

THE BUILDER

A PUBLICATION OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



According to the Grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. No one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. 3:10-11



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Summer Worship Schedule

June 4, 11, 18 & 25

8:30 & 10:00 a.m. - Sanctuary

Sundays in July & August

8:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. - Leif Erikson Park



WEAR RED FOR
Pentecost
JUNE 4

Congregational Meeting,

June 11 at 11:15 a.m.

Put this date on your calendar and attend the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 11 at 11:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Learn of updates and participate in the installation of new leaders.



13th Annual CHUM Rhubarb Fest

June 24, 2017 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The 13th Annual CHUM Rhubarb Fest will take place at First Lutheran Church and outside on London Road Saturday, June 24. Come for the fun and the food!

Invite your friends and neighbors. There will be many children's activities. Continuous entertainment will be

held in the tent on London Road and lots of rhubarb-containing food treats. See the CHUM website for more information on the program: chumduluth.org/rhubarb-festival. See p. 9 for a list of volunteer opportunities. Lots of help is needed. And lots of rhubarb!

Growing
in Faith

Spreading
God's Love

Gathering
in Community

The Builder is organized along key elements of Christian Discipleship. The goal is to provide a resource to assist individuals and the church body as a whole on the journey of spiritual transformation:

- Worship
- Study
- Prayer
- Giving
- Serving
- Relating

Pentecost Sunday

*Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me;
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me;
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*



This is an old spiritual, probably too dated to keep singing, but I have always liked it. It's sung like a prayer – hoping to have happen what one is singing.

I like it because it works at pulling our lives out of our own hands and offering them to God. Maybe you are a bit like me and often decide what you wish to have happen or what you plan to make happen and ask God to ensure that it does?

That's a very different prayer than offering ourselves up to God asking God's Spirit to shape us and fill us and use us the way *God* wants. After all, that could be the exact opposite of what *we* desire.

Of course, life continually reminds us that we are not in control. After my mother died this past week, my brother, sister-in-law and I must have used those words, "it is what it is" twenty times. Another way of saying, "We have no control," and in the midst of acknowledging that, we pray: "Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us."

I googled this interesting word "afresh" and found this: "adding the a in front turns it from an adjective into an adverb; it is no longer modifying the object; it is *redefining* the verb: I taste anew the pleasures of life. I've tasted them before, but now it's as if I'm tasting them again as if for the first time."

Yes, that's what it's like when the Spirit falls afresh on us; we were baptized in the Spirit, but we need to experience her presence afresh - anew so that we see and experience life and the giftedness of it as though for the first time.

Come to worship on Sunday, June 4th as we celebrate the first and the afresh coming of God's Spirit – may we be melted, molded, filled, used – may we be redefined as God's Spirit falls anew upon us.

Pastor Dianne
Pastor Dianne

Bless the Trails Sunday, June 4

Bring your empty eco-friendly water bottles to worship on **Pentecost Sunday, June 4**. We will fill them with water from the font and be sent forth with a blessing to bless favorite hiking and biking trails. Let's give thanks to God for the beauty of the trails and pray for their care and for our safety.

FROM FLC PRESIDENT

What is it about First Lutheran?

I love First Lutheran Church! There, I've said it, and it has been true since I attended my very first service nearly seven years ago. So, what is it about First Lutheran that has captured and held onto so many of us?

The music. Not only are Jason and Karen extraordinarily gifted musicians, they also create opportunities for any of us who wish to participate in music ministry. They are patient and flexible as they work their magic, creating music that can make a worship service feel like heaven on earth. Festival Sundays with instrumentalists, our jazz service, the late service contemporary ensemble - the variety is amazing! **Thank you Jason and Karen!**

Our magnificent worship space. I recently looked at pictures I took of our sanctuary during Advent and one of Prayer Around the Cross taken from the balcony. They are breathtaking! There are the gorgeous and meaningful stained glass windows, beatitudes beautifully inscribed, and the words of the Lord's Prayer at the altar that I love to follow as we pray together. And from our FLC kitchen comes the best food and kitchen crew fellowship around.

Duane and Carl. We are so blessed to have these two men who lovingly care for our church facilities. They are our dependable problem-solvers, accommodating requests from all of us. Duane stops to answer a question no matter how many tasks he's doing all at once. And Carl's Sunday morning coffee warms the choir's voices as they pause before making their way upstairs to 8:30 service, then later fuels conversation and fellowship in the Gathering Space. **Thank you, Duane and Carl!**

Opportunity to study and learn. Led by Ann and Deb, our multigenerational Sunday School sessions create opportunities for all of us to connect with and encourage the children of our congregation in this fun and lively atmosphere. Other Sundays we are privileged to attend educational forums with interesting topics relevant to our Christian lives. And the Bible Studies! How I look forward to Friday morning Bible Study where I listen in awe to fellow members reflect on Bible readings. I so appreciate Ann's calm, quiet approach as she sits down with me to discuss an issue. And Deb's ever-positive energy! She has coordinated the renewal of space for our youth to gather - what a huge improvement! **Thank you, Ann and Deb!**

The First Lutheran offices. How many times have I heard a conversation end with, "Ask Nancy. She'll know!" And she will. Nancy makes us feel welcome in the office, no matter how many projects and phone calls she is juggling all at once. Her work as editor of *The Builder* is amazing; this publication just gets better and better. Conversations that don't end with, "Ask Nancy, she'll know" will probably end with, "Ask Janet. She'll know." We depend on Janet for all things financial; she is knowledgeable and soft-spoken. Rumor has it that one drawer of Janet's desk holds the finest of dog treats; if you can't locate JuJu, she's likely assisting Janet with the financials. **Thank you Nancy and Janet!**



Our Pastor. When I first heard that our new pastor might be bringing her dog to work, I knew I liked her already! But that was only the first of many exciting things to come. I am so grateful for Pastor Dianne's guidance as I've journeyed through this year as Congregational President. She challenges our thinking, invites us to join her in leading worship, and is teaching us what it really takes to be a welcoming church. We are blessed to have a pastor whose Sunday morning sermons so clearly connect God's word to our everyday lives. **Thank you Pastor Dianne!**

Dear God, thank you for First Lutheran, our church home. Help us to be healthy and strong in spirit so that we can reach out in mission and do your will.

