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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

Living the unconditional Grace & Love of Jesus Christ

Special Day for EVERYONE

Sunday, November 18

Activities For Families 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Turkey Trot (walk/run) 4:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Worship 5:30 p.m.

Pie Fellowship 6:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Worship

Sunday, November 18, 5:30 p.m.

Nearly one billion of our neighbors (1 in 8 people in our world) live in poverty. As followers of Jesus we are called to respond. Working with our neighbor in the U.S. and in nearly 50 countries around the world, the ELCA World Hunger starts by listening to the needs of our neighbors and getting their ideas to break the cycle of hunger and poverty. Then we work alongside them to make those dreams a reality.

Because ELCA World Hunger does an excellent job of helping hungry people our Thanksgiving Offering will be given to them.

May the Spirit move us to reach beyond our church walls and help hungry people in our world! We thank you in advance.

Update Your Information...

We are finding that we do not have correct phone numbers and emails for many people. Please give you current phone number and email to the church office. Thank you for your help.



Living in God's amazing grace

Remembering To Say Thanks!

I am sure we can all think of times when we helped someone and they did not say "Thank you" to us. We feel taken advantage of or not appreciated for our work.

Saying "Thank you" is something we try to teach our children to do from little on. We teach our children to do this because it is good manners, and even more important, it shows our appreciation for what people have done. But our children do not always remember, so we need to remind them to say it.

Like children I sometimes forget to say "Thank you." I think that happens to all of us, sometimes we just forget. Maybe we are in too much of a hurry, or maybe it was on "a little thing", or maybe excuse, excuse.

The Bible reminds us over and over to thank the Lord for all his goodness and care. In 1 Chronicles we read; "O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works!" (16:8-9)

In Psalm 107:8-9 David writes; "Let the people thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to the sons of men! For he satisfies him who is thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things."

In 1 Corinthians 15:57 Paul exclaims; "Thanks be to God who gives us victory (over sin and death) through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

The Bible tells us not only to remember to say thanks to God, but we need to remember to say thanks for each other.

Paul writes about his friends in Thessalonica; "We give thanks to God always, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (1:2-3)

Paul also speaks well of his friends in Philippi; "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." (1:3-5)

WE give thank to God for all he has done through Jesus and for all the ways she continues to bless and care for us. Thank you, thank you, gracious God!

We also give thanks to each other for all the love, support, help, and encouragement we receive. We cannot make it without the help of fellow Christians to be with us. Remember to say "Thank you" to those people around you, show them you care, and that they are important to you!

Thank you to all who give of yourself to our congregation!

Thank you to all who have given to me in so many ways!

Thank you from my heart!

Pastor Duane

THANK YOU...

A BIG THANK YOU to all who gave me cards of thanks for my service to First Lutheran. Your words of kindness are much appreciated! I enjoy my work every day because we have a great staff and the whole congregation has been very supportive of my work. It's really not work because I enjoy every minute. Thank you for all your kind words!

- Your partner, Pastor Duane

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Nov 1: Traci Green, Ellie Kohrs, Karen Moses-Richardson, Julia Nelson

Bob & Mary Johnson, Richard & Gwen Schafer

Nov 2: Richard Geary

Scott & Robin Bignell, Mike & Trisynda Gravenish, Josh & Carrie Kohrs

Nov 3: Rand Conway

Nov 4: Logan Cole, Deb Dose, Jessica Holst, Pat Lynch

Nov 5: Titan Gravenish

Nov 6: Aaron Ferguson, Shyra Golding, Travis Kopp, Hayden Talbert, Gregg Thomas

Nov 7: Perry Knudsen, Felix Larson, Mavis Sprick

Nov 8: Aubrey Gates, Cindy Martin, Todd Plote, Teresa Schumacher, Margaret Selleseth

