

THE MESSENGER

¹For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: ²a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; ⁷a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. (Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8)

It has been a tough few weeks. After having some time away in Virginia to visit family and to lead a retreat for couples who are both pastors, we returned to a number of deaths and funerals. Some planned. Some unexpected. There are other types of things we grieve other than physical death, such as the loss of a relationship with a partner, friend or child, job changes, changes to our health, how things “used to be” and the list goes on.

As the reading from Ecclesiastes reminds us, there is a time for everything. We need to take time to laugh and dance, as well as weep and mourn. One of the hardest parts of walking with someone who is grieving is “the time to keep silence, and the time to speak” part of the text. We might feel the need to speak to fill the silence. We might think it is not enough to simply be with someone while they cry or share their frustrations. The temptation is there to want to fix things.

Let me offer a few ways to console someone who is grieving that are more on the helpful (less on the hurtful) side of things:

1. “I am so sorry for your loss.” (No further explanation needed.)
2. “How are you today?”
3. “When can I ... pick up food for dinner, do your laundry, go to the grocery store, walk the dog, mow the lawn, etc.”
4. Leave them care packages.
5. Instead of bringing a meal, bring over paper products, snacks, coffee.
6. Remember the big dates: anniversaries, birthdays, holidays, the date of death. Send a note or text.

There is no right or one way to grieve or to help someone who has experienced a loss. We all deal with losses of different magnitudes in a myriad of ways. Accompaniment is at the heart of this. It is whatever way you are able to accompany the person, and how they desire your help and presence.

We don’t do this alone. We go with God’s presence and the Holy Spirit leading us and guiding us.

Pastor Michelle

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A Message from the Co-Lead Pastors



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Prayer Ventures for September 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

Come help us celebrate Connie Stover’s 35th Anniversary as a servant of Word and Service!

Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 8:45 a.m.

There will be a reception between the services.

Pastor David deFreese will be preaching.

Word
 Diaconal Service
 Deaconess Church
 Ministry Associate
 Serving Minister
 Bible

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

Guest Preacher

September 4-5

Pastor Mark Grorud will be our guest preacher at our worship services on September 4-5. Pastor Grorud has served as Immanuel Vision Foundation Executive Director. This is the foundation that gave us the three-year grant of \$75,000 to help fund Pastor Elisabeth's position both at First Lutheran and Lutheran Campus Ministry at UNK. Previously, Pastor Grorud served at First Lutheran in Fremont and St. Michael's Lutheran in Omaha. Pastor Grorud will also be speaking in between services on Sunday in Fellowship Hall.

Adult Forum on Sunday September 19

Bread for the World

There will be an Adult Forum on Sunday September 19 at 9:50 a.m. in Centennial Hall which will focus on the organization Bread for the World. Learn about the current state of hunger in our country and world and what you can do to help. Join Bread for the World's Senior Regional Organizer for the Midwest and Plains states, Zachary Schmidt, to hear how we have helped millions of hungry people by advocating for policies that prioritize the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors. Be inspired and equipped to lift your voice to behalf of families and children struggling with hunger. Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad.



A dedicated day of service in our community

Join us on September 12, 2021!

Areas of Opportunity

*Jubilee Center

*Campus Lutheran

Sunday September 12 is God's Work—Our Hands Sunday throughout the ELCA. Thousands of congregations will engage in various service projects within and outside the congregation. At First Lutheran, the Sunday School students will help in assembly school kits for Lutheran World Relief beginning at 10 a.m. We will offer lunch for all our members participating in our projects. Then at 1:00 p.m. we will have projects at the Jubilee Center and at Campus Lutheran. We encourage you to participate in this year's God's Work—Our Hands ventures.

We would love to see you wear your God's Work Our Hands T-shirt at our worship services that weekend!

HELPING OTHERS

News from Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity (KAHFH)

Carlos Lopez Agustin, his wife Alba and son are homebuilders #91; and Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity's (KAHFH) third home for the 2021 build season. Carlos works at Angus Burgers and Shakes. Liam and Lisa Mendoza are the family's support partners. The Agustin family members have been working on the job site and have assisted with the pouring of their foundation and setting the walls in place. The roof will be the next step. Families that partner with KAHFH to build their home receive a Homeowners manual, landscape maintenance classes, and complete the Dave Ramsey - Financial Peace course to strengthen their understanding of the financial responsibilities of home ownership.

Individuals and groups interested in assisting KAHFH through donations and volunteering can learn more on our website: habitat.kearney.net or by leaving a voice mail message at 308-234-6030. We are always interested in working with people in need of "simple, decent housing."

