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# THE MESSENGER

The Monthly Newsletter of First Lutheran Church, ELCA

*Growing in God's grace, reflecting Christ's love, and living in the Spirit.*



## GO AND... SERVE WITH NEIGHBOR

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As Mr. Rogers asked us – “Who is your neighbor?” Love grounds us as we engage with our neighbors living next door, the people in surrounding communities, and those living beyond our own horizons. Accompaniment calls us to use our God-given gifts and talents as we collaborate, learn from each other, and together walk in agape love.

### **Questions to Consider:**

- Who is your neighbor? How do you know?
- What did you discover in walking with your neighbor?
- As you GO with your neighbors, how do you describe your vocation?

**Prayer:** God of Accompaniment, you meet us where we are at. Help us meet our neighbors wherever they might be and walk with them. Amen.

**Suggested Songs:** Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love (ELW 708) & God's Work, Our Hands (ACS 1000)

# RESOURCES

**ELCA:** WWW.ELCA.ORG  
800-638-3522

**NEBRASKA SYNOD:** WWW.NEBRASKASYNOD.ORG  
402-896-5311

**NEBRASKA LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY:**  
WWW.NELCM.COM 402-391-1144

**NEBRASKA LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES:**  
WWW.NLOM.ORG 402-944-2544

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF:** WWW.LWR.ORG  
800-597-5972

**LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE:** WWW.ELCA.ORG/OUR-WORK/RELIEF-AND-DEVELOPMENT/LUTHERAN-DISASTER-RESPONSE  
800-638-3522



**PRAYER VENTURES FOR SEPTEMBER CAN BE FOUND:**  
**[HTTPS://WWW.ELCA.ORG/RESOURCES/PRAYER-VENTURES](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.**

## WITHIN OUR BELOVED COMMUNITY

### Prayers of Peace and Comfort for...

The friends and family of Bernie Bliefernich.

The friends and family of Carol Frerichs.

Ron and Sandy Kruse on their death of their son-in-law, Denny Danielson.



### MESSAGES OF THANKS

We are so thankful for prayers by our church family, friends and the heart care facility for our son, Mark Kotrc. He has been battling diabetes and severe heart problems and lost his vision in both eyes. The first of August, doctors were surprised to find his heart pumping at the normal rate and although he still has no vision in one eye, his other eye checks out at 20/25, so he can get a limited driver's license.

Thank you and Praise God!  
Milt & Marlene Kotrc

Ron and Sandy Kruse want to thank everyone who prayed for their son-in-law, Denny Danielson. He passed away on Monday, August 21st at the age of 58.



## WITHIN OUR BELOVED COMMUNITY

### VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

#### Altar Guild



Members of the Altar Guild set up communion on Saturday evening before service and then clean up on Sunday morning before the 8:45am service. Then they clean up before the 11am service, refill bread, wine, and grape juice and then after the service is over they clean up again. Members of the Altar Guild do this every weekend for the entire month. They are also responsible for putting water in the baptismal font for baptisms or those who want to make the sign of a cross on their way to receive Holy Communion.

Thank you to all of you have helped or currently help! This is an important ministry, and we couldn't do it without you!

A graphic with a teal background. In the center is a dark blue rectangle with yellow corners. Inside the rectangle, the text reads: "Interested in joining our mission and ministry?" followed by "Sundays, September 17, 24, and October 1", "9:50am-10:50am", and "Fellowship Hall". Below this, in a smaller blue box, it says "Received October 7/8" and "Reception between the Services". To the right of the rectangle is a red circle with the text "New Members Class".

**Interested in joining our mission and ministry?**

Sundays, September 17, 24, and October 1  
9:50am-10:50am  
Fellowship Hall

Received October 7/8  
Reception between the Services

**New Members Class**

A graphic with a light gray background. On the left is a large, colorful treble clef with musical notes floating around it. On the right, the text reads: "FALL MUSIC CELEBRATION", "Concert", "Sunday, September 17, 2023", "3:00 PM", "First Lutheran Church Sanctuary", and "Featuring the music of First Lutheran Church Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, Praiser Bells, Heavenly Treble Makers, Children's Choir, Asst. Solos".

