

THE MESSENGER

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

A Week at Confirmation Camp

As part of the Confirmation program at First Lutheran, we take the Confirmation students who are entering 8th grade (their last year of Confirmation) to Camp Carol Joy Holling. This past month, Pastor Elisabeth and I accompanied ten of our 8th grade Confirmation students to camp. We departed from the church parking lot early Sunday afternoon and arrived at camp two and a half hours later. I think it is fair to say that some of our students were a bit reluctant to spend a week at camp with us. That is understandable and quite normal.

Though the week was very hot (90s each day) and rather buggy (lots of spray needed), it was a fantastic week for all of us. Our students fully and actively participated in a number of camp activities each and every day. Lots of singing and praying. Daily Bible study with the two pastors. Daily time at the pool. Lots of hiking. High ropes course. Low ropes course. Archery. Boating. Evening campfire and worship. Opportunities to share a number of aspects of our faith life with one another. Meeting a number of new friends. Dozens of activities led by the camp staff. Human foosball. Gaga pit. Eating three meals a day outdoors. Afternoon and evening snacks. Excellent staff interactions.

Pastor Elisabeth and I are immensely proud of how our ten students embraced all aspect of camp life. By time we left on Friday afternoon, each one of our ten students talked about how glad they were for having experienced camp that week. Our only regret was that we had to miss our week at camp the previous two summers due to COVID. Our week together at camp is a vital part of our Confirmation program and for the faith develop of our younger church members. These ten young women and men are not the future of the church. They are vital, faithful and faith-witnessing members of Christ's church right now!

Pastor Rick



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Prayer Ventures for July 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



LUTHERAN
CAMPUS MINISTRY

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



www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response
800-638-3522



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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Have you already signed up? You can contact the office and they would be happy to register you or you can go to the FLC Website and click on the registration link and sign up. VBS will be held July 18th – 21st from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. We look forward to have you join us in our Food Truck Party!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMAGING TEAM

We are looking for volunteers to help in the Church Sound booth! How would you like to be trained to assist with sound, live stream, radio broadcast, church slides? Only cover one service a month! Interested in learning something new? Contact the church office for more information.

JUBILEE CENTER

The Jubilee Center's Free Meals are back! The first one begins on July 7th at 5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church (across from the YMCA). This is a free community meal for those who have limited food resources. The Jubilee Center Food Pantry is still in need of fruit, cereal, rice and tomato products.

Sound Offering

First Lutheran Church's Praise Band

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UPPER ROOM BREWERY

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Friday, July 29th
7-9pm

Food Truck onsite

Come for great drinks, food, and entertainment!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Thank you to those who helped with the First Lutheran lunch for Habitat last month. The foundation for the second house is ready for volunteers to help with walls, siding, installation, drywall, painting and yard prep. All new homeowners complete a Dave Ramsey course and are given a home owner's manual.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

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. 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 coffee area.

MISSION OUTREACH

July's Donation of the Month: Personal Hygiene Products

Ideas: hand soap, hand sanitizer, bars of soap, deodorant, body wash.

The S.A.F.E. Center is the Spouse/Sexual Abuse Family Education Center. The S.A.F.E. Center's mission is to provide free and confidential services for those affected by dating violence, domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, and stalking while bringing awareness and prevention efforts to all individuals across South Central Nebraska.

Counties we serve: Buffalo, Franklin, Harlan, Kearney, Phelps

Please place items on the "Sharing Shelf" in the narthex.

Thank you!



Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm/**Address:** 620 E. 25th Suite 14, Kearney NE, 68847

Phone: 308-237-2599/**24 Hour Toll-Free Crisis Line:** 877-237-2513

LEADING WORSHIP @ Brookstone Gardens

Sunday, July 3rd at 1:30pm
Two Brief Worship Services

Volunteers Welcome!

If interested, please contact Sister Ruth Ellen Rebelein.

sister.ruth.ellen.rebelein@gmail.com

MISSION OUTREACH (continued)

Mission Outreach

ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response

Members of our congregation and our congregation's Endowment Fund have regularly and generously given to both ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Relief (LDR) over the years. You may have wondered how such gifts and donations have been put to use. Here are some statistics for 2021:

- ELCA World Hunger had revenues of almost \$23 million which came from individuals, congregations, synods, bequests, endowments, etc. Over \$19 million was given to international programs in 67 countries across the world (Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Europe) and to domestic programs in 43 states and the territory of Puerto Rico. These programs included providing food, agricultural assistance, health care, vocational training, housing, and other services.
- Lutheran Disaster Response had revenues of almost \$14.5 million which came from individuals, congregations, synods, and grants, over half of which was specifically designated to a particular program or relief effort. Over \$5 million was spent on international programs such as COVID response, earthquake, hurricane, fire, drought, and flood relief. Over \$3.5 million was spent in the United States especially for hurricane, flood, tornado, and other disaster relief efforts.

