



First Lutheran Church

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

May 2017 Parish Visitor

From the Pastors...

Starting Manna Jars

“Let an omer of [manna] be kept throughout your generations, in order that they may see the food with which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.” Exodus 16:32

What stories from your life do you absolutely love to tell because they fill you with faith? For the Israelites, one of those stories was the story of being freed from slavery in Egypt and then given manna from heaven. The story goes that just 45 days in, they complained against the Lord and decided they'd be better off back in the chains of slavery.

Then God calls them to start telling a new story, and he wants them to make sure they don't forget it, so he actually asks them to take a jar and put some manna in it, so then any time they get forgetful, they can take out that jar and remind themselves or remind each other: “God was faithful then. God will be faithful now! God was with us then! Surely God will be with us even now!”

I wonder if we too sometimes need a bit of reminding. So I'm starting an experiment, and maybe you'd want to join me. I'm starting my own manna jar. When something comes along that reminds me of God's faithfulness, of the fact that God is good and God is with me—well, then I go ahead and write it down and put it in my jar. Or, if the object's small enough I just put the object in.

My idea is that like the Israelites we too might need a little help remembering, and why not use the same strategy that the Israelites did? So I'd invite you to try this as well—my plan is to keep adding to the jar and to take things out when I'm having a bit of trouble trusting. I'll use it as a constant reminder that God is faithful. God is with us. God doesn't disappoint.

Resurrection Blessings,
Pastor Julie

Children, Families and Youth News



DON'T FORGET ABOUT BIBLE CAMP THIS SUMMER!!

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. \$100 for week-long camps and \$50 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.



S H E T E K
LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

KEEP THE “SON” IN YOUR SONSHINE THIS SUMMER!!!

First Lutheran's DAY CAMP with SHETEK LUTHERAN MINISTRIES!!

And St Stephen too!

Theme for 2017: “The Water of Life”

July 24- July 27!!

For kindergarten (going into)-- 6th 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 in Marshall!
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!! And we're excited to have St Stephen join us this year!

Registration information and details will be coming next month! Mark it on your calendars today!!





CLASS OF 2017 RECEPTION AND BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

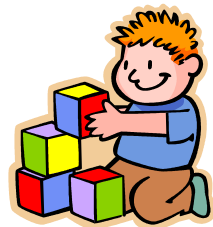
We at First Lutheran Church congratulate you on your upcoming graduation from high school. What an incredible milestone....and we celebrate this with you and your families!

The Senior Reception for the Class of 2017 and their immediate families will be on **Sunday, May 28th at 9am** with a breakfast. The **Baccalaureate Worship Service will follow at 10:45am**. Plan to bring your graduation gown and your confirmation stole and wear them during worship....so...ask mom where the stole is?!?! Ha ha!!

SENIORS - IF YOU HAVE NOT BROUGHT IN YOUR SENIOR PICTURE TO BE INCLUDED IN OUR CLASS COMPOSITE, PLEASE DO SO ASAP! THANKS!

First Lutheran's Class of 2017:

Lexis Arnold, Jonathon Bell, Kevin Berg, Joe Blanchard, Zach Bloemker, Emma Cole, Carson Douglas, Amber Downing, Dylan Dulas, Zach Fischer, Brandon Groenewold, Amira Hasch, Rayne Holien, Jackson Luther, Zach Mortland, Maloy Negen, Brittney Ormberg, Sabrina Perrault, Dalton Petermeier, Mason Reese, Crista Schultze, Daniel Stripling, Mitchell Sueker, Katie Tammeus, Logan Tomasek, and Adrianna Wichmann.



DATE NIGHT CONTINUES BY POPULAR DEMAND TO FAMILIES AT FIRST LUTHERAN! Friday, June 9 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 Youth are sponsoring a "Date Night" just for you! On June 9 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 June 4. 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!

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our TLC Meals throughout this year a success once again!

The Pizza Crew, Education Committee, Esther Circle, Praise Teams, First Lutheran Women, Outreach Committee, Porischs and Brandts, Social Ministries, Executive Committee, Worship and Music, Stewardship Committee, Prayer Shawl Ministries, Property and Management Committee, Bible and Brew, Youth and Family Ministries, Chancel Choir, and Eric Luther with the Whopper Feed!

