



# First Lutheran Church August 2021



In-Person Worship Sunday at 9:30 am  
Listen on the radio 1020 am or FM 97.7  
[www.channel977.com](http://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".**

First Lutheran Church is a welcoming church just as God welcomes each and every one of us. The below Bible verses highlight God's welcoming spirit. My hope is that these scriptures inspire you to join us for worship this month as we soak up the remaining days of summer. Some of our welcoming community of First Lutheran Church have not gathered in-person for worship since the pandemic has subsided. We miss you, however we understand some are still worshipping via the radio or on YouTube. We thank you for your steadfast commitment to God and making worship a priority.



Luke 9:11

*But the crowds found out where he was going, and they followed him. He welcomed them and taught them about the Kingdom of God, and he healed those who were sick.*

Galatians 3:28

*There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

Acts 15:4

*When they arrived in Jerusalem, Barnabas and Paul were welcomed by the whole church, including the apostles and elders. They reported everything God had done through them.*

Romans 15:17

*So I have reason to be enthusiastic about all Christ Jesus has done through me in my service to God.*

May God bless you as you continue to journey the road to the cross. My hope is that as a community, we lean into Holy Scripture to find the strength and courage to press on in faith and to welcome all to come and to share the Spirit!

Sharing Christ's Service,  
*Pastor Gretchen*

## Sunday worship with Holy Communion at First Lutheran at 9:30 am

Radio and YouTube coverage will continue. 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](http://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.

## Wednesday Evening worship at Augustana at 5:30 pm

Every Wednesday evening, 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*.

# Children/Youth Activities

How to contact Kristy, Director of  
Children's Ministries  
(218) 531-9544,  
Kristy@flecff.org  
Subscribe to Remind App by  
texting @flec18 to 81010

## What's coming up!

**Tuesday, Aug. 10**— Tuesdays at  
NP Park 9:00-10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, Aug. 11**— Valley  
Fair 6th grade-12th grade

**Thursday, Aug. 12**—Acolyte  
Training for 4th, 5th & 6th  
graders at 5:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Aug. 17**— Tuesdays at  
NP Park 9:00-10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, Aug. 24**— Tuesdays at  
NP Park 9:00-10:00 a.m.

**Thursday, Aug. 26**— Outdoor  
Movie 8:15 p.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 12**  
**Rally Sunday**

## Outdoor Movie



Join us for an outdoor movie in the  
upper parking lot at First Lutheran.  
Bring your chairs, some pillows and  
blankets, or watch from your vehicle for  
a classic movie that will be fun for all  
ages. Due to licensing, the name of the movie can not be  
given, but here is the description: Rated PG and released  
in 1993, this movie is about Scottie Smalls who moves to a  
new neighborhood and makes friends with a bunch of kids  
that play baseball in a sandlot. Together they go on some  
funny adventures, one involving a famous baseball that  
Smalls borrows from his stepdad.

**When: Thursday, August 26 at 8:15 p.m.**

**Where: First Lutheran Church Upper Parking Lot**

**Who: All ages**

## Acolyte Training

4th, 5th & 6th Graders  
Thursday, August 12 at 5:30 pm  
or Sunday, September 26 at  
11:00 am  
Watch for more info  
from Kristy

## Butterflies, Sunday School, and FLY

Exciting news will be  
announced soon.



We have some awesome  
opportunities in our Children's  
Ministry for Sunday School  
teachers and FLY volunteers. It is  
an amazing opportunity to watch a child grow as they  
follow Christ. Would you be interested in taking on  
this important role? If so, please contact Kristy,  
Director of Children's Ministry.

# Valleyfair

JUST A FEW MORE DAYS TO SIGN UP!!!!

**Who:** Kids who finished 6-12 grades from First Lutheran, Hope, Zion, Augustana and Bethlehem

**What & Where:** A day at Valley Fair, Shakopee, MN

**When:** Wednesday, August 11, 2021 **Why?:** for FUN!!!

- Sign-up required before August 4 at your home church. Health forms and payment due August 4.
- Bus will load in the First Lutheran Lower Level Parking Lot at 7:30 a.m. on August 11th.
- We will return around 10:30 p.m.
- \$45.00/per person, food and drinks at the park at own expense (can pack a lunch if you want). Stopping at McDonalds on the way home, supper is paid for by church.
- Bring sunscreen and swimwear/towel for waterpark.



## FLY 7-12 Game Night

Thursday, August 26

6:30 to 8:00 pm

Pizza!!

Fun!!

Games!!

