



First Lutheran



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

"Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds^u to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home^u and ate their food with glad and generous^u hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people." Acts 2:43-46

Dear Friends,

Did you know that followers of Jesus were called people of the WAY? Why? Because they lived in a weird way compared to everyone else. Look at the scripture above and we get a glimpse of why. Jesus' followers made sure they fed the hungry, gathered for worship, helped those in need, and did many other wonders. They lived that "Way". When people encounter Jesus, they experienced grace, gladness, and generosity. If you think about this past week, **where have you seen Jesus? And how did you experience grace?** Jesus helps us open our hearts and minds to our neighbors around us. We hear stories about what has happened in Biblical times, but it is still happening today.

Jesus helps us see a need and then meet as we give Service Food cards to people in need. The demand has gone up considerably in the last three months. Last year in June, food demands increased by 28% and this year looks to be tracking in the same manner. Seniors are accessing food assistance programs at the highest rate of 150% rate outside metro areas. Inflation is making this even more difficult. If you feel drawn to helping people access food assistance, please consider donating money towards Service Food cards.

Jesus helps us see a need and then meet a need as we heard from our Relay for Life Team's Bake Sale. Most of us have been impacted by cancer in some way, shape or form. This year's fundraising efforts were in memory of Karen Lundstrom who passed away earlier this year. June 19th over \$1,400 was raised and on June 26th, over \$2,000 was raised and money is still coming in to support the Fergus Falls Cancer Center. We have raised over \$4000 so far. Research continues to advance and makes a difference in the life expectancy of our loved ones.

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Worship with us in July!

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

Services are also live-streamed on YouTube and on-air on KJJM 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.

Joint Fergus Falls ELCA mid-week (Wednesdays) Summer Worship Schedule on page 5

(Pastor's message continued)

Jesus helps us see a need and then meet a need as we partner with three other churches for VBS July 25-28th with the registration deadline being JULY 3rd. This year VBS is free for all participants to reach out to our community. We want to support children and families as they grow in faith. Share this good news with your family, friends and neighbors!

Jesus helps us see a need and meet a need as we prepare for the 150th Anniversary. Those who went before us carried the faith into this community and shared it with us. How will we ensure this ministry continues into the next 150 years? Our 150th Anniversary Committee is hard at work remembering the past, celebrating the present and embracing the future.

Participating in the life of FLC brings vitality to Fergus Falls and the world. This includes financial stewardship as we meet our commitment each week for our present stability as well as prepare for our financial future.

As Jesus helps us see a need and meet a need, there is an incredible blessing that occurs. As we enjoy these summer months, may God open our hearts and minds and eyes to where Jesus is showing up and help us experience grace.

Blessings,

Pastor Tiffany

Sign up for the next OWLS Event!

Older Wiser Lutherans (55 or older)

Wednesday July 13, 1:00pm

At the History Museum, 1110 Lincoln Ave.
Tour with bars and coffee after.



\$6.00 fee unless you have a museum membership, in that case it is free.

Save the Date for our next event! On August 22 we are planning on going to the Bigg Bonanza Farm in Morton, ND.
More info to come..

First Lutheran will be
delivering

Meals by Wheels

Aug. 1 to Aug. 5.

Sign up to help by
calling the office at
739-3348.

Thank YOU!



First Lutheran Children's & Youth

SUMMER Activities

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

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

Day Camp 2022
WITH LCBC!



REGISTER BY
JULY 3RD

Registration forms available at the participating churches and on their websites.



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



JUNE 2022
FFSD Spring Dance Show
SOME OF THE FIRST LUTHERAN CHILDREN DANCERS

What Should I bring to Day Camp?

- Healthy Lunch
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Weather and activity appropriate clothing and foot wear
- Hat and/or sunglasses (optional)

Children's & Youth SUMMER Activities



PLAY AT THE PARK

The first and third Mondays of the months in the summer from 10:00-11:00, come out to the park with your littles to meet up with friends from First Lutheran Church. Kristy will be there with her littles. Feel free to invite your friends. Let's enjoy the summer and visit some of our local parks and let the children play!

