



The First Messenger

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Valentine's for Vets Deadline	February 9th
Vow Renewal Marathon	February 14th
President's Day—Church Office Closed	February 21st
Ash Wednesday	March 2nd

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Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022

Services at 12:05 PM & 6:00 PM



2022 LENTEN SERVICES

March 9 — April 6
12:05 PM & 6:00 PM



Vow Renewal Marathon

Monday, February 14th Starting at 10 AM
Please signup today!

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HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY



February 2, 2022

Here's hoping ol' Phil doesn't spy his shadow today!

PASTOR JOE'S UPDATE

Update from Lead Pastor Joe Skogmo



Affirmation of Vows Marathon! Valentine's Day | Monday, February 14th, 2022



I have said this at every single wedding ceremony I have ever officiated:

"...nothing is more important today than your vows. The pomp and circumstance of wedding days – the décor, the themes, the cake – are fun, special, and have their place, but they'll do NOTHING for you if you are to face cancer, or bankruptcy, or depression, or conflict, or even death...but your vows?—your vows in those moments will mean everything...because your vows are not about 'Do you' love each other, they are about 'Will you' love each other?"

Will you love each other through all that is to come? Life is unpredictable, fragile, and riddled with obstacles and challenges. As if we needed any more proof of that, this pandemic has proven it once and for all – and it has tested marriages on a collective scale beyond comprehension. A friend of mine who is an attorney told me that since the beginning of the pandemic, divorce rates being handled by his office have skyrocketed. These are trying times for every single one of us, and not least of all, married couples.

Pandemic or not, we married couples need to be reminded of the sacred vows we exchanged with our partners. We need to be reminded that love is not merely an emotion, but an action. We need to be reminded of the sacred gift of promise we give our spouse, and that our spouse gives us: to love each other with determination, with grace, with flexibility, and, sometimes, even with the understanding that we are called to love each other even when we don't really like each other!

A renewal of vows service can be such a reminder, and it can give ceremony to how far your marriage has come, to honor what it's gone through, and to renew commitment for the years to come. It can give you an opportunity, as one author puts it, to 'listen to the marriage,'¹ and the life you've created so far.

I want to offer an opportunity for you married couples to renew and affirm your vows here in the First Lutheran Church sanctuary this Valentine's Day.

If all the poetic talk above about the sacredness of vows doesn't convince you, then how about this: are you struggling to figure out what to do for Valentine's Day? Never know what to do for Valentine's Day? I've got you – what better than to take a few minutes to renew your vows?

I will be available to officiate a marathon of vow renewal ceremonies on Monday, February 14th for any couples that are interested (15-minute timeslots, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.). The individual services themselves will include an invocation, readings, vows, and a blessing, and will last about 10 to 15 minutes.

I did this once at my former parish and it was such a beautiful experience. Some couples came just the two of them, some brought their friends, or their children, or even their grandchildren to witness the renewal. It was so moving. Some couples were in their 20s, some in their 50s, and some in their 80s! I would love to share this meaningful experience with you and yours.

To sign up for a slot to renew your vows please sign up on the sheet at the volunteer table, via the email sent out or call the church office at 218.847.5656.

Happy Valentine's Day!
Pr. Joe

¹ John Jay Osborn, *Listen to the Marriage: A Novel* (New York: Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2018).

LAURYL'S WORD

Update from Pastor Lauryl Ivers, Associate Pastor

Happy Valentine's Day, dear First Lutheran Family,

This is the month of showing others our love, and Jesus invites us to move out of our "love comfort zone", and practice loving people the way he loves:



Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, love your enemies and do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who abuse you....If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return -- and

your reward will be great, you will be children of the Most High; for God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful as your Father is merciful. "

This Valentine's Day and this month (and this year!), I encourage you to be children of the Most High God -- loving even the people who have been your enemies, praying for their blessing. This is not easy, my friends (!). But this is what Jesus asks of those of us who are willing to listen to his radically loving way of life - that can change us and our families, our churches, and our communities for the best life ahead.

With love, Pastor Lauryl

And now these three remain:



but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13



FROZEN MEALS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to make frozen meals that can be handed out to people who come into the church for help. The church can supply you with individual meal containers to fill. If this is something you'd be willing to help with, please contact the church office for more information.

PRESIDENT'S POST

Update from Vision Council President Steve Schantzen

Friends at First Lutheran,

Happy New Year! A quick briefing on what is new or going on in Council this last month.

