

First Things

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A monthly publication of First
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

Congratulations!

We would like to extend our
congratulations to the 9th grade class
as they affirm their faith on May 20!



Olivia Bailey
Connor Ferguson
Sam Fitterer
Seth Heitman
Evan Huettl
Joseph Kozlowski
Benjamin Nutt
Chase Rodewald
Luke Skifton
Zachary VanLoan
Carter Wallerich



Living in God's amazing grace

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May 1: Ronald Hooge, Richard Martin, Lindsey Morgan, Jacob Suckow, Deb Tiedeman

May 2: Ashton Wieck

Mark & Pris Converse, Doug & Anne Pflaum

May 3: Thomas Nutt, Gail Schmit, Will Webster

May 4: Amy Rogness

May 5: Anna Johnson

Nikki & Cory Wurst

May 6: Ava Olson

Missy & Aaron Ferguson, Tarri & Sean Gnotke, Patty & Lawrence Svien

May 7: Daniel Bignell, Debra Grimley Bremer, Bill Otto, Whitney Rolbiecki

Dick Sitta & Mary Durst

May 8: Jimmy Anderson, Jennifer Durgin, Phil Gartner, McCabe Heise, Milo Wehking

May 9: Cassidy Dudley, Miranda Dudley, Mike Eggenberger, Katie Gilman, Mike Sprick, Jane Webster-Urbach, Nancy Wilking

Matt & Erica Hoops, Raymond & Delane Krier, Gary & Val Smith

May 10: Nicholas Albright, Sig Anderson

May 11: Dick Fowler, Nathan Fuchs, Lisa Harmon, Carol Schmidt

Nick & Candace Dudley

May 12: Karen Heise, Val Janka, Ramsey Meyer

Andrew & Shannan Bleed, Tom & Mary Jane Rasmussen

May 13: Debra Harteneck, Sandy Libor
Jane & Richard Shequen

May 14: Kris McCarthy, Randy Meincke, Chelsey Smith

Josh & Jacquie Stoltz

May 15: Matt Berlin, Cedric Larson

May 16: Heath Oeltjen, Thomas Proud, Sandy Swan

May 17: Rick Bremer, Trudy Roach, Jo Ann Thompson

Bruce & Liz Carlstrom, James & Bobbi Craig, Tanner & Megan Meincke, Becky & Dave Schultze

May 18: Zane Schmidt

Mike & Carrie Griebenow, Jeremy & Sheri Sommer, Ernie & Jo Ann Thompson, Darin & Tina Wallerich

May 19: Al Blattner, Charlotte Roe, Dale Sogla, Deann Windhorst

May 20: Brooklyn Gates, Madelyn Gates, Brooke Geary, Bruce Lichtblau, Mark Lutjen

May 21: Eunice Blattner, Cindy Boehlke, Britton Cobb, David Harms, Linnea Harvey, Luke Janka, Bill Johnson

Jim & Kathy Rodester

May 22: Margaret Beckman, Amanda Jackson, Arley Krier-Jacobson, Dick Sitta

Tim & Kit Busch, Fred & Cheryl Mohn, Staci & Paul Oliver, Kathi & Troy Soden

May 23: Brad Harmon, Lauren Meyer, Kael Nibbe, Tyler Pribyl

May 24: Chase Moechnig, John Mortenson, Alicia Prihoda

Ed & Anne Towey

May 25: Robert Keim, Holly Powers, Brenik Rolbiecki, Sara Thompson, Randy Zanto

Judy & Kenny McEwen

May 26: Beth Krehbiel, Rachel Nelson, Amy Roberson, Brent Urbach

May 27: Rebecca Gagnon, Douglas Pflaum, Mary Lee Stevens

Rich & Liz Alitz, Pat & Cindy Ebert, Dwight & Shirley Pierson

May 28: Jason Banks, Austra Hultstrand, Carey Kopp, Axel Nilsson

May 29: Tyler Chestnut, Megan Harms, Constance Sylak

May 30: Andrew Bleed, Lorraine Heitmann, Jackie Ryan Lodemeier, Troy Soden

May 31: J. David Johnson, Scott Knudsen, Don Mueller, Cory Powers

Thank You...

~ A HUGE Thank You to all the people who lead, cooked, and helped with the Lenten Suppers. We had big attendance during Lent and everyone enjoyed the following a dinner following worship!

