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We All  
Our God*



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*2017 Fall Ministries*  
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# Welcome

As a member of First Lutheran Church, you are part of the wide variety of ministries carried out in Jesus' name through this amazing congregation. Take a look through this brochure and you will find ministries that connect you to fellow Christians of many ages, interests, and backgrounds. There are so many opportunities! This is your grandmother's church, your kid's church, your parents' church, and yours!

Gathered around the gospel, the people of First Lutheran

PROCLAIM  
ENCOURAGE  
SERVE

This means that each of the ministries you will find in this brochure are opportunities for everyone to live in the gospel. We proclaim Christ Jesus to the world with our voices. With caring hearts, we encourage one another through inviting, welcoming fellowship. And we serve neighbors with our hands. Please use this brochure to find where God has called you to engage at First Lutheran. As you do, find ways to invite others into our community of faith. For wherever you are engaged, you are part of all of this ministry, and together we celebrate that the good news of Jesus Christ has come to us.



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## Sunday Mornings

First Lutheran gathers around the good news of Jesus Christ each weekend, to celebrate and proclaim his death and resurrection as our salvation and new life. Flowing out from worship, trusting in God's grace and blessing, we encourage one another, and look for opportunities to serve our neighbors in Jesus' name.

### Worship Times

Saturday Vespers, Chapel, 5 p.m., Communion  
Sundays, 8 a.m. Traditional Worship, Communion  
9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
11 a.m. Contemporary Worship

### Education – Scripture First

Scripture First is Sunday school for all ages that teaches Bible stories with the goal of knowing and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

Preschool – 5th Grade, 9:30 a.m.

6th –12th grade Youth, 9:30 a.m., 10:40 a.m.

Adults, Sunday 9:30 a.m., 10:40 a.m.

### Fellowship - Genesis Café

Sundays, 8:30-11 a.m.

Coffee and treats between worship services provides opportunities for us to encourage one another with the good news of Jesus Christ.

### Opportunities

**Atrium** - Get to know your church ministries and get connected in your areas of interest.

**Support** - HyVee cards (weekly) and Fair Trade Coffee (Second Sundays) in the Welcome Center

**Donate** - Coat drive, Christmas giving, food pantry, special requests

**Serve** - as an usher, acolyte, greeter, lector, cantor, communion assistant, with the Altar guild, on the broadcast team or at Genesis Café.

## Wednesday Nights

Wednesday evenings are the second main gathering of the week for First Lutheran. The Wednesday meal creates opportunities to meet other families, to serve the congregation, and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. There are opportunities for children, youth, families, and adults to engage in music, learning, and service - and there is certainly a place for you to connect into First Lutheran!

### Community Meal

Meals and fellowship provide an opportunity for our congregation to gather together both around God's Word and in community to share in faith with our neighbors.

### Music Rehearsals

The music program offers a wide variety of music experiences for children, youth and adults.

## Education

### Adult Forums

A variety of learning opportunities for adults on the Bible, theology and more.

### High School Youth Group

An hour and a half of fellowship and learning for our high school students and their friends.

### Middle School Confirmation

Confirmation for middle school students is a time of learning the Bible and catechism, connecting with others and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ!

### Wednesday Scripture First

Wednesday Scripture First is a mid-week experience for children in preschool through 5th grade to connect with peers and to learn about God's love.

## Generations

### Faith 5

Every night in every home, sharing in Christ:  
SHARE - READ - TALK - PRAY - BLESS

### Children

Carol Choir (1st-4th grade)

Christmas Pageant

Milestones

Piano Lab

Scripture First - Sunday & Wednesday

Milestones

Nursery Care

### Youth

Bible Study

Confirmation

Retreats

Youth Groups

### Young Adults

4:12 Young Adults

Bible Study

Fellowship

### Families

Open Gym

Family Retreat

Family Scripture First

### Adults

Men's Bible Study

New Member Classes

Senior Luncheon

Quilting

Weekly Scripture Study (formerly Pastor's Bible study)

WELCA Circles and Gatherings

## Choirs

### Adult Choir

This adult mixed ensemble is open to anyone who would like to sing, college age and up.

### Women's Choir

Women college-age and up are invited to sing with this ensemble. This choir sings a wide variety of music.

### Youth Choirs

Jubilant Singers, 5th – 8th Grades

FLYGHY Choir, 9th – 12th Grade

Youth choir is open to anyone who loves to sing.

