

# THE MESSENGER

## Thanksgiving Eve with John Wayne

It is not unusual for families to have particular traditions or even rituals at Thanksgiving time. Maybe it is a certain food that Grandma or Mom makes for the Thanksgiving meal. For example, to this day in Pastor Michelle's family Thanksgiving dinner is not complete without filling (elsewhere known as dressing or stuffing) made according to her Grandma Estelle's special recipe. Or perhaps it is a given ritual or activity the family does on Thanksgiving. My Dad would tell us that when he was growing up during the Depression, the special Thanksgiving ritual was the annual neighborhood football game in which the Carlson brothers and sisters would take on the kids who lived up and down their block. The game was played on a dirt street which ran next to the railroad tracks. Since no one could afford a real football, they used a Quaker Oats carton stuffed with socks. He remembered it as a real rock 'em, sock 'em affair complete with cuts, bruises, and an occasional lost tooth.

My fondest Thanksgiving tradition from my childhood was Dad and I going out to a movie on the night before Thanksgiving. As I look back, I think our tradition got started because Mom simply wanted to get us out of the house while she prepared her special dressing and baked apple and pumpkin pies. For some reason, it seemed that most of the time a John Wayne movie would be showing on Thanksgiving Eve, and if there was something my Dad loved it was a John Wayne movie. Even now after so many years, on Thanksgiving Eve I always think about Dad and I watching John Wayne battling bad guys and quite reluctantly ending up with the female lead.

Sometimes we can get so wrapped up in trying to craft the perfect Thanksgiving celebration that we overlook such simple but special (even sacred) traditions. As busy as Martin Luther always was (preaching, teaching, composing, writing, corresponding), he had a keen ability to appreciate how God created the special in the simple. He would admire the beauty of a rose, the laughter of a child, the song of a bird, the taste of his beer; all as special aspects of God's good creation. This Thanksgiving amidst all the swirling activity, I hope you take time to appreciate how the special is often found in the simple and then thank God for it.

Pastor Rick

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**A  
Message  
from the  
Co-Lead  
Pastors**



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Prayer Ventures for November 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

## Watch the Nebraska Synod Thanksgiving Service ANY TIME IN NOVEMBER

In late October when the Nebraska Synod held a conference in Kearney, a Thanksgiving service for congregations was filmed at First Lutheran. Bishop Brian Maas is the preacher, and our own bell choir plays special music for the service. You can watch the Thanksgiving service by clicking on "Welcome/Watch Live" on our First Lutheran website.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Giving Thanks for Jan Welch...

### A Card Shower

We invite you to send cards to Jan to thank her for sharing her musical gifts here at First and to wish her well on her retirement.



Jan Welch  
c/o First Lutheran Church  
3315 G Avenue  
Kearney, NE 68847

## Preschool – Give Where You Live

The First Lutheran Church Preschool will be participating in the *Give Where You Live* 2021. The program brings people together as one community to raise money and awareness for our local non-profit organizations. This community effort is supported by the Kearney Area Community Foundation that encourages area nonprofits to build their capacity, find new donors. This program began in 2013 and has raised over \$6.5 million dollars for local non-profit groups.

This year the donation period is between November 4 and December 2, 2021. The Preschool will be fundraising to collect money to purchase much needed items as we begin the process of moving Pre-K to an all-day program. We would need to purchase a refrigerator, a microwave, sleeping mats, and other needed manipulatives. We are setting a goal to raise \$3,000. You can go online at [www.givewhereyoulive.net](http://www.givewhereyoulive.net) and donate. The donations can be given by cash, check or dropping/ mailing a check to Kearney Area Community Foundation Office at 412 W 48<sup>th</sup> St, Suite # 12, Kearney, NE 68845.



## SERVING OTHERS

### LWR PACKING DAY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> 8:30am - 12:00pm

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 and Fabric Kits. Pens and pencils, a bar of soap, 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>. We have a box in the coffee area for donations. LWR Packing is in Fellowship Hall on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – Noon. Please come and join us.

### JUBILEE CENTER

#### **The seasons are changing,**

are you beginning to think about baking your special seasonal recipes?

