

THE MESSENGER

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

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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**



Prayers of Comfort and Peace for...

- Mark and Kim Schipporeit on the death of Kim's mother, Carolyn Anthony.
- Friends and family of Gary Buehner on his death.

*Thank
you!*

Thank you!

A special thank you to everyone who offered prayers for our grandson Jeff Bailey during his last illness and for the many cards and personal condolences on his passing.

Gene & Elaine Knaus

REFLECTIONS

A Letter from the Pastors Carlson

Dear First Lutheran,

What a September we have had! We did amazing work in the community through God's Work, Our Hands. We started our programming with FROG, Sunday School, and Confirmation. We gave fourteen 2nd graders Bibles and taught them how to begin digging into scripture. We have brought on board Pastor Logan Ellis as our Director of Engagement and look forward to his ideas and development of FLY, Stephen Ministry, and Stewardship.

In October, Pastor Rick and I will be going to Italy for a break and continuing education. While it is a joy and privilege to serve as your pastors, we need some rest and recuperation. Being a pastor has never been an easy calling and dealing with a pandemic as well as the growing pains of our culture and country, and the heartbreak of losing our beloved Natasha, we have noted it is time to take a break. We will be gone for three weeks in October. During this time, we have a magnificent staff to help you with your questions and needs. Pastor John Gosswein will be presiding the three weekends we are away. He will be joined by a different member of First Lutheran who will preach on a given weekend (Kyle Means, Dave Zimmer, Lisa Parish).

We look forward to rejoining you on Reformation Sunday, rejuvenated and renewed.

In peace,

Pastor Michelle and Pastor Rick

MISSION OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:



“Sharing Shelf”

October S.A.F.E. Center Donation:

Disposable plates, bowls, cups and silverware.

Please set donated items on the shelf in the Narthex.

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.

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) and furniture (please call ahead with furniture donations). 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



Give now for
hurricane response

Support those impacted by Hurricane Helene through Lutheran Disaster Response:
elca.org

This storm has devastated communities across the southeastern United States. Our prayers remain with all who are affected, those experiencing grief and suffering, and workers providing emergency response.

Your gifts help provide immediate relief, such as water, clothing, gift cards, tarps and other needs. Since many hurricanes also require a long-term response, Lutheran Disaster Response provides support on the long road to recovery with disaster case management, construction management, unmet needs, and emotional and spiritual care.

MISSION OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



Thank you to all individuals and to First Lutheran Church for the support you have given Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity for the last 32 years. We hope you were part of the 100th House Celebration in September.

Looking forward, we announced the homebuilders for 2025

#1 Sylvia Parr Munoz

#2 Tammi Kreth

#3 Haylee Chadrick and Joshua Knaub – co-applicants

“God’s Work Our Hands” event was a huge success. We had volunteers working at the Safe Center, Jubilee Center, Compass, and at our church. Many hands made light work, and FUN!



MISSION OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Mission Outreach Team

God's Work, Our Hands

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 to collect 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 and shared more about their camp.

OCTOBER VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

A special “THANK YOU” to our October Volunteer of the Month, Jan Wilson!

**October’s volunteer
of the Month is
Jan Wilson!**



**Congratulations Jan!
Thank you for all of your
time and hard work!**

Jan has been a member of First Lutheran Church for over FIFTY years. She faithfully covers the church office during the weekly staff meetings. Jan also cleans the children’s activity bags weekly and makes sure the hearing devices are working properly for the upcoming weekend services. Jan is always willing to help with any projects (shredding, name badges, mailings, etc.,) We are so grateful for your compassion in helping others.

Welcome New Members!

When you see our new members, be sure to greet them and say “WELCOME!”!



Beth Mullen & Noah



Broedy Metzler and Leigh-Anne Lehmann

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Did you participate in the Animal Blessings Sunday?

What a heartwarming event!

We thank God for giving us all pets who bring us joy. As He takes care of us, we ask His help that we will take care of those who trust us to look after them.

By doing this, we share in God's own love for all creation!



Have you noticed the fall displays at church? Thank you Nielsen's for donating all the pumpkins!

And "Thank You" Mike and Judy Workman, and Judy Fisher for making the beautiful displays with the pumpkins!



**Nielsen Kids U-Pick
Pumpkin & Sweetcorn
Patch**

First Lutheran Church & Preschool would like to send a huge Thank You to Nielsen Pumpkin patch in Minden for donating 40 pumpkins! These will be displayed at the church entrances and given to the Preschool kiddos!

FLY NEWS



Hello First Lutheran Family!

This is Pastor Logan with FLY. We just had our second meeting, and it was great! We had a great game of hide and seek with over 15 kids in the basement, and survived!

