



First Word

The newsletter of First Lutheran Church • Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Upcoming Fall Events: You Won't Want to Miss!

Matt Tylutki, Children's and Youth Music Director

2022-23 is going to be an exciting year for Children's and Youth Music at First Lutheran Church!

There are opportunities for all with our wide offering of ensembles and supporting activities including



choirs, bells, the FLC Piano Lab, and the implementation of a new music curriculum. Whether it is just for an hour of rehearsal or taking part in every aspect of the program, I hope everyone can find a place to participate. Participants can find flexibility with our new offerings of meals between ensembles, homework time, and regular make-up rehearsals. On Saturday, August 27, we will kick off our year with a retreat where we get to know one another and start making

music together. Don't delay enrolling, as registration closes August 22! Please visit flcsf.org/choirschool to see the rehearsal schedule, other important dates and read more about the fantastic music education opportunities and worship leadership all of the programming will offer.

You can also register online through the choir school webpage or contact Matt Tylutki for more information via email or call 605-339-1983 ext. 242.



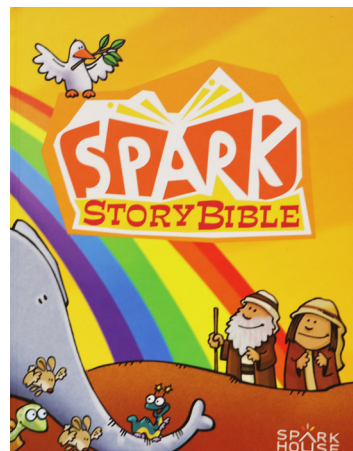
Marnie Dahle Backer, Director of Youth & Family

As we prepare for school to start back up, we have two milestones in August. The First Step Milestone is for our three-year-olds. Held on Saturday, August 20, at 10:30 a.m., we invite children to join us to receive their Spark Story Bibles as they are ready to start our Sunday/Wednesday Scripture First education ministry. We



explore their new Bibles and church school classrooms, play games, and do a craft together. Parents also get to learn about the ministries for their children and how to use the Bible at home as a family.

Blessing of the Backpacks happens that same weekend on Sunday, August 21, at worship. Students (and teachers!) of all ages are invited to



bring their backpacks to church—some are brand spanking new, and others might be a little tattered from solid usage. We actually bless the students versus their bags—but give them a token to attach to their backpack reminding them that God is with them wherever they go! Please join us at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary or 11 a.m. at McKennan Park!

Fall Events Continued

Share Your Gift of Music at First Lutheran Church

*Zachary Brockhoff,
Director of Music*

"Let Everything That Has Breath, Praise the Lord!"

The start of fall marks the beginning of many things, including music ensembles at First Lutheran! Whether singing as part of a choir, playing in a bell choir, offering your talents as an instrumentalist in worship, or playing as part of the praise band, we invite you consider the ways in which God has gifted you to serve in worship and music this coming year! Simply visit flcsf.org/music or call Director of Music Zachary Brockhoff to share your interest. The 100th Anniversary concert in September is a wonderful opportunity to hear new music, but we also hope you will find reason to be involved in the music ministry of the congregation throughout the year and join in the Church's song!

All music ensembles at First Lutheran exist to support congregational song and worship, making a place for you to be



involved. Whether you believe you have a voice better suited for the shower or God's sanctuary, there is a place for your involvement here. You might think 'I can't read music' or 'I can't play or sing a note!' but please know this is the job of those leading music ensembles to help you learn all of these skills. Dr. Paul Nesheim, Mary Ryrholm, and Larry Olson would be delighted to welcome you.

At the start of this new school year, try something new! Join in offering praise, prayer, and thanksgiving to God through the gift of music. The Psalmist says: "Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord!" In this "everything" are the gifts you have to offer. Come, and join us today.

Add your voice to the Church's song! Contact Director of Music Zachary Brockhoff, 605-339-1983 ext. 260, to join today! Visit flcsf.org/music for more details.

