



## First Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements

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March 30 & 31, 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](http://www.firstlutheranblair.org).

**We welcome into the body of Christ, Iver James Miller** who will be baptized at the 6pm worship service. Iver's parents are Ryan & Lauren. His sponsors are Alex and Olivia Walker.

**First Communion Classes:** All 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and anyone seeking communion instruction is invited to attend 1 of 2 classes led by Pastor Scott. The first is **Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 10am-11:30am**. The second is **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 1pm-2:30pm**. Please call the church office to RSVP for the class of your choice. First Communion will be Maundy Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm unless otherwise scheduled. Contact Erika Cada with questions.

### **FLC Children Singing!!**

All PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> graders will sing at our 10:15am Palm Sunday (April 14<sup>th</sup>) worship service. Please come to Sunday School at 9:10am, and we will bring them up to worship.



### 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.

**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](mailto:spinguoch@gpcom.net).

**"EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA! PROPHET DEMANDS JUSTICE!"** So might the headlines have read in the daily papers of Amos' day (had there been daily papers back then!). **Join us in the Library this Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. for this new Adult Education Bible Study.** Find out what kind of "justice" Amos was calling for and how his demand for justice might apply to our day. **This Sunday, March 31,** we will consider the first of four sessions entitled, **"Amos: the Man and His Times."** Dr. Delvin Hutton will lead the discussion.

**From Bishop Brian Maas and the Nebraska Synod (ELCA):**

The Nebraska Synod is coordinating with Lutheran Disaster Response to prepare for recovery efforts following this week's flooding and blizzard. Individuals and congregations wanting to support the future cleanup efforts, can send donations to the Nebraska Synod Disaster Fund. If you give by check, please include "Nebraska Floods" in the memo line and mail it to:

*Nebraska Synod ELCA  
6757 Newport Avenue, Suite 200  
Omaha, NE 68521-2191*

You can also give online at <https://nebraskasynod.org/giving/give-now.html>. Click on the third option, "Hunger & Disaster," then scroll down the list to Hunger & Disaster, and enter your donation amount in the line for Synod Disaster Fund. Thank you for your support and prayers.

**Another way in which you can assist those who have been impacted by LOCAL FLOODING** is by dropping off donations of money or goods at the **WASHINGTON COUNTY FOOD PANTRY at JOSEPH'S COAT.** Items needed are cleaning supplies including bleach, gloves, masks, large garbage bags, buckets, shovels, brooms, mops, utility knives, rakes, mops, and additional items such as feminine hygiene products, baby diapers/wipes, cereal, pancake mix/syrup, socks, lunch meat, and produce.

**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!!

**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 Bishop is coming!!** Bishop Brian Maas will join us for worship and confirmation class on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Please come to worship at 6:15pm to hear his message. He will spend the education hour with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders as they prepare



**FIRST LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
SENIOR CITIZEN  
WORSHIP AND LUNCH**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY  
April 18, 2019  
with Holy Communion**

**LUNCH to Follow  
Please RSVP to the church office by  
Friday, April 12th.**

for their confirmation on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Spring Clean-Up:** Saturday, April 27th from 8:30am-12Noon. We need your help to prepare the church grounds for Spring! Bring your yard tools and a pair of gloves and help with clean-up around the churchyard with hedge trimming, mulch, and other clean-up. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. Please Join Us!

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.

**FLC will be offering a GARDENING WORKSHOP on Monday, April 1, 7:00-9:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall.** This will be a basic beginner course for those who have little experience, but would like to learn more about gardening. The hope is that such a program will raise awareness of the importance of growing our own food, and will further support the **Garden Market** sponsored each growing season by the **Social Concerns Committee**. The class will be taught by **Jim Peterson**, retired Extension Educator.

### **Social Concerns...**

**The SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE** will host the **Lenten Soup Supper on April 3.** **The freewill offering for the meal will support OAKS INDIAN MISSION**, as they seek funds to build a much needed 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...**

**678**

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

### **NINERS**

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

### **9 to 12**

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

### **Youth Team Meeting**

Sunday, 3/31 @ 5pm



### **Community...**

**Flood Help: Nebraska Extension is your trusted source for flood-related information.** Our campus and county-based experts at the University of Nebraska are ready to help you get the answers you need. The website includes resources for families & individuals, homeowners, businesses & communities, and agriculture. Additional resources include; first steps to flood recovery, well water after a flood, and flooding & stored grain. The website continues to be updated regularly as resources become available. For flood-related information, go to: <https://flood.unl.edu/>.

**The Heart of Camp Gala:** A Benefit Event for Carol Joy Holling Camp on Saturday, April 6, 2019. It is held at La Vista Conference Center at 12520 Westport Parkway, La Vista, Nebraska 68128. Learn more and register at [CarolJoyHolling.org/Gala](http://CarolJoyHolling.org/Gala).

**28th Annual Spaghetti Dinner:** Sunday, April 7th, 2019 from 5pm-7pm at the Blair Congregational Church, United Church of Christ at 16th and Colfax Streets. Spaghetti with homemade sauce, Bread, relish and homemade pies. For more information please see the Community Bulletin Board.

**Golf Tournament:** The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Lutheran Service Corps Golf Tournament will be Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at Eagle Hills Golf Course, 501 Eagle Hills Drive in Papillion. Registration and lunch starts at Noon, Shotgun start at 1:30pm and Dinner at 6:00pm. For more information contact Scott Glaser at (402) 457-5890 or [Omaha.dev@lutheranvolunteercorps.org](mailto:Omaha.dev@lutheranvolunteercorps.org).

**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 30 & 31**

**Greeters:** 6pm Carl & Marla Rennerfeldt  
8:15am & 10:15am Hospitality Teams

**Lectors:** 6pm John Mark Nielsen  
8:15am Renee Sheets  
10:15am Susan Pinquoch

**Communion**  
**Assistants:** 10:15am Hospitality Team  
**Sacristy:** 10:15am Martha Sorensen  
**Coffee Hosts:** Duey & Tracy Heffelfinger  
**TV Ministry:** Ryan, Brenda, Ryleigh, & Brooklyn Schroeter

**Flowers have been given by:**  
*Ed & Pam Ramspott in  
Memory of Joe Ramspott  
10/2/76-3/27/04*

**Scripture Readings for this week**  
Psalm 32  
Luke 15:11b-32

**Scripture Readings for next week**  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
John 12:1-8

**This week at First Lutheran**

**Sun. Mar. 31** 8:15am & 10:15am Worship  
9:15am Sunday School for PreK-5th  
9:30am Adult Choir Rehearsal  
9:30am Adult Bible Study  
5pm Youth Team  
6:30pm 9-12 Youth Group

**Mon. Apr. 1** 7am Men's Bible Study  
6pm Children's Ministry Committee  
7pm Gardening Workshop

**Tue. Apr. 2** 7pm Bible Study with Pastor Scott

**Wed. Apr. 3** 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. Apr. 4** 6:30pm Men's Workshop

**Fri. Apr. 5** 9:30am Women's Bible Study

**Sat. Apr. 6** 8:30am Women's Steering Meeting  
10am First Communion Class  
6pm Worship

**Sun. Apr. 7** 8:15am & 10:15am Worship  
9:15am Sunday School for PreK-5th  
9:30am Adult Choir Rehearsal  
9:30am Adult Bible Study  
6:30pm 9-12 Youth Group



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