



# First Lutheran Church February 2019

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Sunday School 10:00 am  
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Since October, a small group of leaders within First Lutheran Church have attended a Cultivating Generous Congregations, 3 one day seminars, in St. Cloud, MN. The seminars were hosted by the Lake Institute on Faith and Giving. It has proven to be a good use of our time and resources. Four of the goals outlined were as follows: Stewardship to Discipleship, Scarcity to Abundance, Money follows Mission, Fundraising is about Relationships. Generosity is grounded in a profound understanding that we are all in this together... it is only in fruitful alliances with others that we can do great things. It is my belief, that God is calling First Lutheran Church to be about doing many great things.

One exercise to highlight the journey of a generous life is to participate in a Generosity Timeline. It can help individuals be more aware of moments of kindness or generosity that have happened in their lives.

The idea is to help participants remember their first or earliest memory of generosity and beyond, and to record events throughout their lives that have made a lasting impression on them. They can be anything that moved your heart. For example; it could be when you gave or received something that was needed or sacrificed so others could have. Or it could be as simple as giving or receiving encouraging words that helped you or someone else get through a difficult time.

It is important to record those moments in a way that can be visual.

Below is a timeline to make short notes as to significant dates or events that come to mind.

My invitation to you this month is to take time as a spiritual practice to consider your story of generosity. My office door is open to hear your stories of generosity to grow in relationship with one another with Christ at the center. My hope is that each of us will begin to see how generosity has always been a part of our lives in ways that you may not have been able to identify in the past. And then I invite each of us to be open to new ways and means of growing in generosity personally and as a community of faith here at First Lutheran Church.

Sharing Christ's Service,

*Pastor Gretchen*



## Looking Ahead to Lent

**Ash Wednesday is on March 6. Services will be held at 12:10 and 6:30 p.m.**

There will be a soup luncheon following the 12:10 service and a meal served prior to the 6:30 p.m. service.

After Ash Wednesday, Lenten services will be held at various ELCA churches in town. Your March Messenger will have a schedule and more details on this invitation to worship together during Lent.





# Sunday School

## February

### **3rd- Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10**

God Uses Helpers!

Sunday School sings at worship

### **10th- Lesson: Luke 5:1-11; 8:1-3**

The Disciples—Jesus calls people like me to follow him

Butterflies meets

### **17th- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### **24th- Lesson: Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

Joseph Feeds his Family—Like

Joseph, we can feed God's family;

Luther Crest Summer Day Camp

Promo Day

## Love is in the Air

"And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."—Colossians 3:14

This month our Sunday School teachers will be on the look out for acts of kindness. Keep a look out for the ways our children show love to friends, family, and members of our community. Help spread the love by sharing some kindness yourself.



## Current for Curran

Thank you to all that gave coins for our Current for Curran fundraiser in November and December.

You helped us raise

# \$496.49

for the Curran Hospital in Liberia!

## February 10

1-3 pm

**Family Sledding/Ice  
Skating Party at  
Cleveland School**



## LOVE DAYS

Every Monday 9 am to 3 pm

(except for Feb. 18)

We hope you will join us!!

## WELCA Executive Board

NO Board meeting in February

## CIRCLES

Sarah—Wednesday, February 27, 2019 9:30 am at Pioneer Pointe

Hannah— Wednesday, February 27, 2019 1:00 pm Kairos Room



*ALL women are encouraged  
to join our Love Days  
and/or Circles!!!!*



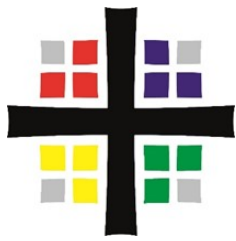
## *What is Sarah Circle?*

Sarah Circle meets from September through May on the 4th Wednesday morning of each month in the Lounge at Pioneer Pointe—411 E Everett Ave. We gather at 9:30 a.m. for one hour. Some of our members now reside there and are unable to attend functions at church. We provide refreshments and fellowship for them. Included is a sharing time based on a devotion or topic of interest to them. Our time together is a blessing to all! We want our faithful women to feel appreciated for their years of serving our church. We would welcome a few new members to share in this mission. Please call Gayle Fitz at 218 736-3058 if you are interested in joining us.

## *Thankoffering*

Thank you to all that participated in the November Thankoffering blue envelope campaign! Because of your generosity, we were able to send \$905.00 to the ELCA for this worthy cause.





