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as God commands, accept His grace, and
share the Good News."

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10 AM WORSHIP



THE PARABLES † *May 2023*



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Registration form:

French River Lutheran Church

Vacation Bible School

June 12-14, 2023

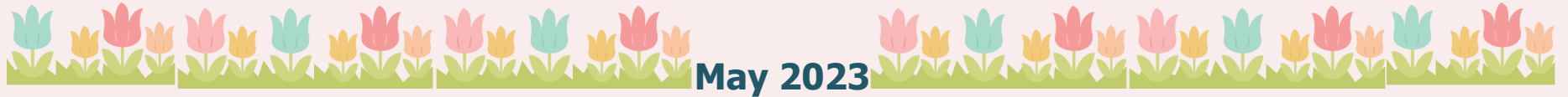
9 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10/child

Age 3 (potty trained) - **Completed 4th Grade**

5th Grade and older: We'd love to have you as a helper!!

Return form to the church office or email FRLCYouth@gmail.com by May 31st.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9a Bulletin Deadline 5-6p Riversong Rising 5:45p Exec. Council 7p AA	3 6p Fish Force 7p Choir Practice	4	5 6p Camp Vermillion Family Overnight	6 8a-3p Camp Vermillion Work Day
5th Sunday of Easter 7 10a Worship in-person & online 10:45-11:30a Sun. School 11:15a Coffee Fellowship	8 6p Finance 6p Adult Bible Study	9 9a Bulletin Deadline 7p COUNCIL 7p AA	10 6p Fish Force 7p Choir Practice	11 10:30a W&M 1p WELCA	12	13 9a-2p Gloria Dei WELCA Spring Fling
6th Sunday of Easter 14 10a Worship in-person & online 10:45-11:30a Sun. School 11:15a Coffee Fellowship	15 6p Adult Bible Study	16 9a Bulletin Deadline 7p AA	17 7a D/NSSD 9a Parables Deadline 9a-1p Days for Girls 6p Fish Force (Last one) 7p Choir Practice	18 9a-1p Days for Girls 7:30p F.R. Readers	19 6p Camp Hiawatha Family Overnight	20 8a-3p Camp Hiawatha Work Day
7th Sunday of Easter 21 10a Worship in-person & online 10:45-11:30a Sun. School (Last One) 11:15a Coffee Fellowship	22 6p Adult Bible Study	23 9a Bulletin Deadline 7p AA	24 7p Choir Practice	25 9a Outreach	26	27
Day of Pentecost 28 9a Worship in-person & online 11:15a Coffee Fellowship	29 6p Adult Bible Study	30 9a Bulletin Deadline 7p AA	31 10a Parables Assem. 11a Hospitality 7p Choir Practice	Remember to take a turn and sign up to care for our grounds in the narthex. Thank you!	Please be mindful of little ones coming and going in the parking lot. Bulky winter clothing might make it harder for them to see cars 😊	

Date	Ushers	Lector	Communion Asst.* /Counter	Altar Guild	Coffee Fellowship
7	Wayne & Peggy Dahlberg	Sue Baker	Armand Nelson*/Sue Baker	Kathy Pierson	Susie L, Claire P. & Brita A.
14	Jon & Beth Luikart	Jacquie Eubanks	Sheila Leppala*/Rolf Carlson	Judee Sundstrom	Laura Herzog & Julia Mortinson
21	Phil & Babs Strom	Peggy Dahlberg	Adam Marks/Ken Peterson	Judee Sundstrom	Jenny B. & Beth H.
28	Dick & Marilyn Story	Mary Ann Sironen	Loren Slette*/Dave Edblom	Judee Sundstrom	Doug & Lynne Compton
Prayer Chain: Babs Strom 218-525-6200			Coffee Fellowship: Hebron, Lynne Compton 218-525-1226		



FRENCH RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A Message from Pastor Kim



"As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" -Luke 24:28-32

FINDING CHRIST IN THE ORDINARY

We are now in the Easter Season for the next fifty days until Pentecost. It's our time to find rebirth in the resurrection stories of our ordinary lives and faith.

