



# First Lutheran Church

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

## Parish Visitor

### From the Pastors...

I am the child of an alcoholic. Yet, though I lived that life and everything it entailed, it wasn't until my Chemical Dependency rotation at Luther Seminary as a 25 year old that I realized this truth about my family system. On the one hand, the discovery shook me to the core – I was shocked to see the professor's diagram of a "typical" alcoholic family – his example looked like he had used the Fullers to create his profile! On the other hand, it was a moment of awakening that opened the door to a sense of self-awareness and hope that things could get better.

As I continued to learn about alcoholism and the 12-Step Recovery Program of Alcoholics Anonymous, I began to see a wonderfully intimate connection between AA philosophy and our Lutheran theology. Here's just one example: the first of the 12 steps states:

*We admitted we were powerless over alcohol – that our lives had become unmanageable.*

Compare that to the language we use in our confession of sin:

*We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.*

And now compare both statements to the Bible:

<sup>8</sup> *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.* <sup>9</sup> *If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Pastor Julie and I recently read a book by Richard Rohr that celebrates this connection entitled Breathing Under Water – Spirituality and the Twelve Steps. His premise is that *addiction could be one very helpful metaphor for what the biblical tradition called "sin."* He goes on to say: *How helpful it is to see sin, like addiction, as a **disease**, a very destructive disease, instead of merely something that was culpable, punishable, or "made God unhappy"* (p. xv). Each chapter in his book is one of the 12 steps that Rohr then connects with Scripture. The result is a dynamic way to find a real blessing in living out the 12-step philosophy while holding fast to the Word of God.

We like the book so much that we are going to turn it into a sermon series this summer. Weekly, from the end of May through the end of July, we will wed one or more of the steps from A.A. with a bible passage that anchors the theme. Then we'll explore how the step can be a blessing to every person who calls themselves a follower of Jesus Christ.

Rohr's book costs \$10.00 – if you'd like to buy the book but aren't able to order it yourself, please let Pastor Julie ([pastorjuliemccain@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjuliemccain@gmail.com)), Becky ([firstluth@iw.net](mailto:firstluth@iw.net)) or me ([revscottfuller56@gmail.com](mailto:revscottfuller56@gmail.com)) know and we'll see that you get a copy.

May our God remind you daily that the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection is meant to help us make sense out of life and build a healthy framework for ourselves and our families (including our family of faith here at First Lutheran!).

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Scott

## Children, Families and Youth News



**DON'T FORGET ABOUT  
BIBLE CAMP THIS  
SUMMER!! SHETEK  
LUTHERAN MINISTRIES**



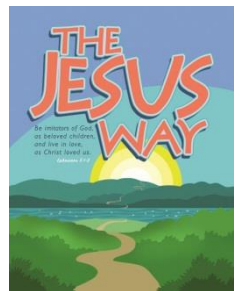
Shetek Lutheran Ministries has so much to offer youth, families, grandparents...all people! Shetek has worked hard to continue to provide excellent faith building opportunities for our families. And there are some new and exciting camps being created as well as the old favorites! Demands continue to rise for families, and their children as the times in our world change. Summer Bible Camp is the greatest way to keep our young people and families grounded and focused on their faith journey and their love in Christ. It doesn't mean that the demands are not going to be there—but it does promise to remind us that there is a loving God who is with us during all of the changes. And allows us to have some fun in our faith for a week! ☺

Help us keep bible camp a priority. Scholarships are provided for all members of First Lutheran. \$50 for week-long camps and \$20 for half week camps. HOWEVER, money is NEVER a reason to NOT go to camp. Special scholarships are also provided and remain confidential. Just contact Tonya at 532-2429 or 530-1697.

KEEP THE "SON" IN YOUR SONSHINE THIS SUMMER!!!

**First Lutheran's DAY CAMP with  
SHETEK LUTHERAN MINISTRIES!!  
Theme for 2016: "A Love That Never Ends"**

**July 25- July 28!!**



For kindergarten (going into)-- 6<sup>th</sup> grade (completing)

### *WHY DAY CAMP???*

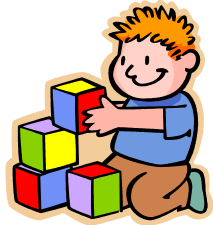
1. We believe in providing MANY awesome opportunities and options to grow in our faith!
2. We want to give you a "taste of camp" right here at First Lutheran Church!
3. We believe that it's important for us to remember that God's "love for us never ends" in this world!
4. We are committed to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ!

It will be an incredible week of the energetic Shetek Staff, Bible study, games, crafts, worship, camp songs, snacks, skits, and GROWING IN YOUR FAITH!!

Registration information and details will be coming to you! Mark it on your calendars today!!

**“DATE NIGHT! CONTINUES BY POPULAR DEMAND TO FAMILIES AT FIRST LUTHERAN” Friday, June 3rd from 6-9pm**

Do you ever feel like it's too much to go out on a date with your spouse AND then pay for childcare on top of it? First Lutheran's youth are sponsoring a "Date Night" just for you! On June 3rd from 6-9pm we will watch your kids at the church while you enjoy an evening together on the town. And it's FREE!



*Reservations deadline will be Sunday May 29th. We will stand firm on this deadline date so that our ratio of sitters to kids is perfect. A registration form/waiver will be provided via email or at the church and will be needed by the deadline to hold your spots. Please have your kids fed supper before you drop them off. A snack and an evening of faith-filled fun with the older kids will be provided!! Questions? Just ask Tonya!*

**GO PURPLE!!!**



End of the Summer Family Event!  
**Thursday, Sept. 1st** (leaving 2:30pm!)  
And it's in the *NEW* US Bank Stadium!!!