Nov 9: Roger Helgerson, Delane Krier, Steve Wooding

Nov 10: Susan Dailey, Dena Huettl, Shea Kiecker, Laura Miller, Mary Powers

Nov 11: Lori Fritz, Lucas Schumacher, Ralph Wiebusch

Nov 12: Morgan Matanich

Roger & Nancy Brooks

Nov 13: Eric Anderson, Greg Sievers

Nov 14: Austin Ebert, Anne Towey, Kathy Zwiener

Nov 15: *Mike & Sara Kohrs*

Nov 16: Landon Peters-Wiemann

Nov 17: Lucas Lowther-Borer

Nov 18: Mark Buckman, Jody Carlson, Sean Gnotke, Orville Hegseth, Georgia Nygren, Sydney Pribyl

Nov 19: Lisa Peters, Anders Vaith, Jennifer White

Nov 20: Matt Grimley, Tracy Harms, Sylvia Hoffman

Lee & Randi Kirchner

Nov 21: Terri Breyfogle, Julie LeCaptain, Becky Sievers, Val Smith

Kim & Randy Vander Laan

Nov 22: Steven Dickson, Paul Gifford, Weston Holst, Julia Huettl, Harold Roussopoulos

Nov 23: Matthew Bignell, Dustin Meyer, Jenna Sommer, Devin Uttecht

Rosie & Steven Dickson

Nov 24: Darren Brunn, Shance Donovan, Cora Foss, Todd Kiecker, Nicholas Schlaghaft, Jill Steffen

Nov 25: James Boehlke, Autumn Kranz

Tom & Milly Gagnon

Nov 26: Neil Stolzenberg

Nov 27: Paisley Howard, Carrie Kohrs, Robyn Meixner, Diane Murray, Alexis Schneider, Michael Tiedeman

Nov 28: Roger Hinck, Gwen Lambert, Luke Narum, Kyle Thomas

Nov 29: Damian Fitterer, Deniele Pahl, Paul Tackmann

Nov 30: Lincoln Grothe, Kate Halverson, Mark Harmon, Emma Narum

Russell & Jan Johnson, Jim & Sheila Siebenaler

FLC GROUPS

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

Esther Bible Circle...will meet on Wednesday, **November 14 at 1:30pm at JoAnn Thompson's.**

FLC QUILTERS...will meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 8:30am.

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

Women to Women...will meet on Thursday, November 8 at 11:30am for lunch at The Jewel.

50 & BETTER

Coming Soon! 50 & Better Christmas Pot Luck. Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 6 at 5:30pm at First Lutheran. Watch the bulletins for further details.

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.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Friends and Family...Marge Copp, Marv Blattner, Nancy Herron, Sarah Henry, Elmer Sprick, Jim Meincke, Dean Kirkland, Abby Peterson, Lori Meincke, LaVern Franke, Larry Holmgren Jr

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

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

OUTREACH BOARD

OUTREACH MEETING...No scheduled meeting.

CARE CENTER BINGO...Monday, November 26 at 6:40 to 8:10pm.

PACKING FOR THE WEEKEND...For November we are asking members to drop off Peanut Butter & Jelly.

SCHOLARSHIP SCANDINAVIAN BAKE SALE

The First Lutheran ELCA Matching Grant Scholarship is awarded each year to confirmed members of First Lutheran who are graduating from high school and attending an ELCA college. The students have to fill out an application that includes a statement of their faith journey and how that will be nurtured by attending an ELCA college. When the colleges are notified that a student is receiving this scholarship the college then awards the student a matching grant. Over the years we have awarded this scholarship to many members attending many of our fine ELCA colleges. The scholarship is renewable for four years.

Our congregation has been very generous over the years in giving to this scholarship fund. We are asking you to continue your generosity as we hold a bake sale after worship on Saturday night and Sunday, November 17 and 18. On Saturday night we will also serve coffee and a dessert after worship. And on Sunday, we will have our traditional Scandinavian breakfast with Waffles, fruit, and almond cake after church. All donations during those times will go towards the Scholarship fund. Both those times we will take orders for various holiday treats we have made over the years to be baked and delivered to you at a later date.

Thank you in advance for your generous giving to this important fund!