The Road to Emmaus story is a wonderful example of Christ meeting us where we are in ordinary places while doing ordinary things. Not a test per say but to see how we share the story of the miracle of the Risen Christ, but a way of sharing that wonder and hope for even strangers we meet along the way.

Maybe that's the way it's been happening from the beginning. Maybe that's the way it still happens in our experience. The with-us-love of God, the death-transcending love of God, the Lord who has been

raised up, joins us incognito on life's journey. Maybe Christ talks with us in ordinary situations, through ordinary people.

That's not how we expect it to happen. Nor is it how we would prefer it. We would like our divine Savior to show himself to us in a dramatic way. Perhaps a dramatic mystical experience in meditation and prayer? Perhaps in a profound aesthetic experience in a beautiful sanctuary in the flow of beautiful songs? Perhaps in a dramatic justice and peace happening in times of violence and oppression? OR Perhaps a dramatic vision at the foot of our bed at midnight when we feel most lost?

If many of us had our way, we would have a religious schedule of such events planned every few weeks to keep us simmering with faith and love, lifting us high above the perennial, plain, the plodding, sometimes boring stuff of ordinary life. But my faithful friends, that is not how it usually is with God. This is not the way Christ most commonly works. For most lovely followers there are no such dramatic moments. For many of us, it is merely a life of steady growing and walking humbly with a God who stays hidden; some of the most saintly people I have known, recount no dramatic times at all.

This I truly believe: the most frequent way God approaches us is in ordinary people, in ordinary situations, those with whom we travel the common path, or whose way crosses ours on life's journey. This event in the fabric of our Christian journeys, may seem a low-key event, not like the stirring Easter Morning, but if you think God is any the less present in the mundane moments of assurance and hearts burning, you are sorely mistaken.

Today and every day we are to remember those two travelers who did not recognize the stranger who walked with them for a while. Just another ordinary human being constituted the most extraordinary event. They sat, invited them to stay for dinner, and in the moment of the breaking of bread, they knew they had experienced Christ.

These moments of the ordinary, teaching us so many lessons about ourselves, and the lives we lead, however high or low energy, show us that God in Christ Jesus, is with us in all we do and are in the goodness and energy of the Holy Spirit. God's blessings to you in the small simple events of your days where you find yourself centered in awe with God at your heart and mind.

😊 Pastor Kimberly Sturtz

Days for Girls



Our many volunteers, both from French River and beyond, have been making Days for Girls kits and components for several years. Our kits had been going to El Salvador with Deb and Bob Adams on their Mission of Healing; Deb and Bob would drive to Duluth to pick up their

granddaughter who was going to UMD, and if there were components ready, Carol Surine would meet them at Starbucks or Vanilla Bean for a suitcase transfer. That ended with the death of Deb, but now our DfG items are headed to Mongolia!

Our Duluth Team began holding events again after the covid restrictions were lifted. We would meet one or two days each month, working with our flannel and cotton. Many of our team members brought fabric home to finish. And now we have materials to send!

Here's what the suitcases contain:

Drawstring bags	139
Liners	2761
Shields	133
Transport bags	105
Panties	607
Wash cloths	207



10 suitcases, packed and ready to go

Ten suitcases were picked up by Sue Thomson, a friend of Carol Surine's who is going to Iowa for a visit, for a relay-type of interim transfer. They were packed – oh, really packed! – into the trunk and back seat of the car, and our contact Ginny met her at the intersection of I-35 and Highway 20, west of

Waterloo, IA, to complete the first part of their journey. Ginny and her team will add these components to theirs and assemble them into full kits. Ginny and her husband, who is a pastor, will take them to Mongolia.



