



First Lutheran Church

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

October 2016 Parish Visitor

From the Pastors...

Now you are the body of Christ, and individually members of it. -1 Corinthians 12:27

How have you been using your hands (or your heart, or feet, or anything else that you've got!) to do God's work lately?

I've often thought that we have too small of an understanding of what God's work actually is. It is, of course, the work we do in the church building. But I think a whole lot more of what we do outside of the church building could also be considered God's work. Luther says that even the act of changing diapers is a holy one. I know you're probably thinking a lot of things BUT *that* when you actually change a diaper, but I think we would do well to give ourselves a pat on the back for more of the work we do—more of the regular, everyday stuff we do that makes God happy.

If you have a moment, I'd challenge you to sit down and jot down a list of some things you do in the course of a regular day that might be considered God's work, but that you might not have thought of that way before. Then take a deep breath and feel good about all the ways you use your hands and your heart to do God's work by just loving and serving your families and those around you.

I also just want you to feel good about the fact that as a church family, we really know how to take care of each other. Time and again you have proven that when there is a need of any variety, together we will meet that need. And let me tell you, being a part of a family like that just feels good! I'm also pretty sure it makes Jesus happy, and it should make you feel good, too.

As a final word, I want to share with you an opportunity to be the body of Christ in another way. In the coming weeks we have several opportunities to serve our wider community. October 9 is our big day of service; after church, there will be a meal and you can sign up in the narthex for which service project you'd like to be a part of. There are opportunities for many ages and ability levels, but where we'll need the most people is making fleece blankets. If you can cut fabric or tie a knot, you can do this, and it'll be fun! Blankets go to children who have been through a disaster and who need something to hold onto. If you're not able to help out on Oct. 9, please consider making a donation to purchase blanket supplies, or buying some school supplies, which will be made into kits and gifted to those same children.

I really do give thanks for all the ways that we are the body of Christ together. Thank you for everything you already do!

God's Blessings!
Pastor Julie

Children, Families and Youth News



FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY TO HAVE FALL FUNDRAISER..... The Youth and Family Ministry committee and the youth are excited to again have their fall fundraiser the month of October. Check out the information on the bulletin board in the narthex to get "the scoop" in further detail. We are hoping that the congregation will continue to be as excited as we are to continue

with this concept. Just take an envelope with the amount of a minimum donation you would like to give. It's that simple. Return the envelope to the church office.



And, incorporated with this fundraiser is our **SR HIGH YOUTH'S RAKE AND ROLL** scheduled for Sunday, October 30th at 1pm. As a way to give back to the church with this fundraiser, we will be raking lawns for free. If you would like to have your lawn raked and leaves carried away, just call Tonya. If you know of someone who could benefit by the youth raking their lawn, call Tonya and give her the information.

Thanks once again for supporting our youth!



TENTH AVENUE NORTH Concert

*Marshall High School Gym
Sunday, Oct. 30 6:45pm*

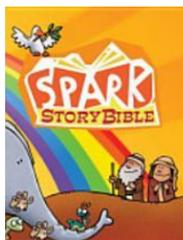
*Tickets are on sale at Hy-Vee or Treasured Times.
\$15 students \$20 Adults
Don't wait!!! Tickets will go fast!!!
And they are more at the door!*

Spark Story Bibles First Lutheran's Two Year "Class"

On Reformation Sunday, October 30th, the Two Year Olds will receive "Spark Story Bible during the 8:30 or 10:45 a.m. worship services. Then, on Sunday, November 6th 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, 2013 – August 31, 2014

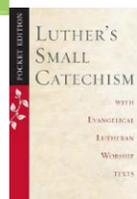
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| Tatum Bigler | Hadley Brandt | Max DeMuth |
| Malayna Hartman | Bella Hopper | Aleck Lawrenz |
| Madelyn Myhre | Layla Oeltjenbruns | Abigail Rogers |
| Nolan Wajer | Maxton Willert | |



Spark NRSV Bibles for First Lutheran's Second Graders

The following Second Grade Students will receive the Spark NRSV Bible, Luther's Small Catechism and celebrate their Bible Milestone on Reformation Sunday, October 30th during the 8:30 or 10:45 a.m. worship services. Second Grade students and their parents will also take part in a Bible Orientation Class on either Wednesday, November 2nd at 6:15pm or Sunday, November 6th at 9:45 in the Unfinished Basement. The Second Grade students are...

