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The Messenger

JULY 2019

Message from Pastor Valerie

July is going to be a momentous month in the history of Fristad Lutheran Church. We just might GET ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED! Wow! We will be holding a special congregational meeting to vote on whether to continue toward consolidation with Milltown and North Valley, depending on how they vote. If at least two of us decide “yes, we want to commit to this,” then we will proceed with the plans for the “wedding,” the uniting of two (or, in this case perhaps three) into one.

As I look ahead, and see how close this possibility is coming now, it makes me realize that this situation really is like a marriage coming into being. There are so many plans to make and details to take care of! And there are so many adjustments ahead. The reality is that like any couple getting married, we are going to need the grace of God to grow together during this time, to listen to each other and learn about each other's ways of doing things, and to make compromises and adjustments in our habits and ways, in order to work together in ways that work for everyone involved. It is a kind of dying to your old life in order to make way for new life. It means things like giving up “your” seat at church, or “your” parking space; adjusting to a new time for worship or for having coffee; welcoming new people into

the kitchen who don't know the old, comfortable ways of doing things; trusting strangers who get elected to council; giving up familiar ways in some things.

I remember the stresses and adjustments that came with getting married. John and I worked well and happily together planning a wedding here and a reception in Seattle. But at the same time, we had to pack up his stuff, and rent our (my) house, and drive to Seattle, then back to South Dakota for our internship. Lots of stresses! Along the road, we had one of our first lessons in adjustments – was he willing to stop in Montana and see an old car museum that I was interested in? He said no, I asked God to work on him, and the car sputtered as we drove into that town. I got to go see the museum while he got the radiator fixed! And he learned to consider his wife's wishes as much as his own. (See Eph. 5!) There were other adjustments to come... with kitchen rules, and household chores. Each time we were getting to practice letting our old ways die, and working out something new that was good for both of us. It's what Jesus talks about in John 12, when he knows it's time for his death. “Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.... If

anyone serves me, he must follow me...”, which implies that we, like him, must die to our own will and preferences, and let new things come forth as God gives us grace to handle change and stress.

There is work ahead, to bring new things into being. We have been helped by documents from Spirit Lutheran in Eau Claire, a consolidation of two former churches. Here's a list that shows what kind of “Wedding Plans” lie ahead of us: 1) Decide on a new name; 2) create constitution and by-laws; 3) research and combine assets and liabilities; 4) create the actual consolidation agreement; 5) combine all finances, accounts, etc; 6) determine the path for endowment funds and foundations; 7) complete a staff assessment and implement; 8) complete a preliminary budget; 9) determine best communication practices with members; 10) plan for last services and actual establishment of new church and new services. Then there is also the new call for a pastor, a new council, and a new phase of beginning and planning a future as a new congregation. WHO EVER SAID GETTING MARRIED WAS EASY? Give us grace, Lord!

—Pastor Valerie



SERVICE PROJECT

School Kits Contains:

- **Four 70 sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper**
- **One 30-cm ruler (inches on other side acceptable)**
- **1 pencil sharpener**
- **1 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)**
- **5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers (secure with rubber band)**
- **5 ballpoint pens (NO gel ink) (secure with rubber band)**
- **1 box of 16 or 24 count crayons**
- **1 eraser approx. 2 ½ inches long**

(We will provide one sturdy drawstring backpack style cloth bag.)

We will bargain shop. Make checks to Fristad and indicate for School Kits or make your own kit(s).

Women of ELCA

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, July 10, 1:30pm

We begin on page 20 of *Gather* (July/August issue). Save that issue for August Bible Study. Fran will bring refreshments for July study.

MEMORY DAYS

We will have our **Annual Pie Social** on **Saturday, July 13, at 5:30pm** after the music. Sign-up and indicate what flavor pie you can bring. Have pies to church by 4:30pm.

Before the Pie Social we will gather in the sanctuary for a **Variety Show** at **4pm**. Kathie Wilson and Linda Iwaszko have an entertaining evening planned for us. A free-will offering will be taken and given to the work of The Salvation Army.

On **Sunday, July 14**, we have our worship service at 9am. Our **Annual Grilled Chicken Dinner** will be served from **11am to 1pm**. Sign up for working at station of your interest. We ask that you also sign up for bringing a pan of bars. Jeff & Kari Larson will head the Chicken Dinner. In order to run a successful event, we need lots of

help (which means sign up to help). The parade on Main Street begins at 1:30pm.

CLEANING KITCHEN

Wednesday, July 17 at 10am, we meet to clean our kitchen and pantry. When we are done, we will eat lunch out. W/ELCA buys.

FARMERS MARKET

Gary Ebensperger reminds us all to shop on **Fridays, 3-5pm in our church parking lot** at the weekly Farmers Market. Gary has volunteered to head this project.

SCHOOL KITS

In July and August we will begin collecting items for School Kits, or we will bargain shop items for you. Make check to Fristad and indicate it is for School Kits on the memo. Items needed are listed to the left.