### Children – Carol Choir

1st – 4th Grades

Carol Choir welcomes all first through fourth grade students. Carol Choir sings frequently during worship and each spring, leads worship in a program called “From the Children.”

## Handbell Choirs

### Adults – Agape Ringers

College age adults and up

### Youth

Good Vibrations, 5th – 8th Grades

Belle Campana, 9th – 12th Grades

## Piano Lab

### Piano Lab

3rd and 4th Grades

Group piano lessons for students entering third or fourth grade. Open to the community.

## Crafting

### Barnwood Quilt Block Painting Class,

Paint a quilt pattern on a 2' x 2' wooden board to make a beautiful wall hanging. Keep it or donate it to the Bazaar to support mission projects.

### Bazaar Crafts

Use your creative skills to make craft items for the Fall Bazaar. Work at home on your own schedule. A wide variety needle arts, wooden items, Scandinavian theme and holiday crafts are needed by October 27.

### Greeting Cards

Do you love to create things? Upcycle donated cards for the card shop in the library. Work on your own or get a group together; work at home or at FLC. Proceeds from the shop benefit FLC Quilters.

### Prayer Shawls

Prayer shawls are given to those who need an extra measure of comfort, warmth and as an expression of God's constant loving presence and care.

### Quilting and Sewing

The Quilters of First Lutheran meet to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief and other local organizations.

### Wood Shop

First Lutheran's Volunteer Shop is a fully equipped woodworking shop at the church where volunteers create and refurbish furniture and other items.

## Food

### Meals from the Heart

Volunteers meet monthly to prepare nutritious meals at the church. The meals are portioned and frozen. Members of First Lutheran are invited to deliver them to anyone in need. The hospitality of a delivered meal symbolizes a message of Christ's love and acceptance through the heart of caring service and our commonality of food.

### Genesis Café treats

Help provide baked goods on a rotating basis for Sunday mornings between services. Call Donna, 339-1983 ext. 202 to help.

### Healthy Cooking Classes

Learn to cook and eat healthy food on a budget. Some of the best cooks in Sioux Falls share their techniques and recipes for vegetables, meats, and desserts. The classes are free but please register to ensure we have enough supplies for each class you plan to attend.

### Meals on Wheels

First Lutheran Church has a Meals on Wheels route that volunteers have been driving for many years. Currently we have 32 drivers who deliver hot noon meals to seniors who are homebound, no longer driving, or are unable to prepare healthy, consistent meals in their homes for medical or social reasons, and do not have a caregiver to prepare their meals. The program helps local seniors stay healthy, safe and connected to the community. Active Generations prepares the meals Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) every week of the year.

Contact Donna, 339-1983, ext. 202 or [djahr@flcsf.org](mailto:djahr@flcsf.org).



## Senior Luncheon

Second Tuesdays, Noon

All First Lutheran senior adults and their friends who are 55 years or older, are invited for a free catered lunch followed by a program with topics of interest to seniors. Reservations are requested by calling the church receptionist at 336-3734, one week prior to the lunch. Rides are available through Project CAR, 332-2777, with 48 hours notice.

## Wednesday Night Community Meal

September–May, 5 – 6:15 p.m.

The entire community is invited most Wednesdays, for a tasty low-cost meal and great fellowship in Reformation Hall. No reservations required. Invite a friend and come eat.

## Wednesday Night Community Meal Dessert Club

Help provide baked goods on a rotating basis for the Wednesday night Community meal. Contact Kristy Zuraff, 339-1983 ext. 228, [kzuraff@flcsf.org](mailto:kzuraff@flcsf.org)

## Technology

Ministry today requires technical assistance for computer presentations, quality sound, and to produce the broadcast and online content. Hands on training is provided when you are ready to serve.

- Sound Board - learn operate the sound board in the Sanctuary for special services and events.
- Broadcast Ministry - learn to operate the cameras, audio board, or direct the broadcast on Sundays and at special services
- Tech Support - learn to run audio/visual/video camera for classes, speakers and special events.

## Support & Service

### Project CAR

Free transportation for senior citizens and special needs adults involved in the churches and agencies that support Project CAR. Rides to Sunday worship and church-related activities, medical appointments and more must be scheduled in advance. Volunteer drivers are needed. For a ride or to volunteer, call Kate Heligas (605) 332-2777.

### The Banquet

Sept. 20 (breakfast), Nov. 14 (dinner)

Feeding hungry people with good food, respect, and kindness. Contact Betty DeBerg, (319) 961-2227.

