September Highlights

Fall Schedule Kicks Off on September 11th!

- **Sunday Worship Times:** 8:30a and 10:45a
- **Sunday Education:** 9:35a-10:35a
- **Wednesday Oasis:** 5:15p
- **Wednesday Worship:** 6:15p
- **Wednesday Education:** 6:40p
- **Wednesday Confirmation:** 7:00p

Sanctuary Dedication!
Save the date- Sunday September 25th-
help us celebrate the new sanctuary with a
dedication program at both services.

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**Flu Shot Clinic at FLC**
Sunday September 25th
9:30am-12:00pm
FLC conference Room

**Rally Sunday**
September 11, 2016
Kickoff of the Education Year!

**Community Worship**
- **September 18th-11:00am**
Join us as we worship with other area ELCA churches at the DL City Park. Our 10:45 service will take place at 11:00a with other churches at the park! Join us as we put into action Gods’ Work Our Hands ministry!

**Grief Share Group**
- **September 8th, 2:00 P.M. FLC Library**

**Blessing of the Backpacks**
Sunday September 4th
Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thanks for the “Welcome Back Kotter (me)” time on Sunday. It was good to be away for a bit…and it’s good to be back in this community of Faith. We missed ya!!

One of the goals I had for this Sabbatical time was to worship in a different community of Faith each weekend and experience what worship was like in other faith communities: some Lutheran and some not. And I wanted to do this without others knowing I was a Pastor!

So, on one of my first Sabbatical weekends, when I “snuck” into Trinity Lutheran 2 minutes before the worship started, and tried to worship “incognito”, leave it to Pastor Jillene to say “Hey look!! Pastor Dave is here. He’s on a Sabbatical Leave and we want to welcome him to worship!!” So much for “sneaking”. And we enjoyed our worship that Sunday at our DL sister church, Trinity Lutheran.

Over these weeks, Joy and I experienced some incredible worships (through which the Living Lord spoke to us) and experienced some worships where, as we left, we knew we would not be returning. These worship experiences covered a huge “range” from: small to large churches, Lutheran to Fundamental churches, welcoming and closed churches, and more…

What did we learn?

First, we learned that there are literally HUNDREDS of options of things to do and places to go on a Sunday morning: many of them GOOD OPTIONS!! There were several Sunday’s when we looked for a worship time that would work for us so we could “accommodate” another interest on that morning.

Second, we learned that Worship, WHEN IT’S DONE WELL, brings an encounter with the Living Lord like nothing else can. And we learned that Worship, when it’s not done well, sure can get in the way of this God connection being made. We learned that the importance of doing WORSHIP WELL can never be understated!!

Third, we learned that WELL DONE WORSHIP is a corporate and community event: from the greeters to the pastor to the ushers to the folks sitting next to us in the pews to the choirs…to EVERYONE. While hearing a thoughtful and engaging sermon was important to us, both Joy and I noticed the difference between “engaged” congregations and “dis-engaged” congregations. It was easy to detect when the welcome given by the congregation was part of who the congregation was!! The congregation’s engagement in the liturgy and singing of the hymns made a huge difference in the “energy” of the worship itself.

And then, when we ask the Good Lutheran Question “What does this mean?”, the answer comes quite clear…

It means: we are called at First Lutheran to offer to God’s People (and the entire community) the best we can in our worships!! (To weekly practice “The Practice of Passionate Worship!!”)

As Pastors, our sermon prep and delivery demands the highest priority we can give it.

Worship leadership needs to be energetic, prepared and “practiced”!
Pastor’s Corner Continued….

The hymns and the choirs and the liturgies all need to point to the same Gospel message…to make sure that the Message is proclaimed as clearly as possible.

The active engagement of every worshipper: in the hymns, prayers, liturgies and all is vital to the entire worship experience.

It was a great time of worshipping and learning.

And finally, our time away was a time where both Joy and I, every Sunday, gave thanks for the privilege of worshipping at First Lutheran. Every Sunday we missed worshipping at First and now that’s we’re “back in action”, we look forward to a great year of worship: of God working in and through the Worship of HIS PEOPLE!!

