

October 2024



of the First Lutheran Congregation

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# Tis the Season of

# Transition

Life is full of transitions, and October is no exception. School has started, and families are pretty settled into their school year routines. The trees are transitioning from their summer green luster, to their autumnal colors, and soon the leaves will be



falling. A sweatshirt or light jacket can feel really good in the morning, but is easily forgotten at work or school, as it can still be pleasantly warm towards later afternoon. Closets are being transitioned from "summer" clothes to "winter" clothes, cotton sheets are being replaced with flannel sheets, and it is getting darker earlier and earlier, and lighter later and later.

The land is transitioning, too. Low fields of beans are being harvested, and taller fields of corn have begun to be chopped, and soon will be harvested, too. It always amazes me at how "flat" the land looks after crops are gone!

In the church, we are still in the (long – it is 27 Sundays this year!) season after Pentecost. The paraments are still green, indicating growth, and we are still hearing about Jesus and his teaching. In the church, there really isn't an "autumn season," as the season after Pentecost lasts through November, and the new church year begins December 1 this year, on the First Sunday of Advent. The LIFT children are getting into the

swing of classes, and preparing for singing in church. At the end of October, four 9th graders will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, October 27.

I hope to see you in church, as lake places are closed up for the winter, as the temperatures cool down, as routines are settled. If you've been away, you are welcome back, no questions asked! If you have been in worship faithfully, we appreciate your presence. If you would like to check First Lutheran out, you are welcome here.

See you in church!

Peace,
Pastor Ann



# **Remember His Goodness**

by Dudley Anderson 9/27/2024 / Christian Living

#### **Deuteronomy 10:21**

He is your praise, and he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things which your eyes have seen.

I'd toddled off to the kitchen to make a steaming beverage for my family. In the lounge were Karen, my wife, Ryan and Amy, my son and daughter-in-law, and their children Ruben, Grace and Zac. As I waited for the kettle to boil, I was thinking about life. "Lord," I prayed quietly, "I know you're a miracle-working God yet I've not seen any healings." Like the next guy, I have often prayed for healing and I know God heals but at that moment I had forgotten the goodness of the God I serve and I was absorbed by my doubts. Turning my back on the kettle I grumbled, "Lord, I wish I could just see a miracle."

Just then, my 11-year-old grandson, Ruben popped his head out the lounge door and looked at me. He then withdrew back into the lounge without uttering a word. Instantly the Holy Spirit reminded me of an awesome healing miracle that my eyes had seen.

When Ruben was a mere 3 weeks old he was rushed to hospital with suspected sepsis. Sepsis is extremely dangerous for a small infant. Karen and I hurried to the hospital to be with Amy and Ryan and to pray for little Ruben. Ruben was fitting uncontrollably. Then the unimaginable happened, he stopped breathing. Medics rushed to his side to resuscitate him. After he was resuscitated, they made plans to transfer Ruben to an intensive care unit in a specialised children's hospital. We continued to pray and trust God for a miracle. There he was, his small form, infiltrated by a respirator and myriad monitoring machines.

Twenty-four hours later, Karen and I visited him again. To our amazement, the cables and tubes had been removed. "He's on the mend," said the ICU sister. "I have never seen such a quick turnaround in all my working life," she added. Ruben was healed... miraculously!

Ruben said nothing to me that day when he looked at me from the lounge. I believe the Holy Spirit used him to simply pry me from my moping doubts and remind me that he is my God who has done great and awesome things for me, which my eyes have seen.

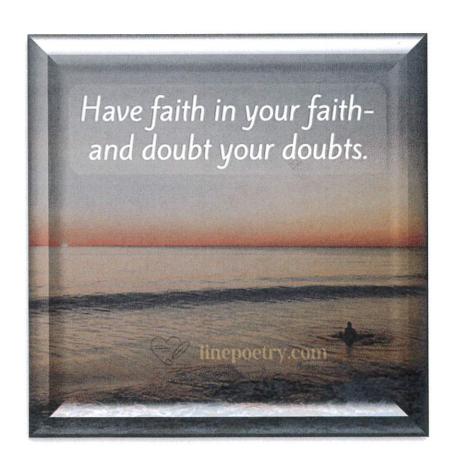
We serve a miracle-working God. There is nothing too difficult for the Lord. Expel those doubts and remind yourself of the miracles and the good things he has done for you. He can turn your mourning into dancing and your darkest night into day.

God-tracking is remembering the things he has done.

#### DON'T GIVE UP, LOOK UP & PRAY

"Praise you my God who has done great and awesome things for me, which my eyes have seen."

