



Announcements

April 20 & 21, 2024

This weekend's radio broadcast is sponsored by Dave & Becky Gifford in memory of Dave's brother Gale Gifford and daughter Sandra Gifford.

This broadcast will air @ 11am on 101.7FM & 1400AM.

Local Cable TV 10am Wednesdays and 5pm Thursdays; Spectrum 180 & Bluepeak 17

Thank you for serving!	Saturday, April 20 at 5:30pm	Sunday, April 21 at 9:00am
Acolytes	Harper Thooft	Brax Stensrud Evan Gehrke
Greeters & Ushers	Ron & Kelly Johnson	Matt & Deanna Suby Family
Lectors	Ron Johnson	Angela Fischer-Sussner
Music	Susan Jones	Susan Jones
Communion Assistants	Danica Czeck	Angela Fischer-Sussner Brian Kruse
Coffee Servers		Kady Simpson
Video & Audio	Steve Hamner & Ed Henning	Steve Hamner & Ed Henning
Projection	Shelly Maes	Janet Landby
Altar Guild	Eileen Furhmann, Pat Simpson, Rosalie Muller, Sheryl Louwagie	

Saturday, April 20

Parish Visitor Articles Due
5:30pm Worship Service

Sunday, April 21

9:00am Worship Service - Memory Work Presentation
10:00am TLC
2:00pm SMSU Chorale Performance

Monday, April 22

6:30pm Beginning Experience

Tuesday, April 23

9:00am Senior Coffee

Wednesday, April 24

6:30am Women's Bible Study
7:00am Men's Bible Study @ Perkins
6:30pm Last day of Confirmation
7:00pm Game Changers & Grace Gang
8:00pm Senior High Alive

Thursday, April 25

1:00pm Peace by Piece Quilters
5:30pm Bible & Brew @ Brau Bros

Friday, April 26

7:00am Grub Club @ McDonalds
11:00am Boulder Creek Worship (Pr. Quist)
12:00pm Kieryn Voice Recital
7:30pm Prairie Arts Chorale Concert

The Lasts of the Education programs for the school year: First Lutheran Education programs are wrapping up for the school year soon. The last day of TLC Wednesday is April 17. The last day of TLC Sunday is April 21. The last day of Confirmation Classes will be April 24. The last day of Wednesday Worship Services will be April 17.

8th Grade Confirmation Retreat Friday, April 19 & Saturday, April 20: All First Lutheran 8th Grade students will travel to Shetek Lutheran Ministries for their Confirmation Retreat. Pastor Sara, Sam, & Bailey along with the 8th Grade Confirmation Captains will be joining them on this Faith Journey.

Prairie Art Choral: is pleased to announce their Spring 2024 Season: "Earth, Wind and Choir." Featuring pieces by the Beatles, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Harry Belafonte and other choral and pop classics that celebrate our land, water, and homes. Concert will be held at FLC on Friday, April 26 at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$12 at the door. For more information: prairieartschorale.org

HyVee Cards available for Purchase! Hy-Vee gift cards are available throughout the year in the office or after worship services. 5% of the money goes to the Senior High NOLA summer trip in July.

Mark it on your calendar- Monday, April 29, make supper plans to dine-in at the Gambler between 4:00-10:00pm! 20% of the proceeds will go towards the youth headed to New Orleans this July. Join us, it's always fun to see the place full of familiar faces.

NEW FLY FUNDRAISER: The Pink Flamingos are making their way around town!! Sponsored by the youth attending the ELCA Gathering in New Orleans this summer. Starting April 15-29, these obnoxious long-legged creatures could possibly land on your lawn! We're excited to have fun with this! Here's how it works if they land on your lawn:

- Option 1: A \$25 donation will send the flock of flamingos to land on the next yard at the end of the day
- Option 2: A \$50 donation will send the flock to land on a yard of YOUR choosing at the end of the day
- Option 3: You can do nothing and the flock will roost in your yard for 2 days!

****Flock Insurance can be purchased for \$50 to prevent the flock from landing on your lawn**** We hope everyone can have fun with this FUNdraiser! For questions contact the church office.

