



First Word

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



**Pr. Jason Burggraff,
Senior Pastor**

*“...you are setting
your mind not on
divine things but
on human things.”
Matthew 16:23*

The Church is
nothing other than

the Holy Spirit gathering you around the preaching of God’s Word and the Sacraments (Article 7 of the Augsburg Confession). Because of this, we regard God’s Word and the preaching of it as holy and gladly hear and learn it! (Luther’s explanation to the 3rd Commandment in the small catechism.) Having said that, I can recall a few Sunday mornings when I was not glad to get up and go to church, especially as a young boy...in fact my mom left me home one Sunday morning, which I thought was great until she came to pick me up later for choir and charged me a quarter for the extra driving! Yet then and even now some days, I, and I suspect we, are consumed by the cares of this world—work, family, sleep, house, food, friends—all important things by the way, but none can deliver forgiveness of sins, life, or salvation, and the peace that comes with Christ. For this peace, God has gathered you together in the Church so that you may receive Christ and his Word.

As school has begun in late August, and as summer begins shifting to fall, there seem to be many things to tend to: changing family schedules, continued work in the yard or garden, football season (among other sports and activities!). Teachers have been busy in the classroom since early August. In the Church too, there has been a flurry of preparation: Sunday and Wednesday School, Choirs, Choir School

and musical ensembles, Confirmation, Youth Group, Milestones, Outreach and Evangelism opportunities, preparation for Stewardship and Adult Bible Studies... there is much to do. Yet doing will not bring peace. All of these activities are good. They are blessings in fact, especially when they support and are centered on God’s Word for us in Christ. What a gift it is to have talented staff and volunteers to dream, organize, and passionately lead the cornucopia of opportunities we have to gather together at First Lutheran Church.

Yet always, we are brought back to the center of the wheel, who is Jesus Christ, and his salvation. We are brought back to Christ because we often stray. As our Gospel readings of the summer with many stories of wheat, weeds, feeding the 5,000, and walking on water move to the fall, we will hear a more intense tone, anticipating Christ’s death and need and power of forgiveness. I’m reminded of what Jesus says to Peter in the Gospel reading for Sunday, September 3, after Peter tells Jesus that he must never be killed: “But he turned to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan!’ You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” Whoa Jesus, we might think—for Peter is just trying to protect you...and perhaps himself. Yet God’s Word both kills and raises up... something Peter did not yet know and something we also forget. Too often we get stuck trying to avoid this Word of God and fill our lives with all sorts of other things. We get consumed by our schedule, our to-do list, sleeping in or getting up early, being lazy, or being busy. Too often we believe the solution is to slow down or speed up, depending on where our problems seem to lie. Yet Christ now says: “those who want to save their

life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it” (Matthew 16:25). Even this we want to turn into our own activity, but rest assured, this is the work of God on you, as you hear his Word, through the Holy Spirit: losing your old life to Christ and being saved. Hearing this Word is why we have the Church—in fact this is the Church.

That’s not to say you won’t be used up in many activities—in fact you will. We have many such opportunities for you to serve in worship as ushers, readers, communion servers, singers, musicians, camera operators, and more. There are places waiting for you to help with our many youth and family, music and outreach programs, including helping serve Wednesday Night Meals, coffee and prayer, quilting, and volunteering in the shop and around the property. As Church on the Street has relocated from the campus of First Lutheran to The Multicultural Center, we face new opportunities to serve those in need in our own downtown neighborhood, along with many other ways to reach out to those in our community. We have a group of faithful pray-ers, who lift up the whole ministry each week to God’s leading and purpose. I invite you to join them in your prayers, especially as we continue the work of calling two new pastors and filling important staff positions. Yet underneath and over it all is God’s Word in Christ, who takes away your sin and makes you free—not because of what you do, but because of what Jesus has done for you.

To hear this Word, which binds us together in forgiveness, come. Come to worship, hear the Word, receive the sacrament of baptism (if you haven’t yet been baptized), and receive the Lord’s Supper (every week).

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For more of this Word, come to Bible Study as we gather around Scripture. We'll continue to gather for Bible Study in FLCW Circles, our Wednesday morning Text Study at 10 a.m. each week, and for the weekly Men's Bible Study on Thursday

mornings at 7:30 a.m. I'll also be adding a couple more Adult Bible Studies this fall: one on Thursdays at noon and one on either Wednesday or Thursday evenings, times pending.

Take heart and know now that it's Christ

who will set your mind on heavenly things, who will make you his own, not by what you do, but by giving you faith to trust his Word. It is here, on God's Word, that our foundation is set. Thanks be to God.

Committee Updates

September Special Offering: Neighbors in Solidarity



Jordan Brockhoff,
Evangelism &
Outreach Board

This month we are spotlighting the South Dakota Synod program Neighbors in Solidarity. Neighbors

in Solidarity includes seven ministry and outreach programs to our neighbors within our local community and throughout the state. Inclusive of all ages and cultures, these diverse programs provide worship, support, and opportunity to the individuals they touch. With a common message of Pray, Learn, Act! Neighbors in Solidarity provides us with an opportunity to support our neighbors locally and throughout our state of South Dakota.