**FALL MUSIC CELEBRATION**

**Concert**

**Sunday, September 17, 2023**

**3:00 PM**

**First Lutheran Church Sanctuary**

Featuring the music of First Lutheran Church  
*Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, Praiser Bells,  
Heavenly Treble Makers, Children's Choir,  
Asst. Solos*

# WITHIN OUR BELOVED COMMUNITY

## **It's fall again and the music begins.**

The choirs will be beginning soon or have already started practicing.

**Chancel Choir** rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

High School through adults are welcome

Rehearsals resume September 6th

CJ Sabah--director

**Chancel Bells** rehearses on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 PM.

Choir is open to high schoolers through adults

Rehearsals resume September 5th

Natalie Radcliffe—director

**Sound Offering** Praise Band rehearses on Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:00 PM

If interested contact Stacy Bean

Rehearsals have already begun

Stacy Bean--director

**Praiser Bells** rehearses on Wednesdays from 5:15 to 5:45 PM

This choir is for 3rd grade through 8th grade

Rehearsals are already in progress but still time to join

Angela Wright—director

**Heavenly Treble Makers** rehearses on Wednesdays from 6:15 to 6:45 PM

This is a vocal choir for middle school

Rehearsals are already in progress but all middle schoolers are welcome

Angela Wright—director

**Children's Choir** rehearses on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour

All children are welcome

Amanda Lewis—director

**Fall Music Celebration Concert** will feature all of these choirs—and more.

Sunday, September 17, 2023 @ 3:00 PM

First Lutheran Church Sanctuary





# MISSION OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Despite rain and mud the Building Crew and volunteers have managed to complete the painting inside and out of the first two houses. Sidewalks and driveways have been formed and poured. The third house is enclosed so that work on all three houses can continue no matter what the weather brings. The first two houses will be focused on cabinets, interior doors, and molding. The third house needs electrical work and inspection before the drywall can be installed. Seeding, landscaping, and fencing continue. Mowing grass on undeveloped lots is always needed.

The good news is that two completed applications for the 2024 Build Season have been submitted and several other families are completing the process. We will know before next season what size foundation is needed. If time and weather permit one or two of the foundations will be poured this fall so building can begin without delay.

## "GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS."

Celebrating 10 years on the 10th! This year marks the 10th anniversary of "God's work. Our hands." Sunday. Scheduled for Sept. 10, our annual day of service is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) —

one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor. The ELCA's first dedicated day of service, in September 2013, was held to celebrate the church's 25th anniversary. Through the years we have embraced "God's work. Our hands." Sunday as a way to be church together. On this day we bear witness to the love and concern God's people have for one another. Our congregations do this work every day — loving their neighbors and improving their communities. These acts of service allow us to explore one of our most basic Lutheran convictions: All of life in Jesus Christ — every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life — flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

Please plan to wear your GWOH shirt and to join our Mission Outreach Team on Sunday, September 10 for God's Work—Our Hands Day. **We will gather for lunch in Centennial Hall after the 11:00 worship service. Following lunch we will go to a number of service sites in Kearney.**



## MISSION OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES: Lutheran World Relief

Today and every day, Lutheran World Relief Quilts and Kits of Care are a reminder to families that even in the midst of crisis, they are not alone.

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

For a complete list of items needed, visit <http://lwr.org/getinvolved/kits>. Any questions please call Theress Bricker 308-233-2469. There will be a donation box at First Lutheran Church in the cafe area.

**LWR Packing Day is Monday, October 30th at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall.  
Volunteers are needed!**



### Help Us Fill 100 School Kits!

We need:

- 400 70-page spiral notebooks
- Blunt safety scissors
- 16 or 24 pack of crayons
- Large erasers
- Small pencil sharpeners
- Assistance needed to sew cloth bags



For a complete list go to [LWR.org](http://LWR.org)

Call Theress Bricker (308-233-2469) for more information

Boxes for donations are in the cafe

### Personal Care Kits



- Each kit needs to include the following:
- One light weight bath size towel in a dark color
- Two or three bath size bars of soap
- One adult-size toothbrush
- One sturdy comb
- One metal nail clipper



All items must be new and can be left in the collection baskets in the cafe.

Call Theress Bricker (308-233-2469) for more information.