Stay for the outdoor movie at 8:15 pm



Stay in  
Touch!



7-12

To contact Calie

Calie@flcfff.org

Remind app text @fly79 or @fly10-12  
to 81010; text or call 218 321-0970

## Save the date:

National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis

July 24-28, 2022



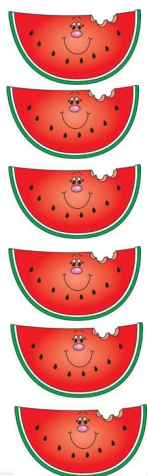




**FLY K-6  
Lemonade & Cookie  
Stand  
July 21**



**Lotsa fun and a SUCCESS! \$475 raised to purchase  
Service Food gift cards for people in need.**



**STACKS of Fun!!  
VBS DAY CAMP WITH  
LUTHER CREST  
First Lutheran &  
Augustana Combined  
June 29, 2021**



**On-Line Auction August 18—August 20**

**Go to [www.luthercrest.org](http://www.luthercrest.org) to check out auction item.**

**Quilts, arts, crafts & service items (gardening, landscaping, meals, massages, etc.)**

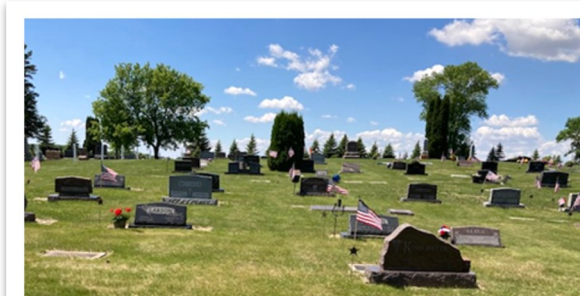
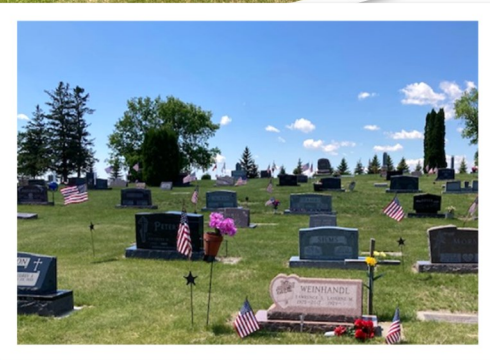
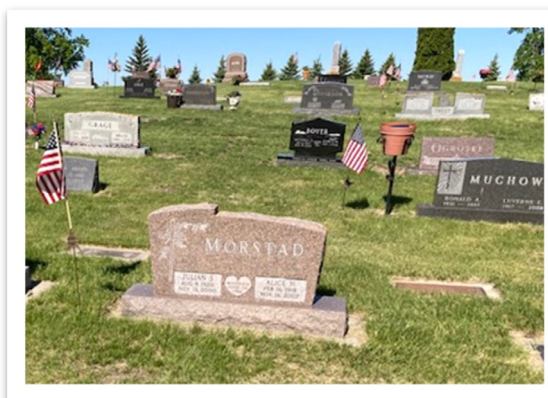
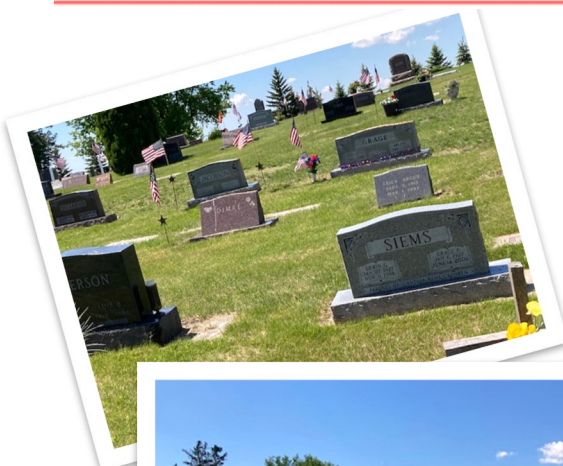
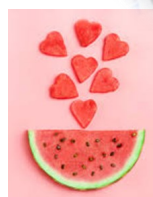
Thank you for making our ministry possible every year. Join us for the 2nd Annual Online Auction on Wednesday, August 18 through Friday, August 20, 2021 at [www.luthercrest.org](http://www.luthercrest.org). Supporting the Online Auction gives Luther Crest an incredible boost to our future efforts. Contact Jody at 320-846-2431 or email or [jodyj@luthercrest.org](mailto:jodyj@luthercrest.org) with any questions about this event. Thanks for your support of this event!





