



First Lutheran Church



2021

In-Person Worship Sunday at 9:30 am
Listen on the radio 1020 am or FM 97.7
www.channel977.com; PEG Access Channel 8
Livestream on YouTube, link found on website

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

Mark your calendars: Beginning Wednesday June 16th at 5:00 pm, we will gather at Augustana Lutheran Church for a simple meal followed by 5:30 pm casual worship with Holy Communion. Throughout the summer, Vicar Lynn will be leading a sermon series entitled: *Living Our Faith in 2021*.



In addition, we will continue our collaborative efforts with Augustana Lutheran on Sunday mornings when they will join us at our 9:30 am worship at First Lutheran through the end of August. Augustana will have a pastoral vacancy throughout the summer months and it seems appropriate that we invite them to worship with us.

In an effort to resume some sense of normalcy on Sunday mornings, we need **volunteers!** We are seeking individuals and families who wish to usher, greet, cantor, lector and to set-up coffee and treats for fellowship time. Please contact the church office if you are interested. 739-3348 or email office@flcff.org.

Pastor Stan will resume his in-person visitation this month. If you or a loved one would like to have a visit, please contact the church office.

Pastor Gretchen



June through August, Sunday worship will be at First Lutheran at 9:30 am.
Radio and YouTube coverage will continue.

Beginning Wednesday, June 16, and throughout the summer, we are invited to join Augustana for a simple meal at 5:00 pm, followed by 5:30 pm casual worship.
Vicar Lynn will lead a sermon series called *Living our Faith in 2021*.

Beginning on Thursday, July 1 at 10:30 am a new Senior Bible Study will begin.
"Manna & Mercy" will be the study text.

Radio, and on YouTube and PEG Access available on Sundays

In-person worship is happening at First Lutheran at 9:30 am on Sundays. Services will continue to be live-streamed on YouTube and on-air on KJJK AM 1020 or Channel 977 FM97.7 at 9:30 am on Sundays. To access YouTube go to the First Lutheran website: www.firstlutheranchurchff.org. You can livestream or watch later. Our worship services are being aired on PEG Access Channel 8. The schedule does change, so be sure to check the website at <http://pegaccess.com/channel8programming.html> for current times.

First Lutheran Children's SUMMER Activities

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH **First Lutheran Church**
FERGUS FALLS, MN Since 1872

BUTTERFLIES VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Outside at First Lutheran Church (inside if it rains)

Tuesday, June 29, 2021 **9:15-11:15 a.m.**

0-5 YEARS OLD AND FAVORITE ADULT **FREE** for participants!

Register at Augustana's or First's church office, or on the church's website by June 7th.

TUESDAYS AT THE PARK

Tuesdays (starting June 8th) in the summer between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m., come on out with your child(ren) to NP park and join in the Fergus Falls Public Library's Summer Story walk and meet up with friends (both adults and children) from First Lutheran Church. Kristy will be there most Tuesdays with her littles. Feel free to invite your friends. Let's reconnect, meet some new faces, and let the children play!

Chilling with FLY K-6

School may be out, but it is just too much fun hanging out with FLY K-6! Join Kristy on Thursday, June 17th starting at 4:30 where we will walk to Uncle Eddie's and chill with some ice cream, and play some fun outdoor games at First Lutheran. This event is open to anyone that would like to join us.

Thursday, June 17th
4:30-6:00 p.m.

WORSHIP, BIBLE DIVES, GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS, FUN!

DAY CAMP

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Kindergarten- 6th grade

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL w/ LUTHER CREST

OUTSIDE AT AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Register at Augustana's or First's church office, or on the church's website by June 7th.

FREE for attendees

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*We want to hear
from you!*

You may be asked in person or through an online questionnaire this month for your ideas about Sunday School in 2021-2022. With everything that happened in the last year, the Education Committee would love to hear how Sunday School can meet your families faith needs and wants. Feel free to contact Kristy with your comments and ideas.



"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,"
-Hebrews 10:24

LADIES NIGHT WITH THE JUNKYARD CHICKS



JUNE 2, 2021 | 6:00-8:45 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL- FIRST LUTHERAN
CHURCH, FERGUS FALLS

Register by May, 25th on First Lutheran's website or call the church office, (218) 739-3348.



"Be the Light" vinyl stickers for anyone that wants one are on the counter in front of the church office. They are waterproof and can be used on your car, coffee cup, daily planner, water bottle, etc.

Enjoy, and remember to be kind, share God's love and "be the light"!



Clean Up Day May 12!
Way to go FLY K-6 Kids!!!



Sunny!