"Dear Lord, I'm sorry for my doubts and my short memory. I remember the good things you have done for me and I celebrate all the miracles I have experienced. Praise you my God who has done great and awesome things for me, which my eyes have seen. Nothing is too hard for you. I rejoice in your goodness and love. Amen."





# Noisy Offering for September was collected for: The Banquet in Sioux Falls

The total amount collected was: **\$227.45** 

Noisy Offering for October will go to the Pipestone County Food Shelf THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THESE IMPORTANT OUTREACH NEEDS.

# September 2024 Offerings

Monthly Offering needed: \$21,265.00	September
Weekly Offering – week 1	179
Weekly Offering – week 2	25 (4.5)
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MONTH-END TOTAL:	10.00
Difference from Budget amount needed:	95.76

Needed / week: 4-week month = \$5,316/week 5-week month = \$4,253/week

### There are now THREE METHODS to use Simply Giving:

- 1) Your church offerings can be made weekly, every other week (bi-weekly) or monthly automatically through electronic funds transferred from your checking or savings accounts.
- 2) To the right is a Quick Response (QR) code. When you scan the QR code image with a smartphone's QR decoder, it will instantly connect you to the mobile version of the church's Vanco/Simply Giving offering site. Just follow the directions on your screen.
- 3) Be watching of some other options as they become available.
- 4) Good ol' offering envelopes.







# Council Highlights from September 11th, 2024

- Members in attendance: Pastor Ann, Craig Thies, Ingrid Wielenberg, Cristy Appel, Kristy Henriksen, Karen Boehm, Robert Baerenwald, Nicole Weber, Marit Sterud, Thad Reinert, Lori Ilse, Mike Straw
  - Treasurer's Report: Discussion on shortages in funds, Youth will be donating the fairstand proceeds back to the church. Bills are to be paid, with the exception of the Synod payment. This will be paid once we have extra funds.
    - Pastor's Report: New Member Sunday will be on Sunday, Sept. 22nd.
       Working on "Prayer Partner" permission forms. Reviewed the August Pastor's Report.
- President's Report discussed the option of a short contemporary service after LIFT on Wednesday nights.
- Vice-President's Report work continues on updating the church Constitution.
  - Property Management received a bid from Peak Pro's for the bell tower repair. The bid was for \$18,000. Bushes and trees on the south of the parking lot need to be trimmed.
    - LIFT Kick-Off (Rally Sunday) will be on Sunday, September 29th with a bouncy house and BBQ's at SW Park.
- Background checks will need to be done for any volunteers or employees as required by our insurance company.
  - Meeting adjourned

# shurch News, Events & Happenin's

### **VISITATIONS**

If someone is ill or in need of a Pastoral visit, please call Pastor Ann or contact the Church office @ 825-5837. Please remember the following First Lutheran Church members in your prayers, send them a card, or stop to visit them.



Joyce Kunz	Good Samaritan Communities, Pipestone		
Darrell Foss	Good Samaritan, Sioux Falls		
Kay Dubbelde	The Lodge Assisted Living - Mankato, MN <u>Send any letters or cards to</u> : Kay Dubbelde  Mankato Lodge Senior Living  1360 Adams St Rm 410 - Mankato, MN 56001		

Thank You

Thunk you for the quilt I will use it in college go thankies

Sincerley-Hudson Burnett

# We celebrated Holy Baptism on Sunday, September 22nd with the



families of:

Colson James Christensen Born June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to Nathan and Jacklyn Christensen

AND

Parklynn Nicole Alderson Born May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 To Brody & Gabryelle Alderson

We welcome to these two beautiful blessings into the family in Christ here at First Lutheran!!

# We also welcomed on September 22nd, our newest members to our First Lutheran Family:

John & Lynne Dalen – John is a retired pastor and Lynne is a Para at Pipestone Elementary. They come from Nevis, MN. Lynne is the daughter of Bob & Jeanette Larson who were members here and lived right next door for many years!

Nathan & Jacklyn Christensen – Nathan is a returning member to First Lutheran and is the son of Mark Christensen and the grandson of Marge Christensen. Nathan works as an electrician & Jacklyn is a customer service agent. Jacklyn will be joining Nathan as a member along with their little boy, Colson who was also being baptized.



# **CONGRATULATIONS**



to Morgan Hazelton & Dan Lundeen
who were married September 21<sup>st</sup> at the family farm.
Morgan's parents are Rita and the late Dennis Hazelton.
Congratulations to you all and
May God bless you both on your new journey together!!

# S'more Football Bonfire



S'more Arrows Football was so much fun! Great weather, conversation, and treats! Look for details on another chance to join us coming soon!



