



First Lutheran Church

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

October 2017 Parish Visitor

From the Pastors...

*All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice with us and sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O burning sun with golden beam And silver moon with softer gleam:
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Let all things their Creator bless And worship God in humbleness.
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!*

*Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Words and Music by St. Francis of Assisi and William Henry Draper

You've heard of a church going to the dogs, but have you ever heard of dogs going to church?

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis Day (October 4th), we'll celebrate a BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS during worship here at First Lutheran on the weekend of Oct. 7th and 8th. Dogs, cats, hamsters, goldfish – **all creatures of our God and King** – will be welcomed and prayed for at our scheduled worship times (Sat. the 7th at 5:30 pm & Sun. the 8th at 8:30 am and 10:45 am).

We ask you to bring (and keep!) your larger animals on leashes, and your smaller animals in cages/carriers – and keep them in your cars until the time of the blessing.

Here's how it will work: right after the Prayer of the Day, the congregation will sing a song while all who brought animals will retrieve them from their vehicles and lead/carry them up front to the communion rail. After a short blessing, the congregation will sing another song while the owners return their pets to their cars. Pretty simple, right? What could go wrong??

Actually, I've done this service repeatedly in every congregation I've served and have never had to break up a fight (let's hope this time is not a first for me – or you!!).

So bring your feathered/furry/fishy friends to worship for a blessing. We'll do this with joy for, as another old song puts it:

*All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small.
All things wise and wonderful the Lord God made them all.*

In Christ,

Pastor Scott

Children, Families and Youth News



FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY 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 29th at 1pm. As a way to give back to the church with this fundraiser, we will be raking lawns. 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!

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

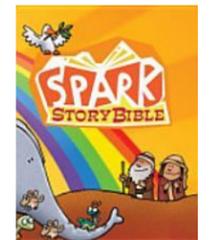
On **Reformation Sunday, October 29th**, the Two Year Olds will receive "Spark Story Bible" during the 8:30 or 10:45 a.m. worship services. Then, on **Sunday, November 5th at 9:45am** the Two Year Olds & their Parents are invited to attend "How to read & interact with your child and the Spark Story Bible" 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

Aubrey Anderson
Carson Butzke
Andrew Coudron
Simon Engebretson
Makayla Eulberg

Jonah Fahl
Ryan Fink
Lyla Greenwood
Harper Griebel
June Kingsbury

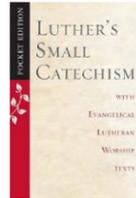
Brantley Luckhardt
Aria Lundberg
Austin Miller
Brooklyn Moravetz
Liam Sirovy
Josef Zupfer



**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 29th** 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 1st at 6:15pm** or **Sunday, November 5th 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 |



Confirmation Parent Forum: Wednesday, October 4 from 6:15-7pm

All parents of 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation students will meet in the Fellowship Hall where Tim Tomasek will be speaking on drug trends seen in the Marshall area. Topics discussed will be drugs frequently encountered in the Marshall area, paraphernalia and associated symbols linked with drugs and drug use, and signs to watch for in people that may indicate drug use. Time for questions and answers will be set aside during the presentation.



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 15 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

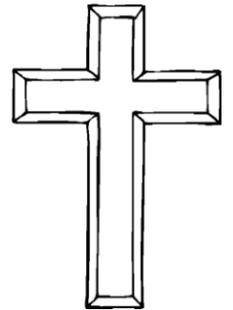
explores ways to nurture faith in children by sharing gospel values, celebrating, praying, serving, and developing a strong family life. Participants will also grow in their faith as you enhance your parenting skills, share experiences, and learn from others in the small group. Registration forms are 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 15.**

The children who are in the 3 year old class have birthdays between September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2014

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| Tatum Bigler | Elizabeth Sik |
| Hadley Brandt | Nolan Wajer |
| Max DeMuth | Maxton Willert |
| Cade Guenther | |
| Malayna Hartman | |
| Aleck Lawrenz | |
| Madelyn Myhre | |
| Abigail Rogers | |



Looking Ahead:

Wednesday, November 8

Wednesday, November 15

Saturday, November 18

Sunday, November 19

Sunday, December 10

Wednesday, December 13

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 5:15pm service. 5th Grade students will also receive their First Communion Milestone at this time.

First Communion for 5th Grade students will be celebrated during worship at the 5:30pm service. 5th Grade students will also receive their First Communion Milestone at this time.

