



# First Lutheran Church

*We are believers seeking to invite all into the caring, sharing and growing ways of Christ.*

## April 2022 Parish Visitor

### From the Pastor...

***“Let this be recorded for a generation to come,  
so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD”  
PSALM 102:8***

One day Phyllis Diller gave a Mother’s Day quote: “I always wanted my children (she had 6) to have more than me so than I could live with them.” Apparently Ms. Diller wanted to give her children the best so someday she will reap a reward (Ms. Diller died in 2012). I think most parents want the best for their children, just because they are their children: and that “best” also includes faith.

For my own boys, in this crazy world of a Russian invasion of Ukraine, Covid (hopefully soon post-Covid), divisiveness, bullying, lack of morality, I want the best for them too. Not so I can live with them, necessarily. I will be pretty old when I suspect their own families would be in a position to take in a parent or two (assuming we live that long). I also am not talking about material goods (although I want them to have enough-whatever that is- and also learn how to be responsible givers to church and other charities such as Lutheran Disaster Relief). What I also hope to pass down to them is a faith life.

“Faith life” can sound very broad. What I want is for them to live with an assurance that the God who created them, is with them all the time. Even if it seems like the World has gone crazy. That the thought of death does not bring anxiety to them as they know God has chosen them from birth and will be with them for eternity. That they know they are loved by their God so much that he would give his own son to live, love and die for them. That this love is so strong that they are called to love others and receive love from them. This love is told in the Easter Story. If we fail to pass on this faith; I question if we have done our best for our kids.

I have to say I was pretty much in awe to see so many young people participate at our Lenten Wednesday services and Lenten Suppers. I have told the council that the 2<sup>nd</sup> service of Ash Wednesday was the largest group I have preached to, since I was at my internship site in St. Paul (2008-09). To have the youth so involved gives me hope in the faith passing down for generations. I pray that this new life I have seen at First Lutheran continues well past Holy Week.

I miss my family, I have never lived further from them, but I know we share a faith in Christ that will always bind us. Someday I may live far from my children and pray this faith in the Crucified and Risen Son of God will always hold us together.

Happy Easter,

Pr. Mike Mannisto

## Children, Families and Youth News



**S H E T E K**  
LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

**DON'T FORGET ABOUT BIBLE CAMP THIS SUMMER!!  
SHETEK LUTHERAN MINISTRIES**

Shetek Lutheran Ministries has so much to offer youth, families, grandparents...all people! Shetek has worked hard to continue to provide excellent faith building opportunities for our families. And there are some new and exciting camps being created as well as the old favorites! Demands continue to rise for families, and their children as the times in our world change. Summer Bible Camp is the greatest way to keep our young people and families grounded and focused on their faith journey and their love in Christ. It doesn't mean that the demands are not going to be there—but it does promise to remind us that there is a loving God who is with us during all of the changes. And allows us to have some fun in our faith for a week! ☺

Help us keep bible camp a priority. Scholarships are provided for all members of First Lutheran. **\$100 for week-long camps and \$50 for half week camps.** You just register with Shetek and they will bill us for the scholarships at the end of summer. **HOWEVER**, money is **NEVER** a reason to **NOT** go to camp. Special scholarships are also provided and remain confidential. Just contact Tonya at 532-2429 or 530-1697.

**KEEP THE “SON” IN YOUR SONSHINE THIS SUMMER!!!**

### HyVee Cards available for Purchase!



The summer trip youth will continue selling the Hy-Vee gift cards throughout the year as a part of their fundraisers. We have \$50 cards and \$100 cards. Everyone needs groceries....and its money you would spend anyway, if not all at one time, eventually. By using the gift cards, part of the money will go to the youth! Thanks!

**Chamber Coupon books are also available on Sunday mornings between services and also in the church office. \$30 each and the youth receive \$5. Proceeds go to the Senior High Summer Trip.**

### 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 2022 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 24, 2022.



### SENIOR HIGH YOUTH TO SPONSOR SPRING FUNDRAISER - THE ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION AND BRUNCH!

We will have our **Annual Silent Auction** ONLINE again this year! This fundraiser is filled with various items and services for you to bid on for a two-week period.

Everything is set up in the "unfinished basement" (which is getting finished! Come check it out!) for viewing, but bidding will take place online.

Bidding will start on Sunday March 27 and will end on April 10.

We will finish up on **Sunday April 10 with our PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION BRUNCH serving from 9:15am to 11am.** Cinnamon Rolls and fresh fruit! Free-will offering.

