

PASTOR'S CORNER

Pastor Dean Hedlund

Does God really need our help to get His work done? The short answer is, of course, no.

He created the heavens and the earth without our help, so, He seems fairly capable of getting stuff done all on His own!

But, The Bible gives several accounts of where, in His unfathomable Wisdom, He waits for our obedience before carrying out an action. One account is found in Joshua 3:13. The Israelites are ready to cross over into the promised land, and all that stands between them is the high water of the Jordan River during spring floods.

So, in Joshua 3:13 God tells Joshua, "And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the LORD – the LORD of all the earth – **set foot in the Jordan** (emphasis mine), its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap."

In other words, "I'll let you cross that ominous river as soon as you get your feet wet."

Is there a 'river' you are waiting to cross? Is there a "promised land" that you wish to enter? Let this little gem of a verse give us both encouragement and instruction. Wonderful things await you in God's promised land, but you first need to prove that your trust is in Him, by first stepping into the situation and getting your feet wet. Amen!

See you on the other side!

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Lutheran
Church is
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grounded in the
Biblical
Truth of God's
Word, committed
to
inspiring Spiritual
Growth,
and reaching out
to all to Proclaim
Salvation through
Jesus Christ.**

Sweet Devotions

Here I am, Lord. Send Me!

Isaiah 6:8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Notice the exclamation at the end ... Send me! Isaiah was not timid in answering his call. He boldly said, "Send me!" We need to keep our ears tuned into God so we can hear when He speaks to us. We need to seek after God so our eyes can see what He is revealing to us. Seek His purpose, discern His calling and BOLDLY answer, "Send me!"

We, as Christians, are living in a time of persecution. We must boldly proclaim God's Truth and shine His light so brilliantly that it cannot be ignored. Our desire and courage to carry out this purpose comes from God and is powerful in the name of Jesus Christ. Our discernment is from the power of the Holy Spirit within us.

"Heavenly Father, here I am. Send me!"

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All committees and groups are encouraged to submit their information for the newsletter by the first of the month to Connie Berg at ncberg@mncable.net

Youth News

Youth Director

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Up Coming Events:

Corn Maze: For All Area Church Youth Groups
September 13th 3:30pm 4th – 6th Graders
October 2nd 6:30pm 7th – 12th Graders

Beltrami Trail Ride: FULC Youth September 29th 1:00pm



Mission Trip 2024

We left Roseau on July 27th and traveled to Indianapolis. We arrived on Sunday evening at Faith Community Church, our housing site for the week. We served at a different location each day and even split a day to serve in two locations. The kids learned about the large homeless population while prepping and serving a noon meal at Wheeler's Mens Mission. This shelter has a capacity to house 260 men but can extend that to 400 in the winter months. The youth plated 81 meals and the adult chaperones served them to men at their tables. After the meal the kids cleaned up and helped prep for the supper meal. Wheelers also has 2 other shelters including one that is apartment style to house up to 34 family units. We learned about the many "food deserts" that exist in the Indy area where the only places to purchase food are dollar stores and gas stations. We helped in a church owned garden that harvests their produce for their onsite senior living center and then send the extra to food pantries around the city. All of the work is done by volunteers and has been in existence since 2010. We sorted clothing/household donations to be sent to the Salvation Army and to a thrift store. Everything that is sorted for the thrift store is delivered and given away to anyone in need. The kids learned a lot about clothing sizes for men, women, and children as we worked to put them in gender/size categories. We spent a day at Westminster non-profit. They house a food pantry, a summer youth program (which had just ended), an afterschool program and other community events. We helped sort school supplies and inventory school uniforms. They had given out over 400 backpacks with school supplies and still had carts of supplies left. We helped clean their classrooms and help them get ready for the afterschool program as school started the first week of August. Their summer program/after school program serves approximately 45 youth and all but 2 of those youth are at least two school years behind where they should be. These youth are served meals and snacks and work with tutors and participate in other school enrichment activities. Our last day was spent at St. Vincents, a large food pantry. This warehouse serves anyone in the area that is in need of food. There are no requirements to be able to come in and shop other than registering with their name. It is open morning and evening hours 3 days a week and 3 hours on Saturday. The only rule they have is that you can only shop once a week. Kids helped in all areas of this warehouse; bagging produce, filling tables with product, assisting in shopping, bagging groceries, returning carts to the warehouse. This was my job and I walked over 3 miles in 3 hours collecting and returning carts. This facility serves 3500 people weekly.