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| Marley Alberts | Kolby Anderson | Braeden Berreth |
| Ethan Boeck | Wyatt Brockberg | Keynan Coequyt |
| Leah Christianson | Noah Frazee | Madison Gehrke |
| Jaycee Gilbertson | Easton Greenwood | Bradley Guggisberg |
| Brayden Hopper | Tyler Ingebrigtson | Jaylen Koster |
| Madisyn Linder | Braden Luckhardt | Cora Maxwell |
| Jayden Meister | Tate Mellenthin | Jayden Miller |
| Jaden Padfield | Gage Pederson | Jocelyn Pettis |
| Kezlyn Pinckney | Ethan Rumpfelt | Ahnya Schlenner |
| Jackson Sirovy | Jolie Sprik | Dylan Steilen |
| Cyrus Sumerfelt | | |



3 For Heaven's Sake

3 Year Olds and Their Parents are invited the 3rd Sunday of each month from 9:45-10:30am to the 3 For Heaven's Sake Class. The first class will be Sunday, October 16 and then continuing after that, each 3rd Sunday of the month thru April.

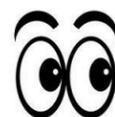
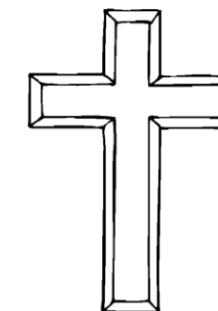
Please come to Rooms 4, 6, & 8 ("the Movie Room") where we will begin with refreshments and activities together. Next, there will be Bible Stories, crafts and games for the children, while the parents gather in Room 2 (Fireside Room) around topics and discussions about parenting preschoolers faithfully. We use a resource book titled *Raising Faithful Preschoolers*. The book explores ways to nurture faith in children by sharing gospel values, celebrating, praying, serving, and developing a strong family life. Participants will also grow in their faith as you enhance your parenting skills, share experiences, and learn from others in the small group. Registration forms are available in the Narthex and in the office.

3 Year Olds' First Day of Sunday School Milestone

To celebrate the first day of Sunday School for your child, the following 3 year olds will receive a glow in the dark cross to remind them of Jesus' love and presence with them at all times. The crosses will be presented during both the 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Services on Sunday, October 16.

The children who are in the 3 year old class have birthdays between
September 1, 2012 – August 31, 2013

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| Gabriella Berreth | Tatum Dahl | Noah Engebretson |
| Jude Fahl | Damien Henning | Harrison Koster |
| Tori Marthaler | Libby Moore | Decker Pollock |
| Kailyn Roberts | DaVinci Sanchez | Dominic Sietsema |
| Brax Stensrud | Leo Swenson | Noah Woodbeck |



Looking Ahead:

Wednesday, November 16

Sunday, November 20

Sunday, December 4

Wednesday, December 7

5th Grade First Communion Instruction for 5th Grade students and their parents will be held at 6:15pm in the basement.

First Communion for 5th grade students will be celebrated during worship at the 8:30 & 10:45am services. All 5th Grade students will also receive their First Communion Milestone at this time.

TLC Sunday Christmas Program will be held during the 8:30am worship service. This will include on TLC Sunday students.

TLC Wednesday Christmas Program will be held during the 5:15pm worship service. This will include only TLC Wednesday students.

Other Important Items

Welcome

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

New Members will be welcomed Wednesday, October 12 at 5:15pm, Saturday, October 15 at 5:30pm and Sunday, October 16 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 greet them and introduce yourself to them if you haven't already!

Adult Forum with LSS Oct. 9, Between Services!

Lutheran Social Services will be here on Oct. 9 to share about all the amazing things happening in Marshall, and ways that we can get involved, too! They'll share more about Camp Noah, the place where we'll send the school supplies we collect as well as the blankets, and they'll talk in general about good things happening in our community as well as opportunities to serve. Grab your coffee and cookies and head on down to the fellowship hall for some great conversation!

