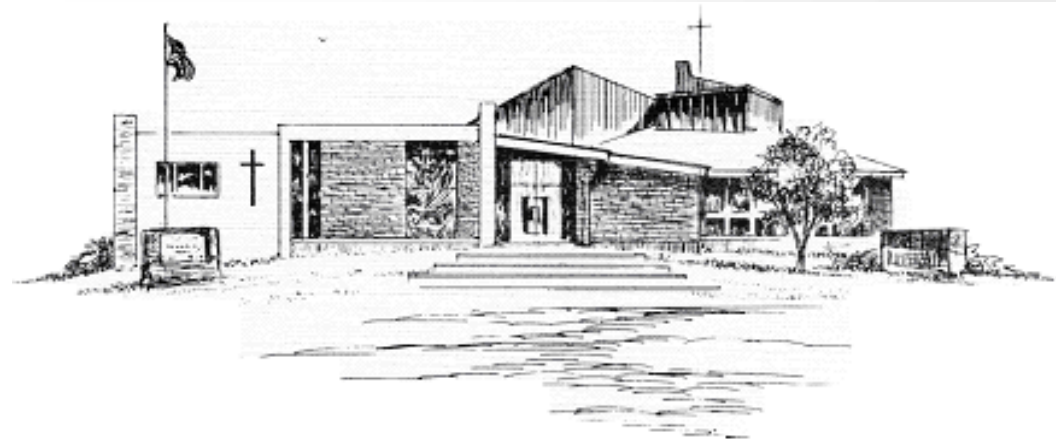


First Lutheran Church August 2023



Ambassadors of Christ



Daily Reasons to Celebrate

Poor August, the only month without holidays! Still, there's lots to celebrate these final weeks of summer. Enjoy some summer flavors: August 1 is National Raspberry Cream Pie Day; August 2, National Ice Cream Sandwich Day; August 3, National Watermelon Day; August 10, National S'mores Day (have a bonfire!); and August 24 is National Peach Day.

If you share life with young kids, have a water balloon fight on — you guessed it — National Water Balloon Day, August 6! Head out for a final (National) Beach Day on August 30. Or head out for an intergenerational hike on National Trail Mix Day, August 31.

And don't forget to celebrate God's precious gifts of friends — National Friendship Day is the first Sunday in August; creation — Global Sleep Under the Stars Night is August 8 (prime time for meteor showers!); laughter — National Tell a Joke Day is August 16; and the opportunity to put God's love into action by serving others — on August 22, National Be an Angel Day, or August 28, National Thoughtful Day, and, for that matter, every day of the year — holiday or not.

Pastor Scott Kiehn

Church Council

President - Shelly George

Vice Pres - Donna Lee

Secretary - Bev Johnson

Education/Youth - Mandy Ras-
musan/Darcie Waarvik

Finance - Donna Lee

Property - Marvin Johnson

Discipleship - Tara Wesen

Stewardship - Maxwell Knodel

Worship - Judi Martin

Our Staff

Youth/Family Coordinator

TBD

Secretary

Sandy Carpenter

Financial Secretary

Peggy Hansen

Church Treasurer

Leanne Fontaine

Church Cleaner

Debora MacDonald

Choir Director

Colleen Thompson

Kathy Smith, accompanist

Organist/Pianist

Audra Breigenzer

Jennifer Fewer

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Color newsletter on website.

As summer winds down and harvest is upon us I reflect on what lies ahead. School will be starting this month, sports practices begin in a week. In September we return to Confirmation and CSI. The divine Drama bible study will begin again on Tuesdays at 9:30 starting on September 19. I pray that in the midst of all of the activities that are beginning that we can stay focused on God and God's Word. It is too easy to be pulled in so many directions that we forget the one who gives us life — that we forget to take time or maybe better stated to make time for ourselves, especially time for ourselves with God. A quiet time of prayer and devotion each day can go a long way toward being able to get through the day. Knowing that Jesus Christ the "Lord of the harvest" is walking with you, through all that you go through, can help you deal with anything that comes along. As we look ahead to all of the new beginnings in our lives, things like starting a new grade in school, confirmation class, starting college, a new job or position, being empty nesters, living alone, retirement — whatever the new beginning in your life know that Jesus is walking with you as you go forward.

