

SEPTEMBER MESSENGER

First Lutheran Church—Fergus Falls, MN

A NOTE FROM PASTOR MARTHA HALLS

For Surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah 29:11

I have always enjoyed shopping for school supplies in August. Selecting the perfect pens, pencils, crayons, notebooks and erasers was a ritual that prepared me for the adventure just around the corner. The start of a new school year brought a bit of anxiety: new schedules, new teachers, new friends, new opportunities, new challenges, new hopes and dreams. When I had packed the right supplies in my backpack I was ready to embark on another

journey into an unknown but hopefully, exciting future.

The school supply isle still gets my heart pumping but I haven't had a chance to get to the store to enjoy that thrill yet this August. However, I have been busy: packing and unpacking - boxes not backpacks; enjoying new schedules - what a busy congregation you have; meeting new teachers - the patient and talented staff and people of FLC; making new friends - you have been so welcoming and kind; discovering new opportunities - Marcus and I are deciding who gets to take the lead on specific ministry areas; facing new challenges - how will I ever remember all these new names and get all these things done?

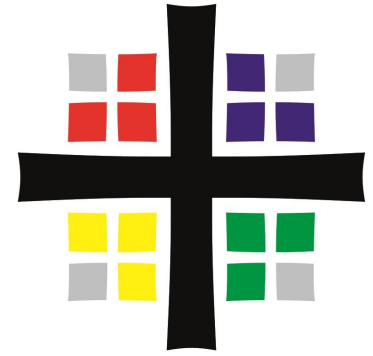
I am ready for this new adventure. I want to

hear your hopes and dreams. I want to think with you about how we will serve God in this place. I want to support you and love you as you journey through new challenges and opportunities. I want to celebrate the joy and freedom that we have in Christ. God has promised us a future filled with hope. I am delighted that I get to walk with you into God's future at First Lutheran Church.

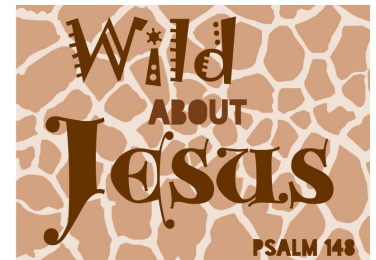
Now, if only I could find a pen that works and a fresh notebook, I'll get going on Sunday's sermon. Perhaps I will need to check out the school supply isle after all.

See you at worship!

Pastor Martha Halls



2017-2018 Sunday
School Theme:



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IN MEMORY OF VAL WOLLAN

Thank you to the Wollan Family for the new table and chairs given to the library in memory of Val. Val was an avid reader and devoted member and leader of the library committee until her death. Stop in the library to admire the table and chair set pictured here with a plaque identifying the donation from the Wollan family.



CEMETERY DIRECTORY SHELTER

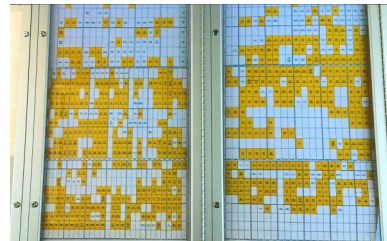
A new and very impressive directory shelter has been constructed in the First Lutheran North Cemetery. This structure contains glass covered display cases showing the names, dates and locations of those currently at rest in the cemetery. It also indicates plots previously purchased to be utilized for future burials. A granite bench will also be added soon for those wishing to sit and rest while visiting. This venture provides a fitting opportunity for those wishing to memorialize their loved ones past and present day by making a donation in any amount towards the cost of

the new structure. If you are interested you may contact Leonard Hatzenbuehler at (218)736-2389 or the church office (218)739-3348.

Sincerely,
Church Cemetery Committee



New Cemetery directory shelter at North Cemetery.



New map of cemetery plots



Alphabetized directory in case and list of veterans buried at First Lutheran North Cemetery

