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Thursday, July 29th, 2021

Worship - You can continue to connect with us online at rushcityfirstlutheran.org or from the parking lot on 96.5 FM.

Life on Earth - The reading from Ephesians includes a profound interpretation of Christ's ascension: Christ has not left us, but now fills all things. That is, Christ ascended into the cosmos, infusing all the earth with himself. Such an understanding of Christ's resurrection and ascension leads us to a green Christianity: Christ is not away, up in heaven somewhere, but rather Christ fills the earth, its vegetation, its countless species, pouring into all that is God's grace.

Catechism Connection - In today's gospel Jesus says, "Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life." We still, however, need daily bread. In his teaching on the petition of the Lord's Prayer, "Give us today our daily bread," Luther's Small Catechism encourages us to work for daily bread not from a place of worry but of trust: "God gives daily bread without our prayer, even to all evil people, but we ask in this prayer that God cause us to recognize what our daily bread is and to receive it with thanksgiving."

Connections with the Liturgy - Today's thanksgiving at the table was written by Gail Ramshaw, a Lutheran lay woman, and praises God with imagery from both our first reading and gospel today.

Special Offering Envelopes - If you give by envelope, once every two months there is an envelope designated as "Special Offering." These offerings support endeavors beyond the regular ministries of First Lutheran. August offerings support Rush City Cares.

Adult Forum this Sunday - Pastor Nathan will share about his four weeks with student musicians at Lutheran Summer Music during Coffee Fellowship. He looks forward to sharing with you what he learned as well as some special musical moments.

Lutheran Summer Music - If you haven't already, check out the beautiful final worship service from Lutheran Summer Music last week. It features both faculty and student musicians, as well as preaching from Pastor Nathan. A link is provided on the church's Facebook page.

Church Directory Photos - Wednesday, August 4th - Saturday, August 7th is our opportunity for quality portraits at a reasonable price, which are then included in a complimentary pictorial directory for every member. This is a great tradition and wonderful way to build up our family of faith. Online sign-up is now available at www.ucdir.com (code: mn114, password: photos) or you may call 1-888-742-5823 to schedule your appointment. We still have a lot of open times available and we are also looking for several volunteers to make bars or cookies to be served during the sessions.

First Four Quartet - Next week we welcome Rush City native Jon Lueth and the First Four Quartet who share their gift of music during worship. Jon has been with us before and looks forward to greeting everyone.

Birthday Celebration for Dorothy Folkema - The family of member Dorothy Folkema invites you to join her in celebrating her 90th Birthday on Sunday, August 8th from 1:00 - 4:00 PM at Bulrush Golf Club. *Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age. (Psalm 100:5)*

Free Frozen Meals - Catholic Charities will be distributing free frozen meals of 10, 20 or 30 to those who are 60 and over on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10:00 - 11:30 AM in the parking lot at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Vacation Bible School August 22nd - 26th - VBS is back this summer! Thanks to generous donors VBS is free for any child in the community. All children kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome, and older kids are welcome to participate as helpers. A registration form was sent out with a congregational mailing a couple of weeks ago. The form is also available online at our website. Please fill out and return to the church office. VBS begins each evening at 5:00 PM with supper and concludes at 7:30 PM.

Outdoor Worship & Potluck - Let's celebrate! Join us for outdoor worship on Sunday, August 29th, at 9:00 AM. Let's celebrate making it through the past year, the good we've given and received during the pandemic, our need for each other, and our unity in Jesus Christ.

ELCA Youth Gathering - Planning has begun for the ELCA Youth Gathering that will take place the summer of 2022! Contact JoAnn or Pastor Nathan if you are interested in attending, either as a chaperone or with our youth group.

Baptism & Membership - God's grace is a gift that is freely given to us. We don't earn a thing when it comes to God's love, and we only try to live in response to that gift. Please speak to Pastor Nathan if you are interested in baptism or becoming a member of the congregation.

Need Some Quiet? - Our sanctuary is regularly open and quiet on many weekdays during office hours. A daily scripture reading and other devotional items are available near the entrance.

Pastoral Calls - You are welcome to contact the church office anytime for a pastoral visit. After hours emergency numbers are provided on the church's answering message. You can also use the "Count Me In" to request a pastoral visit.

Members and Friends Homebound or in Assisted Living

■ Dorothy Folkema ■ Jan Goebel ■ Vada Hanson ■ Gladys Haugrud ■ Shirley Jones
■ Lois Moses ■ Gwen Olson ■ Pastor Beverly Robinson ■ Cliff Shoberg ■ Randy Ziesmer

Remember in Prayer

Prayer requests can be emailed or phoned in to the Church Office: 320-358-4076 or email: office@rushcityfirstlutheran.org

Please specify if the request is to be on the prayer chain, on the prayer list, or on both.

Please let the Church Office know when a name can be removed from the prayer list. -Thank you.

Cindy Bauerfeld	Diane Friday	Traci Kurtock	Linda Philips
Cary Behrendt	Cathy Gamache	Bonnie Larson	Elaine Pierce
Jeri Bergquist	Karen Guthmueller	LeRoy Larson	Pam Plash
Kyle Bergquist	Melanie Hedberg	Tennille Lewis	Corey Ploetz
Matthew Bertram	Sarah Heling	Mick Louzek	Heather Rasmussen
Bernice Blastervold	Janis Hendrick	Luke Maher	JoAnn Rieland
Darlene Walter Boyce	Steven Horazdovsky	Hazel Massey	Melissa Rossci
ReGina Clapp	Jenna Heibner	LaDez Mell	Sue Roth
Kelly Constenius	Jean Howard	Christina Mercer	Rick Schellbach
Margaret Craine	Al Hutchens	Lola Mold	Ray Schoeberl
Evelyn Dahle	Chelsea Jacobson	Jerry Mollberg	Richard Schultz
Kari Dittberner	Megan Jacobson	Tyler Muchow	Cathy Stanley
Karissa Dittberner	Dan Jensen	Kathleen Munt	Rick Steltz
John Dreschel	Gary Johnson	Darla Nelson	Jeff Stevens
Terry Duban	Marsha Johnson	Gary Olson	Erika Matzke Stoltz
Will Dunker	Priscilla Johnson	Phyllis Olson	Zach Stoltz
Jeff Elsenpeter	Helen Johnston	Dale Oscarson	Emily Stuber
Braydon Erickson	Josh	Andy Osland	Joann Sybrant
Bronson Erickson	Terry Kay	Cheryl Pearson	Kirsten Waxberg
Lael Erickson	Angela Kuhlman	Mary Ann Pearson	Keith Weller
Dorothy Folkema	Scott Kurtock	Helen Peterson	Jen Witte
Darrin Forcier			

In Sympathy - The First Evangelical Lutheran Church expresses sympathy to the family and friends of † Cole Werner who died Sunday, July 18th, 2021.

This Week

Sunday, August 1st, 2021

9:00 AM: Worship

10:00 AM: Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM: Adult Forum: Lutheran Summer Music

6:00 PM: Boy Scouts

Monday, August 2nd, 2021

9:00 AM: Mahjong Group

6:00 PM: Worship & Music Committee Meeting

7:00 PM: Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 3rd, 2021

7:00 PM: Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 4th, 2021

Church Directory Picture Day

9:00 AM: Quilters

12:00 PM: Brown Bag Bible Study

Thursday, August 5th, 2021

Church Directory Picture Day

Friday, August 6th, 2021

Church Directory Picture Day

Saturday, August 7th, 2021

Church Directory Picture Day

Sunday, August 8th, 2021

9:00 AM: Worship

10:00 AM: Coffee Fellowship

6:00 PM: Boy Scouts