We had daily devotions and group time to process what we were seeing and doing each day. It was an eye-opening experience for all of us. We also attended a church service at our host church. We also took some time to have fun on the last few days of our trip. We explored downtown Indy and visited the Indy Speedway. We did a lap on the track (a little slower than the 190 mph average) and the kids were able to "kiss the bricks" at the finish line and take pictures on the track. On our way home, we spent a beautiful hot day at a waterpark in Wisconsin Dells.

Thank you to fellow chaperones Jenna and Kelly. The memories this group made will last a lifetime. Thank you to our church family for supporting us on this adventure.

Youth Mission Trip 2024 Photos



Service day #3: Served 81 meals at a men's mission for the homeless!



Service day #4: Serving at St Vincent Food Pantry by assisting customers, bagging produce and helping with carts.



Service day #1: Served in a garden where all produce is given away. Great work by this group! 😊



Service day #2: Serving at Westminster where we organized school supplies and uniforms.



Work Day



Indy 500. We did one lap around the track a little slower than the 190 mph average though! Kids were able to "kiss the bricks". Fun tour!! 🏁



Last moments at our Faith Community Church mission trip site. We came home with lots of great learning and many memorable moments! ❤️



Worship service and a day at a waterpark in Wisconsin Dells.

Women of the Word

WOW met at the church on September 9th with 12 ladies present. Devotions were given by Marlene Swenson on the 23rd Psalm. No Secretaries report. Treasurers report was given by Janet and approved. Balance is \$1720.90

Old business:

1. Turkey supper 352 meals served and gross income was \$8250
2. Linda Hull from the angle might come to speak at a later date.
3. Ladies night, bun making class, was a success!

New Business:

1. Fall Flower arrangement demo is set for Sept. 24th at 5:30 sign up sheet at the back of the church
2. Halloween Treats not Tricks event will be spearheaded again this year by Janet and Julie. They will check what Pastor Dean on his plans for the puppet skits
3. Operation Christmas Child Paula and her youth and Connie will take charge. There is a donation box at the back of the church
4. Adopt a family project was decided to do again this year. Paula will check with the school to find a family that we can help bring so holiday cheer to
5. Communion servers needed for 2025 contact Julie if you can serve.
6. Women are planning a Pizza Grill night for Oct.7th at 5:30 more info to follow
7. Diva days Youth will need donation of baked goods

Next Meeting will be Nov 4th 5:30 at the church.

All women of the church are included in WOW and are encouraged to attend whenever you can. We only meet 6 times a year (every other month with the summer months off)

Submitted by Sandi Beito
Co-chairperson

(WOW) meets six times a year, on the second Monday at 6:30 pm.

We meet in February, April, June, September, November and December.

At our meetings we have a devotion and prayer and then discuss any necessary old business and whatever is coming up in the future. We try very hard to keep our meetings short and so are usually done by 7:30 – 8:15 PM.

Missions and Outreach

We meet the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11:00am after the church service.

We are active in our Community

- + Financial relief for local families with illness or disaster.
- + Support and organize benefits.
- + Provide free inspirational and faith growing books.
- + Roseau Community Food Shelf
- + Gideons
- + Provide opportunities for member to be involved in missions.

