



# First Lutheran Church September 2022



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".**

***"You make the Lord glad with the JOY of your presence!" Psalm 21:6***

Dear Friends at First Lutheran Church,

We are ready for a Celebration of JOY!

We are looking forward to celebrating the JOY with you and your family and friends. Your presence is not only requested, but crucial! We have much to be grateful for as a faith community. Consider your favorite ways to celebrate. It could include food, decorations, prayer, affirmations, photos, and special guests. We will have all those aspects and more as we celebrate life's milestones at First Lutheran Church. 150 years is just the beginning for FLC's ministry!

This fall, we are celebrating the JOY as we look forward to the new school year with choirs, bells, confirmation, Sunday School, dinner church, bible studies, book club, and more that all are celebrate the joy! We will not stop there! Our celebration at First Lutheran Church continues into a whole new season!

We are ready to continue celebrating through:

September 4<sup>th</sup> Celebrating Pastor Keith Anderson preaching

September 11<sup>th</sup> Celebrating Rally Sunday kicks off Sunday School! We will Scoop up the JOY with CHALK FEST, Uncle Eddie's Ice Cream, Bouncy Games.

September 14<sup>th</sup> celebrating a new schedule and worship service in Dinner Church

3:30-4:30 pm FLY: First Lutheran Youth K-6

5:30-6:30pm Dinner Church

6:30-7:30pm Confirmation begins on September 14 , 7-8 grades

6:30-7:45 pm Handbells

7:45-8:45 pm Choir

September 25<sup>th</sup> Celebrating Pastor Liz Eide preaching

Thank you for your participation and ministry as we look forward and trust that God's presence continues to lead us.

Blessings,  
Pastor Tiffany

## *Worship with us in September*

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

**Wednesday Night Dinner Church, 5:30-6:30pm**

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](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.

## Dinner Church!

Join us for this new worship experience every Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm in the narthex. We will begin with a meal and continue with worship around the table.

If you are interested in helping prepare the meal, please contact Pastor Tiffany via the church office. Get ready for a whole new, yet ancient way to worship!



## Confirmation starts soon!

Confirmation begins for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders on September 14 from 6:30-7:30 pm. We will begin with a family faith night which means students and their parents are asked to come together on our first night of confirmation. Siblings are welcome, too. We are ready for an incredible year!

# Confirmation



## BOOK STUDY

First Lutheran Church (FLC) Readers: All who enjoy a good read are welcome to join a monthly gathering and discussion beginning in September. Specific dates and times are to be determined.

There will be a wide variety of chosen books, beginning with September's read, Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger. He is a Minnesota author known for his mysteries and storytelling. Ordinary Grace is an award-winning fiction book with suspense, memorable characters, a small-town setting, and the enduring grace of God.

In FLC's library, there are several copies of Ordinary Grace available for check-out. This book also is available through the Fergus Falls Public Library's free Libby app, where you can borrow ebooks and digital audiobooks.

Please contact Susanne Ronning (218-205-6370) or the church office if you would like to join.



**We joyfully celebrated Steve Hosch's Retirement Sunday August 21st with his daughters.**



## **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.



# 'SUNDAY' 'SCHOOL

"Scoop up the Joy"



## SCOOP UP THE JOY!

Welcome to the 2022-2023 Sunday School Year! This year we are looking for the "Joy" around us and the "Joy" of gathering together to praise God for the past 150 years! Our theme verse is "You make the Lord glad with the JOY of your presence." - Psalm 21:6 We will be kicking off the year with Chalk Fest out in the Lower Parking lot and Uncle Eddie's ice cream. Worship is at 9:30 and Chalk Fest is 10:30-12.

Sunday School classes will begin the next Sunday, Sept. 18 in the lower floor of the Education wing from 10:30-11:30 with donut holes provided during the class and games and activities and stories from the Bible. Classes will end in the Chapel with some music, so please pick up your child(ren) from the second floor Chapel at 11:30.

Join us as we dig in and explore: the fruits of the Spirits, parts of prayer, how God wants us to live, and how God cares for us. We will be using "Dig In's Epic Teachings of the Bible" Sunday School Curriculum to explore these themes as we build a relationship with God. Again this year, we will be using the Remind App to send at-home lessons and the Dig-In at Home.

We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child(ren) and to be part of their faith journey!

Blessings,

Kristy Wicklund  
Director of Children's Ministries  
(218) 531-9544, Kristy@flcfl.org  
Remind App @flcss18

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?







# Wednesday FLY K-6



Wednesdays after school starting Sept. 14, meet up with Ms. Kristy for FLY K-6 for students grades Kindergarten-6th grade. During our time together we have a blast playing games, serving our community, learning about God, and exploring how God's teachings apply to our daily lives. Kristy will meet the children at Kennedy school and then they will walk over to Roosevelt Park or ride in the church van to church if weather doesn't permit us to be outside. Snack is provided. Pick up is at 5:00. Children may stay until 5:30 and can ride in the church van to FLC if attending Wednesday Dinner Church with their family. Friends are welcomed to join!

