

THE MESSENGER

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

Congregational Meeting November 6, 2022

We will be voting on:

1. The Office Remodel Project
2. To Enter into a Capital Campaign

During the September information sessions, we learned:

1. Offices need to be improved (design and concept have been revised)
2. HVAC needs to be addressed
3. Cost estimates are above \$2 million (10% already in hand from Stevenson)

Want to see the updated concept? You can find the PowerPoint slides at firstlutheran Kearney.org. Hover over Resources, then click on Building Renovation Project to find that content.

Important Meeting

Study with Your Co-Lead Pastors

Reading with Pastor Michelle

Begins on October 5th @ 7:22 pm
Meets in North Hall

*A Beginner's Guide to the End:
Practical Advice for Living Life
and Facing Death*

By BJ Miller, MD and
Shoshana Berger

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sundays October 9, 16, 23
9:50 a.m. in Centennial Hall

On these three Sundays Pastor Rick will lead a Bible Study entitled "Biblical Stewardship: Our Duty and Delight, Part 1." This study will include watching presentations by Dr. Mark Allen Powell followed by discussion on the weekly stewardship topic. Dr. Powell is a New Testament Emeritus Professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. He is prolific author of books ranging from introductions to the New Testament to examining Jesus as a figure in history to an encyclopedia on contemporary Christian music.

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Prayer Ventures for October 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

Pumpkins Needed!

We need pumpkins to decorate the church entrances.

Sizes Needed:

12 Large, 12 Medium and 24 Small.

Deadline is October 17th by 4:00 pm.

For more information contact Debbie Steinbrecher @ (308) 708-1225.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invite Your Friends and Family to Church! Sunday, October 30th

11:00am – Worship (**no 8:45am service**)
12:00pm – Potluck (Main Dish Provided;
A-L brings sides/M-Z brings desserts)
12:45pm – Let Your Light Shine “Trunk-or-Treat”

Witness and Members/Care and Growth
Teams Sponsoring This Event

A purple poster for a 'Trunk-or-Treat' event. At the top left is a large white moon. The title 'First Lutheran Church' is in orange, and 'Let Your Light Shine Trunk-Or-Treat' is in large yellow letters. Below the title are two orange pumpkins with yellow crosses. To the right, the date 'Sunday, October 30th' and time '12:45pm - 2:15pm' are in orange. Below that, 'Church Southeast Parking Lot' is in orange, with a note 'In the Case of Inclement Weather, the Event will Move Indoors' in smaller white text. A green car with its trunk open is shown at the bottom left, with candy and pumpkins spilling out. A QR code is in the center. At the bottom right is a jack-o'-lantern. The bottom of the poster has a list of instructions and a full schedule for Sunday, October 30th.

First Lutheran Church
Let Your Light Shine
Trunk-Or-Treat

Sunday, October 30th
12:45pm - 2:15pm
Church Southeast Parking Lot
In the Case of Inclement Weather, the Event will Move Indoors

Trunk/Truckbed Displays Needed!
Set Up in the Church Southeast Parking Lot Anytime 9am-12pm

- Hand out pre-wrapped candy or prizes
- Games, costumes encouraged
- Save your parking stall! Call church office or use the QR Code register
- In the case of inclement weather, event will move indoors

Sunday, October 30th Full Schedule:
Sunday School | 9:50am
5th Sunday Church Service | 11:00am
Church Lunch | 12:00pm
Trunk-Or-Treat | 12:45-2:15pm

For More Details: FirstLutheranKearney.org

SYNOD CELEBRATES AT FIRST LUTHERAN

The Rev. Scott Alan Johnson Installed as Bishop of the Nebraska Synod

September 26, 2022



The Holy Spirit is active and up to something. During a period of great change and transition in the church and the world, together recovering from two years of COVID time uncertainty, anxiety, and isolation, the Nebraska Synod officially received its new bishop, who will walk alongside the synod's 235 congregations and the whole of the ELCA.

ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton led the service to install Rev. Scott Alan Johnson as Bishop of the Nebraska Synod on Sept. 24.

The afternoon service brought hundreds—church leaders and laity alike—through the doors of First Lutheran Church in Kearney.

Presiding Bishop Eaton delivered the sermon, where she focused on the work of pruning in church life, based on the service's Gospel text.