- Tuesday, 5:15-6 p.m.
Carol Choir (for children in kindergarten through 2nd grade)
Matt Tylutki, director
- Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Agape Ringers (handbells for adults college-age and older)
Mary Ryrholm, director
- Wednesday, 4:30-5:15 p.m.
Carillon Ringers (handbells for beginners 1st-8th grade)
Matt Tylutki, director
- Wednesday, 5:45-6:30 p.m.
Middle School Bells
Matt Tylutki, director
- Wednesday, 6:45-7:30 p.m.
High School Bells
Matt Tylutki, director
- Wednesday, 7-8 p.m.
Parish Choir (for adults college-age and older)
Dr. Paul Nesheim, director
- Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Youth Praise Band (for youth in high school)
Larry Olson, director
- Thursday, 6:15-7:30 p.m.
First Lutheran Church Choristers
[(for children/youth in 3rd-8th grade)
Matt Tylutki, director



Committee Updates

August News From the Senior Pastor Call Committee



*Micah Aberson,
Co-chair, Call
Committee*

Grace and peace on behalf of the First Lutheran Church Senior Pastor Call Committee.

“God is in control.”
As we have started

the call process, we as a committee have received the gentle reminder from multiple individuals that the call process is about letting the Holy Spirit move, letting God be in control, and keeping the focus on Jesus. For me, who prides myself on getting things done, checking boxes, and completing initiatives with a business-like focus, these sentiments are an important reminder that, despite our best efforts, this process is greater than any of us and will require the appropriate amount of patience and trust to get it right.

As promised, our committee has proceeded with an urgency to complete

those items within our control as expeditiously as possible. As of July 8, our Ministry Site Profile was officially complete and posted through the ELCA website. Thank you to the hundreds of members of the congregation who participated in the survey and attended the Ministry Site Plan meeting on Wednesday, June 29. As a call committee, we were encouraged that while we are a diverse and complex congregation, we are unified in our desire for the gifts to be possessed by our next senior pastor.

As published in our MSP, the attributes desired in our next senior pastor are as follows:

- A strong preacher—who should preach a majority of the time
- A teacher and theologian—called to teach, preach the Word of Christ, and administer the Sacraments in full accordance with the Lutheran Confessions
- A strong leader—as an administrator, a leader of the staff (both lay and clergy), and a spiritual leader of the congregation

(Because we have traditionally had a church business administrator, we do not expect the senior pastor to be directly responsible for church finances or day-to-day human resources. We are looking for a chief executive officer, not a chief operating officer.)

- Willing to maintain a high profile in the community
- Preferred: a pastor with previous administrative experience, someone who has worked with a large staff, and someone familiar with the workings of a large and complex congregation

As the summer months continue on, we are actively in the process of engaging and interviewing prospective candidates. Should any member of the congregation have recommendations on candidates with whom we should visit, please direct the names to either Denise Aamlid or me. Thank you for your encouragement and your prayers as we continue this important work for the future of FLC. “God is in control!”

WELCA: Let's Highlight Some Projects

Jean Hoff, Chair

During the summer as people are having garage sales, Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is looking for churches to put together baby layette kits. Often you can find the needed items for a very reasonable price. If you are at a rummage and you see any sleepers from 6 months to 2T, would you consider picking up a few? The layettes also require receiving blankets,



caps, sweaters or sweatshirts, socks, and dark colored hand towels. Anything you purchase can be left at the front desk at the church.

In August we will collect additional school supplies to make school kits for LWR. Items needed include black or blue pens, #2 pencils, pencil sharpeners, rulers, blunt scissors, and 70-count spiral notebooks. These items would be shipped to help Ukrainian children start school with all of the supplies they need. So when you are picking up school supplies for your kids, would you pick up something for the LWR school kits?

As time marches on, there are projects that we no longer can collect for. Please do not bring canceled stamps to church. The stamps were collected for Sons of Norway, but the postage is so extremely high that it isn't feasible to send the stamps to Norway any longer.



Committee Updates Cont.

Care & Health Board: Medical Equipment Lending

By Stan Christopherson,
Care and Health Board Member

Did you know First Lutheran has a medical equipment lending program? The equipment aids First Lutheran members and the greater community in healing, mobility, and independence. Donations of equipment and supplies to help meet these needs are always



appreciated.

Current items available for check-out include: crutches, canes, walkers, rollators, shower chairs, commodes, toilet seat risers, dressing, stick aids, oxygen tubing, blood pressure cuff machine, reusable ice pack, gauze dressing

Items can be checked out at the information desk upon completion of a release of liability form.

If you have items to donate, are in need of equipment or supplies, or know someone who may be, please contact the church at (605) 336-3734.



