



The CLARION

October issue 2023

September has been a busy month here at FLC. We started the month with Rally Sunday which was a huge success, and everyone really seemed to enjoy the day. We had a BBQ, bouncy houses, a dunk tank and multiple other games. The dunk tank was used as a fundraiser for the LYO and was a huge hit!



Confirmation started on September 20th. There are 6 kids for the class this year. Matthew has stated that this is an amazing group of kids and he is exited for the year

Next up, was the Homecoming parade. We built legos for the float and our sign read "Built into One Family with God"



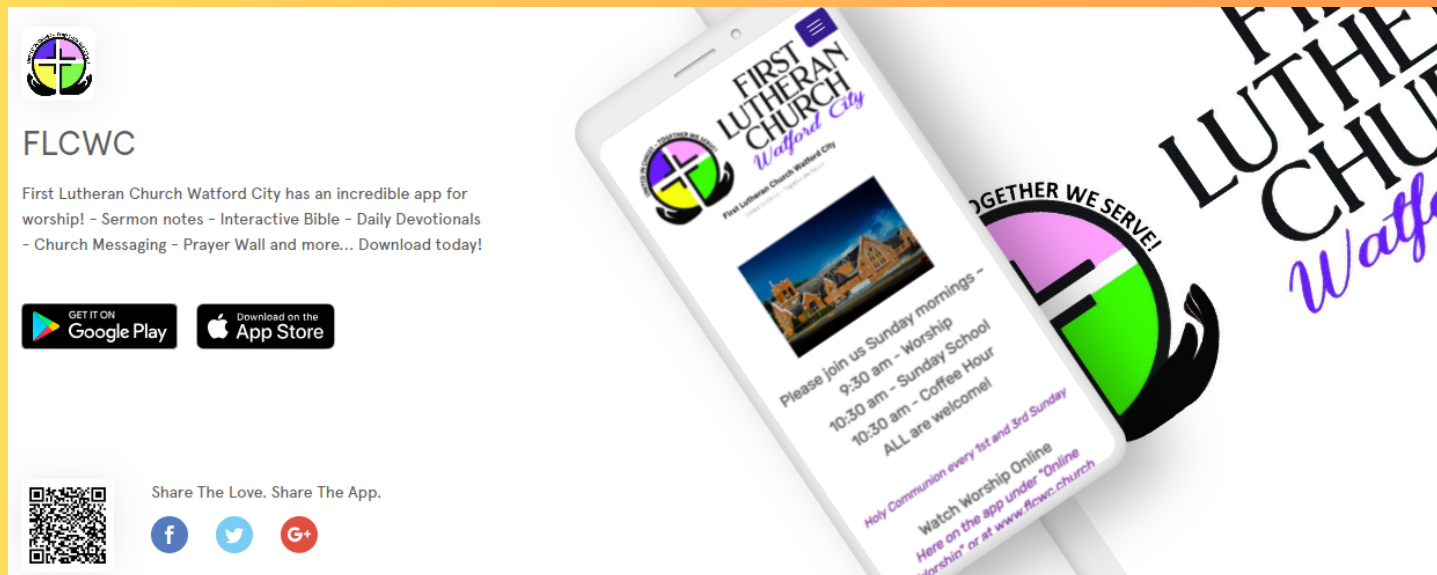
Sunday School started on September 17th with 38 kids on the roster! It should be an amazing year of learning about Jesus, God and faith.

With this many kids I personally am looking forward to the Christmas program!





The Bell tower project is almost complete. The only thing left to do is actually hang the bell. The bells have been ringing daily for a little over a month and they sound beautiful. We will have a Bell Tower dedication on October 15th with a special worship using new communion ware donated by the Dahl farm in remembrance of Jim Tveter.



