

THE MESSENGER

Clear, Calm, and Connected

We begin every Council meeting with devotions. Each member of the Council takes a turn leading a chapter from the current book we are using. Beginning in August, we will be starting *Clear, Calm, and Connected: Reflections on Church Leadership*. This book incorporates family systems theory with insights and tools from real congregational experiences and, of course, Scripture.

So what does it mean to be a leader who is clear, calm, and connected?

Clear. It begins with defining who we are. What is our role in this particular situation? What are our core values and beliefs? What are we called to do in this particular situation? When we are clear about our roles and responsibilities, then we can be healthy leaders.

Calm. This is about maintaining a less-anxious presence. You may have heard of the phrase “non-anxious presence.” In these days, pretty much every situation and conversation have some level of anxiety. The question becomes do we allow the anxiety to overtake us and our decision-making processes, or do we adopt a less-anxious more calm approach? When we are less anxious and calmer, then we can be healthy leaders.

Connected. Quite often when conflict arises or people are experiencing anxiety, the first reaction is to cut off. While that might seem like a normal reaction, it is indeed that – a reaction. When we respond rather than react, we are able to stay connected to those around us while still expressing our thoughts and feelings about a particular situation or issue. When we are responsive rather than reactive, then we can be healthy leaders.

When we focus on our strengths, it is much easier to be clear, calm, and connected. As we lean into this Fall, we will be having conversations about the future of our facility (see *Extreme Church Makeover* on p. 17). We will continue to grieve the losses we experienced during the ongoing pandemic, remembering all those who have died on All Saints Sunday. We will be reconnecting in our worship, education, and social opportunities (see Pastor Elisabeth’s installation invitation on p. 3). In all of this, it is important to extend grace to ourselves and one another. When we focus on who is here and what is happening, then we can be clear in our leadership, calm about our outward circumstances, and connected to one another as the Body of Christ. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Michelle

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

A Message from the Co-Lead Pastors



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Prayer Ventures for August can be found:
<https://www.elca.org/Resources/Prayer-Ventures>

These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world.



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



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



Lutheran World Relief

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



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



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



Sunday, August 22, 2021,
the 10:30 a.m. service changes
back to 11:00 a.m.

Do you get the Messenger online and a copy in the mail? Help the church save some money by letting the office know that you no longer want the postal mail copy. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding Coordinator (Position Opening)

The FLC Wedding Coordinator serves as the liaison between the couple and the church, providing guidance and structure to the ceremony. This is a paid position begins in January 2022. Contact the church office for more information.

Decorator Needed (Volunteer Opening)



We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to help decorate the outside planters for Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas. If you are interested or know someone who would be interested please call Kandy at the office (308) 237-5544. Thank you!

Imaging Team (Volunteer Opening)

The Imaging Team needs help! Learn to provide sound, video and live stream support for Saturday and Sunday services. Training provided! Contact Adam at AdamBWegner@gmail.com or the church office for more information.

Confirmation Orientation

Calling all 6th, 7th, 8th graders and their parents! Confirmation Orientation will be on **Wednesday, August 18th at 6:30pm** in Centennial Hall. If you plan to participate in Confirmation this year, please attend this important informational meeting.



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REV. KRISTEN VAN STEE, PRESIDING

HELPING OTHERS

News from Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity (KAHFH)

The Build Season began with two houses and poured footings for the third. The first houses have dry wall installed and painting interiors. Volunteers are working on the yard sheds. Concrete sidewalks and driveways are poured for the first two houses. The number of volunteers is small; but industrious. Volunteers are also welcome on Tuesday and Thursday mornings when the build crew is busy. Our Church Relations/Volunteer Coordinator is Cindy Hayes, 308-627-6172. Students 16 and older are invited to work with a parent/guardian waiver. KAHFH is grateful for the many volunteers and meals provided by First Lutheran Church over the years. Next year will mark the 30th anniversary of Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity. We are also looking for prospective Board members who have organizational skills to support the Build Crew's physical efforts. Our board committees are Family Selection, Family Support, Finance, Public Relations, Site Selection/Development, Church Relations/Volunteers, Fund Raising (Friend Raising), Hospitality and Scholarship. Learn more about KAHFH at www.habitat.kearney.net or 234-6030.

Jubilee Center

Currently the First Presbyterian Church is hosting a free meal on Thursday nights. The doors are open by 5 p.m. and served at 5:30 p.m. This will be the host site for July, August, and September. First Presbyterian is located at 4511 6th Ave (across from the YMCA). The Jubilee Center helps with food for those in need. On Tuesdays, they have a special deal of the day, Wednesday they give produce boxes from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays there is a garage sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is also a senior discount upon request.