Carol Surine and Sue Thomson, with a loaded SUV

Days for Girls is an ongoing ministry, and we are always looking for volunteers. If you sew, that's wonderful, but there are many tasks that do not require sewing skills, and there are no unimportant jobs! Our next sewing event will be May 17th and 18th from 9 AM – 1 PM. Lunch is provided, and your presence will be appreciated. If you'd like more information, contact Carol Surine at 218-525-4426.

Palm Sunday Children Singing



Adult Bible Study at FRLC

Adult Bible Study: *The Chosen*

A charismatic fisherman drowning in debt, a troubled woman wrestling with real demons. A gifted publican ostracized by his family and his people. A religious leader struggling with his beliefs. See Jesus through the eyes of those that met him.



Our next Adult Bible Study features *The Chosen* (season one, 2017). As the biggest crowdfunded project in TV history, *The Chosen* is the first-ever multi-season show about the life of Jesus. Paper copies of "The Chosen Interactive Bible Study" are available from the standing shepherd (next to the Welcome Center), on our webpage

www.frenchriverlutheran.org

(home page, #6 under "News", or [/home/180019402/180019402/Images/The Chosen - Bible Study Guide Season One complete.pdf](#)).

Watch episodes at home and then come for discussion on Mondays at 6:00 PM in the Fireside Room. If you miss some episodes or cannot start at the beginning, no worries -- come and join the study at any time!

Watch *The Chosen* on a variety of platforms, including mobile, TV, and web. Search "Angel Studios" on your platform of choice to download or view the content. It is also available on a variety of streaming services such as Netflix and Peacock.

About *The Chosen* and creative license: *The Chosen* uses the truth of Scripture mixed with bouts of creative license. The creative license comes in the form of how characters are portrayed, as well as minor extrapolations of their backstory, such as Simon's relationship with his wife Eden or Matthew's autism. However, the arc of the gospel message throughout the season remains true to Scripture, as does, overall, the historical representation of customs and the chronological progression of Jesus' ministry.



Upcoming Events

French River Readers

The April meeting of the French River Readers was postponed due to unfortunate weather conditions, so the May book title is not available as of this publishing date. The May meeting will be held on May 18th in the Fireside Room of French River Lutheran Church at 7:30 PM. Please note the time change; we meet in the evenings May - October. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Surine at carolsurine@gmail.com or 218-525-4426.



Upcoming Camp Opportunities

CAMP WORK DAY - VERMILION

- Saturday, May 6, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Camp Vermillion, 2555 Vermilion Camp Road, Cook, MN
- RSVP at <https://www.vlmcamps.org/all-programs-events/camp-work-day-vermillion-spring> or call the camp office at [\(800\) 331-5148](tel:8003315148).

CAMP WORK DAY - HIAWATHA

- Saturday, May 20, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Camp Hiawatha, 36944 Camp Hiawatha Road, Deer River, MN
- RSVP at <https://www.vlmcamps.org/all-programs-events/camp-work-day-hiawatha-spring> or call the camp office at [\(800\) 331-5148](tel:8003315148).

BOTH WORK DAYS:

Ages: All ages

Cost: Free

MARK YOUR CALENDARS & RALLY YOUR CONGREGATION -- Camp Work Day is a

time to prepare the site for our summer camping season and we can't do that without your help!

SCHEDULE

8:00 - 9:30 - Registration & breakfast

8:30 - 12:30 - The work happens!

12:30 - Lunch

1:30 - The work continues for as long as people are able to stay.*

FAMILY OVERNIGHT – VERMILION

- Friday, May 5, 6:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Saturday, May 6
- Camp Vermilion, 2555 Vermilion Camp Road, Cook, MN
- Register: <https://www.vlmcamps.org/all-programs-events/family-overnight-vermillion-2023> or call the camp office at [\(800\) 331-5148](tel:8003315148) by April 28.

