

THE MESSENGER

The monthly newsletter of First Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Pastor's Message

If a person is preparing to be a pastor in the ELCA, they are required to do a year long internship. The same requirement was true in our predecessor Lutheran churches. I was assigned to do my internship at a small church named Gracious Savior in Detroit, Michigan. This congregation had been populated mainly by members with a Danish background until the mid-sixties. Then most of the white members moved to the suburbs during the “white flight” from much of Detroit where they joined other churches. Only a handful of white families kept their membership at Gracious Savior. For the next decade the church slowly transitioned to a predominantly Afro-American neighborhood church. When I arrived in Detroit there were 133 members. When I left the church it had grown to 168 members. The church had a robust high school group of which I was put in charge. In fact, it wasn't unusual for Middle School and High School age young people to attend and join the church before their parents did. I learned a lot during what was an exciting internship year.

Among the many things I learned about was white privilege, something I never thought about growing up in St. Cloud, Minnesota. By the very color of my skin, I had (and still have) some automatic privileges that many of the church's members did not have. Given the unsettling and even violent times over race in which we now live, it is important for us as Christians to become much more aware of issues of white privilege and issues related to racism. As a starting point, I invite you to read an internet article that Bishop Brian Maas of the Nebraska Synod shared with the pastors of this Synod. It is entitled “White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack.” It can be found at <https://nationalseedproject.org/Key-SEED-Texts/white-privilege-unpacking-the-invisible-knapsack>

As the loyal followers of Jesus Christ, it is our responsibility not only to be aware of what is going on (or not going on) in our nation but to speak out against racism when possible and needed. Through his regular and intentional interactions with Samaritans, Jesus was protesting the racism of his day and culture. It is important for us in our day and culture to follow Jesus' example. This is not always easy, but it is very much needed.

Pastor Rick



Congregational Council President Report

Blessings to all members of First Lutheran Church.

It is an understatement to say it has been an interesting, exciting, and challenging year. Through all the challenges it has been rewarding to watch your church council, your church staff, and volunteers work together to respond faithfully to the opportunities and challenges we faced so that the mission that has been laid out for us at First Lutheran Church may move forward.

Our fiscal year begins in July and one of the first things council addressed was initiating discussions concerning facility improvements. These improvements included roof and concrete repair, replacing aging HVAC units, lighting improvements, chancel sound system and projector upgrades, and facility remodel. Three Facility Vision Planning Listening sessions were held in September. Polling of our members showed that our congregation felt the need to move forward with these projects as soon as we could. At a special congregational meeting in November our membership voted to enter into a contract with Complete Roofing to make the much needed roofing repairs, which were started in late May 2020. Payment for the roofing project will come from escrow accounts that have been faithfully stewarded over the years. At the same congregational meeting in November, the membership also approved replacement of the projectors in the sanctuary which were starting to fail. Exterior lighting improvements have also already been made from existing funds.

At the September Facility Vision Planning Sessions the membership expressed a strong desire to investigate upgrading and remodeling our church building so that we are better equipped to fulfill and enhance the ministry of First Lutheran Church. A building committee was formed to lead the project and Wilkins ADP was engaged to come up with a design and renderings to help us meet those ministry needs. We are excited to share that vision with the congregation at a time when we are able to physically come back together for worship. A capital campaign committee was formed, and we feel that when the Spirit lets the congregation know that the timing is correct that we have the foundation in place to move forward. Many thanks to all the hard work and thought that has already been put into these projects.

It is a joy to witness how generous our congregation is – in time, treasure, and talent. The members of First Lutheran are very active in our community as well as in our church, helping to plant the seeds of faith in our young people, providing hospitality and meals, sharing musical talents, running our sound booth, helping with church maintenance chores, making quilts and shawls, serving on a committee, and many other countless acts of devotion. In addition, you are generous with your treasure as well. \$62,500 was given as our synod mission share which not only supports the needs of our Nebraska Synod; but aids people in the church's national and worldwide mission. We entered into a prayer partnership with Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Dannebrog, NE that had suffered extensive damage in the floods of 2019 and were led to donate over \$5,600 to help in their effort to repair damages to their building. The endowment committee approved \$17,960 in grants that benefited not only FLC but missions in our state and globally as well. FLC membership is always very generous when supporting ELCA World Hunger projects.

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We are excited to see where the Spirit leads in our call for an associate pastor to serve half time in campus ministry at UNK and half time at First Lutheran Church with emphasis ministering to our younger members. The call committee has been busy and has a candidate that we are looking forward to meeting and visiting with in person. We are just waiting for the time when all parties feel comfortable to travel and meet personally and then we will continue to follow the Spirit's lead.