See ya in Worship,  Pastor Dave

Coming Up At FLC

Practicing the “Practice of Intentional Faith Growth” through Adult Forums

This fall, as we approach the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and the Centennial Celebration of First Lutheran, our Sunday Morning Adult Forum’s start with a Pastor Dave led journey through the New Testament Book of Galatians. Starting Sunday September 18th (9:35-10:35) all are invited to, through this Galatians study, be “Set Free” and to “Exchange Legalism for True Spirituality”. This is a no cost and no "Bible Knowledge needed" Adult Forum “Galatians Journey”. Come one, come all. All are welcome.

And also note, on Sunday September 11th, I'll be in the library for the Adult Forum time seeking input on what areas of interest you may have for our Sunday Adult Forums this year. So come on the 11th as well with your thoughts and areas of Intentional Faith Growth!! See ya all then. We’re looking forward to a super year of growing in the faith we share.

Community Worship

We will be joining other ELCA churches for a community worship service in the DL City park on Sunday, September 18th! We will be having our regular 8:30a service followed by 9:35a education at FLC, as usual. Then our 10:45a service for that week will be the community worship service in the park which will take place at 11:00a.

This community celebration is part of the God's Work Our Hands ministry. Each church will do a community service project in conjunction with this worship service. FLC’s project is our Farmer’s Market!

Paperless Newsletter Coming

This is it! The last edition of our paper newsletter. Our online version will be available 24/7 on the FLC website. You will be able to link to it from our Facebook page as well as having it delivered to your email inbox. Reminder to those who wish to continue receiving a mailed, paper copy of our monthly newsletter: contact the church office to let us know and we will put you on the mailing list. October will be paperless- the Earth thanks you!
Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Summer is nearly at an end, and what an awesome summer it has been. A great many churches across the United States all feel a dip in the business of the Church during the summer season, and who could blame them. I for one feel that in the Mid-West part of the country we only get a few months window of beautiful weather, unless you’re a snow bird, and so time off with family and relaxation is Sabbath to many people.

However the wheels don’t stop turning here at First Lutheran Church, they just switch gears. It has almost felt like another point to this parish, a life and church of its own with a lot of familiar faces. It was so much fun to experience the outdoor worship with all of you as well as be the first ones back into our new sanctuary. One of the best summers of my life!

Looking ahead I am so excited about this year. First I can’t tell you all how relieved I am about our new Director of Youth Ministries Maddie Hanson. She is off to a great start and it helps that she knows the ropes a bit here at FLC. Please help her out by introducing yourselves if you haven’t already, so she can go through the same pleasure that I had trying to remember everyone’s name at once 😎

What I’m the most excited about this year is our new confirmation program. As I write this we have had one of two introductory meetings regarding the new format and it was well received. This was an incredible relief, because there is always a bit of tension when we are confronted with the new and different. How is the confirmation program going to look different? I thought you might ask that. In a nutshell confirmation has an intention of having much more family and intergenerational involvement. There is an old stereotype that even exists in our own church, that once confirmation is over, we never see our kids in worship with their families again. For too long it has been seen as graduation from Church life rather than an integrating into the function of the church as a fully functioning disciple and member.

However, more and more churches across the country are applying a new model and it is proving to be very successful, success in terms of intentional faith growth that keeps our young ones worshiping with us. Because that is the goal isn’t it? So parents are asked to attend the Intentional Faith Growth classes as their part of the holistic confirmation model. My dream for this reformation is that in the car ride home, there will be kids and their parents talking, and whatever they discuss I know that God will be present. This is something that can be shared together, and it will be offered both on Wednesdays as well as our Sunday educational hour so families can continue to worship on the day they wish.

I am still seeking teachers for these classes to offer about a 35-40 minute lesson on a curriculum, which will be prepared for them. Recently at the ELCA church wide assembly our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton reminded us all that the youth are not just the future of the Church, they are part of the Church now! My prayer is that the Holy Spirit is going to poke and prod at you, that you would consider offering your gifts of time and shaping our youth in our faith community.

I would invite you to pray about this and discern where the spirit is calling you.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor John
Ministries that support our pastors and one another in faith growth through worship and fellowship.