Thanks be to God!

Amen

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Candy Madich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Candy Madich
Congregational President

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Congratulations to our FLC High School Graduates!

God's blessings as you start the next step in your journey!

Sam Anderson	Nathan Bich
Ben Hilliard	Anna Jones
Celia Napoli-Quisling	Austin Nelson



G.I.F.T. Fruit of the Spirit & End of Year Celebration

But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Gal.5:22-23

One Sunday each month since September, children, parents, grandparents, and people of all ages from our faith community have gathered in the parish hall during the education hour to learn about the fruit of the Spirit. We've had great conversations and activities as young kids and elders together learned about each of these spirit-filled qualities.



Prayers for our Summer Campers

This summer numerous youth from First Lutheran will be attending camp through Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry (VLM – Camp Vermilion and Camp Hiawatha). Some will attend for a day, some will go for part or a whole week, and some will venture into the Boundary Waters on a canoe trip.

Throughout the summer, please keep the youth in your prayers - for safety, for fun, and for meaningful encounters with Christ. Also remember the VLM staff as they care and lead all their campers. This summer three FLC members, Lee Hanson, Mary Sawin, and Jackson Churchill, are Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry staff. May God bless them with love and energy for their summer in God's great north woods.

K-4 Camp Opportunity

Those who have just completed K-4 Grade, would you like to experience going to camp for a day? All the fun of a week of camp in one day, led by the VLM staff. On July 19 there is a Discoverers Camp at Camp Vermilion in Cook, MN. Parents are welcome to carpool or Deb will also be able to bring kids up to camp for this day. (Parents are welcome to explore the camp, visit, do work, read, craft, etc. while the kids participate in activities.) The cost for the day is \$60 for FLC families. Please contact Deb Westerberg (728-3668), to register for this fun day at camp! The schedule for the day:

- 9:00 - Registration and Games
- 9:25 - Opening Worship
- 10:00 - Swimming and other waterfront activities
- 11:30 - Lunch - a hot dog roast, chips, fruit, and s'mores
- 12:30 - Bible study/learning time
- 1:15 - Large group game
- 2:00 - Snack
- 2:30 - Creative Arts
- 3:15 - Various activities, including song fest and games
- 4:00 - Closing Program/Worship



Thanks to all who helped with the G.I.F.T. Sundays throughout the year, as well as to all the many participants. New friendships were made and casual relationships deepened as we talked and played together. Generational barriers faded, and those who attended 1st & 2nd service found common space to interact. It was a wonderful way to

learn to share the good news of Jesus by practicing the fruit of the spirit in our lives. In the words of the final blessing, said to one another at the conclusion of the morning,

**“You belong to Jesus.
You have gifts to share!”**

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

VLM Daycamp at FLC – July 24-28, 2017 WATER OF LIFE

We're excited for another fun-filled week with Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry camp staff at First Lutheran. The theme this year is **Water of Life**. Through games, Bible stories, music, worship and art, kids will learn how God, through water – creates, heals, saves and revives!



Day Camp is open to kids who have completed Kindergarten through 4th grade. Invite your friends and neighbors! The camp runs from 9:00-3:00 Monday-Thursday and ends on Friday at 11:30 with a closing program.

Registration deadline is July 7 and the cost is only \$15 per camper. Forms are in the office, on the kiosk near the Welcome Desk, and online at www.flcduluth.org. Deadline is July 7.

Volunteer/Hospitality Opportunities – help needed!

The congregation is responsible for hosting and providing meals for the five VLM camp staff during the week. Could you...

- ...bring sack lunches for the staff one day?
- ...host an evening meal for staff? This can be at your home, or a meal can be brought to church.
- ...provide housing and a light breakfast for 2-3 staff Sunday p.m. to Friday a.m.?

For more information or to sign up, contact Ann Beck at annbeck@flcduluth.org, or 728-3668, ext 202.

Preschool Vacation Bible School, July 25-27 Water Wonders

A special **3-morning VBS** will be held Tuesday through Thursday, July 25-27 from 9:00 a.m. to noon for ages 3-5 (entering Kindergarten) at First Lutheran in the Promise Preschool classrooms. With a watery theme, the campers will enjoy singing, crafts, games, and most importantly learning about the love of God. *This is FLC volunteer led. Helpers are still needed!*

Registration deadline for VLM Daycamp and Pre-K VBS is Friday, July 7. Cost: \$10.

“Camper Care” Option for Early Arrivals

For those who have difficulty making arrangements for your child in the morning and need to be at work before 9 a.m., before-camp supervision will be offered. Located in the church nursery, Camper Care will open at 7:45 a.m. Monday-Friday. The staff will check your child into Daycamp or VBS at 9 a.m. This is a separate registration with a \$3/day contribution. **The limited space must be reserved no later than Friday, July 7.** See the form on the back of the Daycamp and PK-VBS forms for more details!

Sunday School kids lead the way in generous giving!

Congratulations and thank you to the Sunday School children, who through their offerings this past year donated \$715 to the ELCA Good Gifts/World Hunger program. Through this donation, they are providing the gift of a family farm, which offers sustainable means for a family to escape the cycle of hunger and poverty. This includes a cow, 2 goats, a dozen chicks, 2 pigs, farm tools, seeds and training! On April 26 this gift was announced at church with the kids singing a lively message to the congregation, and a certificate of appreciation from ELCA World Hunger shared. Thank you to the kids, as well as to the parents who demonstrated and encouraged this spirit of generosity, and to the teachers who led such meaningful discussions on this giving opportunity.



YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Camp

Youth from FLC have had a long tradition of heading to camp each summer. During those times away, friendships are formed, laughter is shared, and God is experienced in new, exciting ways!