"God is busy pruning us," Bishop Eaton said. "We understand that though we are baptized and we are saints, we are also sinners. And apart from God, without the assurance of forgiveness that comes to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, without the outpouring of the Spirit, we can't do a thing... And Christ wants us to bear fruit so that others may come to know the life and the freedom that is only available to us through the unbelievably intimate and infinite love of Jesus Christ."

But Eaton said the role of bishop cannot involve solving all the synod's problems.

"Preaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments—that's the primary work of church leaders," Eaton said in an interview. "Your people need to know that you love God, and they need to know that you love them."

Eaton ended her sermon by imploring Bishop Johnson to sing—a metaphor for joyous service pulled from the song-filled service, where even the Lord's Prayer was set to a tune.

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And Bishop Johnson has been singing—metaphorically and literally—for his entire life. He first discovered his passion for ministry in college, studying music education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Johnson hoped to become a band teacher.

He took a job as a counselor at Camp Carol Joy Holling. The work, rooted in faith and leadership, resonated with him.

“That whole first summer, I felt just like everything was lining up,” Johnson said. “Like that was the way it was supposed to be.”

He returned in the fall to music education but didn’t find the same sense of fulfillment. The next summer, he worked at Carol Joy Holling again.

“That’s when the executive director of Camp Carol Joy Holling threw his arm around me,” Johnson said. “And he said, ‘You should think about going into ministry because I think you might have the gifts to be a pastor.’ And that stuck. It just kept surfacing.”

Johnson said he became more involved in The Lutheran Center at UNL, where Pastor Larry Meyer helped him find his way to seminary. Since his time at Luther Seminary, Johnson served in parish and campus ministry contexts, from Peace Lutheran Church in Barret, Minnesota to his most recent position as director of campus ministries at Midland University.

Johnson started in his position as bishop on Sept. 1, and he said he’s since felt the lightness and heaviness of the job. During the installment, former Bishop Brian Maas placed a pectoral cross around Johnson’s neck.



Image Left: Rev. Dr. Michelle Carlson pours water into the baptismal font with Bishop Elizabeth Eaton / Image Center: Bishop Scott Alan Johnson / Image Right: Rev. Dr. Mercedes Bachmann assists with worship

“I didn’t imagine myself in this role so much when I was becoming a minister,” Johnson said. “But I love that a lot of what I think I’m going to be doing in this work will be the kind of things that I’ve always treasured in other bishops that I’ve worked under: supporting congregations, supporting pastors.”

Eaton said Johnson’s installment follows several new faces in the ELCA’s Conference of Bishops.

“I think in the last three or four years, over half of the Conference of Bishops has changed from all the elections,” Eaton said. “It has brought in younger people and a new, fresh set of eyes. And that’s so important... I believe that Bishop Johnson will certainly bring a lot of energy.”

SYNOD CELEBRATES AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Johnson has no doubt: the road ahead for church leaders is as challenging as it is ambiguous. From a decline in in-person church attendance to a growing sense of distrust across the country, Johnson said the Church is exactly the thing the world needs.

“I think we as the Church really need to learn how to be uncomfortable together and learn how to not be quite so absolute with one another,” he said.

But Johnson does not face the future’s challenges alone. His song is not a solo.

Johnson’s installment saw ecumenical and international involvement. The Roman Catholic Omaha Diocese Archbishop George Joseph Lucas and the Episcopalian Bishop Scott Barker joined the assembly.

Bishop Johnson’s installment also celebrated the continuing relationship between the Nebraska Synod and its partners in Argentina and Uruguay.

“We must keep learning about what the others are doing,” Rev. Dr. Mercedes Bachmann, a Lutheran pastor and professor from Argentina, said. “Our problems are the same as yours, and we need to know that the Church is much larger than our own individual communities. So we should explore how best to serve God in different situations, different places.”

Rev. Dr. Mercedes Bachmann said the pandemic paused the relationship between the two bodies, which involved exchanges of laity and leaders, but said she’s happy to see it flowering again.

Johnson said he’s eager to learn more about and lead the Nebraska Synod. He said the song he’s most tried to sing is one that lingers on the personal love God has for every individual.

“I’ve tried to make that the way that I preach and do ministry as much as I can,” Johnson said. “To find ways to connect with people, and just communicate to them that they are cherished and beloved by God... I’m not going to come into a congregation expecting to give them all the answers. I will try to ask good questions and try to help people see their own soul and see the potential that they have for doing ministry in the place that God has entrusted to them.”



