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Living the unconditional Grace & Love of Jesus Christ



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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

September 9, 2018



Following service—join us for fellowship a **hot dog, chips, & soda** while the Sunday School students meet their teachers and play in the **Bounce Houses** and **Super Slide!** If you are available to help set up Sunday morning, please contact Jeff Rogness (651) 380-6327.

THANK YOU!!

We will be having a Quilt Raffle and Parking Spot Raffle! \$10 per Chance



Living in God's amazing grace

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sept 1: Cole Joersz

Sept 2: Kathleen Gunhus, Vivian Krier, Josh Rodewald, Paula Sullivan, Elinor Zielkie

Sept 3: Ryan Gunhus

Mark Bailey & Jill Braaten, Randy & Linda Pavlak

Sept 4: Jake Atkinson, Janet Beckman, Randi Morgan, Audrey Watson

Sept 5: LuAnn Moechnig, Brady Nelson

Sept 6: Beverly Bantley, Tanner Meincke, Brian Oelkers, Ava Wallerich, Charlie White

Randy & Lori Meincke

Sept 7: *Karan & Brian Smith*

Sept 8: Doug Kliewer, Shirley Mickow, Jack Narum

John & Nancy Albright, Kevin & Kathy Tesch

Sept 9: Don Foss

Jim & Johanna Gates

Sept 10: Judy Bremer, Joseph Morgan, Caleb Tesmer

Phil & Dana Gartner

Sept 11: Kristen Kiecker, Nancy Rigelman

Rick & Val Janka

Sept 12: Margaret Rol

Josh & LuAnn Moechnig

Sept 13: *Kim & Duane Boos, David & Janice Murray*

Sept 14: Janice Johnson, Virginia Morton

Sept 15: Madeline Breuer, Jennifer Talbert

William & Sheila Johnson, Jim & Linette Meincke, Rick & Edie Sward

Sept 16: Marvin Blattner, Cole Dierickx, Heidi Hartzell, Edith Hoffman, Randi Kirchner, Deb Mickelson, Dan Steffenhagen

Sept 17: Alexis Eggenberger, Robert Krueger, JoAnn Leinen, Scott Lodermeier, Jim Menting, Frederick Mohn, Evan Olson

Dale & JoAnn Leinen

Sept 18: Christopher Ahrens, Brittney Wooding

Chris & Kari Weinrich

Sept 19: Zachariah Dudley, Derek Sogla, Jeremy Tesch

Jim & Christine Anderson, David & Kelly Pribyl

Sept 20: Mike Kohrs, Peggy Mathison, Randy Pavlak, Heidi Schwer

Mike & Kim Bobb, Colin & Amanda Jackson, Tom & Val Kuchinka, Steve & Sandy Swan

Sept 21: Mark Matanich, Cheryl Mohn

Sept 22: Stephen Beckman, Ava Jolie Brunn, Jim Meincke, Janice Murray, Patty Svien, Addison Thieren, Tia Vikdal

Nathan & Michelle Larson

Sept 23: Reese Anderson, Carston Dammann, Elizabeth Diepenbrock, Jacob Hartzell, Aaron Nelson, Laureen Swiggum, Skyler VanLoan

Tyler & Erika Blim, Barb & Mike Johnson, Dale & Carol Nibbe

Sept 24: Josh Matanich, Dennis Schumacher
Steve & Terri Breyfogle

Sept 25: Jerry Benson, Samantha Jacobson, Rick Janka, Alex Ratz

Rand & Bonnie Conway, Shon & Molly Thieren

Sept 26: Kelly Pribyl, Marin Rodewald

Dawn & Denny Barwald, Wally & Susan Dailey, Mike & Stephanie Eggenberger, Bob Gielow & Paula Sullivan, Dustin & Kimberly Meyer, Tim & Jenny Schlagenhaft

Sept 27: Lisa Alitz, Shelby Glander, Mary Kregel

Sept 28: Greg Berge, Cameron Ender, Alison Wallerich

Amy & Mark Matanich

Sept 29: Nancy Malcomson, Thoren Mangold, Virginia Plote, Tom Rasmussen, Cheryl Sprick Bremer, Galen Vetter

John & Audry Plote, Roger & Mary Rose

Sept 30: Izaac Meyer, Brad Rigelman

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

Esther Bible Circle...**will meet on Wednesday, September 19 at 1:30pm at Sandy Anderson's home.**

FLC QUILTERS...will meet on Tuesdays, September 11 & 25 at 8:30am.