LWR Backpacks

Helps us fill 100 Backpacks. We need 400 70-page spiral notebooks to fill 100 backpacks for Lutheran World Relief. Please watch July and August Back-to-School sales now for 70-page spiral notebooks (4 are needed for each backpack). We also need children's blunt safety scissors, 16 or 24 packs of crayons, large erasers, and small pencil sharpeners. To find a complete list of school supplies and LWR Kits go to LWR.org. Donation boxes are by the front doors. If you would like to help sew backpacks please call Theress Bricker [308-233-2469](tel:308-233-2469) for more information.

OFFICE UPDATES



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JUNE FINANCE REPORT

Ministry Budget:	June 2021	YTD '21-'22'	YTD '20-'21
Budget Supporting Revenue	\$ 41,067	\$ 41,067	\$ 40,365
Budget Related Expenditures	\$ (60,509)	\$ (60,509)	\$ (51,786)

Total 2021-2022 Ministry Budget: \$788,736.95

Facilities Budget:	June 2021	YTD '21-'22'	YTD '20-'21
Revenue	\$ 5,687	\$ 5,687	\$ 4,395
Expenditures	\$ (4,684)	\$ (4,684)	\$ (2,845)

Total 2021-2022 Facilities Budget: \$30,000

Giving Options

In addition to traditional giving options for your convenience First Lutheran offers online giving!

GIVE PLUS: which allows people to make financial contributions to the church electronically in the following ways:

1. Online (just go to the First Lutheran website under the "Resources" tab),
2. Mobile App (download the Give Plus app on the iPhone or Android, create a profile and search for "First Lutheran"),
or
3. Text (just text the donation amount to 308-470-5058 and you will be prompted with further instructions).

If you have any questions or would like assistance in using any of the above electronic giving options or would like to receive offering envelopes, please contact Marti in the church office.

Thank you so much for your faithful generosity to First Lutheran Church's ministry!



COUNCIL UPDATE

Greetings from the Council,

We have all seen the images on television. The massive wildfires and forest fires often occurring in the American West. These fires can spread rapidly. Without very little warning, they can turn land, property, ecosystems and lives upside down. The aftermath will have those affected by the fires asking, “Now what do I do?”

The last 16 months have turned a lot of businesses, schools, churches and other organizations upside down as well. Much like the aftermath of a wildfire, many people today are asking, “Now what do we do?”

As devastating as wildfires may be to a local ecosystem, there can often be a good ending to the story. Nature has a way of healing itself under proper conditions. The natural pattern of recovery after a wildfire is referred to as ecological succession. This is the process whereby the land, plants and wildlife move through various ecological stages in order to return to a state of relative stability. Eventually the ecosystem can return to its original state or something very similar. This is possible because every factor in an ecosystem depends on every other factor.

In a way, churches have their own ecosystems. This most certainly includes First Lutheran. We are one big interconnected system. Every member of First Lutheran depends on every other member to make it all work. Much like thousands of churches across this country, First Lutheran is in the process of returning to a state of relative stability. So how do we do this? We do this first and foremost, by using our Lord as our guide. Isaiah 40:31 states “But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” We will also continue to do this by praying together, working together, giving together, volunteering together, caring together, aspiring together and loving together. When all of these components are in place, the ecosystem of First Lutheran will be renewed and full of life. Your council looks forward to going through this renewal with all of you.

Peace to all.

Dave Zimmer, Council President



CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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Rafferty

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Kim Troudt

Have questions?

If you aren't able to talk to a church council member during the service and want to reach out to them; please contact the office or find their information in the Narthex on the wall.

WORSHIP THEMES AND INFORMATION

August 1, 2021

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EXODUS 16:2-4, 9-15; PSALM 78:23-29;
EPHESIANS 4:1-16; JOHN 6:24-35

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

August 8, 2021

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1 KINGS 19:4-8; PSALM 34:1-8; EPHESIANS
4:25-5-2; JOHN 6:35, 41-51

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians, Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

August 15, 2021

TWELVETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROVERBS 9:106; PSALM 34:9-14;
EPHESIANS 5:15-20; JOHN 6:51-58

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imaged wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

August 22, 2021

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JOSHUA 24:1-2a, 14-18; PSALM 34:15-22;
EPHESIANS 6:10-20; JOHN 6:56-69

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

August 29, 2021

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2, 6-9, PSALM 15, JAMES
1:17-27; MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Jesus protects against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

Worship in the Park 5th Sunday

August 29, 2021
Dryden Park, 10:45 AM

No 6:00 PM or 8:45 AM
services this weekend.