**September is the Centennial Kick-off!**

This upcoming year we will celebrate the establishment of this congregation 100 years ago! Different aspects of church life will be highlighted and honored each month. (see August newsletter for monthly topics). The Centennial Team is doing a fabulous job of planning and is now ready for everyone to join in. Specifically, the highlighted topic for each month will have it’s own focus team. Congregants with common interest in that ministry will get together to vision and implement fun and interesting ways of highlighting it. No month is a solo task; each month will have a team. Check out the lists (in the office) to see who you would like to partner up with and which topic is nearest your heart! Also, tell your stories! Whether written or recorded, ‘real-life’ memories are *always* the most captivating way of opening the doors of our past and the windows to our future. Stop by or call the office if you would be willing to share. ☺

**Rally Sunday is September 11th and Rally Wednesday is September 14th!**

The return to the fall schedule brings with it many things, including (one of my favorites) the OASIS family meal! YAY! Bob & Dave will be back at the helm cooking and are looking for a person or two to help with the prep of the food. Two people can do the job well, but it’s tough with just one if the other has something come up and can’t be there for some reason. No need to know how to cook, just someone willing to help them do it!

**September 11th the Fall worship schedule begins!**

It is such a tremendous help for those who call to line up the Worship Assistants (ushers, greeters, communion servers, etc.) if they have a current list of congregants and which way they prefer to participate! This is a shared ministry that everyone can be part of. Judy, Fern, Cheri & Gail do their best to call on anyone more often than *every other month*. That means no more than 6 times in the entire year. The more names there are on the lists, the better able they are able to honor this timing. Plus, what a blessing they are to be callers! I’m so thankful they do that part, I’m more than glad to do my part! Fill out a card and let them know how you prefer to participate!

Look for the cards in worship or cut this one out, drop it in an offering plate or turn it in to the office!

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**Opportunities to practice “Radical Hospitality” at First!**

Name: _____________________________________________

I would like to share my “Welcome” in the following areas:

___ Usher   ___ Read the Lesson   ___ Audio/Visual Tech.

___ Greeter   ___ Serve Communion   ___ Prepare Communion

___ Worship Team Singer and/or Musician   ___ Special Music

** Training is provided for all support ministries. **

I typically worship at the ___ 8:30   ___ 10:45   worship service.

The best phone number to reach me at is ___________________

If seasonal, months you are available _____________________

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With joy & thanksgiving,
Tanzy Williams
Office Administrator,  
Director of Support Ministries
218-847-5656
tanzy@firstlutheranchurch.com
**Parish Health**

**Flu Shot Clinic September 25th**

**9:30-12:00 Conference Room**

Get your Flu Shot September 25th. There will be a charge of $27.99 without insurance. If you have insurance bring your insurance card and they will run the cost of the vaccine through your insurance. This service will be provided by 2 Pharmacists from Thrifty White Drug. Stop by the Conference Room Sunday September 25th, bring your insurance card and get vaccinated!

**School Safety**

Many school-related injuries are completely preventable. Follow these steps to ensure your child’s safety at school.

**Preventing backpack-related injuries**

* Chose a backpack for your child carefully. It should have ergonomically designed features to enhance safety and comfort.
* Don’t overstuff a backpack; it should weigh no more than 10 to 20 percent of your child’s body weight. For example, a child that weighs 60 pounds should carry a backpack no heavier than 12 pounds.
* Ask your children to use both straps when wearing their backpack to evenly distribute the weight on their shoulders.

**Preventing playground-related injuries**

* Encourage your child to use playgrounds with a soft surface. Avoid playgrounds with concrete surfaces, as they are too hard if your child falls.
* Children under the age of four should use climbing equipment with assistance and adult supervision, and watch older children when they’re climbing, especially on monkey bars.

**Strength and Stretching Class**

**Thursdays at 12:30 September 8, 15, 22, and 29 and October 6, and 13.**

**Instructor: Cindy Bruflodt**

This class offers an opportunity to learn and do mild stretching and strengthening exercises. These exercises not only provide stress relief, they also improve balance, strengthen, and tone. The class is 35-40 minutes of exercise followed by health information and a devotional. Everyone is welcome! Bring a mat or towel to lie on.

