

THE MESSENGER

The monthly newsletter of First Lutheran Church, a congregation of the
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Prayers of Comfort and Peace for...



- Alan & Theress Bricker on the death of Alan's mother, Dorothy Bricker.
- Lee & Michelle Fritson on the death of Lee's father, Art Fritson.
- Maggie Glandt on the death of her husband, Bob Glandt.
- Family and friends of David Babbitt on his death.
- Lane Nansel on the death of his sister-in-law, Roberta Nansel.
- Wayne and Monie Karschner on the death of Wayne's nephew, Duke Karschner.
- Jerry and Carrie Stithem on the death of Jerry's uncle, Max Harris.
- Jan Welch on the death of her sister-in-law, Jenny Richey.
- Randy and Bert Hinrichs and Mike and Pam Epley on the death of their niece, Karla.
- Carolyn Jones on the death of her husband, Jim Jones.
- Gene & Elaine Knaus on the death of their grandson, Jeff Bailey.
- Sam and Jami Wulf & family on the death of Sam's grandfather, Gerald Hayes.

REFLECTIONS

Reflections From Keith Powell, our Seminarian.

Greetings First Lutheran,

I want to thank you for your support and prayers while I have been attending seminary at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. I have been attending seminary classes as a collaborative student. Meaning that I take classes full time online while also serving at a teaching congregation. The congregation that I have the opportunity to learn from is Zion Lutheran in Albion, Nebraska.

It is hard to believe that I am getting ready to start my second year at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa and my second year at Zion Lutheran Albion. The first year seems to have flown by. Looking back on this past year, so much has happened. At first when I decided to start down this path, I was not 100% sure what I was getting myself into. Although I did not know what the full path looked like ahead and where it would exactly lead me; I knew it was a path I needed to head down. I could feel the Spirit guiding me towards the path of seminary and that I needed to just trust it. I knew it was going to be difficult to leave a community I had called home for twelve years and to start a new career, but I knew that the Spirit was calling me down this path. Looking back a year later I can say I made the right choice in listening to the Spirit and trusting where the Spirit was leading me.

In this first year I have met so many great people at Zion Lutheran and in the community of Albion. The members of Zion Lutheran have made the transition to a new city easier. The friends I have made at seminary have also made the first year go smoother than I thought it would. The bond we have formed in class has been incredible. We have learned to help one another and support one another from hundreds of miles apart as we journey through seminary together.

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REFLECTIONS

I have also learned so much from serving the congregation at Zion Lutheran. I have learned that there is a lot that happens behind the scenes at church. I also have learned that there is a lot that goes into creating bulletins for services and preparing for worship. Thanks to the opportunity to preach I have also become more comfortable with speaking in front of a crowd and getting more comfortable with writing sermons. I have also enjoyed getting involved with all the different committees at Zion Lutheran and assisting with the youth ministry programs.

I have also learned a lot from my seminary classes in my first year. This past year I studied the foundation of Lutheran worship. I have learned the foundation of the Lutheran faith by studying the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed. I have also studied the New Testament Gospels and studied Greek. This last year I studied faith formation and what it means to be a disciple of Christ also. These are just a few of the highlights that I have learned this first year of seminary.

The greatest thing that I have learned this first year of seminary is to trust God and have faith in where the Spirit is leading you. As Proverbs 3:5 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight." Having trust and faith in God on this journey has helped me get this far on my journey in seminary and I know it will get me all the way through to the end. As I began year two, I look forward to where God is leading me. I would like to thank the members of First Lutheran for their continued support and prayers as I continue in seminary and towards roster ministry in the ELCA. There are truly no words I can say or write to show how much your continued support and prayers mean to me.

Thank you and God Bless First Lutheran,
Vicar Keith Powell

WITHIN OUR BELOVED COMMUNITY

If you desire a heat wave, just ask First Lutheran to host a picnic! "Worship in the Park" had a great turnout, despite the heat advisory. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped prepare for this event!



