



# First Lutheran Church

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

## November 2017 Parish Visitor

### From the Pastors...

Did you know that this year on October 31<sup>st</sup>, we'll commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, way back in 1517? The word commemorate was closely chosen because we want to be mindful of our Catholic brothers and sisters, for whom this day is not a celebration. And throughout this year, the wider church has been marking the occasion in a variety of ways. In October of last year, there was a joint Catholic-Lutheran service in Lund, Sweden which the pope attended. Documents were signed and commitments made to walk more closely together as Catholics and Lutherans. 500 years later, there is more that unites us than divides us, and many of the issues Martin Luther had with the Catholic Church were long ago resolved. To the goal of understanding each other, many Catholic-Lutheran dialogues have been initiated throughout our synod. Often as Lutherans we think of the Reformation with a sense of pride. There's nothing wrong with that, but if that pride makes us think we are better than our Catholic brothers and sisters, it gets to be problematic. If you have Catholic friends, what if you were to just talk to them about their faith, try to understand it a little better?

The other thing that the reformation reminds us of is the Lutheran heritage of being reformers. Not just 500 years ago, but today. We should be proud of being centered on Christ and his word! Always Christ calls us back to him, and back to his word; the church (ours or anyone else's!) can always use some reforming. What do you see in the church of today that could use reforming? Regardless, as we look forward to the next 500 years of the reformation, we give thanks that the Lutheran Church, the Catholic Church, and all churches are in Jesus' hands!

In his grip,

Pastor Julie

## Children, Families and Youth News



### **FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY FALL FUNDRAISER FINISHES UP**

The Youth and Family Ministry Committee and the youth were excited for our fundraiser the month of October. Thank you to everyone who helped by picking up an envelope and donated. **If you still have an envelope, please drop it off at the office.** Hopefully, soon we will have a total to announce to all! Thanks so much for your support and belief in our youth at First Lutheran.



### **Confirmation Parent Forum: Wednesday, November 1st from 6:15-7pm.**

The timely topic is **STRESS!!!**



All parents of 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation students will meet in the Fellowship Hall where a panel of school and community counselors, along with medical and mental health people, will talk about the stress kids face in their lives. The panel will offer suggestions for how families can support their children, and where they can turn for help when it's needed. Time will be set aside for questions and answers during the presentation.

### **College Students recognized in Worship November 25 & 26**

If you have a son or daughter that would be interested in helping with the college recognition worship services on Saturday Nov 25 or on Sunday, Nov 26 (only a 9:30am service)...please contact Tonya or the church office. Plans are being made to put this weekend together. There are many opportunities. Help us welcome back our college-age youth!



Advent is around the corner!! **ADVENT CANDLES** will be available at First Lutheran again for families. This festive 12" tall taper artfully displays 24 numbers detailed in red and green to represent each day of advent. Each day your family can light the candle and watch one day melt away as you visit together about your days. It's simple, faith-filled, and easy to have this activity become a tradition in your household. The candles will be available to you Wednesday Nov 15, and the weekend of November 18/19! Questions? Just ask Tonya. Please, one per family.

**NEW!** Along with the Advent candles, First Lutheran will be passing out **REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR BAGS**. Instead of receiving a treat every day counting down through the season of Advent, we're going to put something in a bag for people who make use of the FOOD SHELF. Every day you're invited to add something practical for a family to use like food items or personal hygiene items such as toothbrushes,



soaps, etc. (As part of your devotions, you could add the item to the bag after you light the advent candle?!)

The month after Christmas gets very busy at the food shelf so any items will be greatly appreciated! On or after December 26th (because Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year), your family can bring your bag to the Kitchen Table-Marshall Food Shelf at 1400 S Saratoga.

Think of the blessings:

- It's a great and different way for your family to give as we prepare to celebrate Christmas.
- It will make you feel good knowing that you're doing something for another family.
- And it will be a wonderful field trip for your kids to see what the Food Shelf is all about. If you can't make it to the Food Shelf, simply drop off your full bag at First Lutheran and we'll make sure that it gets delivered.

SAVE THE DATE! **FLY CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK** will be on SUNDAY, DEC 10<sup>th</sup> and WEDNESDAY, DEC 13<sup>th</sup>



FLY will be hosting our annual Christmas Cookie Walk. Our walk will coincide with the Sunday TLC Christmas Program. Trays will be available for you to fill with your choice of yummy treats or we will have trays pre-filled up in the Narthex ready to go. Pre-packaged containers will then also be available for purchase on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> during the TLC Wednesday Christmas Program. So please save the dates and plan to join us and get your baking done with no mess in your kitchen!

