



The Messenger

June 2023

First Lutheran Church

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Blessings to the Graduating Class of 2023



CONGRATULATIONS

Pastor Tiffany



On the 25th Anniversary of your Ordination
as a minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ.

Happy Summer, Friends!

Ready for the wildfire of Pentecost to spread? Pentecost starts sparking passion within our souls. The inkling, the stirring, the calling bring

- Graduations and Open Houses
- Family Reunions and Lake Time
- Reuniting and Rejuvenation
- Promise and Perspective

First Lutheran Church, YOU each have the spark of the Holy Spirit inside you. The ways you share your spark makes a difference in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, this country and in the world.

Lutheran World Relief Work: The quilters made 82 quilts and 50 school kits. The quilts will literally help Tanzanian children stay off a cold floor and help them grow. Previously, their growth had been stunted by the cold. One quilt changes a life.

Habitat for Humanity: The 2x4 lengths of lumber in the gathering space/narthex will become part of Jennifer Woore's Habitat for Humanity home. FLC joins 20 other churches on the Faith Build. Work weeks will be announced soon. Meanwhile, choose the amount you would like to donate, sign a blessing on the lumber and get ready to swing a hammer soon.

Round Robin Summer Worship: We join the other four ELCA Lutheran churches in offering Wednesday evening worship at 6:30 pm. We start June 14 at Bethlehem, June 21 at Hope, June 28 at Zion and continue through August 23. Come and join us for Reminders of God's Grace as we share Notes of Hope.

Pay attention to what bring a spark of joy in your life. It very well may be the Holy Spirit compelling you to share the life of faith.

Peace,

Pastor Tiffany



Interim Pastor Tiffany Sundeen
pastortiffany@flcff.org

Play at the Park

Dr. Allen Magnuson Park

Wednesdays
9:30-10:30am

Wednesdays in June from 9:30-10:30am, come out to the park with your littles to meet up with friends from First Lutheran Church. Kristy will be there with her littles, and feel free to invite your friends. Let's enjoy the summer and let the children play!

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Car Wash Fundraiser

An event to benefit Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 20 | 4:30-6:00 PM
First Lutheran Lower Parking Lot

Need your car washed? Get it done all while supporting a great cause!

Spend Some Time with Us this Summer

Registration Ends Sunday, July 3

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

First Lutheran Church
402 S Court St
Fergus Falls, MN

Registration can be found at any of the following participating churches: Augustine, 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

First Lutheran Church
402 S Court St
Fergus Falls, MN

Free
Donations welcomed

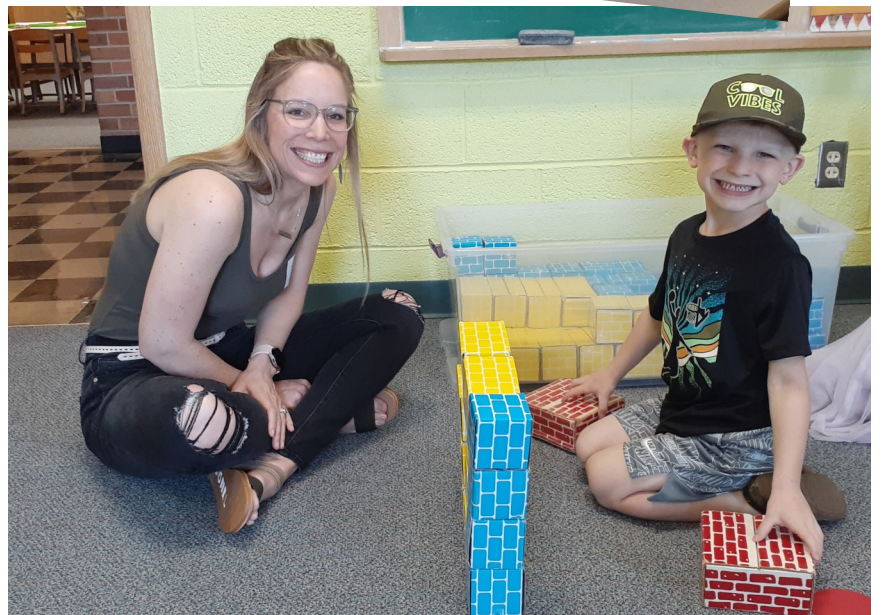
THE ACTIVITIES
Fun Worship
Games
Arts and Crafts
Community Bible Study
+ so much more!

KINDERGARTEN - 6TH GRADE

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

Register by Sunday, July 3rd.

REGISTER NOW





The Worship Corner by the Worship & Music Committee

On the north side of the gathering space, stained glass occupies only the clerestory windows providing an unobstructed view of the beautiful courtyard. As we begin "In the Beginning" notice how just as God separated light from darkness, the glass moves from darker to brighter as you move from left to right, filled with color and light to mirror God's creation. On the second day, God separated the dome of the sky from the waters. On the third day, God created the dry land; the earth's flourishing vegetation echoes the New Testament reference to the vine, branches and fruits of the Spirit. On the fourth day, God established day and night, populating them with lights of bright sun, gleaming moon in all its phases and glittering stars.