### Nursing Home Communion Worship

A team from First Lutheran conducts communion worship services in area nursing homes and assisted living centers each spring and fall. Call Donna, 339-1983 ext. 202 to be part of the hospitality team on Tuesdays and Thursdays in October.

### Compassionate Connections

This is a new drop-in ministry that connects people with needs to community resources, a listening ear, and prayers. Volunteers serve in shifts during church business hours. Training is provided.

### Donations & Support Opportunities

- Christmas Wreaths (Youth)
- Fair Trade Coffee (WELCA)
- HyVee Cards (Youth)
- Layette Kits (WELCA)
- Quilting materials
- Seasonal needs - Christmas giving, shelter donations, food drive, coat drive, etc.
- Special Offering Envelopes

## Health & Wellness

### Blood Pressure Checks

Wondering what your blood pressure is and whether or not it is in the healthy range? High blood pressure can only be detected if it is measured. Stop in or call, (605) 336-3734, for an appointment to see the Parish Nurse for a blood pressure screening, blood pressure/blood pressure medications education, or to temporarily borrow a blood pressure monitor for short-term home monitoring.

### Church Walkers

Enjoy a great mental, spiritual and physical journey inside the church. A one mile walking path has been mapped out within the church to include the sanctuary for spiritual reflection while walking. This was designed for individuals or a group of walkers to utilize throughout the year or when the weather is less than desirable outside. If you desire to walk within the church, stop at the reception desk for a map and let them know you will be taking advantage of the indoor walking opportunity!

### Foot Clinic

Fourth Tuesdays, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sanford foot-care nurses will screen, assess, care for you while educating you on the proper care and treatment of your feet. The cost is \$25. Scholarships available if cost is of concern. Appointments are necessary, and fill up quickly. Call the Info Desk (605) 336-3734 to schedule an appointment.

### Open Gym

Saturdays, 10 a.m. – noon

The Reformation Hall gym is open for individuals, families, or groups to play any game of your choosing. Bring your favorite ball for this unsupervised time.

### Pickleball

Mondays, 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.  
Reformation Hall

Pickleball combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong for all ages and skill levels. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players. Walk-ins are welcome! Please call the church receptionist 336-3734 to confirm the event is occurring.

### Stepping into Health

This walking program encourages activity and exercise throughout the year. Watch for special events to stir up competition and win prizes. Walkers track their steps on a tracking calendar or use a tracking device. Pedometers are available for a small donation. Next session begins Oct. 1.

Contact John Hegg to register at 339-2582 or [johnhegg@sio.midco.net](mailto:johnhegg@sio.midco.net).

### Yoga

Monday 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday 2 – 3 p.m. (Chair Yoga)

Friday Noon – 1 p.m.

Fee: \$5 suggested donation per session

Drop in yoga – three different types of yoga, three different days each week, to help you relax and re-center in mind, body, soul and spirit. Bring your own mat, or use one of ours.

## Special Events



### Worship in the Park and Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, Aug. 20, 11 a.m., McKennan Park

Bring a lawn chair and join us for worship at 11 a.m. at the McKennan Park bandshell. Larry Olson and the crew will lead the music. Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks! Afterward, the EMO Board will be providing lunch of chicken, salads and chips. You are invited to bring a dessert to share.



### Annual "Rock Around the Block" Party

Wednesday, Aug. 30, 5:30-7 p.m.

FLC has teamed up again to offer the 3rd annual Rock Around the Block Party along Dakota Ave. There will be FREE food, games, bouncy houses, gaga ball, live music and tons of fun! We are sponsoring Charis Ministries and will be accepting donations of toilet paper, full-sized shampoo, bar soap and toothpaste at the Block Party.



### Reformation Sunday

Dr. Steven Paulson, Guest Preacher  
Sunday, Oct. 29; 8, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

Dr. Steven Paulson (Professor of Systematic Theology at Luther Seminary) will be preaching at First Lutheran on the festive occasion of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, Sunday, Oct. 29.

### Reformation Hymn Festival

Sunday, October 29, 3 p.m., Sanctuary

Join the Sioux Falls community and a 100-voice community choir, brass, violin, flute and organ, in singing the faith we share! Led by Dr. John Schwandt, Organist and Dr. Steven Paulson, Luther Scholar.