During the month of September, we will be diving into the Fruits of the Spirit.

The Remind App will be used for communications.

Text **@flyk6 to 81010** to start receiving messages.

All participants must have a Health Care

Summary on file and a transportation permission form. Forms can be found on the church website or on the counter in front of the church office.



FLYK-6  
NEW TIME  
3:30-5:00

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

# FAMILY DAY

AT THEA'S  
PUMPKIN PATCH



FREE ADMISSION FOR *FIRST LUTHERAN FAMILIES*

TREASURE HUNT - FOOD & DRINKS - LOTS OF FUN

1-4 P.M.

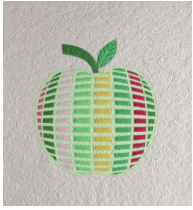
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## Love Days Quilters

Quilters continue meeting each Monday from 9am-3pm. Feel free to join in as time permits for you! Call Katie at (218-826-6791) for more info.



### WELCA Board

We meet again on Tues Sept 13th at 10am, in the Kairos room.



### Hannah Circle

Note change of date for September:

Circle is meeting on Wed Sept 21st at 1pm in the Narthex.

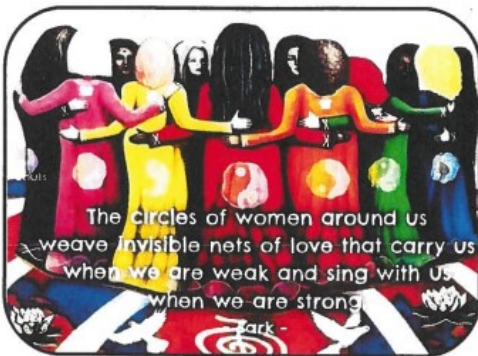
Join us for refreshments, fellowship, and our lesson from the Sept. "Gather" magazine, led by Pastor Tiffany. We hope you will plan to stay a little longer to enjoy a presentation by Joanne Peterson-from our Archives, as they are being updated by Joanne, and Vicki Hanneman.



### Women of the ELCA

Northwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization  
Annual Conference  
September 16--17, 2022

at Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
102 W Junius  
Fergus Fall, MN 56537



Theme: "Love One Another"

Guest Speaker: Jacqueline A. Bussie

Award winning author:

"Love Without Limits" & "Outlaw Christian"

John 13:34 "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

Hosted by the Women of Conference 7 and 8.

### Lutheran World Relief School Kits

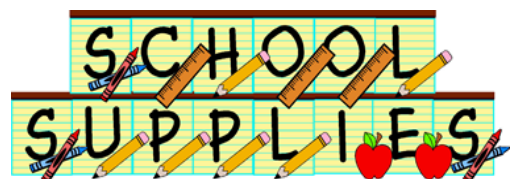
The quilters have made drawstring backpack style bags and the following supplies are needed for each Lutheran World Relief

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.





## ***Our Church Library has added some new books...***

One of the authors added is Kristen Heitzmann, and we have several of her series. You will get involved with her characters as she weaves in some mystery and romance while also infusing the characters' Christian Faith. I've really enjoyed reading these riveting books. Check out our library for many other good authors. -Zelda Sund

Author Terri Blackstock writes about "ordinary people in grave danger" while naturally spinning in themes of faith and hope. I dove into her book Cape Refuge and was hooked. Her stories are suspenseful, with thrilling twists and turns. We have several of Terri Blackstock books in our library at First Lutheran Church, and she will continue to be a go-to author for me.

-Susanne Ronning

Check out these books that have been recommended by FLC members and recently added to our church library:

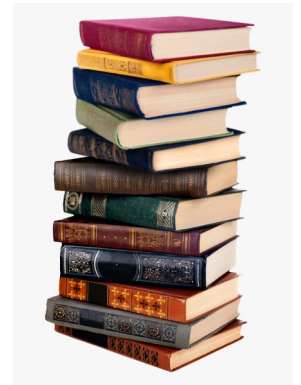
In the Shadow of the Rising Sun by Judy Hyland

Homesick for God by Joel C. Gregory

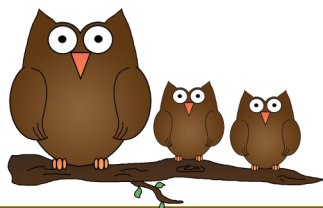
Love without Limits by Jacqueline A. Bussie

Life is Messy by Matthew Kelly

The Red Tent by Anita Diamant



**The OWLS went to  
the Bagg Bonanza  
Farm on August 22!**







**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**

God shines through her eyes, her smile, her big hugs to everyone she greets at First Lutheran Church. This could be several beautiful women in our church, today it is Linda Mellon.

She states, “These are my people! These people are my church family and it is where I feel I need to be”.

Linda Johnson’s family moved to Fergus Falls, when she was a young girl in 1964. They joined First Lutheran Church. She went to Sunday school and later confirmation here which was taught by Pastor Preus. “It was almost like taking confirmation from God!” Everyone was in Choir School. It was every Saturday morning from 9:00am to 12:00pm. We had choir rehearsal, bible classes which included learning the symbols of the church, and art classes. This was led by Avis Dieseth. Some of the helpers were Lonny Ness, Mary Smith, Patty Norby Steenbock, Bev Nesting and Christabel Jacobs, to name a few.

