

NEWS FROM OUR PASTOR

During the Summer our weekend worship will be centered around Jesus Christ and the sustainability of faith. Entitled “From the Garden to the Table” we will look at how God from the very beginning in the Garden of Eden until the Last Supper sustains our faith through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Usually, these days when we think of “sustainability” we talk about it in terms of natural “resources,” and ways that we can continue to meet the needs of an ever-growing world population with food and shelter. Can we find ways to keep water safe and drinkable? How can we nurture the land so that it produces enough food? Even our home gardens and lawns seek to be sustainable. Our faith is no different in many ways: our relationship to God seeks to last. Our faith desires to be a continual source of nourishment for our lives.

So how do you nourish your faith? What feeds your relationship with God? We are blessed this year to have communal in-person worship together as a way to nourish faith. Many people have missed being able to worship together here at the building on 21st and Wright Streets, and we are thankful to have the opportunity to gather once again together. Communal worship is an important faith practice.

And there are others, with prayer often leading the list of sustaining faith practices. Serving your neighbor also is a popular faith practice, and can sustain not only your faith, but the faith of others as well. Reading scripture is still a way to sustain faith, and nothing can be better timed than a scripture-based meme on Instagram that seems to calm your soul. Many people have used their generosity to sustain their faith, and we are thankful to be the recipients of so many people’s financial resources. It is a blessing.

I hope this summer’s worship will encourage you in your faith practice and habits, and perhaps even suggest a new one? Sustainable faith, as with sustainable food sources, blossoms from God’s grace through our attitudes and actions. May your summer be a blessing, and may your faith be sustained.

--Pastor Scott



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Saturday Drive-Thru Communion

The Saturday afternoon Drive-Thru for communion wine and wafer will be discontinued. People who participate in communion on-line are encouraged to use their own bread and wine (or juice or crackers or whatever) for Holy Communion. If you need communion elements please make contact with Pastor Scott, and arrangements can be made to get the celebration cups to you for your use. All in-person worship experiences at First Lutheran currently offer communion each time. No matter how you do it, please join in being part of Christ's body and blood each week.

Our Mid Week Meal is in need of cookies/bars.

PLEASE, if you're able to provide 3 dozen cookies/bars for a meal, **PLEASE** sign up by contacting Erika Cada at (402) 533-0918. We are needing 18 dozen cookies/bars each week for the Mid Week Meal. We are needing people to sign up for future dates.

You can call or text Erika.

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



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

†Family of Dorothy Thomas
 †Family of Ronald Fuhlrodt
 †Family of Ed Anderson (brother of Joe Anderson)
 †Family of Rev. John W. Nielsen
 †Family of Roger Stork
 †Wayne (father of Deb Henson) - prayers for healing
 †Pat Bentsen - prayers for healing
 †Jimmy Shaw- healing
 †Jeff Gunderson - healing
 †Scott Ross- healing
 †Kyler, Sydney, and unborn baby, Keyson (nephew and family of Deb Henson) - strength & prayers
 †Georgia (great niece of Debbie Katt) -prayers & healing
 †Sharon Parsons - healing
 †Barb
 †Rod
 †Ann Grinbergs - healing
 †Kyler Reed - healing
 †Arland Gross (father of Jerry Gross) - prayers & healing
 †Justin Roberts-healing
 †Malachi Chrans-surgery & healing
 †Gary Ford-prayers & healing
 †Kenneth Wilson (father of Melody Dubon) - healing
 †Clyde Johnson - healing & prayers
 †Scott & Katie Abrams - prayers & healing
 †Jim Dinsmore
 †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
 †Washington County Food Pantry
and all those we name in our hearts.



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

NOTES ♦ DATES ♦ REMINDERS

MWM

MID WEEK MEAL



Pickup or Delivery

We are serving 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



Do you have donations for the FLC Youth Garage Sale?

Do you have clutter you need to get rid of?
Would you like to help FLC Youth earn money for
their trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering?

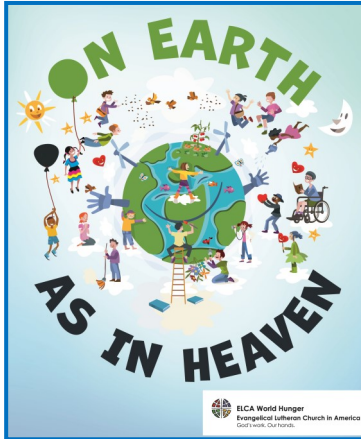
Donate your items—we can take them anytime!!
Furniture, appliances, clothes, toys, ANYTHING!!

Contact Erika for more information!
Donation receipts available!



NOTES◆DATES◆REMINDERS

VBS 2021!!



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

- Art Teacher(s)
- Classroom shepherds
- Music Helpers
- Donate Art Supplies
- Donate Snack Groceries/Supplies
- Decorating team to prepare for the week
- Plan behind the scenes in weeks prior to VBS
- First Aid/Nurse
- Kitchen Staff for Snacks
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JULY 12-16, 2021

Mark your calendars now!!

