



The First Messenger

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Labor Day (church office closed) September 5th
Rally Sunday September 11th
Rally Wednesday September 14th
Fall Church Service Times Begin September 11th

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Rally Sunday Schedule

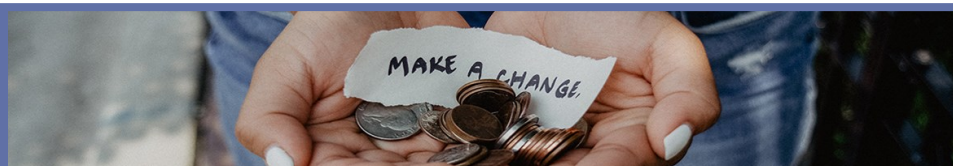
8:30 AM—Traditional Worship
9:30 AM—Sunday School
10:45 AM—Contemporary (indoor) Worship

Rally Wednesday Schedule

5:00 PM—Oasis Meal
6:00 PM—Worship
6:30 PM—Wednesday School & Confirmation

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NOISY OFFERING TOTALS

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August Total (as of August 21st) to Lutheran Disaster Response: \$408.81.
In the month of September Noisy offering collected will be going towards
Lutheran Social Services of MN.

More information about noisy offering can be found on page 8!



Monday, September 5
Church Office Closed

PASTOR JOE'S UPDATE

Update from Lead Pastor Joe Skogmo



As summer comes to a close, bring on the programmatic year! Rally Sunday (September 11th) and Rally Wednesday (September 14th) are around the corner, and I am hopeful for what is to come.

In many ways this programmatic year will be similar to last year's and I am so looking forward to that sense of routine. I am also grateful that Covid's more robust disruptions to our ways of being are behind us. I don't want to take that for granted, and I give God thanks for another year with all of you.

And...I think this programmatic year to come is a pivotal one. Last year we designed, excavated, poured foundations, set up scaffolding, and built. This year, we disassemble the scaffolding, and live into more long-lasting structures of ministry atop those foundations. For instance, to name a few things, we are officially into the second year of our redesign of children's ministry and Confirmation, we will lean into more defined ambitions regarding High School Youth Ministry, our Wednesday night weekly worship and faith formation is ready for another round, our music ministries will continue to find their way back into the rhythms of worship, our Adult Faith Formation continues to reawaken and create opportunities for fellowship and learning, Parish Health ministries will continue to reemerge and reactivate, our strategic planning continues in the next stages of development, and our Buildings & Grounds and Stewardship ministries continue with better vision after a year of reassembly and redefinition. After a lot of "waking up" and a lot of imagining, brainstorming, and implementing, this year is an important one.

I am deeply excited with what this coming programmatic year can be as we continue to form into who God is calling us, and as we continue to experience resurrection after the turmoil and dormancy that Covid brought us.

God is calling each of us to this moment and to this place and I encourage you to ask God where you can join into the Body of First Lutheran as we live into the year, whether that is helping with worship to read, greet, assist with communion, or usher, or whether that is to try out a Bible study or adult faith formation opportunity, join a music ministry, join a leadership team, contribute to a service project or ministry, help out in a Sunday/Wednesday School classroom or youth event, attend more fellowship opportunities, come to a Creation Care event, join a women's group, or try out different worship services throughout the year.

In any case, I am so thankful you're here. I pray that this year bears the spiritual fruits of more authentic relationships, greater presence in worship, and deeper learning of the faith for our whole community. I pray that during this programmatic year First Lutheran Church becomes less a factory of producing and consuming religious goods, and more of a profound community of God's people where we live into the promise and responsibility that we belong to one another.

Looking forward to seeing you.

You are loved and you are beloved.
Pastor Joe

LAURYL'S WORD

Update from Pastor Lauryl Ivers, Associate Pastor



Saturday mornings are one of my Sabbath times – time I can just sit with a Bible in my lap and read and think and pray. I'm nearing the end of my "reading through the whole Bible" again, and this Summer I've been in the New Testament. For the past few weeks I've been reading the Epistles – the Apostle Paul's letters to the church where he had been, or hoped to be, doing missionary work while the first Christian churches were just getting started.

