



July/August 2018

First Lutheran Church

Summer Worship Sun. 9:30 am
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Good day to you new family of faith at First Lutheran, Fergus Falls! I am filled with gratitude and eagerness as we begin our time in ministry together as God's people. There are moments in our lives that can change our destiny. These are moments when we have the opportunity to trust God with the unfolding of our lives. When I was invited to interview with your call committee I immediately went to God in prayer and began the journey of discernment. From that moment, I have felt the Holy Spirit's leading us to be together in ministry.

I have found the following to be a noteworthy Bible verse in times of discernment:

"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you

may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:7-9, NLT

Joshua demonstrated a bold obedience to God's commands in order to ensure success. It is my prayer that I too may humbly demonstrate a bold obedience as I have been called to lead and serve among you. I give you my word that I will ask God for what it takes to place God's Will at the center of my thinking so that my actions may be infused by the Holy Spirit.

My greatest life's blessing, for today, is YOU-the good people of First Lutheran!



To the congregation and staff of First Lutheran-

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the gift of money. I was truly surprised and appreciative of it. I have truly enjoyed this job and the people I have gotten to know.

In Christ's love,
Steve Hosch
FLC Custodian



How can you stay up-to-date on what's happening at First Lutheran Church??

Visit us at

www.firstlutheranchurchff.org

and join the email list. We send weekly info. on all of the current events.

**September Messenger
Deadline August 7th**



Save the Date!!!
August 7th is National Night Out
First Lutheran Church will be hosting a block party. Watch for more information.

Attention OWLS
(Older Wiser Lutherans)
Mark your calendars!!

If you order from the Senior Menu at Perkins, you are an OWL!

- Thurs. July 19, 7:30 pm– Lhomme Dieu, Alexandria, “The Life and Music of Frank Sinatra” Dinner in Glenwood; leaving at 3pm. **Sign-up by July 13th**
- Thurs. Aug. 16, 3:00 pm– Jasper Theater show
- Thurs. Sept. 11, 11-1:00 pm—Café 116
- Sat. Oct. 27- Chanhassen Dinner Theater (50th Anniversary Show)
- December—Concordia Christmas Concert

Watch for MORE details on the Kiosk and in the Sunday Bulletins and weekly Emails. All travel costs covered by the First Lutheran Foundation.

Questions? Call Margaret 736-3697

Outreach Opportunities

⇒ American Red Cross Blood Drive July 17 & 18

⇒ Meals by Wheels Sept. 4-7 & Sept. 10-14

Call Jennifer Frank, Outreach Chair, 701-238-0276 for opportunities to help with these events.

"Love Days" Quilters

Taking July OFF!! Resume in August

Meets every Monday

9:00 am– 3:00 pm

Hope you'll join us!

WELCA Board Meeting & Circles

Resume in September

Coffee and Conversation with Pastor Gretchen

Mondays at 12:30 pm throughout July. Please feel free to bring your sack lunch, we will provide the coffee. Take some time to get to know Pastor Gretchen in a small group.

ALL welcome!!

School Kits for LWR
(Lutheran World Relief)

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

- 4 tablets 8 ½"x11" ruled spiral notebook, of 70 sheets in each
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 blunt scissor
- 5 black or blue ball point pens
- 1 30 cm metric ruler (inches on one side, cm on the other side)
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 eraser 2 ½" long

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



Hello First Lutheran Friends!

I hope everyone is having a great start to the summer! I sure am!

Anyways, I wanted to list some events that will be coming up in July and August. Watch for more details via e-mail, Facebook, and Sunday Bulletins 2 weeks prior to the event. Here are some of the events you can look forward to...



- ♦ July 15, 5th-8th grade tubing on the Ottertail River, depart from church at 12:30 pm
- ♦ July 24, ALL youth meet at the Theater for Hotel Transylvania 3, time TBD
- ♦ Aug 4, 9-12th grade Valley Fair, depart 7 am
- ♦ Aug 21, K-4th pizza & movie night on the Youth room's new flat screen TV, 6-8pm
- ♦ Volunteering at the Fergus Falls Food Shelf, date TBD

A quick note from your Interim
Youth Director Magen:

"Thank you so much for entrusting this opportunity upon me to lead the youth of FLC. I'm so honored to be in this role, and I truly want to start something special for our youth. After all, they are our future!"



Parents... are you interested in discussing future happenings for the youth? Are you interested in becoming active in the programs for youth and volunteering your time for events or planning?