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our Annual Silent Auction and Palm Sunday Brunch. We hope you had fun. We are so overwhelmed, humbled and thankful for the turn out! We raised \$5900! Woo Hoo!! Thank you for always supporting our youth! First Lutheran is amazing!



FLY Montana Youth will be selling Krispy Kreme Donuts and Coffees!

Until May 10th, the Montana youth will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts (both traditional glazed and the variety flavors) as well as the coffee (rich, smooth, and decaf). Orders will then be delivered on Wednesday May 17th. Traditional donuts will be \$10/dozen. Variety Pack will be \$12/dozen. Coffees will be \$10 for a 10 oz. bag. Krispy Kreme's crave-able treat has been a favorite of millions since 1937. Choose the great taste of Original Glazed® doughnuts or varieties....and support our High Adventures Trip at the same time. (You're craving one right now even reading this, right? Can you taste it melting in your mouth?) Questions or to get connected with a youth, contact Tonya. But don't miss the deadline!

First Lutheran Confirmation Service

First Lutheran's Confirmation service will be held on **Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.** Twenty-three of our young members will be affirming their Baptisms as we the Body of Christ stand with them on this new journey of faith. The students being Confirmed are:



Avery Anderson, Addison Arndt, Aubrey Bjella, Chase Douglas, Evan Estebo, Thor Fischer, Andrew Fuhrmann, Allison Gelster, Rebecca Gelster, Taylor Gilbertson, Abbey Goldtrap, Jenna Holien, Izabella Hunsley, Natalie Johnson, Bensen Kuecker, Regan Luther, Tanner Myhrberg, Natalie Negen, Courtni Nielsen, Kelli Remme, Brevin Runia, Emma Tammeus, Peyton Whitesitt

Confirmation Sunday is a time when we celebrate those among us who are looking to deepen their faith and their participation in the Body of Christ. It is also a time for all of us to re-affirm our Baptism and our calling to proclaim the Gospel in the world.



Every time I think of you,
I give thanks to my God.
Philippians 1:3 NLT

We would like to offer a huge **Thank You** to all who teach, assist or help in any way with our Christian Education Programs here at First Lutheran! We are blessed that each and every one of you chooses to share your faith!! You have given so much of your time and talents in ways that have blessed so many!! **THANK YOU!!!!**



Lutheran Night at Target Field!
August 8th

7:10pm Game vs Milwaukee Brewers



Back by popular demand, First Lutheran and this year St. Stephen as well; will be traveling by a Southwest Coach's charter bus to Target Field to attend Lutheran Night at Target Field! The cost is \$48 per person (due at time of registration) which includes transportation and a Skyline Deck seat ticket. Be watching for registration forms coming soon!!



VBS
June 6-9, 2017
8:00-11:30 a.m.

Registration is open now online:

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/firstlutheran>

Students and volunteers needed! Early Bird Registration by May 5th:

\$20 per student (\$50 family cap)

Registration after May 5th: \$25 per student (\$60 family cap)

Registrations after May 5th are not guaranteed a t-shirt

Sign up today!

Maker Fun Factory Music CDs for sale in office \$7

Questions? Contact Kitsi Marks kmarks@iw.net or call 532-2429

First Lutheran Education programs are wrapping up for the summer soon. Here are the ending dates...

TLC Sunday April 30, 2017
TLC Wednesday May 3, 2017
Confirmation Classes May 3, 2017



VBS Donations Needed:

We are gathering gear for Maker Fun Factory VBS 2017. This year's theme is "Created by God, Built for a purpose!" So, the children will also be busy creating and building during their time at VBS. Therefore, we will need many sets of blocks. If you would like to help with this, please drop off new or used building blocks. We would like a variety of types of building blocks... like Legos, bristle blocks, connecting blocks, tinker toys, etc. These items will be donated to the First Lutheran Nursery at the end of VBS.