No doubt the worldwide outbreak and threat of COVID-19 has disrupted our normal routines in 2020. It is comforting to know, as our ELCA Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, has stated, "Our church has never been closed." We continue to worship, study, pray, and provide for each other, although in a different way than we are accustomed to. I am thankful for the technologies, and the skilled individuals that help us navigate the tech world, that have allowed us to come together as the body of Christ remotely. I am also thankful for your patience as a congregation as church leadership navigates these uncharted waters. We know that if our heart is right, that there are a number of different ways of worshiping that are pleasing to our Lord.

Thank you so much for your support and prayers. Please continue to cover our pastors and staff, church council, ministry teams and volunteers with your prayers. Please ask for God's guidance as we navigate the challenges and opportunities we face, that we grow in faith, and that everything we do glorifies Him.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Kottmeyer

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Offerings Year to Date

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>%Change</u>
May	\$47,135	\$56,496	19.9%
Year to Date	\$654,809	\$682,516	4.2%
Average per week giving			\$15,512
Goal per week			\$15,279
Per Week vs. Goal			\$233

OFFICE UPDATES



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MAY FINANCE REPORT

Ministry Budget:	May 2020	YTD '19-'20	YTD '18-'19
Budget Supporting Revenue	\$ 52,239	\$ 644,865	\$ 634,186
Budget Related Expenditures	\$ (50,011)	\$ (668,102)	\$ (664,775)

Total 2019-2020 Ministry Budget: \$794,482

Facilities Budget:	May 2020	YTD '19-'20	YTD '18-'19
Revenue	\$ 5,498	\$ 81,284	\$ 75,505
Expenditures	\$ (2,766)	\$ (27,923)	\$ (25,615)

Total 2019-2020 Facilities Budget: \$30,000



Sign up for weekly E-mail updates:

Send request to:

office@firstlutherankearney.org



LIVE Radio Broadcast:

Sundays 8:45 AM – KXPN 1460 AM



LIVE Webstream Broadcast:

Sundays 8:45 AM & 11:00 AM

www.firstlutherankearney.org



View our Event Calendar:

www.firstlutherankearney.org



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First Lutheran Church - Kearney

USE OF OFFERING ENVELOPES

Thank you to all those who regularly make use of the weekly offering envelopes. It may not be possible to keep an accurate recording of your contributions if you do not use your envelopes. If you choose to contribute by check without using the envelopes, please write your offering envelope number on your check. This will enable us to record your contributions accurately. Any loose checks that are received without an envelope number noted may not be reflected on your contribution statement.

Contributions to the Ministry Budget and Facilities Budget can be combined in one check.

If you are not receiving offering envelopes and would like some, please contact Marti in the church office. Thank you for your help!

COUNCIL UPDATE

Greetings from your Church Council,

Here's an update on the latest happenings and discussions within First Lutheran Church.

Each year we have an internal audit of our books. The audit committee has three members, with each person serving a three-year term and one person rotating off every year. Thank you to Carrie Stithem, Mark Andersen, and Robyn Jackson for sharing their time and talents in this manner. Doug Eppler is rotating off, and we thank him for his service.

The staff and council are coming up with ideas on how and when we can worship together again safely. We have appreciated the well thought out and prudent guidelines that have been provided to us from the Nebraska Synod.

The Spirit is moving, and the call committee has conducted a Zoom interview with a candidate for the position that is to be split 50/50 as associate pastor at First Lutheran Church and at Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry at UNK. To refresh your memory, funding for this position would come from three sources - a grant provided by Immanuel Vision Foundation, Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry, and First Lutheran Church.

Thank you to our nominating committee for uplifting a strong slate of candidates for our congregational elections. Thank you to all the candidates who answered the call and your willingness to offer your time and talents to serve the Lord in this manner!

It has been a great joy and uplifting experience to join in worship with many of you via our livestream broadcast and with others listening on the radio. We are so blessed to live in this time and have these types of technology available to us so that we can worship together, although in a different way. Thank you to the Imaging and Technology team and for their foresight and having these systems in place prior to social distancing. We appreciate our musicians who have provided special music through this time. The messages we have heard through in the sermons and homilies were no doubt Spirit filled – just the words we needed to hear for the times.

Thank you for uplifting our Pastors, church staff, team leaders, call committee and candidate, church council and all those in need in your prayers.