Church on the Street—A mission that reaches out and takes the gifts of the Church to all people, with a focus on individuals experiencing homelessness and poverty.

Companion Synods in Nicaragua and Cameroon—The South Dakota Synod supports missionaries at The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon and The Lutheran Church, Faith and Hope of Nicaragua.

First Lutheran African Ministry—A ministry of African immigrants that gather and worship to celebrate their faith.

Lutheran Campus Ministries—Reaching out to students in communities of Vermillion, Aberdeen, Brookings, Rapid City, and Spearfish, Lutheran Campus

Ministries provides opportunities for worship, study, fellowship, and service for young adults living away from home.

McLaughlin Community Alliance Group—This group meets monthly in the heart of the Standing Rock Reservation to collaborate on the needs of the community.

Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center—Located in Pine Ridge, with a focus on individuals and families, the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center provides support to those affected by trauma and poverty.

Pueblos de Dios—Members from Mexico and Central America provide support within the community to build partnerships and support.

St. Dymas—Prison ministries in Sioux Falls and Springfield provide an opportunity to worship and also provide a reentry program providing mentoring support for those returning to the community.

Spirit of Hope—Located in Scotland, South Dakota, the ELCA supports this new congregation.

Woyatan Lutheran Church—Located in Rapid City, SD, Woyatan Lutheran is a diverse congregation that focuses on worship and ministry with and by Lakota people, welcoming everyone.

Please consider the opportunity to support your neighbors by supporting Neighbors in Solidarity.

You can support this program by following their message:

Pray for these missions and the people they support.

Learn more about these missions and how you can help.

Act by sharing your gifts of time, knowledge, and donations.

Please consider supporting this inclusive ministry with your offering, prayers, and time. Your gift can be included in your special offering envelope that is included with your regular offering envelopes, or you may write Special Offerings for Neighbors in Solidarity on your check and mail to FLC. You may also donate in the Church Center app or at flcsf.org/give.



Sioux Falls Neighborhood Soccer

By Sarah Herbert,
Evangelism & Outreach Board

There's nothing like a crisp fall day with the warm sunshine in your face and the trees turning multitudes of colors. God's beauty at its best! Think of helping Lowell families enjoy that day as well with a little Saturday morning soccer!

Organized by Callie Schock and Randall Beck, the Sioux Falls Neighborhood Soccer League is starting its third year of giving elementary kids all over Sioux Falls the opportunity to learn the game of soccer and have fun playing with their friends! For Free!

Sioux Falls businesses have been so generous in providing equipment, shin guards, t-shirts, and food. The City Parks Department secures parks and storage

facilities for games to be played. The schools are thrilled that the children are learning new skills and the sense of belonging on a team. The league's "Core Values" of Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Sportsmanship, Integrity, Determination, and Encouragement carry over into their academic lives too. The Police Department sends out officers to play with the children, forging lifelong connections. And Sioux Falls churches have stepped up to the plate to help with registration and hospitality to encourage families to become more involved with their kids!

First Lutheran has partnered with First Baptist Church to support our neighborhood school, Lowell Elementary, at Campus Park at 26th Street & Summit Avenue. The Lowell Bulldogs ended their

first season being awarded the Spirit Award at the Festival of Champions. This award was bestowed on the team with the best sportsmanship, team spirit, and attitude!

Please consider signing up for a 1-1/2 hour shift on a Saturday morning this fall starting September 16 even one time! We need people to help with registration as well as set up and serving a meal provided by HyVee. We would love to see people of all ages volunteer from FLC! Our job of providing Christian hospitality is a great catalyst to draw Lowell families together in fellowship. Sign up at flcsf.org/now.

Sioux Falls Neighborhood Soccer is also looking for coaching volunteers for the fall season, September 16 through October 28. It is not necessary that you attend every Saturday. Our goal is to serve

750 students throughout Sioux Falls, and we can't do it without our amazing volunteer coaches! Whether you are an experienced coach, a beginner, or a teenager who loves kids, we have a spot for you! Contact Callie Schock at callie@empowersiouxfalls.com



*Building up families,
relationships, and
neighborhoods while
closing the opportunity
gap for kids.*

FLC Church Retreat 2023: Addressing Budget Concerns Amid Falling Attendance

Michael Kedik, Congregational President

In the heart of our community stands First Lutheran Church, a place of solace, worship, and fellowship for generations. Yet, like many places of worship across the nation, First Lutheran is facing a significant challenge—a decline in attendance. As we witness empty pews and dwindling congregational numbers, it's imperative that we address the impact of falling attendance on the church's budget and explore strategies to ensure the continuity of our mission.

Embracing Reality: Falling Attendance

In recent years, it's become evident that the world around us is changing. As societal norms shift and priorities erode, traditional attendance at religious services has been on a decline. First Lutheran Church is not immune to this trend. Younger generations, in particular, have shown different patterns of engagement with organized religion, leading to a reduction in weekly attendees.