**Strength and Stretching Class**

**Visitation Ministry**

Volunteers needed! Are you interested in spending a little time each month easing someone’s loneliness? There are many members of First Lutheran Church who are unable to get out of their home to come to church and would love to visit with someone from First Lutheran. This ministry is looking for people who could spend time each month visiting with a fellow member of First Lutheran Church. For more information on this ministry please contact Denise at 847-5656 or email denise@firstlutheranchurch.com.

**Grief Share and Support Group**

**Thursday September 8, 2016, 2:00 P.M.**

**First Lutheran Church Library**

Have you experienced a recent loss of a loved one? Are you experiencing difficulty sleeping, eating, and no desire to do anything? These are all common symptoms of grief. Every 2nd Thursday of the month we will offer a time to visit and share about how grief has affected your life and the challenges of moving on. Everyone is welcome to join over a cup of coffee and a time to share and give each other support. Various resource materials are also available for reading and discussion.
Children’s Ministry Corner

**Have you been called to serve the Children’s Ministry?**

There are many hands and hearts that go into a children’s ministry throughout the year. When you consider the great reward of seeing children responding to God’s love, it can be hard to imagine why people decline to offer their time and talents to volunteering. It happens. We know that parents and families are tight on time. Life is busy... schedules are hectic. Families are scrambling to fit football practices, dance recitals, birthday parties, school events, band lessons, family time into their calendars. We want our First Lutheran families to know that we are here to **HELP PARTNER WITH YOU** in your child’s faith journey and education. We understand that you may not be able to commit to volunteering in our ministry each week or you may not know how you can serve and that is why we have so many ways you can serve! We ask you to please consider the many ways parents, grandparents, and friends can help in our children's ministry. We are committed to offering our FLC children fun and exciting lessons following in Jesus’s footsteps but we absolutely need parent commitment. Our WHIRL curriculum has been a big hit with kids & families however; we are **still urgently seeking** teacher volunteers for many age groups for its continued success in our children’s ministry.

Here are some ways you can share your time with the children’s ministry:

- **Team Teachers for Wednesday evenings (work with your team teacher on a flexible schedule)**
- **Team Teachers for Sundays**
- **Substitute Teachers for all grades**
- **Helpers** - show up and be ready to help with crafts or a game or just be present in halls
- **Preppers** - come in weekly on your own time and get supplies and crafts ready for classrooms
- **Music Helpers** - love music? Come and help with music time whenever you can.
- **Puppet Team**
- **Hallway Helpers** (more so on Wednesday nights before and after classes)
- **Special Events** as such Music Programs, Service Parties, Blessings, Seder Meal, etc.
- **Donate** - if you have no time to give, consider a financial donation to the children’s ministry.

Our curriculum is easy and fun! There is absolutely no prep work needed. Supplies are set up and ready for teachers each week. Team teaching with 1, 2 or 3 others can make a VERY flexible schedule. You do not need to know everything about the Bible. Our kids will be thrilled to have you involved.

Thank you for making our children’s ministry and faith education a BIG success. Our volunteers are blessings.

Please contact Carissa Markuson to further discuss your volunteer opportunities in our children’s ministry by email at Carissa@firstlutheranchurch.com or 218-234-6889.

**2016/2017 Important Children’s Ministry Dates**

8/31: Volunteer Orientation & Protection Policy 7pm-9pm
9/04: Blessing of Backpacks
9/11: Rally Day/First Day of Sunday School
9/14: First Oasis/ First Day of Wednesday School
10/05: 3rd Grade Blessing & Bible Presentations/Class to Follow
10/09: 3rd Grade Blessing & Bible Presentations/Class to Follow
10/19: No Wednesday Night School/ No Oasis due to MEA
11/25: No Oasis/No Wednesday School
12/18: Children’s Christmas Program at 10:45 service
12/21: Christmas Caroling
12/22-1/03: No Sunday/Wednesday School-Christmas Break
3/01-4/05: 5th Grade Communion Classes each Wed. night
4/09: Palm Sunday, Sedar Meal Celebration for 5th grade and families
4/13: 5th Grade First Communion
4/16: Easter/No Sunday School
5/17: Last Day of Sunday School
5/21: Last Day of Wednesday School
Notes from The WFLC

September is upon us and the next months are going to be very busy for the Women of First Lutheran Church. The month of September is when Circles have election of officers and start a new Bible Study. This is a good time to get on board for anyone interested in becoming a part of a Circle. If anyone has questions be sure to call me or ask at church.

