



First Lutheran Church

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

November 2022 Parish Visitor

From the Pastor...

It used to bother me that Saint Michael the Archangel was awarded the title of "saint." The ELCA, in the hymnals *Lutheran Book of Worship* and the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, (as well as the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod), acknowledges September 29th as a Lesser Festival for Archangel Michael and all angels. I argued that, as an angel, Michael did not have to deal with being born in sin. While Michael is surely great for slaying the Dragon (Satan, Rev. 12:7) he should not be labeled a saint, I reasoned, for he did not deal with all that afflicts humans: doubt, illness, fear and death. He did not pay his "humanity dues," I thought. Admitting, however, that angels must have some type of spiritual struggle, otherwise there would not be "fallen angels" (see Jude 1:6).

I have now come to accept the fact that I do not know enough about angels or "the angel experience" to give an opinion on Archangel Michael's title of "saint." Now that I look at saints as all baptized followers of our Lord Jesus, living faithfully in the body of Christ, I am cautious not to exclude anyone from this term. Yet, it is still in the frailty of being human, that the saints inspire me. The Augsburg Confession (of the Lutheran Confessional documents) states in part that, "It is also taught among us that saints should be kept in remembrance so that our faith may be strengthened when we see what grace they received and how they were sustained by faith. Moreover, their good works are to be an example to us, each of us in his own calling" (Article XXI). I am glad we are encouraged to remember saints; particularly those that have had an impact on us in our lifetime. I am particularly drawn to saints who have had some struggles in their life.

This "All Saints" day (November 6th) will be different for me this year: I will be remembering someone who, with the exception of Michele, Niko and Jake, I am probably the closest to. So "All Saints Sunday" takes on a whole new meaning. I won't be worrying about whether St. Michael has a free ride with his "saint" status; or, if I need the guidance of the *Augsburg Confession* in remembering my mother. All I need to know is my mother, my saint, Sandra Evelyn Mannisto, is safely and joyfully in God's arms. May you remember your saints, name them, and trust they are with God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for eternity. I also wish to thank everyone from First Lutheran for their cards, kind words and prayers for our family at the time of my mother's (my saint's) death. Your kindness will be remembered.

God Bless,
Pr. Mike

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 or donated online. **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.




COLLEGE STUDENTS RECOGNIZED IN WORSHIP SERVICES NOVEMBER 26 AND 27

If you have a son or daughter that would be interested in helping with the college recognition worship services on Saturday Nov 26 or on Sunday, Nov 27 (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. This festive 12" tall taper artfully displays 24 numbers to represent each day of advent. Each day your family can light the candle and watch one day melt away as 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 16, and the weekend of November 19/20! Questions? Just ask Tonya. Please, one per family.

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 27th, 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.



HyVee Cards available for Purchase!

The Sr High Youth, who are attending the 2023 Mission Trip 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!



TLC Sunday Christmas Program
Date Change!!

The TLC Sunday Christmas program will now be on **Sunday, December 4th**.

Dress Rehearsal will be on Sunday, Nov. 20th AND Dec. 4th at 9:30am.

There will be no Worship, TLC, or Youth Events on November 23rd due to Thanksgiving.

Worship on Sunday November 27th will be at 9:30am only.



Looking ahead:

Sunday, December 4 **TLC Sunday Christmas Program** will be held during the 10:45am worship service (There will be TLC during the 9:30 time still). This will include only TLC Sunday students.

Wednesday, December 7 **TLC Wednesday Christmas Program** will be held during the 5:15pm worship Service. This will include only TLC Wednesday students.