FAMILY OVERNIGHT – HIAWATHA

- Friday, May 19, 6:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Saturday, May 20
- Camp Hiawatha, 36944 Camp Hiawatha Road, Deer River, MN
- Register: <https://www.vlmcamps.org/all-programs-events/family-overnight-vermillion-2023> and select Camp Hiawatha or call the camp office at [\(800\) 331-5148](tel:8003315148) by May 12.

BOTH OVERNIGHTS:

Ages: All ages

Cost: \$0 - \$50/family*

Family Overnight is a great opportunity to introduce new friends to camp – especially if the camper (or camper parent) is nervous about being away from home this summer. Arrive anytime after 4:30 PM and join us Friday night for dinner with games, campfire, and fellowship in the evening. After breakfast on Saturday, explore the camps on your own or join in on Work Day as we get our camps ready for the summer. Family Overnight is also open to youth groups!

This event is free if you help with Work Day. \$50 per family if you are unable to stay for Work Day.

Covid-19 safety protocols will be in effect during these overnight experiences.



Gloria Dei WELCA

Gloria Dei WELCA invites you to their

Spring Fling

Saturday, May 13 9:00 am – 2:00 pm



Hillside Room in the church.
Home-made craft items, bakery,
“Country Store.”
Lunch will be served.



Please join Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS) at our Duluth Benefit for Youth in support of LSS Youth & Family Services. Your generosity will give thousands of young Minnesotans and the adults who care for them access to safety, stability, housing, opportunity and much more.

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

5:30 pm Registration and Dinner*

6:15 pm Find Seats

6:30 pm Program

7:00 pm Checkout

Clyde Iron Works

2920 W Michigan Street

Duluth, Minnesota

*Dinner will be self-serve at food stations and will remain open during checkout after the program concludes. Please stay and enjoy!

Tickets for this event are \$25 and are not tax deductible.

Kindly RSVP by **Thursday May, 11.**

For questions or assistance, please contact LSS Events at 651.432.4731 or events@lssmn.org.

****If you would like the link emailed to you (it is long) you can email Tiffany in the FRLC office: frlc5310@gmail.com****

As you can see from the pledge thermometer posted in the narthex, support is great for the Outdoor Worship & Gathering Center. If you donate to this project, please be sure to designate on your offering envelope and/or your check that your donation is for the “Outdoor Worship Space” (“OWS”) so that our Financial Secretary is sure of your intent.



Are you skilled in providing **blood pressure checks?** We

would like to occasionally offer this service on Sundays after church. Please contact Jacquie Eubanks, Sue Baker, or the church office with your interest.

Take Note

Offering Envelopes



The offering envelopes are finally in and can be picked up at the Welcome Center at the back of the church. If you did not find a box with your name and

would like one, please indicate with the church office and we will get one for you.

COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE

FRENCH RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH PARKING LOT

JUNE 10, 2023

SATURDAY 08:00 AM - 12:00 PM

It's time to purge! And/or shop for new treasures!
Vendor spots are available for \$10.

Email: Frlc5310@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

FRLC Youth

Let's get our Youth involved in the Worship Service! Would your child like to read the Prayer of the Day or the scripture readings? Or how about being an usher and greeter? Or do they have a special musical talent they would like to share with the congregation? Once per month (usually the 4th Sunday), we will have youth involved in leading Worship! Contact Kim Marks at FRLCYouth@gmail.com if your youth is interested in being involved.

Upcoming dates are:

May 14th
 June 18th
 July 23rd

Upcoming dates to note for Youth:

May 14th – Youth in Worship [special music]
 May 21st – Last day of Sunday school
 June 12th-14th – VBS 9:00am-12:00pm
 June 16th – Camp Out at FLRC!
 June 17th – Grandma's Marathon Concessions and Parking
 June 18th – Youth in Worship [special music]



Vacation Bible School sign up is available by scanning the front page of this edition of *The Parables* or by contacting the FRLC office for a registration form.
frlc5310@gmail.com

