

NEWS FROM OUR PASTOR

Thank you to all of you who have expressed sympathies to my wife and our family on the death of her mother. Your kindness and care are greatly appreciated. We have a special congregation, and I am proud to be of our community.

A community of followers of Jesus is known by the care they show for people and the world. As Jesus reminds Peter at the end of the *Gospel of John*, the answer to the question of “Do you love me?” is to go out into the world and “Feed my sheep.” It takes Peter a while to get that answer right.

On Sunday June 5th, our Strategic Ministry Task Force is going to host a “Coffee and Lemonade” event after worship. We will be one worship experience at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings, and after that we will get a chance to have coffee, lemonade, and conversation to catch on all we have missed over the past couple of years, and to look forward to the next ones. It should be a fun time, and you’ll hear more about in the next few weeks.

The Task Force is also preparing a survey looking at our feelings of connectedness to the ministries of First Lutheran Church. As our congregation seeks to “feed Jesus’ sheep” through many and various ways, we are hopeful that people can connect with us on their faith journeys? How can First Lutheran be a part of your faith journey?

As I write this note, I am hoping that the wind calms down a little, that the rains start to fall, and all those buds peeking out on the branches of the trees open to shiny green leaves. I hope for Spring. I hope for new life. And I hope that your days are filled with the promise of new beginnings, and the satisfaction of completed endings. Blessings always.

--Pastor Scott



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Christian Growth Board Update

The Christian Growth Board reviewed scholarship applications from the following students for the 2022 Scholarships:

Cole Haberman
 Kolton Hammer
 Payton Daggett
 Jake Stirek
 Morgan Rump
 Chase Clausen
 Ella Ross
 Brendon Tysdal
 Sam Lueders
 Emma Cada
 Sydney Chance
 Rachel Parks
 Tyler Andersen
 Kip Tupa
 Dexter Larsen
 Wesley Gunderson
 Rylee Edgell
 Kendra Loseke
 Dylan Berg
 Mckenna Schlueter
 Paige Daggett
 Bria Kobs
 Carson Hernandez
 Olivia Baker
 Cade Ulven
 Joshua Rogge
 Evan Cada

We are pleased to announce that each applicant will receive a \$500 scholarship.



**WE REMEMBER IN
OUR PRAYERS-Please keep these
people in your
thoughts and prayers**

†Family of Linnea Alexander (mother of Pastor Chris Alexander)
 †Frank Korshoj - healing
 †Mary LaScala
 †Jenae - healing
 †Tim Jensen - healing
 †Debbie Kempcke - cancer - healing
 †Kenny Truhlsen
 †Dick Shaw
 †Dale Mruz - healing
 †Melissa Templar - healing
 †Clark Jenson - prayers and healing
 †Martin Kuhr - prayers and healing
 †Nicole Schmidt - prayers and healing
 †Riley
 †Wayne (father of Deb Henson) - prayers for healing
 †Jeff Gunderson - healing
 †Georgia (great niece of Debbie Katt) -prayers & healing
 †Kyler Reed - healing
 †Justin Roberts-healing
 †Scott & Katie Abrams - prayers & healing
 †Kay Melby (Angela Ulven and Kari Hernandez's mother) - healing
 †Mr. S. Akot - healing
 †Patrick McKinnis - continued healing
 †Stacy Thompson Green (daughter of Marcy Bottorff) – prayers & healing
 †Lisa Garcia – strength & healing
 †Larry Kastrup – healing
 †Leo Aguilar-Hicks – healing for Leukemia
 †Lekura Parish
 †Lutheran Disaster Response and all those we name in our hearts.

Baptized at our Font:
Soren Miller

***Please see the Summer
Worship Schedule:***

Saturday at 5pm in Sanctuary

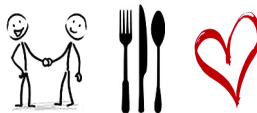
***Sunday at 9:30am in LIFE
Center - Starts on Sunday, May 29th***

***Sunday at 7pm in Prayer
Garden - Starts on Sunday, June 5th***

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MWM

MID WEEK MEAL



Pickup or Delivery

We serve our meal in the east parking lot
2146 Wright St.