Scholarship Fund Committee

New Member Classes: Sundays, November 4 & 11) at 10:15 a.m. following worship for about an hour. Present members are also invited to come to grow in your faith. The New Member Welcome will be during the Sunday service on November 18.

SENIOR CHOIR

The Senior Choir will be beginning Christmas music on Wednesday, November 7 at 7:30 -8:15 pm. This great Christmas music will be presented in the Sunday, December 16 worship service. Please consider this invitation to sing with us during this Christmas season!

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST LUTHERAN

Our 150th Anniversary is just around the corner! 2019 will be a year of celebration as we remember, celebrate, and share our 150 years of faith and love in the Lake City Community!

Each month will offer a chance for you and your family to participate in the celebrations- from a 1st Lutheran Pool Party-to a float in the Waterski Day's parade, to the actual anniversary in October, 2019. This is going to be a fun year.

The planning team- Melinda Berkeland, Cassie Carlson, Amy Rogness and Edie Sward are beginning to look for volunteers for these events. Please be willing to say "YES" when asked for your help. If you have any questions please contact any of the people above. Look for updates in future First Things.

Encourage One Another

Encouraging, supporting, and affirming one another helps us grow stronger in our faith and in our ability to live as disciples of Jesus.

Here are 10 phrases than help us speak encouraging words to one another as we seek to walk in the way of our Lord.

- ◆ Well done!
- ◆ Nice going!
- ◆ That is your best work yet!
- ◆ I'm proud of you!
- ◆ That's wonderful!
- ◆ You are really improving!
- ◆ Keep trying, you will get it!
- ◆ That's a great job!
- ◆ I knew I could count on you!
- ◆ You bring sunshine into my life!

May we all love, encourage, and build up one another as we journey together following our compassionate Lord!

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our worship service volunteers. Because of your willingness to volunteer your time, our services run smoothly.

Having said that, however, I am looking for several more volunteers. If you have not already done so, please let me know the duties you would like to volunteer for and which service you prefer (Saturday night or Sunday morning.) I am particularly in need of people to help on Saturday nights, and for people willing to assist with communion for both services.

Also, it is getting to be that time of year when our snow birds head south. If you are on my lists but are going to be gone during the winter, please let me know the weeks or months you will be gone. Email me at: berkeland88@gmail.com.

Thank you! Melinda Berkeland

MISSION OUTREACH UPDATE



Since rolling out a vision to reach out beyond church walls to be the hands and feet of Jesus through mission outreach opportunities, First Lutheran has made a difference in a number of ways. We thank the volunteers who sacrificed time to help those in need through the following missions:

- Mission Trip in Chetek, WI to provide assistance to tornado victims.
- Mission Trip in Port Arthur, TX to provide recovery assistance to hurricane victims.
- **Participation in Lake City's Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack in August.**
- Participation in Habitat for Humanity project in Red Wing.

Our latest mission took a team of First Lutheran members, including Kris and Mal McCarthy, Edie and Rick Sward, Mary Nelson, and Jenny and Tim Schlagenhaft, to Red Wing in late September. The group volunteered for Habitat for Humanity. This opportunity allowed us to meet up with the Peterson family, who hope to be in their new home by Thanksgiving. During a four-hour shift, we helped side their garage and install flooring in their lower level. It was rewarding to help make a home for this wonderful family of 8.

We have a Mission Outreach sign up at the Welcome Desk. Please sign up if you wish to be contacted when new mission opportunities present themselves. God bless you!

Photos (Zach Peterson is with Tim and Elisabeth Peterson is pictured with Mary and Kris)

ADOPT A CHILD

It is getting to be that time of year when we are thinking of Christmas giving and shopping. We are getting ready to start our toy/gift project through the Lake City Food Shelf. Our mitten tree will go up November 3 and 4. A gift in the range of \$20-25.00 is suggested.

Last year, First Lutheran and St. Mary's of the Lake helped give 102 children Christmas gifts. A big thank you to each and everyone who helped make this possible, and making Christmas a little more special for all the children. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions contact Karen Heise or Marlys Johnson.