Blessings to you and your families,

First Lutheran Church Council

Lee Fritson, Judy Henning, Rachel Leach, Kyle Means, Miranda Obermeier, Kelly Russman, Kim Troudt, Dave Zimmer, & Mark Kottmeyer.



Receiving God's Grace. Sharing God's Love. Uniting in Christ.
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Mark Kottmeyer - President
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Kyle Means - Treasurer

Judy Henning - Secretary

Lee Fritson
Rachel Leach
Miranda Obermeier
Kelly Russman
Dave Zimmer

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact information for our
Congregational Council
Representatives are available
in the lobby or the church office.

WORSHIP THEMES

JULY 4-5

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ZECHARIAH 9:9-12; PSALM 145:8-14;
ROMANS 7:15-25a; MATTHEW 11:16-19,25-30.

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

JULY 11-12

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ISAIAH 55:10-13; PSALM 65:[1-8] 9-13;
ROMANS 8:1-11; MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23.

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

JULY 18-19

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ISAIAH 44:6-8; PSALM 86:11-17; ROMANS 8:12-25; MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43.

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy

JULY 25-26

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1KING 3:5-12; PSALM 119:129-136;
ROMANS 8:26-39; MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52.

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

ADULT EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP

Adult Education and Fellowship opportunities are in abundance at First Lutheran Church. If you are curious about any of the programming we offer and want more information, please contact the church office at: 308-237-5544 or just show up!

SUNDAY

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Sundays 9:45-11:00 am in the Café

MONDAY

Quilt Tying

Quilt Tying takes place the first Monday of every month at 8:30 am in the Quilt Room. All are welcome. (Canceled for July)

TUESDAY

SUNRISE PRAYER & STUDY GROUP

This group meets at 7:00 am on Tuesday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. This study takes a look at the upcoming gospel text from the lectionary and discussion is centered around how this applies to our lives today.

WEDNESDAY

Learn to Knit or Crochet

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets every Wednesday in the coffee area from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm during the school year. Please join us for Knitting, Crocheting, Conversation and Prayer. If you have any questions, or if you know of someone who might be able to use a Prayer Shawl as a tangible reminder of God's love and grace during hard times and good times, please call or text Theress Bricker 308-233-2469.

THURSDAY

MARTIN & KATIE'S COFFEE HOUR

Please join our seasoned and sensational members and friends in the Café Thursday mornings from 10:00-11:00 am for delectable delights and candid conversation. All are welcome for this great time of fellowship.

EXPLORING THE BIBLE WITH PASTOR RICK

Beginning this July, Pastor Rick will be offering an online Bible study. On our new website there will be a link to a 10-15 minute presentation which Pastor Rick has recorded and posted. The topic for the first online Bible study will be: How History Impacted God's People/How God's People Impacted History. This study will present a multi-session examination of biblical history from the year 1200 BCE to the early church's development after Jesus. We invite you to watch each session as you are able.

PRAYER WARRIORS

There is a new opportunity for prayer time at FLC called "Prayer Warriors". It is an email prayer group. It is not a prayer chain so you do not need to send this on to anyone. When you sign up you will periodically be sent a prayer via email, after you receive the prayer all you need to do is read/pray the prayer at your convenience. It is that simple. We hope you enjoy this convenient way to use the power of prayer.

To become a "Prayer Warrior" simply email your name and email address to Theress Bricker at tmbricker4@gmail.com and ask that you be added to the "Prayer Warrior" group.

If you have any questions or have a prayer request please contact:
Sister Ruth Ellen Rebelein at 308-455-1432
Margene Dahlstedt at 308-627-6337
Theress Bricker at 308-233-2469

DON'T WORRY! JOIN A PRAYER CHAIN

Help pray for brothers and sisters in Christ, or share requests for prayer. Paul reminds us "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God". (Phil 4:6).

Telephone prayer chain members are led by Jeanette Andersen (308-237-3634), Marlene Kotrc (308-234-3293).

If you would like to participate in email prayer requests, pass your request along to the church office (office@firstlutheranearney.org) or Theress Bricker (tmbricker4@gmail.com). Requests will be emailed to you, and all you need to do is pray for the person or event.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

REMINDERS

First Lutheran Church has a lot of ways to help others:

Education coupons on products - helps Mosaic in Axtell buy equipment.

Pop tabs go to McDonald's house in Omaha and pays for their utilities.

Family Fresh cash register tape dollars are counted, and when there is enough, they are turned in for \$1,000 for our youth.

Taking pop cans to Andersen Wrecking can provide funds for the youth. Just apply the cash to their account.

All of these items can be put in the box on the cabinet in the Narthex. They are then collected, and distributed.

