

Rev. Dr. Michelle Holley Carlson
Co-Pastor

Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson
Co-Pastor



Sundays 8:45 am

FLC RADIO BROADCAST

**This week's radio broadcast
is sponsored by:
First Lutheran Church**

**Call or email the church office to
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“Sharing Shelf”
January S.A.F.E. Center Donation:
Diapers & Baby Wipes
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 serves 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.



Contribution Statements

***Now available in the Narthex!
Statements not picked up by
January 26 will be mailed out.***

Volunteers of the Month for January are

Matt and Jenni Nielsen

**Matt and Jenni have been members of First Lutheran
for over 13 years.**

**Matt graciously donated
his time and his
construction crew in
December to repair the
church parking lots for
free! We appreciate your
thoughtful generosity!**



**Need a warm place to walk?
First Lutheran's gym
(Centennial Hall) will be open
for church members
only to walk indoors
during office hours.**

M-F 8:30am - 4:00pm

**Not available during special events -
check the church calendar for updates!**



**OPERATION
SHINE**



The children's weekly "Noisy Offering" donations go towards "Operation Shine".

Operation Shine Weekend Camps are three-day camps for children ages 7-12 experiencing Autism Spectrum Disorders and related conditions.



**This week's altar flowers
are provided by
Jerry and Kim Gronewold
in celebration of
Kelsey's Birthday!**

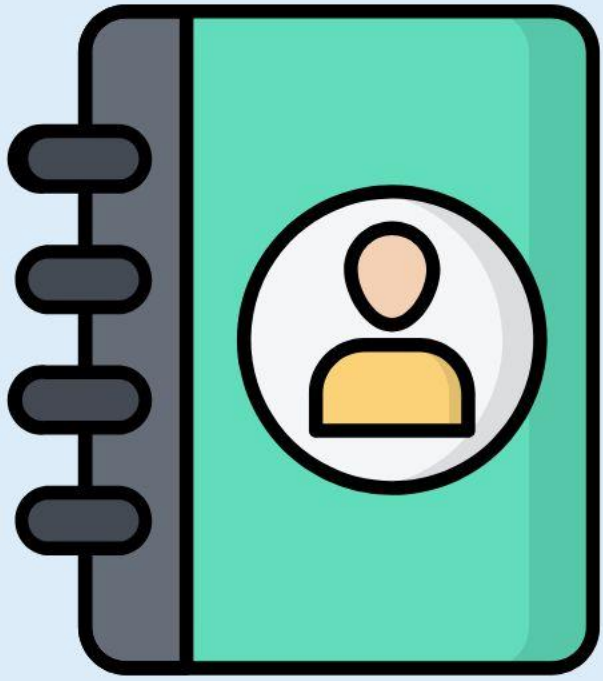
Happy Birthday





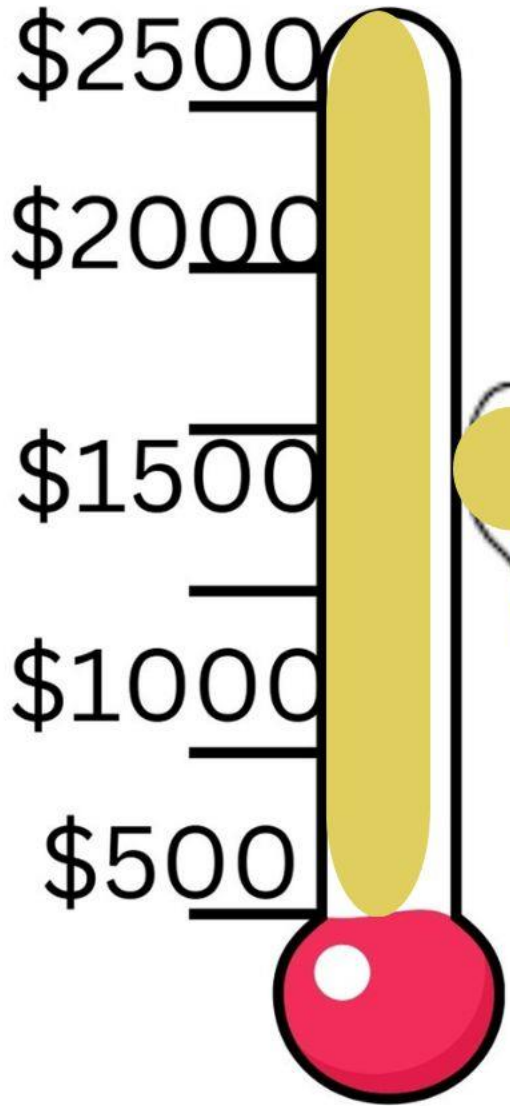
**This week's altar flowers
are provided by
Art and Diane Jones in
celebration of their 51st
Wedding Anniversary.**