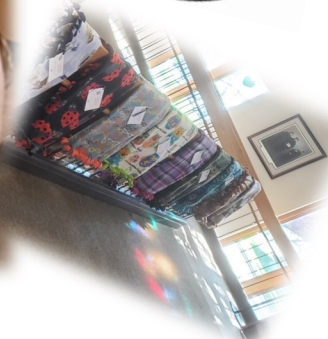


Silly!!



May 23 Time with the Children

This Little Light of Mine!



Senior Recognition Sunday



Thank You to our blanket makers!



To contact Calie
Calie@flcfff.org
 Remind app text @fly79 or @fly10-12
 to 81010; text or call 218 321-0970

FLY 7-12
 Game Night at Church
 Wednesday, June 30, 2021
 6:30 to 7:30 pm
 Games! Sardines!
 Snacks! Fun!

Valleyfair

Watch for a Valley Fair trip coming up in August!
 We are making plans with the other ELCA church in Fergus Falls to take a
 trip to Valley Fair for a day of fun.
 Details coming soon.



Seniors from 1st Lutheran



Isaac Shaun Anderson

Parents: Shaun Anderson; Jennifer & David Neese

Activities: Fishing team, trap shooting

Plans: Attend NDSCS for plumbing and HVAC

Fun Fact/Enjoys: Hunting, fishing, outdoor sports



Hope Michelle Fletchall

Parents: Mike & Janette Fletchall

Activities: National Honor Society, figure skating captain

Plans: Attend University of North Dakota to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing

Fun Face/Enjoys: Traveled to two foreign countries, enjoys running, golfing and traveling



Madisen Caroline Ann Hinsverk

Parents: Tammy & Todd Hinsverk

Activities: Color guard, band, bel Canto Choir

Plans: Attend NDSCS for nursing

Fun Fact/Enjoys: Hanging out with her color guard family and marching in parades





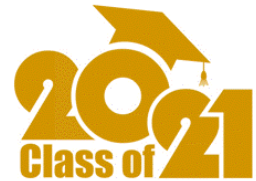
Callie Mae Knudson

Parents: Dawn & Michael Knudson

Activities: Interact Club, Concert Band, Pep Band, Marching Band, Independent Art

Plans: Attend ND State College of Science for dental hygiene

Fun Fact/Enjoys: Being outside, drawing/painting, hanging out with friends & playing with animals.



Hailey Elizabeth Knudson

Parents: Dawn & Michael Knudson

Activities: Interact Club, Concert Band, Pep Band, Marching Band, Independent Art

Plans: ND State College of Science for Dental Hygiene

Fun Fact/Enjoys: Band, painting, swimming, cuddling with cats



Koryna Ruth Loomer

Parents: Tony & Andrea Loomer

Plans: Attend NDSCS for Nursing

Fun Fact/Enjoys: Loves working with and training her horse, and loves to barrel race at the rodeos in the summer.



Grace Robyn Opatz

Parents: Jon & Debra Opatz

Plans: Attend M State, and eventually go into Nursing

Fun Fact/Enjoys: Working with the elderly, which has influenced her decision to become a nurse.





Jacob Mathew Opatz

Parents: Jon & Debra Opatz

Activities : Choir, Musical, Plays, Student Council

Plans: Attend San Diego State University

Fun Fact/Enjoys: Music, acting & singing



Luke Michael Opatz

Parents: Jon & Debra Opatz

Activities: Clay shooting, fishing club

Plans: Buy into the family business

Fun Fact/Enjoys: Loves hunting, fishing and water sports



Svea Quinn Smestad

Parents: Richard & Jennifer Smestad

Activities: National Honor Society, student council, soccer (co-captain), track (co-captain), Otter Leadership Academy

Plans: Attend University of Minnesota-Duluth, to study engineering

Fun Fact/Enjoys: Outdoor activities and sports—currently holds school shot put record, which was set nearly 40 years ago.



Ian Patrick Stumbo

Parents: Greg & Jenny Stumbo

Activities: Baseball, soccer, hockey, Young Life

Plans: Attend University of North Dakota and major in Economics

Fun Fact/Enjoys: Being on the go, playing sports and being with friends



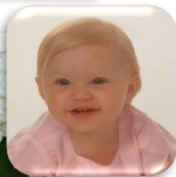
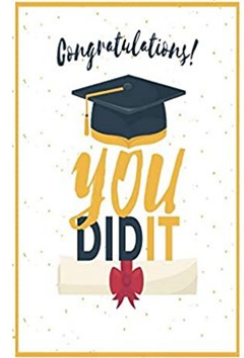
Charles Hunter Vaughn

Parents: Adam & Kari Vaughn

Activities: Tennis and fishing league

Plans: Attend North Dakota State University, interested in Wildlife Biology program

Fun Fact/Enjoys: Hunting and fishing



Emily Kristine Werner

Parents: Kris & Robin Werner

Activities: Swimming, choir

Plans: Attend University of North Dakota



Samuel Vitaly Western

Parents: Pam & Gregg Western

Activities: National Honor Society, golf, pep band, marching band, and track

Plans: Attend MState Fergus Falls to pursue a career in nursing.