I'm relating more this time around – maybe because of where I'm at in my personal and professional life, and where the world seems to be - to what I'm reading in Paul's letters – as if Paul has written them personally, to me. I've savored and re-read some of the verses. They restore my heart and spirit when I suddenly realize I need that particular, healing Word. I put my name in places where a referent was intended, for example:

Ephesians 3:16-19: *"(I suggest you put your name here) I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you will be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your heart through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."*

Or Philippians 1:3-6: *I thank my God every time I remember you, (put your name here), constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.*

And also, Colossians 1:11-14: *May you (put your name here) be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to God, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

Let God's Words in Paul's prayers assure you that you are known and loved. I encourage you to find some Sabbath time to read all of Paul's letters yourself. God bless you abundantly, Pastor Lauryl

Dear FLC Congregation,

In June, Bishop Tesch asked Pastor Joe and Pastor Lauryl to consider a new model of partnership with one of the rural churches in our area – Richwood Lutheran Church (RLC). Richwood's former relationship with First Lutheran in Audubon is no longer available, and while they have the option of continuing to hire supply pastors, they requested a pastor in our Synod to lead them at least one Sunday every month, provide Holy Communion, and support their pastoral care needs. In the proposed model, First Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes (FLC) would support RLC by being present the first Sunday of the month with a Worship service of preaching and Holy Communion. Richwood currently has about 12-15 active members who faithfully worship together on Sundays. On the other Sundays of the month, they plan to seek supply pastors for preaching in their church. The intention of this pastoral model would be to accompany RLC in a mutually beneficial relationship as they plan for transitions in the coming years. RLC and FLC have historic connections between our members (in fact, in 1917, when First Lutheran was just getting started, we were yoked with Richwood Lutheran!). We have an opportunity to celebrate our connections, welcome 12 to 15 sisters and brothers in our faith relationship, and learn how to accompany each other in changes the future brings. We believe this is part of FLC's mission to open our doors, within God's plan for the whole Christian Church on earth, since more rural churches may be needing to adapt to this type of relationship. The FLC Vision Council approved this opportunity and Pastor Lauryl will assume the responsibility to manage the preaching and pastoral care with RLC as part of her current position description. RLC is discussing compensating FLC's General Fund for this ministry. Pastor Lauryl's full time call will continue to be at FLC, and both churches expect to learn from and evaluate this relationship as it evolves. Your prayers and support are important for both of your churches as we find new ways to grow together in Jesus' church.



PRESIDENT'S POST

Update from Vision Council President Nathan Olson

I'm sure I sound like a broken record when I ask, "Where has the summer gone?" But honestly, it seems like kids were just getting out of school and now we are shopping for school supplies again. Soon our church will begin its programming year with Rally Sunday happening on September 11. Although I'm sad that summer is coming to an end, I am excited for our upcoming fall and winter activities.



This past month members of the Vision Council had their first meeting to review the input that was gathered at the Cottage Meetings held in May and June. Remember that we held these meetings so the Vision Council could utilize your input for strategic planning efforts. Ultimately, we wanted to hear from as many of you as possible in the congregation about things such as what you think the church is doing well, what the church could do better, and what your greatest hope is for our church. This first meeting had the goal of going through all the comments received and attempt to identify common themes or patterns. Future meetings will then review these common themes and see what the Vision Council would like to work on by establishing goals, objectives, and strategies. This work will take some time, but we do not plan to wait until it is complete to share what we heard with the congregation. Pastor Joe will be looking for an opportunity in the coming weeks to discuss the comments received.

Besides strategic planning efforts, church leadership continues to finalize the details for HVAC and brick work repairs. Some good news was received regarding the HVAC repair this past month and it looks like we will not need to spend as much money as originally thought. This has led the Buildings and Grounds Committee to evaluate other building maintenance projects that need to be addressed, such as the parking lot. I know there is much interest in remodeling the kitchen and I want to reassure everyone that it is on the radar of church leadership. Unfortunately, I cannot provide a timeline on when these projects will be undertaken.