First Lutheran Church is a Member Congregation of Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry (VLM). VLM offers programs at two camps: Camp Vermilion in Cook, MN and Camp Hiawatha in Deer River, MN.

There are camp opportunities for all ages. Check out www.vlmcamps.org to learn more about the camps and to register. Register online or find forms there as well. Be sure to note that you're registering with First Lutheran Church to receive the Member Discount. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Deb Westerberg (deb@flcduluth.org; 218-728-3668) or VLM.

ELCA Youth Gathering

June 23 - July 2, 2018

Info meeting May 7, 12:15 p.m.

The Northeastern Minnesota Synod Journey to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas is scheduled for June 23 - July 2, 2018.

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. On the first part of the trip, the group will travel with others from NE Minnesota to Galveston, Texas for a time of service learning. Then after a few days will move on to Houston to attend the Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

While summer of 2018 may seem far away, registration for this event will happen in the Fall of 2017.

Information on the Synod Journey to the Gathering has been emailed out to all 8th-11th grade families. The information can also be found on the Youth & Family website: www.flcduluth.weebly.com. Feel free to contact Deb Westerberg with your questions. Another informational meeting will be held in August, prior to the September registration.

Canoe Trip

There are still a couple of spots lefts on the summer canoe trip! Current 8th-12th graders are invited to spend a week in God's amazing north woods to paddle and explore the BWCAW. The group will be using Voyageur's Lutheran Ministry for guides and equipment. There may be limited spots available. For more info, contact Deb Westerberg.

July 30-August 3
Limited to 7 youth
\$100 deposit due ASAP
Total Trip Cost is \$330

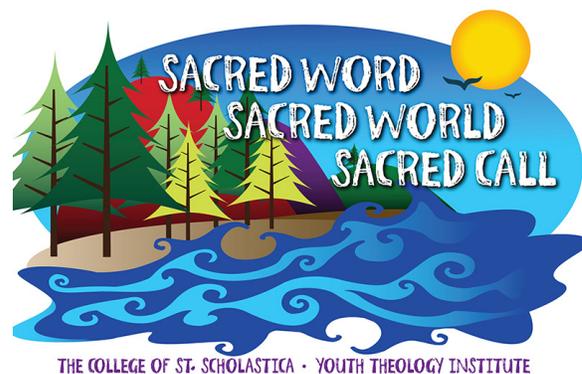


Youth Theology Institute

Sacred Word, World and Call

July 7-16, 2017

The College of St. Scholastica has a 10-day retreat program for rising 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students who have an interest in faith, show promise in leadership, and love adventures in nature. Participants will study scripture and theology with college faculty, engage in service projects, experience diversity in community, be mentored by CSS students, explore along the shores of Lake Superior. This is a great opportunity to have fun, meet new people, share nature with city kids, and to grow. The cost of the program is \$500. Partial and full scholarships are available. Speak with Pastor Dianne or contact www.css.edu/goyeti or 218-723-6349.



LIBRARY NEWS

Check Out the Church Library This Summer

How to be a Good Dad by Stephan Bly (Call #306.8742 Bly)

How to be a Great First Time Father by William Lehmann (Call #248.8421 Leh)

A New Dad's Guide to Playing God: Reflections on the Vocation of Fatherhood by James Penrice (Call # 248.8421 Pen)

New Father's Survival Guide: Devotions for the First Year of Fatherhood by Dean Nelson (Call # 242.645 Nel)

Know When to Hold 'Em: The High Stakes Game of Fatherhood by John Blase (Call # 306.8742 Bla)

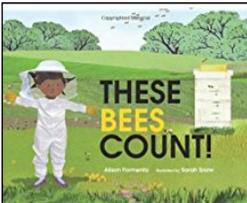


Impressionist Roses by Derek Fell (Call #635.9337 Fel)

Basic Gardening Illustrated by Carol Moholt (Call #635 Moh)

Garden Color by Kathleen Pyle (Call #635.968 Pyl)

Recommended Children's Books



These Bees Count by Alison Formento #B For

The Flyaway Kite by Steve Bjorkman #B Bjo

Secrets of the Apple Tree by Carron Brown #A Bro

Angelina and Alice by Katharine Holabird #B Hol

Good News Bad News by Jeff Mack #A Mac

NEWS OF THE FIRST FAMILY



A Loss in the Family

Please keep these families in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their loved one:

The family of Ivah Sundquist.

The family of Roger Hill.

The family of Pr. Dianne Loufman on the death of her mother, Martha Loufman.



Baptisms

5/21/2017 Willamina Lois Geiszler Peterson

WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship Notes

Live Radio Broadcast: KDAL AM 610, 8:30 a.m. Sundays
Live Streaming of 8:30 service, go to www.flcduluth.org.

Summer Worship Schedule

Sun., June 4 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Readings: Acts 2:1-21; Ps. 104:24-34, 35b;
1 Cor. 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23

Sun., June 11 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Readings: Gen. 1:1-2:4a; Ps. 8; 2 Cor. 13:11-13;
Matt. 28:16-20

Sun., June 18 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Readings: Exod. 19:2-8a; Ps. 100; Rom. 5:1-8;
Matt. 9:35-10:8

Sun., June 25 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Readings: Jer. 20:7-13; Ps. 69:7-18; Rom. 5:1-8;
Matt. 10:24-39

Readings are from Revised Common Lectionary.

WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY

Summer Organ Recital by Dr. Justin Rubin

Following the 10:00 worship on
Sunday, June 18. A free will offering will
be taken.

Following studies at the Manhattan School of Music, Purchase College in New York and the University of Arizona, composer and organist Dr. Justin Rubin (b. 1971) came to Minnesota in 1998 where he became chair of the theory and composition program at UMD and holds the position of Professor. In 2009 he was inducted into the Academy of Distinguished Teachers. As a recipient of a BMI Composition Award, a Fulbright Scholarship, and support from Meet-the-Composer, the McKnight Foundation, the Jerome Foundation, and the Institute for Advanced Study, Justin maintains an active career as a composer and performer. He has presented concerts across the United States and in Europe and has recorded two CDs of contemporary piano music as well as two organ CDs. He completed a cycle of three chamber music CDs exclusively of his own compositions: *A Waltz Through the Vapor* (Innova, 2013), *Constellations* (MSR Classics, 2011), and *Nostalgia* (Innova, 2009). He lives with his wife Erica and their son Max in Duluth.