Jubilee Center

Due to a recent outbreak in Covid, the Thursday evening meals have been cancelled until October 2021. The Food Pantry is available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. There is also a Rescue Food Table (food supplied by stores, restaurants, and community members) open Monday – Friday. Individuals low on funds and are needing clothing or household items can receive a Thrift Store Voucher, free of charge. Contact the Jubilee Center at (308) 234-3880 or info@kearneyjubilee.org for more information.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

Today and every day, Lutheran World Relief Quilts and Kits of Care are a reminder to families that even in the midst of crisis, they are not alone. Though the coronavirus outbreak is forcing all of us to adapt and change our routines for a time, the mission of the LWR Quilt and Kit Ministry remains as strong as ever.

Please help us collect items for Lutheran World Relief Kits! First Lutheran Church takes pride in donating and assembling School Kits, Baby Care Kits, Personal Care Kits, Mission Quilts, Fabric Kits. Pens and pencils, a toothbrush, a quilt...ordinary items we take for granted become treasures in the hands of their recipients. The items you send will be cherished and used by people who take nothing for granted, for whom a simple bar of soap is special. Your gifts of time and resources are beautiful expressions of God's love and grace to those in greatest need. Please give new items only, except where otherwise noted. Please do not donate items with any religious or patriotic symbols. Thank you for your partnership in putting them together. For a complete list of items needed, visit <http://lwr.org/getinvolved/kits>. There will be a donation box at First Lutheran Church in the north front entrance and in the coffee area.

OFFICE UPDATES



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JULY FINANCE REPORT

Ministry Budget:	July 2021	YTD '21-'22'	YTD '20-'21
Budget Supporting Revenue	\$ 46,637	\$ 87,704	\$ 75,861
Budget Related Expenditures	\$ (57,551)	\$ (118,060)	\$ (106,972)

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

Facilities Budget:	June 2021	YTD '21-'22	YTD '20-'21
Revenue	\$ 5,608	\$ 11,295	\$ 10,954
Expenditures	\$ (3,385)	\$ (8,069)	\$ (4,183)

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 Council,

Like many of you, I spent the past couple of weeks watching the Summer Olympics. I was often in awe of just how talented, skilled and athletic the participants were. They truly are elite at what they do. It's interesting though, because we make this assessment of them simply based on what we see: the race they run, their throw, their jump, their dive, etc. We actually do not see the part that got them there. We don't get to see all of their behind the scenes work, discipline, dedication, frustration, struggles and resiliency. We also don't get to see those who play a role in helping them become successful. This might include a trainer, coach, dietician, family members or anyone who is simply a part of their support network. Yet, all of these people play a role in their overall success.

As I'm beginning my third year on council, I'm also in awe of how many talented, skilled and selfless people we have in this congregation. This includes our pastors, staff and the numerous members of First Lutheran who continue to step up. We have a lot of dedicated people on our numerous committees who do valuable behind the scenes work. We had a very successful VBS back in July. What many people don't realize is that there were approximately 70 volunteers who helped pull this off. Just like we don't get to see the behind the scenes work of Olympic athletes, we also don't always get to see the behind the scenes work at First Lutheran. There are a lot of people who are continuously and tirelessly working to help First Lutheran be successful. Our podium might not include a bronze, silver or gold medal. However, it might include grace, love and service to others. A big thank you to all who help us reach the podium at First Lutheran.

Covid is not going away. The council is continuing to monitor the situation in our area. It is our due diligence to stay on top of this and to try to make the best decisions we can for our congregation.

Peace to all,
Dave Zimmer
Council President



CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Dave Zimmer
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Obermeier
Vice President

Lee Fritson
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Judy Henning
Secretary

Mark Kottmeyer

Rachel Leach

Michael
Rafferty

Kelly
Russman

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

September 5, 2021

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

ISAIAH 35:4-7A; PSALM 146; JAMES 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17; MARK 7:24-37; PSALM 125

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician women in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality.

Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

September 12, 2021

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

ISAIAH 50:4-9A; PSALM 116:1-9; JAMES 3:1-12; MARK 8:27-38

Three weeks ago, we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming of death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of *messiah*) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

September 19, 2021

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

JEREMIAH 11:18-20; PSALM 54; JAMES 3:13-4:3, 7-8A, MARK 9:30-37

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

September 26, 2021

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

NUMBERS 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29, PSALM 19:7-14; JAMES 5:13-20; MARK 9:38-50

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

Laying on of Hands for Healing

Beginning in September, we will have Laying on of Hands for Healing in the Narthex during Communion. The Laying on of Hands for Healing will occur on the first and third weekends. In September it will occur on September 4/5 and September 18/19. After a person has received Communion, they are invited to come to the Narthex where one of our pastors will anoint them with oil and prayer for them.



