



the Clarion

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Watford City Area Lutheran Parish September Worship Schedule

Sunday, September 4th

9:00 AM – Banks Lutheran Church
11:00 AM – First Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 11th

9:00 AM – Banks Lutheran Church
11:00 AM – First Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 18th

9:00 AM – Garden Lutheran Church
11:00 AM – First Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 25th

9:00 AM – Garden Lutheran Church
11:00 AM – First Lutheran Church

Locations of Banks, Garden & First Lutheran:

Banks - Located along Hwy 1806 (17 miles NE of WC)

Garden - Located at 35th St NW (12 miles NE of WC)

First - 2nd St NW in Watford City



**Unable to make it to
Sunday morning worship?
No worries... Join us on**

facebook

Our Facebook pages are:
Banks/Garden - Banks & Garden Lutheran Churches
First - First Lutheran Church/Watford City Lutheran Parish

Worship will be broadcasted live from Banks & First Lutheran Churches and can be watched anytime thereafter.



- ✝ *Family & Friends of Gerald "Gerry" Nelson*
- ✝ *Family & Friends of Glenn "Bub" Pittsley*
- ✝ *Jessica Wisness Burns*
- ✝ *Danell Dougherty*
- ✝ *Reinhard Hauck*
- ✝ *McLinda Haugeberg*
- ✝ *Sid Moore*
- ✝ *Micah Moxness*
- ✝ *Cheryl Renville*
- ✝ *Mary Jane Rhodes*
- ✝ *Melany Sanford*
- ✝ *Donald Schmidt*
- ✝ *Val Williams*



If you know someone needing prayers, please contact the Watford City Area Lutheran Parish office by calling (701)444-3244 or emailing office@wclutheranparish.com



Meetings for the Women of the ELCA



Wednesday, Sept. 7th

10:00 am – **FLC General WELCA** at FLC

Monday, Sept. 12th

5:00 pm – **Hope Circle** at FLC

Tuesday, Sept. 13th

2:00 pm – **Garden WELCA** at the Senior Citizen Center.

Wednesday, Sept. 14th

1:30 pm – **Peace Circle** at FLC

Wednesday, Sept. 14th

2:00 pm – **Banks Ladies Aid** at Banks Lutheran Church

Women of the **ELCA**

First Lutheran WELCA highly encourages everyone to attend the next general meeting of **WELCA** on **Wednesday, September 7th at 10:00 am at First Lutheran Church** to share your thoughts and give your input for the months ahead. **This meeting is for ALL the women of Watford City Area Lutheran Parish!**

Worship Dedications



Thank you to the following for their sponsorship of Sunday worship during the months of

August:

August 21st – Joyce, JeAnne, Jayme, Jayson & their families in memory of James Tveter.

September:

September 4th – Kevin & Jackie Sullivan and Duane & Melissa Frick in memory of Kenneth Frick, Darlene, Jeff & Kelly Sullivan and Kenneth Thomas.

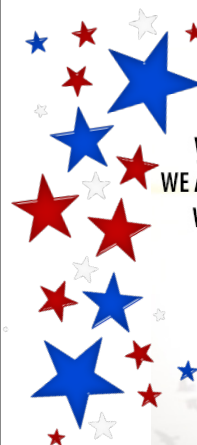
September 25th – Craig & Barb Sorenson in memory of Homer & Alice Sorenson and Emil & Mabel (Botner) Sorenson.

If you would like to dedicate a Sunday morning worship in honor or memory of someone special, please contact the church office by calling (701)444-3244 or emailing office@wclutheranparish.com. Cost of sponsorship is \$100, which will be used for any Facebook broadcasting needs.

In Loving Memory

BELL TOWER FUND

Harris & Shirley Olson \$500.00



A PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

LORD, ON THIS LABOR DAY,
WE THANK YOU FOR THE BLESSING OF WORK.
WE ASK FOR THE STRENGTH TO COMPLETE EACH DAY.
WE ASK FOR REST FOR WHEN WE ARE WEARY.
WE ASK FOR YOUR GUIDANCE
FOR EVERYONE SEEKING EMPLOYMENT,
AND WE ASK THAT
YOU BE WITH THOSE WHOSE FACES
WE MIGHT NEVER SEE
BUT WHO WORK TIRELESSLY EACH DAY
FOR THE GOOD OF US ALL.
AMEN.

Watford City Area Lutheran Parish Rally Day is Sunday, September 11th!



Banks/Garden Lutheran Churches:

9:00 AM Worship at Banks

10:00 AM Potluck brunch

During brunch, the Sunday School (along with the adults) will be putting together care packages for the Good Shepherd Home and McKenzie County Hospital and assembling health kits for Lutheran World Relief. This is a project that will involve both the youth and adults working together on community service.

Everyone is invited to join in on the fun and help fill a bag or two!