Thank You Youth Ringers

Thank you, Youth Ringers, for sharing your time and talent and helping to spread God's love! Best wishes to our graduating seniors, Nate and Sam. This handbell choir for 6th-12th graders rehearses on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the 1st floor music room, and will resume in September. Contact Karen Sande (ksande@flduluth.org or 728-3668) for more information.



Front row: Jeanette, Greta, David, Ian. Back row: Nate, Connor, Sam, Karen. Missing: Jordan, Landon and Sophia.

Finnish Choir to Sing at First Lutheran Church

Friday, June 9, 7:00 p.m.

The Naantali Chamber Choir's tour to USA celebrates the centenary of Finland's independence.

Finnish choral music is much older than our national independence. Naantali Chamber Choir's concert program contains music from 16th century to contemporary. It tells the story of Finnish life and nature around the year, from spring to Christmas. The latest composition had its first performance in April 2017.

Jean Sibelius (1865-1957) was a very important composer for the rise of Finnish nationalism. Heikki



Sarmanto (1939-) has composed poems of the much beloved Finnish poet Eino Leino (1878-1926) in jazz-style. Nils-Erik Fougstedt (1910-1961) composed poems written in Swedish language.

Naantali Chamber Choir was founded in 1978. It is an amateur mixed choir of 30 singers (18 women, 12 men). The singers come from a relatively small area on the southwestern coast, around the city of Naantali. Antti Haapalainen, a composer and music theory teacher has conducted Naantali Chamber Choir from the year 2012. He is an encouraging conductor who also composes and arranges music for the choir. The choir has performed various kinds of music; classical, traditional, contemporary, popular. Choral music has led the choir round Europe: Estonia, Hungary, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, UK, the Czech Republic. In 2000 the choir had a concert tour in Canada (the Finn Grand Fest in Toronto and concerts for the Finnish communities in Sudbury and Timmins). In Minnesota the choir will perform with 24 singers.



RHUBARB FESTIVAL



13th Annual CHUM Rhubarb Festival

June 24, 2017 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

at First Lutheran Church & London Road

FLC will soon be bustling with activity in preparation for the Rhubarb Festival. By providing space, volunteer efforts and over all support, First Lutheran is one of the major sponsors of this event which generates funding for CHUM programs. *CHUM greatly appreciates the support and engagement of FLC over the years!*

Many good volunteers make this event a reality. *If you have never volunteered or attended the festival, 2017 is the year for YOU!* Mark your calendars for this fun summer, family oriented event and for the *following FLC work dates.*

FLC Rhubarb Festival Preparation Dates

Come for all or part of the day.

- **June 5 & 6, 12 & 13, Monday & Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** - pie crust making
- **June 15, Thursday, 3:00-8:00 p.m.** - Jam and juice making, chopping, pie assembly and miscellaneous. Bring a "bag supper" if you wish. Beverages provided.
- **June 19 & 20, Monday & Tuesday, 9:00 am. - 4:00 p.m.** - Chopping, jam, relish, pie and juice making.
- **June 21, Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** - Crisp topping preparation, juicing, jam, rhubarb chopping.
- **June 22-23, Thursday & Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** - Food preparation, pie assembly and baking, making salsa, and burrito item preparation.
- **Festival Day! June 24, Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.** Food preparation, cooking, baking, and serving in the kitchen and coffee shops (inside and out).

How to Sign Up

Go to chumduluth.org/rhubarb-festival and see important, detailed information. Contact Char Juntunen if you have questions.

How you can help NOW!

- **Volunteer NOW** for Festival Leadership/Committees. If interested, contact Luke Sharman at Isharmanz@chumduluth.org or at 218-720-6521
- **PICK RHUBARB** - Rhubarb, as much as possible and as soon as possible, is needed! Juice and jam/jelly making will start soon. Pick any rhubarb you have access to and chop it (1/2 "x 1/2 ") and freeze it in quart or gallon freezer bags. Drop off at FLC and place in

freezer in the hallway outside the kitchen. Deliver fresh rhubarb starting Friday, June 16 (cut or uncut). Place in refrigerators in kitchen. Choppers will be waiting Monday morning, June 19 to chop.

- Have a very large patch (50 or more stalks) or know of a large patch of rhubarb and need help harvesting, please call the CHUM office - 720-6521. If you can pick your rhubarb but not chop it, bring it to FLC and place in the refrigerator in the kitchen starting June 16.

Donate

Please bring items to the FLC kitchen. **Label them with your name.**

1. **Canning Jars**": 1/2 pint (8 oz) and quarts (new or used). New canning lids and new or used rings for regular size jars.
2. **Sugar**: Bakers and cooks go through a lot of sugar
3. **Frozen rhubarb from last year** - not badly freezer burned (put in hallway freezer)
4. **Fruit**: Blueberries, strawberries, or any other fruit that would work in pies or jam (frozen or fresh).
5. **Blueberry items**: **Each congregations has been asked to provide a "basket" for the Bucket Raffle** Last year FLC contributed a **Blueberry Themed Basket** and it was very successful. It would be wonderful to do it again. If you are willing to provide something that could be used for this year's "blueberry basket"- wine, candle, jams, blueberry baking mixes, gift cards to purchase, apron, pottery, jewelry, or anything blueberry, or just blue, that you could contribute, please contact Char @ 218-590-0420. Participants purchase raffle tickets and place them into the bucket or buckets of their choice. The purchaser of the selected ticket takes home the basket.

