



The Messenger

May 2023

First Lutheran Church

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Confirmation 2023



Back row l to r: Vicki Hanneman, John Abrahams, William Vaughn, Isaiah Ibarra, Dylan Kuhn, Anna Sem
Front row l to r: Riley Anderson, Ty Jyrkas, Aiden Neubauer, Tally Clark, Anja Rajaniemi

Worship with us in May

Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9:30 am
Wednesday Dinner Church at 5:30 pm through May 24

Welcome to May!

May showers blessings upon blessings through New Members, Mother's Day, Fishing Openers, graduations, Memorial Day when we remember beloved ones who served and so much more. So, I offer May blessings.

May the last month of school be filled with learning, meaningful endings, understanding for parents, teachers, and students both at church and throughout the day-to-day school times.

May bullies who repeat the abuse they received onto others, receive a breakthrough in understanding both themselves and the person they hurt.

May we see people eye to eye when we meet them and greet them in a meaningful way.

May our shadow side filled with doubts and fears hear Jesus' words that worry does not add an hour to one's life.

May new members feel included and a sense of belonging as we are all deepening our faith life together in Jesus' name. (May 4 is orientation and we need sponsors. New member Sunday is May 7.)

May we each offer our skills to the glory of God as we reach outside these walls in Christian friendship and service.

May we encourage mothers of all kinds and be sensitive to those who do not know their birth moms, those who entrusted their baby to be raised by another, for those who raised children and those who mothered in supportive ways. (May 14th and thank the bonus mommas!)

May the Fishing Opener be a time to bond and deepen spirituality and friendships.

May we be attentive to those grieving the death of their moms and find ways to honor them.

May we celebrate the groundbreaking on Jennifer Woore's Habitat for Humanity House on May 4th on Lenore Way!

May we CELEBRATE and reach out with gratitude for our Graduating Seniors on May 21 along with the congregation picnic and last day of Sunday School.

May we recognize that as Church...we can make an incredible impact when we set our minds to it and the Holy Spirit paves the way. This year WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE! – MATTHEW 19:26

May we discover what our gifts are as well as call out other people's gifts. This is how we have a choir, handbells, book club, grief share group, volunteer custodians, confirmation, Wednesday night Dinner Church, Bible Studies, OWLS, and so much more!

May we pray about the next steps in this congregation's future as the call committee is forming and will be listening for what defines our ministry here at FLC.

AND

May the Lord bless you and keep you

May the Lord be gracious to you

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

Peace,

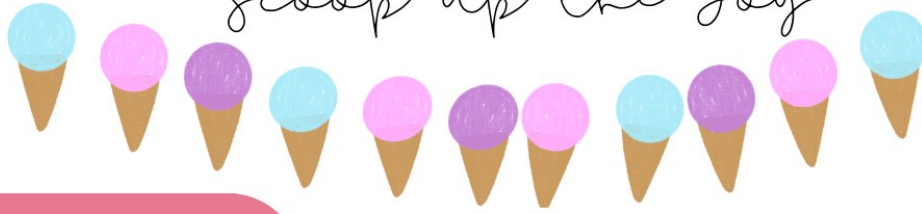
Pastor Tiffany



Interim Pastor Tiffany Sundeen
pastortiffany@flcff.org

'SUNDAY 'SCHOOL

"Scoop up the Joy"



Mark Your Calendars

- May 7- Sunday School/Butterflies
- May 14- Parent/Guardian Day
Bring your
parent/guardian(s) to
Sunday School
- May 21- Teacher Appreciation
Last Day of Sunday
School 10:30-11:00am
Picnic and outside fun
- May 28- NO SUNDAY
SCHOOL/BUTTERFLIES
- July 24-27- Vacation Bible School
see flyers for info.

Registration is open,
check out the Kiosk in the Narthex,
the Family Resource Nook, or the
church website for forms.

