Happy June/July dear friends in Christ!

I wish to express my gratitude to you for a blessed first year in ministry together. As of June 16th, I will have served as your Senior Pastor for a complete year. One never can be sure how a new call to a congregation will unfold. My prayers have been answered that we have been blessed with a good fit! You have welcomed me with open arms as you have embraced me with prayers and encouragement throughout my cancer diagnosis and treatment. Thank you. I have felt your presence and belief in God’s ability to give me the strength to persevere through surgery and radiation. I am humbled and appreciative for your continuous affirmation.

Now what? We get to continue to grow in deeper relationship with God through discipleship and intimacy with God in prayer and active involvement in the life of the church. How do we do this? We attend worship on a regular basis, offering our time and resources to build up our spiritual lives as well as in support of the body of Christ. We invite friends and family members to join us in worship to engage in deeper study of God’s Word. We pray always.

Please consider joining a Bible Study, volunteering to assist in worship, host fellowship hour, pray ever more fervently, and give generously to support the many and varied ministries that First Lutheran is about.

In closing, I share with you Psalm 90:12 as a reminder that our time on earth is limited. Let us embrace each day as a new beginning toward fulfillment in Christ’s loving embrace. Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom. Thy will be done.

God loves you and so do I.

Pastor Gretchen
How to contact Kristy, Director of Children’s Ministries
(218) 531-9544,
Kristy@flcff.org
Subscribe to Remind App by texting @flcss18 to 81010

Join us this August for Vacation Bible School!!!

Camp Yahweh
“God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.”—Genesis 1:31

August 12-15
9:00-10:15 a.m.
First Lutheran Church Narthex
Ages 0-5 years old and a favorite adult

Butterflies VBS at First Lutheran Church (ages 0-5)
Register at church or online at:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JVYdZto6AQacG6kzBRRW7xnmMFxhqKk-/view?usp=sharing
Registration deadline: July 29, 2019

VBS at First Lutheran Church
Luther Crest Day Camp—Jesus 180
August 12-15, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Kindergarten-6th grade
Registration forms at church or online at:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/16BCnFeOX30nq0f_hixMbMuOAzZA-W8oB/view?usp=sharing
Registration deadline: July 29, 2019
FLY K-6

You can reach Kristy, Director of Children’s Ministries, at (218) 531-9544, Kristy@flcff.org, Remind App FLYK6

- June 2nd—Clean up day and picnic 10:30-1:00
- July 22nd—Family Beach Party and Potluck at Pebble Lake 5:00-7:00
- August 12-15th—Jesus 180 VBS with Luther Crest at FLC 9:00-3:00

Please bring registration forms to the church office.

Clean Up Day and Picnic

We invite all youth ages K-12 and the congregation to bring your rakes and gardening gloves and help us clean up the church yard and Wright Park. We will get started after worship. A picnic/ice cream in Fellowship Hall will follow.

Sunday, June 2 10:30 am to 1:00 pm

FLY 7-9 & 10-12

Frolfing for FLY 10-12 on June 30

*Keep a look out for fun upcoming activities!

like….

*Frolfing for FLY 7-9

*Skyzone

*Valley Fair

*Feed my Starving Children

Contact Calie at Calie@flcff.org or use Remind App FLY79 or FLY1012, cell 218 321-0970.
First Communion
April 18, 2019

Confirmation
Sunday
May 12, 2019
Busy Sundays at First Lutheran!!
Thank you to all who helped with “Taste of Spring” Salad Luncheon! Thanks to your generous donations of salads, bars and baked goods, we were able to raise $2071 for local use and charities. Thanks too for attending the luncheon...the salads were yummy, the goodies were delicious, and the time of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Thank you to the women who made the fleece blankets for our Graduating Seniors!

”...and remember, like a warm comforter, God is always with you to give you His comfort.”

First Lutheran is forming a team for the Otter Tail West Relay for Life. The Relay will be on Friday, June 14, 2019 from 5 to 9 pm at the MN State Community & Technical College. If you are interested in being on a team, please contact Sue (218) 770-5156 or Marlene (218) 205-5543. Also, there will be luminaries available for $10 in the Narthex after worship. If you don’t want to purchase a luminary, donations of any amount are appreciated.

THANK YOU for supporting this VERY worthwhile cause.

First Lutheran has been designated as a Bronze Level Bicycle Friendly Business by the League of American Bicyclists!!
LOVE DAYS
Every Monday 9 am to 3 pm
We hope you will join us!!

WELCA Board
No meetings June—August

CIRCLES
Sarah—no meetings
June, July, August

Hannah—Wednesday, June 26
1:00 p.m. Kairos Room
No meetings July & August

Women's Week at Luther Crest!
June 23-28
All women. All week. All sorts of fun!
Gather at Luther Crest for another great
Women's Week experience at camp this
summer. Meals, goodies and treats will be
provided, and there will be daily speakers
and presentations as well as nightly enter-
tainment. This is a wonderful opportunity
to participate and grow together in a
Christ-centered community through
discussion and devotion. More information
available at
www.luthercrest.org/womens-week

First Lutheran is planning a Day Trip for
Monday, June 24. Sign-up will be in
the Narthex. Watch the bulletin for
more details.

All women are encouraged to join
our Love Days
and/or Circles!!!
United Way Day of Caring will be on Tuesday, June 18. This is a day when volunteers from the community assist veterans, seniors, people living with disabilities, and non-profit organizations tackle meaningful projects. If you would like to volunteer to help, or if you are in need of help with a project, contact Alison at 218 770-9406 or visit the United Way website UWOTW.ORG.

Do you enjoy digging in the dirt? The flower beds and plants/shrubs outside the church need some care. If you are interested in helping with maintenance of these outdoor areas, please contact Mark Hermes from the Property Committee (218) 517-0939, or the church office. Thank YOU!
# June 2019

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LIVESTREAM of worship on YouTube Channel: First Lutheran Church ELCA, Fergus Falls

**MORNING WATCH — MONDAY—FRIDAY 8:45 A.M. KBRF AM 1250**

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