MISSION OUTREACH

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 is a donation box at First Lutheran Church in the coffee area by the pop machine.



JUBILEE HELPERS

Looking for Volunteers to help with Jubilee Meals which are expected to resume in January 2023. Duties may include making phone calls to be sure meals are delivered and arranges are met. Contact Carol Stuhr for more information (308) 440-8098.

JUBILEE CO-COORDINATOR

A Co-coordinator is needed for Jubilee Center meals held at First Lutheran Church from January through March 2023. Must be available from 4:45 – 7 pm on Thursday evenings. Contact Carol Stuhr for more information (308) 440-8098. Thank you!

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS – Thank you volunteers!

God's Work, Our Hands was held on Sunday, September 11. Members volunteered at three different locations. There were three locations: Jubilee Center, Compass Foster Home, and Safe Center. Volunteers sorted donations at the Jubilee Center. Compass foster home volunteers helped clean up a brush pile, trim some tree branches, cut firewood, clean and organize the garage, and haul off the brush pile to the city dump. After the project was completed, the cars could be parked in their garage. With donations, Safe Center volunteers organized and set up a clothing boutique. A total of 42 school supply kits and 22 health kits were packed during Sunday School. It was a delightful day of serving in the name of Christ. Thank you to all our hard-working volunteers!

MISSION OUTREACH

October's Donation of the Month: Laundry Detergent

Suggestions: Laundry soap, detergent sheets, scrub brushes, laundry pods, Sensitive Skin detergents.

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

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

October begins with three houses enclosed and sidewalks and driveways finished. Painting is almost complete. Supply chain issues are still creating scheduling changes. Flooring and cabinets are still delayed. Yet there are many tasks that can be done. One volunteer group last month installed sod and is looking forward to returning to put sod down for the remaining two houses. By the end of the month three houses will be looking much more finished and ready for the last jobs to be completed. Doors will be hung, trim will be installed as soon as the flooring is installed, and appliances will be in place as soon as the cabinets are installed. Homebuyers are working hard to complete the required 400 hours of sweat equity. There are plenty of opportunities for volunteers to participate in this community project. We would love to have you join us!

OFFICE UPDATES



FLC STAFF E-MAIL ADDRESSES

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AUGUST FINANCE REPORT

Ministry Budget:	AUG 2022	YTD '22-'23'	YTD '21-'22
Budget Supporting Revenue	\$ 52,710	\$ 141,483	\$ 139,231
Budget Related Expenditures	\$ (62,676)	\$ (188,239)	\$ (176,756)

Total 2022-2023 Ministry Budget: \$757,672

Facilities Budget:	AUG 2022	YTD '22-'23	YTD '21-'22
Revenue	\$ 6,340	\$ 18,148	\$ 18,852
Expenditures	\$ (11,380)	\$ (17,792)	\$ (10,211)

Total 2022-2023 Facilities Budget: \$34,100



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

Office Remodel Vote – November 6th

Greetings First Lutheran Congregation,

Here's a brief report of the latest happenings from council. Without a lengthy agenda of action items last month, much of our focus was on the installation service for Bishop Johnson as well as the office remodel project.

There were two informational sessions in September to learn more about the Office Remodel. In short, the Building Committee presented on the latest revisions to the layout as well as estimated cost for construction. The feedback was generally positive with many people asking about starting sooner than later.

If you'd like to review the presentation more in-depth, you can find the Powerpoint slides at firstlutherankearney.org. Hover over Resources, then click on Building Renovation Project to find that content.

This remains an important project for First Lutheran as we need to address our shortcomings of office space, and the need for an HVAC overhaul for most of the facility. It would take a Capital Campaign fundraiser to get it done. A Capital Campaign can be a challenging, yet uplifting experience for any church. First Lutheran has been working with GSB, a consultant firm that specializes in capital campaigns for churches. They have proven success in this area and would help us reach our goals.

So now, the next step is to host an official congregational meeting to vote. A 'yes' vote would approve the layout and agree to move forward with a capital campaign effort. We ask that you pray about it and discern what you think is best for the church now and into the future.

The congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 6th between services (approximately 9:55am). If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to connect with me at k.r.means@gmail.com.