## **MISSION OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES: S.A.F.E. Center**

### **SEPTEMBER'S S.A.F.E. CENTER DONATION: FEMININE PRODUCTS**

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 STREET SUITE 14  
KEARNEY, NE 68847  
308-237-2599 / CRISIS LINE: 877-237-2513



## A COUNCIL UPDATE

### Two New Staff Members Join Our Team

Greetings First Lutheran Congregation,

Our office staff continues to take shape with the addition of two new people. We feel very fortunate to have these individuals join the team. Stacy Seim is taking over for Marti Brockmeier as our bookkeeper. Also, Kathy Benne fills the new position of Director of Communications and Events. Here's some info on each of these new hires.

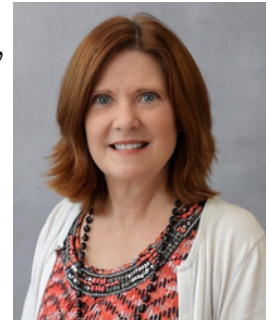
#### Stacy Seim – Bookkeeper

Stacy has been a member of First Lutheran Church since 2000. She is married to Ben and they have two daughters, Kyleigh and Danielle. Stacy has been involved in many different areas of the church including Christian Education as a FROG teacher for 10 years, and as a confirmation small group leader for a 6-year stretch. Stacy fills the bookkeeper position in a part-time capacity while also maintaining her role with Education Quest where she has worked 26 years.



#### Kathy Benne – Director of Communications and Events

Kathy grew up in Platte Center, Nebraska. She and her husband, Jon, both attended Kearney State College, fell in love with Kearney and have been here ever since. They've been married 39 years and have three children, three grandchildren, and three grand dogs. Kathy joins us from UNK where she worked 12 years as an office associate and event organizer. Before that she worked at Ramada for 11 years planning conventions and weddings. Kathy stated that she is excited to join the First Lutheran Church team to utilize her talents to serve others. In her free time, Kathy enjoys gardening, planting flowers, camping, and doing crafts.



Please join us in welcoming Stacy and Kathy to the First Lutheran Church staff. With these hires, our office is now fully staffed. We look forward to seeing our ministry grow under the guidance of our new team! To see the full staff list, go to [firstlutherankearney.org/staff](http://firstlutherankearney.org/staff).

In peace,  
Kyle Means  
Council President

*On behalf of Kelly Russman (VP), Lee Fritson (Secretary), Shirley Smalley (Treasurer), Judy Henning, Karen Emal, Bill Schmidt, PJ Bartels, Deb Schauer, Pastor Michelle, and Pastor Rick*

## WORSHIP THEMES

**September 3, 2023**

**TIME AFTER PENTECOST**

JEREMIAH 15:15-21; PSALM 26:1-8; ROMANS 12:9-21; MATTHEW 16:21-28

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not replay with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

**September 10, 2023**

**TIME AFTER PENTECOST**

EZEKIEL 33:7-11; PSALM 119:33-40; ROMANS 13:8-14; MATTHEW 18:15-20

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.



**September 17, 2023**

**TIME AFTER PENTECOST**

GENESIS 50:15-21; PSALM 103:[1-7] 8-13; ROMANS 14:1-12; MATTHEW 18:21-35

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

**September 24, 2023**

**TIME AFTER PENTECOST**

JONAH 3:10-4:11; PSALM 145:1-8; PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30; MATTHEW 20:1-16

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

## Children's Ministry

### Second Grade Bibles



Sunday, October 1st  
8:45am Service  
"How do I use my Bible?"  
class with Pastor Michelle  
9:55am  
(parents and 2nd graders)



**Sunday School**  
9:55am-10:55am

### Wednesday Nights

Feeding the Flock for all ages  
5:30pm to 6:30pm

FROG (Fully Rely on God) for Preschool and  
Elementary aged kids 6:30pm-7:45pm

Confirmation

Large Group 6:50pm-7:25pm

Small Group 7:25pm-8:00pm



Anyone can sign up for  
these opportunities at any  
time throughout the school  
year.

