



First Lutheran Church October 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".

Celebration of JOY!

Dear First Lutheran Friends,

Happy Birthday Month as we Celebrate the JOY throughout October! Our theme of "The Lord is made glad with the JOY of your presence" from Psalm 21:6 is coming to life! The key in this Psalm is our presence. YOU are needed at First Lutheran Church. Your input, volunteerism, creativity, and presence are vital to our church thriving in the days, months and years to come. The people outlast any called pastor. You are the living hope, constant presence that makes the Lord glad and filled with JOY.

Sons and Daughters of our Congregation are offering their gifts and talents nurtured by this congregation. Rev. Keith Anderson, Rev. Liz Mathison Eide, Composer Susan Clambey, Organist Daniel Aune, Rev. Jeff Fitzkappes all share what you helped shape in them.

Sunday, October 2nd at 2pm award winning organist, Daniel Aune offers a concert. We welcome the larger community in dedicating our organ and raising money for the food shelf and Salvation Army.

Sunday, October 8th from 1-4pm we celebrate at Thea's Pumpkin Patch!

Sunday, October 9th we worship at 9:30 am with our very own Rev. Curt Rotto preaching, area guests attending, and special guests holding this Messenger invited (YOU!!!). Please sign up for the dinner that immediately follows worship.

The archives committee has an incredible tour throughout the building that day as we mark our history through many displays. We also prepare to launch the next 150 years of ministry together.

October 16 we will welcome New Members. If you know of someone looking for a church home, please direct them to the church office or to me and we will let them know about the many ways to get involved.

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Worship with us in October

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.

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.

November will look forward to listening circles to hear more about where we are as a congregation and where we are headed in preparation for the next chapter of ministry. Look for more information in the bulletin, online and in next month's Messenger.

I plead with you, make the Lord glad with your presence. Prayerfully consider where you can participate in the life of First Lutheran Church and extend the mission of this congregation well beyond our doors. This is Christ's Church and we feel the Holy Spirit leading us together. Let us joyfully and presently show up and act in the ways of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In God's Hands,
Pastor Tiffany



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

Confirmation continues on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 pm. Come and enjoy learning about your faith in confirmation. We are ready for an incredible year!

Confirmation



OCTOBER BOOK STUDY

WHO: First Lutheran Church (FLC) readers - all are welcome!

WHAT: Light lunch and Lively Discussion on the book, *A Village of Scoundrels*, by Margi Preus

WHERE: FLC's Kairos Room

WHEN: Monday, October 17, at 11:45 a.m.

An additional group may be gathering after dinner church on one Wednesday of the month.

For more information, please contact Susanne Ronning (218-205-6370).



Thursday Adult Bible Study at 10:30 is BACK!

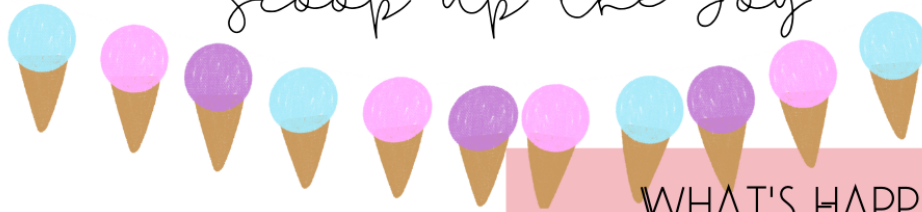
Join us every Thursday at 10:30 am in the Kairos room. We study the upcoming scripture for Sunday and discover how God's grace is present in the Old and New Testaments. Everyone is welcome, so feel free to bring a friend.

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



'SUNDAY' SCHOOL

"Scoop up the Joy"



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

It has been such a "JOY" to have your children in Sunday School. This month we will continue to learn about the fruits of the spirit: love, joy, patience, peace, and kindness. There will be no Sunday School on October 9th due to the 150th Anniversary celebration, but the Sunday School children will be singing in church. There is also no Sunday School on October 23rd. Please text @flcss18 to the number 81010 to receive all Sunday School communications.

2nd grade Bible milestone

2nd Grade Bibles Milestones On Sunday, October 2nd our 2nd grade students will be asked to come forward and receive their Bibles. This is an important milestone in their faith journey as they are having the word of God put into their very hands. 2nd graders and their families will be invited to breakfast and class at 8:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. During the worship service, the 2nd graders will receive their Bibles.



OCTOBER 2
8:15AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Dress Up to Celebrate

On October 31, 1517 a German monk by the name of Martin Luther started a movement that reformed the church. He nailed 95 theses/grievances on the All Saint's church door and changed Christianity forever. On Sunday, Oct. 30th we will celebrate Reformation Day and Halloween by dressing up in costumes. Bring your children to church in a fun costume during Sunday School





Wednesday FLY K-6

We are planning to continue to meet at Roosevelt Park as long as the weather stays nice. We will be in the First Lutheran Youth room if the weather doesn't cooperate. During the month of September, we continue looking at the fruits of the spirit, have a Halloween party, and make some cards for shut ins.