Following the Festival, a German supper with bratwurst and German potato salad will be served in Reformation Hall. The cost for the meal is \$5.

### Tickets

Seating is limited – reserve today  
Free tickets are required for the hymn festival.  
Tickets for the \$5 meal must also be reserved.  
Tickets may be reserved prior to October 22.

- Visit [flcsf.org/hymnfestival](http://flcsf.org/hymnfestival)
- Visit or call First Lutheran Church, 336-3734

You may pick up your tickets at First Lutheran Church prior to the hymn festival, or at will call on the afternoon of October 29.





## Sidewalk Arts Festival

Saturday, Sept. 9; 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Festival goers are invited to tour the sanctuary, enjoy organ music by Zachary Rygiel and hear the Carol Choir during the community festival.



## Fall Bazaar

Saturday, Nov. 4; 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The annual First Lutheran Church Bazaar features a food "butikk" with pies, lefse, rosettes and krumkake, plus a Scandinavian buffet serving meatballs, sweet soup, ris crème and Rømmegrøt. Specialty shops include antiques, attic treasures, Christmas gifts, doll clothes, linens, plants, quilts, Scandinavian gifts and décor, used books and handcrafted wood items.

Many volunteers are needed for a successful Bazaar. For donation suggestions and volunteer listings, check News Notes and visit [flcsf.org/bazaar](http://flcsf.org/bazaar) beginning Sept. 1.

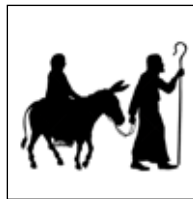


## Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, Nov. 22; 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a time of giving thanks to God for all the blessings of life

we receive in Jesus Christ.



## Advent Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Dec. 10; 6 p.m.

Join the Sioux Falls community in singing carols of the Advent season with festival choir, orchestra, handbells, and organ as we anticipate the arrival of our Lord.



## Christmas Eve

### The Nativity of Our Lord

Sunday, Dec. 24, 2:30, 4:30, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Surrounded by candlelight and carols of the Christmas season accompanied with brass, organ, flute, and violin, come and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.



## Festival of Light celebrating the Epiphany of Our Lord

Jan. 6, 2018, 6 p.m.

Together with the Sioux Falls community, join us for a blessed night of worship commemorating the visit of the wise men with festival choir, tableau, flute, violin, readings, and carols of the season.

## Ministry Opportunities

### 4:12 Young Adults

Christian adults in their twenties and thirties experiencing ministries through a balance of fellowship, life-sharing, spiritual growth, and outreach. Join us every month throughout the year for a variety of events from hayrides to bowling, to service projects and more. 4:12 offers great opportunities to meet other people and see where they are in their lives. The best way to feel a part of things is to get involved! Contact Marnie Dahle Backer, 339-1983 ext. 204, [mdbacker@flcsf.org](mailto:mdbacker@flcsf.org).

### Barnwood Quilt Block Painting Class

Saturday, Oct. 7, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Cost is \$35 per painter (+\$5 for custom design)

Limited to 10 painters. Register by Sept. 15.

Paint a quilt pattern on a 2' x 2' wooden board to make a beautiful wall hanging. Keep it or donate it to the Bazaar to support mission projects. To register or for information, call Nancy Olson at 332-4350.

### Choirs

Every choir leads the congregation in singing hymns, Psalms, and music for worship that proclaims the good news of Jesus Christ for the world. Choirs are open to anyone who likes to sing and wants to learn more about music. Each ensemble sings a variety of music, from music of the renaissance to offerings by contemporary composers. Contact: Shirley Barlow, 339-1983 ext. 261, [sbarlow@flcsf.org](mailto:sbarlow@flcsf.org).

**Carol Choir** (1st-4th grade) Saturdays

10:15 a.m. – Noon, Bonnie Lindgren, Director.

**Jubilant Singers** (5th-8th grade), Wednesdays,

5:30 – 6:20 p.m., Zachary Rygiel, Director.

**FLYGH**T (9th-12th grade) Wednesdays,  
6:30 – 7:25 p.m., - Zachary Rygiel, Director.

**Women's Choir** (College-age and older) Wednesdays  
6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Dr. Paul Nesheim, Director.

**Adult Choir** (College-age and older) Wednesdays  
7:35 – 9:05 p.m., Dr. Paul Nesheim, Director.

### Handbell Choirs

Ring in the melodies and harmonies of worship with one of First Lutheran Handbell Choirs.