Happy
Anniversary



The NEW church directories can be picked up before and after services in the Narthex through January, 2025. Following that date, they'll be available in the church office.

Free will donations will be accepted to cover printing costs.



Mission Outreach has a goal of \$2500 for ELCA Good Gifts Chicks.

**Help us
“Be the Chick”**

**We did it!
\$2500 Raised!!**

**are on
tions.**

**Make checks payable to:
ELCA Good Gifts.**



Jubilee Meals for January 2025



Sign up to bring a dish on a Thursday evening in January.

Bring dish to Centennial Hall before 5:30 on the designated day.

You will be reminded by a phone call or text.

If you have any questions or can't provide the item, please call Paula Peterson at (308) 440-2424.

Youth Activities

Sunday School

Pre-K through 8th grade: 9:50 am - 10:50 am.



Wednesday Evening Activities:

Feeding the Flock Meal: Served 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm.

FROG - Pre-K through 5th Grade: 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm.

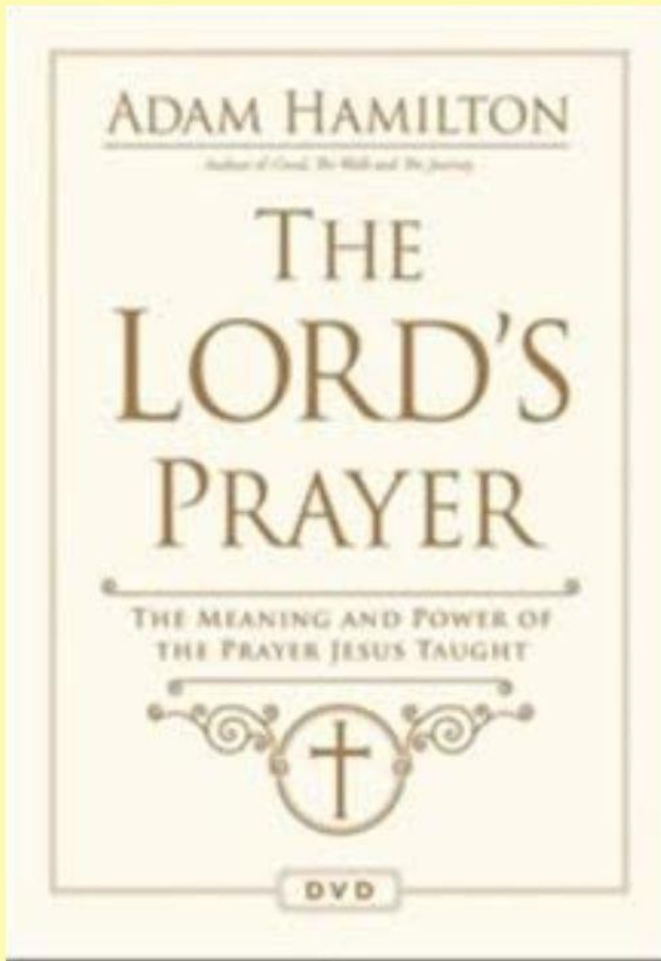
FLY - High School Youth Group: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm.