The M & O team meets the second Sunday of each month. Generally, right after church. Due to conflicts with everyone's schedule this month, we skipped the meeting in August. Anyone who is interested in attending or becoming involved in Mission & Outreach is welcome! We have our monthly ongoing support with Psalm FM, Gary & Minnie, Chio & Betty (missionaries in Mexico) and the Pregnancy Center. Each month we look for any local benefits to make a donation to. In September FULC is making a cash donation to the Donny Johnson Benefit. The quilters also donate a quilt if there is a silent auction. This is what you, our FULC family is doing! There are many more things we do as an M & O team. If you are interested in knowing more, come join us!!

Doreen Jensen, M&O committee

Shared Testimony: From Slave to Prison: Finding God's Purpose

I was my father's favorite of his 12 sons. It was obvious I was his favorite, especially after he gave me an expensive coat, which I wore with pride. I was young and kind of rubbed it in my brothers' faces that I was Dad's favorite, which made them not like me at all. I was only 17 when I had a dream about my brothers' sheaves bowing down to mine. The dream was real but they sure didn't like hearing about it. They hated me even more after that. One day my father, Jacob, sent me out to go check on my brothers while they were tending sheep. They hated me so much they decided to kill me! I was thankful that my brother Reuben stopped them; but then they all threw me in a cistern. I was yelling for them to get me out but they ignored my pleas. Later that day a caravan passed by on its way to Egypt. My brothers sold me as a slave to these Ishmaelites. I screamed and wailed; I begged them not to do this. I was terrified. Why God, Why! I spent the entire decade of my 20s in prison. But through all my suffering I remained obedient in my faith to God. I couldn't have survived those awful prison years without His Grace.

I was 30 years old when I was brought out of prison, and after God allowed me to interpret Pharaoh's dreams, I entered into the service of Pharaoh and was put in charge of the land of Egypt to manage the foretold 7 good years of harvest and store the excess grain to prepare for the 7 years of famine that would follow. I even got a wife and had 2 sons. God made me fruitful in the land of my suffering and I am thankful to Him. What my brothers did to me was evil, but the Lord used the time of my suffering for good. I was able to store up enough grain in the 7 years of plenty that I saved tens of thousands of people in the days of famine. I was even able to save my own father and my brothers. God truly does use our time of distress and suffering for His purpose in His good and perfect timing.

Joseph

Sunday School

School has started and with it comes excitement, some nerves and return to scheduled routines! One of those routines is Sunday School. We have a small, yet mighty, group who comes together each year to learn together about the love that our creator has for us! As our kids come to Sunday School, we work together to teach them as much as we can about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit. Our goal is to help them learn about and better understand their creator and God's abounding love for each one of his creations!

This year, all 3 of our teachers are back with us. Pam Fredrickson teaches 4-6th grade, Debbie Forst teaches 1-3 grade, and Liana Fevold teaches pre-K- Kindergarten. They have been teaching for a while and they do a great job! We also have Kallie Hoard as a teacher's helper for Liana again this year! Beth Johnson runs music and prayer opening and Bella Johnson helps in the Sound Booth. The kids will be singing 5 times during the school year again this year, and we hope you enjoy worshiping with them on those days!

We are always looking for helpers, whether that is as a teacher substitute, organizing the Christmas Program, or as a teacher's helper, please just reach out to Beth if you have an idea for helping with Sunday School this year! Many of you have already agreed to be a substitute teacher, so thank you to those who have agreed to help in that way. Many hands make light work!

We would like to ask everyone to please keep the kids, their families, and our teachers in your prayers this year! We appreciate your support and encouragement. God bless each of you!

Grief Support

"Journeying through Grief" series is available for anyone who would like to reach out to a friend or family member grieving the loss of a loved one. Please contact any Missions and Outreach committee member.



Sunshine Girls

If you would like to be involved, call Helene Wiskow at 218-242-1246 or contact the Church Secretary for more information.

Roseau County Grief Support

13 week sessions using Grief Share materials at the Roseau Evangelical Covenant Church.

Current session: Mondays 6:30pm now through November 18th

Contact Connie Berg for more information. 218-242-0803



Join in this grief ministry by sharing a book with someone you know who is suffering loss. There are free copies in the narthex for all members.