Stay up-to-date on FLY K-6 communications by text @flyk6 to the number 81010.



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



FREE ADMISSION FOR *FIRST LUTHERAN FAMILIES*
TREASURE HUNT - FOOD & DRINKS - LOTS OF FUN

1-4 P.M.

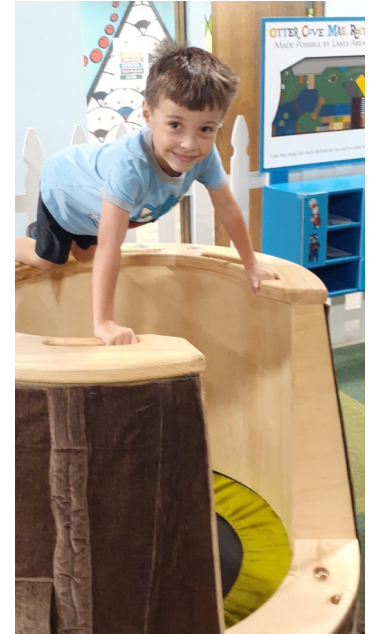
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**The Sunday
School children
will be singing
during
children's time
at worship on
Sunday October
9th!! See you
there!!**



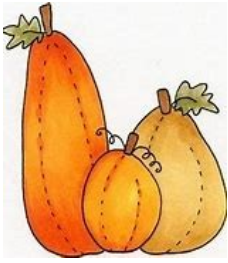
Family Day at the Otter Cove September 18





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

NO October Meeting

Hannah Circle

Meet in the Narthex Wednesday October 26 at 1:00pm. Enjoy fellowship, refreshments and our Bible Study lesson from the Gather magazine, led by Pastor Tiffany.



Thank You from Steve Hosch:

"To the First Lutheran Church Congregation. First I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you as janitor for over 35 years. I really did enjoy it . Thank you to those who came to my retirement party put on by my family and those who came to the one put on by the church. Thank you for your gifts and also very kind and loving words. I will always cherish the ups and downs personally and as a congregation. Thank you also for the trip to the Packers/Vikings game. Even though the Packers lost I will never forget your generosity. In Christ's Love, Steve Hosch"

The Love Days Quilters would like to thank the Congregation of First Lutheran for their generous giving of school supplies for school kits this fall! You surpassed our expectations. Thank you!

We are also seeking someone who knows how to crochet to finish a blanket. If you are interested, contact the church on Mondays from 9am-3pm when the quilters are in the building!



Join the Grief Group on these dates:

***Wed, Oct 12 at 10:00am, Kairos Room**

***Thurs, Oct 20 at 10:00am at Toast,**
Knute Nielson Hospice of Alexandria will lead our session

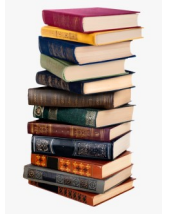
First Lutheran will be delivering Meals by Wheels

October 10-14

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

Thank YOU!

Check out these reviews from FLC readers
and find these books in our library...



***In the Shadow of the Rising Sun* by Judy Hyland**

This book has special meaning to me as the author was a missionary from my home church in Erskine, MN. As a matter of fact, her father baptized me. This book chronicles the events that Judy Hyland experienced while being held prisoner in a Japanese prison camp in the Philippines for approximately 4 years. She was to become a missionary in China but due to the Japanese occupation of China, she was diverted to the Philippines where it was thought to be safer, which as it turned out was not the case. Fortunately, she survived the incarceration and resumed her role as a missionary in China after the end of the war. The book uses some fictional sections to describe actual events so it's not all nonfiction.

-Dale Hanson



***Life Is Messy* by Matthew Kelly**

The word "messy" seems to pop up in all types of conversations, as well as the word "broken". But when sharing ourselves with others we are not talking about broken furniture or messy kitchens. We are talking about our hurts and wounds. Matthew guides readers by serving out ways to help them get their lives back together when life continues to be a mess and can't be changed or fixed. He speaks and offers hope from experience.

-Vicki Hanneman

WELCA Fall Campaign "Coins, Cash & Checks Change Lives"

Each fall, the Women of First Lutheran Church reach out to each of you asking for financial support of Missions that are important to ALL of us. Therefore the product of this campaign is Coins, Cash and Checks. The product of a generous culture is Changed Lives Locally and Around the World. We helped financially to change lives in these areas in 2021: KBRF Morning Watch, Lutheran Campus Ministry, A Place to Belong, Someplace Safe, Meals by Wheels, Camp Knutson, Luther Crest, Lutheran Social Service, Pioneer Care Foundation and Soaring Unlimited (Haiti).