SOAP COLLECTION

Collection of bars of soap (bath-sized—4 to 5 oz, in its original wrapping) to go to Lutheran World Relief. You may make a cash donation. Indicate it is for soap in the memo line.

**Mission of the Month:
ANGEL TREE CAMPING**

Camp can be one of the most life-changing experiences that children of incarcerated parents can have. Through Angel Tree Camping, children of prisoners go to Christian summer camps, where they have the opportunity to have fun, fellowship with their peers, build relationships with caring camp counselors, and experience the love of God in the great outdoors. **Noisy Offering for this will be collected on July 28.**

Your Service is Our Ministry

July 7

Assisting Minister Lonnie Ellefson
Lector Brenda Lehmann
Ushers..Dennis Meinke & Kathy Vitalis

July 14 - Memory Days Weekend

Assisting MinisterBrent Bublitz
LectorMelinda Sorensen
Ushers..... Fran McLeod
..... Deverah Koshatka

July 21

Assisting MinisterTom Rivers
LectorKatheryn Rivers
Ushers..... Kathie Wilson
..... Wayne Hancock

July 28

Assisting Minister Lonnie Ellefson
LectorJudi Jepsen
Ushers..... Jim & Melinda Sorensen

August 4

Assisting Minister Brent Bublitz
Lector Elizabeth Ebensperger
Ushers Erv & Jan Lehmann

August 11

Assisting Minister Tom Rivers
LectorAl Arndt
Ushers Don & Laurie Ellefson

August 18

Assisting Minister Lonnie Ellefson
LectorBrenda Lehmann
Ushers . Dennis Meinke & Kathy Vitalis

August 25

Assisting Minister Brent Bublitz
Lector Melinda Sorensen
UshersJim & Melinda Sorensen

Altar Guild

July: Bev Edgell
August: Bev Edgell, Shirley Johnson

If you are unable to keep your scheduled date, please make arrangements for a replacement and then contact the church office.

Centuria Memory Days
July 11-14

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..... or text: 651-707-6501
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Don Ellefson, V. Pres 715-485-3088
Kathy Vitalis, Sec..... 715-557-0892
Al Arndt, Treas. 715-210-1355
Twyla Bublitz 715-646-2815
Gary Ebensperger 715-485-3541
Brent Priebe 612-743-3542
Jim Sorensen 715-554-3175

Secretary's Office Hours

Mary Pollock, Office Secretary
Tuesday8:30am-Noon
Wednesday8:30am-3:30pm
Friday8:30am-Noon

Birthdays

12	Hannah Yira	24	Lucie Nielsen
13	William Johnson	28	Diane Milligan
20	Mary Lou Mathews		



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July 2019

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Get ready for VBS 2019!

Led by staff from Luther Point Bible Camp
For students in 1st Grade-6th Grade

WHEN:

Sunday, August 4—Thursday, August 8

5:00pm Registration, gathering, games

5:30pm Dinner

7:30pm Closing, pick-up

WHERE:

North Valley Lutheran Church

COST: None

Please register by July 28



*"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world,
but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.
Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." (Romans 12:2 NLT)*

**LPBC DAY CAMP
HEALTH, EMERGENCY, AND
AUTHORIZATION INFORMATION FORM**
(For one night or less)



THIS BOX MUST BE COMPLETED FOR ATTENDANCE

Church where Day Camp is being held _____ Date _____
Town/ST _____

I understand and certify that my child's participation in Luther Point Bible Camp's (LPBC) Day Camp program held at the church and its activities is completely voluntary. I recognize that certain hazards and dangers are inherent in Day Camp events and programs and I acknowledge that although LPBC and the church have taken safety measures to minimize the risk of injury, LPBC and the church cannot insure nor guarantee that the participants' equipment, premises and/or activities will be free of hazards, accidents, and/or injuries. I further recognize and have instructed my child in the importance of knowing and abiding by LPBC and the church's rules, regulations and procedures for the safety of participants. I waive any claim against LPBC and the church and/or its personnel for any lost articles; for any injury to my minor child; and/or any injury to myself. The church assumes secondary insurance coverage. I assume primary coverage.

This health history is correct so far as I know, and the person named on this form has permission to engage in all camp activities except as noted.

AUTHORIZATION FOR TREATMENT: In case of emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the Day Camper. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the medical personnel selected by the church to order x-rays, routine tests, treatment, and necessary transportation for my child. I give permission to the physician selected by the church to secure and administer treatment, including hospitalization, for my child as named on this form.

AUTHORIZATION FOR TRANSPORTATION: I hereby give permission for my child to be transported for off-site outings.

AUTHORIZATION FOR USING LIKENESS: I hereby give permission for photographs/video including my child and/or myself to be used in the promotion of LPBC and/or the ELCA.

COMPLIANCE WITH ELECTRONICS POLICY: I understand that LPBC does not allow any electronic devices except cameras and I certify that I have ensured my child's compliance with this policy.

Signature of Camper's Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Reverse side of form must also be completed.