Also, there are new hearing amplifiers for those, without hearing aids, that require help in hearing. The old black ones no longer work, but there are new ones in white boxes, also in the north cabinet drawer in the Narthex.

ARCHIVES

As the archive committee sorts through hundreds of pictures of past events at First, we are realizing that we have very few recent pictures. The main reason is technology has changes that. Our pictures are now on our iPhones. We are asking that if you have any past events at First Lutheran that are hiding out on your phones please share them with the archive committee. Our email address is archives@firstlutheran Kearney.org. We also want to encourage you to bring in any printed photots or documents that you would like to share with us.

HELP TIE QUILTS FOR LWR

Join us the first Monday of each month, 8:30-11:00 a.m. in the quilt room, to assemble and tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Our goal is 100 quilts each year!

Please consider donating supplies for our LWR quilts. We're in need of fabric and thread, as well as used sheets, blankets and mattress pads. If you have questions please call Betty Young 308-440-7313 or Sandy Pratt 308-627-1995. Thank you! **This has been Canceled for July.**

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THANK YOU

"First Lutheran Church --

Thank you for your generous and continuing gift. We appreciate all that you do!

Jen and the Campus Lutheran Local Governance Board"

WITHIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayers of sympathy and comfort for:

Jim and Jeanette Andersen and family on the death of Jim's sister, Betty Judds.

Al and Betty Young and family on the death of Al's father, Stan Young.

John and Lori McArthur and family on the death of John's father, John McArthur Sr.

Natalie Radcliffe and family on the death of Natalie's brother, Jim West.

Bob and Marleen Bale and family on the death of Marleen's brother, Leland Parde.

Jay and Marcia Kuecker and family on the death of Marcia's father, Jose Soares.

Gene and Elaine Knaus and family on the death of Elaine's brother, Warren Shults.

Thank you

Thank you to Allen and AnnDrea Boe (Elyria Garden) for the beautiful, potted flowers outside our church. They are beautiful.

Thank you,
Shirley

"Dear First Lutheran Church Family,

First Lutheran Church has been an important and special part of our lives since 1994 when we moved to Kearney. Now we are moving to Dallas, TX for our retirement years and want to thank you for your friendship and the honor to worship God together. This has been a chapter in our lives that will be remembered with appreciation.

God's blessings to all!

Ron and Rita Horst"

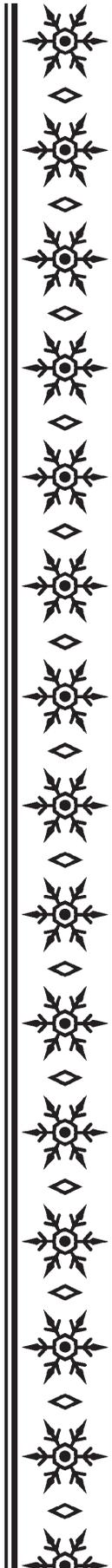
Volunteer of the Month

Congratulations to our July Volunteers of the Month -- Larry & Nancy Merz! They have been members of the church for 11 years and extremely active in our congregation.

Larry has been on the Property Committee, Personnel Team, has been a helper and participant in fellowship dinner events, a general maintenance repair person for the Property Team, a Men's Group member, a funeral service helper, an usher, and a greeter. Larry is most known for his skilled craftsman talent. Larry created the beautiful Nativity scene that we have on the north lawn during Advent and Christmas. He handles the set up and take down of this beautiful scene.

Nancy has graciously provided her talents as well at First Lutheran. She has been a meal provider, a Prayer Chain participant, a fellowship dinner participant and event helper, a cleaning helper for the Property Committee, a Bible Study member, a book group member, and a serving member. Nancy has provided baking/cooking for special needs groups (Jubilee Center/Habitat for Humanity). Nancy was also a volunteer in the bookstore, a funeral luncheon preparer and server, a seamstress of Baptism banners, a bread baker for Communion, a helper with the Sunday coffee and donuts, a communion assistant, an usher, and a greeter. Nancy is currently using her talents to make masks for COVID-19 that we distribute to members and to visitors who need masks.

We would like to send out a special "Thank You" to Larry & Nancy for all their hard work and wonderful talents that they share with us. They are part of the team that keeps First Lutheran looking its best, running smoothly, and reaching out to our community.



WOMEN of the ELCA

We look forward to the day when we once again can meet with our family and friends at church. Until then keep praying for a peaceful and rapid recovery of our country. Enjoy Independence Day and may God Bless America!

The Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church Association (W.E.L.C.A.) accept any church member male or female. Past functions have included any member of the church willing to volunteer to help. Please contact Lil or Judy Chairs listed on the side of the page to join in help. Funeral Committees have not been as active due to the COVID 19 restrictions. The church will notify us WHEN restrictions are lifted OR if they have a need they want us to serve.

HELP WANTED – A big thank you to Audrey Peterson for her past service sending out cards to congregational members. She has done a fine job, but is stepping down and we need a replacement for this position. Please contact Lil Larson or Kandy Bacon if you are interested. Thank you.

THE W.E.L.C.A. BOARD MEETING WILL BE COMBINED WITH THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 13, 2020 with COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS – SOCIAL DISTANCING/FACE MASKS, and groups no larger than 25, ETC. Nominations will be taken at the July 13, 2020 combined Board and General Membership meeting. The W.E.L.C.A. Board will be seeking nominations for Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer offices to be filled this year. Circle Chairs need to ask their Circle for nominations for the W.E.L.C.A. Board. The current officers will remain in place for the 2020-2021 WELCA Board positions including representatives on the W.E.L.C.A. Committees if no changes or nominations are received. **W.E.L.C.A. NEEDS YOUR HELP TO CONTINUE!**

Update of the Circle Directory 2020-2021 REMINDER: Chairs are requested to review all pages of the current directory and update for 2020-2021 Women of the ELCA Circle directory. Please check for updates: address, phone, e-mail and addition or deletion of members or projects. The revisions go to Kandy Bacon First Lutheran Church by September 7th.

ARTICLES WANTED – Paula Peterson of the Archives Committee is seeking news clippings or articles about First Lutheran church including retired record books or articles from Circles or members.

Mosaic Activity/Sensory/Fidget Mat Special Project – The Autumn Renewal (date TBD) project for Nebraska Synodical W.E.L.C.A. is making mats for Alzheimer/Dementia facilities. If you are interested in helping contact Mary Mayfield at (402) 879-1354. They are hoping to make 100.

Upcoming Events

July 13 - Women of ELCA Board Meeting and Election of Officers

July 17 - Registration due SAVED TO SERVE RETREAT (registration banked if cancelled)

August 7-9 - Saved To Serve EVENT Lynch, NE -Niobrara Valley House of Renewal pending COVID 19(for registration info & forms call Judy Workman or Kandy Bacon.



Ladies who are interested in joining a monthly Bible study are invited to attend a women's circle. Circles can be joined at any time during the year.

Co-Chairs:

Lil Larson (308)-224-6207

Judy Workman (308)-237-2781

Secretary:

Bev Vacha (308)-468-6239

Treasurer:

Jo Smallcomb (308)-234-3053



ABIGAIL CIRCLE (SEPT.-MAY)

9:00 am—3rd Monday

Co-Chairs: Joan Swanson (308-234-2835)
and Evy Kuecker (308-237-5651)

DEBORAH CIRCLE

7:00 pm –3rd Monday

Co-Chairs: Deb Schauer (308-233-2669)
and Ellen Epp (308-234-5696)

GLORIA CIRCLE

12:00pm—3rd Thursday

Chair: Karen Foster (308-234-2157)

NAOMI CIRCLE

7:30pm—4th Thursday (3rd Thurs. in Nov.)

Chair: Judy Niemann (308)-234-4332

Youth Program Registration

2020 -2021 CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMMING REGISTRATION

PLEASE FILL OUT ONE REGISTRATION FORM PER CHILD & RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.

* PLEASE NOTE YOUR CHILD MUST BE 4 YEARS OLD PRIOR TO AUGUST 1, 2020 TO PARTICIPATE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL OR FROG *

CHILD'S NAME: _____ Male Female

BIRTHDATE: ___/___/___ GRADE & SCHOOL IN 2020-2021: _____

PARENT(S) GUARDIAN NAMES: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ MOTHER'S CELL PHONE: _____

FATHER'S CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ PHONE: _____

My child will be attending:

F.R.O.G. (Wed. Pre-K through 5th Grade)

Sunday School (Pre-K through 8th Grade) Confirmation (Grades 6-8)

To get news & updates, we'd like to be contacted by: Mail Email Phone

I'd like to help on: Sundays Wednesdays Area of Interest: _____

I hereby grant permission for photographs or likenesses of my son/daughter _____ to be included on the internet website, social media, monthly newsletter or in advertisements of First Lutheran Church.

signature of parent/guardian

date

I give permission for my child to participate fully in the Christian Educational Programs at First Lutheran Church, Kearney, Nebraska, including snacks and games. In case of an emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact the parents/guardians of the child. In the event that I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission for the medical personnel selected by the Sunday School, FROG, or Confirmation staff to secure proper and necessary treatment for my child as named on this form.