In Jr and Senior high she was in the choir and Luther league. Most kids came to church and participated in these events as they were too young to work and there weren’t any other events going on in the community. So, this was their social life. We had 40 to 50 kids in choir. “It lit me up, all my friends were there!” she said. They put on musicals, went on tours, the farthest was Sand Creek, Wisconsin, to Avis Dieseth’s home church. They even recorded two musicals. “It was a great time to grow up.”

At age 19 she started volunteering teaching the kindergarten through fourth grade choir. She went to college and got her degree as a legal Secretary, but music was her calling. In 1977 she married Bud Mellon at FLC. They had two daughters who were also raised at FLC baptized, confirmed and married there. While her kids were growing up, she continued to teach choir. She also started three bell choirs including seventh through eighth grades, ninth through twelfth grade, and an adult bell choir. She even had a chimes choir with the fifth through sixth grade kids. She sings solos, cantors for services, sings in the adult choir, directs the adult hand bell choir, was on church council, served on the worship committee for many years, and is still on the worship committee today. She also serves FLC and enriches all of us in ways we are not aware of.

Linda is a “regular” on Sunday mornings at FLC. If you are one of the lucky ones, and get to sit close to her, you will receive the gift of hearing her beautiful voice.



## 150th “Celebration of Joy”

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

- \* 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 Jeani & Tom Trosvig*)

September 4: Pastor Keith Anderson (*child of Russ Anderson and wife*)

September 25: Pastor Liz Eide (*child of Ann & George Mathison*)

October 9: Pastor Curt Rotto

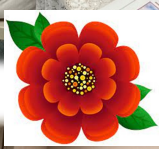
October 30: Pastor Jeff Fitzkappes (*child of Steve & Gayle Fitz*)



**Thank you** to all who helped serve, perform music and clean up after the **75+ Recognition Luncheon!** It was a fantastic time of sharing and we look forward to more events like this in the future where we can continue to come together in love as a community!















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

The sacristan is a person who serves on Sunday mornings in support of the pastor. It may involve making certain that all volunteers on a Sunday morning are in place, helping the acolyte with their robes and lighting of the candles, and other tasks that take the pastor's time and attention away from her worship preparation. Training is available. A willingness to serve and attention to detail are helpful. If you feel called to this task, please contact Pastor Tiffany or Harriet Wicklund. We need you!



# LECTORS



**Hosanna Handbells begins rehearsals Wednesday,  
September 7, 6:30-7:45 p.m.  
We welcome new ringers!  
Note new time!!!!**

**Reminder: Men's Bible  
Study on Monday, August  
8 and Monday, August 22  
at 7:00 am in the Kairos  
Room.**



**Executive Committee**

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

**Council Members**

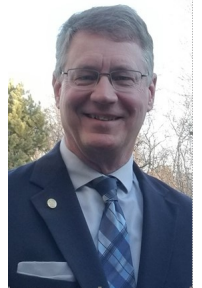
Michael Wicklund, Discipleship/Outreach  
Leslie Flugstad, Finance  
Harriet Wicklund, Worship  
\*Youth  
JoAn Whitlock, Fellowship  
Tara Wagner, Education  
Tedd Steenbock, Property  
Kris Werner, Membership  
Steve Fitz, Personnel

\* Notes open positions on the Council.  
Please contact Council President if  
interested.

## We are excited to have two guest preachers in September!

### **Sept 4: Pastor Keith Anderson**

Keith Anderson graduated from Luther Seminary in 1984. Interned at Messiah Lutheran Church in Washburn, WI, served as Pastor at; Rock Creek Lutheran at Rock Falls, WI, Our Saviour's Lutheran in Merrill, WI, and Zion Lutheran Church in Woodville, WI. Keith retired in August 2020. In retirement he enjoys time with family (including 3 grandkids), woodworking, reading and time at the family cabin. He and Mary currently live in Woodville, WI.



### **Sept 25: Pastor Liz Eide**

Pastor Liz Eide currently serves Lutheran Church of Peace in Maplewood, MN as a redevelopment pastor. Having started out in youth ministry working in partnership with Young Life and an ELCA congregation in Owatonna, MN she received an MDiv from Luther Seminary in 2001 and was ordained in 2002. She has served as a solo pastor and on large multi staff teams in Germany, Rhode Island, and Minnesota. She loves to create space for people to encounter God's Word in new and challenging ways and counts it as sacred ground to be invited to step into someone's story and wonder together about God's activity there. As a redevelopment pastor, Liz listens deeply for the ways God is reshaping God's church for the new context we find ourselves in. With a passion for developing leaders with the skill set for this new context and churches that are adaptable and innovative Liz also leads with The SHAPE of Leadership and the St. Paul Area Synod's Renewal Team. She gratefully shares life's adventures with her husband Nick, their 15 year old twins Jackson and Sophia, and 2 cats.