In peace,

Kyle Means
Council President

On behalf of: Kelly Russman, Shirley Smalley, Lee Fritson, Mark Kottmeyer, Mike Rafferty, Rachel Leach, Judy Henning, Karen Emal, Pastor Michelle, Pastor Rick, and Pastor Elisabeth.



CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Kyle Means
President

Kelly Russman
Vice President

Shirley Smalley
Treasurer

Lee Fritson
Secretary

Karen Emal

Judy Henning

Mark Kottmeyer

Rachel Leach

Michael Rafferty

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.



FIRST LUTHERAN
Church of Kearney

WORSHIP THEMES

October 2, 2022

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

HABAKKUK 1:1-4; 2:1-4; PSALM 37:1-9; 2
TIMOTHY 1:1-14; LUKE 17:5-10

A little faith goes a long way in Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

October 9, 2022

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

2 KINGS 5:1-3; 7-15c; PSALM 111, 2 TIMOTHY 2:8-15; LUKE 17:11-19

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood in Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

October 16, 2022

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

GENESIS 32:22-31; PSALM 121; 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:5; LUKE 18:1-8

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

October 23, 2022

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

JEREMIAH 14:7-10, 19-22, PSALM 84:1-7; 2
TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 16-18, LUKE 18:9-14

Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.

October 30, 2022

REFORMATION SUNDAY

JEREMIAH 31:31-34; PSALM 46; ROMANS 3:19-28; JOHN 8:31-36

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.



WITHIN OUR BELOVED COMMUNITY HERE AT FIRST

Prayers of Peace and Comfort for...

Brent Bartholomew and family on the death of his son, Colby.

Greg & Sanae Shea and family on the death of Greg's mom, Fern Shea.

Duane & Deb Rohla on the death of Deb's Uncle, Richard Braden.

Pastor Michelle Holley Carlson & family on the death of Pastor Michelle's aunt, Phyllis Handwerk.

Mark & Kim Schipporeit on the loss of their son-in-law, Patricio Tapia.

Stacy Bean & family on the death of Stacy's Grandma, Gloria Gorr.

Sister Ruth Ellen on the death of her friend, Carole Overgaard.

Jack & Diane Caufield on the death of Diane's mother, Bernice Carlson.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Praise for the birth of Elijah David Weber, born to Heather Weber, siblings are Grace, Joy and Hope.

Congratulations to our October Volunteer of the Month:

Mary Wright

Mary has been a member of First Lutheran Church for 44 years! Mary helps as a Messenger folder, Funeral helper and other special events as they arise. Mary also takes care of the plants and flowers both inside and outside of the church on a weekly basis! Mary has helped previously as a Communion Assistant, a greeter and a Sunday School Teacher. Mary always has a smile on her face and is always willing to help out! We would like to extend our gratitude to our neighbor for all of her hard work and flexibility in taking care of various projects at First Lutheran Church.



We want to thank everyone for their many prayers during the past two years, before, during, and after his four back surgeries and four hospitalizations. It was a long ordeal for us. Thankfully his pain is gone now, and he is gradually getting his strength back and hoping for a normal life very soon!

"Praise the Lord!"

Psalm 113:1-2

Wayne, Monie and Dana
Karschner

WOMEN of the ELCA

As Women of the ELCA our purpose is to grow in faith and engage in ministry. One opportunity to do both is through Saved to Serve events. Saved to Serve provides opportunities for Nebraska Women of the ELCA to do more than sit at home on the weekend. This is a weekend event where women have done a variety of activities to suit the needs of the ELCA supported intuitions. Activities have included making curtains, planting gardens, making quilts, and cleaning campsites.

Saved to Serve was started in 1998, and was structured with a three-fold emphasis: Bible Study; Work Project; Opportunity to interact with other ages, cultures and activities.

There are two Saved to Serve opportunities in Nebraska. One in the spring and one in the fall. The fall Saved to Serve was held from August 19-21 at Sullivan Hills. While there they made quilts for Ukrainian refugees. Those who have attended Saved to Serve events enjoy the mission opportunities and meeting women from across the state.

Lutheran World Relief packing day is almost here. We are still in need of items to complete the number of school kits and personal care kits we would like to send in the kits. We need rulers that measure 30 centimeters or can be both centimeters and inches. We also need safety scissors for the school kits. For the Personal Care kits, we are in need of light-weight dark colored bath towels. Please have the items at the church by November 1.

