



First Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements

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February 1 & 2, 2020

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.

Mid Week Meal @ FLC!!

This meal is for everyone – no matter your income, your involvement, your need, or anything else – come to enjoy food and fellowship. You will ALWAYS leave with a full heart.

EVERY Wednesday @ 5:30-6:30pm.

2020 Offering Envelope boxes are available to be picked up in the Narthex.

Bible study with Pastor Scott is on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Library. There will be no class on February 11th. We will begin with a reading of *First Corinthians*, and a look at the early church. We have Bibles for those who need them, and no experience in Bible study is necessary. Reading the Bible with others is fun!

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

FLC Youth GARAGE SALE!!

It's coming back THIS SUMMER! Our fundraiser for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis will occur this summer, and we need YOUR STUFF! We are accepting any and all donations at the church – if you need someone to pick up your items, please talk to Erika to arrange. This was a huge success in 2018, and we hope to continue that success with our 2nd FLC Youth Garage Sale.

Children's Ministries Bibles

Have your children outgrown their Spark children's Bibles from the church? Please consider donating them back to FLC so we can use them in our classroom sets. We are trying to equip all our classrooms (PreK – 5th grade) with 1 Bible/child. Contact Erika for more information.

2019 Year-end Financial Statements are ready to be picked up in the Narthex. Please help us defer postage costs by picking yours up today. Thank you!



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

- ✠ Family of Elaine Ahrens
 - ✠ Family of Roger Olson
 - ✠ Family of Phyllis Stricklett
 - ✠ Family of Ruth McKay
 - ✠ Family of Alice Schattauer
 - ✠ Family of Sandra Brandting Kistler (mother of Lynette Kistler Lueders)
 - ✠ Les - healing
 - ✠ Patrick McKinnis - successful surgery and healing
 - ✠ Gabe Petersen
 - ✠ Lois Blobaum - healing
 - ✠ Dorothy Thomas
 - ✠ Joe & Tammy Fryman - healing
 - ✠ Lois Wood
 - ✠ Blake Wilcox – prayers & healing
 - ✠ Stacy Thompson Green (daughter of Marcy Bottorff) – prayers & healing
 - ✠ Kenneth Wilson - heart surgery (father of Melody Dubon)
 - ✠ Roger Stork – healing
 - ✠ Lisa Garcia – strength & healing
 - ✠ Larry Kastrup – healing
 - ✠ Leo Aguilar-Hicks – healing for Leukemia
 - ✠ Gerald Gustafson
 - ✠ John Wolsmann
 - ✠ Pat Bentsen—Missionary
 - ✠ Lekura Parish
 - ✠ Habitat for Humanity
- and all those we name in our hearts.*

Happy New Year! The new charts for providing Flowers for the altar and sponsoring the TV Broadcast each week are now available. Please sign-up for dates at the charts on the bulletin board located in the Fellowship Hall.

Parenting by Text Conversations with Pastor Scott on being a parent in a digital world--HEARTLAND TASTING ROOM, 6 pm on Thursdays: February 27, March 26, and April 23. Anyone who wants to have a drink and chat about parenting is invited. Please sign up at the Welcome Center. Anyone that is planning to attend and needs child care please call the church office at 402-426-4073.

If you are part of a group at First Lutheran that is interested in serving one of the Lenten meals, please contact Dawn in the church office to reserve a date. Thank you!

Car pools and car crashed. Job changes and frustrations. Life can feel overwhelming and inconsequential at times. But there's more to your story than the chaos, confusion, and clutter of daily life. The Wednesday LIFE Night women's Bible study will be starting a new Bible study entitled "**More to Your Story**" by Max Lucado. This study combines a video and study guide as Max Lucado guides you through the events of the New Testament to show you that there's more to your story than you ever imagined. Join us as we discover our unique path in God's grand saga. If interested, contact Susie Pinguoch, spinguoch@gpcom.net.

FLC Children are singing!!

Wednesday, 2/12 @ 6:15pm and Sunday, 2/16 @ 10:15am

Please come to worship and hear our children sing some "LOVELY" songs for Valentine's Day!! They will also sing at Good Shepherd Home on Wednesday, 2/12.

PARENT NOTE: Please bring children to **Sanctuary** on 2/12 @ 6pm and on 2/16 @ 10am!

Game Night: The Men of First Lutheran will be sponsoring Game Night on Sunday, February 9th at 6pm in the Ark. Snacks are served on each game night. All are welcomed to attend at no cost to you. Enjoy the fun and fellowship.

Social Concerns...

EQUAL EXCHANGE FAIR TRADE products will be available this weekend in the narthex. Stop by for some coffee, tea, almonds or chocolate bars and help small third world farmers make a decent living! And please note that an old fashioned coffee pot is on the display ready to receive any donations towards the cost of coffee we drink in the Social Hall.

FLC will be providing staffing at the Washington County Recycling Center on Saturday, February 22 from 8:00am – noon. A sign-up sheet is available on the Welcome Center. We will staff two shifts 8am-10am and 10am – noon. Children are welcome – we recommend joining with a parent if under age 14. A BIG THANKS goes out to the many FLC "regulars" who staff the facility every week!