Confirmation Class: 6:50 pm – 7:55 pm.

Praiser Bells: 5:15 pm.

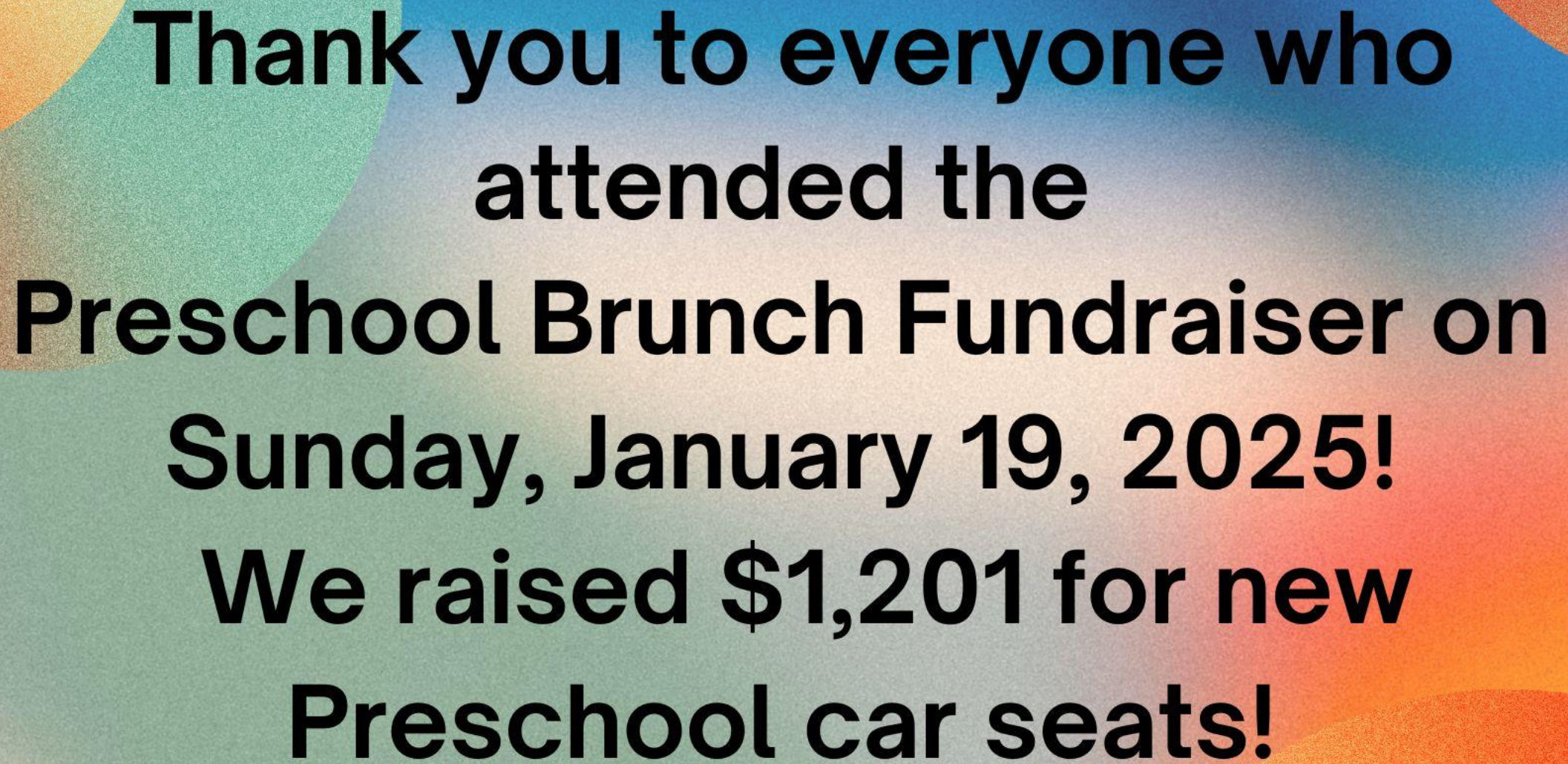
Heavenly Treble Makers: 6:15 pm.