The school kits are all filled and have been sent off! Our goal was to pack 60 but we ended up with **78** school kits!!! THANK YOU to all who donated supplies!



The L.I.F.T. program has begun here at First Lutheran for the 2024-25 season!! A Kick-Off picnic with inflatables and food was held after worship at SW Park from 11:00am—1pm. We began by installing all of the LIFT volunteers during the worship service. Then it was off to the parent meeting right after the service so parents could hear about what LIFT has in store for all the little people here at First Lutheran! The weather was amazing, the food was great and it was SO fun watching all of our kids playing (even the big kids)! So incredibly blessed by all of the amazing families here at First Lutheran!

# A special THANK YOU to all of our LIFT volunteers:

- Steph Alfson
- Erin Brockberg
- Danielle B
- Melissa Burnett
- Samantha Davis
- Naomi Gunnink

- Kiley Houselog
- Danielle Ossefoort
- Tanya Schroyer
- Marit Sterud
- Ingrid Wielenberg

# F.L.C.W News & Activities

October 2024

Dear FLCW,

By now you should have received the new FLCW Booklet. It is a beautiful purple with the same logo as the last one. Either you picked it up in the



Narthex or it was mailed to you. Look to see if your information is correct. It is easy to get something wrong.

A small but mighty group enjoyed ice cream sundaes for our September meeting. The Bible study is on GRACE, an important Lutheran term.

The next FLCW meeting will be Tuesday, October 22 at noon for a Potluck. Bring something yummy to share. The Sept/Oct Gather has the Bible Study.

Thanks to all who donated items for the School Kits. 78 were assembled. They were delivered to the LWR Warehouse in South St. Paul. Quilts will still be sent later. Personal Care Kits will be the Lenten project next year. Be on the lookout for bath towels on sale. 40 is an appropriate number for Lent, but more would be so much better. How about 80!

Quilting will be held on Thursday, October 1O and 24 at 9:30am. More hands are always welcome. Training is easy and fun. Come and solve the world's problems with our quilters!

First Lutheran is serving at The Banquet on Wednesday, October 23. People to prepare the meal are needed to go in the afternoon. Let the office know if you can help. We are at the west location.

The FLCW Board voted to give \$5000.00 to the church in July. Thank you to all who help us raise the funds for the various events at First Lutheran. The FLCW treasury is still healthy, and the Olga money will be coming in a couple of months.

FYI Kaffi Ti is coming on Saturday, December 14. Start planning your special treats for the Bake Sale.

Hope you are enjoying the beautiful fall weather. I love this time of year!

See You in Church!!

# **Shetek Happenings**

October 2024



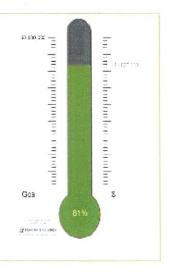
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## Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



Welcome to the new Shetek Hiking Club - our monthly gathering to explore trails all across southwest Minnesota! Hike with us once a month throughout the year to meet new friends and explore our region. Hikes range from easy to strenuous, and include state parks and trails, county parks, and more. Let's move and learn together! Contact Katie at Katie@shetek.org or 507-763-3567 for more information.

We met our Phase 1
goal! \$1,627,000 in
gifts and pledges!
Our challenge goal is
\$2,000,000 and with
increased costs, our
budget has changed
for our different
phases. More info on
our website.
https://shetek.org/slm
-master-plan/





Please join us for our Fall events.

# Mark your Calendar

October 18-19 - Octoberfest October 21-24 - Quilt & Craft Retreat November 1-2 - Confirmation Retreat

# Wish List

- Volunteers
- New Vacuum
- Keurig

Help send kids to Camp...Become a
Pelican Club or Timber Society member
today. Pelican Club members support
the ministry with a gift of \$100 - \$499 a
year and Timber Society members give
\$500 or more a year. Thanks for your
support!

# **Important Dates to mark:**

- ⇒ Every Wednesday Confirmation for grades 6-8
- ⇒ Wednesday, Oct. 16th NO CONFIRMATION or LIFT (MEA Break)
- ⇒ Wednesday, Oct. 23rd Youth serve at The Banquet in Sioux Falls
- ⇒ Sunday, October 27th 9:30am CONFIRMATION SERVICE (9th gr confirmands)

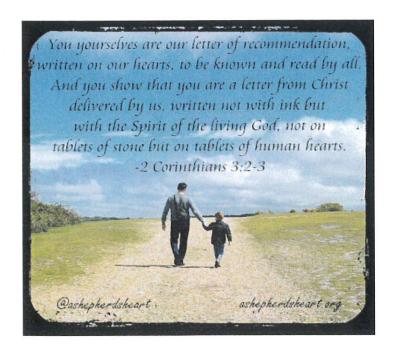




To join, send a text to 81010 with the message: @8728964 OR

Visit: https://www.remind.com/join/8728964

It's a GREAT way to see opportunities for First Lutheran Youth in grades 6-12! Both students & parents are welcome to join!





