



First Lutheran Church

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

October 2022 Parish Visitor

From the Pastor...

Blessing our Pets

As many of you know, St. Francis of Assisi is honored as the patron saint of animals and ecology. Because his feast day falls on October 4th, it is our tradition here at First Lutheran to bring our pets to worship sometime during the month to receive a blessing.

Here is the schedule for this year's pet blessings:

- Wednesday, Oct. 5th at 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 8th at 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 9th at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Below is a portion of an animal blessing service used by our friends in the United Methodist Church:

The animals of God's creation inhabit the skies, the earth, and the sea. They share in the fortunes of human existence and have a part in human life. God, who confers gifts on all living things, has often used the service of animals or made them reminders of the gifts of salvation.

- Animals were saved from the flood and made a part of the covenant with Noah. (Genesis 9:9–10)
- The paschal lamb recalls the Passover sacrifice by the Israelites in Egypt. (Exodus 12:3–14)
- A giant fish saved Jonah (Jonah 2:1–10)
- Ravens brought bread to Elijah (1 Kings 17:6)
- Animals were included in the repentance of Nineveh (Jonah 3:7)
- and animals share in Christ's redemption of all God's creation.

We, therefore, invoke God's blessing on these animals. As we do so, let us praise the Creator and thank God for setting us as stewards over all the creatures of the earth.

(<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/book-of-worship/a-service-for-the-blessing-of-animals>)

Children, Families and Youth News



FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY TO HAVE FALL FUNDRAISER.....

The youth and family ministry committee and the youth are excited to again have their fall fundraiser the month of October. We decided that the online "co-vid style" worked really well. Two ways to give:

1. Online giving is an option...just go to the website and click on the online giving option and then choose the Youth Fall Fundraiser.
2. Physical envelopes will also be available at the church.

Be looking for "the scoop" for further details soon. We are so thankful that the congregation continues to be as excited as us to continue with this tradition.



And, incorporated with this fundraiser is our SR HIGH YOUTH'S RAKE AND ROLL scheduled for Sunday, October 30 at 1pm. As a way to give back to the church with this fundraiser, we will be raking lawns. If you would like to have your lawn raked and leaves carried away, just call Tonya. If we came last year, you still need to call to be on the list again. It changes each year. If you know of someone who could benefit by the youth raking their lawn, call Tonya and give her the information. Thanks once again for supporting our youth!

Hy-Vee Cards are still available in the church office. We have \$50s and \$100s. First Lutheran Youth get 5% of every \$100 we sell. We will have them available between services soon! Proceeds go to the senior high summer trip.



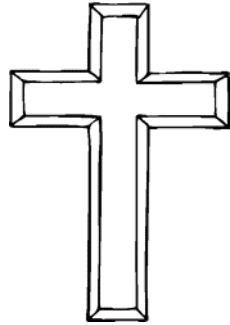
3 For Heaven's Sake



3 Year Olds and Their Parents are invited the 3rd Sunday of each month from 9:45-10:30am to the 3 For Heaven's Sake Class. The first class will be Sunday, October 16 and then continuing after that, each 3rd Sunday of the month (when possible) thru April. Please come to Rooms 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. We use a resource book titled *Raising Faithful Preschoolers*. The book explores ways to nurture faith in children by sharing gospel values, celebrating, praying, serving, and developing a strong family life. Participants will also grow in their faith as you enhance your parenting skills, share experiences, and learn from others in the small group. Registration forms are available in the Narthex and in the office.

3 Year Olds' First Day of Sunday School Milestone

To celebrate the first day of Sunday School for your child, the following 3 year olds will receive a glow in the dark cross to remind them of Jesus' love and presence with them at all times. The crosses will be presented during both the 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Services on Sunday, October 16th. The children who are in the 3 Year Old Class have birthdays between September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019



Jace Deragisch	Blakely Olson	Celena Hartman	Tatum Sorenson
Violet Suby	Bretton Luckhardt	Brayden Swenson	Jenna Mooney
Oliver Williams			

Spark Story Bibles First Lutheran's Two Year "Class"

On Reformation Sunday, October 30th, the Two Year Olds will receive "Spark Story" Bibles during the 8:30 or 10:45 a.m. worship services. Also, between services on the same Sunday, October 30th from 9:45-10:45am the Two Year Olds & their Parents will attend "How to read & interact with your child and the Spark Story Bible" in the Gethsemane Chapel. The Two Year Olds will also be personalizing their Spark Story Bible in a very special way.