Below, a tree of life undergoes the changes of each season, bearing fruit which ripens and falls in the act of regeneration. Living creatures of all kinds were brought forth on the fifth day and this window teems with life in its wondrous variety. Amid birds filling the sky, the central dove in flight symbolizes the Holy Spirit present in God's good creation, hovering over the sea and its denizens. Unifying all these windows is a ribbon of light, beginning in the first window. In the second window, the ribbon becomes the line separating sea and sky and on the third day this ribbon becomes a vine with bears lush fruit. In day four the ribbon of light is depicted as a rainbow, a sign of God's promise. On the fifth day, it flows in a smooth current, forming the waters that are the lifeblood of the sea creatures. On the sixth day, God created humankind, in his own image, placing the first man and woman in a beautiful garden, filled with the abundance of flowers, birds and animals. From above, the hand of the Creator extends in a gesture of peace, with human hands uplifted to receive the blessing of life. Above the entrance, the window depicts the seventh day, a day of rest and celebration of God's Creating. Its message of welcome is appropriate as described in Hebrews 4: "So then a sabbath rest still remains for the people of God; for those who enter God's rest also cease from their labors as God did from His".

Pastor Kate Installed on May 14

Pastor Kate was officially installed at First Lutheran Church by the Conference 7 Synod Representative, Pastor Dennis Preston. We welcome Pastor Kate and thank her for all that she does for FLC!



Ways to Worship with Us



KJK AM 1020, Channel 977,
FM 97.7



**Sunday Worship Service
with Holy Communion at
9:30 am**



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



PEG Access Channel 8



Rise up and Build!

Get involved with the **2023 Habitat for Humanity Faith Build!** This spring/summer the area faith community is joining forces with Habitat for Humanity to live out their mission as disciples of Jesus Christ in providing safe, affordable housing for the **Woore family** here in Fergus Falls. First Lutheran Church has committed to sponsor the Lumber & Wall Sheeting for the house. Help us reach our goal to raise \$7,050. There will be other ways to get involved, too. Please see the display in the narthex for more information.



The Cancer Team would like to thank all of those who supported the Fight for a Cure. \$6,501.10 was raised and given to the Lake Region Cancer on Monday, May 22 in memory of Gordy Kvern. Again, thank you for your generous support of this project.



The property committee has created a **“Building Work Request” Form** for people to use to alert them about maintenance and custodial needs in the building. The requests will be reviewed and prioritized by the committee. If you see something that needs attention, please turn a form into Jen Hubrig. The forms can be found on the counter by the church office.



Volunteer Opportunity!!!

FLC is scheduled to deliver Meals by Wheels Monday, June 5 through June 9. If you can help with one of the routes, please sign up in the narthex today.

Call Committee Update

Call Committee Formed

The committee charged with finding our new pastor has been formed and will begin meeting on June 1. The members of the committee are Liz Abrahams, John Demuth, Joe Ellig, Jen Enstad-Petersen, and Bob Ronning. Council Co-presidents Rick and Linda West serve as chair.

Please keep these members in your prayers as they walk through this process.

Learn more about the call process [here](#).

Love Days 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 Days Quilters will not meet on Juneteeth, Monday, June 19.

Hannah Circle

We are meeting on **Wednesday, June 28, at 1:00 pm** in the Narthex. Come & enjoy fellowship and refreshments followed by our Bible lesson led by Pastor Tiffany. We are using the Gather magazine issue for May/June.

NOTE: There are no meetings in July or August. We will gather again September 27, in the Narthex at 1:00 pm.

WELCA Board will meet next on August 8 at 10:00 am.



Reminder from Luther Crest:

Women's Week is June 26-29!



Look who got caught dancing at Faith Haven on Sunday May 9, Donna Quam and Orrie Leabo.

YOU DON'T STOP
DANCING BECAUSE YOU
GROW OLD
YOU GROW OLD
BECAUSE YOU STOP
DANCING

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

Visit us at firstlutheranchurchff.org for more information.



Become a Sponsor

Each week there is an opportunity to remember a special person or honor a special event by sponsoring the altar flowers and the radio broadcast. The sign up for this is in the church office. Please plan to make payment at time of sign up. Flower sponsorship cost is \$45 and radio broadcast sponsorship cost is \$100.

Altar Flowers

CHURCH COUNCIL



Executive Committee

Rick & Linda West, Co-Presidents
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Lorri Holt, Secretary
Leonard Hatzenbuhler, Treasurer, Property/Finance

Council Members

Kris Werner, Stewardship
Kristi Dinsmore, Education & Youth
Terry Gervais, Fellowship
Steve Fitz, Personnel
Harriet Wicklund, Worship

Need Some Support?

The First Lutheran Support Group will be meeting Wednesday, June 14, 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.