It's February and "**Have a Heart for Hunger**" at FLC is here! This will be our 8th year and we hope you can help to make it the best year yet! We've set a goal of collecting 2500 items for the **Washington County Food Pantry**, and will continue our tradition of weekly focus and special needs items. As you make your shopping lists for the coming month please consider remembering our friends and neighbors who may be in need by picking up a few items for this

great cause. You can bring these weekly or all at once and place them in the grocery cart by the display in the narthex. If you would prefer not to shop, you can provide a cash donation by picking up an envelope that will be on the display table and leaving your contribution in the offering plate or at the office, designated for this effort. Each dollar donated will count as one item in reaching our goal. Sunday School and Life Night kids—be on the watch for your ability to participate in a special way! ***Special Needs items all month (count double toward the goal) include: canned spaghetti sauce, hamburger/tuna helper, pancake syrup, pancake mix, cereal, and toilet paper.**

Focus Weeks include:

Week 1 (Feb 1-8): “BOX WEEK” Bring boxed items such as cereal, pudding, jello, cake or muffin mixes, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, and oatmeal.

Week 2 (Feb 9-15): “BAG WEEK” Bring bagged items such as ramen noodles, flour, sugar, and spaghetti.

Week 3 (Feb 15-22): “CAN/JAR WEEK” Bring any type of canned goods including soups, vegetables, tuna, and fruit or items in jars such as jellies, jams, and sauces.

Week 4 (Feb 23-29): “HOUSEHOLD WEEK” Bring items that are needed for the household such as soaps, laundry detergents, shampoos, sanitary products, diapers, and toilet paper.

Look for the display, and please **“Have a Heart for Hunger”!**

“Help Wanted”: Looking for individuals who truly care about their communities and the world around us with a desire to serve in a meaningful way. The FLC Social Concerns Committee is seeking additional volunteers to join us as we fulfill our purpose of 1) Disseminating information about social issues; 2) Providing opportunities for members of FLC to minister to those who have special and immediate needs; and 3) Providing opportunities for members of FLC to work as advocates for the poor and disadvantaged. We are an active committee who generally meet the last Monday evening of the month. If you’d like to learn more and/or join us please contact Lynette Jennings (402-278-0164 / brianlynj@abbnebraska.com) or John Mark Nielsen (402-427-4443 / jmnielsen@abbnebraska.com).

FLC Youth...

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Confirmation Wednesdays 645-8pm



9th & 10th Grades

Wednesdays 645-8pm @ Youth Room

9 to 12

Every other Sunday 6:30-8pm @ Youth Room

February 9 and 23 this month

Women’s News...

Love Days: Love Days are planned for February 18th and 19th from 8-12 in the morning along with every Tuesday morning every month. You can be a part of this wonderful experience in sharing with others the joy of giving to our many missions local and overseas! Remember items for kits that Wanda is collecting which we can now store in our own Quilt Room in the basement!

Community...

7th Annual Small Acreage Conference: Saturday, February 15, 2020 from 9:00am-4:00pm at the

Blair Public Library & Technology Center at 2233 Civic Drive, Blair. The conference includes concurrent talks by local alternative agriculture producers, Cooperative Extension Specialists, and state wide sustainable agriculture experts. For more information please see the Community Bulletin Board.

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

Worship Assistants for February 1 & 2

Greeters: 6pm Wes & Esther Gunderson
8:15am & 10:15am Hospitality Teams
Lectors: 6pm Jeff Warren
8:15am Barb Triplett
10:15am Susan Pinquoch
Communion
Assistants: 6pm Wes & Esther Gunderson
8:15am & 10:15am Hospitality Teams
Sacristy: 6pm Dale & Terry Paulsen
8:15am Dennis & Mary Sellon
10:15am Judy Brehm
Coffee Hosts: Rod & Pat Hansen
TV Ministry: Ryan, Brenda, Ryleigh, &
Brooklyn Schroeter

Scripture Readings for this week

Micah 6:1-8
Matthew 5:1-12

Scripture Readings for next week

Isaiah 58:1-9
Matthew 5:13-20

This week at First Lutheran

Sun. Feb. 2 8:15am & 10:15am Worship
9:15am Sunday School PreK-5th
grade
9:30am Adult Choir Rehearsal
Mon. Feb. 3 7am Men's Bible Study
6pm Children's Ministry
Committee
6pm Stewardship Committee
Tue. Feb. 4 8am Quilt Tying
7pm Bible Study with Pastor Scott
Wed. Feb. 5 11am Office Hours Web Series
LIFE Night
5:30pm Meal
6:15pm Worship
6:45pm Classes PreK-8th
6:45pm Niners & Tanners
6:50pm Women's Bible Study
Thu. Feb. 6 6:30pm Men's Workshop
Fri. Feb. 7 9:30am Women's Bible Study
Sat. Feb. 8 8:30am Women's Steering
Committee
6pm Worship
Sun. Feb. 9 8:15am Worship
9:15am Sunday School PreK-5th
grade
10:15am Scout Sunday
5pm Youth Team
6pm Game Night
6:30pm 9-12 Youth Group



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