**RELAY FOR LIFE**— As team captain for the relay for life team I want to thank everyone for your support whether it was a donation, prayer or just a kind thought. The team did fantastic this year! We raised **\$5,352.00 plus**, the most we have ever done. The relay itself raised \$17,000.00 plus. A great time was had by all, lots of laughs, some tears and the food was great. I again want to say **THANK YOU!!**

Until next year, Sue Toso, captain



**Photos from First Lutheran Cemetery May 2021**





July Council  
Meeting at the  
lake home of  
George & Ann  
Mathison



Gathering of First Lutheran Ladies at Fergus Brewing on July 8







### Welcome to our new part-time bookkeeper, Katie Meek!!!

I am very happy to be joining the team here at First Lutheran. I grew up outside of Fergus Falls by Dead Lake and went to school in Perham. My husband Adam and I live only 5 miles from my home place, which my parents still live at. Adam and I have 3 boys Ben (18), Caden (16), and Devin (11) which keep us on our toes. We have a small farm on the Ottertail River with beef cattle, horses, chickens, rabbits, and dogs. We enjoy being outside and love tubing down the river with family and friends. I am in my last semester at MState getting my Accounting AAS, it has been a long road but well worth it.

### Welcome to our new office manager, Katie Kaderbhai

Greetings First Lutheran Church of Fergus Falls! I am Katie Kaderbhai and I am excited to be able to call myself your new Office Manager. I grew up in Blaine, MN and attended my undergrad at Concordia College in Moorhead MN, there earning a BA in Art Education and a MN teaching license in the same. Later I attended Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN and earned an MA in Children, Youth and Family Ministry.

I have four children: Iby (13), Adam (11), Elias (7) and Elana (5). We recently moved to Fergus Falls last September from Southern MN, a town called Madelia near Mankato area. My kids and I greatly enjoy living in Fergus Falls, it is such a nice combination of small and big town. We also love the school district and the children have had a great time making friends.

I will be happy to meet all of you as you visit us in the office and look forward to being an asset to your community.

Yours truly, Katie Kaderbhai



*The Lions International has a newspaper reading program on the talking book radio for the visually impaired. We invite new readers to add to our local project. It is 2 hours in the evening, and each reader may choose how often in a month to read. We have readers that read every week, and readers that read once a month. We have seasonal readers, as farmers preferring winter schedules, and snow birds preferring summer schedules.*

*If interested in volunteering for this program, contact Pamela Schroden, 218-731-2954.*



Every Wednesday at 5:00 pm meet at Augustana Lutheran for a light meal, followed by 5:30 pm casual worship. Vicar Lynn's sermon series will be *Living our Faith in 2021*.

August 4—It's You Again, God?

August 11—Prayer as Air

August 18—Devil's on the Porch

August 25—Heaven Have Mercy!

September 1—Simple Living

Thanks to everyone who dropped their loose change and dollar bills in the big jar in the Narthex during the last year. We raised \$271.05 in spare

change, and it has been given to the Fergus Falls Food Shelf!



## Vicar's Thoughts.....

Apostle Paul writes, “The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles,<sup>10</sup> some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.<sup>11</sup>” I Cor 12:12-13

Paul writes a lot about the body of Christ. The body of Christ is the church. Our church. Our community. Not a group of independent folks who do as they please. But a group of interconnected, supporting people who hold each other accountable. Our relationship within our community is called Koinonia. Koinonia is a Greek word often translated as fellowship. It means we participate in life together. It means we participate in life with Christ – we share his life and mission.

Seems like a tall order, doesn't it? In a world that has an overabundance of information, distractions and viewpoints, it is easy to not participate in life with others. To say I'm busy this summer is an understatement. So it is easy for me to focus on the to do list – doing the item that is screaming to be done first. But that is not community. It is not Koinonia. I begin to lose my balance in life. When I begin to teeter-totter, I have to ask myself – how can I do Koinonia? Maybe it is answering a friend's question via the telephone rather than text. Or by offering to do a little thing that helps the community.

When I participate in community, life is better. Koinonia is good for the soul. No matter how busy you are this summer, remember to participate in the lives of those in our church and in the life of Christ.

Questions? Want ideas on how to participate in the life of Christ? You can call/text me at 218-321-0967 or email me at [Lynn@flcff.org](mailto:Lynn@flcff.org).