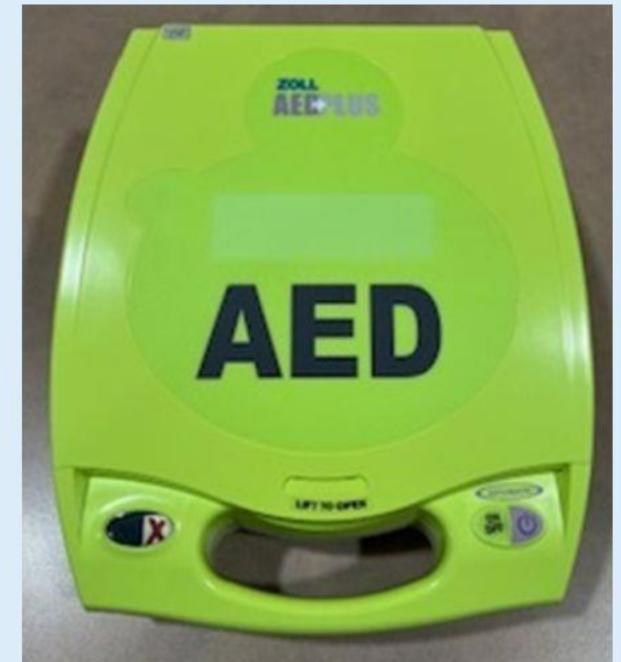
Please join us for an Adult Bible Study on the book “The Lord’s Prayer”

- Wednesdays through Ash Wednesday
- 10:30 am - 11:30 am
- Meet in Classroom 14
- Feel free to join us anytime!



**Thank you to everyone who
attended the
Preschool Brunch Fundraiser on
Sunday, January 19, 2025!
We raised \$1,201 for new
Preschool car seats!**

Thank You, Barry Sandstrom for coordinating the donation of a new AED machine from your son's employer "Zoll Medical" for First Lutheran Church. The location of this new AED machine will be near Centennial Hall.



2025 -2026

**First Lutheran Church Preschool
Registration**

January 10th - Current Preschool Families

January 17th -First Lutheran Church Families

January 24th - open to the public

**\$60.00 non-refundable
registration fee**

PreK 8:15 - 3:00pm - \$625 per month

3-year-olds 8:15 - 11:45am \$250 per month

First Lutheran Church, 3315 G Ave, Kearney, NE 68847

308-237-5544

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HYGGE Sunday



- **January 26th**
- **9:45 am - Sunday School**
- **11:00 am Service (no 8:45 am service)**
- **Wear comfy clothes - PJ's, sweat pants, etc.**
- **Bring a blanket or pillow to service if you wish!**
- **12noon Potluck**
 - **Members w/last names A-L, please bring a main dish.**
 - **Members with last names M-Z, please bring a salad, side or dessert.**



Join a church where everyone knows each other!



**New Members
Classes will be:
February 2, 9, and 16
at 9:50 am.**

**Contact Jen Puls for more information:
email: JPuls@Region3.net
or call the Church Office: 308.237.5544**

Boy Scout Troop 139

BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Freewill Donation



★ *Help support our activities!* ★

FEBRUARY 9TH
Between Services
9:30-11:30am

**FIRST LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
3315 G Ave
Kearney

Volunteer opportunity:
FROG COORDINATOR

for the 2025-26 school year

Be a part of our fun Wednesday evening kid's programming!

Main duties include:

- ✓ Find volunteers to be teachers
- ✓ Create a schedule for the upcoming year
- ✓ Be the contact person throughout the year for teachers and congregation

Curriculum & materials provided!

