



First Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements

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May 13 & 14, 2017

Welcome to First Lutheran Church. Please sign the registration pad found in your row.

If you are in need of pastoral care or have questions about First Lutheran Church, please contact the church office at 426-4073 or visit www.firstlutheranblair.org.



May 14, 2017

Happy Mother's Day!

Farewell Reception: Rod, Chris, and Lydia Hansen will be moving to Falls Church, VA. Rod has accepted a position as the National Intelligence Coordinator with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Washington DC and will oversee intelligence and federal investigations on each of the over 500 National Wildlife Refuges across the United States. **The Hansen's would like to say goodbye to their FLC family and are hosting the coffee hour on Sunday, May 21st.** Please join them and have the opportunity to learn more about their move and the plans of the entire family.

Photos: If you had your picture taken in March or April for the new church directory and have not received your picture yet, please stop by the Welcome Center to see if your picture is there. The company sent a group of the complimentary photos directly to the church. Thank you!

Fantastic FLC Youth Flamingos!! They have arrived! Send them to your friend's yard for \$25 or keep them out of your yard for \$15! Welcome spring with this funny fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering trip next summer. See Erika, the Flocking Facilitator!



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

✠ Family of Mardelle Andersen
✠ Kay Sonderup – healing
✠ Jim & Carol Ramspott – healing
✠ Ken Gigstad
✠ Gene Meyer – (ALS)
✠ Mary Ellen Camden (daughter of Norma Kay)
✠ Brooks Blomker – healing
✠ Velma Cooper
✠ Berniece Sheets
✠ Pat Jorgensen – healing
✠ Janet Sederburg – healing
✠ Shirley Wrich – healing
✠ Kay Melby (Angela Ulven and Kari Hernandez's mother)
✠ Kim Sitarski
✠ LaVonne Fletcher - healing (mother of Kris Swenson)
✠ Keri & Isabelle (baby)
✠ Patrick McKinnis - healing
✠ McKenna - 3 year old with cancer-strength for radiation treatments
✠ Georgia - 3 yr. old with cancer
✠ John Wolsmann
✠ Lekura Parish
✠ Mothers' Day Ingathering
and all those we name in our hearts.

Supplies That Are Needed For VBS and Sunday School

(Items can be placed in the tote in
the Fellowship Hall)

Markers	Paper Plates
Napkins	Cups
Pens/Pencils	Tissue Paper
Crayons	Lemonade Mix
Colored Paper	Glue Sticks
Card Stock Paper	Kleenex
	Beads-different colors/shapes
	Pipe Cleaners-different colors



Hero Central VBS 2017 Discover your strength in God!

First Lutheran Church
Tuesday May 30th – Friday June 2nd
9 am – 11:30am
3yr. olds -5th Grade \$25 child
(\$75 maximum per family)
suggested donation

Scholarships are available upon request. No child will be refused admittance.

The cost includes all crafts, snacks, activities, and a T-Shirt.

FLC Graduates!! Please let Erika know if you will be able to attend 8:15am worship on 5/21. Also, please get a senior photo and a toddler/baby photo to Erika, if possible. Congratulations!!

The May Issue of the Ambassador Newsletter is ready and copies are available on the information rack by the Welcome Center.

VBS Helpers Needed: We are asking for your help, we are beginning to look for volunteers to be teachers and helpers for VBS. We will provide child care in the nursery if you are a mother or father who wants to help, but has little ones. If you are interested or have questions please contact Nikki O'Neil in the church office.

Variations On Music and Prayer: Worship in a Taize style. Based on the book of Hebrews. Please join us on June 7, August 2, and September 6. The services will be at 6:15pm. There will be Parsonage Pot-Luck after worship at 7pm.

Game Night: The Men of First Lutheran will be sponsoring Game Night on Sunday, May 14th at 6pm. We started the first few times as Cribbage Night. We are now adding the word game Scrabble to the mix. Snacks are served on each game night. All are welcomed to attend at no cost to you. Enjoy the fun and fellowship.

Meal Train: Gene and Susie Meyer are cheerfully, gracefully, and boldly facing many health related issues. Susie had a stroke several years ago and Gene is continuing his challenges with ALS. Gene and Susie have said that meals, twice a week, would help them in many ways. This is an ongoing ministry to the Meyers and dates will be added in 3 month blocks. **We have added dates through July. To register for this meal train, please visit <https://mealtrain.com/md2379> or email vkrysl@firstlutheranblair.org.**

Summer Newsletter & Deadline: There will be no newsletter printed for the month of July, so the June newsletter will serve as the summer issue. When submitting information for the month of June, you may want to include dates/information for July as well. All information for June/July should be turned in by May 15th to wendy@firstlutheranblair.org. The next newsletter

deadline for the August issue will be by July 15th. Thank you!

Social Concerns...

INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED from OAKS INDIAN MISSION that Pastor Don Marshall is the new Executive Director! In honor of Pastor Don's ministry, the Oaks Indian Mission Board of Directors would like to ask you to consider a generous contribution to a **\$15,000 Matching Challenge** from the **Immanuel Vision Foundation**, with a deadline of **June 1**. The **\$30,000** will be used for a much needed kitchen update, as the roof is leaking and the plumbing needs attention. Please mark your check, **Honorarium—Don Marshall IVF Match** or visit the **Mission** online at www.oaksindianmission.org and process your contribution there. Pastor Marshall's Installation service, is scheduled for **Saturday, June 17, at 5:00 P.M. at Eben Ezer Lutheran Church**, followed by a **Cherokee-Danish Heritage Gathering** on the campus for an evening meal and celebration. Please RSVP by calling Tanisa at 918-8688-2196 or Tanisa.Foreman@oaksindianmission.org.

TODAY is the Kickoff for our MOTHERS' DAY INGATHERING for our local CRISIS CENTER called "THE BRIDGE." It will continue **throughout the month**. This is another way to honor mothers, and to offer Mothers' Day gifts" to mothers who are in crisis and are having a very difficult time meeting their own and their children's physical needs. Please see today's insert with information about **"The Bridge"** and a **"Needs List."** **There is a receptacle on the Garden Cart** to receive these gifts of love, which will be there **throughout the month**. **The Bridge Office** is now located in the **Memorial Community Hospital**.

Women...

Love Days: May 16th & 17th from 9am to 3pm. We are starting to collect items for health kits. We need nail clippers, bar soap, toothbrushes, and bath towels. We need material for the ladies to cut quilt squares. Scraps must be big enough to make 4 inch squares or larger. For baby layettes we need gently used or new sleepers, t-shirts, cloth diapers, socks, sweaters, jackets, and receiving blankets. We can use any size up to 24 month. There is a tote in the women's corner in the social hall for donations. Men and women are welcomed to help make quilts. No experience is required...come and enjoy the thrill of doing something for others.

FLC Youth...

Niners

- Wednesdays 6:45-7:45pm Hang out, do homework, and play games in the Youth Room.
- **We will migrate the flamingos during our meetings on Wednesdays!**
- **We WILL meet May 17!!! Last One!!!**

9 to 12

- **Youth Group** - Sundays 6:30-8pm Eat supper, hang out, hot topic discussion, play games, and more @ Youth Room.
- **No Meeting Sunday, May 14th!**

- **End of Year Party!** Outdoor Movie Party on 5/31 from 6:30pm-8:30pm.

Watch for Upcoming Summer Events!!!

Community...

Blair Community Blood Drive: Country in Your Blood on Monday, May 15th from 12:00pm-6:00pm at St. Francis Borgia Church at 2005 Davis Drive, Blair. For an appointment, please call Laurie at 426-3661 or JoAnn at 426-9870 or go to redcrossblood.org and search sponsor code BLAIRNE. Presenting donors will receive a Free T-Shirt.

100th Year Cook Book of Washington County: The Centennial of the Washington County Fair is in 2018. One of the added features of this 100-year celebration is a county wide celebrated cook book. I am looking for recipes to fill the 100th year Cook Book of Washington County. Please call Sarah Lambrecht at 402-427-7140 or email her at Lambrechtfarms@abbnebraska.com.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Our April year-to-date revenue was \$190,700. This figure includes \$20,600 of Lenten Sacrifice offerings. Expenses for that same period were \$176,300, resulting in a positive operating cash flow of \$14,400. April year-to-date revenue from offerings for debt reduction were \$40,800, offset by loan payments for that same period of \$51,000, resulting in a negative cash flow for debt reduction of -\$10,200.

Worship Assistants for May 13 & 14

Greeters: 6pm Wes & Esther Gunderson
8:15am & 10:15am Hospitality Teams
Lectors: 6pm Esther Gunderson
8:15am Chris Mommsen
10:15am Joe Anderson
Communion
Assistants: 10:15am Hospitality Team
Sacristy: 10:15am Karen Clements and Merri Dikken
Coffee Hosts: Tom & Janice Lippincott
TV Ministry: David & Emily Rasmussen

Scripture Readings for this week

Acts 7:55-60
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

Scripture Readings for next week

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

This week at First Lutheran

Sun. May 14 **Happy Mother's Day!**
8:15am & 10:15am Worship
9:30am Adult Bible Study
6pm Cribbage/Scrabble Event
Mon. May 15 7am Men's Bible Study
Tue. May 16 **9am-3pm Love Days**
1:15pm Staff Meeting
7pm Property Committee
Wed. May 17 **9am-3pm Love Days**
6:45pm Niners
Fri. May 19 9:30am Women's Bible Study
Sat. May 20 6pm Worship
Sun. May 21 8:15am & 10:15am Worship
8:15am Graduate Blessing at worship
9:15am Reception for Rod & Christine Hansen
9:30am Adult Bible Study



Hearing Assistance Devices for all services are available from the usher's table located in the Gathering Area outside of the Sanctuary.