The Jubilee Center would love to have some cookies or bars to share.

Bring a dozen or two in a disposable dish either to the south kitchen at First Lutheran Church, or directly to the Jubilee Center Food Pantry.

What an easy way to reach out to strangers or individuals who are struggling during the cooler weather!



# ADVENT FAIR



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Sunday, November 21

9:30-11:30am Centennial Hall

**BEGIN THE SEASON OF  
HOPE AND PREPARATION  
FOR JESUS' BIRTH!**

*Crafts*

*Write letters to help  
end hunger through  
Bread for the World*

*Hot Chocolate Bar*

*All ages welcome!*

If you'd like to help with crafts please sign up at:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044CA8AC2AA57-advent>  
or contact the church office.

Confirmation students can receive service hours for helping.

Please help offset the cost of supplies by making a cash donation.



# MISSION OUTREACH

## GOOD GIFTS

**Advent:** (from Latin Adventus, “coming”), the period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ and, also of preparation for the second coming of Christ.

Mission outreach will again sponsor giving through “Good Gifts” this Advent season. Good Gifts is your opportunity to provide critical support to the ministries and programs that mean the most to you. You can select to support the giving of a pig, goats, cow, bees, an education, vaccinations, small business loans, water, school supplies, etc. Amounts vary from \$15 for a rooster to \$2,500 for a water well. Find a project that fits your wishes and budget. You may select an ornament from the Christmas Trees near the entrance stations or you may select a project from your good gifts catalog, which you may have received in the mail.

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America we believe that God is calling us into the world together. And with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference. More than 85% of your gifts directly support ELCA programs. Less than 15% is used for administration and fundraising.

We ask that you turn in your donations to our church so that our congregation gets recognition for the donation. Please notate on your check in the memo line “Good Gifts” and include it with your offering. Please turn in gifts by December 31, 2021.

Matthew 7:11 if you then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

## Volunteer Opportunity

Mission Outreach is seeking 1-2 volunteers to assist our outreach efforts at Brookstone Gardens. Brookstone residents are seeking someone to hold a protestant church service at Brookstone. At this time, we are thinking this would entail one hour on a Sunday afternoon once per month. If you are interested in serving the elderly and shut-ins this would be a good service opportunity. Music skills would be helpful; but not required. If interested please contact Sister Ruth, Pastor Rick or or another member of the Mission Outreach team.



# OFFICE UPDATES



## FLC STAFF E-MAIL ADDRESSES

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## SEPTEMBER FINANCE REPORT

Ministry Budget:	Sept 2021	YTD '21-'22'	YTD '20-'21
Budget Supporting Revenue	\$ 44,102	\$ 183,334	\$ 159,103
Budget Related Expenditures	\$ (57,267)	\$ (234,024)	\$ (230,346)

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

Facilities Budget:	Sept 2021	YTD '21-'22'	YTD '20-'21
Revenue	\$ 6,322	\$ 25,175	\$ 23,292
Expenditures	\$ (2,697)	\$ (12,908)	\$ (9,208)

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

# VANCO

FAITH

## GIVING OPTIONS

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

**VANCO Faith:** 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), and
2. Mobile App (download the Vanco Mobile app on the iPhone or Android, create a profile and search for "First Lutheran").

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,

Renae and I recently went to Oklahoma for a few days to visit our daughter. When we were there, we visited the Oklahoma City Memorial. This was a sobering reminder of that horrible day in April of 1995. We both felt numb when we finished the tour of the memorial. Throughout the tour, there were numerous videos playing that brought us back to that April day. One of the videos in particular, really stuck out to me. It was an interview with one of the first responders on that day. He said, "What happened was mind boggling, but the response was overwhelming."

He went on to say that they actually had to turn people away because they had too much help. There were too many people that wanted to help complete strangers. There were only a couple of men who chose to harm people that day. However, there were thousands and thousands from all across the country that offered care, compassion, assistance and love to complete strangers that day. I guess that would be overwhelming.