Fun fact/Enjoys: Adopted from Kyiv Ukraine. Enjoys golfing.



Not pictured: Karley Kugler
Raven Palardis
Rainna Popp
Sophia Prischmann

Vicar's Thoughts.....

Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Mark 12:30-31

First Lutheran has an impressive history of mission work in Tanzania. It is time to recapture that spirit with an introduction to another international mission – this one closer to home. Mission Jamaica (MJ) is a short-term "**vacation with a purpose**" mission experience which began at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi, Minnesota. In 1989, Senior Pastor Roger Eigenfeld felt the call to develop an international mission program and through contacts in Jamaica found an opportunity. Since that time, over 35 other Evangelical Lutheran Church in America congregations have partnered with St. Andrew's in this mission field. MJ works with a program similar to Habitat for Humanity at various sites throughout Jamaica, assists at an orphanage for disabled Jamaican children, provides basic medical clinics and other projects as needed. Both my daughter and I have participated in MJ and loved it!

Mission Jamaica provides a way for us to love and serve our neighbor as Jesus taught us through His love and service to others. The trip combines a service project with time for reflection and spiritual rest. It allows a person to experience an international mission field that is close to home yet far enough away to immerse into another culture for a week. Be on the lookout for more information on a **mission trip in February of 2022**. Questions? You can call/text me at 218-321-0967 or email me at Lynn@flcff.org.

Excited to serve our neighbors, *Vicar Lynn*

2022 Trip Opportunities with First Lutheran

Feb 5—12, 2022

West Haven Children's Home

As a home to 80+ children and young adults with varying degrees of disabilities, West Haven has need for ongoing projects, including:

- Construction
- Sewing
- Laundry
- Caring for residents
- Assisting the staff

J'Abode (formerly Habitat)

Painting, pouring concrete, and basic construction are some of the Mission Jamaica tasks. The focus in Jamaica is to build 12' x 16' one room homes or add-ons to existing homes. We work side by side with the future new home owners. Cost of a home is \$4,000 US dollars.

Medical Clinic helper or **Clifton Boys Home** work might be available.



**A Life Changing Experience
Come & Serve!**



Vacation with a Purpose



Putting Faith into Action

Putting Faith into Action: A Vacation with a Purpose

MJ provides a way for us to **give ourselves away in love** and allows people with varied skills and talents to participate. Activities range from pouring cement to reading to a child. Through J'Abode we build homes working with the Jamaican people.

- 4 days mission work
- 2 days rest & relaxation
- 2 days travel

We worship on Sunday with the local church where we serve. We hold daily devotions each evening.



*Relax after a week of mission work.
Holiday Inn Resort.*

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
wedding

OF
LYNN MELCHIOR
&
ROBERT BAARDSEN

Saturday, the twenty-eighth of August

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-ONE
AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

God's Acres

36051 CO HWY 74
BATTLE LAKE, MINNESOTA

*Reception to follow.
Casual Dress.*



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THE FAVOR OF A REPLY IS REQUESTED BY
the fourteenth of August

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_____ JOYFULLY ACCEPTS
_____ REGRETFULLY DECLINES

*While we are providing a meal, we welcome the culinary specialties of
our family and friends. I am happy to bring:*

_____ APPETIZER
_____ SALAD
_____ OTHER _____



The Worship Corner
by the
Worship & Music
Committee

Number 2 on our "Hymn Hit List" is Holy, Holy, Holy. The prophet Isaiah had a vision and heard the angels — "holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory". Many years later, Reginald Heber felt the same awe at God's holiness and wrote this hymn in response to his experience. Heber, a minister of the Church of England, composed the poem for Trinity Sunday. It lay forgotten until after Heber's death at age 43, his wife found it in a stack of his papers and shared it with musician John B. Dykes (1823-1876), who published it in 1861. The truth of God's holiness has been revealed to millions through this song. Find it in our hymnal on page 413.





You're Invited!