Park Schedule

June 6— Athletic Park

June 20—Broadway Park

July 4th— No Park today

July 18— Grotto Park

August 8— Delagoon Park

August 22— Dr. Al Magnuson Park
(formerly NP Park)

Sunday, July 24

5:30-7:00 PM

Join us for
Live Music by MOTU
&
BBQ Pork Supper



HOPE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
1309 Stony Brook Road
Fergus Falls

Free-Will Offering

Lemonade Stand

HOT SUMMER DAYS, ARE PERFECT FOR LEMONADE! FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH GRADES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 6TH ARE INVITED TO JOIN KRISTY ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 20TH FOR A LEMONADE STAND AND "NOTES & FLOATS".
4:00-6:45 P.M.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD SERVICE FOOD CARDS FOR PEOPLE IN NEED.

LEMONADE STAND
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20TH
4:00-5:45 P.M. LOWER PARKING LOT

"MUSICAL NOTES & ROOT BEER FLOATS"
6:15-6:45 P.M.
SCANTUARY



No WELCA Board meetings until September.
Hannah Circle will not meet in July or August.

NWMN Synodical Women's organization Convention will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls on September 16-17, 2022. Watch for more info to come.

—All are welcome!—

The Love Day Quilters gather each Monday from 9 am to 3 pm in the Quilting Room. If you would like more information, contact Katie at 218 826-6791.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Thursdays at 10:30 am



Thursday Adult Bible Study at 10:30 is BACK!

Join us every Thursday at 10:30 am in the Kairos room. We study the upcoming scripture for Sunday and discover how God's grace is present in the Old and New Testaments. Everyone is welcome, so feel free to bring a friend. Questions?

Call the church office or Pastor Tiffany at 219-739-3348



**Reminder: Men's Bible Study on Monday, July 11 and
Monday, July 25 at 7:00 am in the Kairos Room.**



First Lutheran Foundation Awarded Top Ten Corporate United Way Donor for 2021

Thanks to a history of generous donors who had the vision of serving through financial planning, the First Lutheran Foundation has been able to make a difference in the lives of those inside and outside our walls. Funds donated each year are made up of the income from invested dollars. Last year was a particularly fine year for investment income and we were able to give generously. Those dollars made a difference in the lives of our community. If you would like to be part of that giving, we encourage you to remember the First Lutheran Foundation in gifts given in memory of loved ones or to consider providing for the Foundation in your estate planning. Contact any of the Foundation members: Tim Johnson, Linda Mellon, Vicki Hanneman, Greg Wagner, Jennifer Smestad or Leonard Hatzenbuehler if you have questions.



Soli Deo Gloria!

Musical Notes
AND
ROOT BEER Floats!

Sharing Songs of Faith
Joint Fergus Falls ELCA
2022 MID-WEEK SUMMER WORSHIP
Wednesdays at 6:15pm
June 8 – August 31

June 8 – Hope Lutheran Church
June 15 – Zion Lutheran Church
June 22 – Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Join us on:

July 27 – Hope Lutheran Church
Aug. 3 – Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Aug. 10 – Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Aug. 17 – Zion Lutheran Church
Aug. 24 – Hope Lutheran Church
Aug. 31 – Augustana Lutheran Church

Root beer floats and Fellowship following worship




First Lutheran Ladies
at
FERGUS BREWING CO

THURSDAY
July 14
6:00 PM

RETIREMENT PARTY for STEVE HOSCH

We will be celebrating over three decades Steve Hosch has given to First Lutheran Church. Coffee hour on July 31st will be in his honor and we ask that you wear green and gold as Steve's favorite football team is the Green Bay Packers. Thank you, Steve, for a job well done!



Getting to know our new office assistant Mary!

My name is Mary Bjorgum Johnson—I have three grown sons; Ty, Mike and Chris Harig, three beautiful daughter in laws and 9 grandchildren. My family is priceless.

