

A NOTE FROM PASTOR JENNIFER ROSE

Dear friends,
Wow. It's been an incredible 5.5 years. Through these years, we've prayed together, cried together, worked together, and worshiped together. We've had so much fun, and I will always treasure my memories of being with you. It has been a great five years in my life, and I have been so richly blessed by serving with you. My kids have loved you, too – and I thank you for the way you have so warmly welcomed me and my family.

As you look forward to the next chapter, I have a few words of encouragement that I'd like to pass to you.

Although our church is now looking for 2 permanent pastors, please don't panic. Our synod office will help find an interim pastor to take my place until you can call an associate pastor. First Lutheran is in good hands; you have excellent leadership in your Church Council, and you are an excellent congregation in a desirable community. Great things are in store for you, friends, and I truly believe that. Beyond all of this, I know that God is present with you, and that God will guide and lead you in the coming time.

I also want to encourage you to be active members! Now is the time for you to get involved, dig in, and make a difference in your church community. Check out the awesome FAM JAM activities that the Education Committee is planning

for the summer! (Fun events for all ages!) Come to worship so that you can be refreshed. Call our office staff, Ashley and Katrina, and see how you can best be supportive to them through the changes! In times of transition it is tempting to sit on the sidelines and take a break – but I urge you to do the opposite – and get involved.

I want to ask you now to turn your attention forward. Give a warm welcome to the interim who follows me, and fall in love with the called associate pastor who follows the interim. Give them your time and energy, and trust that they will help you grow as you turn this page into the next beautiful chapter. I will continue to pray for you as you look forward to the next chapter.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with Grace and Mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In Christ,

Pastor Jennifer

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES



**BROADCAST
ON
KBRF-AM 1250**

**please note change of
station for summer
months*

JUNE & JULY MESSENGER

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

First Lutheran Members,
As we celebrate our son Jeff's Ordination, we wish to thank you for the guidance given as he grew up in Sunday School, Children's Choir, Youth Group, Youth Committee, and was an Interim Youth Leader after college.

Special thanks to our Foundation for monetary gifts given during seminary! And, many of you asked about Jeff and Kate and their children during these years. Your words of support and encouragement were passed onto them as well.

Jeff graduated in May 2016 from LSTC—Lutheran School of Theology Chicago. He has begun his first call at Trinity Lutheran Church in Montevideo, MN. His Ordination took place on May 13, 2017. Jeff and Kate, Nina, Simon, Junia, and Ava are excited to begin this new chapter in their lives.

With our gratitude and God's Blessings,
Steve and Gayle Fitz



Jeff Fitzkappes



WOMEN'S WEEK AT LUTHER CREST—JUNE 25-30

There are WELCA scholarships available for anyone interested in attending all week. For more information, ask Donna Quam.

A one-day trip is planned for Monday, June 26. Sing-up sheets are on the info counter at church. WELCA pays any cost involved for the day trip—it would be great to have 2 carloads going! Questions? Call Margaret Kratzke.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE

Did you find any DVDs or books from First Lutheran's library? It's not too late to return them. Drop them off in the library or the drop-off basket in the Narthex. Then they will not be "lost" and need to be reordered.



Thanks!
The Library Committee

UPDATE ON FIRST LUTHERAN'S SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON & BAKE SALE

This event was held on April 27, 2017 with 206 people attending. We will be giving part of our income to Someplace Safe, A Place to Belong, and the Matthew House. We will save the rest of our income for possible needs in our kitchen, and other local charities.

M A N Y , M A N Y THANKS go out to the members of First Lutheran for making this a successful event. Thanks to the planning committee, decorators, set up committee, workers at the event, those who made salads, bars and products for the bake sale, and those who

gave a monetary donation. Thanks to all who came to dine on these wonderful salads and bars. Thanks to all who purchased items from the bake sale. We are planning our next annual spring salad luncheon and bake sale for April 26th, 2018.



JULY & JULY MESSENGER

"Love Days" Quilters

Meets every Monday
9:00 am– 3:00 pm
Hope you'll join us!

WELCA Board Meeting

No meetings in June, July & August

Circles

Sarah: Does not meet in
June, July or August

Hannah: Wed., June 28th
1:00 pm at First Lutheran Church
Kairos Room

**RELAY FOR LIFE**

June 16 at the MSTSC in Fergus Falls from 5pm-11pm. Please come and support our First Lutheran Walkers or come and walk with them.

Everyone is welcome and Luminaries will be lit at dusk!

Summer Coffee donations in the month of June will go to the
First Lutheran Relay for Life Team

Congratulations to our 2017 Confirmation Students!

Sydney Batzlaff
Olivia Becker
Sara Hansen
Tucker Henkes
Brandon Hinsverk
Alison Koch
Andreyia Lockett
Ethan Menge
Isaac Pederson
Jacob Spangler
Spencer Wasvick



Congratulations to our 2017 High School Graduates

Madisen Becker
Ryan Hansen
Brooke Lillemon
Kyra Loomer
Margaret Ness-
Ludwig
Nate Ronning
Jordan Spangler



FIRST
LUTHERAN

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

Butterflies VBS
for birth-5 year
olds with an
adult is Mon-
Thurs. June 12-
15- from 9:00-
10:30 a.m.

