

Ambassadors of Christ

A PUBLICATION OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE AMBASSADOR — SPECIAL FALL EDITION

**Celebrate!
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The original First Lutheran Church on the corner of 2nd Avenue

**1923-2023
100 YEARS OF
LOVE & SERVICE**

and 7th Street in Glasgow, Montana, was dedicated in October of 1923. We are going to celebrate our 100 year anniversary all

month this October with special activities.

Please join us in worship and fellowship.

Invite your friends and neighbors and check out our church's history on the First Lutheran Church website. Our ancestors were amazing!

Let's "Pack the Pews" and make a joyful noise.



Tuesdays:

- Bible Study at 9:00 am and 6:00 pm.

Wednesdays:

- 11:00 Valley View
- Quilting at 1:00 with WELCA at 2:30 on every 2nd Wednesday.
- 5:30 CSI & Meal; 6:30 Confirmation
- Choir Practice at 7:00

Thursdays:

- 10:00 Prairie Ridge
- 5:30 Lifting to New Heights

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FROM THE PASTOR:

What Works Best For You?

As we wind down the Summer and look forward to Fall it is nice to be able to reflect on what we have been able to do and the positive things that we have been involved in. On June 25th we had an outdoor worship service at Kiwanis Park in Fort Peck. The service included other Lutheran congregations from the area, following the service we had a picnic meal and a time of fellowship. This service and picnic was a success and hopefully will become an annual event. In July we had four kids attend Flathead Lutheran Bible camp during two different weeks. I was also able to attend FLBC as camp pastor for the week. It was good to be back at camp after not attending for seven years.

Also this summer Maxwell Knodel led worship and preached for the first time since beginning the LPA program. Colleen Forrester Also led worship and preached, when I was gone, this is something that she has been doing for a number of years. Even though the quilters were going to take some time off this summer many of them continued to meet and their numbers seem to have increased. Also, this summer there were eleven people who died that I had some kind of funeral or burial service for. At first glance this might not sound positive, however each service was an opportunity to care for our community and to hear the good news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ at a time when people need to hear it the most. A few of the services were at our church and we were able to provide lunch and a time of fellowship for those who were grieving. Thank you to all who served or provided food. We give

thanks to God for all of these positive experiences and the ministry that takes place in our community.

Looking back at all that has happened this past summer we now look forward to what lies ahead of us this Fall. Preschool begins September 5. The divine Drama Bible Study will start up again on September 19th. CSI and con-

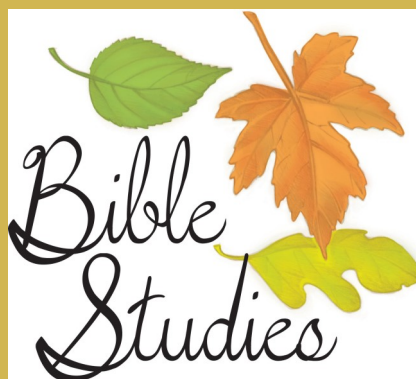
firmation both begin on September 20th. There will be worship and a meal, registration, and parent - student - teacher meetings. We are still looking for a Youth Director so the only thing not starting up in September is the Youth Group. If you know of anyone or if you feel called to this position, please contact Pastor Scott or Shelly George. Also beginning in September is choir practice on September 6th. There are a number of opportunities to serve, get involved or study God's word - find what seems to work best

for you.

Some themes in our readings the last few weeks have been of following Jesus and mending the divisions that we create - we follow Jesus when we are caring for those in need around us and in our communities. Please be kind and considerate of those who view life differently than you do.

In Christ,

Pastor Scott

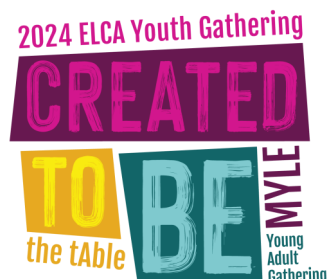


Bible Studies *The Divine Drama*

The Divine Drama® is an intermediate level, adaptable Bible survey course presented in two parts: the Biblical Narrative and Our Narrative. Part 1 - The Biblical Narrative leads students through the entire book of Holy Scripture in 16 sessions. Part 2 - Our Narrative explores basic Christian teaching in 14 sessions.

With 136 full-color teaching graphics designed to help people grasp and remember the key events and concepts of the Bible, the focus of this series is on the forgiving grace of God, who came to us in Jesus Christ to rescue us from sin and restore us to a right relationship with our Lord. This course is suitable for adults and youth.

Registration for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE), the tAble and the Young Adult Gathering will open on Sept. 15, 2023 at noon central. All ELCA congregations are invited to participate. Please contact the church office for more information.



Why confirmation? Confirmation occurs at the age when young people are in a time of discovery. The intent for confirmation is to support faith formation, which translates into ministry in daily living. Confirmation starts September 20 at 6:30.



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

Devotions: We discussed chapter 5 from the book Reclaiming the "L" Word. The Gospel gives us hope and life. God always comes down to us. We are saved through our faith in God and not because of anything we have done to earn it.

- **Youth and family:** The position for a youth director is still available.
- **Treasurer's report:** Total income for June was \$9,236.18. Total expenses for June were \$14,329.76. June's cash flow was -\$5,093.58. YTD cash flow is -\$13,536.31.
- **Special project report:** We now have a total of \$212,718.76. They are con-

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sidering buying the lift now before there is a price increase.

- Half of the offering from the outdoor worship in Fort Peck was given to Lutheran Disaster Relief and half to Lutheran World Hunger.
- **Pastor Scott's report:** 5 funerals, hospital visits, planning of funerals, meeting with families, visited Prairie Ridge and Valley View two times each, Endowment meetings. Pastor Scott will be gone to Flathead Bible Camp July 23-28.



• Up next for Service/Events is Team D: Shelly George & Jackie Bird.

- 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.
- 2nd Quarter Friends of Reynold's check: \$315.62!!

Fall Bi-Annual Meeting

Please! Right after Church.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the semi-annual congregational meeting on September 24, 2023.

Important information about the building projects will be discussed along with other relevant church business. Agenda below for a short and sweet meeting:

- ⇒ Call meeting to order & Prayer
- ⇒ Approve minutes from January 29th, 2023 biannual meeting.
- ⇒ Reports: Steering committee report on lift.
- ⇒ Old business and New business: 100 year anniversary.
- ⇒ Nomination committee. Election of 3 council members for 2024-2026 and Voting.
- ⇒ Adjourn meeting with Lord's Prayer.



Sunday
September 24



September 2023

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