Budget Blues: How Falling Attendance Affects Finances

The interplay between attendance and the church's budget is intricate. Historically, the contributions from our congregation have provided the financial foundation for various ministries, clergy salaries, maintenance of our beautiful sanctuary, and the community programs that define our outreach. As attendance wanes, so does the flow of donations, which can lead to financial strain. First Lutheran is blessed beyond blessed in four areas specifically that have lessened the impact of falling attendance. The four areas specifically are:

1. Very generous giving by families who attend regularly.
2. GREAT property investments that generate revenue (Starbucks and leased parking).
3. Benefiting from a healthy and

incredibly well-managed foundation.

4. The church is currently free of debt combined with frugal, conservative spending.

Crafting a Solution: Strategies to Navigate Budget Concerns

While the challenge might be daunting, First Lutheran Church has the opportunity to rise above it by embracing innovative strategies and thoughtful adaptations. Here are some approaches to consider:

1. Transparent Communication:

Open and honest communication with the congregation is crucial. Sharing the financial realities of the church helps foster a sense of ownership and responsibility within the community. Transparency can encourage increased support and donations from those who are still involved.

2. Diversified Revenue Streams:

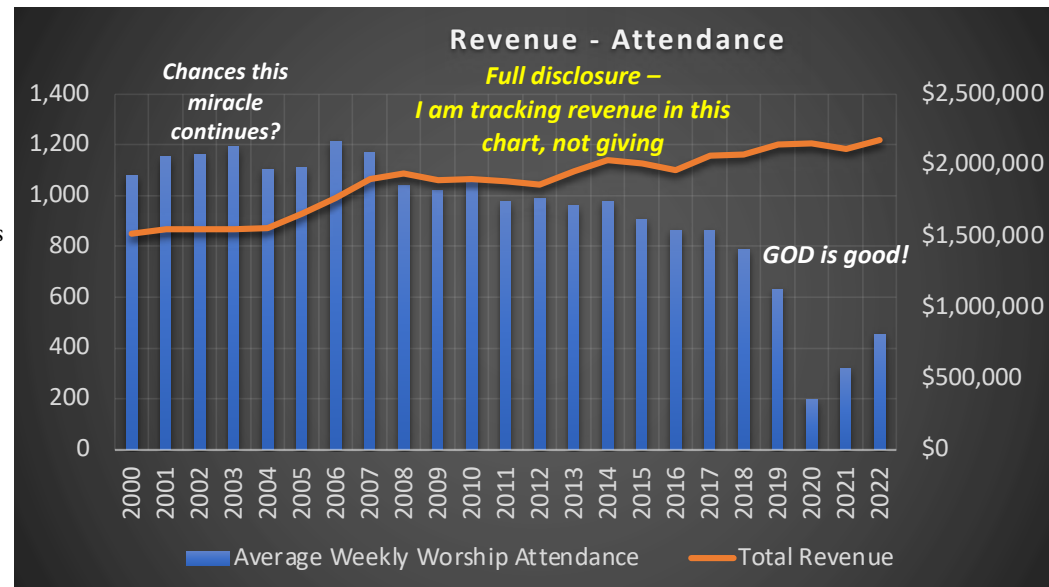
Relying solely on traditional tithes and offerings can be risky when attendance is declining. Exploring alternative revenue streams like hosting community events, renting out spaces, or starting small businesses within the church premises can provide additional income.

3. **Cost Cutting and Efficiency:** Careful financial management is essential. Review the budget and identify areas where costs can be reduced without compromising the quality of services. This might involve reevaluating staff roles, renegotiating contracts, or finding more cost-effective ways to maintain the building.

4. **Embracing Technology:** In today's digital age, technology can bridge the gap between the church and the younger generation. Utilize social media, live streaming, and online giving platforms to connect with those who might not attend in person but still want to support the church financially.

5. **Reimagining Ministries:** As attendance changes, the church's role within the community might also need to evolve. Reassess the relevance of existing ministries and consider launching new ones that meet the changing needs of the congregation and the surrounding community.

6. **Collaboration and Partnerships:** Building relationships with other churches or community organizations can lead to shared resources and joint initiatives that benefit both the church and the community.



A loss of 26.69% from 2016 to 2019—in 3 YEARS— This is before COVID.

