# Friends in Christ Lutheran Church

## This Week in Our Parish

Today Fellowship

Tuesday, 5/21 9:15 Bible Study-FE

Wednesday, 5/22 9:00 Quilting-FE 9:30 Men's Coffee-FE 6:00 LYO-Menahga Campground

Sunday, 5/26 9:30 Worship Service Fellowship Ministers: Every Disciple Pastors: James Hallaway Ron Beck Parish Website: www.unitedparish.net



Reader: Tom Craig

### **Mission Statement**

"Friends in Christ Lutheran Church is a caring inclusive Christian Community, <u>Dedicated</u> to Word and Sacrament ministry; Growing in Christ; <u>Sharing</u> the faith; <u>Serving</u> neighbors; and <u>Supporting</u> each other."

#### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \*OPENING PRAYER
- \* OPENING SONGS

#### HONORING GRADUATE

- \* BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
- P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen
- ~ Pause for a moment of self-examination. ~
- P: Gracious God,
- C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
- P: Almighty God who is rich in mercy hears us confessing our sin through the blood of Jesus Christ His Son. You and I are forgiven today because He is righteous and just to forgive us when we confess. You are forgiven! In the place of the guilt and shame receive the peace and joy of the Lord strengthening you in newness of life.

C: Amen

OFFERING \*OFFERTORY

FIRST READING Acts 11:1-18

**SECOND READING Revelation 21:1-7** 

\*GOSPEL John 3:16

MESSAGE What are we striving for?

## HYMN OF PRAISE

- \*APOSTLES CREEED LBW page 65
- \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION
- \*PRAYERS/LORD'S PRAYER
- **DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS**
- \*PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH
- \*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
- \*BENEDICTION 2 Corinthians 13:11, 14
- \*CLOSING HYMN
  - \* Please stand for these portions of the service if you are able.

## **Today's Announcements**

 We will be honoring Graduate Morgan Olson today.

The United Parish Call Committee met with the United Parish Council on May 2nd and presented the recommendation to call Pastor Jim Hallaway as lead Pastor for the United Parish, which by a unanimous vote by all present was approved by the council. A congregational vote to call Pastor Jim Hallaway as Lead Pastor will take place today during a special congregational meeting at each respective church.

The last day of LYO is May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be having a Potluck party at the Menahga Campground from 5:30 to 7:30. Please bring food to share. Paper goods & drinks will be provided. If it rains, we will meet at First English.

## Remember in Prayer

- Dale Hendrickson
- Verna Mattson
- Toni Muckala
- Brian Bissett
- Family of Eleanor Huwe
- Don Coleman
- Jan Mickelson
- Betsy Nelson
- Noah Nelson
- Roger & Elaine Hollerud
- Terry & Sandy Nelson
- Laverne Nordby
- Roy Schwartz
- Deb Bristlin
- Diane Mickelson
- Frank Schilling
- Brie Schilling
- Kathy Maurer
- Carolyn Nolte
- Greg Mickelson
- Donald Komppa
- Marlene Salo
- Curt Oakland
- Michael Knapp
- Dennis Anderson
- Tanya Porter
- Thomas Merchlewicz
- Elvin & Ellen Yrjo
- Susan Gullekson
- Our Country & Military
- Braden Tjosaas
- Luke Hallaway
- Our Churches, Pastors, Leaders, and Staff
- Our Shut-ins