This reminds me of the people of First Lutheran. I often wonder how many times we have overwhelmed others with care, compassion, assistance and love. We've done this by assisting with Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, the Jubilee Center and the SAFE Center. We reached out to our friends in Dannebrog a couple of years ago and tried to help them recover from their flooding issues. I have seen First Lutheran members reach out to other First Lutheran members time and time again. These are just a few examples. The list goes on and on. Let's continue to overwhelm others with everything that is good about First Lutheran.

Maintaining and updating our church is a never-ending job. The council is currently considering proposals for adding new security cameras at different locations around the church. We are also looking into replacing the light bulbs in the sanctuary. We will keep you posted as we learn more.

Finally, October was Pastor Appreciation Month. Our council is extremely grateful for all that our pastors do. We are so fortunate to have them at First Lutheran. Pastor Rick, Pastor Michelle and Pastor Elisabeth, the church council appreciates each and every one of you.

Peace to All,  
Dave Zimmer, Council President



## CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Dave Zimmer  
*President*

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Rachel Leach

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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

**November 7, 2021**

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

1 KINGS 17:8-16; PSALM 146; HEBREWS 9:24-28; MARK 12:38-44

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

**November 14, 2021**

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

DANIEL 12:1-3; PSALM 16; HEBREWS 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25; MARK 13:1-8

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, in our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

**November 21, 2021**

CHRIST THE KING

DANIEL 7:9-10; PSALM 93; REVELATION 1:4b-8; JOHN 18:33-37

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

**November 28, 2021**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

JEREMIAH 33:14-16; PSALM 25:1-10; 1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13; LUKE 21:25-36;

Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Jesus' contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.



# CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

## OILING THE PEWS

Confirmation students who need service projects can help oil the pews on November 10<sup>th</sup> or November 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 pm. We will gather in the Narthex. Masks and gloves are to be worn during this service opportunity. Once you are finished, please complete a service opportunity form and have Jerry Stithem or Jen Puls sign it. Then place it in the completed folder.

If you have any questions regarding this opportunity, please call Jerry Stithem at (308) 440-7713.



## CONFIRMATION REMINDERS

The last night of Confirmation and FROG is Wednesday, November 17, 2021. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

Advent services on Wednesday evenings in December will count for Worship Notes.

Important Dates  
and **INFORMATION**



# WITHIN OUR BELOVED COMMUNITY HERE AT FIRST

## Prayers of Peace and Comfort

Ryan and Lindi Samuelson and family on the death of Lindi's aunt, Carla Middleswart.

Wayne and Karen Deterding on the death of their brother-in-law, Floyd Ingold.

Darren and Sonda Deterding and family on the death of their uncle, Floyd Ingold.

Angie and Dave Wright on the death of their friend, Eric Maupin.

Rose Corneer on the death of her husband, Don.

Dave and Christie Behle on the death of Dave's mother, Marlene Behle.

Steve Rockefeller on the death of his son, Scott.

Dave & Beth Westesen on the death of their nephew, Scott Rockefeller.



## THANK YOU...

The family of Jim Andersen would like to thank Pastor Michelle and Pastor Rick for their guidance and caring during Jim's illness. Thank you also for the lovely services at the church and at the cemetery.

Thank you to the church committee for providing the food and serving our family and friends. We feel very blessed to be a part of such a close and caring church family. Thank you for your comforting messages in the cards and memorials. We appreciate your friendship and may God Bless you all.

Jeanette and Family



## Congratulations to our November Volunteers of the Month: Jane Teply and Our Meals on Wheels Volunteers

First Lutheran Church recognizes Jane Teply and the Meals on Wheels Volunteers as the November Volunteers of the Month. Jane and her family have been members of First Lutheran for over 40 years. During that time, she and her family have been instrumental in assisting with a variety of support roles to facilitate the church's mission including this worthwhile mission of getting meals to those in need.