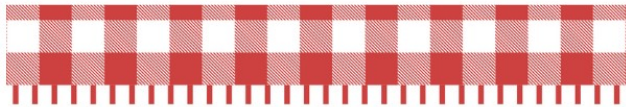


This month we will finish up the 10 commandments, and end our year learning that we all have spiritual gifts and the Holy Spirit is the source of them all. We invite parents and guardians to Sunday School on May 14th to celebrate you, we will also be thanking our teachers on May 21st We are looking forward to this last month of Sunday School, and are getting pumped up for VBS in July!



to all parents and guardians
thank you, mom and dad for bringing your
child(ren) to Sunday School. We have loved
getting to know these amazing children and
sharing God's word with them. We invite
you to join us on Sunday, May 14th in your
child's Sunday School Class.



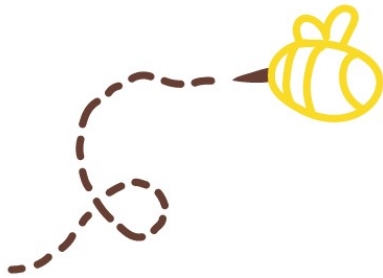


DON'T MISS OUT ON A GOOD TIME!

PICNIC AND PLAY

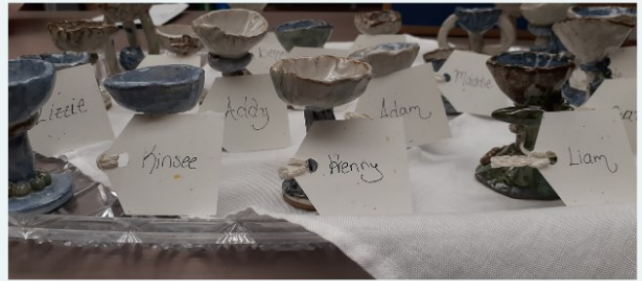
May 21 following worship and Sunday School
Fellowship Hall and Lower Parking Lot

THANKS FOR A FANTASTIC SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR!



1st

COMMUNION



FERGUS FALLS
ELCA CHURCHES PRESENT

Butterflies VBS

JULY
24-27
9:00-
10:30 a.m.



"HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD
IN HIS HANDS"

AGES BIRTH- 5 YEARS OLD
W/ FAVORITE ADULT
(SIBLINGS ARE WELCOMED)

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Registration can be found at any of the following participating churches: Augustana, Bethlehem, First, Hope, and Zion Lutheran Churches.

Register by Sunday, July 3rd.



THE FERGUS FALLS
ELCA CHURCHES
PRESENT

DAY CAMP 2023 WITH LCBC



July
24-27
8:45am-3:00pm



First Lutheran Church
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Fergus Falls, MN



Free
Donations welcomed

THE ACTIVITIES

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

**KINDERGARTEN
-6TH GRADE**

REGISTER NOW

Registrations can be found at any of the following participating churches: Augustana, Bethlehem, First, Hope, and Zion Lutheran Churches.

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Wednesday FLY K-6

This month we will plan on being outside as much as we can. We will spend time at the park, clean up the First Lutheran grounds and George B. Wright Park, and have a little fun on our last day with some bowling. We will be exploring the last of the 10 commandments and diving into our spiritual gifts.

Due to the school year being extended, the last day of weekly Wednesday FLY K-6 will be May 31st. We will have FLY K-6 events monthly in the summer.

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



The Worship Corner by the Worship & Music Committee

The Rose Window: Our symbol of Lutheran faith, the window to the west is a representation of Luther's Rose, a long-used, traditional symbol of the Lutheran faith. The five-leaved rose, representing the blood of Christ and divine love, holds a central cross. Constructed of clear, beveled glass, the cross mirrors the Nativity Star in the opposite Great Commission window. Next month, we'll take a look at the creation windows.



The Cancer Team is at it again!

Fighting for a Cure Spring Fundraiser

Bake Sale

May 7

10:30 am

Memorial/honor bags are available as well for a suggested donation of \$10.

If you would like to donate baked goods please contact Sue Toso at 218-770-5156.

All proceeds will go to the Lake Region Healthcare Cancer in honor of Gordy Kvern.

Please make any checks payable to First Lutheran Church with "Cancer Center" on the memo line.



Lake Region
HEALTHCARE

Ways to Worship with Us



KJK AM 1020, Channel 977,
FM 97.7



Go to the First Lutheran website:
www.firstlutheranchurchff.org.



