



# First Lutheran Church

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

## May 2022 Parish Visitor

### From the Pastor...

*At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow...and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the Glory of God the Father.*  
(Philippians 2:10-11)

Dear Friends in Christ,

*What's in a name?* is the question asked by the young love-struck Juliette in Shakespeare's famous play, Romeo and Juliette. Turns out that a name can carry a lot of weight for young lovers if their last names are the sworn enemies of their clans!

*What's in a name?* is also a question that we wrestled with through the season of Lent as we waited to celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter. From Judas' betrayal, to Peter's denial, to Pilate's questioning and the crowd's cries, **Crucify him!**, we are fully aware of the depth of meaning that comes when we speak the name, **Jesus**.

We here at First Lutheran have been wrestling with our own *name issue* ever since the new sanctuary was built. The area beneath that worship space came to be designated The Unfinished Basement – which was an absolutely correct label: it was a big, open, unfinished space. Yet, happily, it's a name that we can no longer use.

Due to a lot of dedicated fund-raising and hard work (led by Norma and Lee Raske!), that area has been painted and carpeted – and it looks wonderful!

So we are very happy to announce a contest to re-name the Unfinished Basement. Everyone – child and adult alike – is invited to come up with a new name for that great space. The prize is \$100.00 and the decision will be made by the Staff and Executive committee together.

All suggestions must come with a name, address and phone-number, and must be in to the church office by Tuesday, May 31 (one submission per person).

So get busy and help our First Lutheran Family come up with a great name for that wonderful space!

In Christ,

Pr. Scott

## Children, Families and Youth News



**DON'T FORGET ABOUT BIBLE CAMP THIS SUMMER!!**



**S H E T E K**  
L U T H E R A N M I N I S T R I E S

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. 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!!!**



### **CLASS OF 2022 BACCALAUREATE SERVICE**

We at First Lutheran Church congratulate you on your upcoming graduation from high school. What an incredible milestone....and we celebrate this with you and your families!

**The Baccalaureate Worship Service will be on Sunday May 29th at the 10:45am worship service. Senior Reception for the immediate family members is at 9am in the fellowship hall.** Plan to bring your graduation gown and your confirmation stole and wear them during worship....so...ask mom where the stole is?!?! Ha ha!!

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

### First Lutheran's Class of 2022:

Brysen Babcock, Taylor Buysse, Alexandra DeVos, Brianna Groenewold, Cassie Hoover, Charlie Jacobson, Reese Jensen, Morgan Lamb, Mattea Lyngen, Keaton Maertens, Madelyn Murphy, Emma Myhre, Shelby Ormberg, Bryant Paulsen, Seth Radtke, Anna Rose, Gabriella Schlenner, Gabe Sherman, Bellamy Sukalski, Carter Versaevel, Cayden Werner, and Noah Wilts.

**THANK YOU!!** A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our Annual Silent Auction Online this year and our Palm Sunday Brunch. We hope you had fun. Thank you for always supporting our youth! First Lutheran is amazing!



### First Lutheran Confirmation Service

First Lutheran's Confirmation service will be held on **Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 2:00 P.M.** Thirty of our young members will be affirming their Baptisms as we the Body of Christ stand with them on this new journey of faith.

The students being Confirmed are:



Aiden Bly, Kellen Bradley, Spencer Brink, Carson Brusven, Luke Buysse, Annabel Coudron, Dawson DeCamp, Halle DeVos, Reese Drake, Avery Fahl, Salem Frost, Rainer German, McCoy Guenther, Abigail Guggisberg, Hayden Guggisberg, Shep Jensen, Sydney Larson, Jordan Olsen, Mykel Paulsen, Brynn Paulson, Ashlyn Persons, Riley Pfannschmidt, Logan Phillippe, Kyah Pinckney, Makia Radtke, Lauren Reaves, Grace Rokeh, Savanna Stefansen, Brynn Stensrud, and Christian Vershelde

Confirmation Sunday is a time when we celebrate those among us who are looking to deepen their faith and their participation in the Body of Christ. It is

also a time for all of us to re-affirm our Baptism and our calling to proclaim the Gospel in the world.

We would like to offer a huge **Thank You** to all who teach, assist or help in any way with our Christian Education Programs here at First Lutheran! We are blessed that each and every one of you chooses to share your faith!! You have given so much of you time and talents in ways that have blessed so many!! **THANK YOU!!!!**



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 (must be 4 by September 1, 2021) through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (completed)

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\*\***

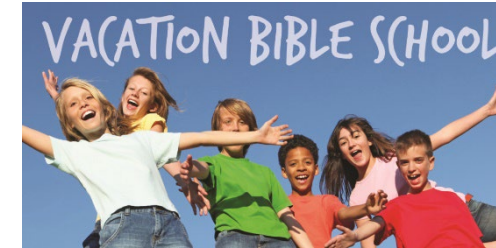
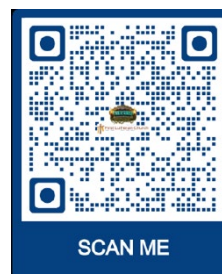
### 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders: Register as a Leader In Training

Do your own craft/projects, help 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 the QR Code to register participants, volunteers, and pay online!**



**A Mandatory ALL Treasured 2022 VBS STAFF TRAINING** will be held **Wednesday, May 25 @ 6:00pm.** You will receive important information about Treasured VBS 2022 at First Lutheran taking place Monday, June 6 through Thursday, June 9 from 8-11:05am.

## Women's Ministry

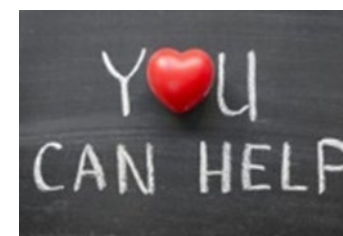
**Women's Ministry Bible Study Opportunities: ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**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

**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

**IN-HOME MINISTRY** meeting May 9th at 6pm in the Nursery. Anyone interested in ministry to our shut-ins is welcome to this informational session.



### **Klein Ranch Work Project Weekend: May 13-15**

We will be taking a group of any **adults** willing to help out with some spring work projects at Klein Ranch May 13-15. We will leave at 5pm and spend the nights at the camp. Plans are to be home Sunday evening. Please contact Tonya if you are interested.

They have touched so many First Lutheran lives over the years! This is a great way to say thank you!



### **Save the Date**

Meet your First Lutheran family and friends at the **Marshall Aquatic Center on Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00pm.**

First Lutheran will cover the admission fee; simply let the desk attendant know you are with First Lutheran.

Come have some fun in the sun! Bring your towels, swimsuits and a friend or two. Hope to see you there!

The Social Ministries Committee would like to say a big "Thank You" to all the individuals that helped make the "Pack the Pews" project a success. We met our 1000 pounds of food and then some. A total of 1514 pounds of food and \$2400.00 was collected. In addition to the Pack the Pews contributions to the food shelf, the Youth collected 947 pounds of food and donated \$350 from Noisy Offering. This brings the grand total of contributions to the food shelf by First Lutheran in March to 2461 pounds of food and \$2750 monetary donations. Lori from the Food Shelf said, *"What an amazing team effort – this will make such a difference to so many families."* Thank you also to Steve Hamner who helped deliver the food to the food shelf.



### **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.

The Social Ministries Committee is looking for volunteers for **Esther's Kitchen on May 26<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.

### **Worship Schedule**

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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