## First Lutheran Church Foundation News

At the end of each year, funds not previously disbursed by the Foundation are used to help local organizations. This year the following amounts were given:

Salvation Army	\$2,250.00
Fergus Falls Food Shelf	2,469.00
Food Cards	1,500.00
United Way Backpack	1,000.00
Someplace Safe	1,000.00
Meals by Wheels	500.00
A Place to Belong	1,000.00
Shop with A Hero	400.00
Jail, Inc	400.00



***Thank you for your support of the First Lutheran Church Foundation.***

### **Board Members**

President	Chad Felstul
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## **ALTAR GUILD**

**Altar Guild will meet**

**Tuesday, February 5, 2019**

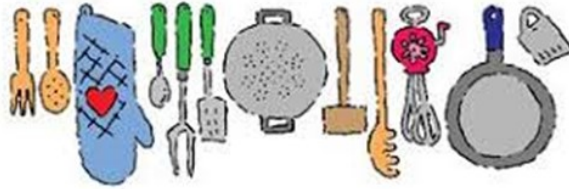
**at 1:00 in the Kairos Room.**

**Personnel Update:**     

**Calie Anderson** has joined the staff on full-time basis to work in the office and serve as Youth Director for 7-12 grade. Her email is [calie@flcff.org](mailto:calie@flcff.org). We are excited to welcome Calie!

**Kristy Wicklund** accepted the permanent role of FLY K-6 youth leader, so we've given her a new title to reflect all of the wonderful work she is doing! She is now our Director of Youth Ministry. Thank you Kristy!





***The heart of the home is the kitchen.*** Working hands spread the love. If you are blessed with interest in the kitchen happenings, please join us as we form a new committee to coordinate/manage the kitchen functions. Many of you have served events here at FLC, and we invite all suggestions from experience. Those of you who have served in other churches, we invite new ideas. Those of you who've not had kitchen experience, we need you, too, if you have willing hands. We plan to gather **Wednesday, February 20 at 1:00 PM at Cafe 116** over lunch (on your own) to organize the working committee. Let the office know that you are interested, if you are unable to attend the meet. Watch for any changes in the Sunday bulletin, or the Weekly Blast.



### Lost & Found



We have collected quite a few items over the past few months (water bottles, jewelry, coffee cups, clothing) Please check out the shelving in the Narthex outside the Office window, or the coat rack by the stairs to the lower level to see if something you are looking for is there!!! We will keep the items until the end of February.

### Looking for Containers!

We are in need of clean plastic containers with lids, including ice cream buckets, to use in the kitchen to send extra food home after serving funerals or other events. Please bring the containers to the kitchen. Thank YOU so much!!!



**Drivers Needed for Meals by Wheels: February 25 through March 1.**

Sign up is on the counter outside the office,  
or you can contact Jennifer Frank.





## February 2019: Youth News!



- FLY K-6 continues to meet on Wednesdays at 3:30 pm.
- FLY 7-9 Sledding at Roosevelt Park on February 17th at 12:00 pm.
- Scholarship form for the Foundation Scholarship (anyone attending or planning to attend a Lutheran college) will be mailed out soon. Please return the form by April 1, 2019.
- Scholarship forms for the ELCA scholarship were mailed to all seniors. If you plan to apply for this scholarship, please return the form to the office by April 1, 2019.

### Luther Crest Bible Camp 2019

Dear First Lutheran Youth,

The First Lutheran Foundation has agreed to provide matching dollars to attend Luther Crest. This is an incredible opportunity to attend camp at a very low price!

The following is what the foundation will pay for Luther Crest Camps: (The rest of the balance is your responsibility – However, if you have financial need, please speak with me!)

On Site Day Camp	\$60
Explorers	\$70
Seekers	\$200
Leapers	\$300
Critters	\$300



Any other Luther Crest Camps for other grades: \$300

It is in your best interest to register early. **The early bird registration ends on Valentine's day (Feb 14<sup>th</sup>)** – so get your registration in by then to save an average of \$100 and for best week selection! You will need to pay the deposit when you register. Registration information can be found on the Luther Crest website at [www.luthercrest.org](http://www.luthercrest.org). Also, brochures containing registration information can be found on the counter in the front of the office window in the narthex.

**Important: To get these dollars applied to your camp registration, you need to notify the church office before 4/25 and give the church office proof of your registration. This can be as simple as emailing the office a copy of your registration to [firstlutheranchurchff@gmail.com](mailto:firstlutheranchurchff@gmail.com)!**

Thank you to the First Lutheran Foundation for this awesome gift toward attending camp. They, like I, believe that attending Bible camp is simply one of the best things you can do in the summer.

Please see me if you have any questions!

Thank you!

*Calie Anderson*