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

TLC Sunday Christmas Program will be held during the 10:45am worship service. This will include only 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

Stewardship Principles # 1

"...but they gave themselves first to the Lord." 2 Corinthians 8:5



Respond gratefully to what God has first given us. All that we do is a response to God's grace. Everything we are, have, and use comes from God. Best of all, God gives the gift of Jesus Christ and the community of believers. It all begins with God. Our confession of faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior is not of our doing. Grateful stewards put God first.



Stewardship Principles # 2

"...you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ."

2 Corinthians 9:13



Obey responsibly to glorify God as a faithful proclamation of God's word. We acknowledge our faith and show our faith in the gospel for the glory of God and for the building up of the body of Christ. This takes courage. It involves our life-long obedience, including the ways we treat our families, others, and ourselves.



**God's work.
Our hands.**

Day of Service: Sunday Oct. 15, 11:45-1:30pm It's time for **God's Work, Our Hands Day**, an ELCA-wide day of service for all ages! This year we have the opportunity of providing blankets for cancer patients at Avera as well as collecting non-perishable food for the food shelf. Sign up in the Narthex! You have a few ways you can help:

- Donate fleece fabric (at least 39" x 76," we will cut), adult patterns/solids
- Donate food
- Donate money to help purchase fabric
- Sign up and show up to help make the blankets (it's easy and fun!) or to take our donations to the food shelf and help there. Invite your friends! T-shirt is included for those who sign-up. We are also in need of LOTS of sharp scissors (that cut fleece well) as well as lots of yardsticks. Consider whether you might want to make a blanket or donation in honor of a loved one who has been through cancer. If you'd like us to print a name in the bulletin, be sure to let us know. These blankets will be greatly appreciated as they wrap others' loved ones in our love and care. Those who serve will receive a free lunch after 2nd service! Talk to Pastor Julie with any questions!

Welcome

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

New Members will be welcomed Wednesday, October 11 at 5:15pm, Saturday, October 14 at 5:30pm and Sunday, October 15 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!

Hey everyone!! Someone's turning 90?!

Pastor Dan Jordahl was a pastor at First Lutheran for 33 years. (1960-1993). He is turning 90 years old on October 24th. We would love to be able to surprise him with a card shower! If you would like to participate their address is:

Dan Jordahl
14222 N Bolivar Dr
Sun City, AZ 85351



First Lutheran Women News

Important Dates

October 2	1:00pm Quilting
October 4	9:30am Rejoice Bible Study at Boulder
October 4	5:15pm Women's Board Meeting
October 7	8:30am Prairie Conference Fall Gathering
October 9	7:00pm Esther Circle
October 11	6:00am Deborah Circle
October 11	9:00am Hannah/Elizabeth Circle
October 16	1:00pm Quilting
October 18	9:30am Rejoice Bible Study at Boulder
October 25	9:30am Rejoice Bible Study at Boulder



The Prairie Conference Fall Gathering of the Women of the ELCA will be Saturday, October 7, 2017, hosted at First Lutheran Church in Marshall. Registration/Coffee is from 8:30am –9:00 am. ending after lunch. Registration fee is \$10.00, lunch included. Break out sessions are from 9:00 am – 9:30 am for incoming officers.

Then the Gathering begins under the Theme of “Going Forth”, from Genesis 28:10. There will be Devotions, singing and Holy Communion celebrated along with The speaker, Pastor Linda Lagergren, sharing on the topic of “The Underground Railroads”. Our own Sara Larson will bring greetings as the newly elected Women of the ELCA Churchwide Board Member-At-Large. Connie Knott and Fartun Ali will inform us of ARAHA – Horn of Africa, and the Marshall Area Global Relief effort, as part of our offering will go to this worthy cause. Please bring food to share with our local food shelf. Needed most are soups of any kind, side dishes such as mac and cheese, chicken and rice. Money is most welcomed as every dollar buys more meals. Thank You. Please carve out part of your Saturday and come enjoy an inspirational gathering of our Prairie Conference Women.

Shetek Lutheran Ministries

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Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers

Mark Your Calendar

- **October 13-14th – Confirmation Retreat**
- **October 20-21st – Octoberfest 3rd-6th**
- **December 3rd – Lutefisk Supper**
- **December 28th – Winter Fun Day**

For more information go to Shetek.org or Call 507-763-3567



3rd -6th Grade
October 20-21
cost \$50.00

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

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