



First Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements

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March 16 & 17, 2019

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.

FLC Variety Show is coming!! Sunday, March 24th at 6pm!

Please share your talents with us!! Are you a magician? Are you a singer? Do you play an instrument? Are you a comedian? Do you have any God-given talent you would love to share with us? We want to see it!! Talk to Erika!!

Butter Braids for sale now – support FLC Youth!!

Orders taken now until March 27th

Delivery April 9th

Contact any FLC Youth or Erika to buy yours now! We'll also be in the narthex each Sunday/Wednesday.

The new **Christ in Our Home** devotionals for April-June are available for you to pick up from the usher's tables outside of the worship areas.



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

- ✠ Pete Kaiser – healing
 - ✠ Muriel Neve
 - ✠ Lisa Garcia – strength & healing
 - ✠ Ronald Stork – healing
 - ✠ Larry Henson
 - ✠ Ruth McKay
 - ✠ Jeanette Moeller – strength & healing
 - ✠ Larry Kastrop – healing
 - ✠ Leo Aguilar-Hicks – healing for Leukemia
 - ✠ Shirley Wrich – healing
 - ✠ Gerald Gustafson
 - ✠ Patrick McKinnis - healing
 - ✠ Georgia - 5 year old with NF1 that has caused blindness
 - ✠ John Wolsmann
 - ✠ Pat Bentsen—Missionary
 - ✠ Lekura Parish
 - ✠ Habitat for Humanity
- and all those we name in our hearts.*

AMMPARO BIBLE READING FUNDRAISER!



During the season of Lent people of First Lutheran are encouraged to use the AMMPARO 40 day Bible reading challenge to read a couple of Bible verses a day. We encourage everyone to participate, and to give some money, as you are able, to our ELCA Mission Share. Here's how it works:

- + Grab an AMMPARO book mark with the 40 days of Bible readings (in the Narthex)
- + Give a certain amount per reading (for example, \$.25 or \$1 per reading)
- + At the end of the 40 days make a contribution to our ELCA Mission Share (\$10 if you did a quarter, \$40 if you did a dollar, or any amount of the days you read)

Use this challenge to read parts of the Bible you might not read on a regular basis, and to give you a sense of how God continues to work in the lives of all of us in our faith journeys.



Gardening Workshop Scheduled for First Lutheran: As a part of the program for the Social Concerns Committee, First Lutheran Church will be hosting a garden workshop. Taught by retired Extension Educator Jim Peterson, the class will be a basic introduction to growing vegetables in a garden setting. It will be held on Monday evening, April 1st beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at First Lutheran.

During the two-hour session, discussion topic will delve into garden site selection, soil preparation, fertilization, weed control and potential insect problems and control. In addition, a variety of vegetable families will be under discussion. Such families as the black nightshade family (Tomatoes, Potatoes, Peppers, and Egg Plant), the cucurbit family (cucumber, squash, watermelon etc.) and legume family (Beans, Peas etc.) will be covered.

This will be a basic beginner course for First Lutheran members who have little or no experience but who would like to learn more about gardening. Hopefully, such a program will raise the awareness of the importance of growing our own foods and the garden marketing program sponsored each summer by the Social Concerns Committee.

Further information can be found by calling Jim Peterson at (402) 426-2716 or by e-mail at jmpeterson@abbnebraska.com. There is no preregistration asked.

Mid Week Meal @ FLC: All in the Blair community are invited to our **Mid Week Meal on Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30pm**. Come for food & fellowship; Leave with full hearts! Free will donation. Contact Martha Sorensen for more details.

The Wednesday LIFE Night Women's Bible study continues to meet each week from 6:50 to 7:45 p.m. in the church library. Join us as we study God's Word and enjoy Christian fellowship with one another. All ladies welcome. If more information is needed, contact Susan Pinguoch (402) 426-8182 or email spinguoch@gpcom.net.

2nd Annual FLC Youth Pie Auction: Sunday, March 24th (during FLC Variety Show) Bring your appetites!! At least 20 homemade pies will be auctioned between Variety Show acts!! All proceeds will go toward FLC Youth trip to Chicago with NE Synod youth this summer.

Church Council Update: Church Council President is Mike Boeka, Vice-President is David Link, and Secretary is Marty Rump. The rest of the Church Council members are Molly Stirek, Deb Fuhrer, Judy Thompson, John Mark Nielsen, Mindy Sheets, Joe Bush, Madison Hilgenkamp, and Lyndsay Rahlfs. **Also, the Church Council Meeting Minutes from last month's Church Council Meeting are posted on the Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall.**

Follow our youth on Facebook!! Join our groups on Facebook to see photos, schedule changes and more related to Children's and Youth Ministries!! Group Names: FLC Youth and FLC Children. We'd love to have more members!!

