



First Lutheran Announcements

Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Mt. Carroll, IL
sharing Christ's love through
worship, study, and service

SUNDAY, July 25, 2021



Christmas in July at Timber Lake Resort, July 25, 2021

Don't come to church this Sunday unless it rains. We will be holding our worship service at Timber Lake Resort beginning at 10:00am. After worship, GRO - The Table will be providing a meal for all participants so we can enjoy a time of fellowship out in God's creation. A Giving Tree will also be available to provide gifts for the residents of Allure Nursing Home. There will be NO regular worship at First this day and all are welcome to join in at Timber Lake. We will be inviting our friends at Christ Lutheran Church of Stockton to join us at the lake or Live Streamed in their Sanctuary.

This will be a great service to invite your neighbors and friends to experience God's love and hear the Christmas story.

This Week At First

- Monday: 7/26**
Noon August Newsletter Deadline
- Tuesday: 7/27**
5:00p diakonia
- Thursday: 7/29**
10:30a Meals on Wheels
- Friday: 7/30**
6:30p Movie Night at Bridges - *Surprise Title*
- Saturday: 7/31**
8-12 Farmers Market
- Sunday: 8/1**
9:00a Worship
4:00p Recorded Sermon available

9th Sunday after Pentecost

This week begins five Sundays with a focus on Christ as the bread of life. The particular emphasis on this Sunday might be that Christ walks on water toward us to feed us this Sunday.

2 Kings 4:42-44 The books we call 1 Kings and 2 Kings were written probably by one religious historian in the mid-sixth century bce who viewed events in light of the theology of Deuteronomy: if Israel and Judah are faithful to the covenant, they will be blessed by God; if not, they will be punished. In 2 Kings 4, the miracle worker Elisha, who is remembered for healing a foreign general and raising the dead, feeds a hundred people with twenty barley loaves, "according to the word of the Lord" (v. 44). This story is one of many Old Testament references to the hope that the messiah would feed the poor.

John 6:1-21 The story of Jesus feeding the multitude is told six times in the four gospels. John's account, which fills chapter 6, was probably written about 100 ce, and the attention the fourth evangelist gives the story probably reflects the church's growing sense of the importance of the weekly assembly meal. In John, the loaves are barley, which was the bread of the poor, as well as being the bread of the Elisha story. By setting the event near Passover, when the messiah was expected to appear, John uses the story to proclaim Jesus' messianic identity. Jewish expectation of the messianic



Smile of the Week

Take from our souls
the strain and stress,
and let our ordered
lives confess the
beauty of Thy peace.

John Greenleaf
Whittier

Thought of the Day

The majority of men
live without being
thoroughly conscious
that they are spiritual
beings.

Soren Kierkegaard

banquet included references to fish, perhaps thought to be the sea monster now destroyed and eaten. Twelve baskets of leftovers remain, a sign of completion, enough for all the twelve tribes, or perhaps of the ongoing mission of the disciples. The following narrative of Jesus crossing the sea by walking on water recalls the story of the Exodus. Jesus' answer to the disciples, Ego eimi in Greek, can be translated either "It's I" or "I am who I am," the very name of God in Exodus. "Here I Am" might best render this christological claim. Yet John clarifies that the messiah is not an earthly king.



NOISY OFFERING AT TIMBER LAKE

Noisy Offering today will be going to the Great River Outreach "GRO" to help support Bridges, Classy Closet and the Table. It will help them continue the good work they are doing throughout Carroll County.

Cottage Bakers

Yes, there is joy to be found in the church basement! Whenever the Cottage Bakers are creating and baking delicious goods to sell at Mount Carroll's weekly farmers' market there is a delicious aroma of fresh, sweet delights. There are many tasks from which to choose. Booth helpers are also needed to set up, take down, and man the church's booth each Saturday morning. Thank you for giving JoAnn a call to let her know of your interest: 815-244-2343.

Men's Choir Forming for Summer Months

Pastor Bob invites all willing male voices to come together for some traditional gospel songs that we can sing for the congregation on alternate Sundays. Trained voices are not required as we wish to make a joyful noise to the Lord and the congregation. Rehearsals began Saturday, July 17 at 1:30. It's all about trying something new and having fun with it. Younger voices are welcome and encouraged to join us. Contact Pastor Bob with any questions. Join us Saturday July 24th at 1:30 pm to rehearse. Last week was a blast!

CALLING ALL CHILDREN!

aged 3 (potty trained) through 6th grade



JOIN OUR ADVENTURE
with the Knights of North Castle as we explore the Quest for the King's Armor!

First Lutheran Church, 19 W. Third St., Chadwick

July 25-29

5:30-8PM each evening

Games 🍌 Science Experiments 🍌 Bible Stories
Music 🍌 Crafts 🍌 And More!

Free Program 🍌 Dinner provided each evening

Register the first evening at the church

Contact FLC at 815-684-5110 or office@1stlutheranchadwick.com with questions



Special Birthdays This Week

Jeanette Judas - 7/28

Birthdays This Week

Jeffrey Judas - 8/1

Anniversaries This Week

James & Kathy Meador - 7/31

In Our Prayers This Week

- Nico Neely
- Charleen Smith
- Allison Powers
- Lori Cravatta
- Ida Merkel
- Haley McColley
- Sandy Shaw
- Dolores & Al Fredericks
- Nicole Merboth
- Greg Bazilewich
- Darlene Streicher
- Sandy Haas
- Stephany Rath

In Assisted Living:

- Donna Wurster
- Lyle Hartman
- John Hovorka

In Military Service here and abroad:

- Terry Gilmore
- Aaron Hartman
- John Kaufman
- Benjamin Rath
- Logan Rittmeyer