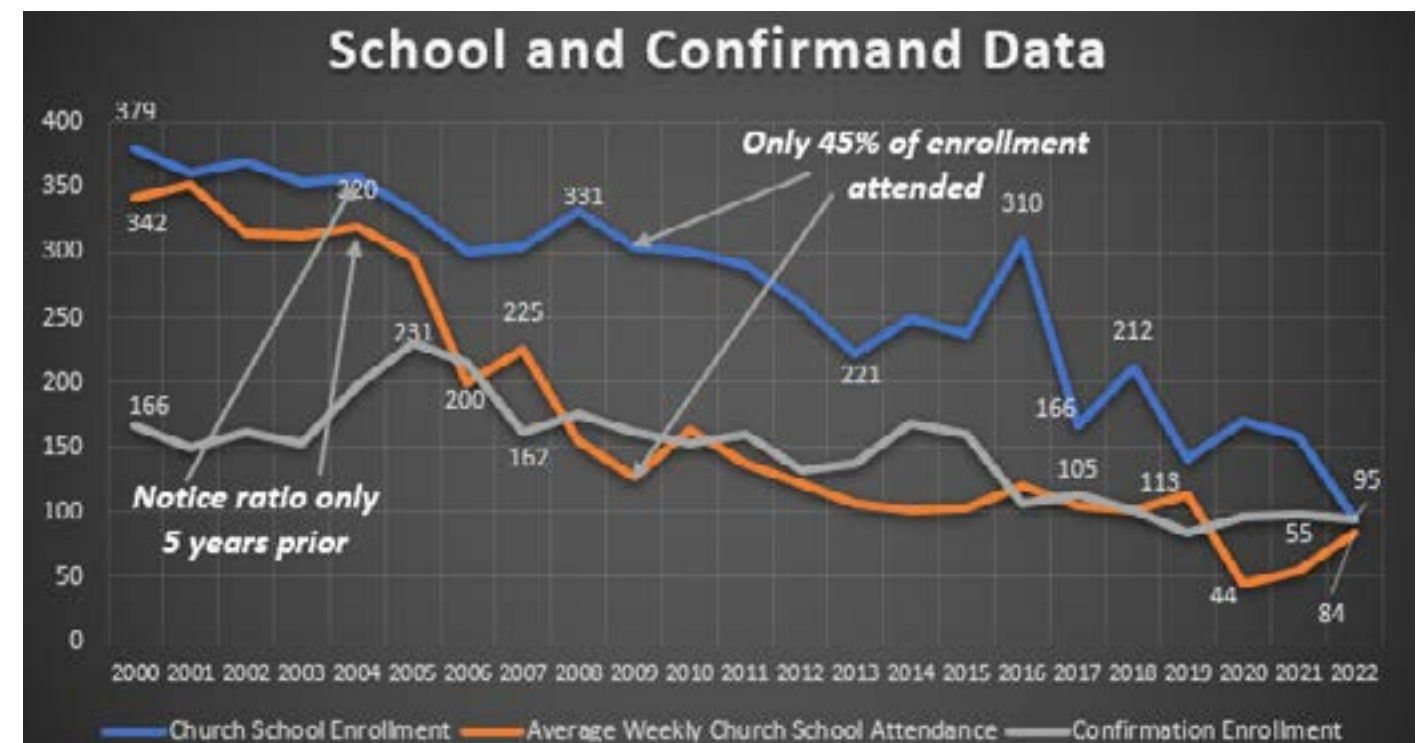
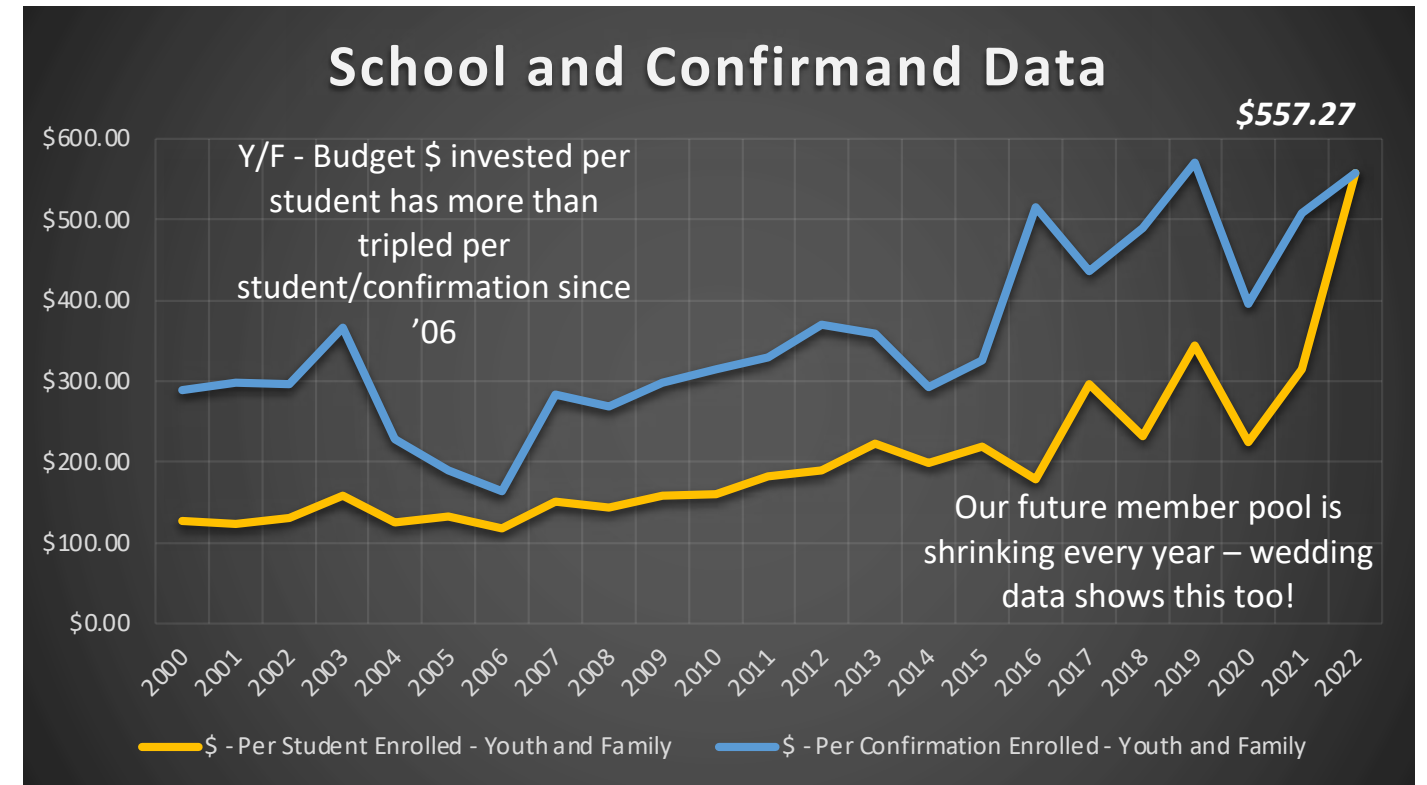
A Unified Journey Forward