There has been a shake-up of the NW MN Synod boundaries. Our church is now in Conference 6, instead of Cluster 7. Note the change from Cluster to Conference. Towns included in Conference 6 are from Lake Park and Osage in the north to Staples in the south. First Lutheran Women are responsible for the Fall Conference Gathering and planning is for October 11 from 5pm to 8pm. This is a change as most women don't like giving up a Saturday morning so we are trying an evening meeting. We will need lots of help besides a good attendance to greet and welcome people. Remember this is a whole new group of people and we must do our best. So put October 11 on your calendars and plan to come!

The 100th Celebration of First Lutheran is starting now! The Women have been given the month of November to tell our story. We will be sharing all of the things we do and all the ministries we support. There is a planning meeting on August 31 at 1:30p in the Dining Room. If you have information or old pictures or anything to add please come and help—this a big job but if we all work together it will be a success.

Next Co-Council Meeting is September 21, 2016 in the Conference Room at 9:30 am

Thank you all for your support. God Bless all women, Norma Smith
Greetings Confirmation Parents & Students! My name is Maddie Hanson and I’m excited to announce I will be the new Director of Youth Ministry at First Lutheran. I’m originally from the Detroit Lakes area and grew up going to church here at First. I’m happy to be back at this amazing place and I’m beyond excited to get to meet and work with all of you! Here are some things you need to know about this upcoming Confirmation year.

The fall season is coming up fast! Everyone is starting to think about Fall sports, School, and School activities. Another IMPORTANT thing to be thinking about is Confirmation! We have been thinking about it all summer, planning and getting things ready. We had two Confirmation information meetings last month. If you were unable to make it to those meetings, please contact me at the church, or Pastor John, so we can make sure to bring you up to speed on our confirmation reformation this year.

If you have youth that are joining us for confirmation, applications and deposits are due the first day of classes. Something new this year to keep in mind; we will be having confirmation classes on both Sundays and Wednesdays. Parents and students will only need to attend one as they are the same class each day. When you are sending in your applications, please circle either Sunday or Wednesday for your preferred class time each week!

We will also be having a fun social get together to hang out, play games, eat snacks, get to know one another, etc. This will be scheduled for Sunday Sept. 4th @ 5:30pm. We will have pizza and other delicious snacks so come hungry and excited. This is not mandatory, but I would love to meet and see you all there!

Some important dates to mark in your calendar!

Sun. September 11 - Sunday Confirmation begins!
8:30am Traditional Worship
9:30am Confirmation Class
10:45am Contemporary Worship

Wed. September 14 - Wednesday Confirmation
6:15pm Worship
7:00pm Confirmation Class

We are looking forward to seeing all of you here! If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to get in contact with me or Pastor John!

God Bless,
Maddie Hanson
Connections
Highlighting various ministries at First Lutheran Church

The Ministries of Music

If you have ever been a choir member involved in worship ministry, you know what a joy it is to sing to our Lord in worship. You also know what a privilege it is to lead members of your congregation in worship to our God we all serve.

If you are not already a member of the Jubilate Choir, please consider joining us! All you need to bring to rehearsal is your voice and a willingness to praise God! We welcome all adults and high school students who want to explore the joy of singing and harmonizing! No experience is necessary, only a desire to participate and celebrate!

In the words of one my favorite choral pieces… the time for praise has come!!!!
Awake! Awake, my soul and sing! The time for praise has come!
The silence of the night has passed; A new day has begun.
Let music never die in me! Forever let my spirit sing!
Wherever emptiness is found, let there be joy and glorious sound!
Let music never die in me! Forever let my spirit sing!
Let all our voices join as one

TO PRAISE THE GIVER OF THE SONG!
Awake! Awake!
Let music live…………………..LET MUSIC LIVE!