Thank-yous!

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FIRST CLASS

Hello First Lutheran!
Just a note of thanks for hosting our group overnight on our way to Colorado and back home to Minnesota! We really appreciated the opportunity to rest each day after a long drive. Please let me know if we can ever return the favor.
God's Peace,
Erin Swenson-Hatzung
Resurrection Lutheran-Woodbury

I would like to express my deepest thank you to all of the members of First Lutheran who attended my 90th Birthday celebration and cards received! This was so meaningful to me. May Jesus continue to bless each and everyone of you!
Evy Kuecker

THANK YOU

MISSION OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



Kearney Habitat 100th House Celebration!

There will be a celebration for all at Yanney Park.

Thursday, September 19 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

at the Gail and Michael Yanney Pavilion

[Bonus: you can walk through the flower garden area.]

September 14 sod will be laid in the front yards of the houses currently being built. Volunteers are welcome anytime!

SAVE THE DATE! Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024 • 5:30-7:30 PM



Thank You Churches!

Gail and Michael Yanney Pavilion





All are welcome! • Music • Meal • Yard Games!

We are so excited to celebrate the 100th house milestone and 30+ years of serving Kearney together!

On Saturday, August 3 First Lutheran Church volunteered at Habitat for Humanity. Sue and Judy hosted and Pastor Rick Carlson gave the morning devotion.



MISSION OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:



“Sharing Shelf”
September S.A.F.E. Center Donation:
Ziplock bags, plastic wrap, aluminum foil,
plastic containers.
Please set donated items
on the shelf in the Narthex.

The S.A.F.E. Center is the Spouse Sexual Abuse Family Education Center, Inc.
The S.A.F.E. Center is a non-profit organization that provides free and confidential support and resources to empower those affected by dating and domestic violence, sex trafficking, sexual assault, and stalking while engaging communities through awareness and prevention education in our five-county service area.

Did you Know?

The Safe Center has a 24/7 Crisis Line? 1-877-237-2513
This is a place to go to without judgment and is confidential.

They provide both Intervention and Prevention.

They help with Domestic Violence, Rape, Teen Dating Abuse, Stalking, Human Trafficking, and National Suicide Prevention.

You can donate clothing (used and in season).

You can donate furniture (please call ahead), tax receipts are provided for all donations.

The Safe Center has a wish-list on their website of needed items?
safecenter.org 1-308-237-2599

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am - 5pm Address: 620 E. 25th Street Suite 14
Kearney, NE 68847 308-237-2599/Crisis line: 877-237-2513

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

An interim teacher has been hired, but the **PERMANENT** position is still open!



First Lutheran Preschool has an opening for a Part-time Preschool Teacher

Monday -Thursday Mornings.

Please apply at:
FirstLutheranKearney.org



MISSION OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Mission Outreach Team

God's Work Our Hands Sunday was September 8th. We had volunteers working at the Safe Center, Jubilee Center, Compass, and at our church. Many hands made light work, and FUN!




Kearney Jubilee Center
Helping Hands, Helping Others



COMPASS
Helping Children and Families Navigate Life




S.A.F.E. Center
Empower. Support. Educate.



MISSION OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Mission Outreach Team

Volunteers revamped the basement for the youth!



The Sunday School Classes packed Lutheran World Relief kits on God's Work Our Hands Sunday. Our goal is 100 of each type of kits (school kits, personal care kits, and baby care kits), so 300 total from our congregation. The list of items to donate is available on the announcements or on the Lutheran World Relief website. A box for donations is located near the nursery in the north coffee area of the church.

Sunday School Classes Packed LWR kits.



Summer project – We will continue donations to our summer special project all year long through our “Noisy Offering”. Operation Shine Camp provides camp opportunities for children with needs that may limit them from attending other summer camps. Camp organizer, Aaron Bly, spoke at Vacation Bible School in July to share more about their camp.