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The information on this form is gathered to assist us in identifying appropriate care and will only be shared with medical personnel. This form is to be completed by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of minors.

Camper's Name _____ Last _____ First _____ MI _____
Preferred Name _____ Female Male
Telephone _____ Birth Date _____
Home Address _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian—In an emergency, notify:
Name _____ Telephone _____
Relationship _____
Location while camper is at Day Camp _____
Who will be picking your child up? _____

HEALTH HISTORY

Does the camper have any physical condition requiring special care? Please explain.

Does the camper have any allergies, i.e.: food, meds, etc? If so, describe reaction and treatment.

Explain any activity restrictions:

Do you carry family medical/hospital insurance? _____ Yes _____ No
If so, indicate: Carrier _____
Policy or Group # _____

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Meeting Highlights from June 23, 2019

By Pastor Valerie

Devotions – Pastor shared with council a message similar to the newsletter article, concerning the realities of the changes coming, the work to be done after the first vote, the adjustments to be made as we move into the change and in the coming months and years. Grace will be needed, just as when a couple marries, gets through all the plans of the wedding, and then begins to adjust to the realities of living together. **GOD’S GRACE WILL BE SUFFICIENT** for us, as it was for apostle Paul in all his challenges – we just need to call out for it, and draw upon it.

Minutes approved. Treasurer’s report accepted. Pastor was on vacation, then sick for a week.

Property concerns:

Danny Ebensperger helped out with caulking cracks on the roof that might well be the source of the mysterious leak in the office window. He also fixed one of the toilets in the women’s

restroom. THANKS, DAN! Bushes need pruning out front; the arborvitae that had died was replaced. We need an electrician to do some important work to protect and secure the wiring for the bell tower, and Don will make an enquiry. We also got the name of a 2nd person for a bid on the parking lot, and Don will follow up on that. Several from council went over to the parsonage to assess the state of affairs, and remove the old appliances to be recycled. One member of the CPR has offered to help us find a good renter if/when we are ready to rent.

We are working on updating the **council/committee list**, and getting after an audit for 2018.

The date and meeting for voting on consolidation was set as we talked with the congregation at worship – **July 14**, sometime during the worship time, likely at the end of the hour. Five volunteers will coordinate getting that prepared and carried out so all active members present that day can get their ballots, and enter their vote. **THANK YOU, VOTE SUPERVISORS!**

We discussed the suggestion coming from Milltown council to **begin joint worship immediately after July 14, if the vote is yes**. Council members agreed it was a good idea. It raises questions about summer schedule/changes, etc, and it was suggested that perhaps councils could meet together on July 21 to work out the schedule for the remainder of the summer. Pastor will ask.

Pastor also raised the issue of extending her contract beyond June 30, for how long, and for what hours. With so many unknowns about how things will develop and change and come together, we settled on extension to August 15 with the present arrangement. Pastor Angie will be a delegate to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly, and will be gone more than a week in early August, so Pastor Valerie can cover the first two Sundays. After that, perhaps Valerie can be with Angie like John the Baptist was with Jesus, “S/He must increase, but I must decrease.”

Next meeting set for July 21.

CPR Taskforce Update

The CPR Taskforce has held their last meeting before our joint Worship on June 30 at 10am at Fristad. Our Dream Teams and Taskforce will be giving a short presentation after Worship and will be available for any questions or conversations during the potluck and fellowship after.

There will be handbooks available with all the teams dreams and the taskforce items.

These handbooks will also be available at the three congregations for those of you who cannot attend on June 30. Please talk to any of the team or taskforce

members with any questions or concerns you may have.

Dates to remember:

June 30 joint Worship, informational meeting with handbooks available and potluck at Fristad. We hope you can attend.

July 1 handbooks will be available at your congregations for you.

July 14 special congregational meetings at all 3 churches to vote on continuing to work towards consolidation.

I would like to thank all of our members

who works on our dream teams and taskforce. They have done an excellent job at doing God’s work.

Please continue to pray and let the Spirit guide you for God’s plan for our congregations future.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

God’s grace, peace, and blessings to you all.

David Beaulieu
CPR Taskforce Coordinator

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«AddressBlock»

Worship with Holy Communion every Sunday at 9 am
Refreshments & Fellowship following the service

Remember to bring in non-perishable food items on the first & third Sundays of the month for the local food shelves.

HAPPENING IN JULY

Wed, July 10 1:30pm Women's Bible Study at Fristad

Sat, July 13 4pm Variety Show
5:30pm Pie Social

Sun, July 14 9am Worship
Voting on continuing the work toward consolidation
11am-1pm Chicken Dinner

On July 14, we will have a Special Congregation Meeting to vote on continuing work toward consolidation. Here is our Constitution's explanation of a Voting Member:

Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation.

Scholarship Applications

Money endowed by John Larson and Kathy Glunz is available for post-secondary scholarships.

Applications are available in the church office or online at www.fristad.org.

Applications must be returned to Fristad by July 15.

Past recipients are eligible to apply again if they are still attending school.