

First Things

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Evangelical Lutheran Church

The mission of our congregation shall be to motivate, equip and support our members for the ministry of Jesus Christ in our congregation, our community and our world.

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Regular Worship Schedule

5:30 pm Saturday

9:00 am Sunday

TV Worship Times

Sun. 5:30 pm, Mon. 11 am,

Tues. 9:30 am, Thurs. 4 pm & Fri. 8 pm

New Year Resolutions Worth Keeping

I resolve to put the spiritual before the material
and the eternal before the temporal.

I resolve to let God's Word be my guide for faith and life.

I resolve to keep the Sabbath Rest
so I can grow closer to my Lord.

I resolve to walk more by faith and less by sight.

I resolve to live in order to give rather than to get.

I resolve to be thankful every day for what I have
instead of always wanting more.

I resolve to pray frequently
so I can stay closely connected to my Lord.

I resolve to live each day for the Lord
with a humble and grateful heart.

I resolve to trust God's promises
even when I experience difficulties.

I resolve to trust in God's power instead of my strength.

I resolve to look more at other people's needs
and less to my own desires.

I resolve to praise my Lord more
and to seek less glory for myself.

- Pastor Duane



Your 2018 offering
envelopes are here!!

They are out in the
Gathering Area for
you to pick up

#2 MISSION OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY: HOUSTON, TEXAS – HURRICANE HARVEY RECOVERY

In October, First Lutheran participated in its first mission trip to Chetek, WI in collaboration with a seasoned mission outreach group called Watermark. Five members joined this group to aid residents of a mobile home park that was devastated by a tornado. Watermark has been responding to disasters for over 12 years when Hurricane Katrina devastated Louisiana. Since that time members have traveled across the country to clean up, rebuild, and bring hope and healing to the hurting.

Watermark is now planning its 21st mission trip to help victims of Hurricane Harvey, which hit Houston in the fall of 2017. So what does this mean for First Lutheran Church? We are currently recruiting interested members and friends to join Watermark and help with this rebuilding mission. If you are interested in serving, please contact Jenny or Tim Schlagenhaft, jtschlagenhaft@gmail.com or 651-380-9771 by January 21.

- WHAT: Hurricane Harvey response (repair, remodeling, construction)
- WHEN: April 9-20, 2018 (Volunteers are invited to serve any number of days during this time frame.)
- WHERE: Houston, Texas area (exact details not yet available)
- SKILLS NEEDED: All levels of skill are welcome. Carpenters and trade skills especially needed.
- LODGING & FOOD: Planning is underway to coordinate lodging and food. Final plans will not be made until Watermark has a confirmation on the number of volunteers and the time frames of service.
- TRANSPORTATION: Watermark hopes to coordinate as much carpooling as possible. This will depend on who commits and the schedules of the volunteers. Volunteers are also invited to travel independently and meet up with the group in Texas.
- SIGN-UP DEADLINE: We hope to have solid commitments by the middle part of January so coordination can continue and plans finalized.
- OTHER NEEDS: If you cannot travel to Houston, you can help by: Praying daily for this group; attending a Waffle Breakfast on February 10 (more info to come); and/or donating to our mission outreach fund, which will be used to help with travel and other expenses.
- OTHER INFO: Want to learn more about Watermark and the impact they have made? Go to their website: www.watermark-mission.org
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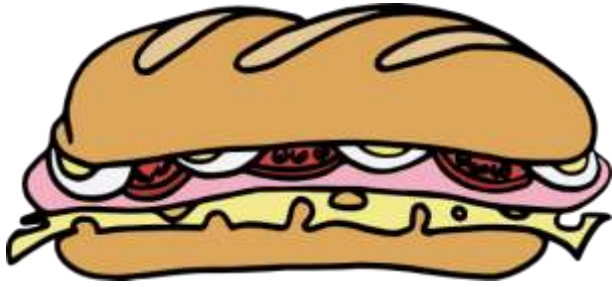
OUTREACH BOARD

Outreach will meet Monday, January 22, 5:30 pm.

CARE CENTER BINGO...Monday, January 29 from 6:40pm to 8:10pm.

PACKING FOR THE WEEKEND...For December we are asking members to drop off Hamburger, Chicken, Tuna Helper. *This is an effort to feed the hungry children in Lake City. When school is not in session, children miss out on key meals that the school provides. Packing for the Weekend tries to fill in the missing meals by providing bags of food every Friday on the doorstep of the child's home. This is a program through United Way and funding has come from Cargill/Horizon Milling in Lake City. Currently about 70 children are fed every weekend.*

Thank you to all who contributed to the collection for the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester.