Thank you to the ladies who are serving as Circle Leaders, on committees, mission committees, and Women of the ELCA officers. Your dedication to the organization makes for wonderful teamwork. We are still looking for a President-Elect or co-chairs and someone to help with baby care kits. If you feel called to help with either opportunity, please contact Deb Schauer.

UPCOMING EVENTS for 2022

October 8th - Autumn Renewal at
St. Paul's Grand Island

November 7th - 9:00 am Lutheran World Relief
Packing Day

November 7th - 7:00 pm - 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)

10:00 am—3rd Monday
Co-Chairs: Joan Swanson
(308-234-2835) and Evy Kuecker
(308-237-5651)

DEBORAH CIRCLE

7:00 pm —3rd Monday
Chair: Deb Schauer
(308-233-2669)

GLORIA CIRCLE

12:00pm—3rd Thursday
Chair: Judy Workman
308-237-2781

NAOMI CIRCLE

7:30pm—4th Thursday
(3rd Thurs. in Nov.)
Chair: Judy Niemann
(308)-234-4332

A WORD FROM PASTOR ELISABETH

Dear First Lutheran,

While it's pumpkin spice and everything nice this month, the youth of First Lutheran are dreaming of a southern summer in Tennessee, where we will head for our Summer Servant Trip next June! This seven-day trip to Nashville will be a week filled with opportunities for service and learning. We will serve as Vacation Bible School leaders, work in food pantries, homeless shelters, and more in order to hear the stories, share the hope and love of Christ through our work, and learn what it really means to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We expect to work hard, and also to be changed by the experience!

To get there, we are sending a few flocks of friendly flamingos out into our community: **the FLY Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser takes flight, October 23-30!**

Two flocks of pink plastic yard flamingos will fly nightly to yards of First Lutheran families. The yard that is flocked gets to choose which FLC household the birds fly to next. **If flocked**, you pay \$30 for removal the next evening **and**, the yard that is flocked gets to choose which FLC household the birds fly to the next night!

Not into pink? Get your insurance policy against any pink in your yard. Purchase Flamingo Insurance for \$25 the morning of Sunday, October 23 at the FLY table in the narthex between services.

Totally into pink? Take your own decorated flamingo home for your yard when we “flock” First Lutheran on Sunday, October 30 for \$5.

Our youth and our plastic birds look forward to seeing you on your front lawn!