Upcoming Events



The first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 am. (at a different church each month). All are welcome to attend. There will be food and a devotional to help get your day started. Short enough to get you to work by 8:00 am or earlier if you need to. If you can stay longer, there is fellowship until 8:30 am.

Hope to see you there!



Communion is offered the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month

Our Community



Join us for an unforgettable Fall Fest Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024! Our hometown event has a little something for everyone. 🍂

- 🍂 Pie-eating
- 🍂 MN Hotdish Cook-off
- 🍂 Classic Car Show
- 🍂 Kids' Games, Bouncy houses, and Hayrides
- 🍂 Mini Pow Wow
- 🍂 Street Vendors
- 🍂 Food Trucks
- 🍂 Pucks and Pints Brewfest with wrestling
- 🍂 Pet Costume Contest
- 🍂 Airplane Fly-In & More



Brad Hurtig: Find A Way and the Richard Baker Band

Come listed to Brad speak and get inspired with the Christian Rock of the Richard Baker Band.

October 30th at 7:00pm in the Roseau School Theater



Within months of losing both of his hands, Brad rejoined his high school football team. Within a year-and-a-half, Brad regained his starting linebacker position, led his team in tackles, and earned First-Team All-Ohio honors.

Today Brad speaks to students and encourages them to 'find a way'.

From the Council

First United Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes: June 3, 2024

Present: Bruce Baumgartner, Rich Fredrickson, David Johnson, Jeff Eaton, Mike Hetteen, Dewey Hites, Brad Fevold, Rick Peterson, Norm Hayes, Dean Hedlund, Paula Baumgartner, Connie Johnson *Not Present:* Harold Beito

- Opening devotion/Prayer: Rick – *A Gentle Whisper*/ Rich
- Secretary's report: (Bruce)
 - May 2024 Minutes reviewed. Jeff motioned to accept the minutes, Dewey seconded, motion passed.
- Treasurer's report: (Jeff, Norm)
 - \$79,425 in all accounts
 - Checking: \$24,552
 - Savings: \$6,723
 - Ameriprise: \$22,845
 - Edward Jones: \$25,305
 - Brad motioned to accept report, Mike seconded, motion passed.
- Office report: (Connie)
 - Worship in the Park: June 23 – shelter reserved. Service with potluck at 10 am.
 - VBS at Rose 7/28-8/1.
 - Larry & Donna Rose will host Potluck & Outdoor Worship June 19 & August 21 at their home/garden.
- Youth: (Paula)
 - Gr. 4-6 Youth Group – Humane Society/TRF and Stay & Play 6/19;
 - Gr. 7-12 Youth Group – Humane Society/TRF 6/12. Warren Drive-In 6/26 & NWA 7/8-10
 - Mission Trip Fundraising goal has been met. Trip is 7/27-8/4.
- Pastor's report: (Dean)
 - Emergency situations/confidential.
 - Benevolence cases – one new.
 - Services at nursing homes: Oak Crest, Life Care, Northern Horizons, Karlstad, Warroad and various churches in area.
 - Funerals (2)
 - New music/singers for Sunday worship service.
 - 30 hours Bible study/80 hours sermon prep monthly.
 - Summer Institute of Theology August 5-9.
 - Fall School event: Brad Hurtig "Find A Way" October 30. Letters will be sent to area churches asking for their support.
- Media & Music: (Bruce)
 - Large screen TV replaced the projector.
- Property: (Mike)
 - Cement work on the schedule.
 - Consider shades for all windows.
 - Cleaning for inside & out will be set up.
 - Applications were received for Cleaning Position: interviews set up.
 - Front door & office flooring replacement discussed.
- Mission and Outreach: (Bruce)
 - Regular monthly donations.
 - \$500 approved for St. Paul Lutheran roof in Alaska. Motion by Mike/Seconded by Jeff to send \$1,000. A special offering will be taken as well.
- Stewardship: (Dewey)
 - Turkey meal July 17.
- Adult Ed: (Brad)
 - Adult Sunday School: resume the study of Romans in the fall.
- Old Business:
 - Jeff & Mike will meet with Norm to review the 2023 financial books.
 - On-line giving through ChurchTrac.
 - Background check policy (Bruce, Paula, Beth, Connie) is under review.
 - AED – Life Care has a grant program in the fall that we will apply for – Bruce will check on power & location concerns.
 - Brad – Church/Community Benevolence guidelines: group is meeting.
 - Interest in Church Directory? Need a chairperson.
 - Follow-up for Deacons: Discussed making music Opening more modern for Worship, and perhaps once a month several contemporary Praise & Worship songs to begin a Sunday service.
- New Business:
 - LCMC Annual Gathering is September 29 - October 2 in Iowa. Early Bird registration is August 15.
 - Education/Confirmation Committee to meet with Deacons June 16.
- August meeting will be Monday, July 29 and September meeting will be Monday, August 26.
- Adjourn Meeting: Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