The Buildings and Grounds committee along with Vision Council have been looking into repairing the wall along the dishwasher in the kitchen. We recently voted to move forward with replacing the wall between the two doors at the dishwasher, upgrading the electrical and plumbing along with replacing the flooring, and putting up panels to prevent water damage. This should happen within the next two months, and we will be working to minimize disruption to the kitchen as much as possible. I'm looking forward to getting this repair completed, and thanks to all that helped plan this out!



As we enter the new year, it's hard to imagine that its already February (or will be in a few days!). The NW Synod will be holding the Great Synod Get-Together on March 12th in Detroit Lakes. This will take part here at First Lutheran. First Lutheran along with other congregations in the Synod can attend to this event with our Pastors, Council, and Synod Assembly delegates. Additionally, every year the Synod has an annual assembly, which we take part in, but there is a need for voting member representation from First Lutheran. If you have any interest in participating in this please reach out, as these are two great opportunities to represent First Lutheran and have an impact in our Synod.

I missed the final update for 2021, but I do need to pause, and say "Thank You" to all who give precious time and financial offerings to First Lutheran. I know I've stated this before, but it amazes me how much impact First Lutheran has on this community. There are so many activities I'm not involved in, but when I hear about them it reminds me of why we are here and part of God's mission at First Lutheran. Your financial giving to round out the end of calendar year was truly amazing as well. I hope we can thrive in God's mission in 2022, and your devotion is what makes this possible.

Keep the hat and gloves out for now, until we hear from the groundhog!

Thanks,
Steve



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

AGAPE FUND

In Memory of: LuVerna Geiselhart

Given by: Ardys Horner

In Memory of: Rod McClarren

Given by: Ardys Horner

CHOIR FUND

In Memory of: Dixie Johnson

Given by: Jeannine & Dave Eiesland

GENERAL FUND

In Memory of: Lyle Leegard

Given by: Bo Butler

RADIO FUND

In Memory of: Don & Shirley Lynch

Given by: Kurtis & Laurie Fong

UNSPECIFIED FUND

In Memory of: LuVerna Geiselhart

Given by: Sue Christensen

In Memory of: Millie Henke

Given by: Lynn & Beverly Hummel

Stewardship & Giving Information

The following is the December giving from 2017 through 2021. The second set of numbers is the annual numbers running from January 1 through to December for the past five years. Keep in mind that First Lutheran's actual year runs from July 1 through June 30. Thank you so much for ending 2021 strong.

<i>First Lutheran Church</i>					
Statement of Activities - Columnar Date Selection					
	12/1/2021 - 12/31/2021	12/1/2020 - 12/31/2020	12/1/2019 - 12/31/2019	12/1/2018 - 12/31/2018	12/1/2017 - 12/31/2017
Income					
PLEDGES AND OFFERINGS Totals:	121,088.50	90,203.20	70,321.42	78,792.97	72,665.58
MISSION INVESTMENT Totals:	55.59	126.65	168.00	133.50	106.53
Income Totals:	121,144.09	90,329.85	70,489.42	78,926.47	72,772.11
Expense					
BENEVOLENCE Totals:	8,263.00	1,200.00	3,967.97	5,102.84	650.00
PERSONNEL Totals:	37,728.22	36,995.91	35,424.52	32,752.28	29,986.36
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT Totals:	23,386.39	13,981.96	12,721.01	16,237.64	20,483.33
MEMBER CARE/OUTREACH Totals:	0.00	200.00	381.00	49.00	522.50
SPIRITUAL GROWTH FOR ADULTS Totals:	888.00	247.50	196.50	925.02	1,209.90
SPIRITUAL GROWTH FOR CHILDREN Totals:	674.61	(10.00)	1,129.95	0.00	1,357.18
SPIRITUAL GROWTH FOR YOUTH Totals:	66.17	2,374.19	959.11	0.00	1,165.78
WORSHIP CELEBRATION Totals:	1,356.48	1,293.02	1,140.30	703.41	1,488.72
Expense Totals:	72,362.87	56,282.58	55,920.36	55,770.19	56,863.77
Income - Expense:	48,781.22	34,047.27	14,569.06	23,156.28	15,908.34