**HyVee Cards available for Purchase!**

The Senior High Youth who are attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston this coming summer, are selling Hy-Vee gift cards throughout the year as a part of their fundraisers. We have \$50 cards and \$100 cards. Everyone needs groceries....and its money you would spend anyway, if not all at one time, eventually. They are good at any Hy-Vee.... And good for gas too! By using the gift cards, part of the money will go to the youth! Thanks!

**Spark Story Bibles "Class" for 2 Year Olds & Their Parents:**

On **Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am** the Two Year Olds & their Parents are invited to attend **"How to read & interact with your child and the Spark Story Bible"** in the Gethsemane Chapel. The Two Year Olds will also be personalizing their Spark Story Bible in a very special way.

The children who are in the **Two Year Old "Class"** have birthdays between September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2015

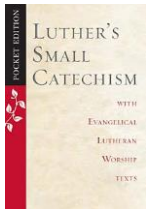
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| Aubrey Anderson   | Jonah Fahl     | Brantley Luckhardt | Josef Zupfer |
| Carson Butzke     | Ryan Fink      | Aria Lundberg      |              |
| Andrew Coudron    | Lyla Greenwood | Austin Miller      |              |
| Simon Engebretson | Harper Griebel | Brooklyn Moravetz  |              |
| Makayla Eulberg   | June Kingsbury | Liam Sirovy        |              |



**Spark NRSV Bible Orientation for Second Graders and their Parents**

Second Grade students and their parents are invited to a Bible Orientation Class on either **Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:15pm** or **Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:45** in the Unfinished Basement. The Second Grade students are...

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| Bella Anderson  | Coby Guenther      | Lauren Paulson      |
| Nash Bigler     | Hawkin Hartman     | Eli Paulzine        |
| Jack Bly        | Cash Heemeyer      | Carter Phillippe    |
| Sawyer Bradley  | Thomas Hindbjorgen | Brooklyn Purrington |
| Bella Brockberg | Nathan Larsen      | Lexie Roberts       |
| Kade Buchert    | Liliana Lonien     | Avery Schauman      |
| Austin Coudron  | Katelyn Moberg     | Nathan Scheele      |
| Peyton DeMuth   | Charlie Moline     | Brody Stensrud      |
| Julia Fahl      | Imogen Moriarty    | Grady Wajer         |
| Alex Fink       | Olivia Munson      | Colton Werner       |
| Bennett Graven  | Jalen Padfield     | Isabella Woodbeck   |



**3 For Heaven's Sake**

**3 For Heaven's Sake! Class** will meet **Sunday, November 19** (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday!) from 9:45 – 10:30a.m. Please come to Rooms 4, 6, & 8 where we will begin with refreshments and activities together. Then there will be bible stories, crafts and games for the children in that room, while the parents gather in Room 2 (Fireside Room) for discussion about parenting preschoolers faithfully.



**First Communion**

First Communion Instruction for 5th Grade students, as well as younger students whose parents feel they are ready and their parents will be held Wednesday, November 8 at 6:15pm in the basement. First Communion will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 15 at 5:15pm, Saturday, November 18 at 5:30pm, and Sunday, November, 19 at 8:30am & 10:45am Worship Services. All 5th Grade students will also receive their First Communion Milestone at this time. Come and join us as we celebrate with the following First Lutheran 5th Grade students receiving The Lord's Supper for the first time and/or receiving their First Communion Milestone:



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| Jackson Alberts | Hunter Gilbertson    | Logan Miller        |
| Aliya Amundson  | Mason Graven         | Carson Moline       |
| Olivia Anderson | Scott Griebel        | Noah Myhre          |
| Tesean Blum     | Benjamin Hindbjorgen | Eli Pedersen        |
| Peyton Boeck    | Kohen Holcomb        | Julianna Purrington |
| Parker Bradley  | Jonah Jensen         | Gavin Schaefer      |
| Tyson Brandt    | Braxton Koster       | Caleb Steilen       |
| Tyrus Coudron   | Dylan Larson         | Jacob Teig          |
| Taylor DePover  | Alex Lim-Bjork       | Leah Teig           |
| Brooklyn Elsen  | Brianna Luckhardt    | Drew Wajer          |
| Taylor Freeburg | Landon Marthaler     | Owen Wilts          |
| Carter Gehrke   | Piper Mellenthin     | Madigan Ziemer      |



**TLC Christmas Programs:**

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** during the 10:45am Worship Service the TLC Sunday PreK through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students will present “The Christmas Story”.

**Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** during the 5:15pm Worship Service the TLC Wednesday PreK through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students will present “The Christmas Story”. Students will go directly to the Gethsemane Chapel after being dismissed from their TLC classrooms at 5pm.

**Other Important Items**



The following people were welcomed to our family of faith at First Lutheran in October!! There is also a New Member Bulletin Board located in the Narthex with pictures of the New Members as well.

Be sure to introduce yourself to our newest brothers and sisters in Christ if you haven't already!!

**Adam & Shelby, Paisley & Cameron Janssen**

**Dave & Elizabeth Koster**

**Tony & Lori Lamb, Autumn McDonnel, Tanya & Morgan Lamb**

**Larvita, Avianna, Taliah, Saphi, & Cameen Mcfarquhar**

**Carol Purrington**

**Joshua Lawrenz & Samantha Ratajczak, Hayden & Aleck Lawrenz**

**Adam & Katie, Evelyn & Hazel Rigge**

**Karen Sweetland**



**Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 12:30pm Dad's Belgian Waffle Fundraiser:** The First Lutheran Education Committee will be sponsoring this event with the proceeds going toward various projects of the Education Committee. Tickets are \$7.00 in advance and \$8.00 at the door. Children 5 and under eat free. Carry-out plates available. Come and enjoy these mammoth size waffles, delicious toppings, sausage, and a beverage along

with wonderful fellowship; all while supporting a great cause! Tickets are for sale in the Church Office.

**First Lutheran Women News**

**Important Dates**

November 1	5:15pm Women's Board Meeting
November 1	9:30am Rejoice Bible Study at Boulder
November 6	1:00pm Quilting
November 8	6:00am Deborah Circle
November 8	9:00am Elizabeth/Hannah Circle @ Jan Mann's
November 13	7:00pm Esther Circle
November 15	9:30am Rejoice Bible Study at Boulder
November 20	1:00pm Quilting
November 22	9:30am Rejoice Bible Study at Boulder
November 29	9:30am Rejoice Bible Study at Boulder



**Save the Date!!** First Lutheran Women's Christmas gathering will be on Saturday December 2nd. Theme this year: Did Someone Say Lefse? Watch for more information coming soon.



We will once again be putting up our Lyon County Heart to Heart Christmas tree November 1<sup>st</sup>. The Heart to Heart organization provides a food box for every family and a gift for every child in need at Christmas.

Our Heart to Heart tree will have ornaments on it with a child's age bracket. Take an ornament from the tree and purchase an age appropriate gift. There has been a special need for boys and girls in the 14 – 18 age categories. Suggested ideas are age appropriate board games, gift cards, movie theatre tickets, hair care items, socks, scarves, hats and mittens.

Bring your unwrapped gift with the ornament attached and place it back under the tree. The gifts will be brought to the armory about December 11<sup>th</sup>, in time to be wrapped and delivered for Christmas.

If you would prefer you may make a cash donation which will be used toward purchasing food, wrapping paper and to purchase gifts for age brackets that are open.

## Shetek Lutheran Ministries

# CANEWS FROM CAMP

*Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers*

### Mark Your Calendar

November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> -Confirmation Retreat

December 3<sup>rd</sup> -Lutefisk Supper 5:30p.m.

December 28<sup>th</sup> -Winter Fun Day 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade

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January 12<sup>th</sup> - Snowshoe & Stargazing

January 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> -Scrapacular Retreat

For more information go to [Shetek.org](http://Shetek.org) or Call 507-763-35677



*Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the wonderful blessings we have been given. The staff at Shetek Lutheran Ministries would like to thank you for your ongoing support to Shetek Lutheran Ministries. We are so grateful to have such wonderful friends like you, who are willing to help make a difference in the faith building experiences of youth and families who come to SLM. Together, we can continue to keep this ministry strong for future generations.*



### Wish List

Xx ft. Aluminum Canoes

Vest Style Life Jackets

Box Fans

Pillows

Bath Towels

Twin & Double Sized Sheets

Puzzles and Games

Arts & Crafts Supplies -

(Pens, Paper, Scissors, Beads, etc.)

Volunteers - leaf raking, mailings, etc.

Dip nets

Kitchen mesh strainers

Yogurt/Cool Whip containers of all size

Perennials--especially native flowers

Birdhouses and birdfeeders

4 drawer dressers for cabins - good condition



### 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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