~ Dear First Lutheran Family, Thank you for the cards, flowers, expressions of love, food, rides and especially the prayers. After my surgery I am cancer free and continue to heal. Thanks be to God! Shirley Pierson

FLC GROUPS

Thursday Morning Bible Study...will meet at 8:30am in the Fireside Room. Are you SPRING cleaning, we are looking for flat sheets. Please drop off at church.

Esther Bible Circle...will meet at FLC on Wednesday, May 16 at 10:30pm. Will go out for lunch following circle.

FLC QUILTERS...will meet Tuesdays, May 8 & 22 at 8:30m in the FLC Gathering Area.

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

Women to Women...will meet on Thursday, May 10 at 11:30am at The Jewel Restaurant.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP: POLK MEMORIAL...DUE JUNE 1

Bob Polk, a long time faithful member of First Lutheran Church who died in July 2015, has generously given money for a scholarship to support a student who is going into a medical or health related career. Applications for this scholarship are due by June 1, 2018.

In accordance with the wishes of Bob Polk and his family this \$1,000 scholarship is to be awarded to a deserving student who is a confirmed member of First Lutheran Church and who plans to enroll or is presently enrolled in an undergraduate 2 or 4 year college, university or technical school educational program in a medical or related health care program.

The application requirements include: High School or college GPA of 3.0, acceptance into a 2 or 4 year accredited college, university or technical school for preparation for a medical or health related field, completion of the application form, personal statement and release of student records form. Financial need will also be considered.

Candidates can reapply for up to 4 years during their undergraduate study. Scholarship applications can be obtained from the First Lutheran Church office. Completed applications can be returned to the First Lutheran Church office by June 1, 2018. The scholarship will be awarded by July 1, 2018. Questions, contact Patty Svien, 651-345-4383.

UPDATE: ELCA MATCHING FUNDS SCHOLARSHIP...DUE MAY 1

ELCA Matching Funds Scholarship applications can now be submitted. To be eligible for this scholarship you must be a confirmed member of First Lutheran Church who has been accepted for admission or enrolled in an ELCA Lutheran college. Details and application can be found on the church website, go to "Youth & Family Ministry">College.

FROM THE CHURCH PRESIDENT

Are you a candidate for the **"Honey Doer"** team? We are looking for men and women volunteers who may have a skill to offer First Lutheran Church. It could be a passionate hobby. It could be a past or present vocation. You may be a carpenter, plumber, electrician or just plain handy. You may have accounting, **computer, or general business skills.** **Maybe you have a strong back or aren't afraid of heights.** **Perhaps you have a green thumb or operate a sewing machine.** If you have potential we would like your email. The goal is **to create an email group with all "Honey Doers".** **Periodically church staff will email requests for assistance.** There is no commitment. However, if a project comes across that fits your skill set and availability you can respond and volunteer.

So, if you have the potential to be a "Honey Doer" please email Karyn at karyn.moechnig@firstlc.org. She will add your name to the list.

Faithfully, Joe White

OUTREACH BOARD

OUTREACH MEETING...No meeting planned in May at this time.

CARE CENTER BINGO...No May bingo due to Memorial Day.

PACKING FOR THE WEEKEND...For May we are asking members to drop off Mac and Cheese.

Love God. Love People.



FLC Youth - We Need Your Help!

It's Spring cleanup time (if the snow ever melts haha). We are looking for a crew of hard working youth to help pick up garbage that has blown out into the trees and long grass around the church. Also, there are gaga and basketballs floating in our pond. If your student would be willing to spend a couple hours caring for our church grounds, (and maybe a round or two of gaga ball) on **Sunday, May 27 immediately following worship**, please contact Melissa Ackermann: 345-5003 or email to melissa.ackermann@firstlc.org

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Prayer Connection...Mary Nelson, firstlutheranprayerconnection@gmail.com or phone: 651-212-0144.

Friends and Family...LaVern Franke, Buelah Vetter, Coleen Fowler, Pastor Lohre, Beryl Maue, Sue Huhnerkoch, Jeroy & Lorraine Carlson, Morgan Wurst, Joyce Volk (Carol Dollar's sister), Joyce & Orville Hegseth, Larry Holmgren Jr, Susan Fish (Sandy Swan's sister), Shirley Pierson, Ryan Dwelle

All service men and women...Lt. Col. Spencer Rasmussen, Justin Fuchs, Nathan Fuchs, Peter Schliep, Matt Sikkink, Kate Blattner 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, Josh Perkins & Taylor Skoglund, Kara Stevenson & Nick Thornburg, Cassie Dittfach & Justin Campbell

Vacation Bible School is coming! July 9-13th

Children currently completing

Kindergarten—Fifth Grade, May 2018

Registration can be done online using this QR Code or a form by the YOUTH EVENTS board.