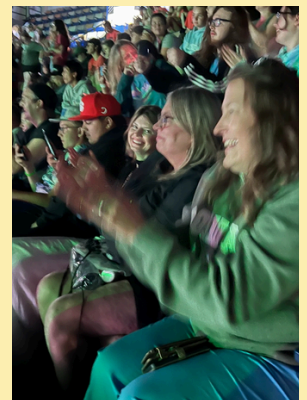
SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

A special “THANK YOU” to our September Volunteers of the month!



September's Volunteers of the Month are the Adult Chaperones from the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans!

These brave ladies (Amanda Lewis, Stacy Seim and Stephanie Russman), faced planes, public transportation, New Orleans' downpours and thousands of youth (at gatherings) to help ensure that our First Lutheran Youth were safe and protected as they helped Pastor Rick during the July gathering event!



YOUTH MINISTRY



Please help us welcome our newest staff member, Pastor Logan Ellis.

Logan has been hired to fill our open position: “Director of Engagement: Youth, Congregation and Community”.

Logan was born and raised in Nebraska, graduated from Hastings college and was a pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Axtell. His wife Erin, is a teacher for Axtell Community Schools and together they have two young children.

Logan’s duties will include coordinating First Lutheran Youth (FLY), lead the Stephen Ministry Program, and Develop and Coordinate regular stewardship emphases.

WELCOME

to First Lutheran Church, Pastor Logan Ellis and family!
We’re glad you’re here!

Hello everyone!

This is Pastor Logan, the new Director of Engagement. I want to extend thanks to everyone who has welcomed us to the church family; we have enjoyed getting to know you and look forward to connecting with the rest of this great church. Feel free to say “Hi” to us as we are singing with the choir, ringing church bells, or looking for our adventurous children throughout the church. My temporary office is located across from Centennial Hall in Classroom 17.

The FLY Action team has met, and we have some ambitious and fun plans for our FLY group. We are working on a complete schedule for families and friends of FLY for the year and are ready for feedback from our youth to finalize it. The basement has been rearranged to accommodate for quiet reflection, and the occasional noisy game. Our starting date is September 25th, which is getting close! I look forward to getting to know our FLY group as we serve, discern, and grow together.

See you around!
Pastor Logan

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Look for signage in the halls for drop off and pick up locations.

Sunday School 9:50 am - 10:50 am

PreK - 5th Grade - Meet in North Hall

Middle School - Meet in the Basement

High School - will begin late September

Keep your eye on your emails!



Wednesday Night Events

5:15 pm - Praisers Bells

5:30 pm - Feeding the Flock

6:15 pm - Heavenly Treble Makers

6:15 pm - FROG Opening North Hall

6:50 pm - Confirmation Class

Anyone can sign up for these opportunities at any time throughout the school year. The Sign-Up form is on the church website and on the Welcome Stations.

Fall Children's Choir Dates

October 20th - 11am service - I will call you forward when it is time.

November 17th - 11am service - I will call you forward when it is time.

Questions call or text 308-240-0872

Thanks! Amanda Lewis



FROM THE COUNCIL

Greetings First Lutheran Congregation,

Construction has begun in earnest! This has created a myriad of changes in the church building.

- Relocation of the Offices to temporary offices near Centennial Hall.
- New daily entry to the Church Office on the south side of the building.
- Clearing of the Old Sanctuary.

This tremendous undertaking was made possible by our Staff and volunteers in the Church. Many hours of planning and physical labor occurred to accomplish these tasks. Thank you!

As of this article, the old offices and old sanctuary have been gutted. This will allow for the next steps of framing for the new office space, cutting new windows for the offices on the west side of the building, and continued work on the Preschool restroom.

As we all know, change can create uncertainty. During this stage of the project many decisions had to be made.