Wednesdays 5:30-6:30pm

For Planning

Text # of meals to 402-533-0918
NOT REQUIRED

For Delivery

Text name & address & # of meals
402-533-0918

Volunteers **STILL** Needed!!

Cooks

You join a group of folks to cook the meal on
Wednesdays 1pm-3:30pm

Servers

You join a group of folks to serve the meal into to-go containers on Wednesday 4:45-6:30pm

Delivery Drivers

You deliver meals to about 6 locations on
Wednesdays 5:30-6:30pm

Please contact Erika if you can volunteer!!
All times are flexible—weekly, biweekly,
monthly, whenever it fits into your
schedule!



FLC Garage Sale August 4—6, 2022!!

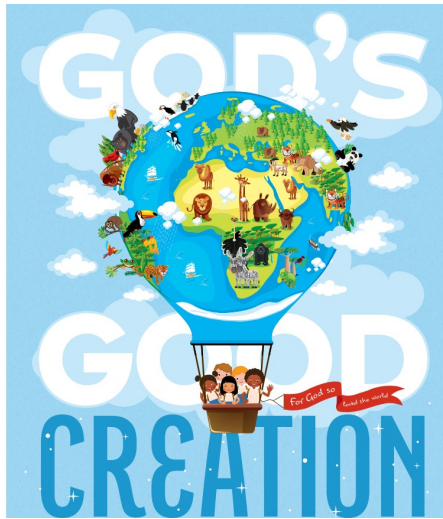
Do you have clutter you need to get rid of?
Would you like to support FLC ministries?
Donate your items—we can take them anytime!!

Furniture, appliances, clothes, toys, ANYTHING!!
For more info, contact Tracy Gross (402-720-4139) or
Liz Soderberg (402-250-6818)!



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VBS 2022!!



And, we need **YOUR** help!!

- Teachers
- Station Leaders (Outdoor Games, Art, Simulation Station and Storytelling)
- Classroom and Station Helpers
- Donate Art and Snack Supplies
- Decorating team to prepare for the week
- Behind the scenes work prior to VBS
- Kitchen Staff

Please consider being a part of our exciting week!

JULY 11-15, 2022

Mark your calendars now!!

CONFIRMATION

21 eighth graders will be confirmed at FLC on Sunday, May 1st. Please congratulate these students, and pray for them as they enter a new phase of their faith journeys.

Jaydyn Backman	Kenna Nielsen
Jaxson Burns	Ruby Petersen
Hayden Daggett	Ella Pike
Trevor Furchert	Lexi Polzin
Charlie Gutzmann	Maxwell Rump
Colton Jenson	Lydia Schaapveld
Sophia Kempcke	Jacy Schueth
Abby Leggett	Quinn Thompson
Owen Mann	Brady Wolff
Diane Mitchell	Brady Work
Maelie Nelson	

Cookies, Cookies, Cookies

Please help FLC and the Blair Community
We need more people to sign up for May and June

We are in need of Cookies for the Mid Week Meal!

PLEASE, if you're able to provide 3 dozen cookies/bars for a meal. You can sign up with Erika, please call or text her at (402) 533-0918.

Thank you for helping us continue to serve our community (200-250 individuals) every week.

Thank you!

The Christian Growth Board would like to remind members of FLC to consider including the Christian Growth Fund in your estate planning.



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Plant Sale

Thursday, May 5th
Times to be
Announced - Times
on Thursday will
depend on delivery times

Friday, May 6th
8:30am-6pm
Saturday, May 7th
8:30am-12:00 Noon

*Held in the Fellowship Hall of:
First Lutheran Church
2146 Wright Street • Blair
402-426-4073*

HAPPY Mother's
DAY



May 8, 2022

First Lutheran Church
Mask Policy.
Please see message
below:

**At FLC, we
strongly
recommend
all individuals wear
a facial mask
while inside
our building.**

We are now livestreaming our
worship services on Facebook Live.