**Please consider being a part of our
exciting week!**

If you can help in person during the week, please contact Erika, 402-533-0918 or ecada@firstlutheranblair.org

If you would like to help **donate art supplies** and/or **snack groceries/supplies**, please let Erika know.

You will be included in the email with more donation information.

The Front (South) door of FLC is
open
Mondays-Thursdays from
8:30am-4:30pm and
Fridays from 8:30am-3:00pm. If you
have questions please call the
church
office at (402) 426-4073.
Thank you!

HAPPY 
FATHER'S
Day! 
June 20, 2021

NOTES♦DATES♦REMINDERS

Sunday Night Live Worship!

June 6, 13, 20, and 27th @ 7pm

Join us for a new worship experience with live music, activities, holy communion, and a message each Sunday evening.

Join us for a new style of worship to begin each week this summer.

June Theme: Faith & Doubt

ALSO!! Join us for an FLC picnic on June 6th!

Bring your picnic to the church lawn prior to worship!!

Please join us anytime 6-7pm on the south lawn.



Family Fare Receipts

We are still taking Family Fare Receipts here at First Lutheran Church. There is a box in the Narthex to put the receipts in. Your receipts help FLC. When you are

bringing your Family Fare Receipts and putting them in the box to donate please make sure that you are bringing the entire receipt, not just the portion that says Direct Your Dollars.

We actually need the entire receipt to get credit from Spartan Nash.

Thank you very much for all of your help and donating your Family Fare receipts.

New Christ in Our Homes are here

Christ in Our Homes-If you would like a Christ in Our Homes daily devotional there is a small tote outside the front door of the church, and there will also be some on the Welcome center and the Usher table outside of the LIFE Center to pick one up if you are needing one for July, August, and September. The Christ in Our Homes is a book that has a daily devotional to read and pray. Please stop by and pick one up if you would like or if you need one delivered please call Dawn at (402) 670-3682.



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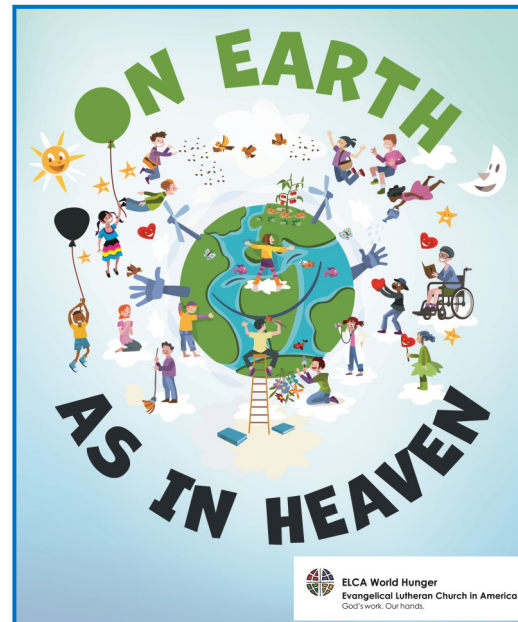
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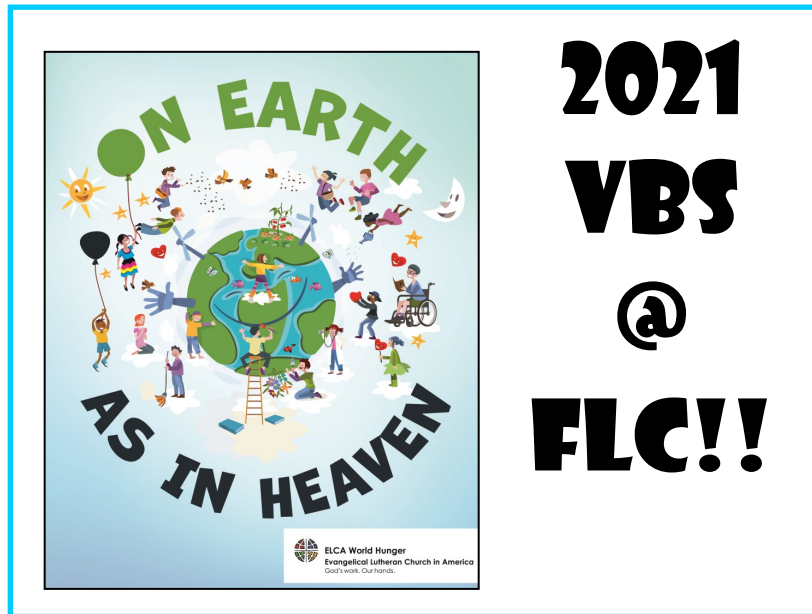


July 12-16, 2021
9am—12pm

VBS is **AT CHURCH** this year!!
Registration form included in Ambassador.
Contact Erika if you still need one.

ALL children 3 years old thru 5th grade are welcome! Spread the word!!

Contact Erika if YOU can help make this week one to remember for our kiddos!