<i>First Lutheran Church</i>					
Statement of Activities - Columnar Date Selection					
	1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021	1/1/2020 - 12/31/2020	1/1/2019 - 12/31/2019	1/1/2018 - 12/31/2018	1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017
Income					
PLEDGES AND OFFERINGS Totals:	678,931.39	609,832.74	570,964.36	612,742.83	601,035.42
MISSION INVESTMENT Totals:	774.24	1,768.96	1,808.98	1,356.85	1,232.77
Income Totals:	679,705.63	611,601.70	572,773.34	614,099.68	602,268.19
Expense					
BENEVOLENCE Totals:	37,431.13	25,681.08	26,359.55	28,084.01	25,176.42
PERSONNEL Totals:	445,995.32	408,167.99	357,974.57	385,246.51	376,590.77
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT Totals:	135,847.69	144,356.48	155,326.48	158,665.11	143,737.58
MEMBER CARE/OUTREACH Totals:	1,571.22	2,315.15	3,630.58	1,592.34	1,715.80
SPIRITUAL GROWTH FOR ADULTS Totals:	2,579.13	1,080.00	3,001.84	1,912.62	2,376.80
SPIRITUAL GROWTH FOR CHILDREN Totals:	9,156.96	3,376.94	11,995.37	3,845.06	4,420.31
SPIRITUAL GROWTH FOR YOUTH Totals:	5,997.58	8,369.66	9,683.81	9,047.17	9,545.44
WORSHIP CELEBRATION Totals:	5,582.65	4,172.29	4,072.37	3,473.26	3,417.59
Expense Totals:	644,161.68	597,519.59	572,044.57	591,866.08	566,980.71
Income - Expense:	35,543.95	14,082.11	728.77	22,233.60	35,287.48



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DELEGATES NEEDED FOR THE ANNUAL NW MN SYNOD OF ELCA ASSEMBLY **MAY 20-21, 2022**

FLC has space for 3 delegates to attend with the pastors—please call the office if you're interested or would like more information. Thank you! This is a great opportunity to learn more about what is happening around the NW MN Synod, and to have a voice in the work we do together!

Delegates will also be invited to attend the "Great Synod Get Together" on March 12th — at First Lutheran, Trinity, and Grace Lutheran Churches in Detroit Lakes. You'll meet leaders and delegates in person, from around the Synod, for a day of fellowship and worship. You don't need any special skills, just a willingness to get involved!

GREAT SYNOD GET-TOGETHER SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH IN DETROIT LAKES

All for Love
set free by the boundless love of Jesus

A day of worship, learning, Conference meetings, and workshop opportunities.

**Saturday, March 12th in Detroit Lakes
at First, Trinity, and Grace Lutheran Churches**

Registration will be 9:00-10:00 AM

Opening Worship at 10:00 AM

Lunch is included

Closing Worship will conclude by 3:30 PM

Keynote speaker: Dr. Cynthia D. Moe-Lobeda, Professor of Theological and Social Ethics at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

Intended Audience: rostered ministers, SAMs Council/Parish Presidents and Treasurers (and other council members), those who are elected to attend Synod Assembly as voting members, others who would enjoy a day of learning and worshipping together.

COVID-19 protocols for this event are: Vaccination or a negative COVID test within 72 hours (please arrange beforehand, rapid tests are not available everywhere) - this will be checked at registration.

We will be requiring masks indoors (during meal times, we will have space to social distance) Be attentive to symptoms the seven days before the event.



Parish Health

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Covid-19 Updates

Mask Recommendations

Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) recommends wearing a high-quality mask to help limit the spread of COVID-19, including variants like Omicron. Examples of high-quality masks are N95 or KN95 masks, which are very good at blocking droplets. If you cannot get that type of mask, wear a well-fitting mask with at least two layers of tightly woven fabric. You can also layer a disposable mask under a cloth mask to increase effectiveness.

Vaccine Updates

Kids Deserve a Shot!

While Minnesota is one of the leaders in the nation in vaccinating children 5- to-11 years old, this is still the lowest rate of vaccination among eligible age groups in the state. As the Omicron variant causes record-breaking new cases, this program aims to help boost vaccination rates and protect children against severe illness and hospitalizations.

Eligibility requirements:

- Minnesotans must be:
 - at least 5 years old at the time of one or both shots.
 - and 11 or younger at the time of their first shot.
- Minnesotans 5-11 years old must receive both their first and second doses between Jan. 1, 2022, and Feb. 28, 2022.

Families are able to receive one \$200 Visa gift card per each eligible 5- to-11-year-old fully vaccinated during this time. The reward registration form will open at 10 a.m. on Jan. 24, 2022.

Later this spring, there will be drawings for five \$100,000 Minnesota college scholarships for all Minnesotans 5-11 years old who are fully vaccinated.

Visit [Kids Deserve a Shot!](#) for more information.

Booster Update

All Minnesotans age 12 and older should get a booster shot. The timing of your booster shot depends on the vaccine you received for your initial vaccine series.

If you got Pfizer vaccine:

All Minnesotans age 12 and older should get a booster shot 5 months after their second dose. People who are 12-17 years old can only receive the Pfizer vaccine as their booster dose.

If you got Moderna vaccine:

All Minnesotans age 18 and older should get a booster shot 5 months after their second dose.

