

NEWS FROM OUR PASTOR

It's exciting to be thinking about our Fall ministries this year. The past couple of years have been rather subdued in the planning as there was so much uncertainty because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Although we still must practice safe hygiene, there is much more optimism going forward this year, as we think about the children and youth gathering together for Life Night and other activities.

Fellowship is a cornerstone of ministry, and much of Jesus' ministry is recorded to have been around dinners, and other times—such as worship—when people gather together. Since fellowship, or any gathering, was what was most concerning about spreading the virus, our congregation as with many others curtailed many fellowship ministries during the pandemic. Our Senior Adult Advent and Lent worship and meal is one example of a ministry we had to postpone, and even this past Lent we had some of our local facilities have to decline participation because of COVID-19. This may be how things go from now on, where outbreaks of a virus move some to avoid gatherings in order not to spread disease?

We are hosting an FLC Fall Kickoff! On SATURDAY AUGUST 27 following our 5 pm worship that evening. The worship will include our annual Backpack Blessing for children, and there will be dinner, Gaga Ball for youth, and a family movie. I encourage you to be part of this event, especially if you have missed being part of the fellowship of this congregation. This is a wonderful time to see God in action in the stories, food, games, and laughter in the people of First Lutheran. Remember, it's more fun when we can do it all together.

--Pastor Scott



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***Final Outdoor Sunday
Evening Worship of the
Season!
July 31st at 7:00pm***

We have had a good time this summer enjoying our grounds as we worship God on Sunday evenings. The first few weeks the weather did not cooperate, but lately the experience has been wonderful. If you haven't had the opportunity to try this worship yet, Sunday, July 31st at 7:00pm is our last one for this summer. Bring a lawn chair, find a spot amongst the many shady trees, and listen to music, pray, and celebrate communion with us. There is a place for you here.

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

- ✝ Family of Arvin Hernes
- ✝ Merriebeth Ferguson (sister-in-law of Merriellen Bourn) - cancer - healing
- ✝ Chris Kesling - healing
- ✝ Tom - prayers
- ✝ Russ Sonderup - prayers
- ✝ Jeff Mount - heart surgery recovery
- ✝ Terry Paulsen - prayers
- ✝ Jeff Gunderson - healing
- ✝ Alex - surgery & healing
- ✝ Pat Bentsen
- ✝ Carolyn (mother of Deb Henson) - prayers for healing
- ✝ Wayne (father of Deb Henson) - prayers for healing
- ✝ June Jenson - prayers & healing
- ✝ Frank Korshoj - healing
- ✝ Mary LaScala
- ✝ Jenae - healing
- ✝ Tim Jensen - healing
- ✝ Debbie Kempcke - cancer - healing
- ✝ Kenny Truhlsen
- ✝ Dick Shaw
- ✝ Clark Jenson - prayers and healing
- ✝ Martin Kuhr - prayers and healing
- ✝ Nicole Schmidt - prayers and healing
- ✝ Riley
- ✝ 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:
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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

Could you help Erika?

Could you help our *LIFE Night Children's & Youth Ministries* programs this fall?

SO MANY WAYS TO HELP OUR KIDS!!

LIFE Night Teachers/Helpers
(weekly/rotate on Wed night)

LIFE Night Art Prep/Setup
(during week anytime)

LIFE Night Classroom Prep/Setup
(on Wed during day)

Confirmation Faith Mentors
(4 times/year on Wed night)

Confirmation Small Group Guides
(weekly on Wed night)

Confirmation Recordkeeping
(during week anytime)

Confirmation Classroom Prep/Setup
(on Wed during day)

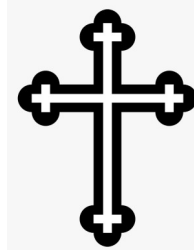
Niners Adult Sponsors
(on Wed night)

9 to 12 Youth Group Adult Sponsors
(on Sunday nights and at events)

Talk to Erika for more info!!

Fall Schedule for FLC

- August 7th** Return to 8:15am and 10:15am Sunday worship times
- August 10th** Weekly Worship Lab Returns @ 6:15pm
- August 17th** Confirmation Orientation @ 6:45pm
- August 24th** 1st LIFE Night with Classes
6:15pm Worship Lab
6:45pm Children's classes and Confirmation
- August 27th** **2022 Fall Kickoff!!**
Worship @ 5pm followed by meal, fellowship, Gaga Ball and family movie!



August 4th—6th!!

It's time for the FLC Garage Sale!!

Thursday, 8/4 @ 8am—6pm

Friday, 8/5 @ 8am—6pm

Saturday, 8/6 @ 8am—12pm

Come find some treasures, & bring your friends!!
Funds support 1st Lutheran Church General Fund this year.



NOTES ♦ DATES ♦ REMINDERS

2022 Kickoff Party!

Please join us as we celebrate FLC's new year of worship, fellowship, and education opportunities!!

August 27th @ 5pm

- Worship
 - Backpack Blessing for all ages
- Presentation of Bibles to incoming 6th graders
 - Meal and fellowship afterward
 - Gaga Ball for Youth
- Family Movie, *Encanto* @ 6:30pm—LIFE Center

Come join us for food, fun, and fellowship to kickoff our new year at FLC! And invite a friend, while you're at it!



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.