May Celebrations



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| 1 Madison Haveri | 18 Kim Adams |
| 2 Cambrie Ann Buckley | 18 Pr. Mark Peters |
| 2 Pam Grumdahl | 19 Annika Kuettel |
| 3 Blake Vatne | 20 Julie Johnson |
| 4 Kathy Weidemann | 20 Gordon Lukkonen |
| 5 Julia Mortinson | 20 David Pierson |
| 6 Mark Jeronimus | 22 Kaitlyn Holstad |
| 6 Kathryn Pierson | 23 James Dahlberg |
| 6 Alison Poe-Johnson | 23 Carol Surine |
| 6 Joseph Tuttle | 25 Rita Cook |
| 7 Nancy Lennartson | 25 Wayne Dahlberg |
| 7 Sue Garver | 25 Dave Holck |
| 7 Baily Panger | 26 Sheila Leppala |
| 8 Iris Hansen | 26 Phil Jensen |
| 8 Izaiah Sorvik | 27 Kim Burke |
| 9 Carol Leppala | 27 Nancy Hauge |
| 10 Tim Andrews | 28 Jeanne Atkinson |
| 10 Andrea Darsow | 28 Gage Buckwalter |
| 10 Thomas Strom | 28 James L. Norenberg |
| 11 Linzy Eck | 28 Sarah Masterson |
| 14 Linda Johnson | 29 Patricia Russell |
| 14 Steve Twining | 30 Pr. Greg Anderson |
| 14 Laurie Edblom | 30 Don McTavish |
| 14 Annalise Fiebiger | 31 Calley Johnson |
| 16 Lonnie Sironen | 31 Stacey Johnson |
| 17 Kurt Johnson | 31 Mary Ann Sironen |
| 17 Avery Makesroom | |
| 17 Patty Nysten | |



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| 1 Anthony & LuAnne Miltakis |
| 2 Raymond & Gail Johnson |
| 13 Scott & Tracey Anderson |
| 21 Rich & Molly Hoeg |
| 21 Gerald & Catherine Kortesmaki |
| 24 Jeff & Casey Fladmark |
| 30 Dave & Cassie Chura |
| 31 Pr. Greg & Jennifer Anderson |
| 31 Todd & Renee Andrews |
| 31 Tom & Diane Grubb |

Lessons This Month

May 7 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

[Acts 7:55-60](#); [Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16](#); [1 Peter 2:2-10](#);
[John 14:1-14](#).

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today’s gospel includes Jesus’ promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father’s house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus’ mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

May 14 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

[Acts 17:22-31](#); [Psalm 66:8-20](#); [1 Peter 3:13-22](#);
[John 14:15-21](#).

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord’s table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

May 21 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

[Acts 1:6-14](#); [Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35](#);
[1 Peter 4:12-14](#); [5:6-11](#); [John 17:1-11](#).

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today’s gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

May 28 – Day of Pentecost

[Acts 2:1-21](#); [Numbers 11:24-30](#) (alternate);
[Psalm 104:24-34, 35b](#); [1 Corinthians 12:3b-13](#);
[Acts 2:1-21](#) (alternate); [John 20:19-23](#);
[John 7:37-39](#) (alternate).

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God’s presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God’s presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive

sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God’s redeeming love to all the world.

FRLC Financial Facts

March budget \$19,490

March general offering \$14,050



Service Teams

Everyone at FRLC is encouraged to participate on a Service Team. If you are not sure which team you are on, please contact the office. Teams serve a different month each year. The schedule for the next three months is:

Team	Captain	Month
Hebron	Lynne Compton 525-1226	May `23
Emmaus	Joan Kuettel 391-7680	Jun `23
Nazareth	Carolyn Marino 525-6431	Jul `23

A 2023 calendar is available for coffee fellowship sign-up. Look for it on the Welcome Center in the narthex.

CHUM News

St. Francis Update! Volunteers Needed.