- Where will the offices be temporarily located?
- How will members, non-members, vendors, etc. access the staff?
- Since classrooms were used for temporary offices, where will the youth meet on Wednesday Night and Sunday School Programming?
- How will be restroom remodel in the Preschool affect those students?

This sounds daunting! But we remember God's promise that he is always with us! "Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God."
(Philippians 4:6)

The Council would like to commend the Pastors and Staff for their resourcefulness, creativity, and attitude during this time. We are all very excited to watch the progress. More to come!

Yours in Christ,

Lee Fritson, Council President

On behalf of PJ Bartels (VP), Deb Schauer (Secretary), Lisa Parish (Treasurer), Karen Emal, Christine Fisher, Bill Schmidt, Tyler Schwartz, Shirley Smalley, Pastor Rick Carlson and Pastor Michelle Carlson.



EVENTS

Twice a year we host a “New Members Class” for those interested in joining our congregation. The Witness & Members Team helps organize the class and includes a New Members Brunch! Thank you, Witness & Members!

New Members Class 9:50 am
Sept. 15th & 22nd - Fellowship Hall



Members received at all services
September 28th & 29th.

New Members Welcome Reception
Sunday, September 29th at 9:50 am.

Second Grade Bibles
will be presented at the
8:45 am Service
Sunday, September 29th.

Please contact the church office if you have not signed up your second grader.



Instructional class September 29th at 9:50am for second graders and their parents.

Pastor Michelle holds a special meeting for children who have not received their own bibles. Do you have a 2nd Grader who doesn't have a bible? Contact the church office at (308) 237-5544 for more information. There is an instructional meeting on Sept 29th at 9:50 in Fellowship Hall.

Serving Opportunity Posters are in the Narthex.

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, Sept. 29th 1:00 pm

South Parking Lot



- Animal lovers are invited to bring their pets to have them blessed.
- This service is a way of thanking God for the pets that bring joy to so many.
- Please have your pets on a leash or in a carrier for their safety during the blessing.



New Church Directory - Picture Time!

Start sending in your family photos! MUST be current within 1 year. The Witness and Member Team will have a back drop set up to take photos October 26, 27, November 2,3, 9, &10 (before and after services) in the south area of the Narthex by Centennial Hall.

If you already have a recent photo to use, please email it to: jpuls@region3.net or drop off at the church office. New directory to be completed by 2025.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP THEMES

September 1, 2024

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2, 6-9; PSALM 15;
JAMES 1:17-27; MARK 7:1-8; 14-15, 21-23

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us, "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

September 8, 2024

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

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

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

September 15, 2024

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

ISAIAH 50:4-9a; PSALM 116:1-9; JAMES 3:1-12;
PSALM 19

Three weeks ago, we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world.

In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

September 22, 2024

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

JEREMIAH 11:18-20; PSALM 54; JAMES 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; MARK 9:30-37; PSALM 1

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

September 29, 2024

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

NUMBERS 11:4-6; 10-16, 24-29; PSALM 19:7-14; JAMES 5:13-20; MARK 9:38-50; PSALM 124

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



Preschool



Hello First Lutheran Church!

In August, we were very busy cleaning rooms and getting materials ready for Orientation Night. We are so blessed to have an amazing staff this year. It is going to be an awesome year with wonderful families!

Sonya McLeod has been hired as an interim Lead Teacher for the 3 year old class. (*We are still looking for a permanent hire!*) Some of you might remember Mrs. Sonya from working at First Lutheran Church Preschool assisting Mrs. Judy for a few years. Mrs. Sonya also has been our amazing substitute in recent years, as well as helping us with fun crafts!

Another new staff member that you all know very well is Marissa Wright. She is back from college and is our assistant in the 3 year old class. She brings a lot of new ideas from college and continues to work on her bachelor's degree while teaching.

Orientation night was Thursday, August 15th for both classes. We met all the new students as they learned about the facility. We were very excited to see those faces and get to know everyone!

