**Looking ahead to Lent**

Lenten Theme: “Life in the Shadow of the Cross”

**Ash Wednesday February 26**

Each church will hold their own worship service. We will have worship with Holy Communion at 12:10 pm & 6:30 p.m.

**Traveling Lenten Services on Wednesdays**

We will travel to the other ELCA churches in town. There will be 12:10 pm worship followed by soup lunch and 5:30 pm supper followed by 6:30 pm worship.

- March 4—Bethlehem Lutheran, March 11—Hope Lutheran, March 18—First Lutheran, March 25—Zion Lutheran, April 1—Augustana Lutheran

**April 9 Maundy Thursday** worship will be at individual churches. 7:00 pm at First Lutheran. There will also be a prayer vigil in the Chapel from 12 to 6 pm on Maundy Thursday.

**April 10 Good Friday worship** will be 12:10 pm at Bethlehem and 7:00 pm at First Lutheran with a Joint ELCA Cantata.
February Sunday School Happenings

Feb. 2 - Sunday School sings in worship
Lesson: The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12)

Feb. 9 - Lesson: Salt and Light (Matthew 5:13-20)
Butterflies ages birth-Preschool

Feb. 16 - Family Worship/ No Sunday School Lessons

Feb. 26 - The Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-13)

Subscribe to the Remind App to stay up to date on all the Sunday school happenings.
Text @flcss18 to 81010

February Sunday School Happenings

VBS with Luther Crest will be JULY 6-9
8:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
This year we will be doing Vacation Bible School together with Augustana, Hope, and Zion churches. We are very excited to bring this combined event to our community and congregations. Keep on the look out for more details to come!

Luau Party FLY K-6
It’s cold outside, so let’s warm up with a Luau! Come and pretend to be in a warmer climate with some fun games, food, and sharing the warmth with others.

Where: Fellowship Hall
When: Sunday, February 9 4:00 pm-5:30 pm
Who: Kindergarten—6th grade (family members are welcome to join)

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Information about Luther Crest Bible Camp 2020 for all ages can be found on the next page!!!
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:

- 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 14th)** – 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 office@flcff.org.

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*

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**FLY 7-9**

February 5
5:30-6:30 pm with supper.

**FLY 10-12**

Let’s go tubing at Andes Tower Hills!

**Sunday, February 9, 2020**

Meet at church at 12 noon.
Bring your own money for snacks.

Sign-up sheet on counter in the Narthex, or contact Calie to sign-up. Calie@flcff.org; Remind app tex @fly10-12 to 81010; text or call 218 321-0970

**FLY 5-7**

February 5
5:30-6:30 pm

Plan for Lock-In on Saturday March 14!!
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is with great excitement that I announce to you that I have entered the candidacy process with the NWMN Synod of the ELCA to become a Minister of Word and Sacrament. My journey of discernment began when I attended the Synod Assembly this past June, but my spiritual journey began over 30 years ago when I was baptized in our Church and welcomed into the Body of Christ by this congregation. If it weren’t for the love and support of this congregation, I would not be writing this announcement to you today. I would especially like to thank you for the support you gave sending myself and other youth members of our church to Tanzania. I was a member of the team that went on the trip in 2005, and that life changing experience was incredibly important in the development of my faith. I would also like to thank the members of the senior choir for their commitment to the choir. In a time when many churches are struggling to find enough people to keep their choirs going, ours is going strong. Music has always been one of the primary ways that I have been able to express my faith, and if it weren’t for all of the people willing to show up on Wednesday nights, I would not have had the same opportunity.

I have applied for the MDivX program at Luther Seminary which is a new, accelerated program that will take two years to complete. If accepted into this competitive program, I will begin coursework as well as an internship in June. My plan is to stay in the area and do the majority of my coursework online and thanks to the support of some very generous donors, Luther Seminary is able to offer all of their students a full ride scholarship!

Once again, I would just like to say thank you for all of your prayers as I begin this new chapter in my life. It has been a blessing to be able to worship alongside all of you and to be able to call First Lutheran my home.

Christ’s Peace, Michael Wicklund

Who is this message for?

Any Older Wiser Lutheran (55 or older)! If you would like to receive information about OWLS activities, there is a sign-up sheet on the Information Counter where you can list your phone number and email. Notices will still be posted in the bulletin, Messenger & bulletin board, but additional contact information would be appreciated.

Thank YOU!

Items are needed for a craft event in the fall. If you have any of these items, please bring them to the church.

Collection box in the Narthex.

- Wooden cutting boards, any shape or size
- Glass vases, preferably clear and not really small
- Candles, any color or size

Thanks!!
Following communion, we offer joyful and prayerful thanks to God. We join again in the familiar exchange of blessing between pastor and people. With the benediction of God, used in the church since the days of Moses, the pastor closes our service. The sign of the cross reminds us that all of this is ours through the cross and merits of Jesus in whom we trust and for whom we live. With the assurance of the Lord’s blessing upon us and His strength accompanying us, we are ready to depart in peace. Our liturgy (service) to God does not end here. We move outside the church building into the liturgy of our daily life, ready to be His witnesses and to do His will. Through our actions, His name is hallowed and His kingdom truly comes, through us, for Jesus’ sake! Thanks be to God!

We are collecting items for the Welcome House.

Guidelines:
Good household furniture, used clothing and clothing for babies and children of all ages.

Welcome House will not accept car seats, baby furniture, mattresses, or large household appliances. No bedding will be accepted unless in excellent condition.

You may bring your items to Classroom 10, first floor Sunday School wing, at First Lutheran.

Thank You
for your generosity at holiday services these past months.

$1064.15 was given at Thanksgiving and split between the Salvation Army and Churches United for the Homeless.

$132.00 in loose offering was given during Advent and given to Lake Region Recovery Home.
LOVE DAYS
Every Monday
9 am to 3 pm,
(except for Monday, February 17,
President’s Day)
Join us for quilting, mission projects, and fellowship!

WELCA Executive Board
Meets Tuesday, February 11
10:00 a.m. Kairos Room

CIRCLES
Wednesday, February 26
Sara 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Pioneer Pointe
Hannah 1:00 p.m.
Kairos Room

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

WOW invites all women to a Make & Take Event
gnome
SWEET
gnome

Monday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall at First Lutheran
$5.00 for supplies to make a gnome.
(pay at the event)

We hope you’ll join us for an evening of fellowship, crafting, and snacks!

Invite your friends!
Please sign up in the Narthex.