DATE	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	DEATH
1912-12-12	Anderson	John	A.	1972-12-12
1913-01-15	Anderson	John	A.	1973-01-15
1914-02-20	Anderson	John	A.	1974-02-20
1915-03-25	Anderson	John	A.	1975-03-25
1916-04-30	Anderson	John	A.	1976-04-30
1917-05-05	Anderson	John	A.	1977-05-05
1918-06-10	Anderson	John	A.	1978-06-10
1919-07-15	Anderson	John	A.	1979-07-15
1920-08-20	Anderson	John	A.	1980-08-20
1921-09-25	Anderson	John	A.	1981-09-25
1922-10-30	Anderson	John	A.	1982-10-30
1923-11-05	Anderson	John	A.	1983-11-05
1924-12-10	Anderson	John	A.	1984-12-10
1925-01-15	Anderson	John	A.	1985-01-15
1926-02-20	Anderson	John	A.	1986-02-20
1927-03-25	Anderson	John	A.	1987-03-25
1928-04-30	Anderson	John	A.	1988-04-30
1929-05-05	Anderson	John	A.	1989-05-05
1930-06-10	Anderson	John	A.	1990-06-10
1931-07-15	Anderson	John	A.	1991-07-15
1932-08-20	Anderson	John	A.	1992-08-20
1933-09-25	Anderson	John	A.	1993-09-25
1934-10-30	Anderson	John	A.	1994-10-30
1935-11-05	Anderson	John	A.	1995-11-05
1936-12-10	Anderson	John	A.	1996-12-10
1937-01-15	Anderson	John	A.	1997-01-15
1938-02-20	Anderson	John	A.	1998-02-20
1939-03-25	Anderson	John	A.	1999-03-25
1940-04-30	Anderson	John	A.	2000-04-30
1941-05-05	Anderson	John	A.	2001-05-05
1942-06-10	Anderson	John	A.	2002-06-10
1943-07-15	Anderson	John	A.	2003-07-15
1944-08-20	Anderson	John	A.	2004-08-20
1945-09-25	Anderson	John	A.	2005-09-25
1946-10-30	Anderson	John	A.	2006-10-30
1947-11-05	Anderson	John	A.	2007-11-05
1948-12-10	Anderson	John	A.	2008-12-10
1949-01-15	Anderson	John	A.	2009-01-15
1950-02-20	Anderson	John	A.	2010-02-20
1951-03-25	Anderson	John	A.	2011-03-25
1952-04-30	Anderson	John	A.	2012-04-30
1953-05-05	Anderson	John	A.	2013-05-05
1954-06-10	Anderson	John	A.	2014-06-10
1955-07-15	Anderson	John	A.	2015-07-15
1956-08-20	Anderson	John	A.	2016-08-20
1957-09-25	Anderson	John	A.	2017-09-25
1958-10-30	Anderson	John	A.	2018-10-30
1959-11-05	Anderson	John	A.	2019-11-05
1960-12-10	Anderson	John	A.	2020-12-10

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF—VISIT WWW.ELCA.ORG/DISASTER FOR MORE INFO



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Hurricane Harvey hit the Gulf Coast of the United States on Aug. 25, 2017, threatening millions of people in coastal Texas and Louisiana with multiple days of heavy rain, winds and rising tides. While many have evacuated, significant damage is still expected, and thousands of people may be housed in shelters for an extended period of time.

The situation:

Please stand by our neighbors as we begin the long road to recovering from Hurricane Harvey, one of the most catastrophic storms to hit the country in more than a decade.

Our response:

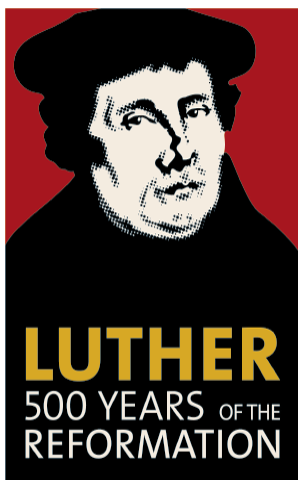
Lutheran Disaster Response's affiliate is actively present, collaborating with community leaders and officials to initiate the proper responses, particularly the long-term recovery efforts. Together, we have a strong history of working with disasters in the Gulf Coast area. Recovery efforts are expected to take years, and Lutheran Disaster Response will be there to accompany those affected through every phase of this disaster.



We invite you to stand by our neighbors on the Gulf Coast during this time. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those left homeless or otherwise affected by this disaster for years to come.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response, designated for "Hurricane Response – United States" will be used entirely (100 percent) for this disaster until the response is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. Give today to support the needs in this response and others like it. Write "Hurricane Harvey" on your checks memo line to designate your offering to this cause.

REFORMATION 500 BOOKSTORE



The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching! Learn about Martin Luther, his writings, and the impact of the Reformation for the church today. Discover a variety of resources on the Reformation for readers of all ages. Stop by the First Lutheran Narthex between September 10th-November 5th on Sunday mornings or during office hours (8:00-4:30pm) to receive up to 50% off plus free shipping!

