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Outgoing Addressee

### Applying Bible Principles:

How rich are you? Most of us would respond to that question with a recitation of our material possessions. We would list bank accounts and their contents, stocks, bonds, houses, vehicles, and other so-called assets as tangible evidence of our wealth.

But is that how rich we are? Not really. Adrian Rogers said this, “If you want to know how rich you are, add up everything you have that money can’t buy and what you’ve sent on to heaven. That’s how rich you really are.”

There are two ways to send money on to heaven, or as the Bible phrases it, to “lay up treasures in heaven.” One is to give to the work of the Lord. As we do that, particularly through giving our tithes and offerings here at First Lutheran Church, we make deposits in what one writer described as the “Bank of Heaven.” Another way to accomplish that goal is to give to meet the needs of other people. That’s the admonition provided by the Apostle Paul in 1 Timothy 6:17-19 when he instructed Timothy, “As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God. . . They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share.”

Compared to many people in the world, all of us, to one degree or another, have been richly blessed by God. That’s why we need to apply Paul’s counsel to our lives. As we follow his instruction, giving in the name of the Lord Jesus to meet the needs of others, we “lay up treasures” for the coming age.

One of the primary reasons God provides material blessings to us His children is that we might through those material provisions minister in His name to other people. According to Matthew 25:40, when we do that, even to what Jesus described as the “least” of His brethren, it is as though we have done it unto Him.

### **Applying Bible Principles continued...**

As one writer expressed it so well, “Investing in the lives of others and growing in our relationship with God are spiritual treasures. They are not subject to destruction or thievery. They are fully protected. Their value never diminishes.” Or as an anonymous poet wrote, “Shall the great Judge say, when my task is through, that my soul had gathered some riches, too? Or shall at the last it be mine to find that all I had worked for was left behind?”

As you consider your true wealth and what really counts for eternity, think about this: How much better to be a poor person who is spiritually rich than a rich person who is spiritually poor.

How rich are you?

### **Katie’s Korner**

**For Last Month: 1st Samuel:** Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, Mary Stuart, everyone enjoys the story of the king and queen leaders of old - the adventures, riches, wars. In Samuel, you experience a taste of just that. An anointed king turns into a sour, spear throwing grape, even to God. A new heir apparent is declared in an unexpected boy. And God calls and names a priest who will navigate this harrowing tale - one who will replace the current unsuitable priest and his sons. Danger and struggle, obedience and trust, you’ll never know what you will find in this history.

**2nd Samuel:** The harrowing tale continues. The sour grape was squashed in the war with the philistines as was its small grapes - Saul’s sons. The heir apparent of a boy has grown into a man, and now assumes the throne. His forty year reign will see deceit, victory in war, hardship, many children and even a throne usurped. A new priest stands to guide, even speaking God’s condemnation. God’s power and greatness is revealed all the more, right to the very end.

### **Katie’s Korner continued...**

**2nd Samuel 7:11b-16** “The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you: 12When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. 13He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. 15But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.’”

As we continue to open our bibles, moving now to 2nd Samuel, we continue to read and see Jesus. Though the books of Samuel are connecting a history of a people to the history of those people led by kings, and is a history, there is much to glean from the books about Jesus. The Lord declares David king and it is from David that his kingdom is established. It is from David that the throne is forever. David is Jesus’s ancestor. God used a young boy, turned king, faithful follower, yet adulterer and liar to show us that He is actively working to bring us Christ even through the imperfect. God does just that bring us Christ through David so that God’s kingdom and throne are established and forever.

A prayer: Father, thank you for raising up David’s offspring that led to Jesus. Thank you for using imperfect humans to bring perfect salvation to your people through Christ Jesus. Amen.

### Dates to Remember:

- 7/23 – Pastor attends Peer Mentor Meeting, Howard SD.
- 8/25– Hendricks Nursing Home Worship.
- 7/28 – Estelline Nursing Home Worship.
- 8/3 - Community Men’s Fellowship Group. 9:00am. Coffee and food items provided.
- 8/7 – Leganger Ladies. 2:00 pm.
- 8/7 – Council Meeting; Boards 8:00pm, Council 8:30pm.

Acolyte Orientation will be held in August.



### Caring and Sharing

\*Reminder - weekly cleaning, serving coffee fellowship and ushering.