PRAY

A Message from one of the schools in Tanzania that we help support...

Grace and peace from God be with you and all members of First Lutheran Church.

We have been remembering in our prayers. Thank you so much for being our friends and helping us for long time. we thank God for connecting us in His holy services.

The school started in the beginning of July, up to the moment we thank God that we do not have COVID 19 cases. we take precautions by doing the following things:

1. encouraging students and staff to wash hands often
2. wearing masks
3. Not allowing many visitors to visit the school
4. Boil water for students for bath
5. Give students fruits and vegetables

Academically students and staff are working hard and doing well in the national examinations. Their recent performance is as follows. Form four: 49 students got division one; 23 students scored division two, no student got division three or division four or failed. In form six, 09 students got division one 25 students got division two, 06 students got division Three and no student got division four or failed.

We glorify God for this good performance. We are working hard to help our students so that they may become good leaders and faithful workers who will serve the church and nation in the future.

Currently we are building a chapel for the school. At the moment we use dining hall for services. please keep us in your prayers so that God can enable us to finish this holy work. If you have WhatsApp number, kindly send me so that I share pictures of the chapel.

Pass our warm greetings to all pastors and members of First Lutheran Church.

Kind regards,
Rev. Godrick Lyimo

Prayers of Peace and Comfort for...

The family and friends of Marv Knittel
The family and friends of Shelley Hilker
The family and friends of Barbara Andrews
The family and friends of Yvonne Deyle Barth
The family and friends of Darrel Brown





**Congratulations to our September Volunteers of
the Month:
The Endowment Team!**

Members of the Endowment Team are: Paul Bartlett (Chair), Lori McArthur, Jen Puls, Carrie Stithem (Treasurer), Melanie Young, Pastor Rick Carlson, and Dave Zimmer (Congregation Council President).

The First Lutheran Church Endowment Fund was established to enhance the mission of First Lutheran Church outside of the normal budget operation. The amount of grants varies; but they can range anywhere from \$500 - \$3,000.

A few examples of past grants were given to Campus Lutheran, the Jubilee Center, Operation IDEA, the Youth Ministry, the Preschool, new kitchen equipment, the YMCA of Kearney, Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries.

The Endowment Team meets on an as needed basis. We appreciate all of the time and dedication that these volunteers have donated to First Lutheran Church.

THANK YOU!
thank you!

WOMEN of the ELCA

Welcome to fall. As we move forward, we will plan to meet in person and not wear masks. But times and requirements are constantly changing. If you would like to join us for activities, but if you feel you want to wear a mask please do so.

WELCA BOARD MEETING - The Board meeting will be held on Monday, September 13th in Centennial Hall. We will have a potluck starting at 6:30 prior to the meeting. Please bring a dish to share. The meeting will follow.

Installation of WELCA Officers will be held during services the weekend of September 18 and 19th at all services. Circle Officers, Committee Chairs and WELCA Board members are requested to come forward at one of the services for installation. Thank you all for your willingness to serve.

Nebraska Synodical Women's Organization (N.S.W.O.) Convention and Gathering is October 1 - 3 at Camp Carol Joy Holling. More information and the registration form will be coming out by the end of August. We are in need of someone to attend from First Lutheran as our delegate. If you are interested in attending please let Deb Schauer know.

Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits- Alicia Tracy has done a wonderful job of gathering the needed items and putting them together to make baby care kits to send to Lutheran World Relief. She is looking for someone to coordinate this cause. She is willing to help however necessary. If you have any questions about what this would entail please feel free to give Alicia a call.

Upcoming Events for 2021

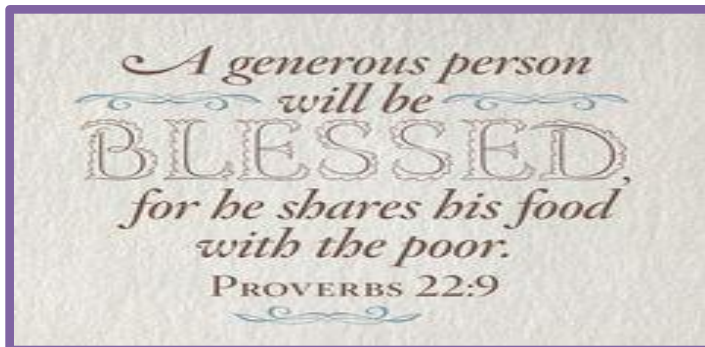
September 13th - 6:30 - WELCA Potluck & Board Meeting – Centennial Hall