If you got Johnson & Johnson vaccine:

All Minnesotans age 18 and older should get a booster shot 2 months after their first dose.



Youth & Family Ministry

By, Emma Duncan, Youth & Family Ministry Director

YOUTH MINISTRY

Happy February!

Our 9th Graders are getting confirmed on February 13th at 1pm. This service will be livestreamed, so tune in to watch our awesome youth affirm their Baptisms!

We have a normal schedule through February!

Please continue to watch the announcements and emails for upcoming information and any classroom COVID exposures.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Happy February!

We have a normal schedule through February!

Please continue to watch the announcements and emails for upcoming information and any classroom Covid exposures.

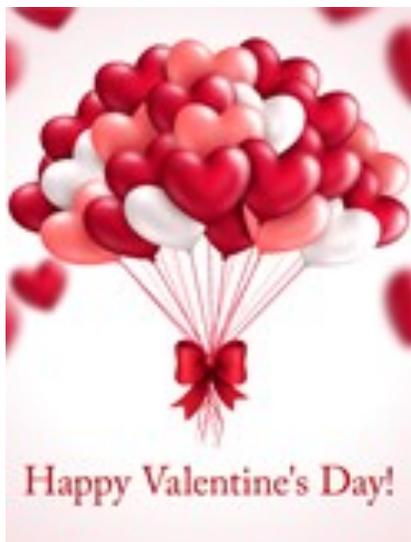
4th Grade Service Project



Blankets for FLC Elders and Homebound

The Link

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



1 Corinthians 16:14 “Let all that you do be done in love.”

Happy Valentine’s Day! “All you need is love, but a little chocolate now and then doesn’t hurt!”

The Christmas “Goodies” sale before Christmas netted \$509 to the FLCW budget. Thank you to Patti Cummins for organizing and everyone who so generously supported it.

While on the WELCA website, I came across a blog asking, “What would you say if someone asked about WELCA?” I started thinking about that—women have always gathered at the well when they came to get water for the day. When the pioneers came to America the first things they did was organize a church and school. Pioneer women gathered to make quilts, have lunch together and one of the women

fluent in reading would read from the Bible. As churches grew, women organized “Ladies Aid.” Pot lucks became ways for families to socialize and the women organized bake sales and church suppers, using the proceeds to buy items for the church.

So why do I belong to WELCA? It was a way to get to know other women, they were companions on my faith journey as I was in theirs. I deeply enjoy being part of an organization where women in generations past had the wisdom and faith to carry on and share with one another to learn and grow together. I also find great satisfaction in making LWR kits—my pet project is to make layettes. Other women have their own favorite projects—making quilts, other kits, or whatever projects that are made to bring blessings to people in need. My hope is the generations following us will carry on the ministry we women have been doing.

The Co-Council is taking a break and will meet again on March 16, 2022. Here is what was sent to LWR in 2021: 108 quilts, 85 School Kits, 42 Baby Care Kits, 31 Personal Care Kits and 2 Sewing Kits. Thank you for being faithful to those affected by disasters.

Upcoming Events:

- February 9th Deadline for Valentines for Vets
- March 2nd Lent begins
- March 4th World Day of Prayer



Where is your love going, especially this Valentine’s Day? Circles will be sending greetings to their honorary members again this year. I will be remembering family and friends who may be lonely or need a boost of love. I’m sure all of you have special people to remember. You again have the opportunity to remember Valentine’s for Vets. They are sent to the Veteran’s Home in Fergus Falls and the VA in Fargo. The return deadline is February 9, and they will be mailed February 10. Thank you in advance for participating.

CREATION CARE TEAM

The Creation Care Team (CCT) is up and running for 2022! We have many plans and ideas for this year. Here is an update on some of those plans.

There was an Adult Faith Formation session held on Sunday 11/21/21. Information was given on a couple of projects for 2022. We are hoping to have another Faith Formation session in March where we will present spring and summer events.

Upcoming events include a Youth Tree Planting event to be held in May. Education about the trees and maintenance of them along with games, planting of the trees, and a pizza party to end the event is planned.

The CCT will be hosting the 2nd annual tree give-away in early May. We gave away 275 trees last year and have ordered 325 to be given away this year.

The Abundant Grace Garden (AGG) plot is taking a year off to replenish and nourish the soil. Most of the produce from the AGG goes to the DL Food Pantry. We are asking members of First Lutheran to garden from home and supply their extra produce to the food pantry this year. Members of the CCT will be providing information about gardening and harvesting of the produce.