While falling attendance and budget concerns may test our resolve, they also provide an opportunity for renewal and transformation. First Lutheran Church has a rich history of serving this community, and that legacy can

continue with a combination of cherished traditions and innovative adaptation.

As we stand at this crossroads, let us remember that our congregation is not just defined by the number of individuals present on a Sunday morning but by the collective spirit of devotion, care, and

community that unites us. By embracing change, fostering communication, and exploring creative solutions, we can navigate the challenges before us and ensure that the light of the First Lutheran Church continues to shine brightly for generations to come.



Around the Church

Farewell (but not goodbye) to our friends in Ministry: COTS



Pastor Chris Matson, Church on the Street

Church on the Street is grateful for the relationship we have with you in Christ, who has called us together to share the gospel, especially with those experiencing homelessness and poverty here in Sioux Falls. Through the years, you have shared prayers, space, in-kind donations, and financial contributions that allow us to grow and ask where the Spirit is calling us next.

Last year a partnership between Lutheran Social Services and the Multi-Cultural Center began that transitioned those who officed at Multi-Cultural Center into LSS, leaving valuable office space available. During the week, the 515 N Main Ave

office space is accessible by entering the heart of the county building where our folks often access health care at Falls



Community Health. The Career Closet relocated too, and now we rent that space

filling it with food and other essential items to serve even more families and individuals. Earlier this year, we fed about 20 families a month, and now we provide for over 100.

We continue to worship at Heritage Park and inside the LSS Multi-Cultural Center, do laundry at the laundromat at Cliff and 3rd, provide pastoral care at Bishop Dudley and, of course, meet with folks on the street too. Our donation bin is still waiting for your generous donations of backpacks, seasonally appropriate clothing, and other new and gently used items, but it is now located in the atrium by the elevator.

Thank you for your continuing prayers and support of Church on the Street!

It's great to be Church together!

Pastor Chris

Delta Dental Success!



Donna Jahr, Care & Health Board

Did you see it? The quilters saw it! The men in the woodshop saw it! The staff saw it! What did they see? They all saw the

Delta Dental Bus that was in the First Lutheran parking lot July 17-20. Did you see it too?

First Lutheran hosted the Delta Dental Mobile Program, which provides oral health services (preventive, diagnostic, and restorative care) to children through age 21, at no cost to the child or family. The Care & Health Board paid a \$3,000 stipend to be the site partner with Delta Dental of South Dakota, but the cost to operate the Bus each week is over \$14,000. The program bills insurance and Medicaid, if available, with the balance

being paid by Delta Dental of South Dakota. The bus, called Molar 1, came to Sioux Falls and was staffed with a dentist, hygienist, two dental assistants, and a coordinator.

In April, First Lutheran began advertising for patients to make appointments, and the schedule was filled before the bus arrived. Calls continued to come in during the week of treatment, and the children had to be referred to another site in Sioux Falls later in the summer. That clearly shows the need for these dental services in our community.

The bus pulled into the parking lot at noon on Monday and began seeing patients at 1 p.m. Appointments were scheduled every ten minutes until 5:30 p.m. and again Tuesday morning from 8 to 11:30 a.m. The patients had exams and x-rays on the bus and then went to the Trinity Room, where the hygienist was set up to do cleanings and oral hygiene

care. If additional treatments were needed (fillings or extractions), appointments were made for them to return Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday, or Thursday. Fifty children were seen and received various levels of care during the week Delta Dental was at First Lutheran. Five children needed to be referred to outside dentists for more extensive treatment.

