



# First Lutheran Church

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

## August 2022 Parish Visitor

**Below are the speeches given at Baccalaureate worship held on May 29<sup>th</sup>:**

Good morning First Lutheran Friends, Family and Class of 22!

I am very excited to be standing here today counting down and experiencing the many “lasts” that are in front of us as graduating seniors. Today, is a “last” for us at First Lutheran as a school age member.

I look back at my time at First Lutheran Church with great joy from Sunday School, Confirmation, Junior and Senior High Alive to all of the trips and adventures we have taken together. A few of my favorite memories were Klein Ranch, The Evening Worship at the metal cross in Pine Ridge and our confirmation retreat at Lake Shetek when it was pouring rain.

My bible verse for confirmation was Jeremiah 29:11..... “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

This bible verse seems very fitting for all of us. To the First Lutheran Church congregation, thank you for helping us Seniors grow and thank you for supporting us through many challenges the past 12 years.

To Tonya, Kitsi and Pastor Scott, thank you for showing us God’s love and being not only mentors, but friends.

To my fellow Seniors, instead of a last, this is just the beginning of a brand new, scary, possibly exciting adventure. Just know that we will always have each other and our First Lutheran Church family will always be here to support us. God has a plan for all of us and that plan will be amazing I just know it!

Thank you.  
Gabriella Schlenner  
Class of 2022

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I just want to get up here and give some thanks and share some memories with you all today. First off, thank you to Tonya for all her help throughout our time in FLY and helping make my experience very enjoyable. Second, thank you to Kitsi for the lessons she has taught all of us and being a supporter of all of us. Thank you to Pastor Scott for the great sermons and laughs throughout the years at First Lutheran.

Thank you to Hans and Ryne for being a big influence in my faith and teaching me many good life lessons to use as I go into college. Thank you to the congregation for their support over the years here at First Lutheran. Some of the best faith memories most of us have come from this church and FLY.

The first experience I can remember with FLY is going to Klein Ranch like many other seniors. The trip was a great experience and one that started my faith journey at First Lutheran. Another big trip I took was going to Pine Ridge to serve the people on the reservation. This is an experience other seniors and I may never forget and now realize how good we really have it here in Marshall. And I can’t forget the bike ride to Camden with our confirmation class and John Marshall.

Being able to carry faith throughout high school has been a big part and I will continue to be very thankful for my experiences here at First Lutheran as I go onto college next year. Thank you.

Charlie Jacobson  
Class of 2022

## Children, Families and Youth News

### Mark your calendars!

- August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm – **Confirmation Captain Meeting**
- August 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm – **TLC Teacher Training**
- August 31<sup>st</sup> at 6pm – **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Meeting** (students, parents & captains)
- August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Meeting** (students, parents, & captains)



Hi, my name is Samantha Nielsen and I am excited to announce that I have taken the position as Director of Education here at First Lutheran! I have been hired to work half time. My experience with assistant teaching and volunteering at the church led me to an interest in this position! Alongside this position I am entering my senior year of college studying Exercise Science. I also coach the MHS Gymnastics team in the winter and the MHS Track team in the spring. Yes, I know this may seem like a busy schedule but I am confident that I will have plenty of time to devote to this position! I am looking forward to getting to know the families of this congregation! My email address is [Nielsen.samantha@outlook.com](mailto:Nielsen.samantha@outlook.com).

## Women's Ministry

August 2 4:00pm Café Chocolat at Shetek Retreat Center  
August 3 6:30am Women's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall  
August 3 12:00pm Women's Bible Study – Narthex  
August 10, 17, 24, & 31 6:30am Women's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall

## Other Important Items

**Meals on Wheels:** The first two weeks of September First Lutheran the Social Ministries Committee is coordinating the delivering of Meals on Wheels. The dates are Tuesday September 6-Friday September 9<sup>th</sup> and Monday September 12<sup>th</sup>-Friday September 16<sup>th</sup>. We will need 7 drivers each day, you can do one day or all of the days, whatever works for you. Please consider helping with this worthwhile project. You can either call the church office or go to the church website to sign up (click on Serving Schedules). Thank you for considering helping with this worthwhile service project.

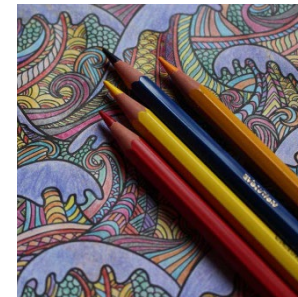


Meals on Wheels is an outreach of Lutheran Social Services. First Lutheran assists with Meals on Wheels the first 2 weeks of February and the first 2 weeks September. The site coordinator is Eleana. The pickup site is the Adult Community Center 107 S 4th St, Marshall, MN. There are 7 meal routes, each with around 9 deliveries. One of the routes is always covered by a business in Marshall so First Lutheran is responsible for providing 6 drivers. To pick-up, the driver enters through the door for deliveries, not the front door of the Community Center. Checks the bulletin board on the left to verify which route is assigned. Meals are packed and sitting on tables ready for pickup at 11:00 AM. Each delivery person will pick-up the hot food (in an insulated tote), cold food (brown bags with names on in tote or box) and the list of individuals receiving a meal. Special instructions will be on the list of meal recipients. The routes are in order of delivery. Drivers should make sure they get the right brown bag for each site. Routes take between 30 minutes to 1 hour depending on the number of deliveries. When a route is completed, the driver will return the tote(s) to the Meal Site pickup area. On Friday's, holidays, or inclement weather there may be double meals to deliver.



**Volunteers Needed:** The Social Ministries Committee is looking for volunteers to help provide support for the Maggie Jean Foundation Golf Tournament on August 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be golfers doing best ball so if you would like to golf please register at [www.maggiejeanfoundation.com](http://www.maggiejeanfoundation.com). If you are not a golfer there will be an area where you can make a blanket/hat, make recovery chips, or build boxes for the "Boxes of Blessings". Please join us to help with this worthwhile project. If you have any questions, contact Twila Henning 507-360-0828.

Paul and Nancy Blanchard would like to thank the Social Ministries Committee for supporting the Maggie Jean Foundation. We started the foundation to support families who have suffered a miscarriage, stillborn, early infant death or lost adoption. The social ministries committee has used some of its funds to purchase yarn that can be picked up at the church to create blankets and hats that are put in "Boxes of Blessings" given to the families. We are also holding a golf tournament on August 8<sup>th</sup> to raise funds to purchase the items that go into the boxes and members of the committee will volunteer their time to help that day. For more information, please visit our website at <https://www.maggiejeanfoundation.com>



### **Coloring for Christ Ministry (C4C)**

This fall a new outreach ministry is coming to First Lutheran. Use your coloring skills by adding joy to someone's day. The C4C Ministry will focus on people who are lonely, away from home, or having health problems. Help shape this new ministry at an organizational meeting this fall. C4C Ministry will meet for 2 hours each month. Contact Paulette Hanson if you have questions or an interest at 507-530-0284.

**Altar Guild Volunteers are needed!** Volunteers are responsible to care for the altar and its furnishings, prepare for each service including communion, candles, and cleaning. You are assigned to a group that serves for 1 month per year, and this is something that is done behind the scenes. Please contact Kathy at 507-401-1188 or Jill at 507-532-7482 if you are interested.



First Lutheran will be having worship at the **Lyon County Fairgrounds on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am** in the Hoop Barn.

## **Worship Schedule**

Saturdays – 5:30pm

Sundays - 9:30am

Services available on YouTube – [www.youtube.com/c/FirstLutheranChurchMarshall](http://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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