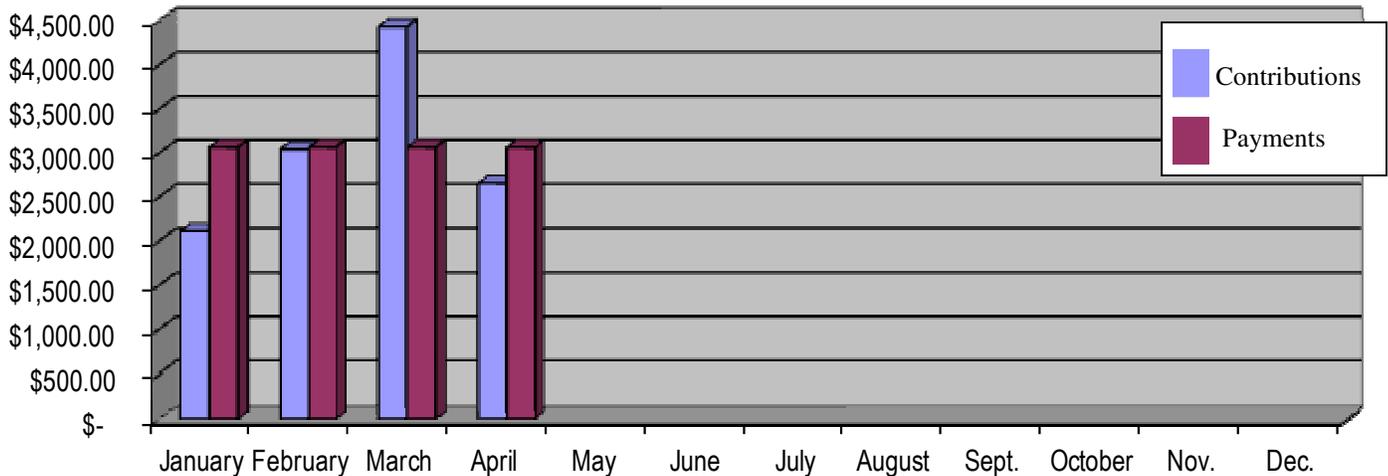
There is no silent auction this year. Please keep those items for the CHUM Fall Dinner which will be October 21, 2017 at St. Michael's Church, where there **will** be a silent auction.

NOTE: Everyone working on Saturday, June 24, please arrive 15 minutes before your shift to check in at the volunteer booth. Try to park away from the building to leave space for the community.

Questions? Call or email Char Juntunen 728-3828 or 590-0420 or email charjuntunen@hotmail.com
For pie crust making call or email Bea Ojakangas 721-3026 or 218-349-7951
bojakangas@gmail.com

GIVING

TFR Mortgage Information 2017



Please remember TFR (Time for Renewal) in your giving.

2017 Mission Plan Update

	April				Annual Mission Plan	2016
	Mission Plan	Actual	Year to Date Mission Plan	Year to Date Actual		Year to Date Actual
Ministry & Mission gifts	\$54,597	\$55,711	\$247,393	\$235,668	\$759,979	\$246,310
<i>Plus Other Income</i>	<u>13,975</u>	<u>13,444</u>	<u>24,977</u>	<u>19,607</u>	<u>58,000</u>	<u>22,572</u>
Total Income	68,572	69,155	272,370	255,275	817,979	268,882
<i>Less Expenses</i>	<u>73,276</u>	<u>67,301</u>	<u>269,273</u>	<u>252,674</u>	<u>823,233</u>	<u>263,239</u>
Cash surplus (Deficit)	-\$4,705	\$1,853	\$3,097	\$2,601	-\$5,254	\$5,643

Worship Attendance

April 23	368
April 30	277
May 7	331
May 14	308

Giving for the Ministries & Missions of FLC

Weekly offering through:	
Sun., April 23	\$14,039
Sun., April 30	\$ 7,413
Sun., May 7	\$16,153
Sun., May 14	\$ 8,725

Hunger Offering

Amount donated to the Hunger Offering in April: \$738.97

GIVING

April 2017 Memorials & Gifts

Gift to Memorial Fund in memory of John Johnson by Norma Hoffbauer, Diane & Leo Ellison; **in memory of Russell Tollefson** by Carol Prohaska.

Gift to Bell Choir in memory of Beth Domholdt's mother Mary Ann by Brad & Lezlie Oachs.

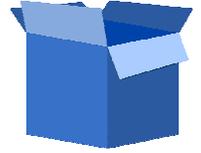
Gift to Radio Ministry by Milt & Ivah Sundquist in honor of family.

Gift to Sunday School's purchase of a Good Gifts Family Farm in memory of Margaret Fox by Betty Monson.



RELATING

Church 2 Go



As you travel to the cabin, go camping, head to out of town games, or on vacation this summer, there may be some Sundays you're gone from church. Take your faith with you on the road with Church 2 Go!

There will be various "Take Out Boxes" filled with different ways to stay connected with God and your family during your summer adventures. They will be available in the Gathering Space... check them out!

Time for Renewal

(mortgage reduction)

*Thank you to all who have contributed.
Your generosity has been a blessing!*

HELP is NEEDED to accomplish future payment goals

Please prayerfully consider contributing now or increasing your current giving to assist FLC in achieving our financial commitment.

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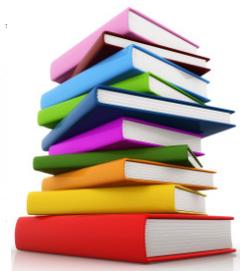
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FLCW NEWS

Getting Ready for the next festival!

When you get a touch of spring cleaning fever, be sure to consider donating any gently used jewelry taking up space to the 2017 fall festival's Jewel Booth. Donations are accepted all year long. Drop them off at the church office.

Making room for new books? Donations of used books are also welcomed, but not until Fall. So put them in a "donate" box at home and set them aside until then.



RELATING

Outreach & Ministry to College Students

Throughout the year, we've noticed a growing population of college students attending first and second service, some have even become members. As we move forward and determine how best to serve these young adults on their faith journeys, several very kind donations came forward and we used the funds to prepare a Sunday "get-to-know-each-other" meal for those students who could make it, with food, games and a small candle to take back with them.