Time to purchase your First Lutheran Apparel!!

There are many styles of clothing to choose from and most items are available in both adult and youth sizing!! **FLY T-Shirts are available this time as well!!** View everything at the online store through Western Printing. It is open for ordering now through October 2nd. Orders will be available for pick up at Western Printing.

- Visit www.western-printing.com then click on the Shop tab, click on First Lutheran, and start shopping!!



COMING UP...

ALL SAINTS WEEK – On Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, Saturday, Nov. 5 and Sunday, Nov. 6, we will recognize all of our members who have died or been baptized since this time last year. Their names will be printed in the bulletin, candles will be lit on the altar, and a bell with toll as their names are read at worship. The sanctuary will also feature two tables of candles for anyone who would like to light a candle in honor of a loved one.

Toward that end, we're adding something new this year. The many families who experience baptisms and deaths of loved ones who are not members of First Lutheran are invited to send in the names of their loved ones to also be printed in the bulletin. Please use the following sentence to communicate your information to Becky in the church office **by October 27th** (507 532-2429 or firstluth@iw.net):

Bob Fuller, the loved one of First Lutheran member Scott Fuller.

VETERANS DAY – Friday, Nov. 11th is Veterans Day. If you have a Vet in your family, please send their name to the church office **by Friday, Nov. 4th**. We will recognize our Veterans at worship on Wed., Nov. 9th, Sat. Nov. 12th, and Sun., Nov. 13th.

CONGREGATIONAL TRIP TO GERMANY IN 2018!!

Guten Tag! Wie geht's? We will have an interest meeting on Sunday, Nov. 6th at 9:45 in the sanctuary about a trip to see the Martin Luther sites in Germany in July of 2018. We'll have a preliminary itinerary, projected cost sheet (depending on how many people go) and some ideas to share about how we'll prepare as a congregation for such an awesome experience. The trip is open to families and individuals.

First Lutheran Women News

Important Dates

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| October 3 | 1:00pm Quilting |
| October 5 | 9:30am Rejoice Bible Study at Boulder |
| October 5 | 5:15pm Women's Board Meeting – Movie Rm |
| October 10 | 7:00pm Esther Circle – Movie Rm |
| October 12 | 6:00am Deborah Circle |
| October 12 | 9:30am Elizabeth/Hannah Circle |
| October 17 | 1:00pm Quilting |
| October 19 | 9:30am Rejoice Bible Study @ Boulder |
| October 26 | 9:30am Rejoice Bible Study @ Boulder |



The Quilting group continues to work on making mission quilts for Lutheran World Relief and those in need right here in our own area. We have some very special women we would like to thank who help make our ministry special.

One of our members applied for a grant through Thrivent's Sparking action 'Giving Generously' program. We received seed money to purchase supplies that we were missing in the making of our quilts. We are very grateful for the seed money and we thank the Thrivent member and her daughter for taking the time to apply for this gift.

We also want to thank Kim Christianson for delivering these quilts to the warehouse in St Paul.

We are still looking for person's to join us (don't need to be a member of First Lutheran) for fellowship, laughter, and mid-afternoon coffee and treats. We meet the 1st and 3rd Monday afternoons of each month from 1-4 pm. There are tasks we do during our quilting time but there are also jobs that can be done at home at your leisure. No experience needed (you don't need to know how to quilt to join us).

If there would be an interest we could start a group at other times also.

Call the Church office for contact information.

Shetek Lutheran Ministries

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Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers

Mark Your Calendar

Octoberfest – October 21st & 22nd
Confirmation Retreat – November 4th & 5th
Fall toddlers & trees – November 6th
Lutefisk supper - December 4th 5:30
Winter fun day – December 29th
Summer Staff Reunion – 29th & 30th
For more information go to our
website shetek.org or call 763-3567

**Thank you for
your Support!**



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

**Octoberfest Youth Retreat – October 21st - 22nd
Grades 3rd - 6th grade**



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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