



# First Lutheran Church June/July 2019

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**Mission Statement: "As faithful disciples, we serve God and welcome all people with open hearts".**

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*



**Summer Worship on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. begins June 5!**

**We will be traveling to ELCA churches in the area for worship—dates are listed on your monthly calendar!**

**Refreshments served after worship.**



How to contact Kristy,  
Director of Children's Ministries  
(218) 531-9544,  
Kristy@flcfff.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

camp

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-6<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Registration forms at church or online at:**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/16BCnFeOX30nq0f\\_hixMbMuOAZA-W8oB/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/16BCnFeOX30nq0f_hixMbMuOAZA-W8oB/view?usp=sharing)

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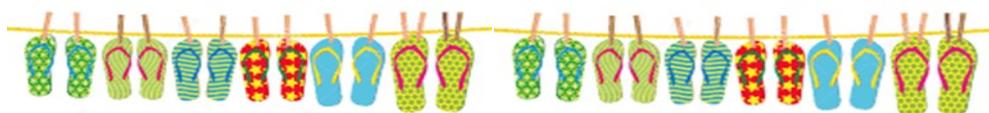
## FLY K-6

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

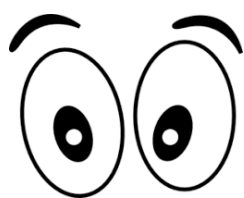
We invite all youth ages K-12 and the congregation to bring your rakes and gardening gloves and help us clean up the church yard and Wright Park. We will get started after worship. A picnic/ice cream in Fellowship Hall will follow.

**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**

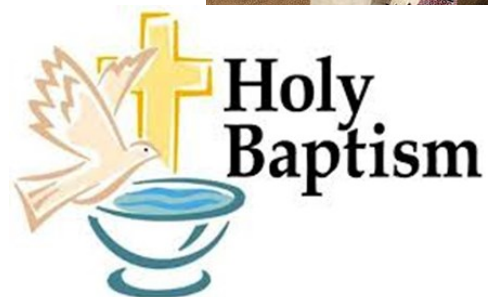




# 2019 Senior Recognition



*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!!



# SUMMER

Women <sup>of the</sup> ELCA 

## LOVE DAYS

Every Monday 9 am to 3 pm  
We hope you will join us!!

## WELCA Board

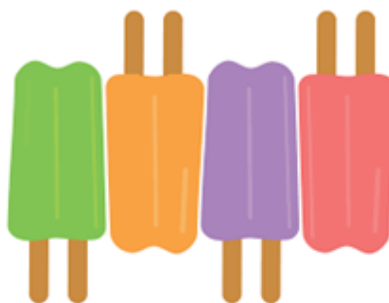
No meetings June—August

## CIRCLES

Sarah— no meetings  
June, July, August

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

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



### **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](http://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.**



### **18th Annual Luther Crest Golf Scramble**



**Monday, August 5, 2019**

**Lake Miltona Golf Club  
Alexandria MN**

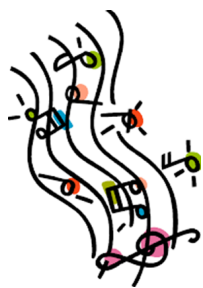
Register online [www.luthercrest.org](http://www.luthercrest.org),  
click on special events

Need more info?

**Call 320 846-2431 or email  
[jodyj@luthercrest.org](mailto:jodyj@luthercrest.org)**

This event helps to raise funds for Luther  
Crest that are crucial to the ministry we  
provide every year. Your participation and  
sponsorship help to keep fees low so that  
all children, youth, and family can experi-  
ence the life-changing love of Christ.





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**BOYCHOIR**

Anthony Hayden

Liam

Griffith

Volunteer

Morton

Heath

William

TR93

Mark

Sgm

Richard

Dear Pastor Gretchen, Keith, LeAnne, Calie & Congregation,  
Thanks to you and the members of First Lutheran Church  
for hosting us for a worship service, FANTASTIC Brunch  
and performance during our spring tour to Fergus Falls,  
MN. We all appreciate your hospitality, kindness and  
support to make this appearance possible.  
We stand taller, smile longer and sing better when  
supported by people like you. Grateful that you were a  
part of the tour's success!

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BOYCHOIR**

Mark Johnson Executive & Artistic Director  
Todd Price Accompanist  
Anna Keyes Managing Director  
Phil Radtke Assistant to the Director

## Church Council First Lutheran

### Term ending 2020

Richard Felstul  
Suzanne Demuth  
Joe Ellig  
Jennifer Frank  
Mark Hermes  
Rick West  
Deb Opatz

### Term ending 2021

Abbey Kwapinski  
Harriet Wicklund  
Youth (open)  
Fellowship (open)  
Membership (open)

### Executive Committee

Richard Felstul, President  
Steve Guttormson, VP  
Deb Opatz, Secretary  
Suzanne Demuth, Treasurer

**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



## Electronic Giving!

## Wednesday Evening Shared ELCA

**Worship Schedule 5:30 p.m.**

## June 5—Bethlehem

June 12—Augustana

June 19—Hope

June 26—Zion

**WORSHIP BROADCAST SUNDAYS AT 9:30 A.M. ON KJJK AM 1020 or 97.7 FM  
LIVESTREAM of worship on YouTube Channel: First Lutheran Church ELCA, Fergus Falls  
MORNING WATCH— MONDAY—FRIDAY 8:45 A.M. KBRF AM 1250**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>SUMMER OFFICE HOURS</b> 8 am to 3:30 pm <b>MONDAY-THURSDAY</b>						1
2 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Holy Baptism and First Communion 10:30 am Grounds/Park clean up with picnic to follow	3 9-3 WELCA Love Days 5 pm AI-Anon 6:15 pm OA	4 	5 9:30 am AI-Anon 10 am AA 12 Executive Committee 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 3:30 pm Worship/Music 4:30 pm Education Comm. <b>5:30 pm Worship Bethlehem</b>	6 8:45 am Morning Watch 10:30 am Sr. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Christ in Your Recovery Bible Study	7 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Synod Assembly Concordia	8 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 pm AA Fellowship Hall
9 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion → Synod Assembly Concordia	10 9-3 WELCA Love Days 5 pm AI-Anon 6:15 pm OA	11 3 pm Mill street Bible Study 6 pm Church Council	12 9:30 am AI-Anon 10 am AA 1:00 pm Staff Meeting <b>5:30 p.m. Worship Augustana</b>	13 8:45 am Morning Watch 10:30 am Sr. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Christ in Your Recovery Bible Study	14 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Relay for Life 5 to 9 pm	15 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Fellowship Hall reserved
16 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	17 9-3 WELCA Love Days 5 pm AI-Anon 6:15 OA	18 	19 9:30 am AI-Anon 10 am AA 1:00 pm Staff Meeting <b>5:30 p.m. Worship Hope</b>	20 8:45 am Morning Watch 10:30 am Sr. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Christ in Your Recovery Bible Study	21 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	22 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
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July 3—First Lutheran  
 July 10—Hope Lutheran  
 July 17—Bethlehem Lutheran  
 July 24—Aastad Lutheran  
 July 31—Zion Lutheran



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<b>SUMMER OFFICE HOURS</b> 8 am to 3:30 pm MONDAY-THURSDAY	1 Pastor Gretchen at Lutheran Diaconess Conference	2 1:00 to 7:00 pm Blood Drive Fellowship Hall	3 12 Executive Committee 1:00 pm Staff Meeting <b>5:30 pm Worship First Lutheran</b>	4 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 8:45 am Morning Watch 6:30 pm Christ in Your Recovery Bible Study	5 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	6 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
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