Please join www.facebook.com/flcblair to be
alerted whenever a live video begins.
This is a real-time, virtual worship
experience, and we
invite you to join us if you can't be with us in
person.
Each live
video will begin as the regularly scheduled
worship time.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed
Monday, May 30th for
Memorial Day.



Thank You Notes

Holy Week/Easter Thank You

One of the first pieces of advice Pastor Scott gave me during my supervision 8 years ago was: Anything worth doing is worth doing together.

Holy Week and Easter is my favorite time of year (maybe more than Christmas!) and I want to take a little bit of space in this newsletter just to say, "thank you".

Thank you to all the leaders, office volunteers, musicians, singers, lectors, communion assistants, hospitality folks, teachers, guides, parament teams, folks who set up and tear down, clean, film, run sound and PowerPoint, and, most importantly, to the congregation.

This Holy Week over 600 people worshiped, prayed, and sang together both in-person and online with First Lutheran Church.

Our young people ministered to us in song on Palm Sunday morning and again in the evening with a brilliant reading of the Passion Story.

We commemorated the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday and showed solidarity with 17 of our young members as they joined us at the Lord's Table for the first time.

We prayed together and yearned together on Good Friday and at our Saturday Vigil.

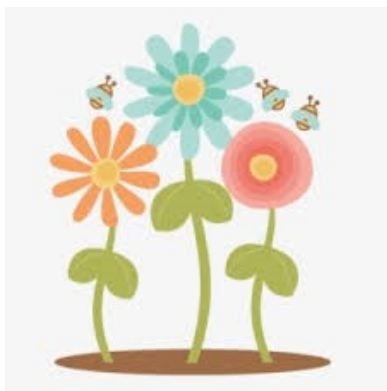
Then, we joyfully celebrated together on Easter morning.

Anything worth doing is worth doing together.

Easter is, certainly, worth celebrating.

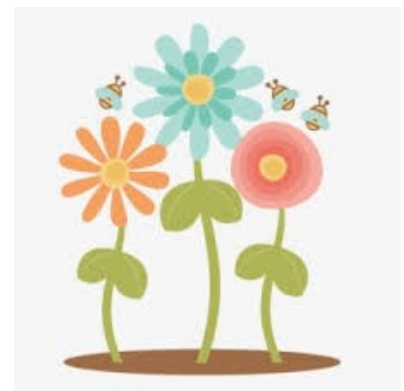
Thank you to all of you for showing up and sharing some of yourself with us.

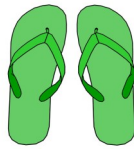
-Vince Krysl, Director of Worship



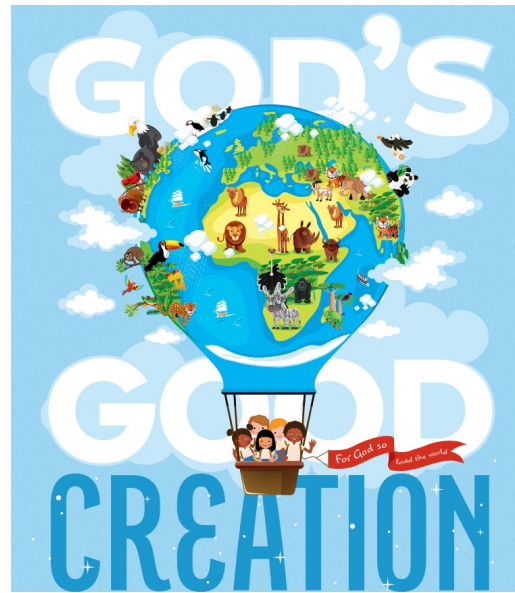
Women's Spring Gathering-Thank You

The luncheon committee for the Metro East Spring Conference would like to thank those who volunteered to help serve the meal on Saturday, April 2nd and clean up after. We appreciate you taking the time to help us. Thank you.





VBS 2022



July 11-15, 2022

Go to www.firstlutheranblair.org
to register on our Google Form!!

Please register your kids as soon as possible
to help us plan.

Summer worship

Saturday @ 5pm in Sanctuary
Sunday @ 9:30am in LIFE Center
Sunday @ 7pm in Prayer Garden



FLC YOUTH
News!!