Capital Campaign Update

Jean Hoff, Chair

You will see some changes as summer moves into fall. Items will be removed from walls as the church has fewer activities during the summer. The church pews that are in the Atrium, Luther Lounge, and the hallway outside the Youth and Family Office will be moved. Things that can be moved and stored in preparation of the remodel may be moved into storage until after the project is completed. We are relocating some of the items you pick up at the church such as "Christ in Our Home" and *First Word*. If you find



something missing, please ask a staff member where to find it.

Tuck pointing will begin by the first of September. The first area to be worked on will be the bell tower. You will see scaffolding there, and this will be the most time-consuming part of the project.

First Lutheran has long given 10% of any capital campaign money to Missions. Thus far the campaign has given the Outreach Board \$116,770.72. Below are the ministries that received money:

- St. Francis House \$50,000
- Lutheran Outdoors \$18,750
- The Banquet \$15,000
- Shetek Bible Camp \$11,250
- Lutheran Social Services \$7,500
- Emmanuel Road Foundation \$7,500
- Future Outreach Ministry \$6770.72

Special Offering: Call to Freedom

Monica Rilling, Call to Freedom Staff

Call to Freedom opened their doors in March of 2016. They are a non-profit organization here in Sioux Falls that provides supportive services to victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation. By creating a strong network of frontline providers who offer safe housing, mental health counseling, medical assistance, chemical dependency, transportation and other supportive services.

Human trafficking is the illegal trade of human beings, mainly for the purposes of forced labor and sex trafficking. As the world's fastest growing criminal industry, it affects every nation across the globe. Every 30 seconds, someone becomes a victim of modern-day slavery.

There are more slaves in the world today than at any other point in human history, with an estimated 40 million in bondage across the globe. Men, women, and children are being exploited for manual and sexual labor against their will.

The mission of Call to Freedom is to help navigate a healthy path from victim to survivor through victim centered responsive services to those who have experienced sexual exploitation and human trafficking.

Call to Freedom estimates that up to 90% of survivors fall through the cracks. Either they return to "the life" (streets), end up in jail or prison, or simply disappear due to a lack of specialized long-term care for survivors.

Their vision is to create a cohesive community model of care and support for victims, bringing community together while educating and advocating to stop human trafficking.

Please consider supporting Call to Freedom by going to their website calltofreedom.org. There you can donate and/or check out upcoming events that are taking place.

Thank You, June Media Sponsors

June 5, 2022

The telecast on KSFY was sponsored by Dr. Carl & Janet Naessig.

June 12, 2022

The closed captioning on KSFY was sponsored in memory of Albert and Esther Berdahl, who were married at First Lutheran Church June 11, 1937, given by their family.

The telecast on KSFY was sponsored in memory of Frank and Lois Boyce, who would've celebrated their anniversary June 6, and in honor of their children, Bob and Jack.

June 19, 2022

The telecast on KSFY was sponsored in recognition of Joyce M. Ashley's parents through earnings from her memorial gift to the FLC Foundation.

The broadcast on KELO-FM was sponsored in memory of Doris Salem, who would've celebrated her 100th birthday on June 23, by her family.

June 26, 2022

The telecast on KSFY was sponsored in memory of David and Susan Lankford by the earnings of a gift to the FLC Foundation from their family and friends. David and Susan would've celebrated their anniversary June 23.

The broadcast on KELO-FM was sponsored in memory of Ralph and Pricella Hillgren and in memory of their daughter, Sonja Dorothy Hillgren. It was made possible through a gift to the FLC Foundation.



Take a trip to the Holy Land with Pastor David B. Zellmer

Join Pastor David. B. Zellmer on an incredible tour of the Holy Land. In April 2023, we will be traveling to many parts of Israel and Jordan to visit the ancient historical sites we read about in the Bible. Don't miss this life-changing experience to grow your faith as we visit Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee, and many more places as we follow the footsteps of Jesus and his disciples so many years ago. "Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD." Psalm 122:3-4

Youth & Family

Our College Students in the Summertime

By Marnie Dahle Backer, Director

College students are up to all sorts of wonderful things during their summer breaks: internships in their field of study, jobs to make as much money for next year as possible, vacations, some serious R&R time to rest their bodies and minds, and much more I am sure! We would like to tell you about two FLC students who are doing some remarkable ministry things this summer!