September 18 & 19 Installation of WELCA Officers, Circle Officers and Committee Chairs at all service

October 1-3 - Nebraska Synodical Women's Convention and Gathering at Camp Carol Joy Holling

November 1 - 9:00am - Lutheran World Relief Packing Day – Fellowship Hall

November 1 - 7:00 - WELCA Board Meeting Classroom 21 & 22



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

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ELISABETH

Dear First Lutheran,

Thank you for celebrating God's call with me and our family on August 15th, exactly one year since I started serving as Associate Pastor for Youth & Young Adults at First Lutheran and as Campus Pastor at Campus Lutheran. It felt surreal to celebrate this milestone of installation in person (and singing parts of the liturgy together made my heart swell!) after so many 2020 milestones including seminary graduation and ordination taking place on Zoom.

It was pure gift of grace to celebrate with you, to make promises to be your pastor, and to enjoy a most delicious potluck together! For all who sent cards, played and sang, participated in planning, leading, decorating, cooking, cleaning, and everything in-between, I offer my deepest gratitude! It was a holy experience to sing and worship together one year later!

It's been a wild ride so far! In faith, we trust God promises to abide in, with, and through us in Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit. In the middle of all the world's complexity and brokenness, God promises to keep showing up. I give thanks to God for the ways those all along the journey have encouraged, challenged, and loved us – and will continue to do so – on the path ahead.

For your grace and generosity, for your kindness and hospitality, for your continued prayers – thank you! As the Apostle Paul puts it to his congregation in Ephesus, *"I don't stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers."* *Ephesians 1:16 (CEB)*

In hope,

Pastor Elisabeth

(and an extra heaping of gratitude on behalf of Jacob and Jens)!



CAMPUS LUTHERAN FUNDRAISER: SEPTEMBER 18



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 includes:

- Live auction featuring trips to Breckenridge, CO and Orlando, FL
- Silent auction items featuring Thunderhead Brewing & Divas Floral Shop
- Charcuterie, cheese, and artisan breads from The Alley Rose
- Tasting of 6 wines selected by The Alley Rose, paired with an exploration of the spirituality of wine with Campus Pastor, Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman
- Live music by local band The Shockitanos / Mike & Diane Sciachitano

TICKETS: \$50/PERSON
RSVP: [GIVEBUTTER.COM/RAISINGSPIRITS](https://www.givebutter.com/raisingspirits)

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

RSVP:



FLY (FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH)

FLY September Calendar

1-Sep	Wednesday	7-8pm	Youth Group
8-Sep	Wednesday	7-8pm	Youth Group
12-Sep	Sunday	12-3pm	God's Work Our Hands - FLY to Campus Lutheran
15-Sep	Wednesday	7-8pm	Youth Group
19-Sep	Sunday	9:55am	First Sunday of Bible Study & Breakfast (BSB)
21-Sep	Tuesday	5-8pm	FLY Fundraiser at Gambino's Pizza
22-Sep	Wednesday	7-8pm	Youth Group
26-Sep	Sunday	9:55am	BSB
29-Sep	Wednesday	7-8pm	Youth Group
29-Sep	Wednesday	8pm	Deadline to register for ELCA Youth Gathering

9/29: Registration Forms & \$150 Nonrefundable Deposit Due:

EPHESIANS 3:19 CEV
I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is.

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GOD BEYOND MEASURE

2022 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING
July 24-28 | Minneapolis, MN

gatheringelca.org 888-411-3522 elca.org/gathering

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FLY (CONTINUED)

FLY Reverse Scavenger Hunt

In August, FLY completed a “reverse scavenger hunt” to collect and purchase items for the Jubilee Center. With three teams, a budget of \$20 per team, and a lot of creativity, we filled the collection cart in the Narthex!



**FLY FUNDRAISER
(FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH)**

**DINE OUT
FOR FLY!**

Tues, Sept. 21

@ 5-8pm

**10% of sales will be donated to
FLY for dine in, carry out,
& delivery!**

**Gambino's
Pizza**

SEEKING THE SPIRIT WITHIN



Drink From the Well is a ministry of Seeking the Spirit Within: The Nebraska Synod Institute for Spiritual Direction Formation. It is a unique opportunity to learn from spiritual directors from around the Nebraska Synod ELCA and grow in your experience of the Divine.