We also had a "break from finals" gathering - with neck and back rubs given by two of our qualified members,



along with homemade cookies to-go, made by several of our FLC moms and grandmothers, and study treat bags to take back to the dorms, filled with apples, granola bars, a \$5 coffee card, trail mix, Life Savers a hand-knitted prayer square (thank you, Pat!), some exam/study tips, prayers, and support. Approximately 20 were given to our local

college group and another 20 care packs were mailed off to many of our FLC students studying away from home in New York, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, North Dakota, California, Colorado, Iowa and several campuses in the Twin Cities/Northfield area. Because several families have replaced their home phones with cell phones, I was unable to reach all the parents to get their child's college address, so if you are one of those families, please connect with me so we can be sure to reach all of them in the fall.



This summer we will host a bonfire with S'mores and guitars along the beach. Watch for a date to be advertised! If you would like to contribute to this ministry, we hope to send out care packs during the holidays and spring finals, possibly sew a homemade pillowcase for them, host a few meals or events for the local students during the year, and bring together the larger young adult group for more in-depth faith conversations as their schedules permit. Contributions can be given to Janet in the office, labeled "College Care and Outreach".

Thank you!

Kim (kim.schandel@gmail.com)



RELATING

You are Invited to the Opening of the Center for Changing Lives

Lutheran Social Services will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 8 at the new Center for Changing Lives at 1422 East Superior Street.

Community tours of the new building will be available on Sunday, June 11, 2:00-4:00 p.m. and Monday, June 12 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Come and see how Lutheran Social Services is changing lives for youth in our community!



Short Sleeve Sunday!

Blood pressure screenings are held the third Sunday of each month, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Family Room (by Adult Ed Room). Next screening is **Sun., June 18**. Take your usual meds and wear short sleeves under your sweater or jacket. Bring your card if you have one.



FLUKE

(First Lutheran Ukulele)

Have you ever wanted to learn how to play the ukulele?

Do you already play but would like to get together with others to play some songs? All are welcome to FLUKE (First Lutheran Ukulele) – kids, youth, and adults of all ages and of all uke abilities! Angel Saur will lead the group through the basics of getting started, reviewing basics, and learning chords during the first part of the session, 3:30-4:00 p.m. Then from 4:00-4:45 will be about putting it all together and playing some songs as a group. Come either at 3:30 or 4:00 depending on where you're at in playing the uke. Sessions meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month (June 4 & 18).

First Lutheran Softball Team Schedule

Join the summer crowd and cheer on First Lutheran's softball team, the FLYers. Games are held at Wheeler Field at 35th Ave. West & Grand Ave. The talented team members and friendly banter between players make it a fun evening. Go to a game and check out who is on this year's team!

May 23 - 7:00 p.m. Field 4 WON
May 30 - 8:00 p.m. Field 4
June 6 - 7:00 p.m. Field 4
June 13 - 9:00 p.m. Field 1
June 20 - 6:00 p.m. Field 4
June 27 - 6:00 p.m. Field 4
July 11 - 9:00 p.m. Field 4
July 25 - 6:00 p.m. Field 4
August 25 - to be determined



Prayer Shawl Ministry
will not be meeting
in the summer months.

If you need yarn for a prayer shawl to work on this summer, contact Pat Ekker.

Topnotchers
will not be meeting in June.

RELATING

Bluegrass Festival Saturday, July 29 - Camp Vermilion

It is a day of fun and fundraising in God's great north woods!

- Music by homegrown bluegrass and folk bands
- Delicious food
- Activities for the kids
- Silent and live auction



The music is free! All proceeds from the raffle tickets, food sales, and auctions support the programs at Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion.

Raffle prizes:

1st prize: 2017 Lund 1600 Fury Tiller, Mercury 25 EFI Four Stroke with Power Trim/Tilt & Shoreland'r Roller Trailer (\$13,500 Retail Value)

2nd prize: A pair of Norco Storm 7.1 Mountain Bikes, with helmets and water bottles (\$1,300 Retail Value)

3rd prize: \$500 cash

Drawing takes place at 6:15 p.m. on July 29. Need not be present to win. *Can't make it that day?* Raffle tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased by calling 800-331-5148.

21st Annual Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry Golf Scramble—Camp at the Course!

Saturday, September 16 - Vermilion Fairways, Cook

Because when it comes to camp, even the serious golfer likes to have fun!

Camp at the Course in 2017 includes: 18 holes of golf, catered dinner, drawing for a gas grill, connecting with camp friends, and experiencing a little bit of camp on the golf course!



Fee: \$60 per golfer. Not interested in golfing? For just \$20 join the "Gallery" for a relaxing day on the course, dinner, and entry into the drawing!

Registration and sponsorship information available at www.VLMcamps.org/golf-scramble.

Antti Lepisto Memorial Lecture for Pastors and Lay People: Equipping the Saints for Ministry

Sun., June 4, 2:00 p.m. at First
Lutheran Church



Speaker, Dr. Karoline M. Lewis, is Associate Professor of Biblical Preaching and the Marbury Anderson Chair of Biblical Preaching. Her presentation is "Living Life Abundantly: Bringing God's Grace to the World God Loves". There will be a reception following the lecture.

Huge thank you to all who helped create First Lutheran hospitality!

As most of you know, most Sundays from September to May at First Lutheran we provide hospitality treats in the Gathering Space (except for cinnamon roll Sundays) between services. I head up the team and am very grateful to all groups who bring homemade and store bought treats that magically appear on Sunday mornings.

This year we were blessed with donated snack bars., crackers and snacks from Plaza Super One Foods that I shared with everyone on many Sunday mornings also.

Thank you to the many groups that brought snacks. They include Gatherings: Leah (twice), Dorcas, Esther, Naomi and M&M; Stewardship, Worship, Local & Global Mission, Evangelism & Welcome and Lifelong Learning Ministry teams; Senior Choir and Jubilation Ringers; 2 & 3 year old Sunday School; 4 & 5 year old Sunday School; women's small group, Altar Guild, First Lutheran Foundation, nursery staff and the Los Ranchos delegation. My apologies if I forgot anyone.

