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**First Lutheran Church**

**309 Ninth Street North**

**Northwood, IA 50459**

**First Lutheran Focus May 2022**

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**Join us again on May 4th and May 18th at 6:00 pm**

***“In the same way, let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”***

**Matthew 5:16**

**PASTOR’S PAGE**

One of the passages that I learned early in life is from

Philippians 4. ***Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice***. And, a few verses later it says: ***And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus***.

This is how Eugene Peterson paraphrases verse 4-7 in *The Message:*

 **Celebrate God all day, every day. I mean, revel in him! Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you’re on their side, working with them and not against them. Help them see that the Master is about to arrive. He could show up any minute! Don’t fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concern. Before you know it, a sense of God’s wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It’s wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.**

We have a lot to celebrate here at First Lutheran.

Thanks to the work of our quilters and confirmation class along with your support we were able to send 18 quilts and 19 personal care kits for the Lutheran World Relief drive for Ukraine. We will also be sending our Lenten offering to them.

We give thanks for and ask God’s blessings on our graduating high school seniors. Please join us for worship on May 15th as we celebrate this milestone.

We give thanks for each new/old part of life together we can safely include in worship. Two years ago Covid-19 forced us to stop, take a break and then cautiously sort through what we could and should be doing. At this point in the pandemic we are learning how to live with the reality of Covid-19.

I continue to be thankful for the privilege to serve as your pastor here at First Lutheran. We are blest with a great staff, wonderful leadership and incredibly talented people. You are all a part of this community and I am excited to see where God is calling us next.

 What can you add to the list? What a wonderful way of thinking about each day. Whether it is celebrating or turning our concerns over to God. Shaping our worries into prayer and trusting that God’s wholeness will come and settle us down. I must admit that some days are easier than others. This is especially true when the sun is shining but I must be careful to not let blips in my schedule or other inconveniences interrupt or derail the whole day.

 Yes, embrace the gift of each day and celebrate. And, when worries abound shape them into prayer. I wonder what it will be like when all of us sense God’s wholeness and let God settle us down. Let’s do it. Let’s live it!

-Pastor Becky

**PASTORAL ACTS**

**Baptisms:**

Waylon John Nelson- 4/24/22

**YOUTH NEWS**

With summer fast approaching, we will get ready to shake things up for both Youth groups soon. Students who are just completing 6th grade can join Jr. High Youth starting Sunday, May 22. Students completing 8th grade will be allowed to be a part of both groups all summer long. Those who just graduated will be allowed to attend Sr. High Youth until school starts back up at the end of the summer.

The first Sunday night of the summer, May 22nd, will be our annual Youth Olympics. We will have ALL our Youth together (current 6th graders to the graduates) joining together into 5 teams competing against each other for the night. It's always a fun night with a shorter lesson to kick the summer off right.

Our DayCamp theme this year “Tree of Healing” which focuses on healing the Earth as well as ourselves. We will have sign-up sheets available during the last day of Sunday School which will be given to all the students here, as well as available in the office or online. The dates for DayCamp are June 6 – 10 from 10:00 to 2:00 each day.

Taking a look back – we had an AMAZING year attendance wise from our students. I'm proud to say that we've never had this many students attend Youth at least 50% of the time in the 15 years I’ve been here. The following 42 Students made that list!!!!

Ellie Erhardt

Damon Reyerson

Andrew Grunhovd

Andrew Breitsprecher

Thomas Block

Emma Logemann

Kenny Conlin

Jason Hanson

Nicholas Hanson

Bella Hoch

Camden Trenhaile

Christopher Madsen

Jon Meksi

Nyx Mayberry

Fayrah Grunhovd

Lexi Mchenry

Kinley Stambaugh

Annalisa Coyle

Weston Willand

Logan Manning

Tyce Skellenger

Camryn Rheingans

Emy Wahl

Jade Fierova

Iver Girouard

Josh Krauth

Carson Tufte

Ashlyn Skellenger

Grady Buenzow

Brayden Reyerson

Pete Kelly

Josiah Bass

Dylon Freerksen

Austin Orth

Alex Follmuth

Lex Hanson

De'Angelo Fergeson

Hunter Janssen

Noah Woltzen

Trent Tiedemann

Chaz Cummins

Hayzin Jacobson

**Easter Memorials
and
Honorariums**

***Floral Memorials***

*Altar flowers are given in Memory of Norance Sr. & Nancy Reyerson, Given by Mary Reyerson*

