



Worship Notes for

Pentecost 12

Sunday, August 7	7:45 AM	Traditional Service – <u>Evangelical Lutheran Worship</u> – setting 3 – Eucharist
	10:15 AM	Blended Service – Eucharist

Pentecost 13 – *Katie Jacob* Preaching!

Sunday, August 14	7:45 AM	Traditional Service – <u>Evangelical Lutheran Worship</u> – setting 3
	10:15 AM	Blended Service

Pentecost 14 – Sax Quartet Leading Blended Service

Sunday, August 21	7:45 AM	Traditional Service – <u>Evangelical Lutheran Worship</u> – setting 3 – Eucharist
	10:15 AM	Blended Service – Eucharist

Pentecost 15

Sunday, August 28	7:45 AM	Traditional Service – <u>Evangelical Lutheran Worship</u> – setting 3
	10:15 AM	Blended Service

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The good news is that we worship a God who pays close attention to us, even when we become easily distracted. Our God is always mindful of us, always aware of what's going on in our lives, always cognizant of what challenges us, what disappoints us, the things that cause us joy or sorrow. God is always attentive and responsive to our need for forgiveness and mercy, always reaching out to us when we are lost or lonely, always lifting us up and urging us forward, always trying to draw us closer, always revealing his love for us in miraculous and often unexpected ways.

I think what Jesus was trying to say to Martha (and also to us) is this: If God is so great and merciful to be watching over us day and night then it might not be so important to get wrapped up in the distractions of life. Instead, it would be better to train our hearts to listen to Jesus, and then maybe we will find the kind of abundant life that the world just can't provide. What would it take for each one of us to do that?

Walking with you,
Pastor Chuck

Special Worship Opportunities in August!

Join us on **Sunday, August 14** when Seminarian *Katie Jacob* will be preaching. Katie is a daughter of our congregation and will be entering her final year at seminary.

Join us on **Sunday, August 21** when a special sax quartet, led by First Church member *Brian Maskow*, will be leading our blended service.

Over 50's Group

... will meet **Tuesday, August 9** at noon in the *Fellowship Hall*. Bring your *brown bag lunch*. Dessert and beverages will be provided by *Bob & June Beck* and *Eleanor Preston*.

Parish Secretary Position

Our search for a new church secretary is ongoing. The job has now been posted outside of the congregation. If you know of someone who may be interested, and qualified, please refer them to our website for a job description and application process.

Thank You

I want to thank you all for the thoughts, prayers, cards, gifts and words of congratulations on my retirement. The congregation gift of wind chimes is beautiful and I have been enjoying their song. It has been an honor to have served First Church for the past 23 years and I am looking forward to worshiping with you for many more.

Connie Nielsen



KIDS HOPE USA

Do you like parties? Do you like to celebrate? Then you may be just the person to become our KIDS HOPE USA **Celebration Coordinator**. The Celebration Coordinator is an important position on the KIDS HOPE USA Leadership Team and has been vacant for several years. The full job description is available on the church website, but it basically entails heading a committee of people who can help with several social events throughout the year. These events could be a Back-to-School event for mentors and/or mentees, helping with a National Mentoring Month Recognition in January, an end-of-the-year event for mentors and their mentees, and a thank you dinner for mentors and prayer partners. One unfulfilled goal is to have an event for mentors, their mentees, and the mentees' parents. You would have the support of the Director and Leadership Team to help with planning and implementation of the events.

The Celebration Coordinator cannot be a mentor. The reason for this is that during our events mentors need to be with their mentees, and that would be difficult when you need to be overseeing the event. Since we have not had a Celebration Coordinator, I can verify that this is almost impossible. There have been many times when I had to juggle the two and have had to neglect my mentee to insure that the event went smoothly. Our program truly needs a person in this position.