The children who are in the Two Year Old "Class" have birthdays between September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020

Aziel Athen	Berkley McCoy	Mariah Czeck
Lincoln Moravetz	Leland Eick	Griffin Olson

Following Jesus Bibles for First Lutheran's Second Graders

The following Second Grade Students will receive the Following Jesus Bible; Luther's Small Catechism and celebrate their Bible Milestone on Reformation Sunday, October 30th during the 8:30 or 10:45 a.m. worship services. Second Grade students and their parents will also take part in a Bible Milestone Class on the same day, Sunday, October 30th at 9:45am in the FLY Zone (Unfinished/Finished Basement). The Second Grade students are...



Aubrey Anderson	Brantley Luckhardt	Carson Butzke	Aria Lundberg
Andrew Coudron	Evelyn Maxwell	Max DeMuth	Austin Miller
Ryan Fink	Brooklyn Moravetz	Lyla Greenwood	Layla Oeltjenbruns
Harper Griebel	Evelyn Rigge	Cade Guenther	Abigail Rogers
Malayna Hartman	Liam Sirovy	Bella Hopper	Adalin Suby
June Kingsbury	Nolan Wajer	Aleck Lawrenz	

First Communion Instruction for 5th Grade students and their parents will be held Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00pm OR Sunday November 6th at 9:45am in the FLY Zone. First Communion will be celebrated during the following Worship Services:



- Wednesday, November 16 at 6:00pm
- Saturday, November 19 at 5:30pm
- Sunday, November 20 at 8:30am & 10:45am

All 5th Grade students will also receive their First Communion Milestone at this time. Come and join us as we celebrate with the following First Lutheran 5th Grade students receiving The Lord's Supper for the first time and/or receiving their First Communion Milestone:

Drake Brockberg	Addison Miller	Mauren Brusven	Anna Moberg
Jacob Buysse	Noland Munson	Kamori Coequyt-Bryant	Aubree Myhre
Brielle Czeck	Casen Pettis	Dakota DeCamp	Morgan Pfannschmidt
Emerson DeMuth	McKenna Runia	Evan Gehrke	Ethan Sanow
Sage Greeley	Preston Sirovy	Signe Hartman	Kyla Sprik
Anna Hindbjorgen	Kyleigh Thoof	Aiden Ingebrigtsen	Sawyer Williams
Aleyah Klogo	Caleb Wilts	Ryan Larsen	Delani Harnack
Brielle Luckhardt	Oakleigh McCoy	Aubree Lundberg	Jack Thomas
Thomas Maxwell	Sydney Streicher		



No TLC Wednesday or Youth Activities on 10/19/22 and No TLC Sunday on 10/23/22

This is due to the MEA Break in the schools.



Looking Ahead:

Wednesday, November 16 First Communion for 5th Grade students will be celebrated during worship at the 6:00pm service. 5th Grade students will also receive their First Communion Milestone at this time.

Saturday, November 19 First Communion for 5th Grade students will be celebrated during worship at the 5:30pm service. 5th Grade students will also receive their First Communion Milestone at this time.

Sunday, November 20 First Communion for 5th Grade students will be celebrated during worship at the 8:30 & 10:45am services. 5th Grade students will also receive their First Communion Milestone at this time.

Wednesday, December 7 TLC Wednesday Christmas Program will be held during the 6:00pm worship service. This will include only TLC Wednesday students.

Sunday, December 11 TLC Sunday Christmas Program will be held during the 10:45am worship service. (No regular TLC Sunday this morning) This will include only TLC Sunday students.