*In Memory of Hellen Holstad, Given by First Lutheran Altar Guild*

*In Memory of Tami Welty, Given by Tony & Lauren Welty*

*In Memory of Grandpa & Grandma Toft, Given by the Toft family*

*In Memory of Family & Friends, Given by Harlan & Barb Helgeson*

*In Memory of Gary Bachtle, Given by Molly Bachtle & Family*

*In Memory of Chuck Lehman, Given by Avis Lehman*

*In Memory of Orlin & Norma Groe, Given by Arnold & Linda Griffith*

*In Memory of Bill & Nathan Read, Given by Gail Read*

*In Memory of Steve & Sharon Aase, Given by Sally Aase*

*In Memory of Our Loved Ones, Given by Gary & June Nerlien*

*In Memory of Robert Wilder and Loved ones, Given by Jan Wilder & Daughters*

*In Honor of Robert & Jan Wilder, Given by Marcie Cole*

*In Honor of Loved Ones, Given by Rebecca & Lee Okerlund*

*In Memory of Jeanette Knutson, Gary Knutson and Cornell & Ila Knutson, Given by the Timothy Knutson*

*In Memory of Ron & Irene Stricker, Given by Nick & Barb Stricker and Sherrie Floy*

*In Honor of Florence Klitzke, In Memory of Elaine Hill and Kevin Klitzke, Given by Larry Klitzke*

*In Honor of Ray & Violet Wangen and Keith & Ellen Wangen, In Memory of Giles & Zora Crane, LaDon, Dick & Bob Crane and Liz Anne, Given by Ron & Judy Wangen*

*In Memory of Buck Reeder & Bob Reeder and loved ones, Given by Dennis & Janet Reeder and
Dan & Carolyn Reeder and Family*

*In Memory of Phillip & Arlene Van Sabben and loved ones, Given by Dennis & Janet Reeder and
Dan & Carolyn Reeder and Family*

*In Loving Memory of Arlene Van Sabben, Betty Johnson, Elaine Butler, Kary Paulson and Robert Wilder, Given by Conner Colonial Chapel*

**Easter Memorials
and
Honorariums**

***General Fund***

***$100*** *In Memory of Norman and Steve Olson, Given by Shirley Olson*

***$100*** *In Memory of Maynis Aamodt, Given by Gergory Nystuen*

***Property Fund***

***$500*** *In Memory of Many loved ones, Given by Roger & Debbie Rustad*

***$200*** *In Memory of Loved ones, Given by Rebecca & Lee Okerlund*

***Youth Fund***

***$100*** *In Memory of Justina Smith, Given by Maci Smith*

***$50*** *In Memory of Loved ones, Given by Rebecca & Lee Okerlund*

***$25*** *Donation, Given by Marjorie Lau*

***Social Ministry***

***$300*** *In Memory of family members who have passed this year, Given by Ray and Wanda Hoffman*

***$50*** *In Memory of Loved ones, Given by Rebecca & Lee Okerlund*

***Organ Fund***

***$100*** *In Memory of Ed & Helen Senne, Given by Mary Jo Senne*

***Riverside Bible Campers***

***$50*** *In Memory of Lonnie Harris, Given by Myra Harris and family*

***Inspire Service***

***$100*** *In Memory of Helen Senne, Given by the Binnebose family*

***Lutheran World Relief***

***$50*** *In Memory of the Olson & Butler brothers and sisters, Given by Shirley Olson*

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| **First Lutheran Missions** |  |
| **January 1 – February 28, 2022** |
| Bremwood | $  |
| Operation Christmas Child | $  |
| Education Fund | $ 200.00 |
| Youth Fund  | $ 510.00 |
| Youth Campership  | $ 220.00 |
| Caring Tree | $  |
| Meals on Wheels | $  |
| Manna | $  |
| Heifer International | $ 188.96 |
| Riverside Bible Camp | $ 80.55  |
| Campers Fund | $  |
| Good Samaritan Fund | $ 125.00  |
| Lutheran Services | $ 400.00 |
| Dayspring Children’s Village | $ 115.00 |
| Northern Lights Shelter | $  |
| LRH Auxiliary | $  |
| **TOTAL** | $ 1,839.51  |