Bidding will stop at 1pm! *Winners will be notified and can pick up their items the week of April 11-15. Thanks for supporting the youth!!*



### CLASS OF 2022 RECEPTION AND BACCAULAUREATE SERVICE

Just a heads up that our celebration of our senior class will be Sunday, May 29 at the 10:45am service. A reception for their immediate families will be at 9:00AM

**SENIORS - IF YOU HAVE NOT BROUGHT IN YOUR SENIOR PICTURE TO BE INCLUDED IN OUR CLASS COMPOSITE, PLEASE DO SO! THANKS!**



### TLC WOW (Wild on the Word) Memory Work Presentations:

TLC Wednesday & TLC Sunday Pre-K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade students have been working in their classrooms and at home on various Memory Work Assignments.

Throughout the month of March & April, each grade level will take turns presenting a portion of their memory work during one of the Sunday morning worship services. Below is the schedule...

**Sunday, April 3 @ 8:30am** Pre-K Students – Five Finger Prayer & prayer postures  
Kindergarten – Table Prayers

**Sunday, April 3 @ 10:45am** 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade--Commandments 1-5  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade—Commandments 6-10

**Sunday, April 10 @ 8:30am** 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary Version)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Variety of Bible Verses

**Sunday, April 10 @ 10:45am** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade– Old Testament Books of the Bible  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade -- New Testament Books of the Bible

Each TLC family will receive a reminder email with all the details at least one week prior to the Sunday of your child's presentation in worship.



## 3 For Heaven's Sake

The final **3 For Heaven's Sake Class** for the 2021-22 year will be **Sunday, April 24** from 9:45-10:30am. Once again, please come to Rooms 4, 6, & 8 ("the Movie Room") where we will begin with refreshments and activities together. Next, there will be Bible Stories, crafts and games for the children, while the parents gather in Room 2 (Fireside Room) around topics and discussions about parenting preschoolers faithfully. Hope to see you there!!



**Sunday, April 10**

Families are invited to come to the Gethsemane Chapel following either Worship Service on Sunday, April 10 to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt!!

### TLC Teacher Appreciation and Feedback Event: We are inviting All TLC Sunday Teachers, TLC Wednesday Teachers, and Convo Leaders to an Appreciation and Feedback Event.

- All TLC Wednesday Teachers and Convo Leaders are invited to meet in the Narthex on **Wednesday, April 6 from 4:15-4:40pm.**
- All TLC Sunday Teachers and Convo Leaders are invited to meet in the Movie Room on **Sunday April 10 from 10:00-10:25am.**

The TLC students will be off learning about Treasured VBS 2022 with Elizabeth Maxwell. They will get a chance to give some of the fun, exciting, new music a

Thanks!

chance and enjoy a snack while we enjoy treats, have an opportunity to honor and thank you for passing on your faith. We also hope this will be a great time to share and give us valuable feedback...as to what worked well this year and what some of the challenges might have been. We encourage ALL TLC Teachers and Convo Leaders to plan to attend!

First Lutheran Education programs are wrapping up for the summer soon. Here are the ending dates...



TLC Wednesday	April 6, 2022
TLC Sunday	April 24, 2022
Confirmation Classes	April 27, 2022



**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat Friday, April 8 & Saturday, April 9:**

All First Lutheran 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students will travel to Shetek Lutheran Ministries for their Confirmation Retreat. Pastor Scott, Pastor Mike, Tonya, & Kitsi along with the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Captains will be joining them on this Faith Journey. We will leave the church parking lot at 5:30pm on Friday and return to the church parking lot around 6:40pm on Saturday.

**Confirmation Pictures & Rehearsal - -**

**Wednesday, April 27 at 6:00pm** in the Sanctuary: Photoworks will take a "Confirmation Class Picture" and individual pictures, if you wish. Then, after pictures, there will be a Confirmation Rehearsal for students, parents, and captains.

**Register your children for Treasured VBS 2022, pay the registration fee, AND register to Volunteer ALL online!! It's so easy!!**

**TREASURED VBS 2022 @ First Lutheran**  
**June 6-9 from 8-11:05am**  
 PreK-6<sup>th</sup> Grade (must be 4 by September 1, 2021)

**Early Bird Registration by May 2:**  
 \$25/student (\$60 family cap)

**After May 2: \$30/student (\$70 family cap)**

\*\* If you register after May 2 you are not guaranteed a T-Shirt\*\*

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders: Register as a Leader In Training**

Do your own craft/projects, help out your Crew Leader & get a T-Shirt. Take \$5 off your registration fee – and write L.I.T. on the 'Additional Comments' line.