Sub Sandwich Sale for Superbowl Sunday

(Say that three times as fast as you can!)

Are you having a Super Bowl Party, or relaxing at home and don't want to bother with cooking? Or maybe you would like lunch ready for you when you leave church? During the month of January

purchase Super Bowl Subs to support the First Lutheran High School youth attending the June 2018 National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. Subs will be made by the youth and parents and ready for pickup after church on 2/4/2018. Delivery is available in Lake City. More details will be coming; watch the church bulletins and First Lutheran Facebook pages for sub options and order form.

Update From Karen Anderson: Our missionary in Chile

EPES is the organization founded by Karen in 1982 to promote health with dignity for the poor through empowerment, mobilization, and collective action. Karen and a host of people in several South American countries work with government and schools to promote healthy eating habits. Chile has one of the highest childhood obesity rates in the world. EPES continues to train primary health care workers.

Many people migrate to Chile because it is known as a welcoming country. Chile is regarded as one of the region's most stable and peaceful countries, attracting people who are compelled to leave their native lands due to political, economic, personal, and family reasons. In September Karen participated in the 27th annual human rights forum to talk about the right to immigrate and how societies can be welcoming.

In September 20 people from two congregations in Minnesota (Trinity Lutheran in Owatonna and Christ the King in Mankato) visited Karen and learned about her work.

The people in Chile also celebrated the 500th Anniversary of The Reformation with special worship services. Their slogan: Liberated By God's Grace.

Karen's entire newsletter is posted in the glass display case at our Welcome Center. If you would like to read more please feel free to take it out of the case. Please put it back when finished.

Keep praying for Karen and her vital ministry!

ATTENTION ALL BOARD MEMBERS
ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE
MONDAY, JANUARY 22
PLEASE EMAIL THEM TO
KARYN.MOECHNIG@FIRSTLTC.ORG

Thank you...

Becky and I wish to thank everyone for your gifts, kind words, and many prayers during the holiday season. We felt very blessed and honored that you would think of us. Many thanks to all.

Love, The Ehling's

First Things Newsletter Change

Due to a variety of complications, the Newsletter will be sent via electronic mailing to your email. We will have hard copies available upon request ONLY. Please contact the church office if you would prefer a hard copy mailed to you. ~ Pastor Tim & The Church Council

Volunteer Duties

For the last several years, Pastor Duane has had the job of assigning members to the various worship volunteer duties. He has done a marvelous job and we thank him for all the hours he has put into this! However, he and Pastor Tim would like expand his visitation duties. So, it has been decided that the new worship board will be taking over that responsibility.

Assignments will come out in First Things as usual. One change is that there might not be someone there every service to make sure all volunteers are present. With that in mind, please make every effort to find a **sub if you can't be there on your assigned day**. If you are unable to find someone, please contact Kenny McEwen, (for Saturday nights) 651-345-5163, or Patti Bross, 651-345-4873 or Melinda Berkeland, 651-764-3509 (for Sunday.)

We would also like to welcome new members to our Worship Board. We are still reorganizing, but if you're interested please contact Patti or Melinda.

FLC GROUPS

Thursday Morning Bible Study: will meet at 8:30am in the Fireside Room.

Esther Bible Circle: will meet at **Sandy Anderson's on Wednesday**, January 17 at 1:30pm.

Women To Women... will NOT meet in January.

FLC QUILTERS...will meet Tuesdays, January 9 & 23 at 8:30m in the FLC Gathering Area.

Lake City Food Shelf...Is in need of Cereal. Please place items in the wooden bin by the Welcome Center.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Friends and Family...Denny Richardson, Don & Evie Dahling, Mavis Hawkins, Bob Majerus, Barbara Dybvik, Larry Holmgren Jr, Susan Fish (Sandy Swan's sister), Shirley Pierson, Margaret Ehling, Elmer Sprick, Ryan Dwelle, Ginger Morton

All service men and women...Lt. Col. Spencer Rasmussen, Justin Fuchs, Nathan Fuchs, Peter Schliep, Matt Sikkink, Kate Blattner Holt, Randal Holt, Ethan Meyer, Chris Breuer

Nursing Home, Home Bound & Assisted Living...Roger Helgerson, Mary DeGroat, Edith Hammer, Wendell Olson, Leota Dugstad, Julia Nelson, Violet Stinson, Mary Hallenberger, Corrine Johnson, Marv Nelson

Couples getting Married...Nick Oeltjen & Jamie Redmond, Ryan Grobe & Haley Spring, Jarid Groth & Taylor Bremer

Prayer Chain 2018

God has given us a powerful resource in the gift of prayer. On many occasions, **people have felt God's mercy and grace** thru the collective prayers of others, as promised in James 5:13-16.