To all the Women of First Lutheran
(WELCA)

Wednesday, June 16th
2:00 pm in the Courtyard
at First Lutheran

We are gathering for fellowship and to have a conversation about how we go forward with our activities, beginning in the Fall. We are looking forward to being together again!



The Love Day Quilters are back to work!
They meet each Monday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
in the Quilting Room.

If you would like more information,
contact Katie at 218 826-6791.



Lions Green Living Projects

Thank you to everyone that leaves plastic bags & wraps in our box in the narthex. The word is spreading throughout the community, and our Riverside Lions Club in Fergus Falls appreciates all the participation. We are in this endeavor with other communities in the area, so wherever you see a collection box with the Lions info on, we encourage donations.

It is that time of year again when we will also be collecting clean, like-new shoes. This project keeps used shoes out of the landfill, and the club receives a small monetary return, which goes toward our local service projects. You may leave your shoe donations in the same box as the plastics.

Lions International continues to recycle prescription eye wear, as well as hearing aids, so as more of us are returning to in person worship & meetings, you may leave your eye glasses and hearing aids in the collection bin in the narthex. Any questions, contact Pamela Schroden, 218-731-2954.



Join us for the SUMMERFEST parade on Saturday, June 12th. Meet at First Lutheran at 4:00 pm for decorating, food, and to get shirts and candy for the parade.

We will begin to gear up for the celebration of our 150th Anniversary in 2022!

We will line up for the parade at 5:00 pm on Cavour Avenue.

Sign up to be a part of the FLC parade entry on our website, or call the church office 739-3348.

We will need to know your shirt size. Open to ALL ages!

If you would like to donate candy for the parade, please drop it off in the Narthex before June 10.
Thank YOU!

Collection for Lake Region Halfway Home continues thru June

We are gathering items to help the Lake Region Halfway Home with their need for hygiene kits. List of items needed: razors, shave cream, toothbrush & toothpaste, roll-on deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, soap, soap box, nail clippers, lotion.

Your donations can be brought to the church and left in the collection box in the Narthex. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Thank YOU!

Blood Drive at First Lutheran

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

1:00 to 7:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

**Sign up by calling 1-800-733-2767 or visit
RedCrossBlood.org.**

Sponsor Code: Fergus First Lutheran



Help needed at June 29th Blood Drive

We are looking for volunteers to cover 2 shifts:

1 to 4 pm and 4 to 7 pm

2 volunteers per shift to help with registration and to monitor the snack table.

Please contact Jennifer at 701 238-0276

if you can help. Thank You!

Executive Committee

George Mathison, President
David & Lorri Holt, Co-VP
Suzanne Demuth, Treasurer

Council Members

Jennifer Frank, Outreach
Michael Wicklund, Disc.
Missy Mattson, Personnel
Leslie Flugstad, Finance
Harriet Wicklund, Worship
Alison Koch, Youth
JoAn Whitlock, Fellowship
Tara Wagner, Education
Tedd Steenbock, Property
Kris Werner, Membership



Funeral Planning Workshop

June 21st 5:30 pm

Funerals are a difficult subject to talk about.

But it is also natural – we all die.

Give your family the gift of making your wishes known – Plan your funeral! This workshop is an opportunity to explore what your funeral will look like before you die. It will cover a funeral service and writing obituaries. A representative from a funeral home will be present to answer any questions you may have.

Workshop is FREE.



We will return to sign-up for worship volunteers each week, beginning in June!

A message will be sent via Constant Contact noting what spots are open and asking for volunteers to sign-up. Also, the worship volunteer sign-up book will be on the Information Desk in the Narthex. and You can sign up there as well.

We will be looking for ushers, greeters, cantors, lectors & coffee servers. It would be GREAT if families would sign-up to greet, usher or help with coffee set up and clean up.

If you've never volunteered before, someone will be happy to teach you!

Other volunteer opportunities: Run the sound board or camera and help in the office. Call the office if you are interested.





Relay for Life

Thursday, July 8, 2021
4 to 9 pm
At the Regional Treatment Center



We would love to have you join the First Lutheran Team or you could come and spend some time with us at the Relay. For information, contact Sue at 218 770-5156.

The team will be taking donations for luminaries on June 13, June 20 and June 27 in the Narthex, before and after worship. Also, we will be sponsoring the coffee time on those Sundays, and all proceeds go to the Relay for Life.

Currently almost 4 million people take part in Relay for Life Events in over 5,000 communities in the U.S. There are 29 countries besides the US that do Relay for Life events!



Walk a lap with me.

Join us at Relay for Life to honor or remember a loved one.



Smile!! 

Pentecost

Fellowship!



Lennon Marie Johansen Baptism