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| **First Lutheran Financial Update** |
| **March 2022** |  |   |
| Income |  $27,598.01  |
| Electronic Income |  $3,342.01  |
| Expense |  ($22,872.02)  |
| End of Month |  $8,067.23  |
| **YTD as of March 31** |  |   |
| Income | $51,126.37 |
| Electronic Income | $9,261.70 |
| Expense |  $73,045.50 |
| End of Month | ( $12,657.43) |

**March General Budget Expenses**

 PAYROLL: $ 16,742.95

 E-GIVING EXPENSE $ 41.12

 CHURCH MAINTENANCE $ 301.48

 PARSONAGE MAINTENANCE $ 191.42

 UTILITIES $ 2,826.76

 TELEPHONE $ 212.68

 OFFICE EXPENSE $ 637.90

 SYNOD CONVENTION $ 345.00

 WORSHIP $ 448.48

N.E. SYNOD $ 1,125.00

 TOTAL EXPENSES $ 22,872.79

 INCOME $ 30,940.02

 NET $ 8,067.23

**Donations**

**$400.00 - Lutheran Services - Ukraine**

**$115.00 - Dayspring Children’s Village**

**$80.55 - Riverside Bible Camp**

**$161.13 - Heifer International**

**$63.96 - Good Samaritan Fund**

**Memorials**

**\*Correction
Jerry Pixley - $500 General Fund donation;
 $200 was mistakenly reported in April**

**May Share Shoppe**

**JULIA Circle will be working May 7th**

**Mission Project for May**

**Lutheran Retirement Home Auxiliary**

**Staff Phone Numbers**

Pastor Sogge 612-718-9151

Mark Willand 641-390-1032

Troy Bachtle 641-430-8305

Jan Thompson 641-390-0883

Christa Larson-Trenhaile 641-390-0484

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**The altar flowers** are in loving memory of Norance Sr. and Nancy Reyerson, given by Mary Reyerson.

**Thank you** to those in Care group 2 for your help with all the duties that it takes to have Sunday worship.

**Thank you to the Altar Guild** for helping with the stripping and decorating of the Altar for Holy week.

**Congratulations to** Nicholas and Emily Nelson on the baptism of their son, Waylon John. His sponsors are Chris and Danielle Nelson. Waylon is the great grandson of Leila Gangstad.

**If you or someone in your family** would like to receive soup as a part of the Soup Ministry or be put on the prayer list (with permission), please notify the office at flc@flcnorthwood.org or call 641-324-2984. Also, contact the office if you know anyone who would like to become a member of First Lutheran Church.

**We are starting to update household information in our church software.** Please contact the office with address, phone number and email address changes.

**First Lutheran Quilters** donated a dozen quilts to a Children’s burn center as well as 18 quilts to Ukraine. We continue to thank all the ladies for the many hours and hard work it takes to make and send quilts to those who are truly need them in other parts of the world as well as locally.

**Please bring your spare change** for Noisy Offering on Sunday, May 8th, 22nd and 29th. This offering goes to the mission of the month which is Lutheran Retirement Home Auxiliary.



**Please join us on Sunday, May 15th for a special worship service honoring the graduating Seniors of First Lutheran.**

**Seniors- Please come wearing your cap and gown and receive a gift and blessing from the congregation ☺**



**Catch Health Problems before they go too far!**

Life Line Screening offers a 5-screening package to provide peace of mind or early detection of risks of a stroke and cardiovascular disease- $150

**Join us in the Fellowship Hall on
Tuesday, May 17th**

Call 877-754-9648 to register and receive a discount



**Women of First Lutheran**

**We have two special offerings a year, in May and November. May is Love offering! This year it will be going to the Lutheran Retirement Auxiliary to help with needs outside the general expenses. Our church was the originator of building the Lutheran Retirement Home facility along with several other congregations in the area and should be a mission of our congregation. Please consider this prayerfully as most of our families have benefited from this facility in some way.**

**Please bring your gift to your circle meeting or send to Myra Harris at 1325 460th St. Northwood, Iowa. Write checks to FL Women with Luth. Ret. Aux in the memo.**

**We did really well in November. Let’s see if we can top it!
*-First Lutheran Women Core Group***



**Confirmation students sent 19 personal care kits to Lutheran World Relief’s drive for Ukraine.**



**1. Andrew Husske, Makayla Reyerson, James Tanner, Clifford Zipse**

**2. Kash Hickle, Justin Mills, Bruce Rheinfels**

**3. Dana Borcherding**

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**5. Rhonda Tufte, Lucille Watney**