In hope,
Pastor Elisabeth

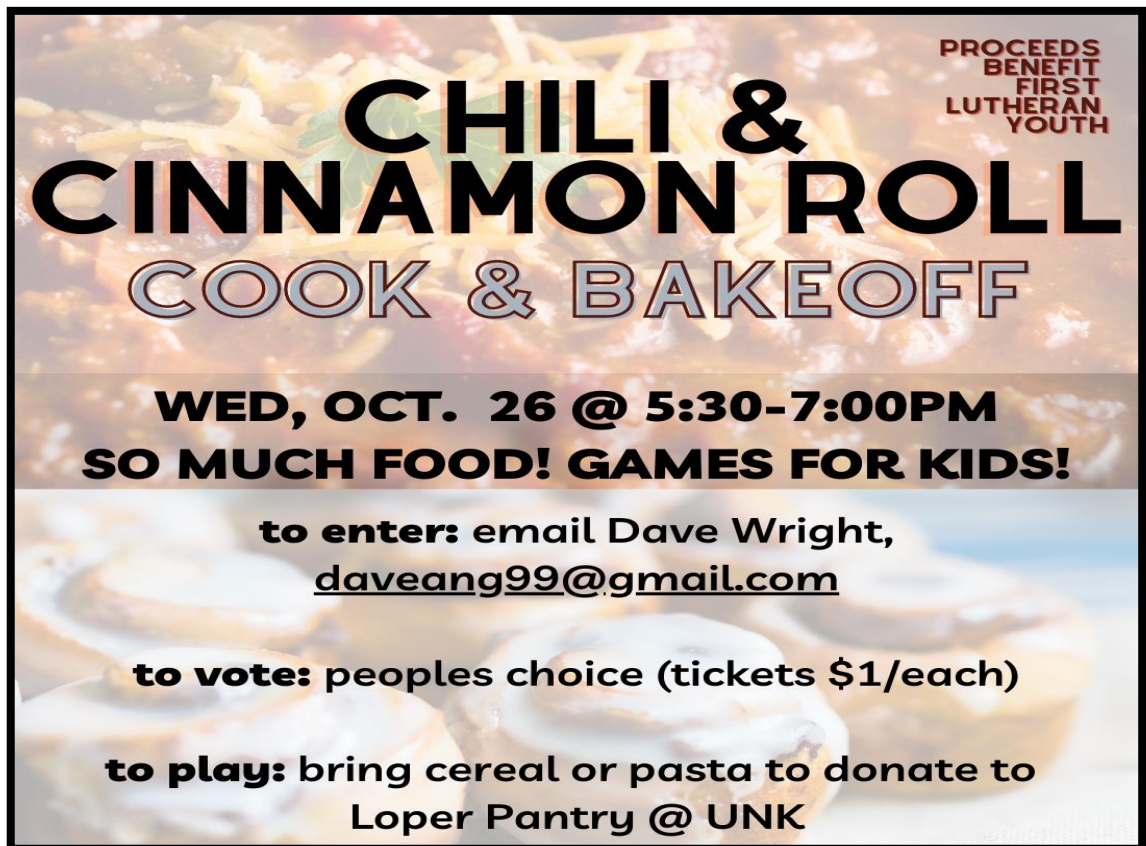


FLY MISSION TRIP/FLY WORK DAY

FLY

October Calendar

5-Oct	Wednesday	7-8:30pm	Youth Group
12-Oct	Wednesday	7-8:30pm	Youth Group
19-Oct	Wednesday	7-8:30pm	Youth Group
23-Oct	Sunday	9:45-11am	Flamingo "Insurance" Sale @ Church
23-Oct	Sunday	8-9:00pm	Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser
24-Oct	Monday	8-9:00pm	Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser
25-Oct	Tuesday	8-9:00pm	Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser
26-Oct	Wednesday	5:45-7:45pm	Chili Cookoff & Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser
26-Oct	Wednesday	8-9:00pm	Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser
27-Oct	Thursday	8-9:00pm	Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser
28-Oct	Friday	8-9:00pm	Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser
29-Oct	Saturday	8-10:00pm	Flamingo Pickup, Decorating/Flocking FLC
20-Oct	Sunday	12-1:00pm	Flamingo Sales @ Church
30-Oct	Sunday	12:30-1:30pm	Trunk or Treat in South Parking Lot



CHILI & CINNAMON ROLL
COOK & BAKEOFF

PROCEEDS BENEFIT FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH

WED, OCT. 26 @ 5:30-7:00PM
SO MUCH FOOD! GAMES FOR KIDS!

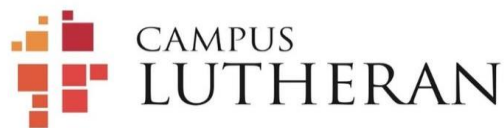
to enter: email Dave Wright,
daveang99@gmail.com

to vote: peoples choice (tickets \$1/each)

to play: bring cereal or pasta to donate to
Loper Pantry @ UNK

CAMPUS LUTHERAN

Come raise your spirits and raise funds for our ministry! And check out our remodeled kitchen!
~ Pastor Elisabeth



**A FUNDRAISER FOR THE MINISTRY OF
CAMPUS LUTHERAN
2715 9TH AVE. KEARNEY, NE 68845**

Join us to raise your spirits and
raise funds for our ministry! Evening includes appetizers and
wine tasting by The Alley Rose, live and silent auction, student
stories, live music, and tour our remodeled kitchen.

**TICKETS:
\$50/PERSON
\$300/TABLE OF 6**

**RSVP:
[GIVEBUTTER.COM/RAISINGSPIRITS22](https://givebutter.com/raisingspirits22)**



CHILDREN

Fall Children's Choir Dates

Oct. 23rd – 11am service

We will practice during Sunday School and then have your child come to the choir loft a little before the service.

Nov. 20th - 8:45am service

I will call you forward when it is time to sing.

Dec. 17th - 6pm & Dec. 18th - 8:45am

We will have a party after the 8:45 in the gym and then go sing a few songs at the very beginning of the 11am service. Then you may go home or stay for the late service. Please arrive 15 minutes early before each service to practice songs and get lined up in the music room, which is room 9.

Questions call or text 308-240-0872.