Lauren Williams is a junior at Gustavus Adolphus College. She grew up at First Lutheran with her parents and three siblings—plus her grandparents are members too! She was active in confirmation, youth group, and summer camps. This summer, Lauren has been our summer Youth & Family Coordinator.

Lauren jumped in with both feet and has been a great help organizing the office, prepping items for summer and fall events, helping with Middle School Wednesdays, and so much more; this young staffer has countless gifts to share! We asked her a few questions about her time here:

Q: What Have you liked about working at the church this summer?

A: Working with the AMAZING Youth and Family staff as well as getting to know the other staff members of the church better! Spending time with FLC youth and helping at events throughout the summer, like Vacation Bible School, Middle School Days, High School Bonfires! Preparing for upcoming events in the fall!

Q: What has been surprising?

A: I think this job itself was a bit of a surprise for me! Until Valerie reached out

to me with this possibility, I was planning on working the same summer job I had worked for the past few years. But...God had a plan! I didn't know it at the time, but this role was exactly what I needed this summer! FLC has always been my church home, and I'm so glad to be able to give back to the church that has given me so much over the last 20 years.

Q: How have you seen God at work 'behind the scenes'?

A: I think one of the best things about working here at FLC is that I get to see God at work "behind the scenes" every single day through the people I get to work with. You can tell all of these staff members and volunteers put so much love into their work and treat everyone with such respect regardless of where they are on their walk with Christ.



Garret Leiseth, a sophomore at SDSU, is spending his summer as a camp counselor at Camp Metigoshe. By working at an

ELCA Bible Camp, he is able to take advantage of our new ministry that matches students' summer salaries with a college scholarship! This helps to make it an amazing summer experience and helps him get ahead in the fall. We asked him a few questions as well:

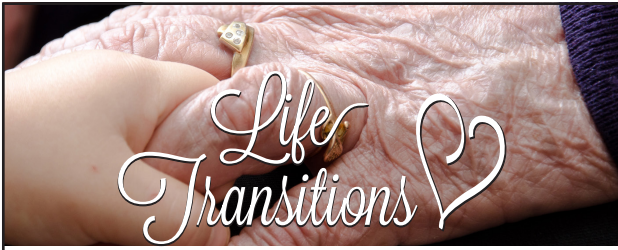
Q: Tell us about your summer—what you're learning, relationships you're making, how you're seeing God at work.

A: I have been having a great summer at Camp Metigoshe. I have learned so much here, from the best ways to start a campfire to the proper way to lead

kids. Not only am I learning a whole lot, but I am also developing some amazing relationships throughout camp. It has been a wonderful experience to be a part of the staff of 2022, but the greatest part of all of it is getting to see firsthand how God is at work here. It is truly awe-inspiring to watch campers go from being quiet and shy the first day to being outspoken and fantastic team players at the end of the week. Camp Metigoshe has not only changed lots of campers' lives, but has changed mine as well!

This is such an exciting time in the life of our young adults! It has been so awesome to watch Garret counsel a couple of our own boys and Lauren become a leader with the children and in the office! We give thanks for how their lives are impacting so many others this summer! And we pray for all our young adults who are out in the world doing so many amazing things this summer!

[Author's Note: Our Youth & Family Coordinator, Sarah Skajewski, is on a leave of absence as she takes care of her daughter, Harper. We will be looking for another interim coordinator starting this fall. If you know someone who might be interested, please have them call Marnie at 605-339-1983 ext.204.]



Baptisms:

June 19: Hallie Marie Rorvick, daughter of Casey & Shawna Rorvick
 June 26: James Philip Terpstra, son of Benjamin & Erin Terpstra

Deaths:

May 21: Kyla Snelling
 June 10: Dennis King
 June 11: Gerald Bloch
 June 13: Troy Johnson
 June 14: Arlen Knutson
 June 26: Dean Nelson
 June 27: Gayle Johnson, Beverly Libra



Join the FLC Choir School!

As a part of the FLC Choir School, we strive to prepare and equip students to make music at the highest level and engage them in sharing their music with First Lutheran Church and the greater Sioux Falls community. In return, we hope students of the FLC Choir School are equipped with the tools to seek out scholarships in higher education, find vocational opportunities, and be lifelong musicians once graduating from the program.

The 2022-23 year will kick off with a retreat for all students on Saturday, August 27. Register your student today at flcsf.org/choirschool.