Picnic to follow. Meats provided. Please bring sides and desserts to share along with your own utensils.



PRAY

Help the Mission Outreach Team Support
ELCA World Hunger



GOAL: Collect
\$500 by Labor Day



Donation Boxes are at the Welcome Stations

Prayers of Peace and Comfort for...

The friends and family of Dale Nispel on his death.

The friends and family of Frank and Mary Wright on the death of Frank's brother, Bob Wright.

The friends and family of Greg and Linda Sue Jensen on the death of their cousin, Bill Loder.

The friends and family of Greg and Linda Sue Jensen on the death of Linda Sue's sister, Gayle Guilfoyle.

The friends and family of Jeannie Fritson.



**Congratulations to our August Volunteers of the
Month:
The Preschool Board!**

The Preschool Board currently consists of Stephanie Todd, Chair; Stacy Darveau, Secretary; Amber Benson, Calli Cardenas, Sarah Haack, Melissa Henning, McKahla Kuecker, Kelly Russman, Annette Schwartz, Megan Schmidt, Pastor Michelle Carlson, and Amanda Lewis in her role as the Lead Teacher of the Preschool.

The Preschool Board meets once a month. It makes decisions and creates guidelines for the First Lutheran Church Preschool ministry to ensure that it continues to be a Christian environment where the children can experience a loving, caring and nurturing place to grow in God's love. The Board implements policies to encourage the academic, spiritual, physical and social development of each child. It provides support for the talented teachers we have working with the kids in the classroom. The Board also oversees and participates in fundraisers.

The 2020-2021 school year was challenging on so many levels with COVID protocols and decisions. We met far more than our once a month meeting time. We give thanks for the service of Stephanie Russman and Jamie Banzhaf who co-chaired us through a most difficult year! We also thank Christie Behle for her participation on the Board during this time.

Please continue to pray for and to support our Preschool ministry. A huge thanks to those who give of their time on the Preschool Board.

WOMEN of the ELCA

The Women of the ELCA met on Monday, July 12th at Kearney Public Library. There were 19 ladies present. After the business meeting, Paula Peterson led devotions and then the program committee of Paula, Patsy Bruner, and Sharon Liljehorn presented a funny skit about how we've survived the COVID pandemic. Becky Bredenkamp also helped them. We enjoyed ice cream sundaes before going down to the Maker Space. Librarian employee Libby showed us the equipment in the room and we watched a new 3D printer working on an 8-hour project. We saw a sewing machine embroider a towel with FLC initials. The committee had already made buttons so each lady could take one home. At the business meeting Deb Schauer was elected President, Bev Vacha will continue as Secretary and Jo Smallcomb will continue as Treasurer. Deb is a member of the Deborah Circle and is currently serving as co-chair of the circle. She previously served as President of WELCA from 2006 - 2008.

On Sunday, August 15, Pastor Elisabeth will have her installation at First Lutheran Church in the afternoon at 3:00 p.m. Immediately following there will be a potluck in Centennial Hall. We will need some helpers to make sure this goes smoothly as there will be food and cake as a celebration for Pastor Elisabeth to welcome her to the church. If you can help please let Kandy at the church office know. We are asking each circle to update their officer lists and member's address, emails and phone numbers. Please get this information to Kandy at the church office by July 30.

With school just around the corner, items for the school backpack kits will be going on sale. Garage sales are happening now and that's a great way to get items for the baby care kits. Lists of the required items for the various kits are available at church and boxes will be available to drop off items.

Upcoming Events for 2021

NEBRASKA Synodical Women's Organization activities from the NEBRASKA Women's Organization ALL S.W.O. activities are subject to change.

Aug 6-8, 2021, Save to Serve Lynch, NE – Niobrara Valley House of Renewal in Lynch, NE. Lodging at the House of Renewal Retreat Center. Participants will learn about the devastating 2019 flood and Assistance local people as they continue to recover.

Oct. 1-3, 2021 – Nebraska S.W.O. State Convention to be held at Camp Carol Joy Holling Conference and Retreat Center. The theme of the Event is "Listening for God's Call".



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.