**Minnesota Vikings VS. Los Angeles Rams @7pm!!!**  
**\$64 per person** (includes ticket on the third deck of the US Bank stadium, charter bus transportation, and great company with your church!! You can't beat that!!!)

Full of Fun, Friendships, our Faith Family...AND FOOTBALL!  
Just one of many ways we love to come together!

**Limited number of seats will be available! First come! First Serve!! Deadline is July 11<sup>th</sup>**

***Lutheran  
Night at  
Target Field***



**When: Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Southwest Coaches charter bus will leave First Lutheran Church parking lot at 2:00pm for 7:10pm game vs Atlanta Braves

**Fee: \$48 per person**  
includes transportation, Skyline Deck seat ticket (non-refundable) due at time of registration

**Limited seats available! Please register by Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>!**  
Families are welcome—anyone under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Bring a sack lunch or eat at the game!

**New Member Orientation**

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

Those who are interested in joining First Lutheran Church, mark your calendars for the upcoming New Member orientation sessions! Please choose ONE to attend.

- Sunday, June 5 at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, June 12 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

Childcare will be provided. Please let me know if you will need childcare.

**New Members will be welcomed on Saturday, June 26 at 5:30 pm and Sunday, June 27 at 9:30 am.** Please contact the church office if you or someone you know is interested in joining First Lutheran. 532-2429.





## Offering Project

Beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter Sunday, all of the TLC Sunday and TLC Wednesday students worked together collecting offering to be able to gift to hard-working families throughout the world animals through Lutheran World Relief.

WOW!! And look what happened when we all worked together. We raised \$762.02 – That's AMAZING!! Once we collected our offering we needed to decide which critters to purchase from the Lutheran World Relief Gifts program to be sent on. It was decided that each TLC Sunday and TLC Wednesday Student would vote on which animal they thought would be best to buy with the offering money and here is how the voting turned out...

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| 1. Piglet                         | 4. Donkey with Cart |
| 2. Worms                          | 5. Goat             |
| 3. Tie: Hens & Chicks & Dairy Cow | 6. Sheep            |

So...with the amount of money the students gave in offering this is what was able to be purchased and send on to families around the world...

- 2 Piglets -- \$90.00
- 1 Set of Worms -- \$16.00
- 2 Sets of Hens & Chickens -- \$80.00
- 1 Dairy Cow -- \$375.00
- 1 Donkey & Cart -- \$200.00
- Total: \$761.00

Here is a brief description of how the animals will help to the people they are gifted to...



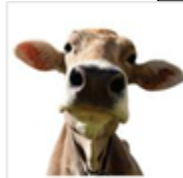
### Piglet

Little pigs grow into big pigs fast. With only a small investment, a woman in Nepal can raise piglets into hogs and support her family with the income. Give the gift of a Piglet today and a woman in need will earn a good price when her little piggy goes to market.



### Worms

Good soil means good crops; good crops mean good prices; and good prices – in countries like the Philippines – mean farmers can afford to feed their families. It all starts with these squirmy worms naturally turning farm waste into fertilizer. This is a can of worms you'll surely want to open.



### Dairy Cow

In some parts of the world dairy cows are used for dowries. In others they are prized for milk that nourishes a family and increases income. For families in Peru, a good dairy cow provides more than six gallons of milk a day.



### Donkey and Cart

Women are a critical part of the economic fabric in their communities – but they often have many duties and only 24 hours in a day! Help women in Burkina Faso increase their productivity with a Donkey and Cart and allow them to cover more ground, quicker.



### Hen and Chicks

For a woman in El Salvador or Indonesia, a farm hen and chicks means eggs to eat, eggs to sell and chicks to grow a flock. Empower one woman and give the gift that keeps on giving ... independence, sustainability and success.

These critters have been sent to smallholder farmers and people experiencing poverty in Africa, Asia and Latin America through Lutheran World Relief. As we purchased these animals through Lutheran World Relief, we are supporting the Lutheran World Relief's mission to end poverty, injustice and human suffering. We are blessed to be a blessing. **Thank you TLC Sunday & TLC Wednesday students!!**

## First Lutheran Women News

### Important Dates

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| June 1     | 5:15pm Women's Board Meeting – Movie Rm    |
| June 6     | 1:00pm Quilting                            |
| June 16    | 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry – Fireside Rm |
| June 17-18 | SW Women's Synod Convention- Willmar       |
| June 20    | 1:00pm Quilting                            |



## Shetek Lutheran Ministries

# CANews FROM CAMP

*Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers*

### Mark Your Calendar

First Day of Camp- June 12<sup>th</sup>  
Golf tournament – June 20<sup>th</sup>  
30<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Auction- June 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>  
Donor Picnic- 5:30pm – July 20<sup>th</sup>  
Pre-marriage Retreat- August 20<sup>th</sup>  
Senior Adult Retreat- August 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>  
Women's Retreat- September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>  
Shetek WELCA – September 17<sup>th</sup>  
Road Scholars – September 18<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>  
Get Outdoor event – October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Octoberfest – October 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Confirmation Retreat – November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>  
Fall toddlers & trees – November 6<sup>th</sup>  
Lutefisk supper - December 4<sup>th</sup> 5:30  
Winter fun day – December 29<sup>th</sup>  
Summer Staff Reunion – 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>  
For more information go to our website [shetek.org](http://shetek.org)



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

Shetek Lutheran Ministries  
30<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Auction  
Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> 2016 10:30a.m.

Quilt previews...  
Friday June 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30p.m.  
Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> 8:30-10:00a.m.

Come join us...

Saturday Worship

June 11<sup>th</sup> - August 13<sup>th</sup>

5:30 p.m.

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Chapel



## Worship Schedule

Saturdays - 5:30pm

Sundays – 9:30am

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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