June Gifts and Memorials

Media Ministry

In memory of Norman Erickson
 Larry and Betty Olson

In memory of Mel Anderson
 Howard and Arlene Bich, Jean Hoff, Mary Hohman, Dennis and Jane King

In memory of Barney Friesth
 Russell and Carol Greenfield

In memory of Glenice Johnson
 Ardell Koch

In memory of Dennis King
 Mardella Anderson, Orrin and Karen Anderson, Bob and Carolyn Bauman, Phyllis and Mary Beuckens, Arlene and Howard Bich, Roger Braaten, Barbara and Bill Carland, DeAnn and Jim Clark, Barbara Dowling, Lyle and Jean Eidsness, Jim and Sandy Fink, Arlene and Gerry Gackle, Betty Gednalske, JoAnn Gibson, Dorothy Grevlos, Marilyn Haddorff, Mabel Halstenson, Jeff and Sarah Herbert, Arlene Hoek, Dorothy and Robert Howell, Maurine Hult, Phyllis and Allan Knutson, Myrt Kruse, Rose Larson, Janet and Caryle Naessig, Mary Nicolai, William and

Nancy Olson, Tracie Osthus, Jan Outka, Louise Peterson, Marlene Pruitt, Merna Salmonson, Dave and Pam Sonnichsen, Kathy Stelzer, Shirley Thom, Helen Van Liere, Julaine Walker, Sidney and Judy Williamson, Sharyl Wolf, Joyce Ann Wyant.

In memory of Arlen Knutson
 Kenneth and Athelene Gerber, William and Nancy Olson, Michael and Gloria Simpson, Roger and Virginia Walline

In memory of Bev Libra
 Mary Eich, G. Jr. Van Den Top, Barbara Wiczorek

In memory of Thelma Brown, Wanda Lee, Shirley Lloyd, Vladie Peterka, Beverly Lamp, Glenice Johnson, Viola Peterson, Thelma McElhaney, Wanda Hernes, Aggie Schlump, Gayle Johnson, Bev Libra
 FLC Women of the ELCA

Woodshop

In memory of Mel Anderson
 Phyllis Day, Lee and JoAnn Goldhammer, Kathleen Heligas, David and Marilyn Kerssen, Arlys Sanderson,

Curtis and Elaine Sandvall, Kristine and John Tank

FLC Quilters

In memory of Dennis King
 Phyllis Day, Clara Mae Ranschau, Kristine Tank

In memory of Arlen Knutson
 Arlene Hoek

Handbell Ministry

In honor of Pastor Lars Olson
 Tracie Osthus

Caring Ministry

In memory of Gayle Johnson
 Barbara Wiczorek

God's Grace Our Heritage

In memory of Gayle Johnson
 Jean Hoff

Gifts to FLC Camp Scholarships

In memory of Wanda Hernes
 Christopher and Stephanie Fischer

FLC Foundation

In memory of Dennis King
 Don & Joyce Helberg



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WORSHIP SERVICES

- Sat. 5PM Traditional, Chapel
Sun. 8AM Radio—rebroadcast of previous week on KELO-FM (101.9)
Sun. 9AM Traditional, Sanctuary
Watch live at youtube.com/flcsf
Sun. 11AM Contemporary, Sanctuary
Watch live at youtube.com/flcsf
Sun. 11AM Traditional broadcast, KSFY Sioux Falls, KPRY Pierre, KABY Aberdeen

In April 2022, the Church Council approved an updated facilities use policy, contract, and fee schedule to better meet the needs of FLC members and guests and to provide necessary coverage and staff presence when events are taking place in the building.

If you're looking for a small meeting space, a gathering space with a commercial kitchen, or something in between, we may have a room for you!

Visit flcsf.org/reserve to view the complete policy and fee schedule and to submit a request.



Become a Media Ministry

Sponsor

Thank you for your generous support. The continuing pandemic has shown how critical our Media Ministry is to our extended congregation outside the walls of First Lutheran Church.

To learn about sponsoring, please visit flcsf.org/media-ministry or call the church at (605) 336-3734. Sponsor opportunities include weekly worship:

- KSFY telecast
- Closed captioning
- KELO-FM radio
- YouTube live stream

Additional opportunities include church holiday worship and special events. General Media Ministry donations are always welcome.