I wish everyone a great close to the summer season and I pray for a great start to our church programming year!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcomed into membership in August 2022



Lisa & Doug
Anderson



Julie Dalen



Hudson Kalina



Jeff Skogmo
(associate member)



Paige Jago &
Jeremy Feist

Pillars

*Ministries that support our pastors and one another
in faith growth through worship and fellowship.*



By, Mackenzie Hamm

WHERE DO YOU FEEL CALLED?



We have lots of opportunities for you to use your gifts, talents & time here at First Lutheran Church.

Sign-ups are sent weekly (through **email, text & on the table** in the entry way) on the different ministries where volunteers are needed. Please provide your email & cell phone to the front office if you don't already receive emails or texts from First Lutheran as this is one of the easiest and fastest ways for you to receive the most current information from us.

SIGN UP TABLE!



Today 1:19 PM

First Lutheran has invited you to fill out a sign up sheet:
October 8:30 am Service
Worship Assistants Sign Up
Sheet at <http://brze.in/4375c7>

TEXT

8:30 am Service GREETER

Sun
Oct 6
1 of 2 filled
Click to Sign Up

Current Volunteers
Joan Weetlake

Sun
Oct 13
1 of 2 filled
Click to Sign Up

Current Volunteers
Lynnea Linquist

TEXT

If you are feeling called to sign up for ministries you might not be involved in, please complete the form!

Opportunities to practice "Radical Hospitality"! ** Training is provided for all support ministries. **

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher | <input type="checkbox"/> Read the Lesson | <input type="checkbox"/> Audio/Visual Tech. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter | <input type="checkbox"/> Serve Communion | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Communion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Worship Team Singer and/or Musician | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Music | |

I typically worship at the ☐ 8:30 AM ☐ 10:45 AM ☐ Wednesday 6 PM

*May you find your spiritual and divine gifts given to you and bless them with the world,
Mackenzie Hamm, Support Ministries Coordinator*

'Action Corp' Monthly Hospitality Teams

September Leader: **NEEDED**

Charlotte Bergeron
James & Susan Biewer
Stefan & Michelle Bischof
Clarene Blom
Patricia Bollig
Steven & Linda Bollig
Scott & Susan Busker
Mark & Janel Christen
Matthew & Teaira Christen
Theodore & Lynn Cihak
Arlen & Brenda Cummings
Russell & Mavis Davis
Grace Dunham

Barry & Judy Fewson
Samuel & Shelly Foster
Steven Fuhs
Louanne Gerdes
Daniel & Serena Gigstead
Robert & Kaitlin Guetter
Mark Gunderson
Robin Hilde
Sharon Hill
Darin & Becky Itzen
Luke & Christine Karlgaard
Shawn & Candice King
Dave & Diane Knopf

Justin & Amy Knopf
Brian Kotschevar
Sharon Syvertson
Alan Lunde
Henrietta Malchow
Lorraine McCawley
Brandon & Krystal Meyer
Brant & LeAnn Mouw
Nicholas Omberg
Diana Pearson
Edna Mae Pearson
Joseph & Krista Pihlaja

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 Leader: **Tanzy Haisley**

Dawn Barnack
Terry & Linda Beilke
Ryan & Susan Bjorklund
Brent & Jodi Blake
Richard & Linda Branden
Ardith Carlson
Lenora Dire
Jim & Beverly Elletson
Leif & Deb Erickson
Zackary & Sara Erickson
Betty Fischer
Steve & Rhonda Fode
Benjamin & Kristi Fradenburgh
Kim Fuhs
Brent & Sarah Fulton

Keith & Virginia Gilbertson
Steven & Rita Glunberg
Gary & Tanzy Haisley
Virginia & Justin Hanson
David & Elaine Hedman
Amanda Heisserer
Ted & Hollice Heisserer
Jody & Julie Hibma
Jeana Ketter
Josh & Tiffany Krieg
Sonja Lillquist
Robert Lund
Paul & Brenda Muckenhirn
Jeff & Lori Nustad
Charlotte Olson

Paul & Pamela Orth
Roger & Arlene Reiersen
Samuel & Kayla Ruppert
Rodney & Susan Schaffer
Kristie Shaffer
Frank & Joleen Skolte
LaVonne Stallman & William Mayberry
LeRoy & Mathilde Svenby
Edward & Anne Trost
Gary Tunheim
Jeff & Barbara Wilson
Gary & Patti Ziebell
Patricia Zurn

Each family/person has a 3-month quarter in which they will be called upon for serving. 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.