In 2022, Lutheran Disaster Response is especially focusing on relief efforts in Eastern Europe in partnership with the Lutheran World Federation, the German Evangelical Church of Ukraine, the Evangelical Churches of the Augsburg Confession in Poland and in Slovakia, and the Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Romania and Hungary. The response activities include:

- Cash support for refugees
- Emergency items such as beds, blankets and shelter
- Food, clean water, and hygiene items
- Protection for the vulnerable
- Pastoral and psychosocial care
- Prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse

The gifts that we share with both of these Lutheran organizations have tremendous impacts across the globe. Thank you!

OFFICE UPDATES



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MAY FINANCE REPORT

Ministry Budget:	MAY 2022	YTD '21-'22'	YTD '20-'21
Budget Supporting Revenue	\$ 135,031	\$ 734,371	\$ 692,761
Budget Related Expenditures	\$ (61,685)	\$ (734,371)	\$ (692,761)

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

Facilities Budget:	MAY 2022	YTD '21-'22'	YTD '20-'21
Revenue	\$ 5,702	\$ 77,575	\$ 78,614
Expenditures	\$ (44,081)	\$ (77,575)	\$ (78,614)

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



Please Use the "Vanco Faith" app for Online Giving

A reminder that the Church's Electronic Giving was upgraded to Vanco Mobile when Vanco, our eGiving provider, launched an updated mobile app called Vanco Mobile to replace GivePlus Mobile. The old GivePlus Mobile has ended and is no longer available.

You can download the Vanco Mobile app for free from the App Store or Google Play. From there, you can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app. Just select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

IMPORTANT: If you have a recurring donation set up already through GivePlus, your donation will continue automatically.

However, if you wish to change your donation amount or update your payment options in any way, you will need to do that through the new Vanco Mobile App so it is best for you to update to the new app as soon as possible. Your existing username and password from GivePlus should remain the same.

If you have questions or need assistance with our new mobile app, please stop by the church office or call us at 308-237-5544.

HAVEN'T TRIED MOBILE GIVING YET?

Now is a great time to test it out. It's simple, convenient, and secure. Go to firstlutheranearney.org and click on "Electronic Giving" on the homepage to learn more.

Please know that online giving is **OPTIONAL**. Traditional forms of giving are always welcome and acceptable. However, if you choose to give, we thank you for your contributions!

COUNCIL UPDATE

Greetings from Church Council,

This is my last Messenger article since my time as Council President is coming to an end. I was a little apprehensive about taking this position. Basically, I wasn't quite sure what I was getting myself into. I'm sure many Council Presidents from the past felt the same way. It turned out to be a valuable learning experience for me. I have a much greater understanding of what it takes to make First Lutheran what it is.

When I spoke at our Unity Dinner back in January, I pointed out that we were not just a Sunday morning church. First Lutheran is an everyday church and it requires a tremendous amount of work to pull it off. That is where the people of First Lutheran come in. I'm sure many of you are familiar with the African proverb, "It takes a whole village to raise a child." The same concept applies to running a church. It takes all of us. We are so fortunate to have the office and maintenance staff that we do. They do a great job of running the day to day operations of the church. We are blessed with three wonderful pastors. Being a pastor during "normal" times is challenging enough. However, the challenges our pastors have faced the last couple of years were certainly elevated. Many of us look to our pastors for care and guidance, as we should. It's also important to remember that our pastors are human just like the rest of us and sometimes they need us just as much as we need them. Then there are the members of First Lutheran. At our Welcome Stations, you will find a pamphlet titled "*Who We Are*". This same pamphlet was also presented at the Unity Dinner. If you haven't seen it yet, I highly encourage you to read through it. It is quite impressive to say the least. In a nutshell, it shows that we are a welcoming, active, caring congregation. We pitch in so that the work of the church can continue. Our ministry isn't limited to 3315 Avenue G. Our ministry impacts lives locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. This is who we are.