We are looking forward to activities with the church like the Chili Cook-Off, and exploring the community of Kearney with a trip to Centennial Park for some frisbee golf.

Our Sunday School will take place October 6th and 20th, the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. We will be going through books of the bible and topics selected by the youth. Our first book will make you Beetle fans happy: it is the Book of Jude! Sunday School will take place between services.

If you know a family or youth who would like to be involved in FLY, feel free to reach out to any staff member and we can connect them with this amazing group!

-- Pastor Logan

A yellow banner with a blue and white logo on the left. The logo features a heart with a cross and the text "FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH". To the right of the logo, the text "FLY IS BACK!" is written in large, bold, black letters. Below the logo, there are two rows of bullet points: the first row is on a yellow background and the second is on a green background. At the bottom, there is a line of text in a yellow box.

FLY IS BACK!

- Wednesdays beginning Sept. 25
- 6:30 pm
- Basement Activity Room
- Sundays beginning Oct. 6
- 9:50 am

Check your emails for specific dates!

Upcoming Wednesday events:

- October 9th - Frisbee Golf in the Park
- October 16 - Chili Cook Off
- October 23 - Pumpkin Carving, Campfire & Smores
- October 30 - Scrapbook Story, Link Tag and Extreme Spoons

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Look for signage in the hallways 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

FLY - IS BACK! Keep your eyes on your email for dates of events!



Wednesday Night Activities



Praiser Bells - 5:15pm - 5:45pm

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

Heavenly Treble Makers - 6:15pm - 6:45pm

FROG 6:15pm - 7:45pm

FLY - 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Confirmation - at home assignments weeks of October 9, 16 & 23.

Check signage in the hallways for room assignments.

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.

Dec. 21st - 6:00 pm

Dec. 22nd - 8:45 am. We will have a party after the 8:45 am service in North Fellowship Hall. Then we'll sing a few songs at the very beginning of the 11:00 am service. After we sing at the beginning of the 11:00 am service, you may go home or stay for the service. Please arrive 15 minutes early before each service to practice songs and get lined up in the music room, which is classroom 9.

Questions call or text 308-240-0872

Thanks! Amanda Lewis



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Second Grade Bibles



As part of First Lutheran's promise to teach our younger members about God's Word, the following second graders received their bibles and attended a class explaining how to use them: Winstin Rooney Akerson, Cade James Banzhaf, Callie Dawn Banzhaf, Easton Joseph Campa (not in photo), Maxwell Edward Davis, Lochlan Robert Dutcher, Grayson Travis Fletcher, Annika Lynn Lintz, Keithan Kyle Means, Zobrie Violet Mueller (not in photo), Drake Norman Peterson, McKenna Lyn Placzek, Callie Noelle Sayer (not in photo), Aspen Ember Wagner.

The Pastors have received great feedback how this impacted these young students! Thank you for sharing!



FROM THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TEAM

Greetings First Lutheran Congregation,

Peace and blessings to you during this transition to the fall season. Speaking of transition, it's been wonderful to see the new office space take shape. If you haven't walked through the construction zone yet, please take a moment the next time you're at the church. It will be a beautiful new space for our pastors, staff, and volunteers to carry out the ministry efforts of First Lutheran. Not to mention the all-new HVAC system that will be in place soon!

We would also like to update you on the capital campaign efforts to help cover the nearly 2 million dollars in expenses. As of this date, we have over 1 million dollars pledged. Of those pledges, we have received about \$600,000. We are incredibly grateful for the commitments and dollars collected so far.

If you have not yet had an opportunity to make a pledge or contribute towards this campaign, there is still time! Please consider donating with the designation of "Capital Campaign." Your gift will help us reach our goal and have a strong impact on the long-term ministry efforts of the church.

Overall, the construction is going well. The new concrete floor has been poured in the old sanctuary space. Nine offices have been framed, windows are cut out of the west side brick, and electrical wiring is starting. All HVAC materials have been ordered. The new preschool bathroom is progressing, too.

There's still plenty of work to do with construction and the capital campaign. Keep in mind that the more donations we receive towards this project, the less debt we will incur at the end. Your continued prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

Keep looking for updates on our website, in the Messenger, and through other forms of communication.

In peace,

Capital Campaign Team

Troy Brockmeier, Mark Kottmeyer, Kyle Means, Mark Schipporeit, Pastor Michelle, and Pastor Rick

Scan to view
project page



EVENTS

The Annual Chili & Cinnamon Roll Cook-Off is always a great event! Join us! Everyone is welcome to bring their favorite Chili or Cinnamon Rolls. Please sign up in the Narthex



Annual Chili & Cinnamon Roll Cook-Off

Wednesday
October 16th
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Centennial Hall

Proceeds Benefit FLY
No FROG this evening.
Fun activities for ALL!!

