



First Lutheran Church **May 2022**

In-Person Worship Sunday at 9:30 am
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Fergus Falls, MN 56537
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Mission Statement: "As faithful disciples, we serve God and welcome all people with open hearts".

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." John 3:16

"God Loves a Cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7b



Dear Friends,

Thank you for **GIVING** and being "CHEERFUL GIVERS" in so many ways!

First Lutheran Church...I am constantly amazed at your generosity! Throughout Lent, the Discipleship and Outreach Committees sponsored the first "Fill the Cup" Appeal supporting Ukraine Relief and other outreach ministries locally and globally. Our goal was \$10,000 and we exceeded the goal!

YOU RAISED \$10,463.00 and counting to help our friends help themselves. What generosity!

May is our time to recognize and celebrate generosity in many ways.

- * Musicians of all ages offer their talents throughout Lent and Easter season.
- * Quilters are honored for creating many quilts for those in need locally and globally plus many kits to send to Lutheran World Relief.
- * Sunday School teachers, confirmation leaders, and many youth volunteers bring another year to completion through countless volunteer hours.
- * Office volunteers, ushers, greeters, readers, acolytes, coffee servers, library workers, funeral committee servers, altar guild and seasonal decorators who spend time serving others.
- * Bible study, confirmands, new members, graduates, and you in your offering reflect the giving nature of God.
- * The most incredible staff for all their hard work from worship to children ministry, building maintenance to financial management, and more!

I also want to thank you for your lovely generosity in understanding my Covid diagnosis I received on Maundy Thursday. The teamwork that accommodated the quarantine regulations was so appreciated. Serving with you at First Lutheran is an honor and a privilege I don't take lightly. Thank you!

Giving changes this world for the better. God gave us God's only Son so that we may have eternal life. Our living faith is a response to God's generosity towards us. It is our honor and privilege to give, offer, share, bless and grow in our giving towards God and one another.

Keep your eye out for generosity in motion. I guarantee you will see it all around you. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity now and each day, in the name of Christ.

Gratefully, Pastor Tiffany

P.S. Watch for information about Wednesday Summer Worship Services in the May bulletins!



Sunday School

text @flcss18 to the number 81010 for notifications



Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." -Matthew 19:14

What's coming up!

Sunday, May 1– Sunday School/Butterflies

Wednesday, May 4– FLY K-6 @ Roosevelt Park

Sunday, May 8- Muffins with Mom in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 11– FLY K-6 @ Roosevelt Park

Friday, May 13– Nerf War in the Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 15– Sunday School/Butterflies

Wednesday, May 18– FLY K-6 @ Roosevelt Park

Sunday, May 22– Last Day of Sunday School/Butterflies
Teacher Appreciation Day
Senior Sunday
Picnic and Parking Lot Games

Wednesday, May 25– Last Day of FLY K-6 @ Northern
Aire Lanes

July 25-28– Day Camp with LCBC 8:45-3:00 p.m.
Butterflies VBS 9:00-10:30
(more info on next page)

Muffins with Mom

We invite all Sunday School and Butterfly children and their moms/guardians to the Fellowship Hall from 10:45-11:15 for Muffins with Mom on Mother's Day, May 8.



*The loveliest
masterpiece of
the heart of God
is the heart of
a mother.*



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Last Day of Sunday School

May 22nd will be our last day of Sunday School for the '21-'22 school year. This year we have explored the foundations of faith and found that God is everywhere and in each one of us. As we leave the school year behind, we hope your children live out their faith by showing kindness and love to others. We also hope that they know that God loves them ALWAYS and FOREVER. Join us after Sunday School as we welcome in the summer with a picnic meal in the Fellowship Hall and games in the parking lot.



Family Worship with Luther Crest

Wednesday, May 11

6:30 p.m.

Athletic Park



Join us for a fun night with Luther Crest at Athletic park and get the scoop on our upcoming Day Camp with Luther Crest on July 25-28. Stay for some ice cream afterwards.

Hosted by Augustana, First, Hope, and Zion Lutheran Churches.

Wednesdays are our special day to play, learn, and have fun as a church family. The invitation is always open to friends that want to join us. Weather permitting we will be at Roosevelt Park this month. Events and lessons in May include:

- We are God's servants.
- We are Growing in God
- We are free from sin.
- We are God's children.
- May 25th—Last Day of FLYK-6, We will be bowling at the Northern Aire Lanes.



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



Coming this summer!

AUGUSTANA, FIRST, HOPE, & ZION LUTHERAN CHURCHES INVITE YOU TO ATTEND:

Day Camp 2022 WITH LCBC!



JULY 25-28

8:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Ages 4 years-6th grade



Bible Study,
Fun Worship, Games,
Arts and Crafts, Community,
+ so much more!