The children were delightful! They waited patiently in the Atrium for their appointments and spent their time coloring pictures and drawing, which many of them shared with us. There was some anxiety in the room, and some wrinkled noses after fluoride treatments due to the taste, but the children were all so well behaved.

This is such an important program for children in South Dakota, and the Care & Health Board is proud to be associated with the Delta Dental Mobile Program. Praise be to God!

Blessed to be a Blessing Bazaar 2023: What You Need To Know!

Summer activities are winding down, and we are shifting our focus to fall, school, choir, and the Bazaar. YES—BAZAAR! Bazaar planning is going full steam ahead, and we share this information with you.

Put your dreams and talents into action as crafts are needed for the Variety, Seasonal, and Kitchen Shops.

Donations for attic treasures, antiques, vintage/good linens, used books, Scandinavian items, yarn, and unfinished crafts *will be accepted October 2-7*. Items must be placed in the labeled box provided at the Atrium elevator. Please—only clean and currently salable items.

NO TVs or electronics!

Rosette making will be October 30 in Fellowship Hall. All experienced fryers and newbies are invited and welcome. You may choose to help at a morning, afternoon, or all-day shift. Helping hands are needed also to sugar and package the rosettes and to set up and clean up in Fellowship Hall.

Baked cookies, breads, candies, cakes, jams, jellies, salsa, soups, etc. are welcome for the Bake Sale and Sweet Shops. Note—these are brought to church on November 3. (Idea—gather friends and family and have a Bazaar lefse making

day!)

We are looking for a willing volunteer(s) to iron dish towels and also someone interested in heading up a doily shop.

Volunteers will be needed in the shops and in the Kaffe Stua (ala carte smorgasbord), set up and clean-up of shops, parking cars, greeters, and more. Prayerfully consider offering your time and talent to successfully support the Bazaar missions in our community and around the world. Say “Yes” and join the fun and fellowship.

Sharyl Wolf, Coordinator

Reminder to 'Visit the Holy Land' with us on September 7

Please join the First Lutheran Church Women at our General Meeting on September 7 at noon in the Gathering Room for a luncheon and a “vicarious” trip through the Holy Land. The luncheon will be served at noon followed by a slide show and informal presentation by some of the First Lutheran members who traveled with Pastor Zellmer to Israel this past spring. There will be a time of sharing and interaction with our members following the program, so think of questions you might have or things you want to know about what it was like to visit places we have only read about in the Bible. For instance, “Do they really know the exact location of Jesus’ birthplace or the Garden of Gethsemane?” All women are welcome to join us for this interesting program. The FLCW/WELCA Board will meet in the Gathering Room at 10 a.m.

FLCW/WELCA General Meeting September 7

**Join us for a luncheon and Holy Land Presentation by FLC Members
Gathering Room—12:00 noon
Board Meeting in the Den at 10:00 am**

**First Lutheran
FLCW
Church Women**

Help Save a life. DONATE BLOOD.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 | 8AM TO 12PM
CALL THE CHURCH TO SIGN UP TODAY

SUMMER CAMPS 2023

In July our campers got to experience God's goodness in the beautiful places He created. Going to Bible Camp is special because it allows the freedom to live in a cabin with other Christians their age while they explore a new space and have conversations about God. Each camp is unique but they all include worship, games, meals, cabin time, and Bible studies. Spending time on the lake, riding horses, making new friends, and rock climbing are a few of the many favorite memories made this summer. Our elementary and middle school students enjoyed camp in Minnesota and South Dakota while our high schoolers traveled to Montana. This year the group of high school students did a custom wilderness adventure week that included kayaking, camping, hiking, climbing, rafting, and sailing. If that wasn't enough fun, they also had time at FLBC and got to watch an amazing Passion Play about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. A huge thanks to Brenda Leiseth and Lauren Williams for leading the youth and working with the guides to make the trip successful and memorable!

This summer some campers were challenged to look around and wonder about God's creation while others explored the parts of the Holy Trinity. Sending children and youth to camp is a group effort and we are blessed to be part of a congregation that supports this ministry in many wonderful ways. Thank you to everyone for a summer filled with God's Word in the Great Outdoors.