At St. Francis, we aim to help seniors experiencing homelessness achieve their late-stage life goals. Many tenants have expressed their hopes to beautify their living space and put some flowers in the flower boxes. We need:

- Seeds and Plants
- People to help us get them started

In addition to beautiful flowers for the outside, we are working on plans for Spring cleaning, once the weather permits! We’re planning on cleaning the inside as well as the outside of our building. To do this, we’re going to need the help of volunteers. The day won’t just be work; there will be a BBQ and outdoor games for everyone!

Friday evenings at 5:30 pm we have UNO and Saturdays at 5:30 pm we are hosting BINGO nights. When we have staff and supplies, we’re also doing craft days. If you would like to volunteer to come to hang out and have fun with tenants, this is just the thing!

If you are interested in any of these things fill out our volunteer form and join us. That will help us get in contact with you so that we can coordinate these events! Make sure to indicate you would like to volunteer at St. Francis!

Save The Date!

May Assembly, May 16th - Gathering of delegates from each congregation. St. Michaels 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Sunday, June 4th - Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Location to come. We are gathering together to give thanks for all that we have been able to do.

Saturday, June 24th - The SUPER Rhubarb Festival!

This will be the biggest Rhubarb Festival since 2019! There will be lots of games and activities for families. And many opportunities to volunteer.



Introducing Jacquie Eubanks! Jacquie joined us in January, and has already served as a lector!

Jacquie moved to Two Harbors in August, with her husband Tim and her 91 year-old mother Charlaire Ramnes. She is the primary caregiver for both; Charlaire has late onset Parkinson's disease resulting in limited mobility. Tim has vascular dementia and very bad eyesight due to cancer of the eye, but recent laser surgery has improved his sight a little bit. He also has spinal stenosis, which makes it difficult to sit for any length of time.

Jacquie was born in southwestern Minnesota and grew up in New London. After graduating from St. Benedict's with a degree in nursing and psychology she went into a med-surg unit and then into Public Health Nursing in Willmar. Jacquie was an athletic tomboy; her parents owned a canoe outfitter in New London, and she was a professional snowmobiler for a time. She was married and divorced after 10 years; she has one son, Ryan, who lives in Mora with his wife and two children. Ryan is a member of the International Ski Patrol.

She moved to Florida 30 years ago and worked as the Public Health Administrator for Sarasota County. She ran the ob-gyn clinic, adult health clinic, HIV clinic and started a new clinic in Northport Florida, during the time they'd been hit by a hurricane.

Her husband Tim grew up in the south. In college he played linebacker for Georgia Tech, and later he owned and operated a restaurant in Helen, Georgia. He has one son as well; his son Andrew still lives in Florida.

Jacquie met Tim when she moved to Florida, and they will celebrate 25 years of marriage this year. When they moved to Two Harbors,



Jacquie Eubanks

they bought the house sight unseen, and found that everything looks a little bigger in pictures than in person! Since Jacquie is an enthusiastic cook, they started a project: tore out a wall to expand the kitchen. Six months later and they have a new floor, new cabinets, and new appliances. They also discovered they need a new roof!

Just as in Two Harbors, New London had a Norwegian Lutheran church, Trinity, and a Swedish Lutheran Church, Lebanon. Jacquie is a lifelong Lutheran, confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church. In later years, the two churches merged to form Peace Lutheran.

Jacquie loves to sew but most of all, collecting, designing, and making doll houses. They have two red-headed dogs, Jackson and Bella.

Their house is across from Carol Leppala, and it is Carol who invited Jacquie to French River. And we are delighted she did, and Jacquie came! Make sure you say hi to her at Coffee Fellowship.