First Lutheran is just one church in a great big world. Yet, it is my church. It is your church. It is our church and we are all blessed to call it our church home and our church family.

Thank you to the congregation members for your support this past year and thank you for the many ways that you contribute to the ministry of First Lutheran. Thank you to the pastors for their guidance, commitment and resolve. Finally, a special thanks to my fellow council members. Thank you for your professionalism and your commitment to First Lutheran. It has been a privilege and honor to serve with you. I can walk away from this experience with a sincere appreciation for the people of First Lutheran.

Peace to All,
Dave Zimmer



CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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President

Shirley Smalley
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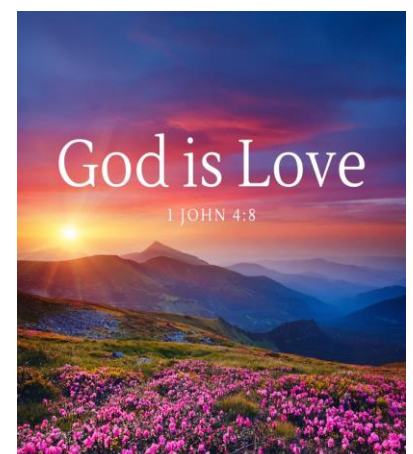
Rachel Leach

Michael Rafferty

Kelly Russman

Have questions?

If you want to speak to a council member, please contact the office or find their information in the Narthex on the wall.



WORSHIP THEMES

July 3, 2022

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

ISAIAH 66:10-14; PSALM 66:1-9; GALATIANS 6:[1-6] 7-16; LUKE 10:1-11, 16-20

God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat...take and drank" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

July 10, 2022

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

DEUTERONOMY 30:9-14; PSALM 25:1-10; COLOSSIANS 1:1-14; LUKE 10:25-37

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you" – namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

July 17, 2022

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

GENESIS 18:1-10a; PSALM 15; COLOSSIANS 1:15-28; LUKE 10:38-42

Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears". God urges the faithful again and again, to "listen up" – to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

July 24, 2022

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

GENESIS 18:20-32; PSALM 138; COLOSSIANS 2:6-15 [16-19]; LUKE 11:1-13

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized – to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus – is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength with me."

July 31, 2022

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23; PSALM 49:1-12; COLOSSIANS 3:1-11; LUKE 12:31-21

Today's texts offer instructions and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To the end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper, and the encouragement of God's word.

WITHIN OUR BELOVED COMMUNITY HERE AT FIRST

Prayers of Peace and Comfort for the friends and family of....

Henny Larsen, Kay Bowman's mother.

Sharon Long, Dennis Long's wife.

Kevin Londer, Kandy Bacon's twin brother.



Congratulations to our July Volunteers of the Month:

Dave Zimmer and Miranda Obermeier

Dave Zimmer has been Congregational Council President and Miranda Obermeier has been the Vice President. Both of these hard-working members have had a difficult road on council with all of the ups and downs, constant changes due to COVID. Making the difficult decisions and helping navigate through covid has been a rollercoaster. Covid has been a trying time for everyone, and we wanted to let everyone know how much we appreciate all of the time, service, and dedication these two members that will be leaving council have brought to First Lutheran Church. We thank them for their service!



Did you know that First Lutheran offers a Live Radio Broadcast each Sunday morning? You are welcome to listen to us on KXPN 1460 AM during our 8:45 a.m. service.

Would you be interested in sponsoring this worthwhile event? The cost for a radio broadcast is \$165 per week. You can sponsor an entire broadcast or just part of one. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office at (308) 237-5544. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday School will resume on August 21, 2022.

Confirmation Families: Save the date for Confirmation Orientation. It will be on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Please complete the registration form before this meeting.

FROG, our Wednesday Night Programming for children Pre-K through 5th, as well as all other Wednesday night programming will return Wednesday, August 24th.