The 3 year old class and Pre-K class had their first day of school on August 19th. Our goal is to start an all day program soon. We will be working hard towards that goal this year!

We started the school year by getting to know each other, learning the schedules, rooms and rules. We have 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 another student. Each week we will be getting our hands dirty and exploring too!

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

We have so much to share next month!

Have a blessed September!

Mrs. Amanda Lewis, Mrs. Sonya Vetick
Mrs. Sonya McLeod & Marissa Wright



All the Women of our Congregation are Members of the First Lutheran Congregational Unit of Women of the ELCA

Circle Groups: Facilitate Bibles Studies and Host Church Women’s Programs

Work Groups: Prepare and Serve Funerals and Other Events as needed

Quilting: Makes Quilts for LWR and School bags

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Knitted or Crocheted Shawls for those in need of comfort and prayers

Cards: Sent to Church Members

Fellowship and Outreach: to New Members



We are always looking for Women to participate in our Church Women’s Events by: decorating, fixing food, helping to coordinate programs and of course attending events for the fellowship. You do not have to be a circle member to participate in all the activities.

Our Church Women’s Events are the Christmas Coffee, Spring Event and the July night out.

Our State Women’s Events are the Autumn Renewal, Winter Retreat, Spring Gathering and the NSWO Biennial Convention.

National Women’s Event is the Triennial Gathering. Coming July 16-19, 2026 in Des Moines, IA

Events Calendar:

Sept. 9, 6:30 pm - Board Meeting and Potluck / Centennial Hall

Sept. 14/15 All Services - Installation of All Board & Circle Officers and Committee Chairpersons

Oct. 12 - Autumn Renewal, St Paul’s Lutheran in Grand Island (Southern Prairie Conference Event)

Deborah Circle

5:00 pm - 3rd Monday

Co-chairs: Deb Schauer / 308-233-2669

Alicia Tracey / 308-234-4793

Gloria Circle

12:00 pm - 3rd Thursday

Chair: Judy Workman/ 308-237-2781

Naomi Circle

7:00 pm - 4th Thursday

Chair: Judy Niemann/ 308-234-4332

Autumn Renewal - 2024

“Cultivating Love through Grace”

Saturday, October 12, 2024

A Southern Prairie

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church - 1515 South Harrison, Grand Island

Registration 9:00 a.m. — Program 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. —Ephesians 2:8 NRSV

Nebraska Synod Bishop, Scott Johnson will be leading Bible Study, plus we will be blessed with a wonderful speaker, and learning more about Nebraska Women of the ELCA.

Offering designated: 60% Churchwide Women’s Organization, 20% NSWO, 20% Nebraska Synod Seeking the Spirit Within
Autumn Renewal 2024 Registration Form can be found on the Women’s Bulletin Board. Registration Deadline: Wednesday, October 2, 2024.



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

“A Mission Outreach of Our Congregation”

We are nearing the time of year when we send out the Quilts and Kits that the Church members have been collecting items for all year. The Church women are gathering the items and putting together the kits for shipping. Items are still need to make kits. Lists of items needed are located on the Women’s bulletin board or on the donation boxes in the Coffee Area. You can donate individual items or items to complete a whole kit. If you are unable to make a tangible offering we welcome cash donations as well. This will allow us to purchase items to complete kits and help with the cost of shipping them as well. Monetary contributions can be left in the Women’s box in the church office.

MISSION ACTION COMMITTEE

(LWR donations for: quilts, backpacks, personal care kits, infant care kits, fabric kits, school kits and the Prayer Shawl Ministry)

Co-Coordinators: Amy Behrhorst, Nita Deyo and Deb Schauer

Members: Betty Young, Linda Jacobsen, Judy Niemann, Theress Bricker and Sandy Pratt

(These women are the 2024-2025 committee members)

ELECTRONIC GIVING:

Please consider using VANCO Mobile Faith, as you give and donate to help us lower expenses.

You can select a one-time OR a recurring donation.