Any question, please contact Heidi Berge

heidi.berge@firstlc.org or

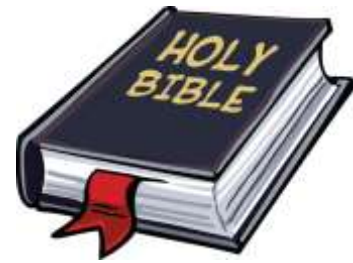
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YOUTH & FAMILY HAPPENINGS



A very special thank you to all of our volunteers for K.F.C. and Sunday School! You are simply AMAZING!



Confirmation Sunday
9am Service, May 20

Parents, don't forget to turn in order forms and picture money to the church office before May 13



National Youth Gathering Attendees:

- Wednesday, May 9th from 7-8pm
- Gathering Info and Prep
- All students and adult leaders will meet to continue preparing for our trip - only two meetings left!



K.F.C.
Last Day will be
Wednesday, May 2nd.



Sing
May
6th

Senior High
Youth!

You're Invited:

Contact Melissa for More Info



10-12 Grade
Wed, May 30th
6:30-8pm

Pancake Feed!!

To Celebrate End of Year

Money Is Funny...but important!

Money is funny!
We know money is power and that money "speaks".
But money itself reminds us
It is "In God We Trust".

Money is funny!
While the world tells us more is better,
We must learn to trust in God's promise
That we will actually enjoy having less,
For then we are freer and spiritually healthier
Than when we are striving after monetary wealth.

Money is funny!
Although it seeks to be our master,
We must seek to make it our servant.
We must not waste it or hoard it.
We must learn to spread it with generosity,
For when we give of our money
We are giving of ourselves.

Each Christian must ask:
"What shall I return to the Lord for all His bounty to me?" Psalm 116

SOW THE SEED

Soon farmers will be planting their crops and town gardeners planting various seeds in their gardens.

We are asking you to plant a seed in the hearts of our young people: Tell them you think they would make a good pastor.

Qualities needed in a pastor: cares about people, enjoys worship, creative, compassionate, likes learning. enjoys serving the Lord by helping people. When you see these qualities in a young person ask if they have ever thought about becoming a pastor. Sow the seed and let the Spirit go to work.

Our ELCA Bishop, pastor Elizabeth Eaton, is asking all Lutherans to seek out and inspire gifted individuals (women and men) to consider becoming a pastor. Presently we do not have enough pastors in the ELCA to serve over 800 congregations who need a pastor. Please sow the seed in the heart of a person you think has the makings of a pastor!

If you want to learn more, contact Pastor Tim or Pastor Duane.

VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS

As you look over the volunteer ministry assignments, please let me know if there are things you would like to change. Since we no longer have congregants fill out a time and talent sheet with their pledges every year, I am working off of lists that were compiled a few years ago. Also, if you have joined in the last couple years, please let me know if there are things you would like to do. The ministry positions include people to assist in: reading the lessons; communion; greeting people as they come for both Saturday and Sunday services; ushers; and coffee servers for Sunday morning. Thank you!

Melinda Berkeland: 651-764-3509; berkeland88@gmail.com

New Member Orientation and Faith Formation Course for ALL

As God's people join First Lutheran Church as members, living out their faith and life through the ministry of First Lutheran, we have noticed that they all come from different backgrounds, faith traditions, and experiences. Our past experience has taught us that many come with questions about Lutheran theology (teachings of God), Biblical interpretation, and what does the ELCA teach and believe about this or that, and how is all of that lived out through the ministry of First Lutheran?

We also are finding that church staff, and congregational members know very little about our newest members before or even after they have joined this body of Christ. So to help with these issues, being **intentional in our faith formation and building relationships within our congregation....**Pastor Duane and Pastor Tim have created a 3 session orientation and faith formation course for new members that is intended to begin a process of growth with God, the church, and each other. This 3 session course is open to all whether you are a new member wishing to join First Lutheran, or have been a member all your life and have been wondering some of the same things about what we believe, or you just feel called by God to get to **know others in our church. Come...learn and grow together!**

3 Session Orientation and Faith Formation Course will meet at First Lutheran in the fireside room on:
Wednesday May 23- 6:00-7:00 pm
Wednesday May 30- 6:00-7:00 pm
Tuesday June 5- 6:00-7:00 pm

New member welcome Saturday and Sunday will be June 23 and June 24.

God's peace to you and your family as we all continue to grow in our relationship with God and each other.