Here is how to Register Online...

Go to the First Lutheran Website – [www.1stlutheran.org](http://www.1stlutheran.org) and then...

1. Click on the Ministries tab
2. Click on Children, Youth, & Families
3. Click Register Online VBS 2022 (right side of page)

You can register children for VBS on that page, register as a volunteer, and pay on that page. You can also pay online at the same time you register. Hint: you do have to scroll down on the initial registration page in order to see the "pay now" button in the grey box labeled "Fees". Click on the "pay now" button in order to complete online payment. Call the church office if you have questions 532-2429.

**Women's Ministry**

**Women's Ministry Bible Study Opportunities: ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Wednesdays at 6:30am** in the Movie Room - contact Corlys Knudson at 828-6106

**2nd Wed of the month at 10am** in the Fellowship Hall - contact Dawn Planting 828-8157

**2nd Monday of the month at 7pm** in the Movie Rm - contact Kim Christianson at 530-2301



**The First Lutheran Women are hosting the Prairie Conference Spring Gathering of the Women of the ELCA on Saturday, April 23rd.**

Registration begins at 8:30am with coffee and rolls. Registration fee is \$10 which includes lunch. Offering will be taken.

The theme of the gathering is "Caring for Creation". Speaker is Katie Chapman, Environmental Director at Shetek Lutheran Ministries. Her topic is "Life on the Prairie".

There will be worship and communion, displays from Shalom Hill Farms, Shetek Lutheran Ministries, and Treasured Times will have Christian materials available.

Come for a morning of inspiration and meeting other women from our 17 churches in the Prairie Conference. The gathering will conclude after lunch.

**SW MN Synodical Convention of the Women of the ELCA is May 13<sup>th</sup>** at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Benson, MN. Make plans now to attend and join your sisters in Christ as we "Celebrate!" the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Women of the ELCA. Come for the one-day convention for Worship, Speaker, Displays and fellowship!

**First Lutheran Women are collecting kits** for Project Turnabout, Centers for Addiction Recovery. Items requested include: Personal care items for men & women, shampoo (alcohol-free and 2-in-1 preferred), body wash (alcohol-free), toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, combs, hair brushes, razors (disposable), tampons, maxi pads, suitcases, duffle bags, socks, underwear, bras, jogging pants, t-shirts, sweatshirts, tennis shoes. Drop your donations in the box in the Narthex.





## **Other Important Items**

**Maundy Thursday** April 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm  
**Good Friday** April 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm  
**Easter Sunday** April 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30am, 8:30am, 10:45am

The Social Ministries Committee is looking for volunteers for **Esther's Kitchen on April 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:30pm to 6pm**. Volunteers can come and go if they cannot stay the full time. Signup sheet on the church website or call the office.



### **What is Esther's Kitchen?**

Esther's Kitchen is an outreach of Loaves and Fishes. First Lutherans ministry at Esther's Kitchen is from 3:30-6:00 PM the fourth Thursday of every month. This ministry occurs at Christ United Presbyterian Church 400 W Lyon St, Marshall, MN. When volunteers arrive at the church, they should enter the double doors on W Lyon (entry across from Wells Fargo) and take the steps to the left of the entry. At the bottom of the steps, turn right and follow the hall to the entrance to the fellowship hall (it will be on the right). Go through the fellowship hall to the kitchen. Christy is the Esther's Kitchen coordinator. She will give you a task to do. Since the meals are not eaten at the site but are pickup, most of the tasks deal with food prep either for the meal that evening, future meals, or snacks for the kids at the YMCA. Examples include: washing and cutting potatoes, washing and cutting fruit and vegetables, browning hamburger, sorting out good from rotten foods, making rice crispy bars, putting meat into pans to thaw. At around 5 PM food will be dished into containers for distribution. Food is ready for pickup by 5:30 PM. Pickup is at the double doors on W Lyon Street from 5:30-6:30 PM. If a volunteer would like, they can sit with Christy during pickup. During food distribution the volunteers not helping with distribution finish any food prep needed for future meals, wash the dishes, and put away any food not used for the meal.

### **Worship Schedule**

Wednesdays during Lent – 6:15pm

Saturdays – 5:30pm

Sundays - 8:30am & 10:45am

Services available on YouTube – [www.youtube.com/c/FirstLutheranChurchMarshall](http://www.youtube.com/c/FirstLutheranChurchMarshall)

Radio – Sundays at 11am on 1400AM or 101.7FM

Local Cable TV – Wednesdays at 10am and Thursdays at 5pm

Spectrum 180 & Vast 17

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