Currently Jane is involved with scheduling First Lutheran members to distribute approximately 50 Meals on Wheels which are assigned Fridays and now on Tuesdays due to low volunteers. The members of the Meals on Wheels delivery team are Julie & Dave Bohm, Judy Henning, Lanny Gerdes, Jerry & Carol Stuhr, Ken & Alicia Tracy, Larry & Nancy Merz, Larry & Joan Swanson, Ted & Kathy Sup, Al & Betty Young, Dana & Beth Ernst, Terry & Connie Keiss, Al & Valerie Erickson, Brad Kernick, Margene Dahlstedt, Stan & Sharon Wilson, Dale & Janet Pohlmann and Jane & Darrell Teply. Thank you for generosity in volunteering your time and helping members of the community. The Meals on Wheels delivery driver may be the only people some of our Kearney residents see on a regular basis.

Thank you for making sure  
all are fed!

# WOMEN of the ELCA

Please note the Lutheran World Relief has been moved from November 1st to **NOVEMBER 8**. Packing will begin at 8:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Help is needed packing items into boxes and then the boxes will need to be taken to Brown Transfer. Vehicles will be needed to help get all the boxes to Brown Transfer. If there are some trucks that would be available to take the boxes that would be great.

On Sunday November 7, all the quilts that ladies have sewed and tied together will be blessed. Help is needed after the 11:00 service to help take the quilts from the sanctuary to the Fellowship Hall.

The Board Meeting will be on Monday, November 1 at 7:00pm. We will be in classroom 21 & 22. You may park in the south parking lot and I will have the door open.

All ladies are encouraged to bring their Thank-offering boxes to one of the services the weekend of November 20/21. During the service we will be called up to bring our offering whether that be loose change, bills, or checks.

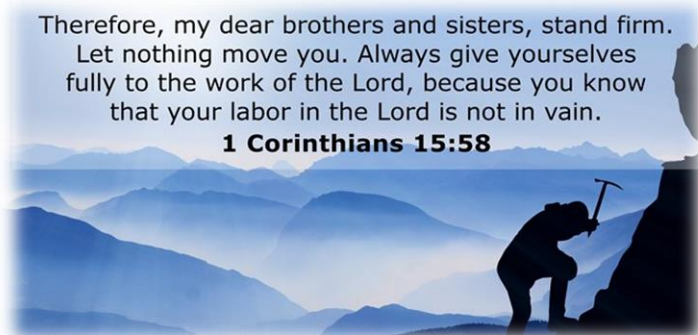
Thanks to Rosemary Miller for updating the Helping Hands list. Also thank you to those who agreed to be group chairs. Many hands can make light work.

## Upcoming Events for 2021

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

**November 8th – 8:30 am - Lutheran World Relief Packing Day – Fellowship Hall**

**December 11- Christmas Brunch - 9:00 am - Fellowship Hall**



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: Judy Workman

**NAOMI CIRCLE**

7:30pm—4th Thursday

(3rd Thurs. in Nov.)

Chair: Judy Niemann

(308)-234-4332



# A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ELISABETH

Can you believe there are about 190 weeks until high school graduation for current high school freshmen?

That's 1,330 days. Which means approximately 190 Wednesdays and 190 Sundays for them to engage with youth ministry – if they attend every single opportunity – which, let's be honest, is impossible. One of the greatest challenges as your Associate Pastor of Youth & Young Adults is working hard to make every week count in the faith formation of every student who shows up, whether it's once or all the time.

Sometimes we, as a congregation, get stuck wishing we'd "see more of the youth." And sometimes that means we'd like to see them serving in ways that we don't want to do ourselves. Sometimes that means we wish they'd be in worship every week like we were as kids. Sometimes that means we wish all the youth sat together in worship so we could see who was here. *And sometimes, that's dangerous territory for us adults.* We sometimes forget God's grace.

So, let's try and flip the script. Because I can tell you from first-hand experience, our youth **show up**. And when they do, they are all-in. It takes a little nudging sometimes, but life is demanding and we only have an hour together, so we try our best to be community. For example, there's the student who told me they came one week because they were grounded and "had nothing else they were allowed to do." And then they had fun and someone called them by name – and they've come every week since. That's the Holy Spirit at work!

So, church, how about this... instead of deciding what the youth could or should be doing and instead of making assumptions about them based on how many times we see them at church, **let's get to know every high schooler by name**. Let's invite them to serve, and then show up with them. Let's invite them to tell us their stories. Let's ask them to hear ours.

