



First Lutheran Church

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

October 2021 Parish Visitor

From the Pastor...

A “blessing of the animals” occurs in many congregations on the first Sunday in October. This date was chosen because the birthday of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and ecology, is October 4th. After a wild youth and a brief career as a soldier, Francis had a conversion experience that inspired him to renounce his family's wealth and devote his life to God.

His journey eventually led him to appreciate the simple things of nature – animals and plants – and caring for both – as his call by God.

We here at First Lutheran will celebrate this Saint's recognition with a “blessing of the animals” at the beginning of October. On Saturday, the 2nd, Sunday, the 3rd, and the following Wednesday, Oct. 6th, we invite you to bring your feathered or furry friend to church to receive a blessing for them at worship.

Here's a cute poem/song that captures the spirit of the occasion:

*I look up and I see God...I look down and see my dog.
Simple spelling G-O-D, same word backwards D-O-G.
They would stay with me all day...I'm the one who walks away.
But both of them just wait for me...and dance at my return with glee.*

*Both love me no matter what...Divine God and canine mutt.
I take it hard each time I fail, but God forgives, dog wags his tail.
God thought up and made the dog...dog reflects a part of God.
I've seen love from both sides now. It's everywhere...Amen...bow-wow!*

*I look up and I see God...I look down and see my dog.
And in my human frailty I can't match their love for me.*

(“God and Dog” http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H17edn_RZoY written, recorded and animated by Wendy Francisco)

In Christ,

Pastor Scott

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...we decided that the online “co-vid style” worked really well.



Two ways to give:

1. Online giving is an option...just go to the website and click on the online giving option and then choose the Youth Fall Fundraiser.
2. Physical envelopes will also be available at the church.

Be looking for “the scoop” for further details soon. We are so thankful that the congregation continues to be as excited as us to continue with this tradition.



And, incorporated with this fundraiser is our **SR HIGH YOUTH'S RAKE AND ROLL** scheduled for **Sunday, October 31 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 we came last year, you still need to call to be on the list again. It changes each year. 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!

Hy-Vee Cards are still available in the church office. We have \$50s and \$100s. First Lutheran Youth get 5% of every \$100 we sell.



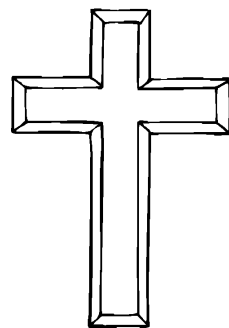
Parent Forum: October 6 : Join us at 6:15pm in the Sanctuary. A variety of topics to help parents help their teens..... It takes a village to raise a child and this village (First Lutheran) comes to learn, pray, and ask questions together! Parent Forums can be for anyone who is interested in attending..... You don't have to have a confirmation aged student to attend. Everyone can learn and be involved for our faith kids! This month's topic: **Anxiety in Youth**. We will have a panel of professionals to visit with. Join us!



3 For Heaven's Sake

3 Year Old Milestone Celebration

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 17** and then continuing after that, each **3rd Sunday of the month** (when possible) **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 17**.

The children who are in the 3 Year Old Class have birthdays between
September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018

Jayden Athen	Finley Esping	Brayden Myhre	Ethan Roberts
Nolan Schueller	Sophia Sik	Brianna Weets	Erica Weets
Colt Williams	Hannah Woodbeck		

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

On **Reformation Sunday, October 31st**, the Two Year Olds will receive "Spark Story" Bibles during the 8:30 or 10:45 a.m. worship services. Also, between services on the same Sunday, October 31st from 9:45-10:45am **the Two Year Olds & their Parents will 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, 2018 – August 31, 2019

Jace Deragisch	Celena Hartman	Bretton Luckhardt
Jenna Mooney	Blakely Olson	Tatum Sorenson
Violet Suby	Brayden Swenson	Oliver Williams



Following Jesus Bibles for First Lutheran's Second Graders

The following Second Grade Students will receive the Following Jesus Bible; Luther's Small Catechism and celebrate their Bible Milestone **on Reformation Sunday, October 31st** during the 8:30 or 10:45 a.m. worship services. Second Grade students and their parents will also take part in a Bible Milestone Class on the same day, **Sunday, October 31st at 9:45am** in the Unfinished Basement. The Second Grade students are...