Allergy Concerns _____

Health Concerns _____

signature of parent/guardian

date

physician's name & clinic

phone number



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MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

CHANCEL CHOIR

Wednesdays 7:00-8:15 PM
Sanctuary
Director: C.J. Sabah

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children Pre-K through
Grade 5. Meets during FROG
& Sunday School
Director: Amanda Lewis

HEAVENLY TREBLE MAKERS

Grades 6-12
Wednesday
6:15-6:45 Room 9
Director: Angela Wright

CHANCEL BELLS

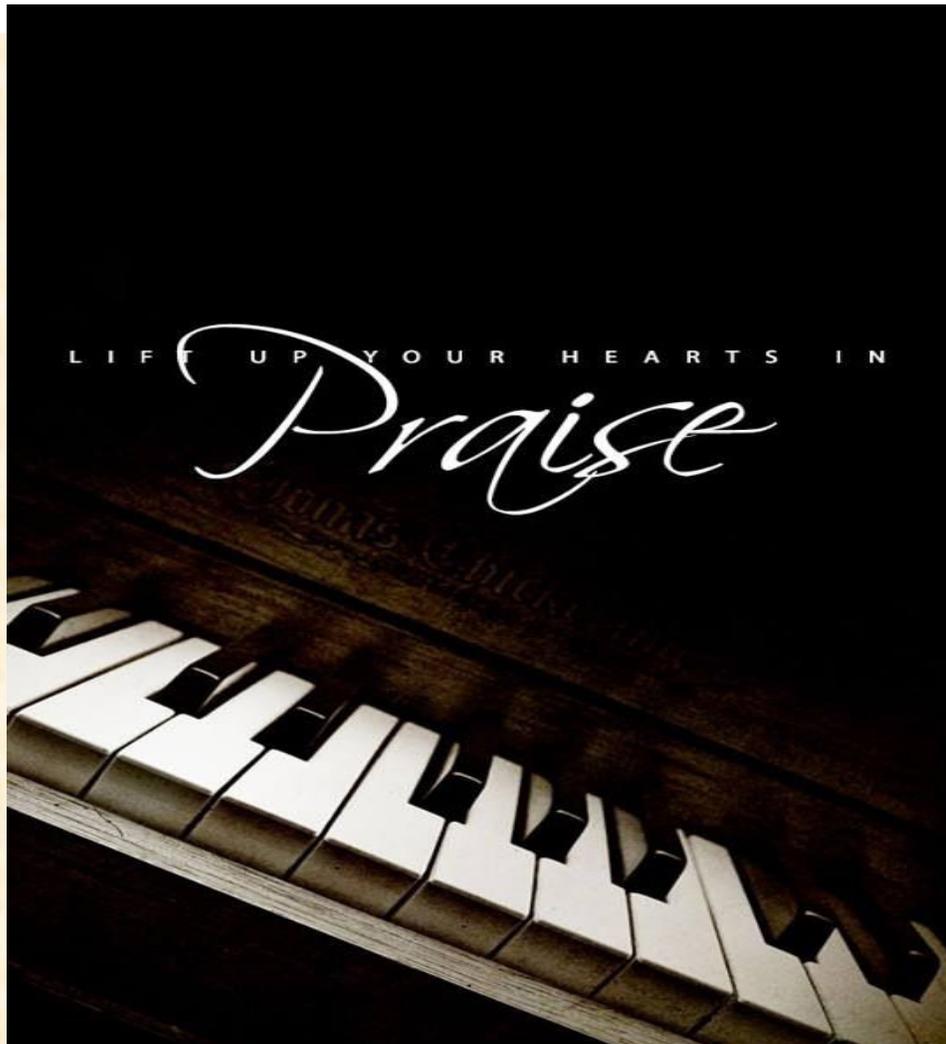
Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 PM
Sanctuary
Director: Natalie Radcliffe

PRAISER BELLS

Youth in Grades 3-8
Wednesdays 5:15-5:45 PM
Sanctuary
Director: Angela Wright

WORSHIP TEAMS

These groups sing for the
Contemporary Worship
Service. Rehearsals are on
Wednesdays @
5:30 PM in the Choir Room