Social Concerns...

OUR 7th ANNUAL "HAVE A HEART FOR HUNGER" campaign in support of the WASHINGTON COUNTY FOOD PANTRY is now completed, with a total number of items

donated at 2635! A big **THANK YOU** goes to **ALL** who contributed, to the **Youth** who did the counting, and to **Jim Peterson** who transported the collected items to the **Food Pantry!**

The SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE will host the **Lenten Soup Supper on April 3.** The free will offering for the meal will support **OAKS INDIAN MISSION**, as they seek funds to build a new cottage on their campus. The meal will consist of four different hearty soups, sub sandwiches, veggies and dips, milk, coffee, and desserts. **Please come**, enjoy the fellowship, and contribute generously to this worthy cause!

FLC Youth...

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Confirmation Class meets Wednesdays, 6:45pm-8pm.

Sell Butter Braids NOW!!



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We meet Wednesdays, 6:45pm-7:45pm @ Youth Room.

Sell Butter Braids NOW!!

9 to 12

Youth Group meets Sundays, 6:30pm-8pm @ Youth Room.

Sell Butter Braids NOW!!

Women...

Love Days: March 19th & 20th from 9AM until 3PM or whatever time you have to spend with great Lutheran ladies. It is time to sharpen our needles and scissors and start making quilts again. Wanda is starting to collect items for Health kits {tooth brushes, nail clippers, bar soap, bath towels} School kits {pens, pencils, erasers, rulers, notebooks} Layettes {sleepers, t-shirts, caps, sweaters, jackets up to the age 24 months}. If you are a Thrivent member and would like to apply for a 250.00 grant, please talk to Wanda to see what she needs. You can leave donated items in the SW corner of the social hall in the tote. We can always use sheets for the quilts. We are also in need of fabric for backing on the quilts.

Community...

Blair Community Blood Drive: Monday, March 18th, 2019 from 12:00pm to 6:00pm at First Lutheran Church. Saturday, March 23rd, 2019 from 7:30am to 12:00pm at the Blair City Hall-Council Chambers. Please see the Community Bulletin Board for more information.

The Fremont Pathfinders Barbershop chorus Spring Show will be held at the Nell McPherson Theater in the Fremont High School auditorium. The performances are on Friday, March 22nd at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 23rd at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. 2017 International Champion quartet, Main Street, is the guest quartet. Admission is \$15.00. Contact Loren Havekost at 402-426-5344 for tickets or any other information about the show.

**The FLC Nursery:
The FLC Nursery is not staffed, but it is open for
use on Wednesday Evenings and Sunday
Mornings.**

Worship Assistants for March 16 & 17

Greeters: 6pm Wes & Esther Gunderson
8:15am & 10:15am Hospitality Teams
Lectors: 6pm Esther Gunderson
8:15am Jerry Kobs
10:15am David Link
Communion
Assistants: 6pm Wes & Esther Gunderson
8:15am & 10:15am Hospitality Teams
Sacristy: 6pm Dale & Terry Paulsen
8:15am Michael Jones
10:15am Tracy Gross
Coffee Hosts: Church Council
TV Ministry: Ryan, Brenda, Ryleigh, &
Brooklyn Schroeter

Scripture Readings for this week

Psalm 27
Luke 13:31-35

Scripture Readings for next week

Psalm 63:1-8
Luke 13:1-9

This week at First Lutheran

Sun. Mar. 17 8:15am & 10:15am Worship
9:15am Sunday School for PreK-5th
9:30am Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Adult Bible Study
9:30am Property Committee
6:30pm 9-12 Youth Group

Mon. Mar. 18 7am Men's Bible Study
6:30pm Stewardship Committee

Tue. Mar. 19 **9am-3pm Love Days**
7pm Bible Study with Pastor Scott

Wed. Mar. 20 **9am-3pm Love Days**
11am Office Hours Web Series
12 Noon Lenten Lunch
LIFE Night
5:30pm Meal
6:15pm Worship
6:45pm Classes PreK-8th
6:45pm Niners
6:45pm Women's Bible Study
8pm Bell Choir

Thu. Mar. 21 6:30pm Men's Workshop

Fri. Mar. 22 9:30am Women's Bible Study

Sat. Mar. 23 6pm Worship

Sun. Mar. 24 8:15am & 10:15am Worship
9:15am Sunday School for PreK-5th
9:30am Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Adult Bible Study
6pm Variety Show and Pie Auction



**Hearing Assistance Devices for all services are available
from the Welcome Center.**