Students... are you interested in participating in events happening this summer and fall? Are you interested in sharing ideas for events that YOU would want to do?

If the answer was YES to any of these questions feel free to reach out to me via email at magen.flc1@gmail.com

Senior Coffee and Bible Study Thursdays 10:30 -11:30 am Kairos Room

June 28th Open Topic

July 5th: Genesis 1-3

July 12th: Genesis 11:1-11 "Family Feuds"

July 19th: II Samuel 11:1-12:25 "A Tangled Web"

July 26: John 4:1-42 "Truth-Telling that Leads to Life"

August 9th: Luke 15: 11-32 "The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother"

August 16th: Matthew 18:15-20 "The Jesus Way of Reconciling"

August 23rd: What is Spiritual Direction?

August 30th: Why Lutheran?

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Upcoming Dates:

Say "YES!" to Sunday School

**S.S. Teacher
Training and
Orientation**
6:00 p.m.

Aug. 16

It's just the middle of summer and it might seem a little early to be talking about Sunday School, but to have a good program you have to start planning early. Thank you to all the parents that attended the Sunday School meetings last Spring. I am thankful to have your input as we progress forward into saying "Yes!" to Sunday School and looking into how we can make it a wonderful and welcoming experience for our youth.

With planning, we need to start looking at the students and the teachers. I ask you to please consider saying "Yes!" and offer your services as a Sunday

School teacher, sub, or helper.

If you are interested in being a Sunday School volunteer, please contact me either by email or phone.

Kristy Wicklund
Interim Sunday School
Superintendent

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Ten reasons to be a Sunday School Volunteer

1. Gain a new perspective on life.
2. Humility
3. Growth in knowledge of the Scriptures and of His heart.
4. Learn the value of patience.
5. It's fun! You can be spontaneous and silly.
6. Children have a way of drawing compassion out of us.
7. Learn Selflessness
8. Blessing "Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me" - Mark 9:37
9. Share the Gospel
10. Often we find the most profound spiritual truths will be taught to us.

10 reasons provided by: <https://churchrelevance.com/ten-reasons-sunday-school-volunteer/>

What to Bring to Luther Crest VBS Day Camp

- Healthy lunch
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Shoes for playing and running
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Hat & Sunglasses (optional)
- Please mark names on items

Luther Crest VBS Day Camp

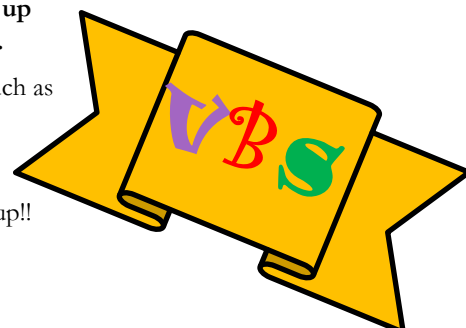
There's still time to sign up!! July 16-19 Luther Crest will be coming to First Lutheran Church for Day Camp. Participants will enjoy a week of playing, singing, worship, making friends, and much more.

Pickup and drop off will be at the West doors near the Fellow-

ship Hall. **Doors will open at 8:45 a.m. Please pick up your child at 3:00 p.m.**

We are going to have such a great time!

Stop at Church to sign up!!



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH 2018-2019 SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Complete and turn into the church office.

1st Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

- ☐ Butterflies Family Program once per month (age 0-3)
☐ Preschool 1 (must be 3 years old by September 1, 2018)
☐ Preschool 2 (4 and 5 year olds)
Entering Grade _____ (K-12) this fall 2018

2nd Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

- ☐ Butterflies Family Program once per month (age 0-3)
☐ Preschool 1 (must be 3 years old by September 1, 2018)
☐ Preschool 2 (4 and 5 year olds)
Entering Grade _____ (K-12) this fall 2018

3rd Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

- ☐ Butterflies Family Program once per month (age 0-3)
☐ Preschool 1 (must be 3 years old by September 1, 2018)
☐ Preschool 2 (4 and 5 year olds)
Entering Grade _____ (K-12) this fall 2018

Mother's Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Telephone Numbers: Home _____ (C) _____
Work _____

Father's Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Telephone Numbers: Home _____ (C) _____
Work _____

- ☐ Special Needs that we should know about (please describe on back)
☐ Please add me to the *Thursday Blast* for weekly emails regarding First Lutheran Church
☐ Please contact me about becoming involved with Sunday School

I give my permission to use photos of my child in church related publicity and the website.

Yes _____ No--- _____