RESOURCES



<http://www.elca.org>
800-638-3522



<http://www.nelcm.com/>
(308) 234-1828



Lutheran World Relief

<http://www.lwr.org>
800-597-5972

the bishop's newsletter



<http://www.nebraskasynod.org>
402-896-5311



Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries

<http://www.nlom.org>
402-944-2544



<http://www.firstlutherankearney.org>
308-237-5544

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH



We give thanks to Keith Powell for his connections with the youth. If you want to get in contact with Keith here's his cell # (402) - 270 - 4914
kcp12001@hotmail.com



SUNDAY MORNINGS TOGETHER

9:50-10:30 AM LOWER LEVEL YOUTH ROOM

Join Dave Behle, Keith Powell & Friends **Canceled until further notice**

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER

7:00-8:15 PM - ONLINE MEETING WITH KEITH

If parents would like their child to be included on the invite, please send Keith your email address at kcp12001@hotmail.com.

2021 YOUTH GATHERING

Mark your calendars for 2021. Youth Gathering will be in Minneapolis from June 29, 2021 to July 2, 2021

FLC PRESCHOOL NEWS

3/4 YR. OLD/PRE-K CLASSROOM NEWS

**Greetings from both the Pre-K and
Preschool Rooms this month!**

We were hoping for a better June than the past couple of months, but Mother Nature had a different idea. Between the working on the roof, strong winds and the downpour on Tuesday June 9th, it made for the perfect storm. Ms. Amanda's and Ms. Lora's room received the bulk of the damage. Bins and buckets were over-flowing during the night as the rain continued.

We want to thank Adam, Mike and the others who came to the rescue, and were able to save some of their classroom things. Other items did not fair as well and we are working on lists of replacements for those.

The rain may have dampened (soaked) the classrooms, but it has not stopped us from coming back stronger and better. We will be working on and sending out supply lists, orientation letters and information to all the students and families in July. Although we head into fall differently than in the past, we will continue to bring the quality and commitment that has made First Lutheran the wonderful school that is!

As I write this, Ms. Sonya and I are planning some type of Graduation celebration for our classes in the upcoming weeks. We hope and pray the situation continues to improve daily, so plans can be made and we can give the children the send off they deserve.

May God Bless You,

Mrs. Judy & Ms. Sonya

Ms. Amanda & Ms. Lora



Preschool

Registration

Enrollment is now open to Public
Spots still available

CHILDREN/MIDDLE SCHOOL



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays at 9:55 a.m.
Returns August 23, 2020



— F.R.O.G. — FULLY RELY ON GOD

Returns August 26, 2020

Wednesday Night
Programming for Children
Returns August 26, 2020

Confirmation Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Youth and Parents please attend.

Sunday School to begins August 23, 2020

Wednesday Night Activities begin August 26, 2020

1. Feeding the Flock
2. Heavenly Treblemakers
3. FROG
4. Confirmation

Service Opportunities

Service Opportunity for Confirmation Parents and Students
Saturday, August 8 at First Lutheran Church

Jen Puls will email a sign up genius for parents and students to sign up. This is a great way to start off the service opportunity requirements for the 2020-2021 school year.

JUBILEE CENTER

God has been so good to the mission at the Kearney Jubilee Center in this past year. That isn't something that we are hearing a lot in the world right now. However, God has been powerfully involved in the work that has been accomplished in our little hometown effort, our 30 plus year mission to work together as Neighbors helping Neighbors. I'm starting my second year here at the Jubilee this month. The first 12 months has included a second flood, the lessons to be learned during a holiday season in a non-profit, the purchase of new building, the sale of our old property, and the Covid19 Shutdown. Throughout it all GOD has been clearly involved and working through the hands, feet and voices of the members of this community.

The new building was purchased through money provided by a Grant awarded a few years ago and the sale of the old property. We have fundraising to do to cover the remodel efforts. The Covid19 Season has set those plans on a slower track than we had intended, but God has gotten us this far - there is no reason to start doubting Him now. The new property is going to allow the mission at the Jubilee to be better than ever. We are so excited to make this final move out of the building. Please come join in this celebrating of God's goodness.

**Kearney Jubilee Center's Next Grand Adventure! 1920 Central Ave
Moving Day is Saturday, June 27th starting at 8a at Avenue A Property
-Volunteers, Volunteers & Their Trucks, Volunteers & Their Tools are NEEDED-**

Moving Schedule:

June 25th & 26th h - 9a to Sp: The facility will be CLOSED - Final Packing stage
June 27th - 8a: Moving crew assemble at 2523 Ave A (parking on 26th St)
Note: We need to have everything moved over to the new building that day. We will go until we are done.