From the Council

First United Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes: July 29, 2024

Present: Rich Fredrickson, Mike Hetteen, Dewey Hites, Brad Fevold, Rick Peterson, Connie Johnson

Not Present: Harold Beito, Bruce Baumgartner, David Johnson, Jeff Eaton

- Opening Prayer: Rich
- Secretary's report: (Bruce)
 - June 3, 2024 Minutes reviewed. Mike motioned to accept the minutes; Rick seconded; motion passed.
- Treasurer's report: (Jeff, Norm)
 - \$78,399 in all accounts
 - Checking: \$23,194
 - Savings: \$6,725
 - Ameriprise: \$23,029
 - Edward Jones: \$25,451
 - Brad motioned to accept Treasurer's report; Dewey seconded; motion passed.
- Office report: (Connie)
 - Larry & Donna Rose will host Potluck & Outdoor Worship August 21 at their home/garden.
 - Internet issues – changing to Roseau Electric Cooperative as a provider.
- Youth: (Paula) (Written report – on Mission Trip)
 - June: both groups had trips to TRF Humane Society & Gr. 7-12 to the Drive-In Theater in Warren.
 - July: Northwest Angle (8-10) for Gr. 7-12; 12 youth helped with turkey meal fundraiser – bonfire after; Gr. 4-6 to Warroad pool (included the 3 new youth coming in from gr. 3)
 - Mission Trip: Thank you for all your prayers & support.
- Pastor's report: (Dean)
 - No Report
 - Fall School event: Brad Hurtig "Find A Way" October 30. Connie sent letters to area churches asking for their support. One local church has responded.
- Media & Music: (Bruce)
 - Trying a different microphone for pulpit to avoid feedback. Current one appears to be working well.
 - More wireless microphones for praise band?
- Property: (Mike)
 - Sidewalk/step cement work starts Wednesday (7/31), should be done Friday.
 - Front door & office flooring replacement: One bid for office flooring approx. \$8,000 and an estimate on door is \$3,000. A Congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 25 to vote on office flooring project. Front door is okay for another year.
- Mission and Outreach: (Bruce)
 - Regular monthly donations.
 - Thank you from St. Paul Lutheran in Alaska (their roofing project).
- Stewardship: (Dewey)
 - Turkey meal July 17: Gross receipts \$8,265.
- Adult Ed: (Brad)
 - Adult Sunday School: resume the study of Romans in the fall.
- Old Business:
 - Jeff & Mike met with Norm to review the 2023 financial books.
 - On-line giving through ChurchTrac.
 - Background check policy (Bruce, Paula, Beth, Connie) is under review. Connie to contact LCMC to see if they have a recommendation.
 - AED – Life Care has a grant program in the fall that we will apply for.
 - Brad – Church/Community Benevolence guidelines: Working document is process.
 - Interest in Church Directory? Need a chairperson.
 - Education/Confirmation Committee met with Deacons.
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