Three opportunities offered to meet the abilities of children, youth and adults teaching fundamentals of ringing and progress to the more challenging techniques unique to hand bells.

**Good Vibrations** (5th – 8th grade), Wednesdays  
4:30 – 5:15 p.m., Ali Hoffman, Director.

**Belle Campane** (9th – 12th grades), Wednesdays,  
4:30 – 5:15 p.m., Ali Hoffman, Director.

**Agape Ringers** (College age and older), Tuesdays  
6:30 – 7:45 p.m., Mary Ryrholm, Director.

### Confirmation

Confirmation is a time of learning the Bible, connecting with others and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ! We know that your family has taught you to pray, given you God's blessing, and brought you to worship. Now in confirmation, you will be bringing all that you have learned so far, and together we will be opening the Bible, learning the Small Catechism, and coming again to trust in the promises of Jesus Christ. Contact Marnie Dahle Backer, 339-1983 ext. 204, [mdbacker@flcsf.org](mailto:mdbacker@flcsf.org)

## First Friday Movies

First Fridays, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Reformation Hall is transformed into a community movie theater, complete with popcorn and candy. Invite new families and get to know others in our community at these fun events. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Sponsored by Thrivent Financial and Downtown Sioux Falls.

## First Lutheran Church Foundation

The Foundation provides ongoing financial support to the mission of First Lutheran Church by managing and investing monies gifted to the First Lutheran Church Foundation by members and friends of the church. The Foundation provides ways for people who care about our church to support it through provisions in their estate plans.

Visit [flcsf.org/foundation](http://flcsf.org/foundation) or contact Marilyn McNeill, 339-1983 ext. 236, or [mmcneill@flcsf.org](mailto:mmcneill@flcsf.org).

## Genesis Cafe

Sundays, 8:30-11 a.m.

Coffee and treats between worship services provide an excuse to encourage one another with the good news of Jesus Christ. Join the hospitality team to help serve, bring treats, or join us Sunday mornings for a bit of fellowship and conversation.

## Grieving with Grace

First Saturdays, Gathering Room

9:30 Social time, 10 – 11 a.m. Group session

Grieving with Grace group sessions are open to adults who are grieving the death of a loved one.

Contact Pastor Katherine Olson, 339-1983 ext. 214 or [kolson@flcsf.org](mailto:kolson@flcsf.org)

## Healthy Cooking Classes

Second and fourth Tuesdays, 6 – 7 p.m.

Gathering Room

Learn to cook and eat healthy food. Some of the best cooks in Sioux Falls share their techniques and recipes for vegetables, meats, and desserts. The classes are free but please register to ensure we have enough supplies for each class you plan to attend. Register at the Information Desk, call the church at 336-3734, or visit [flcsf.org/healthy-cooking](http://flcsf.org/healthy-cooking).

## High School Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 – 7:30 a.m., Caribou/Einstein Bagels (2300 S. Minnesota Ave.)

Thursdays, 4 – 5 p.m., Bagel Boy (S Minnesota Ave.)  
Meet Elias and bring your Bible and a friend or two!

## Lutheran Men in Mission

Lutheran Men in Mission's goal is to strengthen men's Christian faith, relationships and mission in their homes, churches and community. The men organize golf tournaments, work the parking lot during Washington Pavilion events, wash dishes at First Lutheran events and take part in quarterly meetings. Contact: Orrin Anderson, 605-332-5957.

## “Maggie and David” Concerts

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 3 p.m., Samaritan Village

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 3 p.m., Primrose

In conjunction with First Lutheran's Caring Ministries, Pastor David Houck and his wife Margaret, known by their stage name, “Maggie and David,” perform musical programs at area nursing homes and retirement centers. Their program features popular music of decades past, hymns, Scripture, prayer, and spoken words of encouragement. All members and friends of First Lutheran are invited to attend the concerts.

## Media Ministry

First Lutheran broadcasts ministry on radio, television, and on the internet to bring God's word of forgiveness and new life in Christ to those who cannot attend in person. This ministry reaches a five-state area every week. Support for Media Ministry comes from sponsors and from gifts to the First Lutheran Foundation.

## Men's Bible Study

Thursdays, 7:30 a.m., Gathering Room

Led by Pastor Dave Johnson

Explore the books of the Bible. Coffee and rolls are available. All men are welcome.