You are asked to place your coins, cash or checks in an envelope marked WELCA Fall Campaign and either bring it to the church office or mail it to First Lutheran Church, 402 S Court St, Fergus Falls, MN 56537 before the end of October.

We are all called to grow in faith, to support one another and to be engaged in ministry and action. Thank you for your support of this Campaign. Because of your actions, we will be able to help change lives this year.





First Lutheran Church 1872 - 2022

150 Years of Spiritual Growth

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

Keith Melberg is the organist at FLC. He has been in this position for 37 years. He was inspired by Bob Rolstan from the Lawrence Welk show on tv. Keith purchased an organ to learn how to play at home. He took lessons and kept buying bigger organs to play at home. He was a member of Bethlehem church and was taking organ lessons from Cheryl Kjos who was the director of music at that time at First Lutheran Church. Cheryl took a position in another town and recommended Keith to be our new organist. He had to be asked several times before he finally agreed to accept the position.

Keith plays for church services, funerals, weddings, special events and for choir rehearsals. He practices at least 8-10 hours a week at the church. As the organist he picks all of the music for the prelude, offertory and postlude. Keith is on the worship committee. He joined it a few years ago. They all take turns picking the hymns for the services.

The pipe organ was dedicated in 1926. It had 1600 pipes and 2 octaves of chimes. In 1951 it was rebuilt and enlarged by 73 pipes. In 1972 it was dismantled and reconstructed composing of 27 ranks of pipes totaling 1870 pipes plus chimes. In 2012 it was worked on again and was finished in 2020 to 35 ranks of pipes totaling 2500 pipes. It has many voices, along with the diapason (the main organ sound), such as trumpet, flute, clarinet, and strings. The organ is tuned two times a year by Allen Moe, who was also the person that did the last expansion of pipes in the organ. Keith is very proud to say this is one of the largest organs in the North West.

I like it here at First Lutheran Church Keith stated. It is family. It becomes family if you participate and get to know the people. I hated the pandemic he stated, coming to church and only having 10 people here. It was very hard.

Keith says he enjoys playing during the Christmas and Easter Seasons the best. It is also the busiest and most stressful but so worth it.

Thank you, Keith, for your beautiful music. You are a blessing to us all.





Award winning, published musician, and Underwood native

DANIEL

AUNE

Organ Concert

October 2

2:00 - 3:00 pm

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150 years

1872-2022

Celebration of Joy!

First Lutheran Church ~ Fergus Falls, MN

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Join us for special 150th Anniversary worship service with guest preacher Reverend Curtis Rotto followed by a celebration luncheon.

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The Worship Corner

by the Worship &
Music Committee

Communion assistants are required to help the pastor/pastors in the distribution of the Lord's Supper. The importance of sharing this meal at the Lord's table and the hearing of the words GIVEN AND SHED FOR YOU are the remembrance of God's grace in our lives making us free from the power of sin and death, through the death and resurrection of His son, Jesus Christ. We share this together with all our brothers and sisters in faith, and we need your help to accomplish it. Sign up in the volunteer book on the information counter if you can help with communion.



**Hosanna Handbells continues rehearsals on Wednesdays,
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

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Leslie Flugstad, Finance
Harriet Wicklund, Worship
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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 October!

Oct 9: Pastor Curt Rotto

Curtis was born 5-11-38 in Minot, ND, to Pastor Isaac and Jonette (Rafshol) Rotto. He was the sixth child in the family of nine children. He graduated from Luther College in 1960 and enrolled in Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN. He married Ann Knutson in 1961. After 4 years the family with 3 children, Knute, Kari and Hans, moved to Fergus Falls, MN. Curt began his ministry as the first Associate Pastor at First Lutheran Church where he served for 4 years. During this time he continued to be interested in the special ministry of (CPE) Clinical Pastoral Education, and attended programs in Minot, ND; Center City, MN; and Fergus Falls, MN. In 1974 he became a Certified CPE Supervisor and developed a program of CPE at Lakeland Mental Health Center. He was employed for 13 years and then began as a contracted EAP Counselor for Otter Tail Power Company. When he retired, he served Tonseth and Central Churches for 3 years. The family has made Jewett Lake their home for 50 years. Curt and Ann enjoy their 10 grandchildren and follow their activities in college and high school, and watch them grow to adulthood.



Oct 30: Pastor Jeff Fitzkappes

Jeff Fitzkappes is an ordained pastor called to serve Trinity Lutheran Church, ELCA, in Montevideo, MN. He is the son of Gayle and Steve Fitz. He's married to Kate and they have four kids aged 12 - 19. Jeff is a theology nerd, studies religion and science, loves Star Wars, plays Ultimate Frisbee, and believes that following Jesus requires us to be generous, inclusive, and strong supporters of social justice.

