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Watford City Area Parish Sunday Worship & Sunday School Schedule

Banks/Garden Lutheran Church Worship – 8:30 am
Sunday School at Banks/Garden & First – 9:30 am
First Lutheran Church Worship – 10:30 am

Worship & Sunday School on the first 2 Sundays of the month are at Banks Lutheran Church, last 2 Sundays of the month are at Garden Lutheran Church.



Worship will also be on Facebook Live at their respective times at *Banks & Garden Lutheran Parish* for Banks & Garden Lutheran and *Watford City Lutheran Parish* for First Lutheran.

**United we serve –
Together in Christ!**

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday (April 14th):

6:30 PM at First Lutheran Church

Good Friday (April 15th):

6:30 PM at First Lutheran Church

Easter (April 17th):

8:30 AM at Garden Lutheran Church

10:30 AM at First Lutheran Church

*COME
Worship
WITH US*



- ✝ Family & Friends of Seth Jorgenson
- ✝ Hayley Moe as she attends Seminary
- ✝ Danell Dougherty
- ✝ Patti Leiseth
- ✝ Micah Moxness
- ✝ Sid Moore
- ✝ Mary Jane Rhodes
- ✝ Melany Sanford
- ✝ Donald Schmidt

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.



FLC QUILTING FUND

Milo Wisness \$500.00

FLC WELCA

Donald Boehm \$500.00

GARDEN BLDG. FUND

Dennis Johnson \$100.00



Congratulations to Greg & Kira Noll on the birth of their daughter, Lillie Beau Judith, on March 6th! Congratulations to grandparents, Steve & Gretchen Stenehjelm too!



We would like to welcome the newly baptized within our

Parish:

First Lutheran Church
Lonna Kathryn Rolfson
Daughter of
Jonathan & April Rolfson
on March 12, 2022

*Easter is a promise
that God gave to you,
a promise of eternal life,
a season of renewal.
As the scent of roses
fills the air,
and blue jays sweetly sing,
remember that God is with you
and guiding you this spring.
For he vowed that he will
always be there,
to wrap you in his arms
when you need his care.
He has faith in you,
and his heart shall ever be true,
no matter what you say or do.
Even should you stumble or fall,
God will lend you a hand
to help you stand tall.*

Meetings for the Women of the ELCA Circles



Wednesday, April 6th

10:00 am – FLC WELCA at FLC

Monday, April 11th

5:00 pm – Hope Circle at First Lutheran Church

Tuesday, April 12th

2:00 pm – Garden WELCA at Senior Citizen Center

Wednesday, April 13th

1:30 pm – Peace Circle at First Lutheran Church

Wednesday, April 13th

2:00 pm – Banks Ladies Aid at Vonnie Johnson's



The Upper Missouri Spring Cluster meeting will be held on Saturday, April 23rd in Wildrose with registration at 9:30 am. The theme is "I am the Light of the World" ~ John 8:12 and guest speakers are the Olson girls sharing their story, "Life After the Big E". A love offering will be taken for the food pantry and they will be collecting used eyeglasses for the Williston Lions. If you are interested in going or have any questions, please contact Val Swensrud.





Mark your calendars! There will be a Lady's Fellowship Event at First Lutheran Church on May 15th from 12 until 2 pm. There will be a speaker, food & fellowship and EVERYONE is invited to come! Cost for the event will be \$10.00. Watch the upcoming bulletins and May Clarion for more details!



Looking ahead...the Western ND WELCA Synodical Convention will be June 17-18 at the St. John Lutheran Church in Dickinson. Cost to attend is \$45 for Friday, \$45 for Saturday or \$90 for both days. Deadline to register is June 1st. For further information, please contact Val Swensrud.



Recognition of 1st Communion will be Sunday, April 24th during worship at Garden Lutheran at 8:30 am and First Lutheran at 10:30 am. Anyone desiring to have 1st Communion, please contact the Parish office or Pastor Paul. **1st Communion is open to everyone with no age restrictions.**



Confirmation will be during worship on Sunday, May 1st at First Lutheran and May 15th at Garden Lutheran.



Join us as we hold a relief drive for Ukraine!

We are putting together boxes to send over to our Ukrainian brothers & sisters thru Christ in need. Each box will include the following:

- Dark regular-sized bath towel
- 2 bars of regular-size soap
- Comb
- Nail clipper
- Toothbrush

Donated items may be dropped off at First Lutheran Church through the end of April (there is a table in the Narthex). To give a monetary donation, please pick up a donation form and drop off form & donation (please make checks payable to Lutheran World Relief) at First Lutheran Church or mail to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD, 21297-1061. You can also give online at <https://donate.lwr.org>.

Anything you can donate is GREATLY appreciated!!

Thank you,
Stewardship & Evangelism Team, First Lutheran Church



at First Lutheran Church

April 3rd – 5th Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM

Reader: Laura Dahl

Greeter: Robin & Anna Schwartz

Usher/Comm: Cindy Geiger / Kevin Sullivan

FB/PP: Steve Sanford

Coffee Hour: Laura & Nyla Dahl

April 10th – Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

10:30 AM

Reader: Val Swensrud

Greeters: Tschetter Family

Usher/Comm: Curt & Jennifer Sorenson

FB/PP: Tschetter Family

Coffee Hour: Mark & Jess Anne Knutson

April 17th – Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day

10:30 AM

Reader: Gretchen Stenehjelm

Greeter: Bauer Family

Usher/Comm:

FB/PP:

Coffee Hour:

April 24th – 2nd Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM

Reader: Frances Olson

Greeter: Mitch & Lynn Haugeberg

Usher/Comm: Cindy Geiger / Kevin Sullivan

FB/PP:

Coffee Hour: Robin & Anna Schwartz

Assistant needed

If able to help out, please call the office at (701)444-3244 or email office@wclutheranparish.com.