-Joseph Martin

The FLC Jubilate Choir will rehearse every Wednesday evening from 7:15 to 8:15 in the Multi-Purpose Room and sing 2 to 3 Sundays a month. Please join us on Wednesday, September 7th for our first rehearsal of the new year!
We will be singing on Rally Day, Sunday, September 11th, at both services

I look forward to seeing you!

Kathryn Larson, Director

The Alleluia Ringers Adult Bell Choir will start rehearsals on September 7 at 6:15 PM in the music room and then continue every Wednesday. The Alleluia Ringers welcome new ringers - you just need to be able to read music and count! We ring approximately 2 times per month and at special church celebrations and services - usually at the 8:30 service. If you have questions - contact director Carla Hansen at 701-200-8984.

We are also looking for youth to join our Youth Bell Choir. For students 4th grade and up that can read music. We will start Youth Bells later in September. Rehearsals will be from 5:30 to 6 PM on Wednesdays.

The Worship Team

What makes the contemporary service possible are the efforts of the people who make up our Worship Team.

Worship Team relies on the talents of congregation members who are willing to share their gifts in the name of praising God.

Our worship team rehearses every Wednesday evening, year round, in order to lead us on Sunday morning in uplifting, up tempo, modern Christian music!

The team is lead by Karen Bimberg, you may contact her at FLC if you have gifts to share and wish to join the Team.

A worship team works by “skillfully combining God’s Word with music, thereby motivating the gathered church to proclaim the gospel, to cherish God’s presence, and to live for God’s glory.” -Bob Kauflin

Jubilate Choir

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord......come into his presence with singing.”

Alleluia Ringers
Praise the Lord with Handbells!
Action Corps Monthly Service

SEPTEMBER  Leader: Susan Busker  Funerals: Lorraine McCawley

Baumgartner, Mitch & Tarrin  Galbrecht, Megan & Kody  Mouw, Brant & LeAnn
Bergeron, Charlotte  Gerdes, Louanne  Nelson, Deb
Biewer, Jim & Sue  Gunderson, Mark  Omberg, Nick
Blom, Clarene  Hemness, Kathleen  Ovsak, Tammy
Bollig, Jean & Pat  Hilde, Robin & Jake  Pearson, Diana
Bollig, Steve & Linda  Hill, Gene & Sharon  Pearson, Edna Mae
Busker, Scott & Susan  Kaldahl, Dave & Barb  Peck, Norraine
Christen, Mark & Janel  King, Shawn & Candie  Romine, Travis & Lindsay
Cihak, Ted & Lynn  Knopf, Dave & Diane  Sears, Rod & Shirley
Cummings, Arlen & Brenda  Knopf, Justin & Amy  Syvertson, Sharon
Dunham, Emil & Grace  Lunde, Al & Chris  Thompson, Charles & Joanne
Edwardson, Dolores  Malchow, Karl & Henrietta  Thomsen, Meta
Fewson, Barry & Judy  Markuson, Brady & Carissa  Wilson, Matt & Mindy
Fuhs, Steve & Kim  McCawley, Lorraine  Windel, Dean & Brenda

Action Corps serves the Coffee Fellowship time on Sunday mornings, provides desserts for funerals and serves other congregational events. The month you are on Action Corps, you will be called by your Action Corps leader to see when and how you would like to participate. For Sunday mornings you can serve (set-up, serving and/or clean up). You can donate food items or you can donate money to purchase food items. You will only be called as the need arises for funerals & other events. We accomplish big things when everybody does a little bit! Thank You!!