Parish Health

Denise Gaard ♦ 218-847-5656 ♦ denise@firstlutheranchurch.com

Tai Ji Quan – Moving for Better Balance

Tai Ji Quan is a 12-week class meant to help improve your balance, strengthen your muscles and reduce your risk of falling using tai ji quan (also known as tai chi) movements which will also help you to stay mobile and independent.

Each session includes warm-up exercises, a mix of tai ji quan forms and brief cool-down exercises. No experience is necessary; all ability levels are welcomed.

I would like to lead a session of these classes again but need to know if there is interest in this class. Please call or email me and let me know if you are interested. If there are people interested, we will schedule the class starting the week of September 12th. Phone: 218-847-5656 or email: denise@firstlutheranchurch.com.

This is a great class for improving strength and balance. Also, a fun time of fellowship! Everyone is welcome! Please join us!

Denise, Parish Nurse



National Suicide Prevention Month

September is National Suicide Prevention Month - a time to raise awareness on this stigmatized, and often taboo, topic. In addition to shifting public perception, this month is used to spread hope and vital information to people affected by suicide. Our goal is to ensure that individuals, friends and families have access to the resources they need to discuss suicide prevention and to seek help. **The new hotline number is: 988**

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

We can all help prevent suicide. The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals in the United States.

Medical Supplies

I have multiple medical supply items in my office. Following is a list of all the items available. If you can use any of these items, please contact the church office and leave me a message. Denise: 218-847-5656

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|---|---|
| 1 – Toilet Safety Frame | 2 – Walkers |
| 1- Shower Chair | 3 – Bed Rails, 1 of them is a long rail |
| Variety of sizes and types of incontinence pads | Size 13 Hearing aide batteries |
| Ace wraps and variety of bandages | 1 – Saline Enema |
| Variety of Face Masks | 1 – Knee Brace |
| 1 – Pedal Exerciser for under chair use | 1 – Four prong Cane |
| 2 – Canes | 1 – Reacher/Graber |
| Medical Gloves-variety of sizes | 1 – Gait Belt |
| 1 – Baby Monitor | 1 – Wheelchair |



JUBILATE CHOIR

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

What an incredible joy it will be to return to making music this fall at FLC as members of our Jubilate Church Choir! For those of you who have faithfully served as Jubilate Choir members, you know the fulfillment it brings to be involved in worship ministry and you also know what a joy it is to sing praises in worship to God, our Heavenly Father, and His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ!

If you have ever been an FLC Jubilate 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 love and serve. If you have ever thought about joining us, now is the time to do so! We invite you with open arms and hearts to join us to share in leading the congregation in worship on Sunday mornings where we typically sing at the 8:30 a.m. worship service. Please consider joining us – there are only a few requirements. Actually, I can think of only one requirement really – just a desire to sing with a bunch of really great authentic people who happen to be members of the Jubilate Choir!

I am very excited to once again return and start our Fall Season together as the Director of the FLC Jubilate Choir. Please join us in rehearsal on Wednesday, September 7th, from 7:15 PM – 8:15 PM in preparation for our worship services on Rally Sunday, September 11th.

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!

The time for voices singing in praise has come!!!

The FLC Jubilate Choir will rehearse every Wednesday evening from 7:15 PM to 8:15 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room and will sing 2 to 3 Sundays a month.

We are looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday, September 7th!

- Kathryn Larson, Director



Alleluia Ringers—Can you ring a bell? It's time to Ring Again!