One of Jacquie's favorite dollhouses

French River Lutheran Church

CONGREGATION MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 19, 2023

“To live and love as God Commands, accept His Grace, and share the Good News”

1. Call to Order after Sunday service by Ken Peterson - quorum in attendance
2. Devotion/Opening Liturgy (Pastor Kim Sturtz)
3. Motion made by Phil Strom and seconded by Carolyn Marino to approve funding for the Fellowship Hall floor and adjacent projects, not to exceed \$22,500. MOTION CARRIED with 43 yeah/0 nays/1 indifferent.
 - A. It was moved by Phil Strom that we cast a unanimous bally. Motion did not carry as a paper ballot is required for a motion like this, per a by-law change made in the past year.
 - B. A carpet selection committee has been formed to work with a designer to select the carpet for the fellowship hall.
 - C. Funding plan:
 - \$5,200 – designated offerings
 - \$3,800 – designated memorial funds
 - \$6,240 - undesignated memorial funds
 - Up to \$7,260 as needed – capital improvement fund
4. Motion approved to adjourn the meeting. (Pastor Kim/Babs Strom)

Submitted by Sheila Leppala, Secretary



Attention High School & College Graduates! Graduate Sunday at FRLC is approaching! A date will be confirmed soon in weekly bulletins. If you would like to share this achievement with the Congregation, please email your name, parents names, address, school you are graduating from and plans for after graduation to frlc5310@gmail.com. This information will be shared in the bulletin on Graduate Sunday and in the July edition of the Parables. -Thank you!



French River Lutheran Church

MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 11, 2023

“To live and love as God Commands, accept His Grace, and share the Good News”

2021-2024		2022-2025		2023-2026	
Sheila Leppala	P	Sue Baker	P	ArMand Nelson	P
Ken Peterson	P	Rolf Carlson	P	Dave Edblom	P
Haeli Pettis	P			Adam Marks	P
Loren Slette	P			Others:	
				Pastor Kim	XX
				Barb Jackson	P

P-Present XX-Excused MSC-motion made, seconded, carried →-Action Item

1. Call to order at 7:00 PM by Rolf Carlson

2. Devotion: Haeli

3. Adjustment to the agenda—a few additions were made to new business.

4. Devotions for council 2023

- A. May – ArMand Nelson
- B. Jun – Dave Edblom
- C. Aug – Loren Slette
- D. Sep – Adam Marks
- E. Oct – Sheila Leppala
- F. Nov – Rolf Carlson
- G. Dec – Ken Peterson
- H. Jan '24 – Pastor Kim

5. Offering Counters: *helps with communion

- A. April 16 – ArMand*, Dave
- B. April 23 – Haeli*, Rolf
- C. April 30 – Adam*, Sue
- D. May 7 – Sue, ArMand*
- E. May 14 – Sheila*, Rolf
- F. May 21 – Ken, Adam*
- G. May 28 - Loren*, Dave

6. Financial Report:

- A. \$10K less on giving Jan-Mar YTD 2023 compared to Jan-Mar YTD 2022.
- B. Health insurance budget didn't include admin charges.
- C. Approved March financials. MSC (Sheila/ArMand)

7. Secretary's Report:

- A. Approved March secretary's report via email on March 17th (majority approved plus the president)

8. Pastor's Report – Highlights for past month

- A. Pastor on schedule vacation, no report yet.

9. Standing Reports: *reports submitted

- A. Moved Adam Marks to Christian Life liaison and David Edblom to Operations liaison.
- B. Approved standing committee reports. MSC ()
- C. Christian Life (*liaison: ArMand Nelson, Adam Marks, Haeli Pettis*)
 - i. Faith Formation (Youth/Sunday School, Confirmation, Adult Education/Bible Study)
 - ii. Hospitality (Compassion/Care*: Prayer Shawls, Wellness/BP Screening, Sunshine Ministry, Scrap Happy Quilters)
 - iii. Long Range Planning
 - iv. Memorial
 - v. Worship/Music* (Altar Guild)
- D. Mission Life Committees (*liaison: Sue Baker*)
 - i. Outreach* (Seafarers; Scholarship; Compassion/Care: CHUM, MN Foodshare, Days for Girls)
 - ii. Stewardship (Eco Faith) – *met during past week*
- E. Operations (*liaisons: Dave Edblom, Loren Slette*)
 - i. Audit (Carol Surine, Carolyn Marino, Kim Marks)
 - ii. Finance*
 - iii. Property