First Communion Instruction for 5th Grade students and their parents will be held Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00pm OR Sunday November 6th at 9:45am in the FLY Zone. First Communion will be celebrated during the following Worship Services:



- Wednesday, November 16 at 6:00pm
- Saturday, November 19 at 5:30pm
- Sunday, November 20 at 8:30am & 10:45am

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:

Drake Brockberg	Addison Miller	Mauren Brusven	Anna Moberg
Jacob Buysse	Noland Munson	Kamori Coequyt-Bryant	Aubree Myhre
Brielle Czeck	Casen Pettis	Dakota DeCamp	Morgan Pfannschmidt
Emerson DeMuth	McKenna Runia	Evan Gehrke	Ethan Sanow
Sage Greeley	Preston Sirovy	Signe Hartman	Kyla Sprik
Anna Hindbjorgen	Kyleigh Thooft	Aiden Ingebrigtsen	Sawyer Williams
Aleyah Klogo	Caleb Wilts	Ryan Larsen	Delani Harnack
Brielle Luckhardt	Oakleigh McCoy	Aubree Lundberg	Jack Thomas
Thomas Maxwell	Sydney Streicher		

Women's Ministry

November 1	6:30-8pm Storyteller Pati Kachel
November 2	6:30am Women's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
November 9	6:30am Women's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
November 9	10:00am Peace Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
November 14	7:00pm Esther Circle Bible Study
November 16	6:30am Women's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
November 23	6:30am Women's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
November 30	6:30am Women's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall

Other Important Items

Coloring for Christ (C4C) had its organizational meeting on Oct 7. Anyone is welcome to join. All you need is a desire to help people and enjoy adult coloring. C4C Ministry will meet first Monday of the month at 2:00 in Fellowship Hall. The meeting will be about 2 hours. Next meeting will be Monday Nov 7 at 2:00. Please bring coloring supplies. If you don't have them, there will be some provided at meeting. If you have any questions, please call Paulette Hanson at 507-530-0284.





Second Sunday Fun Day!!: First Lutheran Church invites you to join us Sunday, November 13th from 12-2 in the Fellowship Hall for Turkey BINGO, a Gobble Contest, and a Wobble Contest! It's free and all are welcome to join the fun!

Welcome



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

New Members will be welcomed Wednesday, November 2 at 6:00pm, Saturday, November 5 at 5:30pm and Sunday, November 6 at 8:30am & 10:45am. We are excited to welcome so many wonderful new families to our First Lutheran Family of Faith!! Be sure to look at the New Member bulletin board in the Narthex to find out more about the newest members of our family of faith. Then be sure to greet them and introduce yourself to them if you haven't already!

Kaia Jordahl & Dayton Herigon
Carey, Megan, Aidan & Ethan Mattison
Dennis & Katy Boe
Josh, Randi, & Hailey Larsen
Tammy, Madysson & Makayla Hasert



All Saints Day

We remember those members who have died since last All Saints Day. We ask the Holy Spirit to bless the memory of these loved ones, and other departed relatives and friends. We also pray that God would strengthen us to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ for all people through our words and deeds until suffering and death will be no more.

Terry Bladholm
Dillon Sommervold
Jean Adams
Ernest Moe

Douglas Heise
Lillian Larson
Dolores Rans

LaDonna Swanson
Steven Glaeser
Judy Koepp

On All Saints Day, we also recognize those families who have celebrated a baptism in this congregation over the last year. We pray that God would bless, protect and guide them as they continue to walk their journey of faith in Jesus Christ.

Blakely Esping
Isla Beech
Bauer Hill

Garrett Pfannschmidt
Rupert DeSaer
Ella Steinhaus

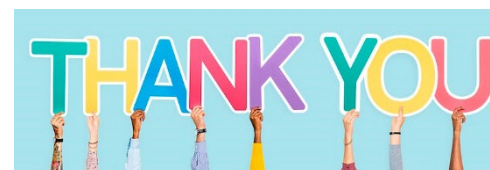
Morgan Pfannschmidt
Walker McCoy
Luka Newman



Thursday, November 17th is First Lutheran's night to help at Esther's Kitchen.