LIBRARY COMMITTEE HAS NEWS FOR YOU!



The many new books and DVDs ordered by your Library Committee, with a generous gift from the FL Foundation, will be on the shelves the first week of August. Included are adult books and many DVDs for preschool and Sunday School age children. Children are welcome to visit the Library any time, not just on class designated Sundays.

The Library is open whenever the office is open. Look for new titles displayed in the Narthex and DVDs in the church library. Check them out for your reading pleasure!



F.L.Y. NEWS

(FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH)



SEPTEMBER 2017

WHAT IS FLY?

FLY K4—is for Kindergarten through 4th graders. This group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month following Children's Choir rehearsal from 4:30-5:15 pm.

FLY 57—is for 5th through 7th graders. This group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month following Children's Choir rehearsal from 4:30-5:15 pm.

We transport kids from Kennedy School to church on Wednesdays!
(No FLY programs on 5th Wednesdays.)

SENIOR FLY—is for 10th through 12th graders and this group meets EVERY Wednesday from 7:30-8:30 pm.

SUPER FLY—is for 8th through 12th grades and they meet periodically throughout the year for exciting adventures—dates and times are determined based on the activities planned.

If FLY is cancelled for any reason, we will notify parents via email, phone or Facebook.

SUPER FLY THUNDER ROAD REV IT UP EXTRAVAGANZA!

We are heading to Fargo at 2:00 p.m. sharp Sunday, September 17

Confirmation Students and everyone in grades 8-12 will pack up and head to Thunder Road in Fargo for lazer tag, go-carts and supper. Reserve your spot today by calling the church office, or emailing firstlutheran-churchff@gmail.com. Cost for this wild event is a bargain at \$10 per person to cover the cost of supper. Pay up as soon as possible by stopping in the church office on Sunday or during office hours. Parents, let Pastor Martha know pastormartha.flc12@gmail.com if you are willing to drive.



FLC YOUTH SURVEY

The Youth Committee is committed to supporting a positive, engaged youth experience for our youth. During this period of transition and change, we value your voice all the more. Please consider completing and returning a survey at our **SEPTEMBER 10 (RALLY SUNDAY!) Meeting in the Sanctuary at 9:45 AM.** We look forward to seeing you there and cherish your partnership as we launch into the new year at First Lutheran and learn about the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering to Houston!

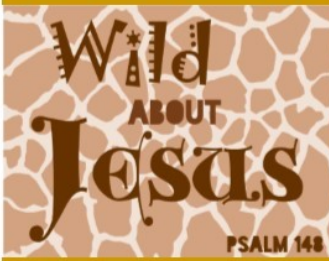
September 20

- » **Fly 57 Kick-off**
4:30-5:15
- » **Senior Fly Kick-off**
(location TBD)
7:30-8:30PM

September 27

- » **Fly K4 Kick-off**
4:30-5:15
- » **Senior Fly**
(location TBD)
7:30-8:30PM

September
2017



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday School News

RALLY DAY

WILD about JESUS!

Sunday, September 10, 2017

9:45-10:45 a.m.

"All creatures on Earth, come praise the Lord!

Every wild and tame animal,

All people young and old together,

Come praise the Lord!" Psalm 148

Join us and invite friends to our Rally Day worship and Sunday School hour that will be filled with fun! Children are invited to bring a "WILD" stuffed animal to worship and Sunday School to praise the Lord! "Butterflies" for children age 0-4 and their parents will kick off during the Sunday School hour.

Milestone Classes and Blessings in Worship

A way of life that marks special growth in faith.

We honor students during worship as they complete a new class with their parents. At First Lutheran, we are building awareness of the presence of God in our everyday lives through Sunday School and Milestone classes. On Rally Day, the **3 year olds** will be introduced to the congregation to mark the beginning of their faith journey in Sunday School. They'll be given a Spark Bible to start them off!

SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Guild would like to thank all of the members, families, and friends of First Lutheran Church who have provided the church with altar flowers throughout the years. It adds so much to our services to have fresh flowers on the altar. The following is some information you might want to know when giving flowers, particularly if you have never given them before or you are unaware of the procedures:



- Sign up on the flower chart located on a kiosk outside the church office.
- Ashley from the church office will contact you to check on how you would like your gift to be acknowledged in that Sunday's church bulletin.
- At the present time the church orders the flowers from The Flower Mill, and The Flower Mill will bill you directly for the cost of the flowers, which is typically about \$45.
- You can provide flowers from you own garden, from a family wedding or anniversary, from a family funeral or memorial service, or from some other special event.
- If you would like a particular kind or color of flowers, please make your request to the Flower Mill directly at 218736-7877. (Be aware that some requests might increase the cost of the flowers.) Otherwise, The Flower Mill or the Altar Guild will make that determination. (For example, for Pentecost Sunday or Reformation Sunday, the Altar Guild might request red flowers to go with the red paraments.)
- Typically, The Flower Mill arranges the flowers to fit our taller brass vases; however, we do have lower brass vases that can be requested. Call Ashley to request the lower vases.
- A member of the Altar Guild Committee takes the plastic liners (which fit into our brass vases) to The Flower Mill early in the week, The Flower Mill delivers them on Thursday mornings, and the Altar Guild person places them on the altar before Sunday worship.
- Following the 2nd service on Sunday (or another day of the week following the Sunday of your gift of flowers), you are welcome to take your flowers home or give them to a person you choose.
- You should **not** take the brass vases or the heavy plastic liners home with you. (The vases are very expensive and the special plastic liners cost \$70 each even though they do not look that expensive.) Instead, there are plastic fast-food cups or plastic milk cartons with the tops cut off that you may use. They are located on the counter or in a lower cupboard to the left of the sink in the Altar Guild Room (also called the sacristy) which is located beyond the door next to the choir area. If you pick up your flowers on a day other than the Sunday of your gift, you might find the flowers in the refrigerator of the Altar Guild room.
- If you do **not** want to take the flowers you contribute, it would be helpful if you would inform the office so that the Altar Guild can reuse them or can take them to a church member who is ill, is in a nursing home, etc. The office staff or pastors might also enjoy the flowers.

Again, thank you so much for providing the flowers for our worship services.

It also gives you an opportunity to celebrate a special event such as a birthday, anniversary, or wedding.

START-UP SCHEDULE



September 10th-Rally Sunday/Resource Fair

- 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship**
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School**
- 9:45 a.m. "Butterflies" (0-4 yr. olds)**
- 9:45 a.m. ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting**
- 10 a.m. Adult Bible Study**
- 10 a.m. 3 yr. old Milestone Class**



September 20th

- 3:45 p.m. Children's Choir**
- 4:30 p.m. FLY 57**
- 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Kickoff & Potluck**
- 6:30 p.m. Acolyte Training**
- 6:00 p.m. Hosanna Handbells**
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir**
- 7:30 p.m. Senior FLY**

FALL SCHEDULE RESUMES

Office Hours

September 5

Monday-Thursday

8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Rally Sunday

September 10

Worship at 8:30 & 11 a.m.

Education Hour at 9:45 a.m.

Adult Bible Study at 10 a.m.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS

Choir rehearsals begin in September, all Choirs meet on Wednesdays.

Hosanna Handbell Choir rehearsals begin September 6th at 6:00 p.m. (Sanctuary); directed by Linda Mellon.

Children's Choir begins September 20th at 3:45 p.m. (Choir rehearsal room); directed by Kelsee Macintosh-Ellig.

Adult Choir rehearsals begin September 20th at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room; directed by Janel Trosvig.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

**WOMEN OF
FIRST LUTHERAN**



**OPPORTUNITIES TO
GATHER**

FALL SCHEDULE:

***WELCA Board**

Tuesday, September 12th
10:00 a.m.
Kairos Room

***Love Days Quilters**

Every Monday
9:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.
Come for fellowship!

***Sarah's Circle** meets
Wednesday, September 27th
9:30 a.m.
Pioneer Point

*** Hannah Circle** meets
Wednesday, September 27
1:00 p.m.
at the Church
Kairos Room
Join us!

Fall Gathering
for
WELCA
Conference 7

Faith Lutheran Church,
Pelican Rapids
On Saturday,
October 14th

Watch for details and registra-
tion info in the Sunday bulletins.

SCHOOL KITS FOR LWR
(LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF)

The quilters have made draw string back
pack-style cloth bags and the following
supplies are needed to fill them:

- 4 tablets 8 ½" x 11" ruled spiral note-
book, of 70 sheets in each
- 1 blunt scissor
- 1 30 cm metric ruler (inches on one
side, cm on the other side)
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 eraser 2 ½" long (approximately)

Your help is appreciated. There will be a
collection basket in the narthex. Monetary
donations are also welcome.