OCTOBER  Leaders: Keith & Jeannie Gilbertson  Funerals: Anne Trost

Barnack, Angie  Fleming, Richard & Rhonda  Muckenhirn, Paul & Brenda
Behr, Angie & Matt  Gilbertson, Keith & Jeannie  Nustad, Jeff & Lori
Bjorklund, Ryan & Sue  Hedman, Dave & Elaine  Nygren, Rebecca
Blake, Brent & Jodi  Heisserer, Ted & Holly  Nyland, Gloria
Borah, Cyndi  Hibma, Jody & Julie  Peterson, Curt & Barbara
Borah, Wes & Kim  Jacobson, Dennis & Naomi  Shaffer, Kris
Branden, Richard & Linda  Johnson, Jan  Siek, Dick & Diana
Carlson, Ardith  Junge, Keith & Joyce  Skolte, Frank & Joleen
Dahlsad, Doris  Kuck, Ben  Stallman, LaVonne
Damlo, Michael & Gayle  Larson, Don  Stock, Paul & Ronda
Dre, Lee  Lillquist, Sonja  Svenby, LeRoy & Mathilde
Elletson, Jim & Beverly  Listul, Ashley  Trost, Ed & Anne
Engebretson, Marlys  Listul, Earl & Shirley  Tunheim, Gary
Erickson, Leif & Deb  Listul, Gary  Wilson, Jeff & Barb
Evenson, Otto  Lund, Bob  Patti & Gary Ziebell & Lily Olson
Fischer, Henry & Betty  Miller, Wayne & Pamela  Zurn, Pat

Each family/person has a 3-month quarter in which they will be called upon for serving. If you are on the list for either September or October, you will rotate each year between September, October and November. If you know which Sunday you would prefer to help serve during Sunday Coffee Fellowship time, please contact your leader and let them know! Call the office, 847-5656, if you would like to change the season in which you serve.
First Lutheran Church acknowledges with grateful appreciation these memorials which have been received this past month.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**
- In Memory of: Gwen Plemel
  Given by: Pat Magnusson
- In Memory of: Wayne & Jean Benson
  Given by: Fern Brown
- In Memory of: Eileen Goreham
  Given by: David Stenseth
- In Memory of: Mary Nordmark
  Given by: Bruce & Harriet Barrett
  Ruth Olson
- In Memory of: Eileen Goreham
  Given by: Fern Brown
- In Memory of: Dean Sanders
  Given by: Madalyn Sukke
- In Memory of: David Stenseth
  Given by: Joan Westlake
- In Memory of: Mary Ann Evans
  Given by: Friends at Bell State Bank

**CHOIR**
- In Memory of: Gwen Plemel
  Given by: Wayne & Jean Benson
- In Memory of: Dean Sanders
  Given by: Madalyn Sukke
- In Memory of: David Stenseth
  Given by: Joan Westlake
- In Memory of: Mary Ann Evans
  Given by: Friends at Bell State Bank

**FOUNDATION**
- In Memory of: Rod Mosher
  Given by: Fern Brown
- In Memory of: Roger Wheeler
  Given by: Fern Brown
- In Memory of: Eileen Goreham
  Given by: Mike & Diane Fillmore

**GENERAL**
- In Memory of: Alice Grass
  Given by: Edna Mae Pearson

**RADIO**
- In Memory of: Gwen Plemel
  Given by: Ken & Marlys Christianson
- In Memory of: Dean Sanders
  Given by: Cliff & Jan Adkins
- In Memory of: Marilyn Hedstrom
  Given by: Roger Wheeler
- In Memory of: Jodi Wheeler & Family
  Given by: Rod Mosher
- In Memory of: Pat Magnusson

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- In Memory of: Sis Olson
  Given by: Jean Henslin

**UNSPECIFIED**
- In Memory of: Gwen Plemel
  Given by: Edna Mae Pearson
- In Memory of: Jon & Ardyss Horner
- In Memory of: Roger Wheeler
  Given by: Selma Hyatt
- In Memory of: Shirley Haugen
  Given by: Dean Sanders
- In Memory of: John & Judy Hoeglund
  Given by: Edna Mae Pearson
- In Memory of: Eileen Goreham
  Given by: Don & Norma Smith

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**Area Happenings**

*See the Bulletin Board by the church office for more information*

**Area Family needs** - Area rugs, twin mattress, twin bed, couch, outdoor child playset, a lawnmower, an electric water heater, and a freezer. Please deliver to 1231 Lincoln Ave.