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

Women to Women...will resume in the fall.

OUTREACH BOARD

OUTREACH MEETING...No scheduled meeting.

CARE CENTER BINGO...Monday, September 24 at 6:40 to 8:10pm.

PACKING FOR THE WEEKEND...For September we are asking members to drop off Rice Mixes & Muffin Mixes.

WHAT'S THE MAIN POINT?

"What is the main point this author wants to make?" Remember that dreaded question back in high school or college? You were put on the spot.

Does life have a main point? It is difficult to know, isn't it?

Maybe the whole world could be thought of as a mobile (object suspended in mid-air by wires). The world acts like a mobile because it can be easily tilted out of balance. We see great changes in the world due to earthquakes, storms, tornadoes, floods and fires. We also see social changes as people strive against abuse and oppression seeking their freedom. We ask, "What is the main cause of each event?" People come up with a myriad of answers. Reducing things to a single cause or event is often difficult to do.

If someone asked you, "What is the main point of your life?". Could you answer that question? Or would you come up with a list of interconnected events? Is your life like a mobile, precariously balanced and always a tip away from clattering to the floor?

Life seems to become very complex! Yet it is still possible to reduce things down to a single point. Even the most complex mobile needs to be suspended from a single point on the ceiling.

If we ask, "What is the main point the Bible wants to make?", the answer is relatively simple and it can be summed up by Psalm 119:175, "Let me live that I may praise God, and let his ordinances help me." We were created to praise God and to live with God's Word as our guide. That gives us a great deal of freedom. We can balance many things and we can embrace the complexity of life so long as we remain anchored in our worship life, connected to God and focused on living with God as our guide.

The main point of life is to give God praise, which serves to remind me that a) There is a God, and b) I am not him. When I have those points straight, balancing the mobile of my life becomes tolerable and possible. That is the best argument I can make for why people should come together for worship.

How is your balancing act? What are you anchored to?

COME TO WORSHIP!

Your support enables your church to continue . . .

Sharing Christ's message of love.

Teaching people God's gracious will.

Caring for people with various needs.

Your church's ability to serve others depends on your willingness to give . . .

your time.

your skills,

your finances.

Thank you for your involvement in the life of this congregation!

News From Karen: Our mission partner in Chile

Natural disasters, such as earthquakes, fires, and hurricanes, bring much devastation to villages and whole countries. Karen and her organization (EPES) help train local leaders in the use of "Comfort For Kids". This program helps children process trauma in their lives after natural disasters and conflict. After one earthquake they helped 1800 children learn how to cope with disasters. Nine months after hurricane Maria thousands of people remain without power and clean water.

Karen and EPES are honored to play a small part in supporting local health promoters and churches as they work to rebuild their communities.

Karen says, "Thanks for all your love and support!"

Please continue to pray for Karen and her co-workers as they try to make a difference in people's lives. (Her report is posted on the bulletin board behind the Welcome Center.)

Thank you...

Dear FLC Scholarship Committee, Thank you for the scholarship which will be very helpful for me in paying for **my tuition at Concordia College. I'm planning to study exercise science and am looking forward to the college** experience. ~Sincerely, Brendan Koplín

First Lutheran Church, Thank you for the generous scholarship. The scholarship will help me finance my education at Luther College. I am looking forward to another year of learning in a Christian environment. ~Respectfully, Grace Weinrich

The Leota Dugstad Family would like to thank Pastor Duane, Kitchen Crew and all those who assisted with the funeral of Leota. They appreciated all of your help and kindness!