REGISTER HERE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL, CONFIRMATION, and FROG:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfHplxcIpWE-RN-94jtys3d0Xp5FA2it0YW0_dSLF-ljgv3Nw/formResponse

WOMEN of the ELCA

Women of the ELCA and First Lutheran Church have been wonderful supporters of Lutheran World Relief Kits. LWR Kits are specifically designed to help people cope with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. Whether a kit helps someone maintain good hygiene, care well for a newborn baby, keep education going during a crisis or learn a new vocation, LWR Kits provide dignity and hope in the direst of situations. The kits are a way for us to offer comfort to those who are suffering and express our love to our neighbors in need. There are four kits that we assemble. They are Personal Care, Baby Care, School, and Fabric Kits. Each kit has specific items that are needed to make that kit. YOU can help by providing some of the items needed for the kits. The Personal Care kit needs a bath towel, bar soap, adult toothbrush, sturdy comb, and nail clippers. Items that are needed to help us finish Baby Care Kits are 3-18 months sweaters, or lightweight jackets or flat cloth diapers. School Kit needs are 24 pack crayons, 70 sheet notebooks, #2 unsharpened pencils, pencil sharpener, 30" inch centimeter, children's blunt or safety scissors, black or blue pens, 2 ½ eraser. If you can help to provide any of these items there is a collection box by the pop machine in the coffee area.

There is a Saved to Serve event scheduled for August 19 to the 21st at Sullivan Hills Camp. The primary task will be to make quilts for Ukrainian Refugees. Other plans being made are to explore what it means to be a refugee, share a cream can supper and take a hayrack ride. Registration forms are located on the WELCA bulletin board and are due July 29.

The July General meeting of the Women of the ELCA will take place on Wednesday, July 6th at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. The theme for this meeting is just to come and enjoy visiting with other women from First Lutheran. There will be dessert and the election of officers. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Events for 2022

July 6 - 7:00 pm - W.E.L.C.A. - General Meeting & Elections – Fellowship Hall Hostess - Abigail & Deborah

August 19th 6:00pm to August 21st at 1:00pm - Saved to Serve Sullivan Hills Camp

*For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry
with good things.*

Psalm 107:9



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

FLY (FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH)

Dear First Lutheran,

Among my (hopefully attended to) pile of books to read this summer are...

The Nineties by Chuck Closterman

The Diary of Anne Frank

I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness by Austin Channing Brown

Social Work Values and Ethics by Frederic Reamer

Good Enough by Kate Bowler

I follow the authors on social media, and found this blessing to fit with the complexity of these days, when gun violence and trauma seem to rule the day. May the words draw you near to God and bless you in the middle of the mess:

A blessing for when today already feels like too much

AND TOMORROW DOESN'T LOOK GOOD EITHER by Kate Bowler

I was hoping to be the kind of person by now
who doesn't tumble, headlong, into the day
falling, falling, falling
from the high board
without nearly enough water below.

God, I swear I didn't plan it like this.
But here I am, hoping for another miracle.

Lord, bless these dumb plans
that will short circuit my thinking
and make me fragile, brittle.
Lord, bless these multiplying tasks
that swarm like mosquitoes.

Underneath this to-do list
and these calendar invites
and these many obligations
is a set of loves.

Keep love in front of my eyes.
Love in the car.
Love in the waiting room.
Love on the phone.
Love at my laptop.
Love in the laundry room.

And love, especially,
for the soft heart—mine —
who cared enough to be this tired
in the first place.

In hope,
Pastor Elisabeth

FLY (continued)



fly
summer
2022



ALL INCOMING 9TH GRADERS WELCOME!
q's? Contact Pastor Elisabeth:
ehimmelman@firstlutheran Kearney.org
cell/text: 262-349-1885

JULY

Sun 7/10 @ 9:55a: Parent & Student Meeting: mission trip participants
Fellowship Hall

Fri 7/15 @ 9a-5p: Eat & Explore in Lincoln | \$20

Mon 7/18-Thurs 7/21 @ 6-8p: Vacation Bible School at FLC
sign up to volunteer: www.firstlutheran Kearney.org

Sat 7/23 - Wed 7/27: Mission Trip to Kansas City (must be pre-registered)

AUGUST

Sat 8/6 & Sun 8/7: Youth Led Worship Weekend

Wed 8/17: FLY Wed. Night Youth Group kickoff for 22'-23'!

CAMPUS LUTHERAN

A few updates from 9th Ave...

Trivia Night on June 3 was a blast! Congratulations to Annette, Tyler, & Hope Schwartz whose team came in first (out of five... we won't say where the Himmelman's team fell...)!

We are still waiting to break ground on our kitchen remodel, but have raised \$19,000 toward our goal of \$25,000!

Raising Spirits returns on Friday, October 21, 2022! We hope you'll join us for wine, auction, and a good time together to raise funds for our ministry.

In personal news, I have asked to be adjunct faculty at UNK for fall semester, teaching social work ethics. I'm hopeful it will serve as another opportunity to get to know students and staff as well as engage in the UNK community in new ways through this lens.