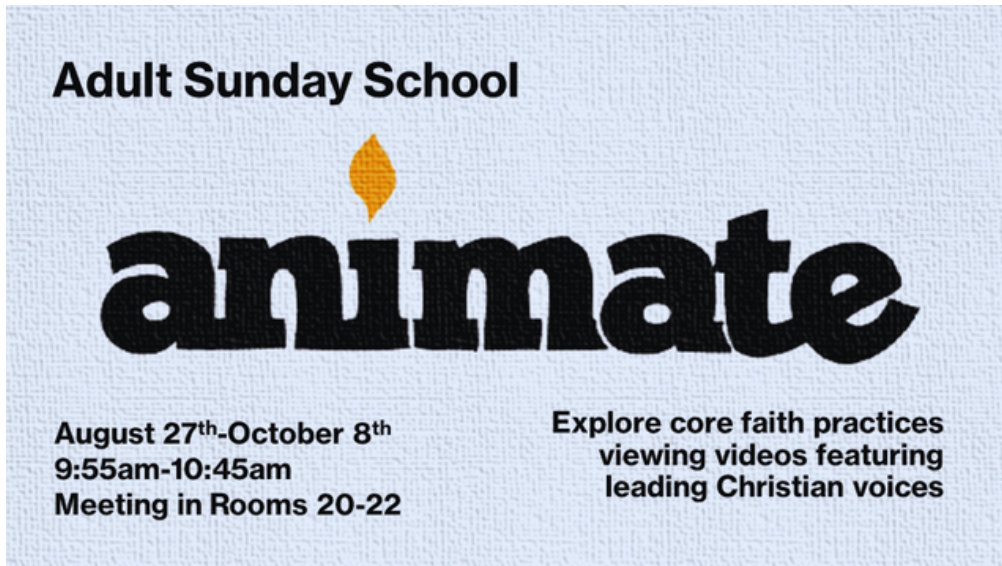
Sign Up form on the  
church website and on the  
Welcome Stations.



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday, September 17th: The Global Condition

Come and join the Mission Outreach Team on September 17th through the Sunday School hour as Mark Kottmeyer leads us in a discussion on the global condition. Where have we been and how are things currently? We all get news fatigue - where can we go to look for factual and unfiltered information? How is the war in Ukraine going to affect global food supplies? Which countries will be most affected? Learn how your faithfulness has made a difference and how we can continue to make an impact.

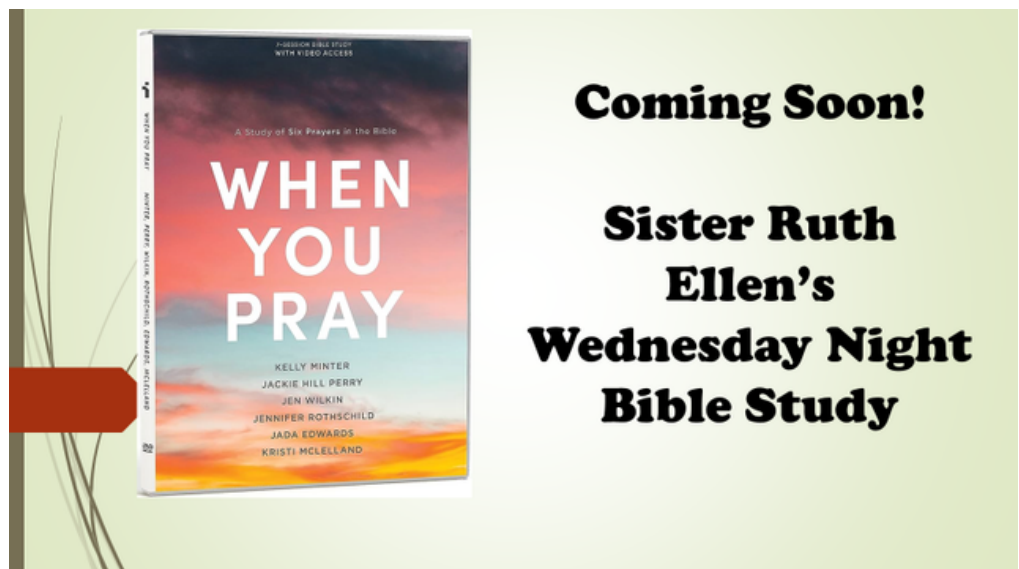
A poster for Adult Sunday School. The background is a light blue textured surface. At the top left, the text "Adult Sunday School" is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below it is a small orange flame icon. The word "animate" is written in a large, bold, black, lowercase sans-serif font. To the left of the word, the text "August 27<sup>th</sup>-October 8<sup>th</sup>" is in a bold, black, sans-serif font, followed by "9:55am-10:45am" and "Meeting in Rooms 20-22". To the right of the word, the text "Explore core faith practices" is in a bold, black, sans-serif font, followed by "viewing videos featuring" and "leading Christian voices".