The Bob Polk Memorial Scholarship for 2018 has been awarded to Courtney Haviland, daughter of Paul and Angie Haviland. Courtney is a senior at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota. Congratulations to Courtney.

The FLC Scholarship recipients are Grayce Adler, AnnElise Ender, Will Heise, Brendan Koplín and Grace Weinrich. They each received \$600. Thank you, FLC congregation, for your donations that help make this scholarship possible!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

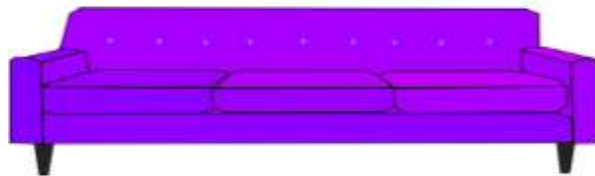
Prayer Connection...Mary Nelson, firstlutheranprayerconnection@gmail.com or phone: 651-212-0144.

Friends and Family...Nancy Herron, Abby Peterson, Lori Meincke, Lavern Franke, Sue Huhnerkoch, 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

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...Ryan Grobe & Haley Spring, Jarid Groth & Taylor Bremer, Josh Perkins & Taylor Skoglund, Kara Stevenson & Nick Thornburg, Cassie Dittfach & Justin Campbell, Jacob Denning & Roni Senner



FLC's Youth Room is in need!

Do you or someone you know have **gently used** furniture you no longer use? Because of increased attendance, our Youth Room needs more furniture. Also, much of what we already have has come to the end of **its life and needs to be replaced**. **Please contact Melissa if you're willing to help us by donating:** melissa.ackermann@firstlc.org Thank You!

Youth Ministry Happenings

Mark your calendars for events coming this fall:

Sunday, Sept. 9 - Youth Group Elimination Challenge (grades 10-12)

Wednesday, Sept. 12 - Confirmation Parent Meetings - see calendar

Wednesday, Sept. 19 - Confirmation Classes Begin (grades 7-8-9)

Friday/Saturday, Sept. 28-29 - Level 2 Confirmation Retreat

VALLEY SCARE IS COMING IN OCTOBER . . .

Senior High Youth!

Worship
@ 7:30,
Meet @
8-9pm



Open to
students
in grade
10-11-12

Come join us for Youth Group on the final Wednesday evening of each month. Your faith journey doesn't end with confirmation - hang with your classmates and explore what it means to walk with Jesus in every day life!

See you on Sept. 26th!!

Children's Ministry News



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

September 9th:

Rally Day: Following 9am service

September 16th:

Class 10:15am-11:15am

September 23rd:

Class 10:15am-11:15am

September 30th:

Class 10:15am-11:15am

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

September 12th:

3:00-5:00pm

September 19th:

3:00-5:00pm

September 26th:

3:00-5:00pm



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Worship 5:30pm
2 Worship 9am	3 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED Expressions 5pm	4	5 Red Wing Grief Group 10:30am	6 Bible Study 8:30am	7	8 Worship 5:30pm
9 Worship 9am Rally Days following worship Youth Group: Elimination Challenge 3- 4:30pm MOPS 3:30-7pm Boy Scouts 7-8:30pm	10 Expressions 5pm	11 FLC Quilters 8:30am	12 KFC Starts 3-5pm Confirmation Parent Meetings: 7th Grade 6-6:30pm 8th Grade 6:45-7:15pm 9th Grade 7:30-8pm	13 Bible Study 8:30am	14	15 MOPS Carnival 7am-4pm Worship/Expressions 5:30pm
16 Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15- 11:15am Boy Scouts 7-8:30pm	17 NO Expressions 5pm	18	19 Red Wing Grief Group 10:30am Esther Circle 1:30pm @ Sandy Anderson's KFC 3-5pm Confirmation Classes 6- 8pm	20 Bible Study 8:30am	21	22 Worship 5:30pm
23 Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15- 11:15am MOPS 3:30-7pm Boy Scouts 7-8:30pm	24 NO Expressions 5pm Care Center Bingo 6:40pm	25 FLC Quilters 8:30am	26 KFC 3-5pm Confirmation Classes 6- 8pm Youth Group 7:30pm	27 Bible Study 8:30am	28 Confirmation: Level 2 Overnight Retreat, be- gins 7pm	29 Worship 5:30pm
30 Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15- 11:15am Boy Scouts 7-8:30pm						