President:
Deb Schauer (308) 233-2669

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

“THE GIFT OF REST”

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ELISABETH

Dear First Lutheran,

After an amazing week of VBS and with fall programming at Campus Lutheran and with FLY ramping up for fall, I'm reflecting on what a gift it was on my July vacation to Cape Cod. I keep hearing Jesus' words in the midst of the planning and busy-ness, "come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

This summer I've been reading "Ordinary Blessings: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Everyday Life" by Rev. Meta Herrick Carlson, and her blessing for rest is one I continue to return to. May the words nourish your soul for real rest in the love and grace of our Savior, too:

*"The world hustles and benefits from a cruel lie – idleness must be earned.
It is reserved for the privileged who have achieved some success.
A reward only after everything has been given or taken.
But our bodies and souls know better. They remember the seventh day of creation.
The generation of rest, the rhythm of a holy pause before there could be more living.
When we rest we call out the lie for the sake of those fooled into thinking they are too powerful to rest,
For the sake of those who are unsafe when they pause for peace.
When we rest we can remember it is not a reward but an essential beat,
for in our stopping, we witness what God is doing inside and way beyond us."*

May you find rest in the divine care of God who loves and restores you for the work of sharing the gospel by loving and serving our neighbors in this community and the world!

In hope,
Pastor Elisabeth

PS: I hope you will join me and my family to celebrate at my installation (exactly one year after starting this call!) on August 15!



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CAMPUS LUTHERAN UPDATE



Join Campus Lutheran for Blue Gold Welcome Weekend Worship!

Want to flip pancakes for new UNK
students and family's?

Confirmation service hours available or
just a fun way to serve!

Contact Pastor Elisabeth:

ehimmelman@firstlutherankearney.org

A vertical poster with an orange background. At the top is the Campus Lutheran logo. Below it is an illustration of a stack of pancakes with steam rising from them, flanked by two forks. The text reads: "SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 @ 10AM", "PANCAKE CHURCH", "...where scripture, community, and the love of Jesus are central.", "Pancakes (GF available) will be served during worship. All are welcome!", and "2715 9th Ave".

A vertical advertisement for a 1 BR apartment. It features the Campus Lutheran logo at the top. Below the logo is a photograph of a modern apartment interior with a grey armchair, a small round table with a plant, and a hanging lamp. The text reads: "1 BR APARTMENT", "available first week in august", "Registered student at the University of Nebraska-Kearney or Central Community College; completion of at least two semesters of college or age 19 or older required. Interested in participating in ministry preferred.", "\$350/month with option to reduce monthly cost by \$12/hour for each hour worked in building and on grounds; approximately 3-10 hours/week possible.", "For more information, contact: Jen Puls, Campus Lutheran Administrator: JPuls@Region3.net", and icons for a bathroom, bed, and car, each with the number "1" next to it.

CAMPUS LUTHERAN UPDATES (CONTINUED)

Save the Date!



A FUNDRAISER FOR THE MINISTRY OF CAMPUS LUTHERAN
HOSTED IN OUR BUILDING: 2715 9TH AVE. KEARNEY, NE 68845

Saturday, September 18, 2021
5:00-7:00pm

Come raise your spirits as we build up our ministry!

Evening will include silent and live auctions, hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting provided by The Alley Rose with an exploration of the spirituality of wine with Pastor Elisabeth, and live music by local band The Shockitanos / Mike & Diane Sciachitano Duo.

\$50/person online in advance: givebutter.com/raisingspirits

\$55/person at the door

"Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart..." Ecclesiastes 9:7

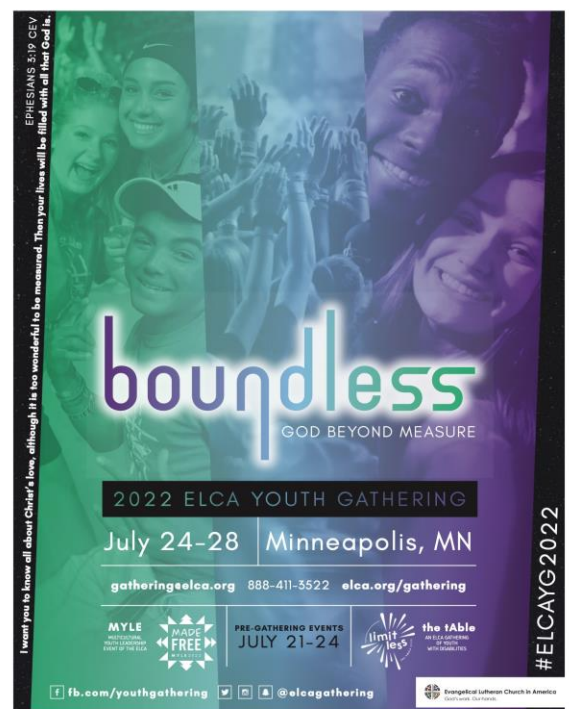
FLY (FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH)

Our only FLY meeting
before school starts is:



Then, save the date for
our kickoff, followed by
regular Wednesday night
youth group!