**Adult Sunday School**

**animate**

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**Meeting in Rooms 20-22**

**Explore core faith practices**  
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**leading Christian voices**

A book cover for "When You Pray: A Study of Six Prayers in the Bible". The cover has a vertical gradient from dark blue at the top to orange at the bottom. The title "WHEN YOU PRAY" is in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below it, the subtitle "A Study of Six Prayers in the Bible" is in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The authors' names are listed at the bottom: KELLY MINTER, JACKIE HILL PERRY, JEN WILKIN, JENNIFER ROTHSCHILD, JADA EDWARDS, and KRISTI MCLELLAND. The book is shown at a slight angle, with a red bookmark visible on the left side.

**Coming Soon!**

**Sister Ruth**  
**Ellen's**  
**Wednesday Night**  
**Bible Study**



### **FLY September 2023**

#### Upcoming Dates and Events

We are looking forward to the rest of the year! Below is a look ahead for the month of September for FLY. Our first service project of the school year will be September 20th at the Kearney Humane Society.

This month we will be studying Psalm 27:1-3 and Matthew 26:36-46. We will consider how we are created to be BRAVE. We will be discussing implicit bias on September 13. Implicit bias is our brains way of filling in conclusions for us. This adaptability can be both helpful and destructive. We will be discussing the power of suggestions, influence, and how to challenge our beliefs.

Please always feel free to reach out to Ashlea with any questions or thoughts! Her email is [adenton@firstlutherankearney.org](mailto:adenton@firstlutherankearney.org)

### **FLY WEDNESDAYS**

September 6th @ 7pm  
Games, Cleaning, Candle time

September 13th @ 7pm  
Created to be BRAVE  
Candle time

September 20th @ 6:30pm  
Kearney Humane Society  
Meet there and bring work clothes!

September 27th @ 7pm  
Conversation and Candle time

**FLY SUNDAYS**  
9:50AM  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST!**

## NOTES FROM OUR PRESCHOOL: A MINISTRY OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hello parishioners,

And just like that, another school year is getting underway!! We are excited to meet and learn about all our new preschoolers and we will be having lots of fun playing some “Get to Know You” games like “Hickity Pickity Bumblebee” and “Doggy, Doggy, Where’s Your Bone?” We start off with a Noah’s Ark theme and we will end September with a fire safety week at which time the Kearney Fire Department will make a visit. This is always a big hit with our preschoolers! We are also looking forward to checking out the potato patch to see if we grew any potatoes over the summer. Hopefully, some French fries will be on the snack menu!

Much time will be spent this month on learning proper classroom habits, such as raising our hand instead of blurting, taking turns, keeping our hands to ourselves, etc. And of course, there will be quite a few hugs, especially for those who are missing their moms and dads! Whew, the first time going to school is hard stuff!

As always, we appreciate all the support from you parishioners, and we hope you keep us in your prayers as we embark on another journey of teaching our young learners about God’s world.

God Bless,  
Mrs. Lora and Mrs. Mindy

Hello First Lutheran Church!

We have been busy cleaning rooms and getting materials ready for our Orientation Night. We are so blessed to have all the same amazing staff this year! It is going to be an awesome year with wonderful families!

Orientation night was Thursday, Aug. 17th. The Monday/Wednesday class of Mrs. Lora’s(3 & 4 year olds) and my Pre- K class came at 5:30pm. Lora’s Tuesday/Thursday class came at 7pm. We were very excited to see those faces and get to know everyone!

The 3 & 4 year old classroom’s first days are August 21st (Mon./Wed. class) and 22nd (Tues./Thurs. class) from 8:15-11:45a.m.. Pre-K’s first day is Aug. 21st. My class is also from 8:15-11:45am and is Mon. – Fri.. Our goal is still to start our all day program in a few years. We want to take our time and get our facility the way it needs to be.

We started the school year by getting to know each other, schedule, room and rules. We learned each other’s names, sang new songs, played with toys, played outside, and learned what it looks and sounds like to listen to a teacher or student. Each week will be getting our hands dirty and exploring too!

The second week, we learned the letter A and lots about apples. We had a blast tasting, touching, smelling and even painting with apples.

Have a blessed September!  
Mrs. Amanda Lewis & Mrs. Sonya Vetick



## WOMEN of the ELCA

The “Sound of Freedom” movie is a movie with a powerful message. God’s children are not for sale. Since 2005, the Women of the ELCA has actively been working to end human trafficking. Some groups are working on education and awareness. Others provide support to agencies helping women to leave on who left human trafficking. In Nebraska, Project Harmony, Rejuvenating Women-Restored Wings Ranch, and Magdalene Omaha, are a few of the non-profits helping victims of human trafficking get out of this lifestyle and make it safe.