Altar Committee schedule

COMMUNION: Oct.1st: Jennifer Sorenson, and Kyla Beagles

Oct. 8th: Jennifer and Debbie Larsen

COMM: Oct. 15th: Anne & Ardyce Alvshire October 22nd: Ardyce & Val Swensrud

COMM: October 29th: (Reformation Sunday) RED; Val & JessAnn Knutson

COMM: Nov. 5th: (All Saints Sunday) WHITE; Karla Quale & Steph Russell Nov: 12th: GREEN; Karla & Steph

COMM: Nov. 19th: green paraments; Debbie Larsen & Ardyce A. Nov. 26st: (Christ the King) WHITE; Ardyce & Liz Holen

COMM: Dec. 3rd: (Advent begins) BLUE; Liz & Kyla B.

Hanging of the greens; Key people will assist with setting things up.

Dec. 10th: Jennifer & Celeste (church will be decorated this Sunday.)

COMM: Dec. 17th: Anne & Celeste (Christmas Program) Dec. 24th: Celeste & Liz

COMM: Dec. 31st: Val S. & Kyla B.

Hello: These are a busy three months. I marked on the schedule when we will be serving Communion and different colors. If the dates do not work for you, please call and change with other Altar members. I will be out of town from Nov. 23rd through Nov. 26th. Let's have a wonderful Holiday season!! Annie

A word from our Minister Matthew Rolfson
Grace and Peace to You,

Psalm 84:1 How lovely is your dwelling place O Lord of hosts!

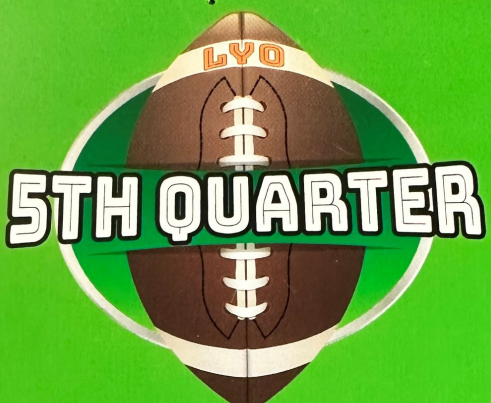
October is a special time in our Church. As Lutherans, we remember the church reformation, but we also remember those who have come before us during All Saints Day. First Lutheran Church of Watford City, October 15th, has a dedication for the restoration of the bell tower and new communion wear. Let us celebrate this October remembering God and all those who have come before us. Those great builders of faith community that gave us Bells to ring and Communion to serve. How lovely is your dwelling place O Lord of hosts.



On October 28th the LYO will be serving a Mystery Dinner to raise money for next years National LYO convention in New Orleans. The dinner will start at 6pm. Tickets are \$10 each and there will also be a free will offering plate. Get a hold of an LYO member, Matthew or the office to get your tickets.

The LYO Board is excited to host a fall faith formation experience for the High School AND Jr. High/Middle School youth of our Synod this October! We will bring together phenomenal speakers, informative break-out sessions, and of course: tons of fun! We hope the 6th-8th and 9th-12th Grade youth of your church will be able to join us Thursday-Friday and Friday-Saturday, October 19-21, 2023.

GO WOLVES! GO WOLVES! GO WOLVES!



After every Friday night Wolves Varsity home football game, LYO hosts 5th Quarter. Everyone, grades 7-12, is welcome!

Play games, watch movies, eat food and have some fun!

Join us after the game until 11:30.

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 OF WATFORD CITY
SEE YOU THERE!

Call or text Matthew Rolfson with questions. 701-651-7365

Might God be calling you to preach and lead worship in your congregation or in another congregation in western ND?

Do you want to respond to God's call but wish there was a way for you to become better equipped?

The **Lay Preaching Academy** may be the answer you're looking for. Join fellow learners this Fall in an online learning community as we study:

- What is a sermon?
- How do we read and understand scripture through a Lutheran lens?
- What is the practical task of creating a sermon?
- Why do we worship as we worship, and what does it all mean?