We will take the summer off but I will call on these groups again next year. I am a team of one and would love to share this special calling with others in the congregation. Give me a call 218.348.6310 if you would like to help out with this special ministry.

Gail Tate
Hospitality Team

RELATING

FLC Gardeners Planting begins June 5



First Lutheran Gardeners will plant annual flowers in the beds and containers on Monday, June 5 at 6:00 p.m. Please bring gloves and your favorite planning trowel. As always, we also invite people who have not been part of FLC Gardeners previously to join us in this avenue of service to our Lord, the church and the community. Our goals are to make FLC a beautiful and inviting place; and to make new friends as we work side-by-side.

We would like the next generation to come and work/learn with us as many current members are ready to retire!

If you have questions, please call Glenn or Erna Peterson: 728-5285.

Report from the NE MN Synod Assembly

April 28-30, 2017

Delegates from First Lutheran: Teresa Zupancich, Chris Zupancich, Jane Worley, and Greta Worley

Participating in the synod assembly was a way for us to learn what the greater church is up to and how our synod is making a difference in our communities, state, and our world. We heard reports from several ministries within the synod. One highlight was the presentation from Catherine Anderson, Coordinator of Youth Ministry. Catherine talked about how our congregations can support a culture of faith formation. The keynote speaker Rev. Rick Carlson spoke on the topic of baptism and how faith is personal but not private. Later in the day Rev. Carlson spoke on the Lord's Supper reminding us that we participate in communion as members of one body of Christ, not only within our church, but with all Christians worldwide.

The NE MN Synod has companion synods around the world in Russia, Honduras and a newly formed relationship with India. Delegates from India were present at the assembly and we were able to hear them sing in their native language and learn more about their country.

On Saturday evening we participated in a common prayer worship service to commemorate the 500th year anniversary of the Reformation. Sisters from the Catholic church assisted in presiding with the Bishop. Did you know Lutheran and Catholic Christians have been working together to find common ground? A book titled "Declaration on the Way; Church, Ministry, Eucharist" expands on 32 areas of agreement between the churches.

Some business conducted and voted on include:

Approved updates in compensation and professional expense guidelines and changes to the bylaws and constitution.

Resolutions passed:

17-1 regarding the ELCA support with ecumenical partners of repentance on the treatment of our Native American brothers and sisters. A repentance and reconciliation ceremony will be held and a Bridge Building Task Force will be established.

17-2 regarding treatment of Ethiopian citizens supporting a stop to the U.S. government sending military aid to the Ethiopian government, that political prisoners receive fair trials, and aid funds reach those in Ethiopia who are hungry, naked, and sick.

Quilt auction, marketplace and quarter donations at the assembly totaled just under \$25,000 to be given to ELCA World Hunger Relief.

We were able to enjoy fellowship with other delegates on Friday night at the "Brew with the Bishop" event. In addition to homemade brews we were able to learn more about the synod ministries from information tables.

S E R V I N G

It All Belongs to God

The Five Senses

In the set of allegorical paintings created in Antwerp in 1617/18, by Jan Brueghel the Elder and Peter Paul Rubens, the five senses are depicted thus:

- *Sight* has the female figure contemplating a painting of Christ's restoring the sight of a blind man.
- *Hearing's* figure is playing the lute among a collection of musical instruments.
- *Smell* has her sitting among flowers in a garden with a perfume distillery visible on the left.
- *Taste* depicts a table groaning with food fit for a banquet and she is eating an oyster.
- *Touch* shows the female figure embracing putto (winged cupid) surrounded by armor and medical instruments (referring to pain).

These paintings are remarkable for their beauty and for their timelessness. In spite of today's distractions, discord and distrust, our five senses remain in tact. They are comforting. They are ever present. And they are essential to our well-being.

Nowhere on earth are our *senses* more present than in the summer garden. The sight of the plantings in full growth gives testimony to our hard labor and tender care. We hear the sounds of bees and birds keeping a watchful eye on our activity. The smell of the good earth is unlike any other. The taste of the vegetables gathered brings utter joy. Touching the soil with our fingers means we are back to basics because we hold "matter."



At least this is how I imagine it. I have never gardened in my life nor experienced the ecstasy of unearthing potatoes, plucking tomatoes or giving my own-grown cucumbers away to friends.

You, however, know about gardening and the five senses. You have learned that you honestly feel closer to God in the garden than anywhere else. "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." God also taught us to share. Advice from the Stewardship Team: please plant an extra row of green beans and give them to your neighbor, co-worker, or your local food shelf. Set an extra place at the table to be filled by a stranger or as a reminder of those who go to bed hungry. Be aware of your own five senses as you plant and sow. They too belong to God.

And I promise to plant my first seed.

*The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth,
You're nearer to God's heart in a garden
Than in any place else on earth.*

Dorothy F. Gurney

Diane Fay Skomars
On behalf of the Stewardship Team

FLC/LSS Financial Counseling

If you know someone who could use a little help getting control of their budget, consider Lutheran Social Service Financial Counseling Services. You can schedule an appointment held right at First Lutheran Church on the dates of Wednesday, June 14 or Wednesday, July 12. Or you can schedule appointments anytime at the Lutheran Social Service offices in the Ordean Building in downtown Duluth. Call 888.577.2227. Ask for the Duluth office.

If you want to use the FLC location, because the parking is free and you can likely find a free cup of coffee someplace in the building, ask for an appointment at FLC when you talk to the Duluth LSS scheduler.



All appointments are confidential. Initial appointments are free. More comprehensive assistance may have a modest fee. Your LSS counselor will carefully explain your options. LSS Financial Counseling is available from the Minnesota office in all 50 states. It is, by all sources we have checked, the best and most effective financial counseling program in the entire U.S.

Consider recommending LSS Financial Counseling to any college student who is borrowing money to help finance their education. LSS can help develop a responsible debt management plan.