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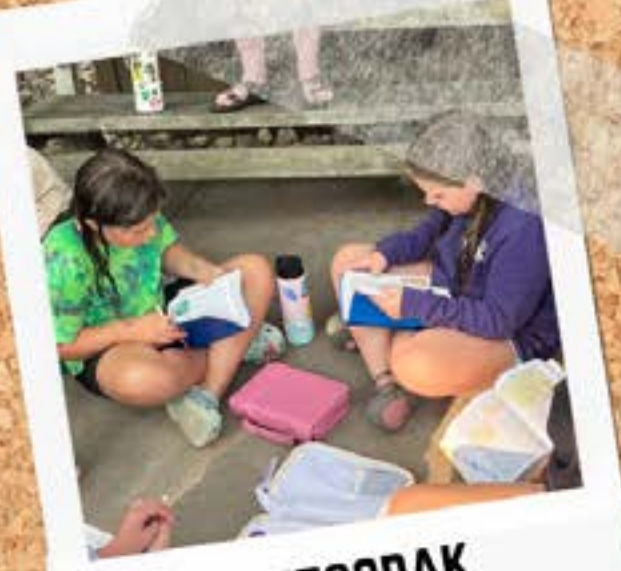
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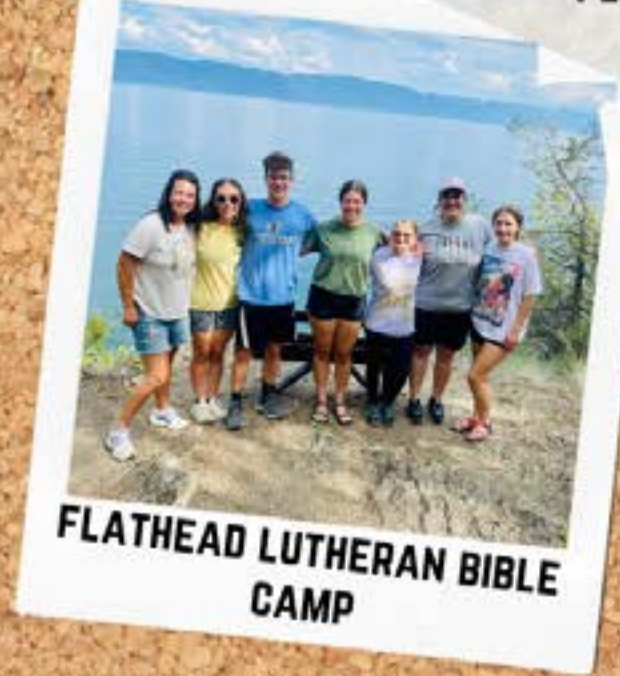
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Music Ensembles at FLC: Sing to the Lord!



Zachary Brockhoff,
Director of Music

God created you to sing! As music ensembles resume weekly rehearsal the week of September 3, your voice is needed.

Whether singing or ringing together, music in worship exists that the good news of Christ might be proclaimed by God's people. Whether six or seventy-six, add your voice to this song of praise—God created you to sing!

Join in Singing and Ringing!

For more information about any of the following ensembles, contact Zachary Brockhoff, Director of Music, 605-339-1983 ext. 260 or zbrockhoff@flcsf.org.

- Carol Choir [Grades K-2]
Rehearsal on Tuesdays, 5:15-6 p.m.
- First Lutheran Choristers [Grades 3-8]
Rehearsal on Thursdays, 6:30-7:15 p.m.
- Agape Ringers [College-age and up]
Rehearsal on Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Carillon Ringers [Grades 1-8]
Rehearsal on Wednesdays, 4:30-5:15 p.m.
- Middle School Bells [Grades 5-8]
Rehearsal on Wednesdays, 5:45-6:15 p.m.
- High School Bells [Grades 9-12]
Rehearsal on Wednesdays, 7-7:45 p.m.
- First Lutheran Parish Choir [College-age and up]
Rehearsal on Wednesdays, 7-8:15 p.m.
- Youth Praise Band [High School]
Rehearsal on Wednesdays, 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Music in Worship

Throughout the year, music in worship celebrates the birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord. Highlights of the coming year are included below.

- Sunday, October 29 • 9 a.m.
Reformation Day Worship led by the First Lutheran Church Parish Choir, Choristers, brass, timpani, and organ

The free gift of new life in Christ belongs to you! Music of the Reformation is supported by choirs and instrumentalists as we proclaim the good news of God's grace in Christ.

- Wednesday, December 20 • 6:30 p.m.
Vespers for the Advent Season led by the First Lutheran Church Choristers

The First Lutheran Church Choristers and members of the Parish Choir support the final midweek Advent service of the season with choral music as we anticipate the announcement of Christ's birth.

- Sunday, December 17 • 9 a.m.
Worship for the Season of Advent supported by the Parish Choir, chamber orchestra, brass, timpani, and organ

Supported by strings, brass, and guest musicians, the First Lutheran Parish Choir offers music of the season as we anticipate the birth of Christ and rejoice in God's promise of our Savior who was, is, and is to come.

- Sunday, December 24 • 2:30, 4:30, 7:30, and 9:30 p.m.
The Nativity of Our Lord—Christmas Eve supported by First Lutheran Choirs, bells, brass, timpani, violin, and organ

The music and message of the angels—"Glory to God in the highest!"—are again brought to earth this blessed night as we celebrate Jesus' birth with contemplative carols and bold brass supporting the good news: "Christ was born to save!"

- Sunday, March 24 – Sunday, March 31
Holy Week at First Lutheran Church

- Palm Sunday, March 24 • 9 & 11 a.m.

- Holy Monday-Wednesday, March 25-27 • 11:15 a.m. [Chapel]

- Maundy Thursday, March 28, • 11:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

- Good Friday, March 29 • 11:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

- Easter Vigil, March 30 • 5 p.m. [Sanctuary]

- Resurrection of Our Lord—Easter Day

The good news of Christ's victory over death is celebrated throughout Holy Week. Ensembles and instrumentalists support worship across this time of remembrance and celebration.