September Ministry Assignments

Saturday, September 1 at 5:30pm

Reader: Jenny Schlagenhaft
Communion: Jenny Schlagenhaft, Marian Dittfach, Virginia Oliver
Usher: Lyle Mathison, David Dittfach
Greeter: Paul & Wanda Myers
Altar: Becky Schultze, Katie Bee
Coffee:

Saturday, September 8 at 5:30pm

Reader: Judy Bremer
Communion: Judy Bremer, Sonda Featherstone, Liz Carlstrom
Usher: Paul & Wanda Myers
Greeter: Virginia Oliver, Bev Bantley
Altar: Becky Schultze, Katie Bee
Coffee: Lyle & Marilyn Mathison, Liz Enger

Saturday, September 15 at 5:30pm

Reader: Steve Johnson
Communion: Steve Johnson, Kathy Hollman, Bruce Carlstrom
Usher: Art Harteneck, Dick Sitta
Greeter: Pris Converse, Carol Dollar
Altar: Jan Johnson, Carol Dollar
Coffee:

Saturday, September 22 at 5:30pm

Reader: Cheryl Luettinger
Communion: Cheryl Luettinger, Tim & Jenny Schlagenhaft
Usher: Jon & Sonda Featherstone
Greeter: Kenny & Judy McEwen
Altar: Jan Johnson, Carol Dollar
Coffee: Kay & Dave Harms

Saturday, September 29 at 5:30pm

Reader: Deb Mickelson
Communion: Deb Mickelson, Dale Nibbe, Steve Johnson
Usher: Thoren & Naomi Mangold
Greeter: Steve & Jean Johnson
Altar: Shirley Pierson, Sharon Wadleigh
Coffee:

Sunday, September 2 at 9:00am

Reader: Sandy Bendickson
Communion: Sandy Bendickson, Luther & Melinda Berkeland
Usher: Pat & Cindy Ebert, Wally & Susan Daley
Greeter: Arnie & Paulette Clare
Coffee: Arnie & Paulette Clare
Video: Mark Bailey

Sunday, September 9 at 9:00am

Reader: Ben Ackermann
Communion: Ben, Melissa, Grace Ackermann
Usher: LaVern Franke, Sylvia Hoffman, Jim Menting, David Moe
Greeter: Dennis & Marlys Johnson
Coffee: Val & Rick Janck
Video: Ric Wallace

Sunday, September 16 at 9:00am

Reader: Julie LeCaptain
Communion: Julie LeCaptain, Kristi Sprick, Marcia Holst
Usher: Al LeCaptain, Bruce Lichtblau, Becky & Dave Schultze
Greeter: Erin & Caron Lichtblau
Coffee: Dean & Darlene Saby
Video: Randy Zanto

Sunday, September 23 at 9:00am

Reader: Randi Kirchner
Communion: Randi Kirchner, Deb Grimley, Steve Heise
Usher: Randy & Linda Pavlak, Brad & Mary Nelson
Greeter: Greg, Heidi, Jackson, Emma Berge
Coffee: Jim & Jennifer Cobb
Video: Mark Bailey

Sunday, September 30 at 9:00am

Reader: Dave Ender
Communion: Eunice Blattner, Claudia Howard, Mary Lee Stevens
Usher: Al Blattner, Marv Blattner, Tom & Karen Heise
Greeter: Joe & Jennifer White
Coffee: Tami Ender, Angie Dwelle
Video: Ric Wallace