PEG Access Channel 8



Love Day Quilters

All are welcome!

Quilters meet each Monday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the quilting room. Join us! We need those who sew, iron fabric, cut fabric, tie knots, and more. Come for all day or as time permits for you. Enjoy some good conversation, coffee and treats (bring your lunch if you'll be there during lunchtime).

Call Joanne Peterson at 218-205-1189 for more info.

Please note: Love Day Quilters will not meet on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29.

Hannah Circle

We gather again in the Narthex on Wednesday, May 24 at 1:00 pm. Join us for refreshments, fellowship and share the Bible lesson found in the *Gather* magazine, led by Pastor Tiffany.

There are extra *Gather* magazines on the shelves by the office, or just come and listen.

**WELCA Board will meet
Tuesday, May 9 at 10:00am**

An FLC Library Book Review

The church library committee asked that I write a review of the "A.D. Chronicles," a twelve-book series written by Bodie and Brock Thoene. This fictional series is a Biblically based account of the last three years of Jesus' life and the people He healed, taught, dealt with, and walked with. The first book of the series, "First Light," is a story of Peniel's life before and after Jesus healed him of blindness. Several following books are told through Peniel's 'eyes' as he follows Jesus and his disciples. The later books are more about the lives of the people Jesus healed, saved and raised from the dead.

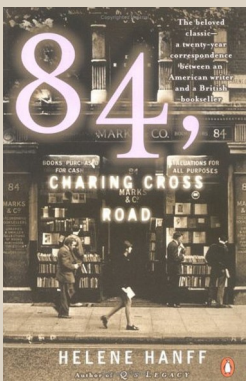
Anthony and I read the first seven together and I just finished the last five. We found the books to be well written, insightful of the times, and inspirational. We wanted to share these books with our church family, so you can now find all twelve in our Church Library. Check them out!

~Joyce Perez



MAY BOOK STUDY

Our meeting and discussion on Monday, May 15, will feature the book **84 Charing Cross Road** by Helene Hanff. This is a delightful story told through letters between an outspoken playwright in New York City and employees of a secondhand book store in London. You will be entertained by this short book that is full of friendship, kindness and humor. There is a book club kit with several copies available for check out in the church library. Keep checking back if the kit is empty as books will gradually get added over the next few weeks.



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*Get to learn more about the
holy scriptures with us!*

**2ND & 4TH MONDAYS OF THE MONTH
7AM
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
KAIROS ROOM**

Starting Monday, January 31st
Everyone is welcomed!

Visit us at firstlutheranchurchff.org or call the church office at
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CHURCH COUNCIL



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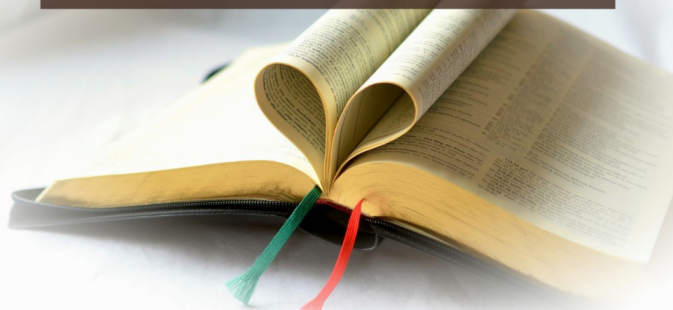
Steve Fitz, Personnel

Harriet Wicklund, Worship

Adult Bible Study

**MONDAYS AT 1:00PM
KAIROS ROOM**

*Each Monday we'll meet in the Kairos Room to
look over the texts for the upcoming Sunday. NO
experience necessary! Questions? Just ask in
the office.*



Need Some Support?

The First Lutheran Support Group will be meeting Wednesday, May 10, at 10:30am in the conference room. This group is for anyone who has lost and misses a loved one. Please come join us for supportive conversation and loving comradery.

We meet for an hour or so and then go out to eat a meal together wherever the mood strikes us. We will meet the second Wednesday of every month. Same time, same location. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, feel free to call Terry Gervais at: 952-250-0432.