Other Important Items

Missional Assessment Profile

First Lutheran was picked at last year's Synod Assembly to use the **Missional Assessment Profile**, a tool to help congregations assess their ministry's impact, effectiveness and potential. This will be valuable information for our leaders in planning and discerning where God is leading our congregation into the future.

The Profile (MAP) is an online survey that we're asking all confirmed members and older to take. You will soon be receiving an email, phone call or letter to get you set up to fill out the profile. Answering all the questions will only take about 15 minutes. All survey responses will be anonymous.

Once you start taking the online survey you need to complete the entire process. You cannot save and return to it at a later time, and all questions must be answered. There is no skip option.

If you are not comfortable taking the survey online, there will be hard copy surveys available at church.

Thank you for your willingness to be a part of this vital process and for sharing your perspectives on the impact and effectiveness of our ministries.

In Christ,

The First Lutheran Church Council

	<u>March</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>2017 Year to</u> <u>Date</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>2016 Year to</u> <u>Date</u>
<u>Operating Revenues:</u>	\$61,181.87	\$162,640.04	\$50,811.51	\$153,086.91
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>	\$62,647.22	\$165,538.72	\$50,883.56	\$162,612.07
<u>Net Surplus/(Shortage)</u>	<u>(\$1,465.35)</u>	<u>(\$2,898.68)</u>	<u>(\$72.05)</u>	<u>(\$9,525.16)</u>
<u>Weekly Donations Needed For</u> <u>Financial Plan:</u>	\$12,285.65	\$12,285.65	\$12,135.69	\$12,135.69
<u>Weekly Donations Received:</u>	\$12,236.37	\$12,510.77	\$10,162.30	\$11,775.92


First Lutheran Women News

Important Dates

May 1	1:00pm Quilting
May 3	9:30am Rejoice Bible Study at Boulder
May 3	5:15pm Women's Board Meeting – Movie Rm
May 8	7:00pm Esther Circle
May 10	6:00am Deborah Circle
May 10	9:00am Elizabeth/Hannah Circle @ Audrey Norris' home
May 15	1:00pm Quilting
May 24	9:30am Rejoice Bible Study @ Boulder
May 31	9:30am Rejoice Bible Study @ Boulder



Save the Date!



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WOMEN OF THE ELCA
TENTH TRIENNIAL GATHERING

Minneapolis, Minnesota
July 13–16, 2017

About our logo The joyful, organic shape of a butterfly—or is it a flower?—represents transformation and growth. Splashes of color honoring the four elements (earth, water, fire, air) spill outside the lines to create an uplifting symbol that is bright, bold and vibrant.

FOR MORE INFO:
welcatg.org

The Tenth Triennial Gathering for all Women of the ELCA, is coming to the Minneapolis Convention Center July 13-16! A Southwest Coach from Southwest Tour and Travel in Marshall is available to take you to the Convention Center for a one-day experience on **Friday, July 14th**! The cost of the bus ride to and from the event will be \$25.00. Registration cost for the day is \$175. You can register online at www.welcatg.org, or take a registration form from the table in the narthex and mail it in with your payment. Onsite registration is also available the day of the event! If you are interested in attending this awesome gathering, please sign up on the list in the narthex. Contact Kim Christianson at 530-2301 or Sara Larson at 828-8423 for any questions.

Shetek Lutheran Ministries

CANEWS FROM CAMP

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers

Mark Your Calendar

May 6th – Camp clean-up day
May 7-12 – Road Scholars
June 10th – summer worship services 5:30
June 11th – First day of CAMP
June 17th –summer worship services 5:30
June 19th –XIX Golf Fundraiser
June 23rd – Quilt preview 6:30-8:30
June 24th – 5k Pelican walk/run 7:30 registration
June 24th – 31st Annual Quilt Auction – 10:30am
June 24th – summer worship services – 5:30
July 18th – Donor Picnic -5:00
For more information go to Shetek.org or Call
507-763-3567



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

Summer Worship Services at Shetek Lutheran Ministries

Every Saturday starting
June 10th thru August 12th at 5:30pm
Join us for weekend worship in
Shetek's Chapel this summer.
Worship will be led by area Pastors and SLM summer staff



Worship Schedule

Wednesdays - 5:15pm (until May 3rd)
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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