Sign up in the
Narthex to bring
Chili / Rolls



It's time to update our church directory

New Church Directory Picture time!



Send your family photos to
Jen at: jpuls@region3.net
Photos MUST be current within one year.

If you don't have a current photo, The Witness & Members Team will be set up to take photos
October 26, 27, November 2, 3, 9 & 10.

EVENTS

Join us for
Reformation
Sunday!
Faith! Food!
Fellowship! Fun!
ONE service this
day. (No 8:45 am
service)



REFORMATION SUNDAY October 27th

- 9:50 am - Sunday School
- 11:00 am - Worship (no 8:45 am service)
- 12:00 noon - Potluck Luncheon
 - Members w/last names A-L, please bring a salad, side, or dessert.
 - Members w/last names M-Z, please bring a main dish
- 12:45 pm - 2:15 pm - Trunk or Treat

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE



SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 27TH

12:45 - 2:15 PM
SOUTH PARKING LOT

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:50AM
CHURCH SERVICE 11:00AM
CHURCH LUNCH 12:00PM
TRUNK-OR-TREAT 12:45PM

We need volunteers to
decorate a trunk! Sign up
in the Narthex or click
on the link on the First
Lutheran Church
website.

Tables for
All Saints' Day photos
will be set up in the
Narthex beginning
October 23.

All Saints' Day

In remembrance of your loved ones who have
died, you're welcome to bring a photo to be
displayed during All Saints Weekend.
(November 2/3)



Tables will be set up in
the Narthex beginning
October 23rd.

Hello from the Three Year Old Classroom!

We have learned so many amazing things in our first few weeks of preschool! We made lots of new friends!

We have practiced writing T, I, H, F, L and O and singing about all the wonderful sounds letters make. We practice counting every day and are learning the days of the week, the months of the year and a little about our four seasons. We learned about all the colors of the rainbow from the Bible story of Noah's Ark and Joseph's coat of many colors. We have colored, painted, and glued many projects using a wide variety of these colors.

We've talked about the joy of learning, amazing facts about animals and insects and the beauty of leaves and apples. We even had firefighters come and tell us about fire safety, but the best part was we got to see a fire truck!

Learning many games and playing outside on the playground are just a couple of activities that everyone is enjoying! We went to Chapel with Pastor Rick and Pastor Michelle and got to hear many wonderful Bible stories and sing new songs! Each one of our preschoolers were given a Spark Bible to keep! This way they can continue to learn more about God at home. The Bookmobile also visited our school, and it was great to see all the books there are to choose from to check out and take home.

Next month we are looking forward to enjoying and learning about all things Fall!

And to our school and it was so fun to get on it and see all the books we can check out!

Fall Blessings,
Mrs. Sonya and Ms. Marissa

Happy Fall from PreK!

We have been busy and their 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 already have three 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 the rice table as well.

We have learned a lot about apples during our "A week". Clouds, corn, crayons, cracking and cooking eggs were explored for C week. We learned about God, made glitter jars with our grandparents, made gak/slime, made gifts for our grandparents and learned a fun guessing game. We ended the month with "F" for firesafety and farm. The firefighters came to tell us about fire safety and what they do.

We are having so much fun!

Our first field trip will be Oct. 4th to Dimilaco to make their very own t-shirt. We always have a blast with Dennis!

Our first speaker of the month will start in October. A parent will come in to tell us what their job is and explain it in a fun way that we can see and touch some of the things they work with.

For those students new to First Lutheran Church Preschool, they get a Spark's 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

WELCA



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

The Nebraska Women of the ELCA has Seven Conferences.
1. Central
2. High Plains
3. Metro East
4. Midlands
5. Northeast
6. Southeast
7. Southern Prairie
First Lutheran in Kearney is in the Southern Prairie Conference

First Lutheran's Women's Circle Groups

Deborah Circle

5:00 pm - 3rd Monday

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

Alicia Tracey / 308-234-4793

Naomi Circle

7:00 pm - 4th Thursday

Chair: Judy Niemann/ 308-234-4332

Gloria Circle

12:00 pm - 3rd Thursday

Chair: Judy Workman/ 308-237-2781

First Lutheran Women's Events Calendar

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

Nov 4 - Board Meeting , 7pm in the Chapel

Nov 9/10 - Women's Thank Offering - All Services
All Women can come forward with an offering

Dec 14 - Christmas Coffee, in the Fellowship Hall
If you are interested in helping with food, decorations, or program, contact any Circle chair or Board member and they will help you get involved.