Do justice, love
kindness, and
walk humbly with
your God.

Micah 6:8



VBS 2022



*Do you love little kids?
Join us for VBS! Bring a friend!
Contact Erika if you'd like to help out!
July 11-15 @ 9am -12pm*

2022 ELCA
YOUTH GATHERING
boundless
GOD BEYOND MEASURE

Chicago Prep!!

June 5th @ 5pm

Dinner

Trip Updates

What a "Mission Trip" means

REQUIRED for participants only
(No parent attendance needed)



CONGRATULATIONS
GRADUATES!!

Blessing of FLC Graduates
Sunday, May 8th 10:15am

****Seniors, please let Erika know if you plan to attend.**
Also, please give a senior photo & a toddler/baby
photo to Erika by May 2nd.

6th - 12th Youth!!

**Watch your texts for
summer events!!**

Text Erika at 402-533-0918 if you
do NOT receive Remind Texts
about Youth Activities!!

To Serve As Jesus Served... *projects and events of the church, the community, and the world reported monthly by the FLC Social Concerns Committee.*

**FLC AMBASSADOR
SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE
May 2022**

THANK YOU to ALL who contributed to our LENTEN INGATHERING for LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES for REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT. We collected **498 items** for our **“Bathroom Shower.”** Thank you for being a part of resettling 100 refugee families! Jim Peterson graciously delivered the items to the LFS warehouse in Omaha. Thank you, Jim!



EQUAL EXCHANGE Products—coffee, tea, nuts and chocolate bars—will again be available for purchase at our Saturday night worship service on Saturday, April 30, and at the Sunday, May 1 worship services, and also the next weekend, at the May 7 and 8 worship services. These products will again be available every first weekend of the month. What a wonderful way this is to support third world farmers, so they can sell directly to consumers, providing them with a fair income that will help them care for their families and improve their communities!

Our **MOTHERS' DAY INGATHERING** for our local **Crisis Center, “THE BRIDGE,”** will begin on **SATURDAY and SUNDAY May 7/8** and extend through **May 31.** **Needed items are:** Tracfone & Minutes, Copy paper, Stamps, Cleaning buckets, Hair shampoo and conditioner, Toilet brushes, Toilet paper, Paper towels, Old cell phones, and Bottled water. The following **snacks** are also requested: Granola bars, Rice Krispy treats, individually wrapped snacks, and cookies. You are invited to place these items in the bins provided in the narthex. If you prefer to make a monetary gift, please make your check out to **“The Bridge”** and drop it off at the church Office. What a wonderful opportunity this provides for assisting these “mothers in need”!



FLC Social Concerns Committee is seeking new members! Come join a busy team that works to help others in the community and around the globe, and who truly desires to “Serve as Jesus Served.” If that sounds like you, please contact Lynette Jennings (402-278-0164), John Mark Nielsen (402-427-4443), Jim Peterson (402-426-2716), Trudy Hutton (402-426-4358) or Jess Fredericksen (402-278-2232) if you desire more details. Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, May 16, in the church library.**

An ONGOING WAY IN WHICH YOU CAN BENEFIT OTHERS!

.. Bring your Family Fare receipts to the Food Donation Box in the narthex which, when turned in to Joseph's Coat, benefits the **Washington County Food Pantry.**



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FLC 2022 Graduates



Tyler Andersen
Olivia Baker
Nikita Churchill
Paige Daggett
Rylee Edgell
Kolton Hammer
Carson Hernandez

Alexis Kempcke
Luke Ladwig
Brock Nielsen
Joshua Rogge
Brooklyn Ross
Landon Templar
Kip Tupa

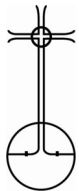
We offer our congratulations and best wishes to our 2022 high school graduates as they move on to the next phase of their lives. May God bless and keep you!

Health Kit Items

Reminder: You can donate items for the Health Kits that the Women put together. Please see a list of items to donate below:

Bath Towels, Ivory Soap, Nail Clippers, and Toothbrushes

If you would like to donate these items you can donate by dropping off at the church office. Thank you!



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BLAIR, NE 68008
May 2022