



First Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements

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March 7 & 8, 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
Wednesday, March 11th-Pizza**

FLC Variety Show and Pie Auction is coming!!

Sunday, March 29th at 3pm @ LIFE Center

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!!



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

✠ Family of Lois Blobaum
✠ Family of Ruth Thompson
✠ Tim Jensen - healing
✠ Kay Melby (Angela Ulven and Kari Hernandez's mother) - healing
✠ Marilyn Swanson - healing
✠ Mr. S. Akot - healing
✠ Del Hutton - healing
✠ Les - healing
✠ Patrick McKinnis - successful surgery and healing
✠ Dorothy Thomas
✠ Joe & Tammy Fryman - healing
✠ 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.

Bible study with Pastor Scott is on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Library. 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.

There will be no Sunday School classes this Sunday, March 8th. Also, there will be no LIFE Classes on Wednesday, March 11th. We will still have the Mid Week Meal from 5:30pm-6:30pm and Worship at 6:15pm as usual. Thank you!

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.



Gardening Workshop Scheduled for First Lutheran: As a part of the program for the Social Concerns Committee, First Lutheran Church will be hosting its second annual 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 Tuesday evening, March 31st 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.

Order BUTTER BRAIDS!!

FLC Youth are serving Butter Braids NOW!! Contact any FLC Youth or stop by the table in the narthex before/after worship to get yours for Easter!! Orders due by March 18th, Delivery March 31st. Thank you!

Painting Class for Mothers: In honor of all mothers. I would like to offer a free acrylic painting pour class on May 9th from 10am-12 Noon in the Ark at First Lutheran. Anyone interested can please call Carol Kuhfahl at 712-310-6648.

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

2020 CENSUS begins March 12! Please complete the census (online or using the paper questionnaire) in the next few weeks. With 330 million people in the country, the Census is important to help us govern and live together. Please fill out the Census by April 27, 2020.

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.

Lent Noon Lunch and Devotions: Please join us each Wednesday during Lent for lunch and devotions from noon to 1pm. All are welcome. Please join us!

“Every gift from God reveals his love, but no gift reveals his love more than the gifts of the cross.” On March 4th, The Wednesday LIFE Night Women’s Bible study will begin a Lenten study entitled “He Chose Nails” by Max Lucado. The study guide includes video discussion questions, Bible exploration, and personal study and reflection materials for in-between sessions. Come join us as we unwrap these gifts, pause and listen for His voice, and hear him whisper, “I did it just for you.” Contact Susie Pinguoch (spinguoch@gpcom.net) if additional information is needed.

Game Night: The Men of First Lutheran will be sponsoring Game Night on Sunday, March 8th 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.

50th Wedding Anniversary Party: Jim and Ruth Peterson will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, March 15th, 2020 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm at the Blair Public Library and Technology Center, 2233 Civic Drive, Blair. Please join Jim and Ruth to help them celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Social Concerns...

Great job FLC! We finished up our 8th Annual Have a Heart for Hunger campaign strong with a reportable total of 2251 items. That's an awful lot of spaghetti sauce, toilet paper, hamburger helper, pancake syrup, cereal and a whole lot more! Because of each and every one of you, our local food pantry is stocked up to serve our neighbors in need. Would you like to continue your support through out the year? You may leave your contributions in the Food Pantry box in the narthex at any time. In addition, if you shop at Family Fare, please bring in your receipts. You may "DIRECT YOUR DOLLARS" to the food pantry helping them to earn up to \$1000 of additional support. Please note – the entire receipt must be turned in – there is a box inside the Food Pantry receptacle waiting for your receipts.

The FLC Social Concerns Committee will be serving our traditional Lenten Meal on March 25th. Our menu will consist of a variety of tasty soups along with sub sandwiches and dessert. Please plan to join us and lend your support with all free will donations going to The Bridge. The Bridge provides services for individuals and families who experience domestic abuse, dating violence, and sexual assault in five counties – Burt, Cuming, Dodge, Saunders and Washington. We look forward to seeing you there!

Women...

Circle News: Tuesday, March 10th at 2pm the Ruth Circle will meet at First Lutheran Church. The Co-Host will be Doris Cooksey. Lesson leader will be Doris Cooksey. **Wednesday, March 11th: Lois & Naomi Circle** will meet at 9am at the home of Linda Trolson, 337 E. Baronage Drive, Blair. If unable to attend please call Linda at 402-426-5895.

Love Days: Love Days are planned for March 17th and 18th from 8am-12 Noon 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!

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

Community...

Blair Community Blood Drive: Monday, March 9, 2020 from 12:00pm to 6:00pm at First Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall. Questions Contact Laurie at 426-3661 or JoAnn at 426-9870. Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 7:30am to 12 Noon at the Blair City Hall-Council Chambers. Questions Ashlyn at 426-3823. Please see the Community Bulletin Board for more information.

The Heart of Camp Gala: A Benefit Event for Carol Joy Holling Camp on Saturday, April 4, 2020. It is held at La Vista Conference Center at 12520 Westport Parkway, La Vista, Nebraska 68128. Learn more and register at CarolJoyHolling.org/Gala.

*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 7 & 8
Greeters: 6pm Dick & Lorraine Hansen
8:15am & 10:15am Hospitality Teams
Lectors: 6pm Phil Larsen
8:15am Loren Havekost
10:15am Lynnette Hunt
Communion
Assistants: 10:15am Hospitality Team
Sacristy: 10:15am Karen Clements and Merri Dibben
Coffee Hosts: Duey & Tracy Heffelfinger
TV Ministry: David & Emily Rasmussen

Scripture Readings for this week
Isaiah 42:1-4
John 3:1-17
Scripture Readings for next week
Romans 6:1-5
John 4



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

<u>This week at First Lutheran</u>	
Sun. Mar. 8	8:15am & 10:15am Worship 9:15am Sunday School PreK-5th grade 6pm Game Night
Mon. Mar. 9	6:30pm 9-12 Youth Group 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Worship & Music Committee
Tue. Mar. 10	Circle Day 8am Quilt Tying 6pm Fellowship Committee 7pm Bible Study with Pastor Scott
Wed. Mar. 11	Circle Day 11am Office Hours Web Series 12 Noon Lenten Lunch and Devotion No LIFE Night Classes 5:30pm Meal 6:15pm Worship
Thu. Mar. 12	6:50pm Women's Bible Study 10:30am Mission & Evangelism Committee 6:30pm Church Council 6:30pm Men's Workshop
Fri. Mar. 13	8am-4pm Youth Plunge 9:30am Women's Bible Study
Sat. Mar. 14	6pm Worship
Sun. Mar. 15	8:15am & 10:15am Worship 9:15am Sunday School PreK-5th grade 9:30am Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Property Committee 5pm Youth Team