Kalli Botsford	Madelyn Myhre	Hadley Brandt	Elizabeth Sik
Hudson Hawkinson	Paisley Janssen	Aleck Lawrenz	Tori Marthaler
Brax Stensrud	Harper Thooff	Maxton Willert	



First Communion

First Communion Instruction for 5th Grade students and their parents will be held **Wednesday, October 27 at 6:15pm or Sunday November 7th at 9:45am** in the basement. First Communion will be celebrated during the following Worship Services:

- Wednesday, November 17 at 5:15pm
- Saturday, November 20 at 5:30pm
- Sunday, November 21 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:

Dulanki Alahakoon	Avery Anderson	Graem Bly	Kellen Drake
Madelyn Elsen	Emmett Frazee	Decker Kerkaert	Hayden Lawrenz
McCoy Marthaler	Jamison Olsen	Finley Pelz	Karissa Pesch
Garrett Pfannschmidt	Alex Reaves	Morgan Rokeh	Magnus Schlenner
Chloe Steilen	Bradley Vershelde		



NOTICE

No TLC Wednesday or Youth Activities on 10/20/21 and No TLC Sunday on 10/24/21

This is due to the MEA Break in the schools.





Looking Ahead:

- Wednesday, November 17** 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.
- Saturday, November 20** 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.
- Sunday, November 21** 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.
- Wednesday, December 8** TLC Wednesday Christmas Program will be held during the 5:15pm worship service. This will include only TLC Wednesday students.
- Sunday, December 12** TLC Sunday Christmas Program will be held during the 10:45am worship service. (No regular TLC Sunday this morning) This will include only TLC Sunday 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 6 at 5:15pm, Saturday, October 9 at 5:30pm and Sunday, October 10 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!



Second Sunday Bingo: First Lutheran Church invites you to join us Sunday, October 10th from 4-5 in the Fellowship Hall for BINGO! It's free and all are welcome to join the fun!

Women's Ministry

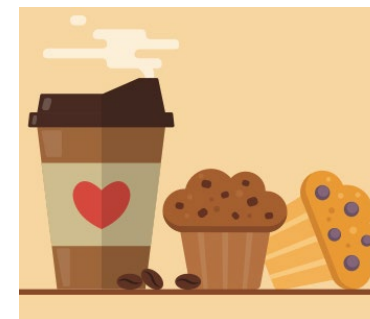
Women's Ministry Bible Study Opportunities

- Wednesdays at 6:30am** in the Movie Room - contact Corlys Knudson at 828-6106
Study: Finding God Faithful - The Life of Joseph
- Wednesdays at 8:30pm** via Zoom - contact Kitsi Marks at 829-6253
Study: Matchless: The Life & Love of Jesus
- 2nd Wed of the month at 10am** in the Fellowship Hall - contact Dawn Planting 828-8157
Study: The Gift of The Holy Spirit
- 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm** in the Movie Rm - contact Kim Christianson at 530-2301
Study: TBD



All Women are invited to the
PRAIRIE CONFERENCE FALL GATHERING
Saturday, October 2nd
Ruthon Community Center
 Hosted by Peace Lutheran
 "God's wink" by Pastor Diana Hunstad

Registration is \$10.00. Day begins with coffee and treats at 8:30 and ends with a complimentary noon lunch. 'IN KIND' Offering: Tyler & Pipestone Food Shelf: Canned goods, paper products or monetary donation. If interested in car pooling contact Corlys at 507-532-2434



The Women's Board invites **ALL women** to a drive-through event at First Lutheran on **October 5th from 6:30am to 10am for a free cup of coffee and mini muffin.** Drive through on your way to work, dropping the kids off at school, or come inside to join others for a time of fellowship. You are appreciated for all you do!

Worship Schedule

Wednesdays – 5:15pm

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 & Vast 17

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