Pastor Tim

Please Let Pastor Know

- ...when a member of your family is admitted to the hospital.
- ...when you are planning elective surgery.
- ...when a new baby arrives in your family.
- ...when a family member dies.
- ...when a relative is seriously ill or dies.
- ...when you become engaged to be married.
(set a date with pastor before finalizing it with anyone else.)
- ...when he/she can be of help to you.



May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 ELCA Matching Scholarships Due Staff 10am	2 Last Day of KFC Confirmation 6-8pm	3 Bible Study 8:30am	4	5 Worship 5:30pm Family Movie 6:30pm
6 Worship 9am KFC sings 9am Blessing of the Car Keys 9am FLC Fiesta Fundraiser 10:30am-noon MOPS 4-6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	7 Expressions 5pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm	8 FLC Quilters 8:30am Staff 10am	9 Red Wing Grief Group 10:30am Nat'l Youth Gathering Mtg 7-8pm	10 Bible Study 8:30am Women to Women 11:30am at The Jewel	11	12 Worship 5:30pm
13 Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15-11:15am Boy Scouts 7pm	14 Expressions 5pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Learning & Youth Board 6:30pm	15 Staff 10am	16 Esther Circle 10:30am at FLC	17 Bible Study 8:30am	18	19 Worship 5:30pm
20 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15-11:15am Last day of Sunday School MOPS 4-6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	21	22 FLC Quilters 8:30am Staff 10am	23 Red Wing Grief Group 10:30am New Member Class 6-7pm	24 Bible Study 8:30am	25	26 Worship 5:30pm
27 Worship 9am FLC Youth Group following worship Boy Scouts 7pm	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29 Staff 10am	30 New Member Class 6-7pm Senior High Youth Group 6:30pm	31 Bible Study 8:30am		

May Ministry Assignments

Saturday, May 5 at 5:30pm

Reader: Cheryl Luettinger
Communion: Cheryl Luettinger, Tim & Jenny Schlagenhaft
Usher: Jon & Sonda Featherstone
Greeter: Kenny & Judy McEwen
Altar: Arlis Meincke
Coffee: Confirmation

Saturday, May 12 at 5:30pm

Reader: Deb Mickelson
Communion: Deb Mickelson, Dale Nibbe, Dave Harms
Usher: Thoren & Naomi Mangold
Greeter: Steve & Jean Johnson
Altar: Susan Dailey, Becky Ehling
Coffee: Colin & Coleen Fowler

Saturday, May 19 at 5:30pm

Reader: Tim Schlagenhaft
Communion: Tim Schlagenhaft, Carole Helgerson, Kenny McEwen
Usher: Roger & Kathy Hollman
Greeter: Jenny Gabor, Carole Helgerson
Altar: Susan Dailey, Becky Ehling
Coffee:

Saturday, May 26 at 5:30pm

Reader: Sandy Swan
Communion: Sandy Swan, Judy Bremer, Virginia Oliver
Usher: Lyle Mathison, Steve Johnson
Greeter: Dale & Carol Nibbe
Altar: Jan Johnson, Christine Anderson
Coffee: Kay & Dave Harms

Sunday, May 6 at 9:00am

Reader: Melissa Ackermann
Communion: Melissa Ackermann, Ruth Wedge, Mary Gravenish
Usher: Mason White, Joe White, Rick Sward
Greeter: Paul & Barb Gifford
Coffee: Confirmation, Mavis Hawkins
Video: Ric Wallace

Sunday, May 13 at 9:00am

Reader: Sandy Bendickson
Communion: Sandy Bendickson, Sandy Anderson, Steve Heise
Usher: Neil Stolzenberg, Janet Reed, Tom & Karen Heise
Greeter: Sylvia Hoffman, LaVern Franke
Coffee: Kristie Stolzenberg, Angie Dwelle
Video: Randy Zanto

Sunday, May 20 at 9:00am

Reader: Luther Berkeland
Communion: Luther & Melinda Berkeland, Kristi Sprick
Usher: Sam, Jack, Carl Rol, Jeff Chestnut
Greeter: Audrey & Larry Watson
Coffee: Laurie & Patty Svien
Video: Mark Bailey

Sunday, May 27 at 9:00am

Reader: Dave Ender
Communion: Eunice Blattner, Marcia Holst, Claudia Howard
Usher: Jeff Rogness, Max Rogness, Randy & Linda Pavlak
Greeter: Sherry Sommer, Jenna Sommer
Coffee: Bill & LuAnn Otto
Video: Ric Wallace