In Christ,
Pastor Scott

"...‘Lord of the harvest’ is walking with you.”



¹²The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
(Psalm 85:12, NRSV).

As gardens and fields bear pro-
duce, God, harvest goodness also
in my life.

SCAM ALERT!!!

If you receive a text or email from pastor or members asking for Gift Cards for an urgent need or asks a question out of the blue, please be aware that this is probably a scam. Please don't respond or click on any links. Note the number and call law enforcement. At least 2 members have been targeted recently.

****Remember, we have a convenient & safe way to give to FLC online.** You can find a "Give" button on our website (on the Welcome page or the Lifting to New Levels page). Once you click on the Give link, use the dropdown to let us know where you would like your offering to go. Regular offering donations should go to General Fund, Tithe & Offering or Pledges. These can be one-time donations or you can set them up on a recurring basis. You can also choose to have your giving go to Radio Broadcasts or the Lifting to New Levels Handicap Accessibility Project

Youth and Family Coordinator is urgently needed! Position offers attractive wages dependent on qualifications and experience. Part-time. Please stop in and talk more about this opportunity with Pastor Scott.



Notices

- **Service/Event Team** is **Team D: Shelly George & Jackie Bird** followed by Team E: Karyl Barnes & Mary Sue Knodel. **August ON CALL list is from Zoanni back up to start through Barstad.**
- If you want to help out with services and events, it is welcomed. Every little bit helps when putting together a luncheon. Even if all you want to do is bake some bars or a make a salad! Call Sandy in the office to get on the list.
- Worship Team meet Aug 6 after church and are hosting 2nd Sunday Brunch in September.

College Address Wanted!

We would love to send the newsletter to you!



Login or register on Reynold's website. Then go to rewards and my rewards. Click on the **Friends of Reynolds** button and add the charity (#1006) you would like to support. You can only support one charity at a time. For help, come see Sandy in the office and she'll get you set up. Your grocery shopping is worth it. Use #1006 as charity.

Food Bank

Aug 6 Apple/Fruit Sauces
Aug 13 Whole Grain Crackers
Aug 20 Cooking Oils
Aug 27 Instant Potatoes

Church Office Summer Hours:

Tuesday & Wednesday 9-3:30
Thursday 9-Noon

From the Glasgow PD:



What If I Get Scammed?

If you believe to have been the victim of a scam, call Valley County dispatch immediately at 406-228-4333 option 2. Reporting to law enforcement will help you when you reach out to your bank or to try to stop payment on any type of cards that you have purchased for the scammers. When you call dispatch make sure to ask for the number attached to the report (aka CFS number) this will be the number to give the bank or Apple cards etc. and will help law enforcement in the area track the types of scams that are going around and the M.O.'s the scammers are using. After calling dispatch, call the 1-800 number on whatever card they asked you to purchase (Apple card etc.) and let them know you were scammed. Give them the CFS number provided by dispatch. Then notify your bank you were the victim of a scam. The bank may need track account to ensure there are no fraudulent charges or cancel your cards. Lastly you may need to monitor your identity depending on the information that was given to the scammer to ensure that your identity is not stolen. They are several very good identity tracking sites to use you can go to identitytheft.gov for more information. For more information or question call the Glasgow Police Department at 406-228-8050.

Vacation Bible School



Monday July 31st – Friday August 4th

1:30 to 4:30 PM each day

Nashua Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Lifting to New Levels

In this, its 100th year, First Lutheran Church is undertaking two major building projects to improve access to all levels of the church and its bathrooms.

Log on to the church's website at flcglasgow.org to review the plans. Please consider participating in these significant improvements. Donations may be mailed to the church, delivered in person, or made online through Tithe.ly.com

"For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God." Hebrews 3:4



LeeAnn (Machosky) Pomrenke, intern 2003 & 2004 stopped in for a visit.



2023 FLC Foundation Scholarship awardees on Scholarship Sunday.

The First Lutheran Church Foundation is perpetual fund that was established in 1979. Only the interest earned on the fund is expended. The earnings from the Foundation are intended for special needs and programs, not the ordinary administration and maintenance of the church. The interest may be used scholarships, special donations, and capital improvement projects. In 2023, the First Lutheran Church Foundation awarded 6 scholarships. The scholarships can be awarded to college students who are entering their second, third, or fourth year of an undergraduate or technical school program. FLC Foundation donations for 2023 include, the FLC Lift Project, Troop 861 Boy Scouts, Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, Lutheran Disaster Response, Operation Bootstrap Africa, and ELCA Ministries.