- Online: Visit FirstLutheranKearney.org.
- Click on the “Resources” tab, then “Make a Donation”.

OR:

- Download the Vanco Mobile Faith app on an iPhone or Android.
- Open the app to view the box “Find Your Church”. Enter zip code: 68847.
- Select First Lutheran Church, 3315 G Avenue, Kearney.



Select “Sign Up” to create a profile or “Log In”.

OFFERING ENVELOPES:

Thank you to all those who regularly use the weekly offering envelopes. It may not be possible to keep an accurate recording of your contributions if you do not use your envelopes. If you’re unable to contribute without using the envelopes, please write your offering envelope number on your check. This will enable us to record your contributions accurately. Any loose checks that are received without an envelope number noted might not be reflected on your contribution statement.

Contributions to the Ministry Budget and Facilities Budget can be combined in one check.

If you are not receiving offering envelopes and would like some, please contact Stacy in the church office. Thank you for your help!

If you have any questions or need assistance using the electronic giving options or need offering envelopes, please contact Stacy Seim in the church office:

(308)237-5544 or SSeim@FirstLutheranKearney.org

JULY FINANCE REPORT			
Ministry Budget:	July 2024	YTD '24-'25	YTD '23-'24
Budget Supporting Revenue	\$ 40,760	\$ 79,493	\$ 96,892
Budget Related Expenditures	\$ (62,934)	\$ (117,849)	\$ (113,563)
Total 2024-2025 Ministry Budget: \$768,954			
Facilities Budget:	July 2024	YTD '24-'25	YTD '23-'24
Revenue	\$ 3,929	\$ 8,518	\$ 9,975
Expenditures	\$ (891)	\$ (1,910)	\$ (4,079)
Total 2024-2025 Facilities Budget: \$44,100			

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Please view the calendar at FirstLutheranKearney.org for updates

Sat/Sun, September 21/22	Worship - Sat. 6:00 pm, Sun. 8:45 am and 11:00 am 9:50 am - Sunday School 9:50 am - New Members Class - Fellowship Hall
Wed/September 25	Wednesday night activities
Sat/Sun, September 28/29	Worship - Sat. 6:00 pm, Sun. 8:45 am and 11:00 am 8:45 am Service - 2nd Grade Bibles Presented. New Members received at all services 9:50 am - Sunday School 9:50 am - New Members Welcome Reception Centennial Hall 9:50 am - Second Grade Bible instruction w/parents Fellowship Hall 1:00 pm - Animal Blessings - South Parking Lot
October Events	
Wed/October 2	Wednesday night activities
Sat/Sun, October 5/6	Worship - Sat. 6:00 pm, Sun. 8:45 am and 11:00 am Laying on of Hands at all services 9:50 am - Sunday School
Wed/October 9	Wednesday night activities (Confirmation at home)
Sat/October 12	Women of the ELCA Autumn Renewal/Grand Island.
Sat/Sun, October 12/13	Worship - Sat. 6:00 pm, Sun. 8:45 am and 11:00 am 9:50 am - Sunday School 2:00 pm - Worship at Brookstone Gardens
Wed October 16	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Chili Cookoff - Centennial Hall No FROG/Confirmation has "home-work" for the week.
Sat/Sun, October 21/22	Worship - Sat. 6:00 pm, Sun. 8:45 am and 11:00 am Laying on of Hands at all services 9:50 am - Sunday School
Wed/October 23	Wednesday night activities (Confirmation at home)
Sat/Sun/October 26/27	Worship - Sat. 6:00 pm Worship - Sun. 11:00 am - Reformation Sunday ONE Service 9:50 am - Sunday School 12 noon - Reformation Sunday Luncheon 12:45 pm - 2:30 pm - Trunk or Treat Photo Booth Begins - New photos for church directory. Look for more information to come!
Wed/October 30	Wednesday night activities
October Date TBD	LWR Packing Day

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