The 8 sessions will meet on **Tuesday evenings** from 7:00-8:30 pm on the following dates:

September 19	October 17
September 26	October 24
October 3	November 7
October 10	November 14

Lay Preaching Academy

For more information and to register for the Fall course, visit:

www.bit.ly/LayPreachingFall2023

As we know our church is in need of lay pastors. We currently have 4 parishioners partaking in the Lay Preaching Academy. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they partake in this journey. Not only will it help us here at First Lutheran but it will help them in their own faith journey.



WELCA invites you to join us for the Upper Missouri Valley Cluster on October 7th at First Lutheran Church Watford City at 9:30 am. The theme this year is Katie's Fund. We are honored to have 2 inspiring speakers, Calli Thorne on mental health and Jennifer Winter on Women in Crisis. Our Bible Verse is Mark 9:23- All things are possible to those who believe. Join us for fellowship, lunch, wonderful speakers and entertainment. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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1ST Sunday of every month will be noisy buckets. Bring your loose change for the Sunday School kids

Oct 1st

9:30 am worship
10:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Coffee Hour
8:00 pm NA

Oct 3rd

9:00 am Worship mtg
5-7 pm Food Pantry

Oct 4th

11:00 am Youth & Ed mtg
5:00 pm Stewardship & Evan mtg
6:00 pm Confirmation

Oct 6th

11:30 am Property mtg

Oct 8th

9:30 am worship
10:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Coffee Hour
8:00 pm NA

Oct 9th

5:00 pm Hope Circle

Oct 11th

1:30 pm Peace Circle

Oct 15th

9:30 am worship
10:30 am Sunday School
Bell Tower Dedication
10:30 am Coffee Hour
11:00 am FLC Council mtg (after dedication)
8:00 pm NA

Oct 17th

2-4 pm Food Pantry

Oct 19-21st

Mandan Youth Gathering

Oct 22nd

9:30 am worship
10:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Coffee Hour
8:00 pm NA

Oct 25th

BBQ Bible Study

Oct 31st

3-5 pm Trail of Treats



FLC Quilters meet every Monday at 1:00pm
Confirmation meets every Wednesday at 6 pm

October Birthday's & Anniversaries

Oct 1

Elisabeth Jones
Miles Wollan Tina Kostad

Oct 2

Jackie Sullivan
Casen Thorne

Oct 3

Andrew Fisketjon

Oct 4

Warren Renbarger

Oct 5

Lisa Shipman

Oct 6

Gary Wold
Angie Moe

Oct 7

Austin Patten
Susan Wold

Oct 8

Doug Nordby
Royce Rolfson

Oct 9

Brandon Spacher
Miles Wollan Jr

Oct 10

Leston Johnson
LeAnn Voll
Dick Jore

Oct 11

Michael Tank

Oct 12

Gene Fedorenko
Cole Solem
Seth Jorgenson
Birch Tschetter

Oct 13

Kylee Pederson

Oct 14

Bev Leom
Olga Hovet

Oct 15

Jennifer Johnsrud
Mark Knutson
Madison Spacher

Oct 17

Lloyd & Ardyce Alveshere

Oct 18

Vawnita Best
Jeslyn Linseth

Oct 19

Carol Moore

Oct 20

Rusty Bruns

Oct 21

Rory Sanford
Kevin & Jackie Sullivan

Oct 22

David Fredrickson

Oct 23

Travis Wollan
Tanner Shelley

Oct 24

Travis Kummer
Jayden Grotte
Elmer & Paulette Nordsven

Oct 25

Ryan Chaffee

Oct 27

Dale Patten
Dale Washburn

Oct 28

C. John Anderson
Erin Fjeldahl
Aaron Jones
Seth Forbes

Oct 29

Brady Leiseth
Artis Stevens

Oct 30

Cari Forbes
Ricki Lindley
Jim Luchi
Dennis Sanford

Oct 31

Elizabeth Holen
Carol Dodge

