



First Lutheran Church

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

January 2017 Parish Visitor

From the Pastors...

Hark! The herald angels sing, *Glory to the newborn king; peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.*
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, *Christ is born in Bethlehem!*
Hark! The herald angels sing, *Glory to the newborn king!*

I can't speak for all the **nations** of the **world**, but I can speak for the *nation* of First Lutheran Church when I say that we did a wonderful job of answering the herald angels' call to joyfully *join the triumph of the skies*. For with them we proudly proclaimed, in many and varied ways, *Christ is born in Bethlehem!*

From Advent through Christmas, people of all ages sang and rang, portrayed and played, acted, danced, and recited the good news of Jesus birth. With instruments, voices, and bodies, children and adults selflessly shared their talents to enhance our worship of the Christ child.

In service after service we were blessed with evidence of the season's *stardust-and-stable-straw* magic by servers and singers, readers and ringers, generous givers and welcoming greeters, cooks and counters, accompanists and actors, directors and decorators.

So to all who helped our First Lutheran family celebrate this good news of great joy to all the world, I say a heartfelt thank you. I also want to express my gratitude to all of you who regularly and generously give of your time, talents and treasures to assure that our various ministries thrive and grow. We are wonderfully blessed with a generous outpouring of God's Spirit and that gives me great hope for today and for the coming new year as well.

Truly God's Light is shining in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it!

In Christ,

Pastor Scott

Children, Families and Youth News



ANYONE NEED SOFTENER SALT???



FLY--Senior High will be selling Eco-Water softener salt starting January 11th. This fundraiser will help cover costs associated with this year's High Adventure trip to Montana. February 8th will be the delivery date between 1-3pm (All youth/parents help deliver salt) and we will bring it to you! Contact the

youth if you would like to order!

We will be selling Eco-Water Salt-Extra Coarse 50lb. bags. Parents and Youth will be asked to help in the delivery of the salt. Pick-ups/Vans are needed for the delivery.

IT'S PIZZA FOR SUPPER!!!



Mark it down!! On Monday January 23rd we are predicting that...YOU WILL BE HUNGRY FOR PIZZA!! There's no school on this day so your kitchens will be a mess because the kids have been home all day.....you will not want to cook supper.... So.....TAKE EVERYONE TO THE PIZZA RANCH in Marshall!!

The Montana Youth from First Lutheran will be serving at the Pizza Ranch in Marshall on January 23rd from 5-8pm! Bring yourself! Bring your families! Bring your friends! Bring anyone you can think of!! Money earned will go toward our trip this coming summer to Montana. Thanks so much for your support! We will get 10% of the meals sold that night during the time we are there and 100% of the donations!!



Schwan's Cares Online Fundraiser!!

Our senior high youth from First Lutheran Church will be attending a High Adventures Bible Camp in Montana in July of 2017. Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp will host our group of 81 people as we celebrate God's creation and focus on our daily relationship with

Christ and each other. By placing an order through Schwans.com a portion of the sales will come back in support of our campaign! Thank you so much for your support!

So here is what you do:

1. Visit... <https://www.schwanscares.com/c/30834>
2. Click "Shop to Give"
3. Shop for your items and everything is delivered to your door.

We will earn up to 20% of product and 40% of eGift Card sales during the 45-day fundraising campaign (January 11 through February 25), and we will get 5% back on every purchase for the next 90 days after that. Same great prices too!! You will pay the same retail price as all of the customers, while contributing to an organization YOU care about. It's a win-win situation! Remember..... **Campaign ID: 30834** (First Lutheran Church, Marshall MN)

Souper Bowl Sunday is Feb 5!.....and that means its Noisy Offering Time!

HEY 1st LUTHERAN! Senior High Youth want to challenge YOU!! Souper Bowl Sunday Feb 5th (yes! It's spelled wrong on purpose! ha ha!) Bring loose change (or bills...but they don't make noise ☺) to worship on the Wednesday February 1st, or to the worships on Saturday February 4th or Sunday February 5th and we are going to have a NOISY OFFERING to raise money for the hungry!! Start gathering coins now... ☺



Reminder: TLC Wednesday will begin again Wednesday, January 4 & TLC Sunday will begin Sunday, January 8!

Praying in Color Workshop

Sunday, January 8th 9:45 – 10:30 a.m.
In the Unfinished Basement



For the learning piece of the **First Grade Prayer Milestone, First Grade students and their parents** will come together to discover a new active and creative way to pray to God. For some, speaking to God comes naturally; for others, speaking to God feels awkward especially when we can't find the words or begin to stumble in mid-sentence. Praying in Color offers an alternative way. Join us in discovering this imaginative way to pray.



1st Grade Milestone – Prayer

First Grade students will receive their Prayer Stone on Sunday January 8th at either the 8:30 or 10:45 a.m. worship service.



This Milestone for First Grade students contains an education portion as well. There is a workshop for **all 1st Grade Students & their Parents between services on the same Sunday, January 8th from 9:45-10:45am** in the Unfinished Basement.



8th Grade Confirmation Student/Parent Meeting

On **Wednesday, January 25 at 7:15 pm** (right after Confirmation) there will be a meeting in the Gethsemane Chapel for **parents, 8th Grade Confirmation Students & 8th Grade Confirmation Captains**. This meeting will have information for you about dates and events leading up to your Confirmation day!

Other Important Items

New Member Orientation

We are believers seeking to invite all into the Caring, Sharing, and Growing ways of Christ!



Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family

Are YOU interested in becoming a member of the family of faith called First Lutheran Church? Or would you simply like to find out more information about First Lutheran Church?

If so, please choose one of the upcoming New Member Orientation sessions to attend...