In the work to change the narrative about our youth, as the pastor for our young people, I want to invite you to continue to pray for our youth. Adolescence is weird and hard and messy. If I had a dollar for every self-deprecating comment I heard on a Wednesday night, I could take a glamorous vacation. Our youth need to know how much they are loved so they can live into God's invitation to love the hurting world around them for the sake of Jesus.

When you see a high schooler (maybe one lives with you?!), remind them of God's grace, not the guilt of not meeting our adult expectations about being at church. Simply call them by name, and remind them - God loves them and our church does too!

Below are some recent photos from our cookie bake-off... they were provided all the ingredients and measuring tools, got to ask 3 questions of Keith and I, no phones, and no recipes to make chocolate chip cookies in teams. It was a rather failed experiment ☺.

In the hope of Christ, Pastor Elisabeth





# CAMPUS LUTHERAN UPDATE

## **Care Packages for College Age & Post High School Young Adults *November 19 deadline***



### **DONATE GOODIES**

**\*new\* items to collection in narthex at FLC by Nov. 19!**

Toiletries

Homemade Treats (individually wrapped/packaged)

Healthy/Helpful Snacks (canned soup, granola bars, trail mix, popcorn)

Gift cards (\$5-\$10 to Starbucks, Target, Walmart)

Handmade Items (knit hats, bookmarks, etc.)

Checks to First Lutheran to offset postage costs

### **SEND/RECEIVE**

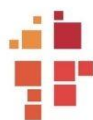
Have a young adult in your life - in college, serving in the military, or working - to send a package to?

**Please give name and mailing address to Pastor Elisabeth by Nov. 19**  
*[ehimmelman@firstlutheran Kearney.org](mailto:ehimmelman@firstlutheran Kearney.org)*

### **HELP PACK**

Come write notes and pack boxes at the Advent Fair on November 21!

*packages will be sent on behalf of:*



CAMPUS  
LUTHERAN



FIRST LUTHERAN  
Church of Kearney

# FLY (FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH)

**FLY: It's time for a fall retreat!**

JOIN FLY @ THE NEBRASKA SYNOD ANNUAL



**LYON (LUTHERAN YOUTH OF  
Nebraska) RETREAT**  
**FRI 11/19 @ 6PM - SAT 11/20 @ 8PM**  
**AT CAMP CAROL JOY HOLLING**

JOIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FROM ACROSS THE STATE  
 FOR AN OVERNIGHT ADVENTURE!  
**HIGH ROPES COURSE**  
**LOTS O' JESUS**  
**GAMES GALORE**  
 COST: \$55 (SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE)  
 DEADLINE TO RSVP TO PASTOR ELISABETH: WED, NOV 3RD

## FLY November Calendar

3-Nov	Wednesday	7-8pm	Youth Group
7-Nov	Sunday	9:55am	Bible Study & Breakfast (BSB)
10-Nov	Wednesday	7-8pm	Youth Group
14-Nov	Sunday	9:55am	ELCA Youth Gathering Getting Ready Meeting for all participants <i>(those not going on the trip still welcome to join the conversation)</i>
17-Nov	Wednesday	7-8pm	Youth Group
19-20 Nov	Fri & Sat	5pm-8pm	Synod LYON at Camp Carol Joy Holling in Ashland, NE (see above)
21-Nov	Sunday	9:55am	Help with Advent Fair (No BSB)
24-Nov	Wednesday	N/A	NO YOUTH GROUP – Happy Thanksgiving!
28-Nov	Sunday	N/A	NO BSB – Happy Thanksgiving Weekend!



# FLY BRUNCH & SILENT AUCTION

celebrate & support First Lutheran Youth!