First Lutheran Church:

10:00 AM Youth putting together emergency care kits for area first responders

11:00 AM Worship

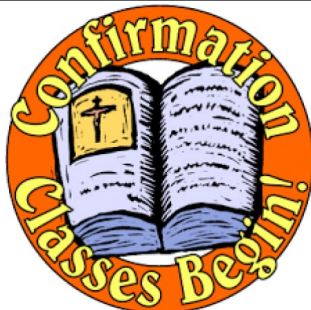
- ❖ Installation of Teachers
- ❖ Presentation of Care Kits to First Responders
- ❖ Presentation of Bibles to First Graders

12:00 PM Potluck lunch (hamburgers & hotdogs will be provided)

12:30 PM Confirmation & LYO meeting



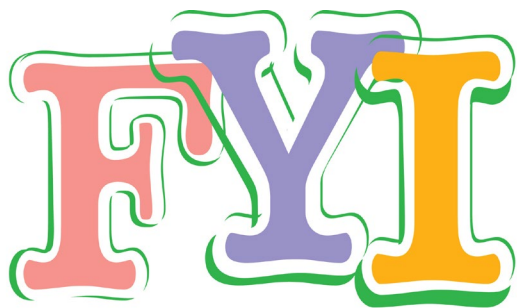
Sunday School classes for Banks/Garden and First Lutheran Churches will begin on Sunday, September 18th at 10:00 AM at Garden & First. There will be activities to kick-off the year on Rally Day, September 11th which include putting together care packages for the nursing home & hospital and health kits for LWR at Banks Lutheran and putting together emergency care kits for local first responders at First.



Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, Sept. 11th at 12:30 pm in the First Lutheran Church fellowship hall following the potluck lunch. All students, along with their parents, are invited to attend. Parent attendance is strongly encouraged as we will go over the list of trips/activities we have planned and the requirements/expectations of our Confirmation students.



There are a lot of exciting plans being made for the LYO (Lutheran Youth Organization) this year! Come, check it out at the LYO meeting following worship & lunch on Rally Sunday!! Rally Sunday will be September 11th and the meeting will start at 12:30 pm at First Lutheran Church. All youth in grades 7-12 are invited – hope to see you there!!



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

Copies of First Lutheran Church financial reports, Council meeting minutes and Watford City Area Lutheran Parish Board meeting minutes are available upon request at the Parish office. Meeting minutes (in draft form) will also be posted on the Facebook page: *First Lutheran Church/Watford City Area Lutheran Parish* and on the Parish website at www.wclutheranparish.com under "Publications".

Costs for First Lutheran Church Bell Tower Repair

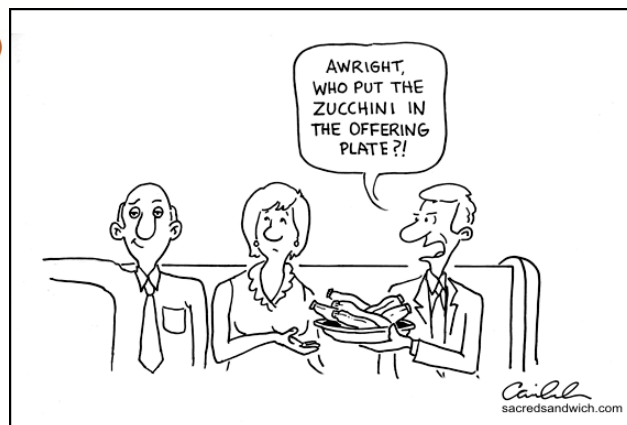
Icon – Design, Engineering & Structural	\$ 10,000.00
FCI – Construction	\$152,226.00
Carillons & Bells	\$ 20,230.00
Installation of Carillons & Bells	\$ 5,500.00
Lighting of Bell Tower	\$ 5,000.00
Contingency	\$ 7,500.00
Building Permit	\$ 700 .00
Estimated Total	\$201,156.00

Total Funds Raised as of 7/31/22 **\$99,212.30**

If you have any questions, please talk to Glen Beard (FLC Maintenance Supervisor), Laura Dahl or Kevin Sullivan (FLC Property Committee).



Please join us for coffee & fellowship before worship at 10:00 am on Sundays at First Lutheran Church!



The Youth for Christ group will be having a fall kick-off/cook-out at First Lutheran Church on Thursday, Sept. 15th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. They will be featuring a special speaker and invite everyone to join them! Youth for Christ is a youth ministry connecting young people with other important parts of their community while sharing the genuine love of Christ. EVERYONE is always welcome! Join us at First Lutheran Church on Thursdays at 4:00 pm and check it out! Invite your friends!

A Prayer for Teachers

Lord, bless the teachers who give their heart to teaching. Thank you for the special gift that You have given them and for giving them a spirit of grace and compassion. May they have strength and endurance to perform their many tasks, and may they know and feel the deep gratitude of those whom they teach.

Amen