Confirmation Sunday will be here before we know it!

On **Sunday, October 27th**, during our 9:30am worship, we will be confirming four 9th grade students. We are so thankful for each of these confirmands and the work they have put in to reach this milestone in their life!

We hope you can join us for worship and to celebrate with these students and their families!!!!

# Youth Calendar

# OCTOR ZOZY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
,		1	2 ~6:15pm Confirmation ~LIFT begins 6:15-7:15pm  **School Early Out@2pm	3	4	5
6 Worship @9:30am w/ communion	7	8	9 ~6:15pm Confirmation ~LIFT 6:15-7:15pm  **School Early Out@2pm	10	11	12
13 Worship @9:30am	14	15	~NO Confirmation / LIFT	17 MEA Break -	18 No school	19
20 Worship @9:30am	21	22	~ THE BANQUET Confirmation serves ~load: 3:45pm Return: 9pm ~LIFT 6:15-7:15pm  **School Early Out@2pm	24	25	26
Worship @9:30am w/communion	28	29	30 ~6:15pm Confirmation ~LIFT 6:15-7:15pm  **School Early Out@2pm	HALLOWEEN .		

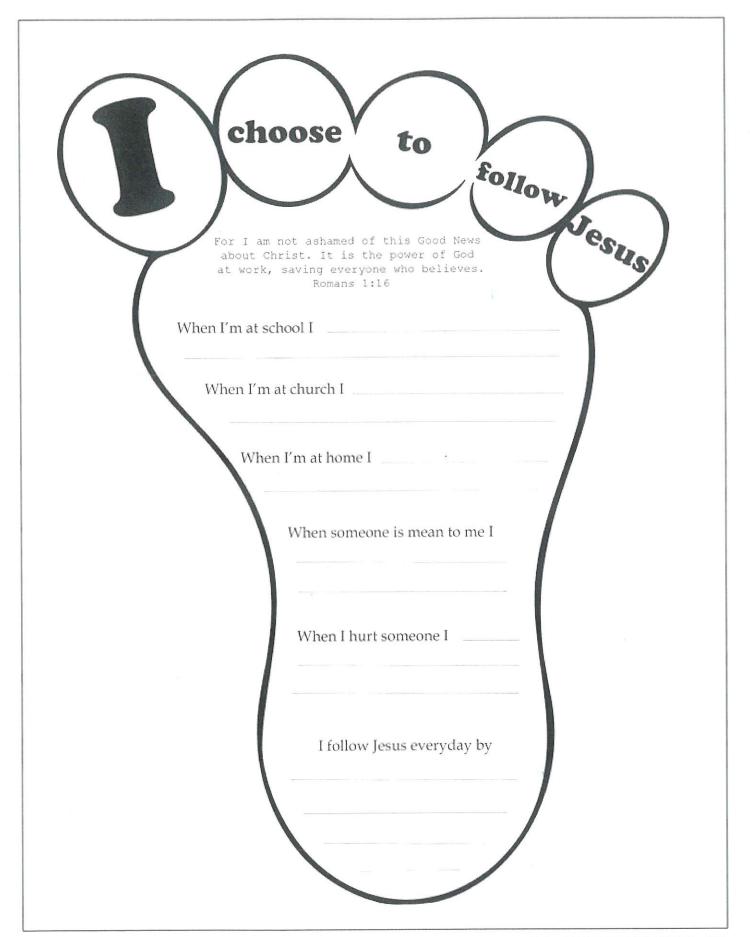
# Kidz

Every Child is designed by God to be a leader!!

