christian Education and Youth 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour	11 CONFIRMATION CAMP 5:30 Jazzercise 6:00 Board of Lay Ministry	12 CONFIRMATION CAMP	13 CONFIRMATION CAMP 5:00 Board of Stewardship 6:15 Worship	14 CONFIRMATION CAMP 8:00 Quilting 8:30 Secretary's Meeting 5:30 Jazzercise	15 Newsletter info due	16 9:00-10:00 Open Pantry
17 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour	18 5:30 Jazzercise 6:30 Council	19 9:00 Senior Christians at Fork and Knife	20 6:00 Card Making 6:15 Worship	21 8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise	22	23
24 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour	25 5:30 Jazzercise	26	27 6:15 Worship	28 8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise	29	30
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Help us decorate our altar area this summer by bringing in flowers from your garden. It will enhance the altar area and others in our congregation will be able to enjoy your labor of love. Bring them to church with you on a Sunday morning or Wednesday night. Thank you for sharing.