Hey FLY Seniors! Apply for a College Scholarship: First Lutheran Church, with financial support from the First Lutheran Church Foundation, is pleased to announce the opening for applications for the annual Norman and Irene Timm Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was made possible by the generous contribution of the Timm family, in memory of their parents, who were long-time First Lutheran Church members. The 2024 scholarship is for \$500, and is open to seniors that are involved at church, attending college in the fall, and have some goals for your future, which you'll write about in your essay. Applications can be found at the church or on our website. The deadline is April 30, 2024.

Southwestern Minnesota Women of the ELCA Convention will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 8:30-3:00pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls. Registrations and fee of \$40 are due by April 22. Registration includes: program, coffee and lunch. Pick up the registration form in the office if you are interested or contact Corlys at 507-828-6106 for more information.

Spring Cleaning at First Lutheran will be on May 15 from 1:00-4:00pm! We are looking for some volunteers to do some light cleaning in the church. We will meet in the office area at 1:00pm. Jobs will include cleaning the church pew cushions, washing chairs and tables in the Fellowship Hall, washing windows, dusting and sweeping, etc. If anyone has an upholstery cleaner on hand, please bring this with. Please sign-up by calling the church office at 532-2429 or send Ann an email:

ann@1stlutheranchurch.org

Bible and Brew: Spring session is April 4-May 16. All are welcome to join us on Thursdays at 5:30pm at Brau Brothers Brewery for a brew or beverage of choice, along with a menu item, if desired. We study the upcoming Sunday's Bible reading while enjoying camaraderie, asking lots of questions and gaining insight. All are welcome!

CANVAS AND COOKIES!! Join us on Wednesday, May 22 from 6:30-8:30pm and bring a friend as we enjoy an evening together. For \$35 per person, you can find your "inner Bob Ross"! Our own, Kayla Padfield, will guide us as we create our own masterpieces. (And enjoy some treats!) All are welcome! Spread the word! Invite your friends! Deadline to sign up is Wednesday May 8.

Summer Office Hours: It's great to look ahead to the summer season and a few changes from school year routines. As you look ahead, please note the church office hours will change for the summer (June through August) as follows: Monday - Thursday from 9am to 1pm. You will find staff members at the church at other times, too, and you may reach them via phone, text or email with questions to set something up.

Narthex Refresh: A special thank you to Ray & Julie Henricksen, Mark & Jean Mather and Lee & Norma Raske for painting the Narthex! They are going to continue their efforts and paint the whole Narthex area as time allows. Thank you for your time and talents in giving the space a fresh new look. Special thank you to Chuck Muller for hanging the tv to display announcements.

Sound/Projection Room: Ed Henning and Steve Hamner are looking for help on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays in the Sound/Projection room running the equipment for worship services. If you are interested, talk to Ed or Steve. Call Ed Henning at 507-360-3064 if you are interested.

Thank you from the the Social Ministries Committee to all who donated to the Pack the Pews project. First Lutheran, with the help of our Presbyterian friends, collected 929 pounds of food and \$1,924. Many families were able to benefit from your generosity. If you missed the event or were unable to donate, the shopping cart is always in the Narthex and you can donate at any time. Donations are taken to the Food Shelf weekly.

The First Lutheran Call Committee has begun the process defined by the Synod for a Senior Pastor Call. At this point the team has established our process, is reviewing the initial set of paperwork of the candidates and beginning the scheduling of the interview process. We ask the congregation to pray for the committee as we move forward in the process of discernment.

Prayer List:

~ Prayer list will be updated every Tuesday ~

John Doyle, Sierra Waege (granddaughter of Dorothy and Harlen Barck), Dorwin Swenson (father of Jason Swenson), Jerry Vogel, Jane Linder (mother of Penny Sommervold), John Thooft, Matt Moen (nephew of Sharon Miller), John Lund, Neil Peterson (father of Jason Peterson), Carrie Sueker, Jim Ray (Steve & Karen Meister's daughter-in-law's father), Amber Poppen (friend of Terri Wiblemo), Marquita Banks, Perry Banks, Brandon Athen, Mary Lou Lange (mother of Holly Sorum), Kaitlyn Mason (granddaughter of Russ & Dorrine Berg and niece of Pastor Bruce Berg)

Today's Reading

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

“The word of the Lord”

Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has

commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

“The word of the Lord”

Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

Response: ***Glory to you, O Lord!***

John 10:11-18

¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

“The Gospel of our Lord”

Response: ***Praise to you, O Christ***