Consider these benefits when you participate in Drink From the Well:

- Discover how you are wired to connect with God
- Experiment with a variety of classic prayer practices to discover which ones work best for you
- Meet with certified spiritual director every month in a small spiritual direction group
- Get to know like-minded people in your vicinity who are on a similar spiritual journey
- Develop habits for deepening your inner spiritual life
- Honor the yearning in your soul for “something more”!

Here is the schedule for this program:

- ❖ You will get an invitation to an introductory webinar in September. From October through May, on the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00pm, a synod-wide webinar will introduce a 90-minute lesson on a spiritual life and prayer practice with additional time for Q&A.
- ❖ In the middle of the month, you will meet with a small group led by a certified spiritual director for two hours somewhere in the general vicinity of your community. The location, date and time will be determined by each small group. Where a small group cannot be accommodated in your general vicinity or when a small group decides not to meet in person due to the coronavirus pandemic, online opportunities will be made available.

Your commitment is to:

- Watch the webinar each month. Try new prayer practices attend the spiritual direction group. For more information and to get instructions go to seekingthespiritwithin.org and click on Drink from the Well.

Registrations are accepted through September 14, 2021.

For more information contact Spiritual Directors, Patrick Gregory or Emily Wageman, dftwnesynod@gmail.com

CHILDREN

NOISY OFFERING WILL BE GOING TO: CarePortal

CarePortal helps children and families in their community; but sometimes it is difficult to know how. CarePortal is a tool to help connect you with people who are needing something. It could be a bed, clothes, a bike, gas, car registration tags, etc., CarePortal sends First Lutheran Church emails of specific needs of our community. If you are interested in signing up, please contact the office for more information. We will be collecting noisy offerings for CarePortal through June of 2022.

Wednesday Evening Programming



**Began
August 25,
2021, but
you can
still
register!**



**JOIN US FOR
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We are
back!
Please join
us on
Sunday
mornings at
9:55 a.m.

NOTES FROM THE PRESCHOOL: A MINISTRY OF FLC



Hello First Lutheran Church!

Above is our preschool staff! We have 2 new staff members and new adventures await us! This will be my 1st year of teaching at the Pre-K level; but I taught the 3 & 4-year old class for 5 years and kindergarten for 8 years. I am so excited for our future! Mrs. Lora has been the assistant teacher in the 3 & 4-year classroom for 8 years and begins her new adventure as the head teacher in that room. Mrs. Jane Giddings & Mrs. Lindi Samuelson are our new assistant teachers, and we couldn't be more blessed with these lovely ladies. Our preschoolers are in such good hands! God is good and I am surrounded by a great church and preschool staff!

Mrs. Lora and I have worked hard starting on June 1st organizing, cleaning and preparing for our new classes. We can't wait to see them at Orientation night on Aug. 19th and then our first days of school which are Aug. 23rd and Aug. 24th. Morning classes are from 8:30 – 11:30am and our afternoon class is from 12:00 - 3pm.

We have a few openings in my afternoon class and Mrs. Lora's Mon./Wed. class. Please reach out if you know someone looking for a great preschool!

God Bless!

Mrs. Amanda, Mrs. Lora, Mrs. Jane, and Mrs. Lindi

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS



Sept 4/5th – Guest Preacher/Forum between Sunday services Pastor Mark Grorud; Laying on of Hands for Healing

Sept 6th – Office Closed Labor Day

Sept 12th – God’s Work, Our Hands Lunch @ 12pm, Projects @ 1pm

Sept 14th – Deadline to Register for *Drink from the Well*

Sept 18th– “Raising Spirits” @ Campus Lutheran 5-7pm

Sept 18/19th – Women’s ELCA Installation @ worship services; Laying on of Hands for Healing

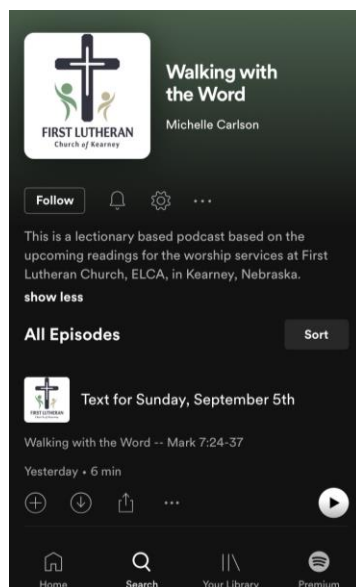
Sept 19th – Adult Forum “Bread for the World” between the services

Sept 21st – FLY Fundraiser Gambino’s Pizza 5-8pm

Sept 26th – Recognition of Connie Stover’s 35 years of service

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