## Milestones

God knew we would need reminders to stop and tell the stories: the stories of God and his people, the story of God's son and our own faith stories. Nearly every year from birth to graduation we celebrate different milestone events with our children. Families gather for a meal and learning time and then we celebrate and pray for the children during worship. Contact Marnie Dahle Backer, [mdbacker@flcsf.org](mailto:mdbacker@flcsf.org).

Anniversary of Baptism – Jan. 7

1-Year-old Baby's First Christmas – Dec. 3

3-Year-old First Step – Sept. 16

4-Year-old Prayer Pillow – Oct. 1

Kindergarten 10 Commandments – April 15

1st Grade Lord's Prayer – March 4

2nd Grade Confession & Forgiveness – Feb. 4

3rd Grade Bible – Sept. 17

4th Grade Apostles' Creed – Nov. 5

5th Grade First Communion – March 29

10th Grade Affirmation of Baptism – Nov. 6

High School Senior Recognition – May 6

Celebrating Marriage – date TBA

## MOPS at First Lutheran

Second and Fourth Tuesdays, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) at First Lutheran is for all moms of children, birth through kindergarten, to experience community, personal growth, practical help and spiritual hope. Contact Katie Bossman, (605) 201-5718.

## Nursing Home Communion Services

Each spring following Easter and again in the month of October, members of First Lutheran's Pastoral Care Board, pastors and volunteers visit local nursing homes to conduct a communion service for residents. The services are followed by fellowship, conversation and refreshments. It is well received by the residents as well as a rewarding experience for all First Lutheran participants. Contact Donna, 339-1983 ext. 202 or [djahr@flcsf.org](mailto:djahr@flcsf.org)

## Piano Lab

The Piano Lab curriculum takes students from pre-music reading to fluency in both bass and treble clefs. The Lab is equipped with eight Roland keyboards with touch-sensitive weighted keys (simulating the action of the modern grand piano), a teaching station, and a large flat-screen television to provide individualized instruction in a group setting. The mission of the Piano Lab offers piano lessons to students who would not otherwise be able to afford piano instruction. Visit [flcsf.org/piano-lab](http://flcsf.org/piano-lab) for more information and to register.

## Praise Team

Wednesdays, 5:35 – 6:30 p.m.

Bring an instrument and a voice and make some music together! Practice and lead music for the Wednesday night youth programs, as well as for special events and occasions. Larry Olson and Elias Youngquist lead this ministry.

## **Prayer Ministry**

### **Coffee and Prayer**

Wednesdays, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Free coffee and drive-thru happens each Wednesday. Just pull under the atrium canopy for your choice of coffee, juice/hot chocolate or bottled water. We will have a quick prayer to get your day started!

### **Prayer Chain**

Approximately 100 First Lutheran members compose the prayer chain. These men and women pray for others on an ongoing basis. Prayer requests are received by phone, emails or person-to-person conversations. The requests are then sent out via email on the prayer chain. Contact Donna, 339-1983, ext. 202

### **Prayer Shawls**

Prayer shawls are given to those who need an extra measure of comfort, warmth and as an expression of God's constant loving presence and care. Knitters pray as they knit each shawl. Contact Donna, 339-1983, ext. 202

### **Prayer Team**

Tuesdays, 5 – 6 p.m., Chapel

A small group of church members and a FLC staff member who pray for current ministries and concerns around the church and the congregation weekly. Devotion, prayer and fellowship.

### **Quilting & Sewing**

Mondays and Wednesday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Quilters of First Lutheran meet each Wednesday at 9 a.m. to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief and other local organizations. Bring a sack lunch; coffee is provided. Contact Dorothy Mikkelsen, (605) 339-1469

## **Senior Luncheon**

Second Tuesdays, Noon, Gathering Room

All First Lutheran senior adults and their friends are invited for a catered lunch followed by a program with topics of interest to seniors. Reservations are requested by calling the church receptionist at 336-3734, one week prior to the lunch. Rides are available through Project CAR, 332-2777, with 48 hours notice.

## **Weekly Scripture Study**

(formerly Pastor's Bible Study)

Wednesdays, 10 – 11 a.m., Gathering Room

Spend an hour studying the scriptures for the upcoming weekend. The preaching pastor leads the study and the attendees gathered gain insight and help shape the sermon with questions.

## **Wednesday Adult Forum Series**

6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Friendship Room

### **Christian Apologetics**

#### **Dr. LaMoyne Pederson**

What is faith? What is reason? And how are the two related? Can truth be universalized beyond one's own personal experience? What does this do for making moral arguments? How does a Christian share the faith?