New Collection Bin in Narthex

VALLEY COMMUNITY
EMERGENCY FOOD BANK
DONATIONS ARE
APPRECIATED



FLC Council Highlights

June 19, 2023

(Complete printed or electronic copies of the minutes are available from the church office.)

Council members present: Shelly George, Beverly Johnson, Marvin Johnson, Max Knodel and Tara Wesen. Absent: Mandy Rasmusan, Donna Lee, Judi Martin and Darcie Waarvik. Others present: Leanne Fontaine, alternate Greg Forrester and Pastor Scott.

Devotions: We discussed chapter 4 from the book Reclaiming the “L” Word. Every Christian is a minister. Everyone is welcome at church—don’t draw a line. Don’t exclude others.

Youth and family: The position for youth director is being advertised. The executive team will meet to discuss the job description and other options on how to advertise the position.

Preschool report: Will pay the church \$500 per year for supplies.

Tech committee: Still working on live streaming the services on Facebook. The audio is clear, but no music comes through. Bev will look into possibly getting the screen in the sanctuary fixed.

Treasurer’s report: Total income for May was \$15,634.05. Total expenses were \$17,833.59. May’s cash flow was -\$2,199.54. YTD cash flow is -\$8,442.73.

Special project report: We now have a total of \$191,518.76.

Synod convention report: Pastor Scott attended. The theme was Equipping for Generosity. They discussed how we are called to live generous lives. We should see the gifts God has given us and respond accordingly.

Three people were interviewed for the custodial job. Debora MacDonald was hired for the position. The noisy offering for July will go to the snack program at Irle School and Youth Dynamics.

Tara Wesen will serve as a member of the council in Lacey Flaten’s place. She will be on the Discipleship Team.

TEAM REPORTS:

Property: They are discussing cleaning up the front of the church. They hope to tear out all the old vegetation and replace it with gravel and ornamental grasses. They are working on getting bids for a deck for the parsonage. Dick Markle hung a beautiful diamond willow cross that he made on the front of the church.

Discipleship: They will find out if there are people in need of rides to and from church and if there are people willing to give rides to church. FLC offers free rides to Nemont and Prairie Ridge residents to and from Sunday church services at First Lutheran Church. It falls under Evangelism in the Discipleship budget. Sandy would like to put up posters at Nemont, Prairie Ridge and FLC to help get that running again. Tana Tweten will be the contact person for this.

Stewardship: There will be a combined worship service on June 25 in Kiwanis Park in Fort Peck. Lutheran pastors from the surrounding churches will help with the service. After the service there will be a lunch. A lot of work has gone into the planning of this event.

Financial: \$100,000 from the special project will be put in a CD at Edward Jones for 9 months with approximately 5.3% interest. A CD worth \$31,081.74 is maturing on July 22. The CD will be renewed at ELCA Mission Plus for one more year at 5.1% interest.

Pastor Scott’s report: It has been an extremely busy month. Pastor has had 6 funerals and one burial. He has had hospital visits, planning of funerals, meeting with families, cluster meetings, interviews for the custodial position, attended the Synod assembly in Great Falls, visited Prairie Ridge and Valley View, worked with the stewardship team on the planning of the church service in Kiwanis Park, home visits and more.

Pastor Scott is taking time off between July 3 and 13. Max will be doing the service. The week of July 23, Pastor Scott will be attending Flathead Bible Camp to serve as one of the pastors there.

First Lutheran Church

Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered and sent for the sake of God’s world as Ambassadors of Christ.



INGREDIENTS FOR TRUE SUCCESS

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these.

—George Washington Carver



Puzzle

Search in all directions to find these words from the first seven chapters of Proverbs.

WORD LIST: covenant, delight, discipline, evil, father, fool, forsake, fountain, fruit, heart, honest, humble, insight, listen, Lord, love, neighbor, path, pleasant, poverty, protect, rebuke, sleep, son, teaching, tongue, walk, wisdom, youth

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What do you get when you cross a pig and a tree?

Answer: A porky pine.

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