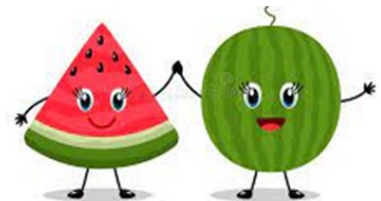
Serving Christ alongside you,

*Vicar Lynn*

P.S. A funny short in honor of my wedding this month:

*I just read that 4,153,237 people got married last year.*

*Not to cause any trouble - but shouldn't that be an even number?*



▪ To: All Members of First Lutheran, Men & Women, all ages!!

▪ Please consider being on the list of helpers for serving funeral lunches. All food is catered, but we need to have people available to help with setting tables, serving food, making coffee, cleaning up, and running the dishwasher. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or you can email or call the office ([office@flcff.org](mailto:office@flcff.org) or 739-3348) with your contact information (phone and email), and which areas you can help with. We would also like to know if you are away for certain months of the year so that we don't try to call during those months.

▪ If you signed up a few years ago, please be sure to sign up again so we have an up-to-date list. When there is a funeral, someone will contact you to see if you're available to help, and if you aren't you can just say you're not available. **We are also looking for 1 or 2 volunteers to be the callers who reach out to volunteers when a funeral is scheduled.** We hope you'll consider being part of this important service our church offers to families who have lost a loved one.

**We appreciate our VOLUNTEERS!!!**







Keith Melberg & Pamela Schroden knock the July 4th  
Prelude & Postlude "out of the park"!!



**The Worship Corner**  
by the  
Worship & Music  
Committee

**Singing in the Church**—Worship isn't something we do as a spectator sport. It's something we do together, whether

there are forty or four hundred. Singing is what unites us. Singing is what gets the liturgy (service) done. Being in the midst of people who sing with delight from their hearts can open our eyes and ears and mouths. We know what song is meant to be, a way for human beings to have solidarity. Suddenly, we realize the assembly isn't about "me".

It's about CHURCH.

Next month, we'll look at the different kinds of songs we need.

**Make a JOYFUL NOISE!**

Join us as the Adult Choir and Hosanna Handbells return to rehearsals!

Hosanna Handbells—Wednesday,  
September 8 from 6 to 7:30 pm

Adult Choir—Wednesday,  
September 8 from  
7:30 to 8:30 pm

Please add your time and talents  
to the music ministry of our  
church!!





WELCA Board will meet Tuesday, August 17 at 10:00 am  
in the Kairos Room.

Hannah Circle will begin in September!

The first meeting is Wednesday, September 22 at 1:00 pm in the Kairos Room.



Coming September 17-18 at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Moorhead

*“Love Boldly”*

the NWMN Synodical Women’s Organization 33rd Annual Convention. Celebration of  
the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women in the ELCA. Guest Speaker  
Jacqueline Bussie, author of “Love Without Limits” and “Outlaw Christian”.

Mark your calendar & watch for more details in the bulletin and September Messenger.



The Love Day Quilters meet each Monday from 9 am to 3 pm  
in the Quilting Room. If you would like more information, contact Katie  
at 218 826-6791. We hope you will come and see what we do,  
then think about joining us!

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



### Lutheran World Relief School Kits

The quilters have made drawstring  
backpack style bags and the follow-  
ing supplies are needed for each  
Lutheran World Relief School Kit:

- Four 8 1/2 x 11 inch wide-ruled notebooks (70 sheets in each)
- One 30 centimeter ruler (inches on one side, centimeters on the other)
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors
- Five ballpoint pens (NO gel ink)
- One box of crayons (16 or 24 count)
- Five pencils
- One Eraser

**The help of the congregation is appreciated!**

There is a collection basket in the Narthex. Monetary donations are also welcome.



2021 Virtual Synod Assembly

**WHOLLY  
DEVOTED**

Loving Jesus and Our Neighbor Every Day

Message from Council President George Mathison—Please be sure to look over highlights from the 2021 NWMN Synod Assembly. They can be found at [nwmnsynod.org/synod-assembly-2021/](http://nwmnsynod.org/synod-assembly-2021/)

There were excellent talks by Dr. Jennings, which can be found on the website, under the Synod Assembly Recordings.



**Welcome Steve Fitz  
New Council Member  
Personnel Chair**



### Executive Committee

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

### Council Members

Outreach  
Michael Wicklund, Discipleship  
Leslie Flugstad, Finance  
Harriet Wicklund, Worship  
Alison Koch, Youth  
JoAn Whitlock, Fellowship  
Tara Wagner, Education  
Tedd Steenbock, Property  
Kris Werner, Membership  
Steve Fitz, Personnel