- **Wednesday, January 25 @ 6:30pm**
- **Sunday, January 29 @ 9:45am**

These New Member Orientation Sessions will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Contact the church office if you or someone you know is planning on attending at (507) 532-2429 or at firstluth@iw.net. Childcare will be provided. Please let us know if you will need childcare. New Members will be welcomed Wednesday, February 8 at 5:15pm; Saturday, February 11 at 5:30pm and Sunday, February 12 at 8:30am & 10:45am.

Listen Love Repeat

A Woman's Bible Study by Karen Ehman

In this six-session video Bible study, Karen Ehman, helps you rediscover the life-changing joy that comes from putting others first. In a culture that tells us a me-first, you-second way of living is the key to happiness; Ehman explains that the key to moving forward in almost every facet of your life is to embrace backward living.

Becoming a person who thinks about others first takes effort. It requires you to live alert. To be on the lookout in conversations for "heart drops"—hints of kindness you might grant to the person right in front of you, right where they are.

But it is worth it.

Listen, Love, Repeat gives you both the encouragement and practical, daily ways you can reach out to others with both planned and random acts of kindness. Topics include loving your family and friends, encouraging coworkers, reaching out to the lonely, blessing the "necessary people" who help you get life done every day but often go unnoticed, and many others who could use an act of thoughtfulness. An additional focus on modeling for your children a lifestyle that listens and loves is accompanied by doable ideas for you and for your family.

The cost of the member book is \$8.00. We will meet **Wednesdays from 7:00- 8:00 p.m. in the Movie Room beginning January 4th**. Registration forms are available in the narthex or the church office. All are welcome—invite a friend!



Haiti Mission Trip Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser:

On **Sunday, January 15th from 9:30-10:30am** and from **11:15am-12:30pm** there will be a Pancake Fundraiser held in the Fellowship Hall at First Lutheran. The proceeds of the fundraiser will go to support the 6 First Lutheran High School Students who will be part of a group going on a mission trip to the country of Haiti. The 6 First Lutheran students are, Maddie Marks, Lexie Dulas, Mitchell Sueker, Jackson Luther, Madi Schumacher, & Megan Kock.

The group will be making this trip with Mission of Hope, an organization that has worked for over 15 years in Haiti giving orphans a home, spreading the gospel and providing food, medicine, and education for underprivileged Haitians. The dates of the Mission Trip are April 12th – 19th. The total cost of the trip is about \$1500.00 per student. While in Haiti, the students will have the opportunity to do some of the following:

- Work in an orphanage that houses 60 children
- Help build and repair homes for those displaced
- Spend time ministering to children in local village
- Fill basic needs lost in recent hurricane

To learn more about Mission of Hope and its ministry, please visit www.mohhaiti.org. Come and enjoy delicious pancakes, sausage, and beverages along with wonderful fellowship!

Winter Weather Policy

In the event of severe winter weather, a cancellation decision will be made by 7:00am Sunday morning. Listen for a radio announcement on KMHL, KKCK, or KARZ. It will also be posted on First Lutheran's Facebook page.

For Wednesday programming, if school is released early or cancelled due to severe weather, there will be no TLC, Worship, or youth activities. Please listen to the local radio stations or check First Lutheran's Facebook page.

First Lutheran Women News

Important Dates

January 4	9:30am Rejoice Bible Study at Boulder
January 4	5:15pm Women's Board Meeting – Movie Rm
January 9	7:00pm Esther Circle
January 11	6:00am Deborah Circle
January 11	9:30am Elizabeth/Hannah Circle
January 16	1:00pm Quilting
January 18	9:30am Rejoice Bible Study @ Boulder
January 25	9:30am Rejoice Bible Study @ Boulder



Shetek Lutheran Ministries

CANEWS FROM CAMP

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers

Mark Your Calendar

January 8th – Stargazing and Snowshoeing 8-10pm
 January 27th-29th – Scruptacular
 February 5th – Toddlers and Trees 3-4:30
 February 10th & 11th – Marriage Retreat
 February 12th SLM Annual Meeting
 February 12th – 3rd annual Women's tea and ski 2-4:30pm
 February 19th – All about Making Maple Syrup 3-4:30
 February 26th – All about Making Maple Syrup 3-4:30
 For more information go to Shetek.org or Call 507-763-3567

Shetek Lutheran Ministries invites you to...

What: Annual Meeting

When: February 12th

Where SLM Dining Hall

Time: 4p.m.

Please join us for a meal following the meeting

Help send Kids to camp...Become a Pelican/Timber member today. For more information call 763-3567 or www.shetek.org

The staff at Shetek Lutheran Ministries

would like to thank all who gave of their time, talents and gifts in 2016.

With your support we together are transforming lives and nurturing Faith-filled leaders for tomorrow. Your gift makes a difference for all who come to Shetek Lutheran Ministries. It enables us to offer outstanding programs, maintain the day to day operation, provides camperships and continually up-date our facilities. May God richly bless you for your support!

Wishing you a Blessed New Year!



SLM SCRAPACULAR

January 27th -29th 2017

(Scrapbooking, stamping & card

making retreat)

Cost: \$125 (Fri-Sun) \$155 (Thurs-Sun)

Registration fee includes housing, meals, snacks, Make-and-take and retreat leadership.

You provide the projects and creativity!

Questions? Contact dana@shetek.org

Or call the camp at 507-763-3567

THANK YOU!



Worship Schedule

Wednesdays - 5:15pm
Saturdays - 5:30pm
Sundays - 8:30am & 10:45am

Radio – Sundays at 11am on 1400AM or 103.3FM
Local Cable TV – Tuesdays at 7:30pm and Wednesdays at 1:30pm
Charter 180 & Vast 17

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