Sept. 6 Humble Apologetics: Defending the Christian Faith Today

Sept. 13: Faith and Reason: Friend or Foe?

Nov. 8: The Christian Faith in a Pluralistic Age

Nov. 15: God, Ethical Relativism, and the Search for Moral Foundations



## Martin Luther and His Conversation Partners – Pastor John Christopherson

Get to know Martin Luther's thinking by spending some time with his most engaging friends, adversaries, and colleagues. As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, understand Luther through the major theological exchanges of the Reformation.



Sept. 20: Reformation: Erasmus of Rotterdam and Luther

Sept. 27: Nature of God: John Calvin and Luther

Oct. 4: Sacrament: Ulrich Zwingli and Luther

## The Freedom of a Christian - Pastor Lars Olson

Oct. 11, 18, & 25

One of Luther's most beloved, important, and cited works gives us a springboard to ask, "What does it mean to believe as a Christian, freed from sin but bound to serve my neighbor?"

## Handel's Messiah - Donna Johnson

Nov. 29, Dec. 6 & 13

Do you remember the first time you heard the Hallelujah Chorus? Were you ever blessed to participate in a performance of Handel's Messiah? Have you ever paid attention to the lyrics? Have you ever run into them while perusing your Bible? Did you feel goosebumps the first time you heard "And the glory of the Lord shall be re-vealed" and recognized it as part of God's message of comfort, deliverance and restoration to the kingdoms of Israel and Judah after release from their captivity (Is 40:5)? Come participate in a study of the scriptures, the history and the music of Handel's Messiah in preparation for Advent.

## Wednesday Scripture First

Preschool – 5th grade, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Scripture First is a mid-week experience for kids to connect with peers and to learn about God's love. Class offers same lessons as Sunday Scripture First. No pre-registration is necessary. Parents are invited to attend Wednesday adult classes, women's choir or help with classes.

## Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

All women of First Lutheran are invited to come together and celebrate our heritage as First Lutheran Church Women, to learn and grow through presentations on a variety of topics and to experience fellowship through devotions, music, sharing and great food.

## General Meetings

Sept. 7, 6 p.m., Gathering Room – Kristie Meier  
Kristie Meiera, deacon at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Tea, SD, will speak on Katie von Bora Luther's influence on Martin Luther and the Reformation, and the role of women in the Reformation. A light supper will be served.

Oct. 5, Noon, Gathering Room – Jeff Backer  
Intern Pastor and seminary student Jeff Backer will speak on his month of study in the Holy Land. He will share his experience walking where Jesus walked and visiting historical Biblical places.

Nov. 9, 10 a.m., Gathering Room – Teresa Nygaard  
Teresa Nygaard from the South Dakota Synod Office will tell us about her experiences in service to God and His people.

Dec. 2, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall  
Christmas Gathering for our annual birthday party for Jesus. Special music and program.

## Bible Study Circles

Meet the third week each month

Dorcas Circle, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

Elizabeth Circle, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

Hannah Circle, Thursday, 6 p.m.

Katie Circle, Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.

Lois Circle, Tuesday, 9 a.m.

Lydia/Rachel Circle, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

Martha Circle, Thursday, 1 p.m.

Rhoda Circle, Thursday, 1 p.m.

Ruth Circle, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Sarah Circle, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

Contacts: Marcia Huffman at 360-4168, or Kathy Stelzer at 332-1820.

## Wood Shop

Most weekday mornings. Coffee at 9 a.m.

The volunteers in the shop fashion wood into beautiful, useful items, carry out projects around the church, and have a good time doing it!

Contact Bob Bauman, (605) 338-2194.

## Young Adult Bible Study

Thursday, 6 p.m., Manos de Cristo

A round table, discussion and study for young adults. Questions are encouraged as we wrestle with God's word. After-work snacks provided as we walk through Paul's letter to the churches of Galatia.

Contact Kiri Jacobsen at kgjacobsen13@ole.augie.edu, for more information.

## Youth Group

Middle School – Sunday, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

High School Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9 p.m.,

Join Elias and Heather for a time of games, Bible study, fun activities and more! You can bring ALL your friends and meet new ones! Contact Elias Youngquist, Youth Minister, 339-1983 ext. 235 or [eyoungquist@flcsf.org](mailto:eyoungquist@flcsf.org).

