



First Lutheran Church

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

January 2022 Parish Visitor

From the Pastor...

You may know this bit of trivia: What is the shortest season of the Church year? And, how long does it last? (SPOILER ALERT!! Here's the answer: Christmas, and 12 days - *go figure!*).

It's impossible to fit all of First Lutheran's Christmas festivities into a 12-day window, so we have to cheat a little every year. The Wednesday and Sunday Children's programs usually occur during 1st-2nd week of December, while the Adults' Festival of Christmas Music usually happens on the 2nd-3rd weekend of the month. This year's Wednesday version of the Children's Christmas program fell on December 8, followed by Sunday's version on December 12.

Thomas Maxwell, son of Elizabeth and Mitch Maxwell, attends the Wednesday version of *Teaching the Love of Christ* (TLC), and had a lot of fun being involved in the Christmas program on Wednesday, the 8th. When he and his family came to worship the following Sunday, he saw a big group of children up front ready to start their Christmas program. Thomas said to his mom, *Am I supposed to be up there too?* She told him, "No, you had your program on Wednesday." Thomas looked at her and asked, *Well where did all these kids come from??*

First Lutheran has a host of kids and their families that participate in Education, Music, Worship and Activities on both Sundays and Wednesdays. They are a great symbol of the power of Christ's presence dynamically at work in the lives of our First Lutheran faith family.

Many thanks go to Kitsi Marks, our Education and Outreach Ministries Director (and committee members), and to Tonya Tomasek, our Youth and Family Ministries Director in support, as well as a host of other adult/youth volunteers who help make these programs so successful.

As your Staff looks back over the year that was, we say thank you to everyone for your willingness to volunteer, your generosity of spirit/time/money, and your commitment to make First Lutheran a dynamic place where the love and acceptance of Jesus Christ reign supreme.

On behalf of all who celebrate here God's great give of grace – Happy New Year!!

Children, Families and Youth News



ANYONE NEED SOFTENER SALT???

FLY--Senior High will be selling **Eco-Water Salt-Extra Coarse 50lb. bags starting January 5th**. Cost will be \$8 per bag. This fundraiser will help cover costs associated with this year's SUMMER TRIP to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp in Montana. We will sell until January 19. **Delivery dates will be**



Saturday February 12 or Sunday February 13. And, we will bring it to you! Contact the youth if you would like to order!



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LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

FIGURING OUT YOUR SUMMER CALENDAR???

 I'm really not crazy!! Make sure that Shetek Summer Bible Camp is on that calendar somewhere and then work from there! Get the scoop on summer camp either on **Shetek Wednesday-- January 26 or Shetek Sunday--January 30!** There is something for everyone and every age. We want your family to experience the love of Christ at camp! There is no place like it!! The church scholarships are \$100 for a week long camp and \$50 for a mini camp. Check it out!! (special scholarships may be available by calling Tonya.)

IT'S PIZZA FOR SUPPER!!!

Mark it down!! On **Monday, February 21** we are predicting that YOU WILL BE HUNGRY FOR PIZZA!! So, TAKE EVERYONE TO THE **PIZZA RANCH** in Marshall!!!

The Summer Trip Youth from First Lutheran will be serving at the **Pizza Ranch in Marshall on February 21 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 Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp in Montana. We will get 10% of the meals sold that night during the time we are there and **100% of the donations!!** We're telling you early so you can get it on the calendar and tell your friends. 😊 Thanks so much for your support!

Super Bowl Sunday is Feb 13! That means its Noisy Offering Time!



HEY FIRST LUTHERAN! Senior High Youth want to challenge YOU again this year - Super Bowl Sunday Feb 13.

Bring loose change (or bills...but they don't make noise ☺) on the Wednesday February 9th worship, or to the Saturday February 10th worship, or the Sunday services on February 13th and we are going to have a NOISY OFFERING to raise money for the hungry!! Start gathering coins now... ☺....or you can give online

Parent Forum

February 2th at 6:15pm is another parent forum.

We target these for the confirmation parents, but anyone is welcome.