Sign up on the website at www.1stlutheran.org
Click on Serving Schedules

What is Esther's Kitchen? Esther's Kitchen is an outreach of Loaves and Fishes. First Lutherans ministry at Esther's Kitchen is from 3:30-6:00 PM the fourth Thursday of every month. This ministry occurs at Christ United Presbyterian Church 400 W Lyon St, Marshall, MN. When volunteers arrive at the church, they should enter at the 4th street, back door (across from Cornerstone Methodist Church), go down the steps and take a left to enter the kitchen. Christy is the Esther's Kitchen coordinator. She will give you a task to do. Since the meals are not eaten at the site but are pickup, most of the tasks deal with food prep either for the meal that evening, future meals, or snacks for the kids at the YMCA. Examples include: washing and cutting potatoes, washing and cutting fruit and vegetables, browning hamburger, sorting out good from rotten foods, making rice crispy bars, putting meat into pans to thaw. At around 5 PM food will be dished into containers for distribution. Food is ready for pickup by 5:30 PM. Pickup is at the double doors on W Lyon Street from 5:30-6:30 PM. If a volunteer would like, they can sit with Christy during pickup. During food distribution the volunteers not helping with distribution finish any food prep needed for future meals, wash the dishes, and put away any food not used for the meal.



Gods Work our Hands - Thank you everyone who helped with this great event and/or made donations for care kits. 72 care kits assembled for distribution at the food shelf, a dozen cards completed for distribution to members, and 10 blankets for Maggie Jean Foundation boxes. Thank you also to the Outreach Committee for the wonderful lunch. Gods Work our Hands was a huge success.

We give thanks to God for all who have answered the call to serve our country in the armed forces. On November 11th when our nation honors its veterans, we offer a prayer of gratitude for those who are part of our First Lutheran family of faith:



Dale Anderson
Cole Beech
Lorinda Coudron
Chuck Gaffney
Ed Henning
Jess Mellenthin
Richard Parke
Ed Scheele
Ken Versaevel
Marlin Winkelman

Perry Banks
Bruce Berg
Bill Engler
Brian Gelster
Tom Larson
Larry Murphy
Sabrina Perrault
Ray Schmidt
Jeremy Vogel

Harlan Barck
Kevin Berg
Trevor Fales
Jon Goldtrap
Noah Meister
Dude Myhre
Karl Porisch
Cody Schroeder
Jerry Vogel

Wayne Beatty
Brian Coudron
Bernard Fink
Justin Guggisberg
Steve Meister
Audrey Norris
Lee Raske
Melissa Showers
Bill Weber

There is a **Coats for Kids** collection barrel in the Narthex. First Lutheran will now have a barrel year round to accept donations.



Radio Broadcast Sponsors Needed!

Thank you so very much, to everyone who sponsored a radio broadcast in 2022. It is once again time to sign up to sponsor a radio broadcast for the coming year. Each Sunday morning, First Lutheran Church's worship service can be heard on KMHL radio (1400 AM) at 11:00 a.m. This is an important ministry for those who are ill, hospitalized / homebound, or those who have limited vision or mobility. The cost for each broadcast is \$93. It can be done in honor of someone, in gratitude for something or someone, in memory of someone, in celebration of an event, or for no particular reason. During the weekends and Wednesdays, you will find a clipboard on the table in the narthex on which you may write your name(s) next to the Sunday(s) of your choice. Please include your address so the reminder card, sent the month before your chosen Sunday, will go to your current address. At that time, you will send your \$93 to the church office and tell Becky what wording you would like in the bulletin. During the week, you may call Marlene Nordby (929-1647) or e-mail her (tmnordby67@gmail.com) to sign up to sponsor a Sunday. Thank you for supporting this important ministry. Marlene Nordby



First Lutheran will have a group of carolers sing at Light Up the Night at Independence Park on December 16th & 17th from 6:15-6:45pm. The plan is to practice at 5:30pm on Friday at the church. Saturday we will meet directly at the shelter at 6:05. All are welcome - if you'd like to participate email Connie Knott at constance.knott@yahoo.com so music copies can be prepared. Extra music copies will be available for last minute participants.



First Lutheran is hiring a part-time custodian.

Flexible hours!
Inquire in the office.



Congratulations to Marlene Erickson, who won the naming contest for the Unfinished Basement. Here is Marlene in the FLY Zone!

Worship Schedule

Wednesdays – 6:00pm
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 & Bluepeak 17

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