Registration forms are available at the participating churches and on their websites. Please turn in registration forms to Augustana, First, Hope, or Zion Lutheran Churches by **Sunday, July 3rd.**

AT
**HOPE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

1309 Stony Brook Rd
Fergus Falls, MN

AUGUSTANA, FIRST, HOPE & ZION
LUTHERAN CHURCHES INVITE YOU TO
ATTEND

BUTTERFLIES

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"WILD_4_GOD"

MON-THURS | 25-28 | JULY

9:00-10:30 A.M.

AGES BIRTH-5 YEARS OLD AND
FAVORITE ADULT
(OLDER SIBLINGS ARE WELCOMED TO
ATTEND)

Hope Lutheran Church
1309 Stony Brook Rd
Fergus Falls, MN

RSVP TO KRISTY WICKLUND: 218-531-9544
OR ON THE PARTICIPATING CHURCHES'
WEBSITES





CONFIRMATION

SUNDAY

APRIL 24

2022



In Gratefulness to Those Who Loved our Confirmands 23 Thank Yous

(23 Confirmation students in 7th & 8th grade)

- To those who provided Bibles and Catechisms.
- To those who donated supplies.
- To those who volunteered during class time.
- To those who provided rides.
- To those who listened to questions about God.
- To those who shared scripture readings.
- To those who remembered them in prayers.
- To those who greeted them in church.
- To those who cleaned up their messes.
- To those who donated treats and meals.
- To those who were their pastors.
- To those who were their Sunday School teachers.
- To those who prepared a dinner for them.
- To those who were their Bible School teachers.
- To those who taught them silly church songs.
- To those who shared warm smiles.



You've All Shown the Best of Us.

Confirmand's Bible Verses



Hey FLY 7-12!

Wednesday, May 4 we'll meet 5:30 to 7:00 pm for pizza & game night at the church!

Wednesday, May 18, meet at church before school (7 am) for breakfast and devos!

Pastor Tiffany will make you a hot breakfast and give you a ride to school.

Can you say BACON?!! French toast sticks and other yummy treats.

All middle and high school youth are welcome!





Congratulations Class of 2022!

Please join us on Sunday, May 22 at 9:30 am when we will honor our First Lutheran graduates at worship, and celebrate after worship with cake!

Owen Babolian Emilie Koch Desirae Maack
Joseph Mau Madison Muchow Matthew Pajari
Madison Puttbrese Rachel Sundeen Cole Wentworth
Quinn Werner Morgan West



Getting the food ready for Palm Sunday breakfast...and having some fun!




Palm Sunday
Worship & Festival Events



Children's Time

Palm Sunday



Yum



Great help!



Meal & Fellowship
enjoyed by
many!



**5th Graders and their families
making their clay chalice for
First Communion.**



*my
First
communion*



5th Grade First Communion held on Maundy Thursday



EASTER

at First Lutheran



Children's Time



Thank You to all who made Holy Week and Easter so special—the Pastors, the decorators, the musicians, the readers, the greeters & ushers, the Communion Assistants, and all who participated!

A snowy surprise
Easter morning!

Women of the ELCA

WELCA Board meets Tuesday, May 10 at 10 am in the Kairos Room.
Hannah Circle meets Wednesday, May 25 at 1:00 pm
in Fellowship Hall.

All are welcome!



The Love Day Quilters gather each Monday from 9 am to 3 pm in the Quilting Room (note: quilters won't gather on Monday, May 30). 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!

Fellowship & Fun!!

Making Resurrection Gardens on March 29





First Lutheran Church 1872 - 2022

150 Years of Spiritual Growth

A monthly Messenger feature as we head
towards the 150th Celebration of
First Lutheran Church

Mary Bjorgum Harig Johnson, her history runs deep at First Lutheran Church

On October 10, 1872, Den Norske Evangeliske Lutherske Kirke (The Norwegian Evangelic Lutheran Church, now called First Lutheran Church), was organized.

Among the charter members was **Thorsten Bjorgum** and his family. **Thorsten Bjorgum** was born in 1837. He married Mali Liran in 1859. They came to America in 1869 and settled in Otter Tail County in 1871. They had three children, Mary in 1874, Thea in 1877, and **Albert in 1879**.

Albert and wife Inga had five children, Francis in 1908, Kermit in 1910, **Harold in 1912**, Melvin in 1914, and Robert in 1918.

Harold and Ida Mae had five children, **Alyn in 1940**, Gary in 1942, Bonnie in 1946, Wanda in 1955, and Dean in 1960.

Alyn and wife Margaret had four children, **Mary in 1961**, Thomas in 1962, Anita in 1963 and Wendy in 1966.

Mary married Thomas Harig in 1979 and had three sons. Thomas in 1981, Michael in 1982, and **Christopher in 1986**. She later married Greg Johnson in 1992.