Thanks! Amanda Lewis



NOTES FROM THE PRESCHOOL: A MINISTRY OF FLC

Hello First Lutheran parishioners,

Our preschool is off to a fantastic start! We are blessed with some well-behaved and fun learners. Kudos to the parents of our preschoolers! We began the school year by getting familiar with the routines and daily expectations of school. We have been focusing on how God made us and all creation special, with a particular emphasis on animals. The kids have been collecting cicada shells at home and we are putting them on a felt board to practice counting. We are up to 77, on our way to 100! It was a good year for cicadas!

We have started Preschool Chapel with Pastor Rick and Pastor Michelle Carlson, had our preschool pictures taken. We even had a visit from the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department who taught us all about fire safety! We are doing a lot of fun and engaging activities to include a daily show and tell!

In October we will have farm week, a week about the food groups and how plants grow, and then of course a pumpkin/Halloween theme. Then we will finish the month off with a Halloween Party!

We look forward to learning more about God and His special blessings!

We hope you all have a wonderful fall season!

Mrs. Lora and Mrs. Mindy



HAPPY
HALLOWEEN!

Happy Fall!

We have been busy! This is such a fun year seeing the growth from last year and watching them become more independent in their fine motor skills. Those hands have gotten so strong. They are so smart and we get tons done because they listen so well!

These first couple weeks they have reviewed many letters, numbers, months of the year, days of the week, shapes, colors, how to make tallies and we are even learning what a sentence looks like. They know a dot or period comes at the end of a sentence. We know that we put spaces between words so we know where words begin and end. The students have already 4 books in their book box that they can read all by themselves.

Our science center and dramatic play center seem to be the biggest hits for exploring. However, many love listening to books on tape, blocks center, math, art center and rice table as well.

We have learned a lot about apples our A week. Clouds, crayons, cracking and cooking eggs were explored for C week. We learned about God, germs, made glitter jars with our grandparents, and learned a fun guessing game. We ended the month with F is for fire safety. So much fun is being had!

Our first field trip was Sept. 30th to Dmilaco to make our t-shirts! It is always a wonderful time!

For those students new to First Lutheran Church Preschool, they get a *Spark Bible* to keep. This way they can continue to learn about God with their family!

God Bless and enjoy my favorite month!

Mrs. Amanda & Mrs. Sonya

OCTOBER CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

Sat./Sun., Oct 1/2nd - Worship @ 6pm, 8:45am, 11:00am

Sunday School 9:55am

9:55am 2nd Graders and parents w/Pastor Michelle

Worship @ Brookstone Gardens w/Sister Ruth Ellen 2pm

New Member's Reception

2nd Grade Bibles Presented

1:00pm Animal Blessing

Monday, Oct 3rd – Quilt Tying – 8:30am

Wednesday, Oct 5th – Evening Programming: Feeding the Flock, FLY, FROG, Confirmation, Praiser Bells, Heavenly Treble Makers, Adult Bible Study, Reading with Pastor Michelle

Sat./Sun., Oct 8/9th - Worship @ 6pm, 8:45am, 11:00am

Sunday School, Biblical Stewardship 9:50am

Wednesday, Oct 12th – Evening Programming: Feeding the Flock, FLY, FROG, Confirmation, Praiser Bells, Heavenly Treble Makers Adult Bible Study, Reading with Pastor Michelle

Sat./Sun., 15/16th - Worship @ 6pm, 8:45am, 11:00am

Biblical Stewardship Class 9:50am

Sunday School 9:55am

Wednesday, Oct 19th – Evening Programming: Feeding the Flock, FLY, FROG, Confirmation, Praiser Bells, Heavenly Treble Makers Adult Bible Study, Reaching with Pastor Michelle

Friday, October 21st – 5-7pm Raising Spirits @ Campus Lutheran

Sat./Sun., Oct 22/23rd - Worship @ 6pm, 8:45am, 11:00am

Biblical Stewardship 9:50am

Sunday School 9:55am

FLY Flamingo Event **Oct 23rd – Oct 29th 8-9 pm**

Wednesday, Oct 26th – Evening Programming: Chili Cookoff/Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser, FLY, FROG, Confirmation, Praiser Bells, Heavenly Treble Makers Adult Bible Study, Reading with Pastor Michelle

Saturday, Oct 29th – Preschool participates in UNK Homecoming Parade

Sunday, October 30th – Sunday School 9:30am

Worship 11:00am

Flamingo Sale 12 – 1pm Narthex/Front Lawn

Potluck 12 – 1:30pm

Trunk or Treat – 12:45pm

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