Auction Donations (new items or handmade):  
To Pastor Elisabeth/church office  
now – Sun, Nov 28

Auction Bidding Begins Online:  
Dec 1 – Dec 11, 2021

Brunch: Sunday, Dec. 12 @ 9:30–11am in  
Centennial Hall, Free-Will Offering

*silent auction closes at 11am on Dec. 12  
(do not need to be present to be winning bidder)*

## Fall 2021 Children's Music Schedule

- **Sunday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> – 8:45am service (Just come up to the choir loft a little before 8:45am)**
- **Saturday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> @ the 6pm service, Sunday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>@ the 8:45am & the children will sing a few songs at the very beginning of the 11am Service. Then we can all go home!**

(Families are asked to come eat doughnuts and juice in between services on Sunday. There will be movies to watch, games to play, and activity pages to do with your child.)

?’s call, text 240-0872 or email Amanda [maryamandalewis5@gmail.com](mailto:maryamandalewis5@gmail.com)



# NOTES FROM THE PRESCHOOL: A MINISTRY OF FLC

Hello First Lutheran Family,

Our preschoolers are such a joy to teach! This past month just flew by! We have had the firemen visit to go over fire safety and give us a tour of their firetruck, which was very exciting! We also have been visited by the bookmobile which the kiddos think is "So Cool"!

Another exciting part of our day is having once a week chapel with Pastor Michelle and Pastor Rick! They have learned about how God created the world and named all the animals, and we learned about Adam and Eve. They especially enjoy singing the songs they teach us like "The B-I-B-L-E" and "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"! The pastors presented each preschooler with their very own Spark Bible! Thank you so much!!

During farm week, we figured out that we can read the letters E-I-E-I-O! We also shook and shook some cream and made butter to have on a bagel for snack. Yum! Yum! We know that farmers do a lot of work to take care of God's creation!

We have been learning about seeds. We have planted bean seeds and grass seeds and are waiting patiently for them to grow. We also planted a jack-o-lantern in a large, sealed jar. We are watching it decompose and hoping the seeds will eventually grow! Stay tuned for updates!

God Bless,  
Mrs. Lora and Mrs. Lindi

Happy November!

The Pre-K room have reviewed letters A- H, are working on numbers every day during calendar time, taught 7 sight words. I am teaching the kiddos how to write a sentence. Each week they begin a new book that goes with the letter. They learn lots of things that start with each letter and begin to be early readers. They have a box that they painted and it was sent home with a few of their first books. We continue to read and color these books. Then after we have read them for a couple weeks, they go home to be put in their box and read or sang every night.

One theme was D is for dig. Students brought items we could smell, touch and see. Then they draw one thing and write at least the first letter it starts with. They made a ghost by painting a cloth leaf white.

Then we worked on the letter E and learned about almost every body part. We learned ways we can take care of our body by exercising and eating healthy. They painted an egg cartoon black to make a black bat. They are getting so excited for Halloween!

Next, we had G is for gallop. We learned about different types of horses. Students were to bring a toy horse or picture of their favorite horse. We will be making pumpkin with a foam sphere, orange tissue paper squares and a green pipe cleaner. We went on our first field trip to D'milaco to learn how our t-shirts our made. They actually get to make their own!

Lastly, we will be celebrating is for Halloween with fun Halloween stories, making a spider out of a pine cone, pipe cleaners and googly eyes. Then our costume parade, games, stories and so much more!

November means we will talking about how thankful we are for everything that God has provided us!

Have a blessed November!  
Mrs. Amanda & Mrs. Jane



# NOVEMBER CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekends** Laying on of Hands for Healing during Worship Services

**November 7<sup>th</sup>** Set your clocks back one hour

**November 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>** New Member's Class in Fellowship Hall

**November 8<sup>th</sup>** LWR Packing Day in Fellowship Hall

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** Veteran's Day – Thank you to all who have served.

**November 17<sup>th</sup>** Last night of Confirmation  
Last night of FROG

**November 21<sup>st</sup>** Advent Fair  
Last Day of Sunday School

**November 25<sup>th</sup>** Happy Thanksgiving!  
Watch the Synod Thanksgiving Service:  
<https://firstlutheran Kearney.org/watch-live/watch-past-services/>  
**Church Office is Closed**

**November 26<sup>th</sup>** Day after Thanksgiving/Black Friday  
**Church Office is Closed**

**November 28<sup>th</sup>** Receiving New Members at all 3 services  
New Member's Reception in Centennial Hall

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