I have a golden retriever, Bella, and a cat, Olaf. They are my very special furry family. I have a special place in my heart for animals.

I like being outside, going for walks, watching my grandchildren in the many sports and activities they keep busy with. Being a grandma is my greatest joy.

I feel so fortunate to work at First Lutheran Church, and am excited for this new adventure in my life.

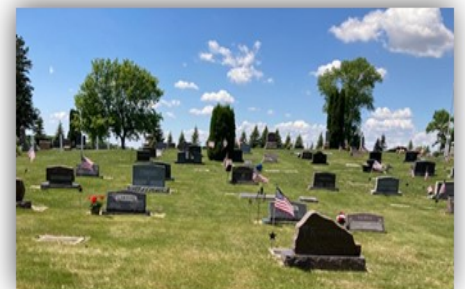
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

- No burials or marker installations are allowed without permission.
- The use of a rigid container is required.
- Only two markers are permitted per lot. One may be above ground, at the west end of the lot.
- Foot markers must be installed in a concrete border and follow the contour of the land.
- Planting of permanent flowers or shrubs is prohibited.
- Any flowers or shrubs that become unsightly will be removed at the discretion of the board.
- All flowers, ornaments or decoration (real or artificial) must be secured at least 12 inches above the ground or placed directly on the marker. Items that do not comply will be discarded by July 15th. Solar lights are permitted and should be located as close as possible to the headstone.
- The board will not be responsible for items that are stolen, missing, vandalized or damaged.
- If any questions call church office at 218-739-3348 for name of caretaker.



First Lutheran Cemetery New Price List

- Casket lot for member of church \$350.00 nonmember \$450.00.
- Cremations lots for member of church \$250.00 nonmember \$350.00.
- Internment fee will be casket summer \$250.00 winter \$350.00 or \$300.00 if paid at time of purchase.
- Internment fee per cremation will be summer \$150.00 winter \$250.00 or \$200.00 if paid at time of purchase.
For any lots sold after April 1, 2022
- Transfer fee of cemetery lot is \$50.00
- Summer is from April 01 to October 31.





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

Interview with life member Steve Leitte

Steve is a life time member of FLC. The son of Les Leitte, whose father John was born in Norway in 1881 coming to America in 1886, and finally settling in Fergus Falls in 1918.

John Leitte was on the committee to decide the church's future after the cyclone of 1919.

John had three children, confirmed in 1928, 1929, and 1933. Les being the oldest son had four children, Steve and three sisters. Steve remembers going to Tuesday School every week. You would go home for lunch, come back to school for a little while then everyone would walk to their church. This was grades 3 through 6. Then when he was in confirmation classes, they were held on Saturdays from 9-11am. There was a lot of memorization and discussions every week. The class was made up of mostly boys and only a few girls. There were 26 kids in the class. On Sunday mornings all of the kids from the neighborhood who went to FLC would pile into one family's car and the dad would bring them to Sunday School. The parents would meet them all later for the service. Even back then, everyone "sat in their own spots"!



Late 1970s and early 1980s cemetery committee members (left to right) were: (standing) Art Barsness, Reuben Peterson and Ed Mewszel; (seated) Doug Willson, Harold Bjorgum, Steve Leitte and Stan Quam.

Steve married Sue Hanse the end of December 1967 at First Lutheran Church with a temperature outside of -36 degrees! They blew the circuit breakers because of all the extra heaters they had plugged in trying to make the sanctuary warm. When they blew everything went dark. Pastor Preus went down stairs with a flashlight to turn the breakers back on. Sue came to Fergus Falls to take a teaching position and on her second day in Fergus

Falls
Pastor

Preus came calling on her to see if she would be interested in coming to First Lutheran Church. That is how she became a member of FLC before they were married. Steve and Sue had two girls Lynn, confirmed 1984 and Julie, confirmed in 1986.