**6. Angela Kortan, Terran Haberman, Eric Otis, Michael Otis, Taylor Otis, Trey Waldemar**

**7. Lee Nelson**

**8. James Krull, Brock Nelson**

**9. Tyler Husske, Cambria Schreiber, Silas Waller, Robyn Wilder**

**10. Michael Bachtle, Casey Gentz, Ray Larson**

**11. Spencer Capitani, Douglas Helgeland, Alyssa Iverson, Casey Carlson, Lois Nelson, Sawyer Schulz**

**12. Raymond Hoffman, Scott Moretz, Hayden Olson, Wayne Trenhaile**

**13. Teresa Krull, Joseph Read**

**14. Florence Klitzke, Tanner Wright**

**15. Joseph Kuennen, Joanne Moretz, Colby Severson, Tracy Van Sabben**

**16. Owen Binnebose, Taylor Foss, Jordan Reindl**

**17. Tucker Duvall, Jesse Olson**

**18. Jerry Hopperstad, Julia Quisley, Briar Tenold, Ashley Thompson, Bexton Braun**

**19. Mikaela Butler, Patricia Nelson, Bernon VanVeldhuizen, Peyton Wilder**

**20. Roger Harris, Jason Johnson**

**21. Teri Dahlby, Tyler Julson, Terri Olson, Tinzley Robb, Jace Shackleton, River Flattum**

**23. Chris Ballantyne, Gene Severson**

**24. Clara Helgeland, Ryan Kalvig, Cheryl Nitcher, Pamela Williamson**

**25.**

**26. Barbara Helgeson, Dylan Hengesteg, Patricia Irons, Duane Thompson**

**27. Heather Rheingans, Michael Weisert**

**28. Gloria George, Kimberly Hengesteg, Colton Moretz**

**29. Breanne Lombard**

**30. Courtney Meyer, Aaron Stevens, Cassandra Lande**

**31. Lois Hogen, Marlys Johnson, June Nerlien, Eric Thrond**

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| **May 2022** |
| **Sunday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
| **1 Easter 3**9:00am- Service with H.C.10:00am- Care group Mtng.10:10am- Sunday School6:30pm- JH. Youth | **2** | **3**6:00pm: Worship Committee 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon7:00pm: Inspire Planning Mtng. | **4**6:00pm: Inspire 7:00pm: Choir7:00pm: SH. Youth | **5**8:30am: Quilting9:00am: Prayer Gr.6:30pm: Taekwondo | **6** | **A picture containing clipart  Description automatically generated7** |
| **8 Easter 4**9:00am- Service with N.O.10:00am- Council Meeting10:10am- Sunday School6:30pm- JH. Youth[**Mother’s Day**](http://www.calendarlabs.com/holidays/shared/mothers-day.php) | **9** | **10**11:00am: Staff Mtng. 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon | **11**7:00pm: Choir7:00pm: SH. Youth | **12**8:30am: Quilting9:00am: Prayer Gr.6:30pm: Taekwondo7:00pm: Pub Theology | **13** | **14** |
| **15 Easter 5**9:00am- Service with H.C. and Graduating Seniors10:10am- Sunday School3:00pm- LRH Service6:30pm- JH. Youth | **16** | **17**4:00pm: Trust Fund7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon**Lifeline Screening** | **18**2:00pm: Sr. Comm.6:00pm: Inspire 7:00pm: Choir7:00pm: SH. Youth | **19**8:30am: Quilting9:00am: Prayer Gr.6:30pm: Taekwondo | **20** | **21** |
| **22 Easter 6**9:00am- Service with N.O.6:30pm- JH. Youth | **23** | **24**11:00am: Staff Mtng. 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon | **25**7:00pm: Choir7:00pm: SH. Youth | **26**8:30am: Quilting9:00am: Prayer Gr.6:30pm: Taekwondo7:00pm: Pub Theology | **27** | **28** |
| **29 Easter 7**9:00am- Service with N.O.6:30pm- JH. Youth | **30**[**Memorial Day**](http://www.calendarlabs.com/holidays/us/memorial-day.php) | **31**7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon |  |  |  |  |