- F. Women of French River (WOFR / WELCA) Auxiliary
- G. Executive Committee (Pastor, President, VP, Secretary)
 - i. Mutual Ministry
 - ii. Staff Relations

10. Correspondence – none**11. Old Business**

- A. Fellowship Hall floor
 - i. Approved motion at Special Congregational Meeting, March 19th: “Seeking approval, not to exceed \$22,500, for Fellowship Hall floor and adjacent projects”
 - ii. New carpet samples selected by members. Quote is under budget. Ready to purchase.
- B. Property
 - i. Installing a handrail for steps going towards altar
- C. Moving Memorial Funds for from one project to another
 - i. Approved updated policy and procedure to include that we will let future donors know if projects completed and there are left over funds, they will move to the undesignated funds account. MSC (Ken/Adam)
- D. Outdoor Worship Space
 - i. Working on additional staining samples. 3 rounds of volunteers completed staining. Other materials need the same process with the next work date is April 15.
- E. Sabbatical application submission
 - i. Received confirmation that grant application was received and is being processed - will hear response in August.
 - ii. The Synod is currently voting on the updated Sabbatical Guidelines. We will receive a copy when they are completed.
- F. Photo directory update: Looking for a volunteer to coordinate this. There are members of the Hospitality Committee willing to help.

12. New Business

- A. Church property
 - i. Considering combining parcels so that the remainder of church property will be on 1 parcel, combining 8 current lots down to 2.
 - ii. Adam looking into options to purchase the tiny corner piece of State property.
- B. Website update
 - i. Tabled until May. Need commitments from committees to update their web pages.

13. Upcoming:

- A. Council Meeting minutes email approval deadline Sunday, April 16
- B. Parables Deadline — Wednesday, April 19, 9:00 A.M.
- C. Executive: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 5:45 P.M.
- D. Finance: Monday, May 8, 2023 6:00 P.M.
- E. Council: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

14. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M. MSC (Loren/Sue)**15. Closing with The Lord’s Prayer**

Submitted by Sheila Leppala, Secretary

Stewardship Message

Matthew 13:3-7 "Parable of the Good Sower"

Have you considered how you might sow the seeds of your faith within our church and community? Here are some suggestions:

- Attend church regularly with your family
- Volunteer to usher or be a lector
- Give regularly to support our church mission
- Volunteer soon to assist with Vacation Bible school June 12-14,2023
- Support the LSS youth programs by attending the May program at Clyde Iron, (info to be found in this parables)
- Encourage your child to attend Bible Camp
- Help organize our 100th Anniversary Celebration in 2024
- Pray regularly for our church or someone in need of prayers.

These are just some suggestions for each of us. As a committee, we will continue to hold up ways for you to encourage your own faith journey as well as reach out to others. May each of you 'sow your seeds' wisely to continue the mission of FRLC.



See something wrong? Need a birthday or anniversary changed? Do you receive multiple mailings of *The Parables* at your address and your family only needs one? Help update our records by contacting the office with changes. If you know of someone who needs to be added or deleted from *The Parables* mailing list, please contact us. Switching to receive by email is also an option! Thank you!



Sunday, May 28: The start of worship changes to **9:00 AM** and lasts throughout the summer!

Ways to Worship

FRLC offers in-person worship, as well as the option to continue to worship virtually.

- Worship **VIRTUALLY** with us! Visit www.frenchriverlutheran.org or send your email address to our office, frlc5310@gmail.com, and receive a weekly email to the direct link: <https://www.youtube.com/c/FrenchRiverLutheranChurch>
 - Visit www.frenchriverlutheran.org **HOME PAGE** for a link to archived services.

Please contact the office with any inquires.

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