## Retreats & Trips

### Colombia Mission Experience

Nov. 10 - 18, 2017

For information contact Jeff Backer, Director of Evangelism, Mission & Outreach, at [jbacker@flcsf.org](mailto:jbacker@flcsf.org) or (605) 339-1983 ext. 209.

### Family Retreat

Come away for a weekend of fun and encouragement. Joy Ranch in Watertown is a wonderful destination for family bonding and strengthening relationships. Watch for details!

### ELCA National Youth Gathering

2018 National Youth Gathering is in Houston, Texas, June 25 to July 1.

You do not want to miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime experience! Information is available in the Youth & Family office or talk to Elias Youngquist, Youth Minister.

Register soon to reserve your place for next summer!



## Special Ministries

### Church on the Street

Church on the Street is a faith community where God's people gather around Word and Sacrament to seek healing, spiritual fulfillment and a Christian community on the street. They build relationships as God did through listening, asking questions, being present and consistent, and showing compassion to all of God's people. Every human being, housed or not housed, deserves a worshiping community where they feel at home. Under the South Dakota Synod of the ELCA, they provide a ministry to the marginalized homeless community. Please join us as partners in this mission as we carry out Christ's Great Commission by reaching out to all people to bring them to faith in Christ. Visit [churchonthestreet.weebly.com](http://churchonthestreet.weebly.com)



### Faith 5

“What happens to children who check in with their parents every night before going to bed, share highs and lows, scripture, talk, prayer and blessings most every night of their lives? How might a simple, five-step faith practice change a child, a family, and world?” – Rich Melheim, [faith5.org](http://faith5.org)

Introducing the Faith 5 which we are incorporating into our ministries and into your homes every night. Do these five things for five minutes at home.



1. . SHARE highs and lows
2. . READ a Bible verse or story
3. . TALK about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows
4. . PRAY for one another's highs and lows
5. . BLESS one another



### Lankford Arts Series

The Lankford Arts Series at First Lutheran Church explores the intersection of sacred arts and the Christian faith as an outreach to the Sioux Falls community. Founded through an endowment by David and Susan Lankford. David and Susan Lankford were tireless advocates of the arts in worship at First Lutheran Church, singing in the choir and giving of their time and talent.

For centuries, great composers and artists have shared their faith in Christ through music, visual art, literature, architecture and drama. Each year, The Art of Faith hosts world-class musicians and artists at First Lutheran Church, and extends an invitation to the Sioux Falls community to attend and participate. All events are free and open to the public.

This ministry is funded solely through donations from supporters and Friends of the Arts. Donors who contribute \$50 or more will be recognized in future programs and receive email invitations to future Lankford Arts Series events. If you would like to support future events in the Lankford Arts Series, donations can be made online at [flcsf.org/give](http://flcsf.org/give), or mailed to First Lutheran Church at 327 South Dakota Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57104.



## Legacy Society

Become a member. We invite you to join the First Lutheran Church Foundation Legacy Society. All you have to do is notify us that you've included our Foundation in your estate plan. You need not specify the type of planned gift or the amount.

Your name will be published along with other Society members to recognize your gift and to encourage others to do likewise. Or, you can let us know that you wish to remain anonymous.

As a member of the Legacy Society, you will receive invitations to all Legacy Society special events, including an annual recognition celebration, special estate planning seminars, news and information. You will also receive a memento of appreciation.



## Luther House of Study

Luther House of Study is not a building or place, it is a mission to strengthen Lutheran leadership and ministries for the proclamation of the gospel. Anchored in the Lutheran faith and grounded in the foundation of Lutheran education (in partnership with Sioux Falls Seminary), Luther House of Study serves future ministry professionals, current ministry professionals, and congregations.



Luther House of Study offers online curriculum and videos about the Lutheran faith and its foundation that individuals and congregations may utilize free of charge.

First Lutheran Church and Luther House of Study have a strong, mutual relationship. Many of our members attend offerings of Luther House. In addition, Luther House of Study has taught classes at First Lutheran.

See more information at [lutherhouseofstudy.org](http://lutherhouseofstudy.org)

## Scripture First

Learn the Bible. Use the Scriptures.  
Share the Gospel.

That is the goal of Scripture First. Teaching our congregation and building confidence, so that sharing the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection becomes a natural part of this community. We teach the scriptures that are connected with worship to all ages - children, youth and adults - and provide opportunity to talk across generations at church and at home.

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