Chris is still a member of FLC. **Chris married Amanda Amundson** in 2014. They have two daughters **Amelia in 2016**, and **Hazel in 2019**. Watch for those cute little girls sitting near the front on the left side in the sanctuary, as they grow into the eighth generation of Bjorgum's at First Lutheran Church.

Other members of the **Bjorgum** family still members at FLC are:

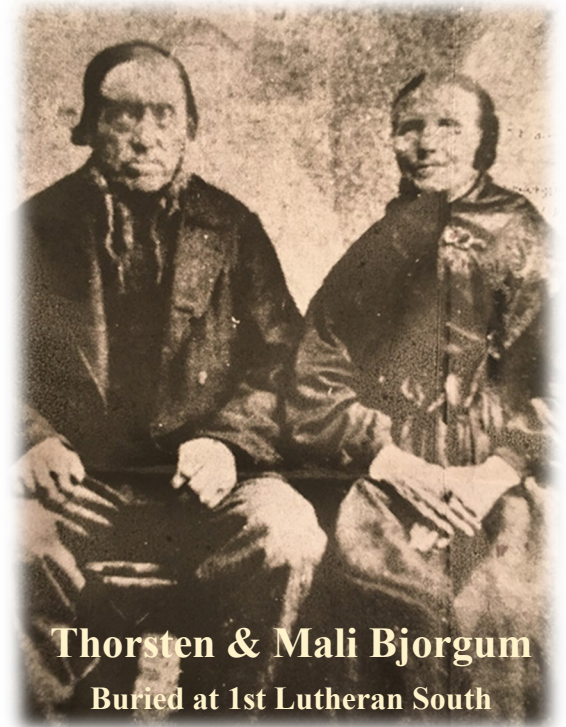
Brett and **Wendy Duenow**

Son **Josh** and Amanda Duenow along with daughters **Maddie, Ella and Chloe**

Son **Matt** and Rachel Duenow along with their son **Carter**.

Jay Bjorgum

Matt and **Dina Freitag** along with children **Danielle and Kaleb**





The Worship Corner
by the Worship &
Music Committee

Last month we addressed the number of volunteers needed on a Sunday morning to make things click. One of the ways you can help is to volunteer to usher. Ushers are there to turn on the lights, be sure the doors are open, welcome all to worship with a smile, hand out the bulletin for the day and direct worshippers as they commune. Training can be provided if you have never done it before and we welcome families to usher together! Please contact the office if you think this job is for you or sign up in the volunteer book at the information counter.



Guest usher
Campbell Berg
helping
Bapa Bud Mellon



**Men's Bible Study
with Pastor David**

We hope you will
join Pastor David in
the Kairos Room
on May 23 at 7:00
am for Men's Bible
Study.

Easter Décor at First!



MEALS BY WHEELS

First Lutheran is scheduled to deliver
Meals by Wheels beginning Monday,
May 16 through Friday, May 20.

If you can help with one of the routes, please contact Katie in
the office at 739-3348. *Thank You!*

CHECK IT OUT...

FLC



In memory of Karen Lundstrom~

Karen worked hard to revive our church library and recruit and train a new library committee. Through her efforts, we have added some new authors and filled in some series favorites where books were missing. If you like to read, come and see what books we have and check one out!

New Authors:

Janet Lee Barton
Terri Blackstock
Wanda Brunstetter
Amanda Davison
Sharlene MacLaren
Judith Pella
Gretchen Ronnevik

New or Completed Series:

Karen Kingsbury
Beverly Lewis
Janette Oke & T Davis Bunn
Tracie Peterson
Joel C. Rosenberg
Lauraine Snelling



.....and several children's books, too.

We thank Karen, her husband, Leonard Hatzenbuhler, and their family for the memorials dedicated to FLC library.
Keep watching for more book additions and activities as we continue to honor Karen Lundstrom's leadership and love of reading!

NERF WAR

for all ages

FRIDAY, MAY 13

6:00-7:00 P.M.

FELLOWSHIP HALL

Bring your own Nerf gun, or borrow one and
come for the fun.

We Filled the Cup!

The total raised in our
Lenten Fill the Cup
campaign was \$10,463!
During the last 2 weeks,
\$6,351 was raised, which
will go to Ukraine
through the
Lutheran Disaster
Response East
European Effort.
Thank YOU!!!



First Lutheran Church Event

Bingo Night

Join us for a fun night of BINGO
7-8:30 PM| Monday, May 16
First Lutheran Fellowship Hall



Executive Committee

David & Lorri Holt, Co-Presidents
Leslie Flugstad, Secretary
Rick & Linda West, Co-VP
*Treasurer

Council Members

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

* These are open positions on the
Council. Please contact Council
President if interested.

Note: Leonard Hatzenbuhler is
temporarily filling in as Treasurer.