If you have a prayer request, contact the Chairperson listed for that week or call the church office at 345-5003.

January 7: Prayer Chain #1:
Milly Gagnon 345-2388
January 14: Prayer Chain #2:
Bonnie Conway 345-3926
January 21: Prayer Chain #3:
Karen Heise 345-3156
January 28: Prayer Chain #1:
Milly Gagnon 345-2388

YOUTH & FAMILY HAPPENINGS

Super Bowl Sub Sale!! Purchase hand made subs for Super Bowl Sunday. Proceeds will help support FLC high schoolers who will be traveling to Houston, TX for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in June. Watch the FLC Facebook page and the weekly bulletin for ordering information...



Middle School Ministry:

It's Time to

Raid Your Closets!!

We're having a clothing drive in February! Go through your family's stuff (ask permission first!!) at the end of January and pull out all the things no one wears anymore. We'll be donating all gently used clothing to the Pass It On Shop in Lake City, to benefit our own community. More info to come...



National Youth Gathering Attendees:

- Wednesday, January 10 from 8-9pm
- Gathering Info and Prep
- All students and adult leaders will meet to begin preparing for our trip—can't wait!

K.F.C. will be singing on Sunday, January 14th.
Meet at 8:45am.



Senior High
Youth!

You're Invited:

Contact Melissa for More Info



10-12 Grade
Wed, Jan. 31

7:30-9pm

Snacks and drinks
provided

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Staff 10am	3 NO KFC 3-5pm NO Handbell Choir 5:15pm Confirmation 6-8pm NO Senior Choir 7pm	4 Bible Study 8:30am	5	6 Worship 5:30pm
7 Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15-11:15am MOPS 4-6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	8 Expressions 5pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm	9 FLC Quilters 8:30am Staff 10am	10 KFC 3-5pm Handbell Choir 5:15pm Confirmation 6-8pm NO Senior Choir 7pm	11 Bible Study 8:30am L&Y Mtg 6:30pm	12	13 Worship 5:30pm
14 Worship 9am KFC sings 9am Sunday School 10:15-11:15am Boy Scouts 7pm	15 Expressions 5pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm	16 Staff 10am	17 Esther Circle 1:30pm at Sandy Anderson's KFC 3-5pm Handbell Choir 5:15pm Confirmation 6-8pm NO Senior Choir 7pm	18 Bible Study 8:30am Church Council 6:30pm	19	20 Worship 5:30pm
21 Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15-11:15am MOPS 4-6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	22 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE Outreach Mtg 5:30pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm	23 FLC Quilters 8:30am Staff 10am	24 KFC 3-5pm Handbell Choir 5:15pm Confirmation 6-8pm Senior Choir 7pm	25 Bible Study 8:30am	26	27 Worship 5:30pm
28 Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15-11:15am Kruse Piano Recital Boy Scouts 7pm	29 Cub Scouts 6:30pm Care Center Bingo 6:40pm	30 Staff 10am	31 KFC 3-5pm Handbell Choir 5:15pm Confirmation 6-8pm Senior Choir 7pm Sr. High Youth Group 7:30-9pm			

January Ministry Assignments

Saturday, January 6 at 5:30pm

Reader: Tim Schlagenhaft
Communion: Tim Schlagenhaft, Dave Harms, Carole Helgerson
Usher: Kenny & Judy McEwen
Greeter: Dave & Kay Harms
Altar: Marlys Johnson, Karen Heise
Coffee:

Saturday, January 13 at 5:30pm

Reader: Peggy Mathison
Communion: Peggy Mathison, Wanda Myers, Dale Nibbe
Usher: Thoren & Naomi Mangold
Greeter: Virginia Oliver, Bev Bantley
Altar: Becky Schultze, Becky Ehling
Coffee: Kenny & Judy McEwen

Saturday, January 20 at 5:30pm

Reader: Judy Bremer
Communion: Judy Bremer, Lori Mortinson, Kenny McEwen
Usher: Lyle Mathison, Art Harteneck
Greeter: The Roberson Family
Altar: Marlys Johnson, Christine Anderson
Coffee:

Saturday, January 27 at 5:30pm

Reader: Steve Johnson
Communion: Steve Johnson, Sonda Featherstone, Dave Harms
Usher: Dick Sitta, David Dittfach
Greeter: Janet Carlson, Liz Carlstrom
Altar: Marlys Johnson, Christine Anderson
Coffee: Tim & Jenny Schlagenhaft

Sunday, January 7 at 9:00am

Reader: Ben Ackermann
Communion: Ben Ackermann, Julie LeCaptain
Usher: Al LeCaptain, The Rol Family
Greeter: Randy & Lori Meincke
Coffee: Angie Dwelle, Tami Ender
Video: Randy Zanto

Sunday, January 14 at 9:00am

Reader: Luther Berkeland
Communion: Luther & Melinda Berkeland, Eunice Blattner
Usher: Al Blattner, Wally & Susan Dailey, Rick Janka
Greeter: The Berge Family
Coffee: The Ender Family
Video: Mark Bailey

Sunday, January 21 at 9:00am

Reader: Becky Ehling
Communion: Becky Ehling, Patti Bross, Kathy Majerus
Usher: Pat & Cindy Ebert, Tom & Karen Heise
Greeter: Tom & Milly Gagnon
Coffee: The Cobb Family
Video: Ric Wallace

Sunday, January 28 at 9:00am

Reader: Marcia Holst
Communion: Marcia Holst, Claudia Howard, Sonda Featherstone
Usher: Steve Heise, Mac Heise, Duane Howard, Chris Matzke
Greeter: Sonda & Jon Featherstone
Coffee: Nikki Eggenberger, Cassie Carlson
Video: Randy Zanto

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Jan 1: Taylor Bremer, Jona Evanson, Samuel Higgins, Nancy Madison, Cody Mortenson

Jan 2: Art Harteneck Jr, Lacey Harvey, Maren Holst

Jan 3: Megan McCarthy, Mason White

Jan 4: Kit Busch, Nikki Eggenberger, Elliot Grimley, Laura Hunt, Tena Marsiglia, Judy McEwen, Sarah Nutt, Ben Roberson

Jan 5: Julia Atkinson, Quinn Kittelson, Marvel Klein, Andrew Krehbiel, Kalya Peters, Damon Schmiege

Jan 6: Daniel Copp, Ryan Olson

Jan 7: Brooke Bee, Gregory Carlstrom, Evan Huettl, Jessica Narum, Eve Sievers

Jan 8: Arnold Clare, Eric Swiggum, Rylee Thiers

Jan 9: Everett Dinsmore, Olivia Gates, Carol Halpaus

Jan 10: Lynette Benitt, Scott Breuer, Thomas Frank, Emma Kopp, Dwain Lambert

Jan 11: Mikkel Gardner, Landon Olsen, John Plote

Jan 12: Dawn Barwald, Emma Berge, Marcus Oelkers

Jan 13: Carl Kozlowski, David Roach

Jan 14: Kia Hutchinson, Jason Oeltjen, Dana Tiedeman

Jan 15: Janet Chestnut, Barbara Groth, Audry Plote

Jan 16: Barbara Dybvik, Seth Heitman

Jan 17: Luther Berkeland, Brent Blattner, Logan Janka, Brad Krehbiel, Cory Wurst

Jason & Katie Bee

Jan 18: Esther Gullixson, Amanda Johnson, Alexa Pflaum, Jackson Schumacher

Jan 19: Sharon Eggenberger

Jan 20: Zachary Griebenow, Aaron Harmon, Russell Johnson, Paul Oliver, Sydney Ringeisen

Jan 21: Carole Helgerson

Jan 22: Lorne McDonald, Wanda Wiebusch

Jan 23: Kathy Tesch, Molly Thieren

Jan 24: Heidi Berge, Kathie Majerus, Jaida Schumacher

Jan 25: Ben Meyer, Shon Thieren

Jeremy & Kerri Reese

Jan 26: Roberta Craig, Sherrill Earle, Marissa Gunhus, Lonnie West

Jan 27: **Jasper O'Keefe, Lisa Stevenson**

Troy & Jill Ziebell

Jan 28: Sonda Featherstone, Conner Ferguson, Kristi Griffin, Barb Johnson, Kara Stevenson, Bruce Wallerich

Jan 29: Sandy Bendickson, Audrey Breuer, Kim Vetter

Jan 30: Ashlynn Dudley

Jan 31: Rachel Fick, Carrie Griebenow, Steven Knudsen, Kyle Pavlak