If planning events is not your cup of tea, perhaps you are the person who loves crafts and who would be perfect as our **Encouragement Coordinator**. Several times throughout the school year, we thank and encourage the mentors and school staff. They usually receive a small treat or gift of some sort. At holidays we sometimes give treats to the mentees. Mentors have helped to make gifts for school staff and mentees. The treats do not need to be elaborate. If browsing on Pinterest is one of your favorite things to do, our KIDS HOPE USA mentoring program needs your skills.

Please prayerfully consider how you might help fill these needs in our program. If you cannot be a Coordinator, but can lend a hand with either of these areas, please contact Director *Gloria Reichert* at 330-225-3922 or g.reichert68@gmail.com. There are many ways to make a positive and lasting difference in the lives of children. Thanks!

For the kids,

Gloria Reichert
Director
KIDS HOPE USA

One **child**

One **hour**

One **church**

One **school**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:
RALLY DAY 2016

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

**JOIN THE FUN AS WE WELCOME A
NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR.
REGISTRATION and an opportunity to
meet your teachers WILL BEGIN AT
9:30 a.m. IN THE CLASSROOMS. OUR
RALLY DAY SERVICE will begin AT
10:15 a.m. WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR
MORE DETAILS ON THIS VERY
SPECIAL SUNDAY.**

**NORMAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL
BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AT 10:00 a.m.**

Do you, or someone you know, like to sing? Or like to play an instrument?

**Check out the Music Ensembles
here at First Church!**

We currently have a Chancel Choir, Brass Choir, Bell Choir, and we're even looking to start some other ensembles!

Rehearsals will start back up at the beginning of September. Keep an ear and eye open for announcements and check out

**<http://www.firstchurhalive.org/music-ministry>
for updates!**

**Email Director of Music Ministries,
Zack Richards, at zackrfelc@gmail.com
for more information!**

AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

		August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
Acolytes					
Ellen Kolman	7:45			Madi Snyder	
	10:15	Kelly Badowski Natalie Rayer	Elissa Scheel	Abbi Lindsey Olivia Bewie	April Trimmer
Ushers					
Len Taylor	7:45	Paul & Barb Nalette	Steve Gall Sue Ludwig	Doug Rommel Mark Schultz	
Maureen Shorts	10:15	Al & Shelley Hoffman Dave & Margaret Bewie	Jerry & Barb Krueger Mike & Jocelyn Magons	Bob Jacob Dennis Beckman Deepshikha & Kritika Paul	Hank & Gayle Pekkola Ron & Maureen Shorts
Alan Evangelista					
Readers					
Barb Krueger	7:45	Bob Strong, RCA	Steve Gall, R	Jim Gist, R	Beth David, R
	Comm Assts:	Sue Ludwig		Clark & Madge Buckley	
	10:15	Alli Thellman, RCA	Debbie Jenkins, R	Kerry McLemore, R	Claudia Lenarz, R
	Comm Assts:	Herb & Pam Simpson, Gladys Otto		Ben Blake, Maureen Shorts, Paul Worsencroft, Chuck Whitecar	
Nursery					
Bonnie Bailey	10:15	Ellen Kolman Jocelyn Magons	Jennifer Paine Kelly Worsencroft	Stacey McNamara Alli Thellman	Natalie & Caroline Haggett
Counting Teams					
Terri Mosley		Jim & Sheri Gist Gary & Mary Walters Dick Kiplinger	Reiner Mueller Al & Shelley Hoffman Pierre David	Gayle Kovach Rita Ross Carol Paulini	Sam Reichert Rolf Gaab Jackie Wojciehowski John Brinzo
Altar Guild					
Beth David		Barb Krueger Lynn Stenger Shelley Hoffman Sue Ludwig Jacquie McLemore	Sandy Rath Billie Hoffman Karen McFarland Sue Schmidt	Pat Sauernheimer Janet Kaiser Sandy Kaskey	Dawn Evangelista Marsha Stephens Sheri Gist Tricia Nolder