WHEN: July 12-16, 2021, 9am-12pm

WHERE: 1st Lutheran Church, 2146 Wright St. Blair

WHO: All 3 year olds—5th graders

COST: \$10/child suggested donation (\$30 family maximum)

If this fee is burdensome, please contact Erika Cada. No child will be turned away.

DEADLINE: June 30 (for planning)

Registrations will still be accepted after this date.

CONTACT: Erika Cada, FLC Director of Children's & Youth Ministries

402-533-0918 or ecada@firstlutheranblair.org

<u>Child's Full Name</u>	<u>Bday</u>	<u>Grade Finished</u>	<u>Health Concerns/Allergies</u>

Form continued on back

Parents'/Guardians' Name(s): _____
Address: _____
Daytime Phone: _____
Email: _____
Emergency Contact Name/Phone: _____

Consent

_____ (children's names) has/have my permission to participate in Vacation Bible School sponsored by First Lutheran Church, Blair, NE. I understand this organization, their staff and anyone associated with this program will not be held liable for any accidents, injury or illness which may occur during the course of this event. I further understand that my child(ren) will be expected to abide by any rules and standards which are set for the group (including rules regarding masks and other Covid-19 protocol). Moral and ethical behavior consistent with a Christian group is expected of all participants at all times. As parent/guardian, I offer my support to that end.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Photography Consent

I/We, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of _____ (children's names) **DO / DO NOT** (circle one) give my permission to FLC to use any photographs and videos of my child(ren) taken during the 2021 Vacation Bible School event in promotion materials such as newspaper ads/brochures/social media and the church website, www.firstlutheranblair.org.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

For Office Use Only:

Paid: Yes / No

Amount:

Scholarship:



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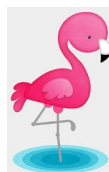
FLC Youth Events Coming Soon:

Ropes Course at Camp Carol Joy Holling

Outdoor Movies

"Lock-Out" - more info to come

Watch your texts and emails for more details in the coming weeks!



FLC Youth Flamingos may be headed your way!!



2022 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING
boundless
GOD BEYOND MEASURE

ELCA Youth Gathering

Planning Meeting #1!!

June 2nd @ 7pm

This is our FIRST Group Meeting!

These meetings are required.

This meeting is for parent/guardian(s) AND students.

Can't wait to see you!!

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

Micah 6:8



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 - June 2021**

**Please see description on Page 11 of the Bread for the World Offering of Letter 2021.
Sample Letter to send to Congress is below.**

Sample Letter to Congress

[Date]

[Rep. Jeff Fortenberry]
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

[Sen. Deb Fischer]
[Sen. Ben Sasse]
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator _____, OR Dear Representative _____,

Hunger is reaching historic levels. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to devastate communities across the United States with a disproportionate impact on Black, Latino, and Native American families, and immigrants, and worsening the effects of hunger and poverty around the globe.

The pandemic has exposed vulnerabilities in our safety net and food systems from farm to fork. And child hunger in both the U.S. and abroad has skyrocketed. Specifically, Congress should:

- Make the expansion of the child tax credit in the American Rescue Plan permanent and available to all children regardless of immigration status. The CTC expansion will lift millions of children out of poverty, as well as help reduce hunger and narrow the racial wealth gap exacerbated by unemployment amid COVID-19.
- Increase U.S. leadership and funding for global nutrition programs without which an entire generation may be denied of their God-given right to flourish.

Now more than ever, my faith calls me to stand alongside impacted people in my community and around the world. Let us work together to ensure U.S. policies help people move out of poverty and feed their families in the U.S. and around the world.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
[Your Address]
[City, State ZIP]

Bread for the World Offering of Letters 2021

FLC will be participating in the annual BFW Offering of letters June 5-6 and we welcome the congregation's involvement in this important event. As many of you know, Bread for the

World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. By changing policies, programs, and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist,

they provide resources and support at home and far beyond where we live. Over the years, the offering of letters and emails from congregations have helped inspire our leaders in Washington, D.C., to pass legislative victories that reduce hunger in the U.S. and around the world. As you may suspect, the pandemic has increased the need substantially with 270 million people globally facing extreme hunger – this is nearly double from pre-pandemic statistics. Child hunger has reached historic levels! Join us in early June – we'll have letter packets prepared for you to take home or take a few minutes to send an email or write a personal letter using the suggested sample below. If you wish to email our Congressional members, please visit [2021 Offering of Letters to Congress - Bread for the World](#) or learn more at www.bread.org.



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 desire 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), Herta Bouvia (402-533-2903), or Trudy Hutton (402-426-4358) for more information. Please contact one of the above persons if you desire more details.





Thank You Notes

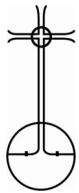
Women of First Lutheran,

Thank you for the many supplies for the Saved to Serve Opportunity at Carol Joy Holling Camp. The fleece and Beanies will go to MOASIC for their people. The other supplies go to Camp for the 'Welcome Bags' for their Summer Counselors. I am sure the counselors will appreciate the bag of goodies as they begin their summer! Thanks again for your supplies.

God Bless You!

Nancy Johnson

(NWSO Saved to Serve team)



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