And, a story... when asked what being part of Campus Lutheran means to her, Maddy Koebernick says...
"Campus Lutheran is a place where I can share and express my love for Jesus and faith, without being shamed or looked at weird while on a college campus. It's a community full of others where we are able to lean on each other as we go through the trials and tribulations of being a college student in today's society. It's a place where I feel at home and can be myself. It's where faith, community, and UNK coexist and blend together with God and all the people involved."

God is up to good things in the lives of young adults!

In hope,
Pastor Elisabeth



porch

PONDERINGS

How is God at work in us and in the world?

Bring your questions, doubts, and wonder. We'll reflect on scripture alongside the writings of Rowan Williams, author of "Being Christian."

All ages welcome!

Drinks and space for questions provided.

Come as your schedule allows.



2 more summer bible studies:

Sunday, July 17 @ 6:30pm

Thursday, August 4 @ 6:30pm

ELECTION RESULTS



On Saturday, June 4, at the Nebraska Synod Assembly, Pastor Scott Johnson was elected as the next Bishop of the Nebraska Synod of the ELCA. Pastor Johnson currently serves as the Director of Campus Ministry at Midland University, an ELCA educational institution located in Fremont, Nebraska. Pastor Johnson grew up in Nebraska and attended UNL (where he played in the marching band!). Prior to his call to Midland, he served calls in Minnesota and Iowa. Pastor Johnson will begin his six-year term as our bishop on September 1. He will be formally installed in the office of bishop on Saturday, September 24, at 1 p.m. right here at First Lutheran Church in Kearney to which all of you are invited. We are very grateful to Bishop Brian Maas for his ten years of faithful service as our bishop.

NEWLY ELECTED LEADERSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Congregational Council

Karen Emal
Lee Fritson
Kyle Means
Shirley Smalley

Preschool Board

Amber Benson
Christine Fisher
Niki Peterson

Nominating Committee

Vera Lee Brodine
Margene Dahlstedt
Deb Schauer
Carol Stuhr

Endowment Committee

Dave Zimmer



TANZANIA UPDATE

Dear Sister Ruth Ellen,
Grace and peace from God be with you and all members of the First Lutheran Church.

The entire community of Agape Lutheran Junior Seminary thank you and congregation of First Lutheran Church for your generous donation to Agape Seminary. We appreciate your support. We have received blessings through partnership between Northern Diocese and Nebraska synod specifically First Lutheran Church.

The school is doing fine. This year we had wonderful services on 28/05/2022 which was led by bishop Dr. Fredrick Shoo. The service had three historical events. These events were:

1. Inauguration of the school chapel
2. Celebration of the silver Jubilee
3. school graduation

kindly see photos which are attached with this email.

Also, this year we received form four national examination results where by all of our students passed well their National examinations. 59 students got division one and 35 students got division two. No students got division three, or division four or division zero.

Form six students did their National exams in May looking forward to get their results in July, 2022. We hope they will all pass well their examinations.

The students were supposed to be in the vacation now, but the government has changed the holiday routine and extend studying period. Student will commence the holiday at the end of July because of the census which will be conducted in August.

Currently, the school has 561 students, 26 teachers and 15 non-teaching staff. The school enroll both boys and girls. This is boarding school. After classes, students engaged in different extracurricular activities such as sports and games. Examples: football, netball, volleyball and athletics.

Music is available in our school. we have employed music teacher who teach our students music and how to use instruments like trumpets, guitars, keyboards and drums.

We have few students who are coming from marginalized societies, their parents cannot afford to pay their school fees. These students are very bright. We kindly ask you Sr. Ruth Ellen and our sister partner First Lutheran Church if you can donate their fee and enable them to realize the life dreams. Please help them to achieve their academic goals. I hope this request will meet your positive considerations.

We are also planning to improve the security of the school by constructing the fence with bricks. This is very important to strengthen security of the students especially female students. Terrorism and burning of the school is threat in boarding school Tanzania. Please keep this plan in your prayers and if you wish to join us hands we will be happy. Let me know please so that I may share more detail information.

Let us continue praying for our partnerships and friendships so that it may continue to grow and be strong for the glory of God. Despite of our differences in color and economic status, we are one in Christ. We are united by Jesus Christ. Thank you so much for your love and care.