A 5-week book study will start in February. This study will focus on the use of plastics in our lives and be based on a different article each week instead of a book. It will be held via Zoom and be led by different members of the CCT. Topics will include the use of plastics and how do they affect each of us, how can we reduce the use of plastics, and the final week will be a Lenten Challenge. *(See information below)*

We are also looking at the possibility of providing reusable bags to help reduce the use of plastic bags.

Look for more information on all these topics and more in upcoming bulletins and newsletters.

-The Creation Care Team

FLC Creation Care Team 5-week Discussion on “Plastics and You!”

Did you know that...

- 5 trillion pieces of plastic are floating in our oceans.
- In the past five years, 6 billion tons of plastic waste was generated and nearly 80% is in landfills or the environment.
- 40% of plastic is used just once, then tossed.
- Plastic endures in the environment for between 450 years and forever!

As Christians at First Lutheran Church, how should we respond to this problem? One of the 2022 FLC Creation Care Team’s initiatives is to reduce single-use plastics in our church and community. You can learn more by joining us for a five-week facilitated discussion. We’ll meet by ZOOM from 7:00-8:00 PM every other Tuesday (February 8, 22, March 8, 22, and April 5).

The discussions involve reading articles available on the computer (paper copies available in the FLC Office). Our first discussion on February 8 is titled, **“So what’s the big deal about plastics? We’ll read the article, “The plastic backlash: what’s behind our sudden rage – and will it make a difference?”**

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/nov/13/the-plastic-backlash-whats-behind-our-sudden-rage-and-will-it-make-a-difference>

To sign up for the discussion group, please provide your contact information, including email address, to the church office by emailing flc@firstlutheranchurch.com or by signing up at the volunteer table. Gary Goreham will send a ZOOM link to you to join the discussion. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

(Statistics from the National Geographic Society.)

Update From Trinity Hope



News from Trinity HOPE

This is one of a series of articles which we make available each month to keep our supporters informed about our activities. Trinity HOPE, a not-for-profit charitable organization, raises funds and administers feeding programs that provide a noon meal for the hungry children who attend our schools in Haiti where the Good News of Jesus is shared daily.

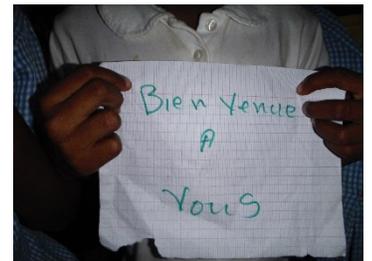
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Joy Is Contagious

By Denise Gudlin

Oh, how I miss visiting the schools and seeing the joy in the children's faces. This has been a tough season, but it is amazing to see God put everything in place to ensure the children still receive their meals, and He is keeping them safe. WOW! Thank you, God, for all your blessings!

In typical years, we get to visit Haiti at least twice a year. When we visit the schools the principal of the school is usually so excited to greet us and share what an impact the meal is having on his students and school. We often hear the common themes that attendance is consistent, the children are learning better, and the school is growing. We also hear that the children are joyful and participating in the classroom. When we finally get to enter the classroom, we are always in awe of the children. Often, they stand and hold signs sharing their appreciation, or share a song of appreciation and welcome.



Welcome to You

While recently working with one of our school partners, we were discussing the feeding program and the impact it has had on her school. She shared that attendance is up and steady because the children are eager to come to school and look for the fire which confirms they will receive a meal that day.



The meal was designed with a Vanderbilt nutritionist to ensure we could provide a complete protein knowing that most of the children would not eat again till they returned to school the next day. The portions are large for the size of the child and seeing such a small child consume every grain of rice is so rewarding. The children are so grateful to the love being shared with them. They thank God in song and prayers. Their real joy is contagious.

Sharing their appreciation is important to us and we pray you know what an impact you are making on these lives each and every day, one bowl of rice and bean at a time. Mesi - Thank you!

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:30a Quilters, Rec Rm 9:00a Office Staff Mtg 9:30a Rebekah Cir, Din Rm 10:00a LSS Morning Out, Lib 2:00p Rachel Cir, Library 5:00p Crisis Center Mtg, Zoom	2 Wednesday Schedule 6:30a Men's Bible Stdy, Hol. In. 10:30a Oak Crossing Worship 11:00a YFM Meeting 4:00p Father's Project 5:00p Worship Team Reh 5:15p Oasis Meal 6:00p Worship Service 6:15p Alleluia Ringers Reh. 6:30p Faith Formation Hour 7:15p Jubilate Choir Reh.	3 8:00a Women's Bible St, Lib 11:00a Worship Planning Com	4 12:00p AA, Lib 12:00p Prayer Team, Chapel	5
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