# 12 A Time for Everything

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# October 2024 Worship Assistants

Date	Worship Time	Reader	Acolytes	Communion Assistant(s)	Ushers *(captain)	Sound
<b>10-6-2024</b> *Holy Communion	9:30 a.m.	Ingrid & Lane Wielenberg	Rowan Heidebrink	Ingrid Wielenberg	*Gregg Johnson (cpt)  ~Bob Taubert family  ~Cody Heidebrink family  ~Rustin Petersen	Jason Weber
10-13-2024 *Holy Communion	9:30 a.m.				*Gregg Johnson (cpt)  ~Bob Taubert family  ~Cody Heidebrink family  ~Rustin Petersen	Mark Zinnel
10-20-2024	9:30 a.m.			<u>.</u>	*Gregg Johnson (cpt)  ~Bob Taubert family  ~Cody Heidebrink family  ~Rustin Petersen	Mark Zinnel
*Holy Communion Confirmation Service	9:30 a.m.		Rowan Heidebrink		*Gregg Johnson (cpt)  ~Bob Taubert family  ~Cody Heidebrink family  ~Rustin Petersen	Neil Johnson

We are in need of Readers, Communion Assistants, Usher Subs and help in the Sound Room. These are all simple jobs but we are in need of extra



These are all simple jobs but we are in need of extra hands that are willing to learn a new skill! The more help we have the less work and time is needed from all who volunteer. Please contact the church office if you would be willing to give one of these things a whirl!!

It may be more fun and easier than you think!

# OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES 1

# Wishing you a day of special moments for thankful remembering of all that has made your adventure of love a blessing and a joy.

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ANNIVERSARIES	10/14: Scot & Glenda Carstensen	10/21: Heather & Troy Heidebrink
10/2: Ron & Joyce Capp	10/16: Tishawnna & Neil Rohlk	10/24: Teri & Jon Klosterman
10/8: Tami & Craig Stevens  Marah & Cole Lytle	<b>10/17:</b> Wade & Deb Smith	<b>10/25:</b> Jim & Darla Hartke
10/9: Cory & Jessica Chaulsett	10/18: Kiley & Jordan Houselog	10/28: Michelle & Arvid Maschino
10/13: Halie & Wyatt Schaap	10/20: Brian & Jaime Danks Creighton & Tanya Schroyer	10/29: Mick & Chris Hollingsworth



000	B. 1/5/4/6				
Oct 1st	Maria Clark Scott Rudie Augie Sterud	Oct. 17th	Karina Lanoue Marit Sterud Nick Weber		
Oct. 2nd	Gloria Bruns Ron Hellie	Oct. 18th	Doreen Henderson Addison Rustad		
Oct. 4th	Nora Johnson Tim Stanga	Oct. 19th	Karla Carstensen		
Oct. 6th	Tami Stevens Ryan Wielenberg	Oct. 20th	Steve Hartke Morgan Hazelton		
Oct. 7th	Kate Muller Brighton Stanga	Oct. 22nd	Evan Johnson		
Oct. 9th	Darrell Greenhoff Derek Ilse Mark Muller	Oct. 24th	Aaron Kozlowski Mike Straw Evelyn Wielenberg		
Oct. 12th	Cynthia Portz Avery Wagner	Oct. 25th	Kyle Monke		
Oct. 13th	Zoe Roelfsema-Hummel	Oct. 26th	Neal Rohlk Pam Thies		
Oct. 14th	Stella Burkard Taya Burnett	Oct. 27th	Jacklyn Christensen Allan Hollingsworth		
Oct. 15th	Dwight Horton	Oct. 30th	Eleanor Hollingsworth		
Oct. 16th	Eva Arends Ken Boehm Cody Heidebrink Erin Mastbergen	Oct. 31st	Coral Dengler		

On your special day, you are wished all the very best, all the joy you can ever have and may you also be blessed abundantly today, tomorrow and the days to come!

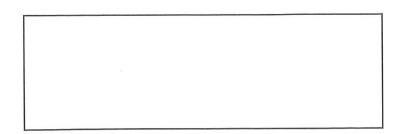
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 ~1:30pm - Food Shelf meet- ing	2 ~8:15am - Pastor's Prayer ~10:30a-12p Pastor Zoom text study ~6:15pm - Confirmation / LIFT ~7:00pm - Committee mtgs	3 ~9am - Pastor Zoom meeting	4	5
6  ~9:30am -  Worship w/ Communion  ~ 10:30am -  Adult Bible Study	7	8 Spicer, MN >>>>	9 ~8:15am - Pastor's Prayer ~10:30a-12p Pastor Zoom text study ~6:15pm - Confirmation/ LIFT ~7:30pm - Council mtg	10 ~9:30am - Quilting		Pastor Ann on vacation
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31		
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We are all one body, one spirit, compelled by Christ to share His Word and the promise of salvation.

~Matthew 28

### Worship schedule:

- ♦ 9:30am Sundays at Church & live-streamed on Facebook
- Radio Worship Broadcast: 10:30am Sundays on KLOH 1050AM
  - ♦ TV Public Access: Wednesdays @12pm & 5pm on Channel 3

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