- Sunday, April 14, 2024 • 3 p.m.—
Sing Glory to the Name of God: A Hymn Festival with Tom Trenney, organist; and Plymouth Choir from First-Plymouth Church of Lincoln, Nebraska

As part of the Lanford Arts Series, you are invited to sing! Join the Plymouth Choir and organist Tom Trenney from First-Plymouth Church of Lincoln, Nebraska, for an afternoon of worship and singing, offering praise to our Risen Lord, who is known by many names. We will sing together to the One who is our Creator, Good Shepherd, and Prince of Peace; the Solid Rock, the Bread of Life, and The Word. Come and raise your voice in inspired renditions of beloved hymns.

- Thursday, May 9, 2024 • 6:30 p.m.—
Vespers celebrating the Ascension of Our Lord with Community Mass Choir, First Lutheran ensembles, bells, brass, timpani, and organ

Christ's ascension means our Lord reigns in power over all things! Join a community mass choir and instrumentalists as we lift our voices in song and celebrate this festival day around a service of Evening Prayer.

July Gifts and Memorials

Media Ministry

In memory of Gerald Bierstedt

Dennis and Mary Mittag, Gladys and Wendell Horsted, Helen Bierstedt, Jane King, Jane Koch, Janet and Michael Nystrom, Lazetta Vandentop, Lou Steffen, Maurine Hult, Shirley Thom, James and Sandra Fink

In memory of Lee Halstenson

Barb Matson, James and Sandra Fink,

Roger and Virginia Walline, Roxanne Aronson, The Hille Family

In memory of Elwood Halverson

David and Colleen Cole, E. Lucille Quanbeck, Eileen Halverson, Gunda Blazeovich, James and Heidi Welbig, James and Violet Wehde, Janet Halverson, Kathleen Bruce, Ken and Deb Meyer, LaMoyné and Karyn Pederson, Larry and Donita Fredricks,

Lyle and Madonna Larson, Marilyn Halverson, Rita Krug, Robert and Kaye Whitmore, Shirley Larson, William B. Knox

In memory of Judy Eldridge Tomes

Emiel and Diana Swanson

In memory of LaVonne Goos

Barb Matson

Thank You, July Media Sponsors!

July 2, 2023

- The telecast on KSFY was sponsored by the First Lutheran Church Women in thankfulness for our country and with gratitude to all the men and women who have served, assuring that we still enjoy the freedoms that we have today. Let us always remember our country was founded on faith and trust in God.

July 9, 2023

- The telecast on KSFY was sponsored by Penny & Alan Thorson in memory of their son, Jeff, who would have celebrated his 50th birthday on July 10.
- The broadcast on KELO-FM was sponsored by Roger Braaten and family in memory of Karen Braaten.

July 16, 2023

- The telecast on KSFY was sponsored by earnings of the Griffin Endowment for Media Ministry through the First Lutheran Church Foundation.
- The radio broadcast on KELO-FM, closed captioning on KSFY, and live stream on YouTube were sponsored by Joel & Barb; Rachel, Teryn, & Leah; Josh; and Becca Nevin in honor of what would have been Elaine & LeRoy Nevin's 68th wedding anniversary.

July 23, 2023

- The telecast on KSFY was sponsored in memory of Ruby Mutch, who would have celebrated 67 years of marriage to Milton on August 1, by Milt and their children—David, Andrea, Cindy, and Matthew.

July 30, 2023

- The broadcast on KELO-FM was sponsored in memory of Leon Doescher and Earl Doescher by the Bob Doescher family.

Below are members of our congregation who turn 90+ this month. If you see them around church, wish them a great day!

Happy 90+ Birthday!

- September 4—Lillian Carlson
- September 6—Bill Anderson
- September 13—Audrey DeWitt
- September 14—Marilyn Moseson
- September 23—Carol Sample
- September 27—Dorothy Grevlos

Life Transitions

Baptisms

July 2

Thea Rose Reisdorfer,
daughter of Megan
Nolan and Thuro
Reisdorfer

July 30

Carter Lynn Mullin,
daughter of April and
Daniel Mullin

Deaths:

July 4

LaVonne Goos

July 14

Jerald Alexander

July 30

Dennis E. Brown

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CHURCH INVENTORY REDUCTION AND SURPLUS SALE

Sunday, September 24,
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Reformation Hall (Katie's
Commons will be in RH,
too)

desks, chairs, paper,
stained glass booklets,
Christmas cards, and
more!

September Events

September 2—Grieving with Grace, 9:30am,
Friendship Room

September 4—offices closed, Labor Day

September 6—Wednesday night meals and
youth events begin

September 7—WELCA Meeting, 10am,
Gathering Room

September 16—Dementia/Alzheimer's
Support Group, 9am, Friendship Room

September 19—Necessities for Neighbors,
6pm, Atrium