Kind Regards,
Rev. Godrick Lyimo
Headmaster - Agape Lutheran Junior Church.

TANZANIA UPDATES (continued)

CHAPEL DEDICATION



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Mark Your Calendars:
2022 Vacation Bible School
July 18th - July 21st
6:00-8:00pm

Special Church Performance and Party on Sunday, July 24th at 10:30 a.m. Campers perform VBS songs, hear the final VBS lesson, see the closing slideshow and attend a PARTY after the service!

To Register your child(ren) for VBS, order VBS Camper T-shirts, or Volunteer during VBS go to our website. <https://firstlutherankearney.org/its-a-food-truck-party-vbs-july-18-21/>

Volunteers and donations are appreciated!

VBS CRAFT & SCIENCE PROJECT DONATIONS

Wanting to help with VBS; but not sure what to bring? We are needing the following items:

Used magazines for cutting up for collages, Paper grocery bags (1 per child to bring home crafts at end of week)

125 9" uncoated disposable paper plates (with ribbed edges)

125 10" clear plastic plates, 125 9 oz. clear plastic cups

5 containers matte Mod-Podge

24 packets Active Dry Yeast (not quick-rise)

125 - 9" latex balloons

250 sheets assorted colors tissue paper

500 sheets each of card stock (65 lb.): bright, primary colors

25 pieces 12"x12" wool



NOTES FROM THE PRESCHOOL: A MINISTRY OF FLC

PRESCHOOL



Hello Summer!

We have a lot of going on at First Lutheran Church Preschool! We are completely full for the 2022-2023 school year and we have four students on the waiting list. We are in the process of taking resumes and starting interviews for our assistant teachers. We are still looking for an assistant teacher in one of our classrooms.

Lora and I are cleaning, organizing, moving furniture for carpet cleaning and Mrs. Lora has a new bulletin board that looks amazing! She is the more creative one! We are super excited for the next school year and we both work a lot over the summer to be prepared to make this a super fun experience! We have a ton of fun learning with lots of hands – on experiences!

I have begun planning our year-at-a-glance calendar that tells all our important days and breaks! Next year, we will start at 8:15am and end at 11:45am. The kiddos will receive an extra 30 minutes of education as we are trying to help families with transportation needs. The 3 & 4-yr old classroom is still two days a week; but Pre-k is 5 days a week. We are seeing more families wanting or needing a more consistent schedule. Our plan is to make Pre-K all day in a couple years and thanks to your generous donations, we should have most of the money we need to get there! Thank you all so much!

We wish you a happy and healthy summer!

God Bless!

Mrs. Amanda & Mrs. Lora



JULY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

1st/3rd Weekends – Laying on of Hands for Healing during Worship Services

Saturday, July 2nd/ Sunday, July 3rd – Worship @ 6pm, 8:45am, 10:30am

Sunday, July 3rd –Worship @ Brookstone Gardens w/ Sister Ruth Ellen 1:30pm

Monday, July 4th – The church office is closed in honor of Independence Day.

Wednesday, July 6th - Women's ELCA Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 9th/Sunday, July 10th – Worship @ 6pm, 8:45am, 10:30am

Sunday, July 10th – Mandatory meeting for youth participating in the Mission Trip and their parents @ 9:55am in Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 11th – Women's ELCA Board Meeting @ 7:00pm

Wednesday, July 13th – Reading with Pastor Michelle @ 7:00pm

Friday, July 15th – FLY Eat & Explore Lincoln with Pastor Elisabeth
Messenger Deadline for August

Saturday, July 16th/Sunday, July 17th – Worship @ 6pm, 8:45am, 10:30am

Sunday, July 17th – VBS Volunteer meeting at 11:30am
Porch Ponderings @Pastor Elisabeth's house 6:30pm

Monday July 18 – 21st - Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, July 20th – Reading with Pastor Michelle @ 7:00pm

Saturday, July 23rd – 9:00am FLY leaving for Mission Trip to Kansas City

Saturday, June 23rd/Sunday, July 24th – Worship @ 6pm, 8:45am, 10:30am
VBS CELEBRATION @ 10:30am service with Food Truck Lunch Following

Wednesday, July 27th - Reading with Pastor Michelle 7:00pm
FLY returning from Kansas City Trip 10:00pm

Friday, July 29th – Sound Offering plays at the Upper Room Brewery 7pm-9pm

Saturday, July 30th/Sunday, July 31st – Worship @ 6pm, 8:45am, 10:30am

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