Reminder: TLC Wednesday A will begin again Wednesday, January 6 & TLC Sunday A will begin Sunday, January 10. TLC Wednesday B will begin again Wednesday, January 20 & TLC Sunday B, January 31.

MILESTONE MINISTRY AT FIRST LUTHERAN!!



A faith milestone is a marker along life's journey that says, "This is something important and God is here, too." Marking a milestone is a biblically-based spiritual practice for both home and congregation. It helps all generations recognize God IS the central core of their lives every day!

Upcoming Milestones:

1st Graders Milestone Blessing of Prayer will be Sunday January 16 at either the 8:30 or 10:45am services. Your milestone class with your parents will be the same day between services at 9:45am in the unfinished basement.

3rd Graders Milestone Blessing of Stewardship will be Sunday February 6th at either the 8:30 or 10:45am services. Your milestone class with your parents will be Wednesday January 26th at 6:15pm in the unfinished basement.

6th Graders Milestone Blessing "God Loves Me" will be Sunday February 6th at either the 8:30 or 10:45am services. Your milestone class will be Wednesday February 2nd at 6:15pm.



8th Grade Confirmation Student/Parent/Captain Meeting

On Wednesday, January 13 at 7:15pm via Zoom for 8th Grade Confirmation Students and their parents and 8th Grade Confirmation Captains. This meeting will have information for you about dates and events leading up to your Confirmation day!

Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry Bible Study Opportunities: ALL ARE WELCOME!

Wednesdays at 6:30am in the Movie Room - contact Corlys Knudson at 828-6106

Wednesdays at 8:30pm via Zoom - contact Kitsi Marks at 829-6253

2nd Wed of the month at 10am in the Fellowship Hall - contact Dawn Planting 828-8157

2nd Monday of the month at 7pm in the Movie Rm - contact Kim Christianson at 530-2301

Quilting is currently on hold until May. Once it starts up again we will be inviting other churches to join.

Other Important Items

New Member Orientation

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

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...

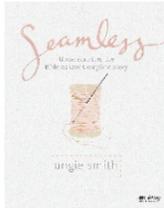
- Wednesday, January 13 @ 6:00pm
- Sunday, January 17 @ 9:45am

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 if needed; please let us know if you will need childcare.

New Members will be welcomed Wednesday, January 27 at 5:15pm; Saturday, January 30 at 5:30pm and Sunday, January 31 at 8:30am & 10:45am.



Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family



Women's Bible Study

Join us **beginning Wednesday, January 6th** via Zoom from 8:30-9:30pm for this Small Group Study titled **Seamless – Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story** by Angie Smith. In seven sessions, **Seamless** covers the people, places, and promises of the Bible, showing participants how the entire Bible – from Genesis through Revelation - connects as one beautiful, seamless thread.

Each week of study features key information that ties all of scripture together into the seamless truth of the gospel message and is accompanied by maps, general Bible facts, and word studies. Participants will gain an overarching understanding of the fundamental layout and meaning of God's Word. **Seamless** helps replace insecurity that holds us back with clarity and helping us move forward with confidence in our understanding of Scripture. The cost of the member book is \$15.00. Contact Kitsi @ kmmarks@iw.net if you are interested in attending.



First Lutheran will be responsible for **Meals in Wheels** Jan 31 to February 4, 2022 and February 7 to February 11, 2022. Please sign up on the Website or call the church office.

First Lutheran at **Esther's Kitchen** is the 4th Thursday of the month January 27th. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up on the church website.

If you participated in the **Advent Challenge** for the Social Ministry Committee please bring your Collections in January 8th or 9th so we can dedicate them for our Missionary.

Beginning on Monday, January 3rd a monthly First Lutheran Worship Service with Holy Communion will take place at Boulder Estates at 1pm. This service will be every first Monday of the month at 1pm.

On Behalf of my family I would like to thank all at First Lutheran for such a gracious welcome. Thank you so much for all the cards, gifts, well wishes and prayers, your generosity has been greatly appreciated!- Pr. Mike

Worship Schedule

Wednesdays – 5:15pm

Saturdays – 5:30pm

Sundays - 8:30am & 10:45am

Services available on YouTube – 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 & Vast 17

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