Women's Ministry

October 5 6:30am Women's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
October 10 7:00pm Esther Circle Bible Study
October 12 6:30am Women's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
October 12 10:00am Peace Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
October 19 6:30am Women's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
October 26 6:30am Women's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall

First Lutheran Women's Ministries Welcome Everyone Of All Ages to

"Cookin vit de Norskies" by Storyteller Pati Kachel

November 1, 2022 6:30-8pm Cost: Free will offering

Pati ties on an apron and shares some light-hearted humor while she pays tribute to all Norwegian women who were resourceful and creative in their kitchens. Her presentation is based on the pages of insightful information that Pati has found in several old Norwegian Lutheran Church Cookbooks from her family. She includes some heartwarming remembrances of her grandmothers. You'll also enjoy Pati as she sings songs about making Lefse and Lutefisk. Enjoy some coffee and Norwegian treats following the program

Nursery and Rides are available upon request.

Call the church office for more information 507-532-2426

Feel free to wear an apron as we enjoy an evening of laughter and fellowship

Prairie Conference WELCA Fall Gathering

Saturday, October 8, 2022 at Christ Lutheran in Cottonwood.

Speaker is Portia Martinson "Take Time to Care".

Registration is \$10 and begins at 8:30am, brunch is served at 9:00.

Call Corlys Knudson at 507-828-6106 if you'd like a ride.

***In-kind offering for this event is new underwear and socks for infants to 14.
There is a box in the Narthex for donations.***

Other Important Items

Gods Work our Hands – On October 16th, after the 10:45 am service the Social Ministries Committee will be coordinating projects for Gods Work, Our Hands. After a light lunch those attending will have options to do numerous projects. One of those projects is packing Personal Care Kits. These kits will be given to the Food Shelf to distribute to those in need.

The Social Ministries is seeking assistance with gathering **NEW** items for the care kits. Items needed are: Wash Cloth, hand towel, bar soap, shampoo, tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, and dental floss. Either full size or travel size items can be donated. Donated items can be left on the table in the Narthex, *please bring by October 9th*. Each kit costs approximately \$20 so if you would like to make a donation, money collected will be used to purchase items for the Care Kits. In addition, we will have yarn and material so quilts for the Maggie Jean boxes can be made. We also hope to have materials to do card coloring. A light lunch will be served at 11:45 am before we start the projects. Come join us for a time of fellowship.

The Social Ministries Committee would like to say **Thank You** to everyone who helped with the September delivery of Meals on Wheels. Approximately 60 individuals received meals.

Coloring for Christ (C4C) organizational meeting will be Monday, Oct 3 at 2:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Please come & share your ideas for reaching others through adult coloring. Contact Paulette Hanson at 507-530-0284 if you have questions.



New Member Orientation

We are believers seeking to invite all into the Caring, Sharing, and Growing ways of Christ!

Are YOU interested in becoming a member of the family of faith called First Lutheran Church? Or would you simply like to find out more information about First Lutheran Church? If so, please choose **one** of the upcoming New Member Orientation sessions to attend...

- Sunday, October 9 @ 9:45am
- Wednesday, October 12 @ 7:00pm

The New Member Orientation Sessions will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Contact the church office @ (507) 532-2429 or firstluth@iw.net if you or someone you know is planning on attending. New Members will be welcomed at worship on Wednesday November 2nd, Saturday November 5th & Sunday November 6th.



Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family

Second Sunday Fun Day: First Lutheran Church invites you to join us Sunday, October 9th from 12-2 in the Fellowship Hall for pumpkin decorating and pizza! It's free and all are welcome to join the fun!



**God's work.
Our hands.**



LuMin is a Lutheran faith -based organization on the campus of SMSU. Our 4 pillars are Expanding Minds, Build Community, Inspiring Service and Deepening Faith. As we look to grow our ministry on campus and the surrounding community we are offering meals for students on Monday, coffee and puppy snuggles on Wednesdays, and conversation and connection any time. We are continuing to work on reaching out to all people no matter their walk of life to be their support wherever they need.

Bring your feathered/furry/fishy friends to worship for a blessing!

Dogs, cats, hamsters, goldfish – ***all creatures of our God and King*** – will be welcomed and prayed for at our scheduled worship times Wednesday, October 5th at 6:00pm, Saturday, the 8th at 5:30 p.m. & Sunday, the 9th at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.).



Worship Schedule

Wednesdays – 6:00pm
Saturdays – 5:30pm
Sundays - 8:30am & 10:45am

Services available on YouTube – 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 & Bluepeak 17

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