Boy Scouting Honors given in the 1960s to four First Lutheran youth

Steve Emerson, Dan Daehlin, Steve Johnson, George Mathison
Pastor Chris Preus (center)

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The 150th Anniversary Committee will meet on July 12 at 5:00 pm in the Narthex.

All are welcome!

Steve has been on the cemetery committee since 1987. He was very active with the Boy Scouts which the church started sponsoring on December 11, 1923 continuing to 1980. Then it was revived in 1983 and continued until 2016. Steve's grandfather John Liette was awarded a scouting metal of honor from President Ford for being a Scout Leader for 50 years. John was one of the charter



members that started the scouts at FLC in 1923. Steve also received honors for 27 winter campouts that he participated in helping with. Steve remembers participating in a pancake feed fundraiser every year to raise money for their scouting activities. The scouts helped clean the church grounds and cemetery's every year in the spring.

Les Leitte had a good hunting and fishing relationship with Pastor Chris Preus. It started in 1947 and continued for the next 50 years. Steve also became part of the group. He experienced hunting deer in northern Minnesota and fishing in Canada with them. Pastor Chris Preus continued to enjoy this group of men into his 90's.

Steve and Sue continue to be active in First Lutheran Church. Thank you, Steve, for sharing some of your memories of First Lutheran Church.

150th “Celebration of Joy”

We have exciting plans for our 150th Anniversary this fall!

- * Wednesday August 17, 11am-1:00pm, 75 yr old and older Luncheon at First, invitations will go out soon.
- * Sunday October 2, 2:00pm. Dan Aune will play a special Organ Concert.
- * Saturday October 8, 2022 will be a Family Activity Day for members at Thea's Pumpkin Patch.
- * Sunday October 9, 9:30am, 150th Anniversary service with special music and lunch afterwards. Pastor Curt Rotto will be preaching.

We will also have various guest preachers throughout the coming months:

August 14: Madeline Trosvig *(child of the congregation)*

September 4: Pastor Keith Anderson *(child of the congregation)*

September 25: Pastor Liz Eide *(child of the congregation)*

October 9: Pastor Curt Rotto

October 30: Pastor Jeff Fitzkappes *(child of the congregation)*



The Worship Corner
by the Worship &
Music Committee

Music is a huge part of our worship service each week. We have a strong tradition of fine music at First Lutheran and you can be a part of it! You are most welcome to participate in the **adult choir** (high school students are welcome, as well!) It is a fun group of people who prepare anthems and act as song leaders for the congregation. All abilities are welcome. The more, the merrier! The choir rehearses most Wednesday evenings from September through May, 7:45-8:45pm.

The **cantor** is responsible to lead the congregation in the liturgy. Volunteers are always welcome!

Have you considered playing **handbells**? The Hosanna Handbells rehearse most Wednesday nights from September through May, 6:30-7:45pm.
We welcome new ringers!



Executive Committee

David & Lorri Holt, Co-Presidents
Leslie Flugstad, Secretary
Rick & Linda West, Co-VP
Leonard Hatzenbuehler, 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
* Notes open positions on the Council.
Please contact Council President if interested.

First Lutheran Church was thanked by the Fergus Falls Veterans Home for our gift of 100 long-stemmed red carnations for their Memorial Day Program this spring.

The carnations were used to honor and remember each of the 28 Veteran Residents and Veteran Spouses who passed away this past year.



Scholarship forms for the Foundation Scholarship (anyone attending or planning to attend a Lutheran college) are available in the office. Please return the form by August 1. Thank you!



Contribution Statements will be mailed out in early July.

If you don't receive yours or have questions, please call the office and talk to Katie or Mary. Thanks! 218-739-3348

LAST CHANCE! Photo Directory Submission



We have gotten a final opportunity to receive family photos to be included in the directory. The cost to submit a family is \$15 and would include a free directory. If you are interested in doing this, please submit a photo by July 23rd to the church office electronically at office@flcff.org or bring a hard copy of the photo in. We anticipate the directory will be ready to go by the 150th Celebration of JOY.