Women of the ELCA Officers
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Bev Vacha 308-468-6239
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WELCA

September Board Meeting Highlights

- > The first meeting of the year was kicked off with a potluck supper.
- > All Board and Committee reports were shared.
- > Year End Contributions were made totaling \$ 1,750.00



THANK YOU

To **Judy workman** for decorating and setting up for the Board meeting and potluck Sept 9th.

To an **Anonymous Donor** for suppling the needed items to complete the 100



“A Mission Outreach of Our Congregation”

Blessing of the LWR Kits and Quilts will be November 2 & 3, 2024 at all services.
 Lutheran World Relief Packing Day will be Monday, November 4.
 Volunteers are needed to help pack and load.
 Pickups will be needed to help deliver boxes to Magnum Transportation.
 Please check the weekly newsletter for upcoming detailed information.



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-ordinators: Deb Schauer, Nita Deyo,
and Amy Behrhorst

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

OCTOBER WORSHIP THEMES

October 6, 2024

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

GENESIS 2:18-24; PSALM 8;
HEBREWS 1:1-4; 2:5-12; MARK 10:2-16, JOB 1:1; 2:1-10; PSALM 26

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

October 13, 2024

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

AMOS 5:6-7, 10-15; PSALM 90:12-17;
HEBREWS 4:12-16; MARK 10:17-31;
JOB 23:1-9, 16-17

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

October 20, 2024

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

ISAIAH 53:4-12; PSALM 91:9-16;
HEBREWS 5:1-10; MARK 10:35-45; JOB 38:1-7 [34-41]; PSALM 104:1-9, 24, 35b

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

October 27, 2024

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.

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

AUGUST FINANCE REPORT			
Ministry Budget:	August 2024	YTD '23-'24	YTD '22-'23
Budget Supporting Revenue	\$ 43,894	\$ 143,367	\$ 141,483
Budget Related Expenditures	\$ (57,450)	\$ (163,555)	\$ (188,239)
Total 2024-2025 Ministry Budget: \$768,954			
Facilities Budget:	August 2024	YTD '23-'24	YTD '22-'23
Revenue	\$ 4,039	\$ 14,835	\$ 18,148
Expenditures	\$ (2,122)	\$ (5,895)	\$ (17,792)
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

October Events

- Wed/Oct. 9 Wednesday night activities (Confirmation at home)
- Sat/Oct. 12 Women of the ELCA Autumn Renewal/Grand Island.
- Sat/Sun, Oct. 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/ Oct. 16 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Chili/Cinnamon Roll Cookoff
No FROG. Confirmation has "home-work" for the week but definitely come to the Chili Cookoff!
- Sat/Sun, Oct. 21/22 Worship - Sat. 6:00 pm, Sun. 8:45 am and 11:00 am
9:50 am - Sunday School
- Wed/Oct. 23 Wednesday night activities (Confirmation at home)
- Sat/Sun/Oct. 26/27 Worship - Sat. 6:00 pm
Worship - Sun. 11:00 am - Reformation Sunday - ONE service
Photo Booth Begins - Email a current family photo to Jen Puls (JPuls@Region3.net) or have one taken before and after each service by the Witness & Members Team - located by Centennial Hall.
9:50 am - Sunday School
12:00 noon - Reformation Sunday Pot Luck Luncheon
12:45 pm - 2:30 pm - Trunk or Treat
- Wed/Oct. 30 Wednesday night activities - Confirmation resumes.

November Events

- Sat/Sun, Nov. 2/3 Worship - Sat. 6:00 pm, Sun. 8:45 am and 11:00 am
Laying on of Hands at all services
All Saints Weekend (set a photo of your loved one who has died on the table in the Narthex)
LWR Quilts & Kits dedication at all services
Photo Booth open before and after all services.
- Mon/Nov. 4 LWR Packing Day
- Wed/Nov. 6 Wednesday night activities
- Sat/Sun, Nov. 9/10 Worship - Sat. 6:00 pm, Sun. 8:45 am and 11:00 am
WELCA Thank Offerings at all services.
LAST weekend for Photo Booth before/after all services.
- Wed/Nov. 13 Wednesday night activities
- Sat/Sun, Nov. 16/17 Worship - Sat. 6:00 pm, Sun. 8:45 am and 11:00 am
Laying on of Hands at all services
Last Sunday of Sunday School for 2024
- Wed/Nov. 20 Last evening of Wednesday night activities for 2024
- Sat/Sun, Nov. 23/24 Worship - Sat. 6:00 pm, Sun. 8:45 am and 11:00 am
Sunday - Advent Fair
- Thurs/Fri, Nov. 28/29 Thanksgiving break. Office Closed.