FAM JAM
events will be
held on June 20,
July 18, and
Aug 22

Sign up to
help !



Sunday School News

CINDY LARSON 2017



“Butterflies” V. B. S. June 12-15

Our “Butterflies” VBS for birth-5 year olds has become an anticipated tradition at First Lutheran. The sessions are designed to be an exciting time for parents and/or Grandparents to spend quality time learning and sharing God’s love with their children. The kids explore the Bible stories through singing, playing, and active storytelling. The adults use this time to connect with their children, pass on their faith, and build friend-

ships with other young families. Some of our Grandmas have made it a family tradition to host the grandchildren for the VBS week. What a memory maker this has become! We love our program and are happy when you invite friends to join you. Register for VBS in the Narthex or online on our website www.firstlutheranchurchff.org

Linda Mellon and Vicki Hanneman will be our team teachers at ...

“Butterflies”V.B.S.!

9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.



**GEARED UP
FOR GOD!**

Register now!
Online or at church

FAM JAM Summer Plans ~ What’s that?

New opportunities for families to connect are being offered this Summer! Our first event is June 20th at 6:00. at Athletic Park. We’re grilling hot dogs and playing kickball and

beanbag toss. Lots of kids will enjoy the playground equipment as well! There’s a sign up sheet in the Narthex for attending, or providing some of the ingredients for making this

a success! Food, games, a devotional, nametags, etc. are welcome contributions! Hope you’ll mark your calendar for a chance to grow in faith and fellowship with other families.



SUMMER UPCOMING EVENTS:

Senior Fly (Grades 8-12): Summer bash & Farewell: Tues, June 13th 8-11 PM

Mystery Mission Trip: July 24-30

Watch your mail for upcoming activities and Events!

Fam Jam Events:
(Activities For families of all ages. Watch your mail!)

All of these events are from 6-8 PM.

June 20 Grill OUT & Kickball

July 18 Block Party!

Aug 22 Beach Party

FLY News

FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH

JUNE AND JULY 2017

You are God's child, loved forever!

It's really hard to believe that this is my last youth newsletter article at First Lutheran. I want to say thank you to all of the youth at FLC. We've had a great time together, and I've really enjoyed being with you and learning all of the quirky things that make you YOU. Thank you for being welcoming to me for these years. I've really treasured this time and will always remember you with joy.

In times of transition, it's hard to know where to

turn and what to do.

Sometimes during these times we take a step back from the church, or take a break, or watch from the sidelines.

My encouragement to you is to not do that. Dig in. Be involved. Show up. Truly - the best way for you to honor me and the time I've spent with you, is for you to trust and love the person who follows me. They will be fantastic. Better than me! They will very soon love you, too. They will be different from

me. That's okay. That's a good thing.

The one thing I want to leave you with is this: God loves you. God is crazy about you. And though things will change in your lives, the one constant you have in your life is the love of Jesus.

May God bring you peace, comfort, and love in the coming months.

In Christ,

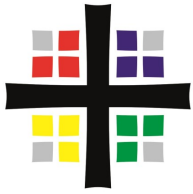
Senior Fly Summer Bash & Farewell

Attention 8th-12th graders: We will have a Summer BASH & Farewell party on Tuesday, June 13th, from 8-11 PM. Please come, and share a little bit of time with me, Play some

games and remember the good times we've had together. A little sardines? Marshmallow Baseball? And definitely some food. But for sure, a little time to gather and say goodbye

as we finish this chapter and look forward to the next.

Join us—June 13, Tuesday, from 8-11 in the youth room.



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Let the church office know if you
would like to receive your news-
letter via email!

Dessert & Design

Fun & Fellowship for Women
Presented by First Lutheran's WOW - Women of the Word



Floral Designs
with Nancy Walvatne
Thurs. June 22, 2017
6:30 pm @ First
Lutheran Church
Freewill offering
& Door prize

Tips for designing
a floral arrangement!

Help us plan for desserts by reserving a spot:
on the Dessert & Design facebook event,
call church office @ 739-3348,
or sign up in the Narthex.

Attn: First Lutheran Families!



You are invited for a **NEW FUN FAMILY**
SUMMER Get-together called **FAM JAM!**

This is for **ALL AGES** and is going to be a
blast! Watch the church Facebook page for
more info!



Grill & Kick Ball
Bean Bags & Hot Dogs
Athletic Park, FF
June 20 6-8 PM



Block Party
At Church
Food & Games
July 18 6-8 PM



Beach Party
Pebble Beach
Swimming & Food
Aug 22 6-8 PM

TRANSITION TEAM/ CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

There is a special congregational meeting this Sunday (June 4th) to approve the members of the call committee for calling the next Sr. Pastor. After their formation, with the council, they will complete the Ministry Site Profile that describes our church and community for prospective pastors. When this is completed, in roughly one month, they will begin to receive names from the Synod for consideration. Watch this space for more updates from the Call Committee.