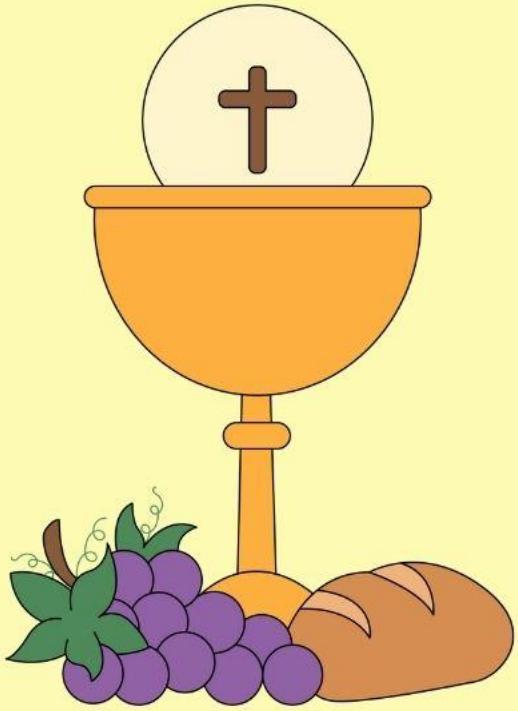
**COLLABORATE WITH A FRIEND
TO BE CO-COORDINATORS!**

F.R.O.G.



**FULLY RELY
ON GOD**

Contact the office if interested or with any questions: volunteers@firstlutheran Kearney.org



4th and 5th Grade First Communion Classes

- **Wednesdays**
- **5:45 pm - 6:20 pm**
- **March 12, 19, 26, April 2 & 9**
- **Fellowship Hall**
- **Please register by February 23!**

Registration forms are on the Welcome Stations.

Please contact the office if you didn't receive the email to pre-register.

**Did you know you can pick
up a copy of the
January/February Messenger from
the Welcome Station?**

**THE JANUARY / FEBRUARY
MESSENGER**

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



*May you shine the Light of Christ
in the New Year!*


Happy 2025!

A New Year Full of Blessings:

Wednesday Evening Activities Have Resumed!

Preschool Registration opened January 17 for First Lutheran

**DID
YOU
KNOW?**



**The 2025
flower sign-up sheet is on
the board in the Narthex.
Thank you for signing up
for Altar Flowers!**

**Flowers can be taken home after the 11am service,
or stop in the office Monday to pick them up.**



Brookestone Gardens

Brookestone Garden Services

- **2:00 pm**
- **First Sunday of each month.**

WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE

Get involved | Volunteer | Ministry Opportunities



**Please fill out the
“Called to Serve” forms
located in the pews.**

Fold & put in the offering plate

Yellow Prayer Cards

- Prayer cards are available in the pew racks for you to include petitions during the Prayers of Intercession.

Ushers will collect the cards during the Prelude.



NAME TAGS

Please wear your name tags so we can learn each others' names.



Need a name tag? Handwrite a nametag and hang it on the tree. Next week a printed nametag will be in that same spot for you.

Capital Campaign for Improved Offices & HVAC



GROW WITH US!

Scan the QR code to join our live stream services and view previously recorded services.



**The T-coil can be heard best in
the two center aisles on the main level.**

**For the hard of hearing,
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
offers a loop system.
Hearing aid wearers with
a “T” (telecoil) setting
can now hear the service
broadcast directly through
their hearing aids.**



**For those who do NOT have a T-coil in their hearing aid
or no hearing aid, contact an Usher for the use of a
RX-20 Hearing Loop Receiver for use during the service.**



FRIENDLY REMINDER:

To maintain membership status at First Lutheran, please register receiving Holy Communion at least once a year.

Registration cards are in the pew racks and on the Welcome Stations.

Welcome Visitors

We invite you to complete a Visitor Card. Please place it in the offering plate or in one of the boxes on the Welcome Stations.





Worship Times

Saturday (Traditional)	6:00 pm
Sunday (Traditional)	8:45 am
Sunday (Contemporary)	11:00 am

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS

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visit FLC's
website

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