**Blood Screening Event** - the Noon Rotary Club Blood Screening Event will be September 12-16th, from 7am-10am at the Essentia Health Clinic in DL. Cost is $35. No pre-registration necessary.

**Fall Dinner & Raffle** - Assumption Catholic Church, Callaway Event Center, September 11, 10:30a-1:00p. Roast beef, potatoes, salads and desserts! Adults $10, Kids 6-12 $5. Silent auction, cake walk, fun and games!

**Salad Luncheon** - Grace Lutheran Church, DL. September 9th, 11am-1:30pm. Tickets are $8 and can be bought at the Grace Lutheran church office, 8-12, M-F.

NEW MEMBERS!!
Welcomed into membership on August 7th, 2016!

Janet & Don Bridgers

Melissa & Eric Christianson with Sophie & Parker

Patti & Gary Ziebell and Lily Olson

Christine & Luke Karlgaard with William & Sophia

Rachel & Dan Redig with Hudson & Sophia
FLC Happenings

Brownbagger’s Return- the Brownbagger’s Men’s Bible Study will resume their meetings on Tuesday, September 13th, in the conference room, and the group will then meet weekly, from 12-1pm on Tuesday’s. If you are interested in joining, contact Dennis Anderson.

Blessing of the Backpacks- Next Sunday, September 4th, we invite students, of all ages, to bring your school backpacks to worship to receive a special blessing as you begin the new school year! Student’s all carry backpacks, from preschool through college, so join us as we ask for guidance and wisdom and strength to be part of what we carry in our bags, to help lighten the load! Blessing of the Backpacks, both services, September 4th

Help Needed- Cook- Wednesday evening OASIS family meals will be here before we know it! Bob and Dave will be back at the helm making fabulous, home-cooked meals and are looking for helpers! Contact the office if you would be interested in assisting the chefs prepare our Wednesday meals!

Altar Committee- The Altar Committee is looking for some new faces to join their ministry. To those who are part of the committee and those who are interested in becoming part of this group, please sign up on the sheet in the sacristy. We’d love to have some new faces on the team! Training is provided for those interested.

God’s Work Our Hands Farmers Market- If you have extra garden produce or are you looking for some fresh produce, stop by our Farmer’s Market table each Sunday morning. The Farmers Market table will be set up from 9:00 to 11:30 each Sunday morning either outside of the church office or outside of the church doors, in the parking lot. Bring your produce to this table and/or stop by and purchase your produce at the table. It is a free will donation if you are able, with all proceeds going to the Becker County Food Pantry or Lutheran World Hunger. Harvest from the Abundant Grace Garden continues to be donated to the Becker County Food Pantry as it is harvested!

Volunteer Companions- There is a great need amongst our First Lutheran Church members for people who are willing to spend a couple of hours a week being a companion with someone who is homebound. This companionship provides respite time for the caregiver and also gives the home-bound member a contact with someone from the church. Please contact Parish Nurse Denise if you are interested in this ministry. Thank you!

Fall Worship Schedule- be sure to mark your calendars for the NEW Fall Worship Schedule! It is different from the past few years!! The schedule kicks off on Rally Sunday, September 11th with worship times on Sunday at 8:30 and 10:45 and Wednesday remains at 6:15.

WFLC News- The synod convention is at Calvary Lutheran Church in Perham, MN, September 16 & 17th. $35 one day/$55 both days. Car pooling on Saturday the 17th- meet at 7:45am in FLC parking lot.

Boundary Waters Canoe Trip- Join other men of FLC in the beauty and serenity of the BWCA wilderness. A sign up sheet is in the office. The trip is planned for September 14-19th. A $50 deposit is required at sign up. More information available from Jim McCormack at 218-234-1303.

Flu Shot Clinic- will be coming to FLC on Sunday, September 25th. Once again Thrifty White pharmacy will be on hand to administer flu shots to protect us during the upcoming season! Stop in on the 25th and get a jump start on a healthy winter season.
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### Sunday Schedule
- **Traditional Worship**
  - 8:30
- **Education Time**
  - 9:35
- **Contemporary Worship**
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