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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

Photo Directory...



Photographers will be here October 11-15 and October 18-22 to take your picture for our new Photo Directory. There will be more details as it gets closer. Please watch Ambassadors and eblasts for more details. Thank you!



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.

WOMEN'S NEWS

Newsletters for the Women of the ELCA

The Associated Church press and the Religion Communicators Council have honored Gather and Café magazines with several awards. You can read more about Gather magazine and Café (a new free online newsletter) by visiting www.womenoftheELCA.org/publications



Health & School Kit Items

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

Ivory Soap, Toothbrushes, Pens, Pink Erasers, and One Subject Notebooks

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



Thank You Notes

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the lovely Easter lily. It has given me much continued pleasure. Blessings to you!

Betty Heinsen

Dear Erika, Vince, Ty, and the other volunteers,

I'm just writing one thank you note that you can share with the group but I send a heart-filled thanks to the 6 youth and adults who worked so hard two weeks ago in my backyard.

You transformed it from a jungle to a manageable space and I'm so grateful for your generosity. You not only made a difference, physically, but you took an emotional weight off my shoulders.

All of you were angels who made a difference. After several unsuccessful attempts I am happy to say that I found a new landscaper to take this forward.

Thank you so much for helping me get through this literal and metaphorical "rough patch." You were my answer to prayer.

Gratefully,
Patti Nielsen



Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.
Micah 6:8

ATTENTION 678!!
Confirmation begins in August!!
 Parent & Student Orientation—8/10 @ 6:45pm
 ALL GRADES!!
 Classes Begin—8/24 @ 6:45pm

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Please join us!
Saturday, August 27th @ 5pm

- Worship
- Backpack Blessing
- Presentation of Bibles to incoming 6th graders
 - Meal and fellowship afterward
 - Gaga Ball for youth
- Family movie, *Encanto*, 6:30pm—LIFE Center

Come join us for food, fun, and fellowship to kickoff our new year!

Youth Opps

9 to 12
High School Youth Group
 Sundays 6:30pm-8pm
 Discussion, dinner, games, & more
 Starts September 11th

9ers
 Wednesdays 6:45pm-7:45pm
 Homework, hang out, & snacks
 Starts August 24th

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Confirmation
 Wednesdays 6:45pm-7:45pm
 Starts August 24th
 Parent AND Student Orientation
 August 10th @ 6:45pm

9 to 12 Youth Group

Sunday nights @ 6:30pm
Begins SEPTEMBER 12th

Join us for dinner at 6:30pm and who knows what's next!?
 Guest Speaker, Games, Bible Study, Bowling, and more!

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
August 2022**



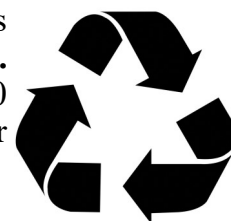
THANK YOU to ALL who are bringing garden produce to our **SUMMER GARDEN MARKET!** We invite you to continue sharing some of your wonderful fruits and vegetables. Please bring them either when you come to the Saturday evening worship service or the Sunday morning worship service, and deposit them on the **Garden Cart** in the narthex. If it is more convenient for you to bring them earlier in the week, please deposit them in the lower left hand shelf of the refrigerator. For those of us who do not garden, this is a great opportunity to buy some home grown produce! All proceeds go to **ELCA WORLD HUNGER**. Let us pay generously for the produce, so that others may be fed!

EQUAL EXCHANGE Products—coffee, tea, nuts, and chocolate bars—will again be available for purchase when you come to our Saturday night worship service on Saturday, August 6, or Sunday, August 7. These products will be available every first weekend of the month. This is a wonderful opportunity 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.

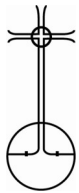


SCHOOL will soon be starting, so it is time for our annual **BACKPACK PROMOTION**—a fundraiser which supports the **FOODBANK for the HEARTLAND**—the organization which supplies packs filled with healthy food to take home for the weekend for chronically hungry elementary and middle school children in Blair. This year you will receive flyers providing information on ways to contribute on the weekend of **August 27/28**—the same weekend of our **FLC FALL KICKOFF**, when our schoolchildren will be bringing their backpacks (for holding their books) to be blessed. If you would like to make a donation to this worthy cause, one way is to send your contribution to: **Foodbank for the Heartland: Attn: Backpack Program, 10525 J Street. Omaha, NE 68127**. There may also be opportunity to give financial gifts directly on **August 27**.

FLC will again be staffing the WASHINGTON COUNTY RECYCLING CENTER on Saturday, August 27 from 8:00 A.M. until Noon. Sign-up Sheets for volunteers will be at the Welcome Center beginning on **August 6 and following**. You may sign up for the whole morning or for 2 hours—8:00-10:00 A.M. or 10:00 A.M.-Noon. What a wonderful opportunity this is to help be good stewards of our environment! And a huge **thank you** goes to all FLC members who staff the Recycling Center **every week!**



Did you know that LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES will be celebrating one-hundred thirty years of offering well-being for all people this August? You are invited to join any of the following events: **August 2 – Fremont Family Friends, August 18 – Council Bluffs, for Lunch and Learn; August 22 – Omaha Golf Outing; August 25 – Lincoln Lunch and Learn**. To participate, visit LFSneb.org/1of130



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