The Nebraska Women of the ELCA 2023 Biennial Convention and Gathering will take place on October 6-8 at Carol Joy Holling Conference and Retreat Center. All women of the church are invited to attend. You may go for the whole weekend or just one day, whatever fits into your schedule. The theme is Be Still... He says, “Be still and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10. There will be guest speakers, Bible Study with Bishop Scott Johnson, workshops, camp songs, fellowship opportunities and good food. Registration forms are available on the Women of the ELCA bulletin board by the office. They are due September 20th.

WELCA BOARD MEETING - The Board meeting will be held on Monday, September 11th in Centennial Hall. We will have a potluck starting at 6:30 prior to the meeting. Please bring a dish to share. Table service and drinks will be provided. For those unable to attend the potluck the business meeting will follow at 7:00.

Installation of WELCA Officers will be held during all services the weekend of September 16th and 17th at all services. Circle Officers, Committee Chairs and WELCA Board members are requested to come forward at one of the services for installation. Thank you all for your willingness to serve.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 11 - 6:00pm** - Women of the ELCA Board Meeting and Potluck Supper Centennial Hall

**September 16-17** - Installation of WELCA Officers, Circle Officers and Committee Chairs at all services

**October 6- 8** Nebraska Synodical Women’s Organization Biennial Convention and Gathering Camp Carol Joy - Ashland (Registrations are due September 20th.)

#### DEBORAH CIRCLE

5:00 PM - 3RD MONDAY

CHAIR: DEB SCHAUER

308-233-2669

#### GLORIA CIRCLE

12:00PM - 3RD THURSDAY

CHAIR: JUDY WORKMAN

308-237-2781

#### NAOMI CIRCLE

7:00PM - 4TH THURSDAY

(3RD THURS. IN NOV.)

CHAIR: JUDY NIEMANN

308-234-4332

## WOMEN of the ELCA: Saved to Serve



Mosaic - Bethphage  
Village - Axtell  
August 4-6, 2023



MAKE PEOPLE  
SMILE!



CELEBRATE 25 YEARS  
OF SAVED TO SERVE  
OPPORTUNITIES!

<b>JULY FINANCE REPORT</b>			
<b>Ministry Budget:</b>	July 2023	YTD '23-'24	YTD '22-'23
Budget Supporting Revenue	\$ 47,379	\$ 96,892	\$ 88,773
Budget Related Expenditures	\$ (59,570)	\$ (113,563)	\$ (125,562)
Total 2023-2024 Ministry Budget: \$759,201			
<b>Facilities Budget:</b>	July 2023	YTD '23-'24	YTD '22-'23
Revenue	\$ 5,130	\$ 9,975	\$ 11,808
Expenditures	\$ (2,510)	\$ (4,079)	\$ (6,412)
Total 2023-2024 Facilities Budget: \$44,100			



**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:

**Online** (just go to the First Lutheran website under the “Resources” tab), and

**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 Stacy Seim in the church office.

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



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## **September Dates to Remember**

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

Sat./Sun. September 2, 3 – Worship @ 6pm, 8:45am, 11:00am

Worship at Brookestone Gardens at 2:00pm

Sat./Sun., September 9, 10 – God's Work, Our Hands

Worship @ 6pm, 8:45am, 11:00am

Sunday School for ALL Ages @ 9:55am

Sat/Sun., September 16, 17 – Worship @ 6pm, 8:45am, 11:00am

Installation of WELCA Officers and Chairs

New Members' Class @ 9:55am (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday School for ALL Ages @ 9:55am

Sat/Sun., September 23, 24 – Worship @ 6pm, 8:45am, 11:00am

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Second Grade Bibles:

8:45am Presentation

9:55am Class with Parents

Blessing of the Animals @ 1pm

### **Wednesdays Nights:**

Music Rehearsals – Praiser Bells, Heavenly Treble Makers, Chancel Choir

FEEDING THE FLOCK – 5:30pm in Centennial Hall EVERYONE is welcome!

FROG 6:30 – 7:45pm; Confirmation 6:50 – 8:00pm

FLY in basement youth room – 7:00pm

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