**July Caring and Sharing Group 2: *Meg Thomas chair.*** Meg Thomas, Dennis and Diane Stroschein, Jesse and Emily King, Kevin and Karie Molengraaf, Al and Jane Moore, Jill Moore, Helen Budahl, Dale and Beth Overby, Alex Watt, Amanda and Derek VerHelst, Royce and Kim Haringa, Al and Gay Evenson, Seth and Cassandra Evenson, Chad and Heidi Grimlie, Greg and Sherry Lunden, Kari Quail, Jon and Jodi Ekern, Rick and Darlis Nase, John Roelofsen.

**August Caring and Sharing Group 3: *Ruth Lenning and Holly Lunden chairs*** Harlan and Ruth Lenning, Troy and Betsy Lenning, Warren and Holly Lunden, Haley Lunden, Hannah Lunden, Josh and Jackee Lunden, Jordan and Kelsey Monnier, Christopher and Nicole Monnier, Riley Monnier, Todd Hanna, Linda Grimlie, Kelli Franken, Kristen and Jeremy Hunter, Betty Steinmetz, Anita and Steve Knutson, Ross Quail, Jaimee and Erick Froiland, Johnny Roelofsen, Carly Bergstadt, Jenna and Kevin Petersen, Janell Milton

## Council Minutes

**The Leganger Lutheran Church Council met Wednesday July 10, 2024.** Members present: Pastor Katie, Seth, Jesse, Todd, Dennis, Troy, Carie, and Gay (interim secretary).

Pastor led with scripture and prayer. Gay read the minutes from the prior meeting. No additions or corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Financial reports were reviewed. Vacation Bible School cost was \$1,529; considerably more than last year. This was due to continued increase in costs. Council will be mindful of the cost when setting the SS budget for 2025. The month of June's income vs. expense ended with a deficit of \$1,691.87.

Deacons Report: Schedule of pulpit supply in Pastor's coming absence is almost complete.

Pastor Report: Pastor provided a report of her June and July activities. Sign-up of a Good Roots outing indicated there is interest in attending. A draft of the revised Church Use Policy was discussed with Council. Minor revisions were made. Non-members will be charged a \$300 fee for use of the church (except in the case of a funeral), which covers cleaning costs. A copy of the finalized policy will be provided next meeting.

Trustees Report. Tree stumps in the church lawn will be removed.

Board Of Ed: Vacation Bible School was successful, with approximately 50 children attending each day.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A new iPad will be purchased. The church currently uses Warren Lunden's iPad at each worship service. Trustees will oversee the purchase of the iPad and seek Warren's assistance.

Discussion was held regarding the Leganger Cemetery. The Trustees, along with Seth and Todd, will provide information next meeting addressing grounds-keeping needs.

Next meeting August 7th. Boards 8:00 pm, Council 8:30 pm. Carie made a motion to adjourn; Dennis seconded. All stood and prayed the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gay Evenson

### June Treasurer's Report

June income \$8,131.01; expenses \$9,803.59. This includes a transfer of \$19.29 from the Sunday School Offering to the Sunday School. \$300 was received, designated toward propane. The month ended with a deficit of -\$1,691.87. The deficit is primarily due to the unexpected Vacation Bible School expense of \$1,529.45.

Just a reminder that anyone wishing to designate funds for the coming purchase of propane can note that on your giving envelope. If you are using the Online Giving Tool, you will need to contact me with the amount, once you have given using the tool.

In God's Love,  
Anita Knutson, Treasurer

### Reminder:

As always, if any of your contact information changes, please notify the church office by calling and leaving a message or email [leganger@itctel.com](mailto:leganger@itctel.com). We want to keep in touch with you!

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2024

CALENDAR YEAR

JULY

CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Pastor's Schedule and Church Events

Office hours vary, but Pastor Katie will try to be in her office from 9-4 Tuesday and Thursday, Wednesday from 10-7. Any variance is due to visitation, errands, text studies, and meetings. She is available on Friday's now too, but will be working from home.

| Sunday  | Monday | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday                                     | Friday | Saturday                                      |
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| 30  | 01     | 02  | 03<br>Women's Circle 2:00  | 04<br>Happy 4th of July!                     | 05     | 06<br>Community Men's Fellowship Group 9:00am |
| 07<br>Worship 10:30<br>Baptism for Kase Timothy               | 08     | 09<br>Medary Conference Lunch - 12:00 - 1:30            | 10<br>Council Meeting<br>8:00 boards,<br>8:30 Council                        | 11   | 12     | 13  |
| 14<br>Worship 10:30   | 15     | 16  | 17   | 18   | 19     | 20  |
| 21<br>Worship 10:30   | 22     | 23<br>Pastor at Peer Mentor Meeting in Howard, SD 2:00. | 24   | 25<br>Hendricks Nursing Home<br>Worship 2:00 | 26     | 27  |
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