Message from Heidi:

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

The start of the school year is one of my favorite times of the year, not only at Bluff View Elementary but also in the church. Most Sundays you can hear the many sounds of children and what joyous sounds they are! All the giggles, whines, grunts, claps, squeals, and cries show what a growing congregation we have at First Lutheran Church. Did you know we have over 100 children registered for our Sunday school program from ages 3 years old through sixth grade? We also have close to 30 children in grades K-6 participating in our Wednesday afternoon program K.F.C. (Kids For Christ) and around 45 students attending confirmation classes!! What GREAT numbers!

We try very hard to make children and families feel welcome at First Lutheran whether it is programming, family events, or weekly worship. Most of us have had young children and completely understand that children have different needs throughout the service. There are activity bags available for children to use during worship. These bags are located as you walk into the sanctuary towards the right. We have a nursery available (unstaffed) for families to use. Parents should also feel free to use the gathering area if child needs to walk around for a bit.

If I can ever help with anything, please contact me. I look forward to getting to know your child through their faith journey from Birth - Sixth Grade.

Blessings,

Heidi Berge

Coordinator of Children's Ministry



Youth Ministry Happenings

Mark your calendars for upcoming events:

Saturday, Nov. 3 - Level 1 Confirmation Retreat

Wednesday, Nov. 21 - No Confirmation (Thanksgiving weekend)



Upcoming Youth Service Opportunities

High School Youth Group: 8:30-10pm Saturday, Nov. 17

Counting Red Kettle donations for United Way, Rochester

Middle School: 9am-noon Saturday, Nov. 17

Sorting donations for Pass It On, Lake City

Senior High
Youth!
You're Invited



10-12 Grade
Wed, Nov. 28th
8-9pm
Bring your own drink,
snacks provided!

Children's Ministry News

Family

Thankful & Blessed

Sunday, November 18th

1:30-3:30pm

All families are welcome to join in on the fun. There will be stations set up for you and your children to complete different thankful activities to bring home. Please sign up on the Youth Events Board or contact Heidi.



Ages 3 yrs. Old—6th
Grade are WELCOME!



November 4th:

Class 10:15am-11:15am

November 11th:

Class 10:15am-11:15am

November 18th:

Class 10:15am-11:15am

November 25th:

No Class—Thanksgiving Break

November 7th:

3:00-5:00pm

November 11th: SUNDAY

KFC sings at service! Meet at 8:40am.

November 14th:

3:00-5:00pm

November 21st:

No Class—Thanksgiving Break

November 28th:

3:00-5:00pm

**Kindergartners—6th
Grades are WELCOME!**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Bible Study 8:30am	2	3 Level 1 Confirmation Retreat Worship 5:30pm
4 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS (BACK) Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15- 11:15am New Member Class 10:15am Boy Scouts 7-8:30pm	5 Expressions 5pm Cub Scouts 6-7pm	6 Staff 10am	7 Joyfully Aging Group 10am Red Wing Grief Group 10:30am KFC 3-5pm Bell Choir 5:15pm Confirmation Classes 6- 8pm Senior Choir 7pm	8 Bible Study 8:30am Women to Women 11:30am @ The Jewel	9 MOPS Mother/Son Dance	10 Worship 5:30pm
11 Worship 9am KFC Sings 9am worship Sunday School 10:15- 11:15am New Member Class 10:15am MOPS 3:30-7pm Boy Scouts 7-8:30pm	12 Expressions 5pm Cub Scouts 6-7pm	13 FLC Quilters 8:30am Staff 10am	14 Joyfully Aging Group 10am Esther Circle 1:30pm @ JoAnn Thompson's KFC 3-5pm Bell Choir 5:15pm Confirmation Classes 6- 8pm Senior Choir 7pm	15 Bible Study 8:30am Church Council 6:30pm	16	17 Middle School Service Project 9am-noon Worship/Expressions 5:30pm Scandinavian Bake Sale following worship High School Service Project 8:30-10pm
18 Worship/New Member Welcome 9am Scandinavian Bake Sale following worship Family Event 1:30- 3:30pm Turkey Trot 4pm Thanksgiving Worship 5:30pm Pie Fellowship 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7-8:30pm	19 NO Expressions 5pm Cub Scouts 6-7pm	20 Staff 10am	21 Joyfully Aging Group 10am Red Wing Grief Group 10:30am NO KFC—Thanksgiving NO CONFIRMATION CLASSES Bell Choir 5:15pm Senior Choir 7pm	22 THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED NO Bible Study 8:30am	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24 Worship 5:30pm
25 Worship 9am No Sunday School— Thanksgiving Break MOPS 3:30-7pm	26 Expressions 5pm Cub Scouts 6-7pm Care Center Bingo 6:40pm	27 FLC Quilters 8:30am Staff 10am	28 Joyfully Aging Group 10am KFC 3-5pm Bell Choir 5:15pm Confirmation Classes 6- 8pm Senior Choir 7pm	29 Bible Study 8:30am Care Center Worship	30	