June 29, 30, July 1,2 - 9a to Sp: Unpacking in our New Home - (Closed to the Public)
July 3-5 : Independence Day - Holiday Weekend
July 6th h - 9a to Sp Grand Opening of our New Facility

Note: The Jubilee buildings will be closed to the Public between June 25th & July 5th Phones will continue to be monitored and needs addressed.

We ask for your prayers that God will be watching over the success of the schedule and for the safety of all those that will be working with us the next couple weeks on this adventure.

Contact us with any questions: 308.234.3880

Website: www.kearneyjubilee.org

Facebook: Kearney Jubilee Center

Again, thank you for all that has been done to make the Jubilee's mission work daily for our community.

Sincerely,
Cheri Clark- Executive Director Kearney Jubilee Center

MAKE A MASK



**COVID-19 IS
HITTING HARD
IN THE WORLD'S
POOREST
COMMUNITIES.**

Here's what you can do to help save lives.

Lutheran World Relief was founded 75 years ago to help neighbors around the globe who lost everything during World War II. From that initial ministry, LWR grew to serve millions of people worldwide in their time of need.

Today we face a new international crisis: the global coronavirus pandemic. Now it's our turn to rise to the historic challenge before us and serve our neighbors who are most vulnerable.

COVID-19 is now reaching some of the world's poorest communities, where families can't work from home or have groceries delivered. Many don't have the option of social distancing or even a way to wash their hands. If these communities can't slow the spread, many, many lives are at risk.

Make a mask and help a neighbor, without leaving home.

As part of our global response to COVID-19, LWR is collecting cloth face masks to send to vulnerable communities. If you've been looking for a way to make a difference, now is your chance!

The cloth masks you sew in your living room will provide love and protection to neighbors in need half-way around the world — reducing transmission and saving lives.

Thanks to many of you, we already met our initial goal of 75,000 masks, but the need remains great. Will you help us make 75,000 more cloth face masks?

Yes! Sign me up to make face masks. lwr.org/masks

Our website has everything you need to get started — a signup form to pledge your number of masks, sewing instructions, shipping information and more.

With your help, we can continue the legacy of love that began 75 years ago. Please pick up your needle and thread and join us!

NEW WEBSITE AND LOGO

Greetings Members of First Lutheran Church,

In an effort to update the church branding and strengthen our communications, First Lutheran Church has launched a new website and logo. This work was completed by a volunteer subcommittee of marketing and communications professionals, and a partnership with the local business “Control Yours.”

The Website: <https://firstlutheran Kearney.org/>

The website is designed to include more visuals like photos and graphics. There’s also an emphasis on more in-demand information like news and events, Christian education, volunteer opportunities, and more. It’s designed in a clean and modern format with a focus on search engine optimization and mobile-friendly accessibility.

The Logo: <http://firstlutheran Kearney.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/First-Lutheran-Branding-Guide.pdf>

The new logo features the familiar symbol of the cross, which is a replica of the cross hanging in the sanctuary. It also includes symbols of life with modern images of life-like graphics flanking each side of the cross. These symbols represent life as people who make up the church, and life in the sense of plant life as a nod to parables such as the mustard seed and the “vine and branches” verses.

“I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener.” – John 15:5

The colors of green and gold will be our brand colors as they are both represented within the liturgical color schemes. They are also common to our geographic location. We are surrounded by fields of green and gold and we understand that agriculture greatly impacts life in central Nebraska.

Please check it out at your convenience. We hope you like it!

First Lutheran Church



JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 8:45am - Worship 11am - Worship -	29 8:30am - Quilt 6:30pm - Care &	30 7am - Sunrise 5:15pm - 7pm - Prop.&Mgt.	1 6pm - Imaging 7:02pm - Reading	2 10:30am - Staff	3 OFFICE CLOSED Pastors Day Off	4 6pm - Worship
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26 8:45am - Worship 11am - Worship -	27 VBS - Virtual	28 7am - Sunrise 6:30pm -	29 10:30am - Staff	30 Pastors Day Off	31 Pastors Day Off	1 6pm - Worship

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JULY 2020

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PLEASE JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR WORSHIP TIMES

SATURDAY

6:00 PM

Worship with Communion

SUNDAY

8:45 AM

Worship with Communion

11:00 AM

Praise and Prayer with Communion

LIVE VIDEO STREAM BROADCAST SUNDAYS AT 8:45 AM & 11:00 AM

LIVE RADIO BROADCAST SUNDAY MORNINGS 8:45 AM ON KXPB 1460 AM

PHONE: 308-237-5544

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