



First Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements

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February 8 & 9, 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

FEBRUARY MENU: 2/12 Pizza, 2/19 Sloppy Joes, 2/26 Mac N Cheese

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.

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



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

✠ Family of Elaine Ahrens
 ✠ Family of Roger Olson
 ✠ Family of Phyllis Stricklett
 ✠ Delores Jensen
 ✠ 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
 ✠ John Wolsmann
 ✠ Pat Bentsen—Missionary
 ✠ Lekura Parish
 ✠ Habitat for Humanity
and all those we name in our hearts.

Omaha Campus Ministry is inviting financial support for the upcoming year. The narthex has the Campus Minis-"TREE" that has pictures and envelopes of the ministry the young adults have enjoyed. Please consider supporting this ministry by taking an envelope from the tree. Thank you for your support.

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...

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 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

Service Plunges!!

Friday, March 13th, 8am-4pm

Friday, April 10th, 8am-4pm

I WILL NEED ADULT DRIVERS!!

Signup @ Youth Nook in Fellowship Hall



9th & 10th Grades

Wednesdays 645-8pm @ Youth Room

9 to 12

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

February 9th – join us for dinner and our first FLC University!!

Next meeting – February 23rd

Women’s News...

Circle News: Tuesday, February 11th at 2pm the Ruth Circle will meet at First Lutheran Church. The Co-Host will be Marjorie Johnson. The lesson will be a group lesson. **Wednesday,**

February 12th: Lois & Naomi Circle will meet at 9am at the home of Betty Megrue, 2423 Fontanelle Blvd., Blair. If unable to attend please call Betty at 402-426-2559.

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!

Worship Assistants for February 8 & 9

Greeters: 6pm Dick & Lorraine Hansen
8:15am & 10:15am Hospitality Teams
Lectors: 6pm John Mark Nielsen
8:15am Karen Fenne
10:15am Jane Heinrich
Communion
Assistants: 10:15am Hospitality Team
Sacristy: 10:15am Karen Clements and Merri Dibben
Coffee Hosts: Jim & Linda Jorgensen
TV Ministry: David & Emily Rasmussen

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.

Join us at Evensong to celebrate our invitation to campus ministry for college students in Omaha! There will be a reception with a silent auction, raffle, and Holden Evening Prayer with special music by students, and a community choir. Join us at Evensong on Sunday February 9th, 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Morning Star Lutheran, 331 S. 85th Ave. in Omaha. Questions ask Chele or Scott Garder.

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

Scripture Readings for this week
Isaiah 58:1-9
Matthew 5:13-20
Scripture Readings for next week
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Matthew 5:21-37

This week at First Lutheran

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
Mon. Feb. 10 7am Men's Bible Study
7pm Worship & Music Committee
Tue. Feb. 11 **Circle Day**
8am Quilt Tying
1:15pm Staff Meeting
6pm Fellowship Committee
7pm Christian Growth Board
Wed. Feb. 12 **Circle Day**
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. 13 10:30am Mission & Evangelism Committee
6:30pm Men's Workshop
6:30pm Church Council
Fri. Feb. 14 9:30am Women's Bible Study
Sat. Feb. 15 6pm Worship
Sun. Feb. 16 8:15am & 10:15am Worship
9:15am Sunday School PreK-5th grade
9:30am Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Property Committee



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