A message from FLC Board of Stewardship

PROMISE PRESCHOOL



Promise Preschool

Enroll now for Fall 2017

The staff provides a well balanced, play based experience for children 33 months to 5 years old. Three and four day morning Preschool and optional Breakfast and Lunch Bunch also available. Please contact Sarah Ching for more information.

♥ 728-3668 x214

♥ ppsdirector1@gmail.com



Promise Preschool celebrated the end of the school year with a picnic at Leif Erikson Park on a very welcomed sunny day, May 25.

VISION COUNCIL

Vision Council meetings are open. You are welcome to see how your Vision Council works.

Vision Council Meeting Highlights

Thursday, May 11, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

Devotion: A devotion from Called by God to Serve (Chapter 10) was led by Sarah Climis. “We are all called into the Priesthood, not just our pastors.”

Ministry Board Report: In April the board created a new template for minutes that include action items, individual responsible, and deadlines. This new template will be shared with Ministry Teams. The Board reviewed the Global Action Team and recruitment of leaders. The nomination committee has reviewed a few candidates for nomination of Vice President, Treasurer, and Member At-Large for the Vision Council. A new action team has been approved called Yogadevotions.

Vision/Mission: The Vision Council discussed ways to implement initiatives from the February congregational meeting. Members of the council took the lead on some of the initiatives. The importance of communication was discussed; when activities are available to the congregation, how are they communicated? Council looks forward to working with Megan Kress (Communication Specialist) on this issue.

Treasurer’s Report: Ron shared March and April Income and Expense reports and a Time for Renewal update, (See p. 10.)

New Business: June’s congregational meeting will be held at 11:15 a.m. on the 11th of June. New council members will be approved, council members leaving the council will be recognized, and approval of minutes will be on the agenda. The Vision Council discussed establishing a communication connection between council and the Property Committee. Aaron volunteered to be a liaison to the Property Committee from now until the fall.

Adjourned at 8:19 p.m. with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 1, 2017, 6:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Room.

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- Go to www.flcduluth.org
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- Download new and previous editions of *The Builder*
- An audio "widget" has been added on the side-bar of the web page/home page. This widget connects to the worship audio files stored online. Click on the one you want to download and it will take you to download link. These are large files that will take a few minutes to download (you can minimize) and then you just play on windows media player or other players.

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KDAL AM Radio Broadcast

FLC Sunday Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.

First Lutheran Foundation invites and encourages members and friends of the congregation to sponsor a Sunday morning KDAL radio broadcast for \$100. The Foundation will match that gift with \$100 to cover the full cost of a broadcast (\$200). Call Nancy, 728-3668, to make arrangements.

Hospitalized? Death of a loved one?

If you or a family member is hospitalized or if there is a death in the family, please call the church office at 728-3668. Because of hospital policies, the church is not always informed when a member is in the hospital. For emergencies after hours, contact information is provided on the church answering system.

JUNE 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> 7:00 Men's Disc-UC 5:30 Vision Council-AER	<i>2</i> 7:00 Sojourners I-CH	<i>3</i> 10:00 AA-PH 7:30 Twin Ports Wind Orchestra Concert - S
<i>4</i> <i>Pentecost</i> 8:30 Worship-S 10:00 Worship-S <i>Trail Blessing</i> 2:00 Antti Lepisto Memorial Lecture 3:30 FLUKE-GS	<i>5</i> Rhubarb Fest Prep Begins: see p. 9 for schedule 5:15 AA - PH 5:30 Yogadevotions 6:00 FLC Gardeners 7:00 Student Recital-S	<i>6</i> 4:45 Extreme Parenting-LC/PH 6:30 Ministry Bd-AER	<i>7</i> 10:30 Staff-AER	<i>8</i> 7:00 Men's Disc-UC 2:00 OSL - CH	<i>9</i> 7:00 Sojourners I-CH 7:00 Finnish Choir Concert - S	<i>10</i> 10:00 AA-PH 2:00 Bridal Shower/Simensen - PH
<i>11</i> 8:30 Worship-S 10:00 Worship-S 11:15 Congregational Meeting-PH	<i>12</i> 5:15 AA - PH 5:30 Yogadevotions-GS 6:00 HIV Support -307 7:30 AGO-AER	<i>13</i> 1:30 Finance-307 5:00 Stewardship-PH 5:30 Evang/Wel-PH 6:00 Lifelong Lmg-PH 7:15 Local/Global-UC 7:15 Worship-PH	<i>14</i> Financial Counseling w/LSS 10:30 Staff-AER	<i>15</i> 7:00 Men's Disc-UC	<i>16</i> 7:00 Sojourners I-CH	<i>17</i> 10:00 AA-PH 
<i>18</i> 8:30 Worship-S 10:00 Worship-S 11:15 Organ Recital, see p. 8 for details 3:30 FLUKE-GS <i>Happy Father's Day</i>	<i>19</i> Rhubarb Fest Preparations all week 5:15 AA - PH 5:30 Yogadevotions-GS	<i>20</i> 4:45 Extreme Parenting-LC/PH	<i>21</i> 10:30 Staff-AER	<i>22</i> 7:00 am Men's Disc-UC	<i>23</i> 7:00 Sojourners I-CH Wedding Rehearsal	<i>24</i> CHUM RHUBARB FESTIVAL 10:00 AA-PH Sanders/Rostillo Wedding
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First Lutheran Church, dedicated to the mission of Jesus Christ, welcomes YOU into this community of faith, where we share life in its entirety, with all its joys and sorrows. We believe all people are created in the image of God and are offered God's love, grace and forgiveness, regardless of: religious tradition, age, gender, race, education, economic status, sexual orientation, family structure, mental or physical abilities. We extend a special welcome in Christ's love.

The Builder Schedule

- The following date is the deadline for submitting articles.
- Articles submitted after deadline will be published in the next issue. If possible, e-mail articles to: nancy@flcduluth.org.

Deadline date:

July 2017 issue: Thurs., June 15, 2017

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