November Ministry Assignments

Saturday, November 3 at 5:30pm

Reader: Deb Mickelson
Communion: Deb Mickelson, Steve Johnson, Dale Nibbe
Usher: Colin Fowler, Kenny McEwen
Greeter: Jake & Teresa Atkinson
Altar: Marllys Johnson, Janet Carlson
Coffee:

Saturday, November 10 at 5:30pm

Reader: Judy Bremer
Communion: Judy Bremer, Tim & Jenny Schlagenhaf
Usher: Jon & Sonda Featherstone
Greeter: Bruce & Trissa Wallerich
Altar: Kathy Hollman, Jill Braaten
Coffee: Jim & Linette Meincke

Saturday, November 17 at 5:30pm

Reader: Kathy Hollman
Communion: Kathy & Roger Hollman, Sandy Swan
Usher: Jean & Steve Johnson
Greeter: Janet Carlson, Jenny Gabor
Altar: Kathy Hollman, Jill Braaten
Coffee:

Saturday, November 24 at 5:30pm

Reader: Bruce Carlstrom
Communion: Bruce & Liz Carlstrom, Cheryl Luettinger
Usher: Thoren & Naomi Mangold
Greeter: Denny & Dawn Barwald
Altar: LaDonna Severson, Katie Bee
Coffee:

Sunday, November 4 at 9:00am

Reader: Kathie Majerus
Communion: Kathie Majerus, Sandy Anderson, Claudia Howard
Usher: Paul & Barb Gifford, Dennis & Marllys Johnson
Greeter: Susan & Wally Dailey
Coffee: Dean & Darlene Saby
Video: Mark Bailey

Sunday, November 11 at 9:00am

Reader: Mary Nelson
Communion: Mary Nelson, Janet Reed, Sandy Bendickson
Usher: Bob Johnson, Neil Stolzenberg, David Moe, Jim Menting
Greeter: Greg & Heidi Berge
Coffee: Ross & Sandy Bendickson
Video: Ric Wallace

Sunday, November 18 at 9:00am

Reader: Shirley Pierson
Communion: Shirley Pierson, Sue Bendickson, Eunice Blattner
Usher: Jerry Benson, Al Blattner, Larry Watson, Rick Sward
Greeter: Rick & Gwen Schafer
Coffee: Laurie & Patty Svien
Video: Randy Zanto

Sunday, November 18 at 5:30pm

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Reader: Becky Ehling
Communion: Becky Ehling, Sandy Anderson, Deb Mickelson
Usher:

Sunday, November 25 at 9:00am

Reader: Jeff Rogness
Communion: Jeff Rogness, Luther & Melinda Berkeland
Usher: Marv Blattner, Randy Meincke, Steve & Mac Heise
Greeter: Arnie & Paulette Clare
Coffee: Arnie & Paulette Clare
Video: Mark Bailey