All incoming
9th-Outgoing 12th
in 2022!
Save the date for next
summer's trip to join 30,000
Lutheran high school youth
from around the country at:



EXTREME CHURCH MAKEOVER



First Lutheran's leadership team and Capital Campaign committee are preparing to re-launch the office remodel project. After being halted by the pandemic, we are ready to share more information and take the next steps with congregational support.

Please plan to join us for one, or both, of these planned events which will be held in Centennial Hall. In addition to enjoying some fellowship and gathering as a church community once again, you'll see architectural renderings of proposed new offices, meeting space, coffee area, and more. It will be a full makeover of the north end of the church facility, including the old sanctuary!

We hope you can join us to learn more, ask questions, and be spiritually lifted up through fellowship.



YOUTH PROGRAMMING REGISTRATION FORM

2021-2022 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, 2021 TO PARTICIPATE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL OR FROG *

CHILD'S NAME: _____ Male Female

BIRTHDATE: ____/____/____ GRADE & SCHOOL IN 2021-2022: _____

PARENT(S) GUARDIAN NAMES: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIPCODE: _____

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 and clinic

phone number



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CHILDREN

NOISY OFFERING AND VBS DONATIONS WILL BE GOING TO: CarePortal

As needs arise through CarePortal, we will use these special offerings to fill them. We invite the children to come and share their “Noisy Offering” with us during church! This fund will help families with items that they aren’t able to pay for themselves such as: a utility bill, a bed or dresser, a new bike or a car repair for transportation. We will be collecting noisy offerings for CarePortal through June of 2022.

Blessing of the Backpacks



August 7/8

All Three Services



SUNDAY
SCHOOL
IS STARTING

August 22nd



FROG
Fully Rely On God

August 25th

NOTES FROM THE PRESCHOOL: A MINISTRY OF FLC

Hello First Lutheran Church!

As you learned in the last Messenger, we were busy in June with reading resumes, interviews, and making our decision on who will be joining us to assist Mrs. Lora and myself. We are so blessed and excited to announce that Mrs. Jane Giddings and Mrs. Lindi Samuelson have accepted our invitations to help the wonderful children and parents at First Lutheran Preschool.

We also have been continually working on bulletin boards, organizing filing cabinets, and getting our rooms ready. They aren't ready yet; but we are getting closer as we get closer to school starting.

Orientation night is Thursday, Aug. 19th. The Monday/Wednesday class of Mrs. Lora's and the Pre-K morning class are asked to come at 5:30 p.m. Mrs. Lora's Tuesday/Thursday class and the Pre-K afternoon class are to come at 7 p.m. We are very excited to see those faces and get to know everyone a little more!

The 3 & 4-year old classroom's first days are August 23rd (Mon./Wed. classes) and 24th (Tues./Thurs. classes) from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Pre-K's first day is Aug. 24th. The morning class is from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and the afternoon class is from 12:00-3pm. We can't wait to get this year started and discover tons of new things to learn, sing and play. The 2021-2022 school year will be the best one yet!

Have a blessed August!
Amanda Lewis

Please call or text me at 308-240-0872
or email at amandalewis@firstlutherankearney.org with any questions!

Mrs. Amanda & Mrs. Lora

We still have a few Preschool openings. Contact Kandy in the office for more information.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS



Aug 7th/8th – Blessing of the Backpacks

Aug 15th – Pastor Elisabeth’s Installation @ 3:00pm & potluck reception to follow in Centennial Hall

Aug 18th – Confirmation Orientation and FLY Kickoff

Aug 22nd – Late service changes back to 11:00 a.m.
Installation of Sunday School Teachers,
Sunday School Begins
At Campus Lutheran: Pancake Church @ 10:00am for Blue Gold Welcome Weekend

Aug 25th - Beginning of Wednesday Evening Programs

Aug 29th – Outdoor Worship at Dryden Park @ 10:45am with a picnic to follow



A dedicated day of service in our community

This year we will have a couple opportunities...

Jubilee Center and Campus Lutheran

More information to come!

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