The First Lutheran Bell Choir - the Alleluia Ringers - will begin ringing again on September 7. We have some additional spots to fill as we have more bass bells to ring! Can you read music? Can you count to 6? We would love to have you. We practice every Wednesday at 6:15 PM in the choir room and ring about 2 times per month at the 8:30 service as well as for special holidays. Come join this fun group as we ring praises to our Lord in worship services. Questions? Contact Carla Hansen, Director at 701-200-8984 or hansencarla62@gmail.com

Noisy Offering Information *(continued from page 1)*

FLC started collecting Noisy Offering again in July. All donations collected are being sent to a different organization each month chosen by the Stewardship Team. The funds collected in July went to Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). FMSC believes hope starts with food. As a Christian nonprofit, FMSC is dedicated to seeing every child whole in body and spirit. FMSC works with food distribution partners that stay with communities for the long haul, empowering them to move from relief to development. Each meal costs less than 25 cents. The funds collected in August were sent to Lutheran Disaster Relief (LDR). LDR shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the U.S. and around the world. Thank you so much for the donations! The totals collected for each month can be found below.

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In the month of September Noisy offering will be going towards Lutheran Social Services of MN. The LSS organization is funded from public, private and charitable sources, LSS is one of the state's largest nonprofit social service organizations. They are instrumental in helping provide children and families with safe, stable homes and the opportunity to thrive in a community. They also help older adults and those with disabilities receive access to social services and the opportunity to contribute to community life.

Check future newsletters for the total contributed through our noisy offerings each month!



FLC acknowledges with grateful appreciation these memorials which have been received this past month.

AGAPE FUND

In Memory of: Bob Gaf

Given by: Janice & Carl Fingalson

FOUNDATION FUND

In Memory of: Del Hultgren

Given by: Grace Dunham

In Memory of: Betty LeNoue

Given by: Grace Dunham

In Memory of: Arvin Halvorson

Given by: Adrienne & Larry Buboltz

Given by: Ardis Hegna

Given by: Arlene Olson

Given by: Ruth Tovson

Given by: Randy & Kristi Quitney

GENERAL FUND

In Memory of: Arvin Halvorson

Given by: Garnet Hultgren

JUBILATE CHOIR FUND

In Memory of: Arvin Halvorson & Pat Horner

Given by: Karen & Cliff Bimberg

KITCHEN FUND

In Memory of: Arvin Halvorson

Given by: Ardys Horner

In Memory of: Patrick Horner

Given by: Tom & Phyllis Neuenfeldt

In Memory of: Esther Lindgren

Given by: Adrienne & Larry Buboltz

Given by: Jean Benson

LIBRARY FUND

In Honor of: Susie Reitmeier

Given by: Delyle & Sandy Willprecht

QUILTERS FUND

In Memory of: Pat Magnusson

Given by: Ardis Hegna

Given by: Dianne Fillmore

Given by: Fern Brown

RADIO FUND

In Memory of: Unspecified

Given by: Elyda Handegaard

In Memory of: Arv Halvorson

Given by: Marlys Douglas

Given by: Fern Brown

In Memory of: Pat Magnusson

Given by: Ruth Circle

WFLC FUND

In Memory of: Esther Lindgren

Given by: Alan Hagen

YOUTH FUND

In Memory of: Arvin Halvorson

Given by: Elaine & David Hedman



Thank you so much for your love and support over these last 11 years and thank you for all your cards and gifts! It has been overwhelming. Thank you for the retirement pot-luck. I know it must have been great and I'm sorry I couldn't make it. Dang Covid!

Peace to you all,

Susie



Youth & Family Ministry

By Emma Duncan, Youth & Family Ministry Director

WELCOME
Back!

WELCOME BACK TO FAITH FORMATION!



Don't forget to register for Sunday School, Wednesday School and Confirmation!
Find the links to registration on our website.



Rally Sunday

Sunday, September 11th from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Rally Wednesday

Wednesday, September 14th from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Wednesday Evenings begin on Rally Wednesday which include:

Oasis Meal at 5:00 PM

Wednesday Worship at 6:00 PM

Faith Formation is from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Mandatory Confirmation Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 7th at 6:30 PM!
This is required for all 6th-8th graders to attend with a parent or guardian.

I AM SO EXCITED TO JUMP INTO THIS YEAR WITH YOU ALL!

The Link

Update from the Women of First Lutheran Church—Written by Norma Smith

As I write it is a beautiful summer day, but soon the fall season will be here. I have a magnet on my refrigerator that says “care deeply, speak kindly, leave the rest to God.” Patience should be added to include all the changes we need to adjust to – weather changes, school starting and changes at church. Not all Circles meet during the summer so now with fall changes it would be a good time to join a Circle.



The NW MN Synod Convention is coming soon-- September 16 and 17 at Bethlehem Lutheran church in Fergus Falls. The Convention theme is “Love One Another.” Pastor Lauryl is one of the women pastors from the Synod to be honored for more than 25 years of ministry. Jean Benson, from our Conference 6, will be accepting the Mary Magdalene Award. Congratulations to both of you.

The Fall gathering will be at Cormorant Lutheran Church on October 1. Watch the bulletins as more information comes available.

Upcoming Events:

- Rachel Circle meets September 6 in the library at 2:00 PM
- Ruth Circle meets September 8 in the Dining Room at 1:30 PM
- Rebekah Circle meets September 13 in the Dining Room at 9:30 AM
- Co-Council meets September 21 in the Conference Room at 9:30 AM

Grace and Peace from Norma Smith



“Make me know your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth & teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; For You I wait all the day.” Psalm 25:4-5

During certain Vacation Bible Study activities, a casual onlooker might have thought they were a wild bunch. They also might have yearned for that level of energy & given thanks to the wonderful counselors who channeled that energy

so well. I was lucky enough to be the “Snack Lady” & witnessed the wonderful fellowship & learning fostered as the Luther Crest staff led by example.

The morning & afternoon snacks varied each day, with bananas one of the last afternoon snacks. I scanned each banana as I washed it, checking for any blemishes that would make it unenticing for the kids (we know those bananas would end up in the trash). It may have been a dried split in the skin, a spot of fungus, a soft spot, an obvious bruise, & sometimes a barely visible sign of bruising underneath the skin. When I thought about the journey that carried these bananas to First Lutheran’s kitchen, it was not surprising that most displayed damage.

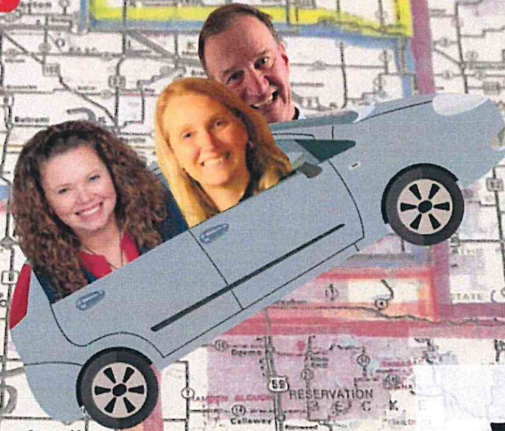
Most of our bananas are imported from Central America – Guatemala, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Colombia, Honduras. Workers with deft hands cut the bunches, loading them into boxes, baskets, sacks, crates, or other type of container. Repackaging, inspection, & other handling must be done carefully so the fruit isn’t spoiled. Transport may include pack animals, small, motorized vehicles, & eventually they make it to the temperature-controlled semi-trailers, planes, or railcars that carry them northward. The boxes of tender fruit may be transferred multiple times between distribution points before they finally get to the stores from where we bring them into our homes. Bananas need good, strong, protective packaging to make it through the journey. My produce manager Dad once found a stowaway in a box of bananas. He called NDSU & they were more than happy to retrieve the tarantula secured in the box.

Each of our banana-eating kids has a journey to travel in life as well. As parents, we do our best to guide & protect our kids & prepare them for any tough spots they may face in life. No one gets through life unscathed. We do not know what difficulties they will contend with in life, but we want to wrap them in secure packaging that will strengthen them for the journey. What better way to do that than to teach them about the one Who loves beyond all imagining & Who is faithful in every moment of their lives. The one Who hears them & gives them hope to endure no matter what.

Watching kids experience this during VBS was wonderful to behold, & I’m so excited to see the kids & teachers begin another wonderful year of Sunday School to continue that path of discovery.

Synod Road Trip

The Synod Staff is coming to you!



Wed. August 31
Trinity Lutheran in
Detroit Lakes
1401 Madison Ave
Come for light meal
and conversation
starting at 5:30



Northwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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