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Watford City Area Parish June Worship Schedule

Banks Lutheran Church

Located along Highway 1806
(17 miles northeast of Watford City)

June 12th at 9:00 am

Garden Lutheran Church

Located at 35th Street NW
(12 miles northeast of Watford City)

June 26th at 10:00 am (VBS Program)

First Lutheran Church

Located at 2nd Street NW in Watford City

June 5th & 12th at 11:00 am

McKenzie County Fairgrounds

Located across from airport in Watford City

June 19th at 11:00 am

Happy Father's Day!



We never outgrow our need for Fathers.
Because we are never too big for
Fathers to stop holding us, nurturing us.
That's the character of a Father.
Even Jesus, King of Kings, our Lord
Bowed and cried, Abba, Daddy, Father.



Today we thank our heavenly
Father for giving us the gift
of earthly Fathers.

June 19th



✝ Family & Friends of
Marlin Schroeder

✝ Family & Friends of
Bev Hildre

✝ Danell Dougherty

✝ Reinhard Hauck

✝ Jerald Leiseth

✝ Rolf Mogster

✝ Sid Moore

✝ Micah Moxness

✝ 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

Worship Dedications



Thank you to the following for their dedication of Sunday worship during the month of June: Mitch Haugeberg family in memory of Betty Boehm.

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.



We would like to welcome the newly baptized within our Parish:

First Lutheran Church

Renna Rose Morgan

Daughter of

Ryan & Melanie Morgan

on May 22nd, 2022



The Ministry Site Profiles have been submitted. The call committee recently participated in a mock interview via ZOOM. This was very helpful from both a technical aspect and helping add clarity to the interview process. Please keep us in your prayers as we await a candidate.

Joy Patten, Watford City Area Lutheran Parish Call Committee Chairperson



If you are unable to make it to Sunday morning worship, please join us on Facebook!

Our Facebook pages are:

Banks/Garden – Banks & Garden Lutheran Churches

First – Watford City Lutheran Parish

Meetings for the

Women of the ELCA



Wednesday, June 1st

10:00 am – FLC WELCA at FLC

Wednesday, June 8th

2:00 pm – Banks Ladies Aid at Patti Leiseth's

Tuesday, June 14th

2:00 pm – Garden WELCA at Senior Citizen Center

NO Hope or Peace Circle in June



Come join us for a HAYDAY of fun at Vacation Bible School learning about Jesus!

When: June 21st & 22nd

Where: Garden Lutheran Church

Time: 5:00 pm - Supper

5:30-8:30 pm - VBS

VBS program will be Sunday, June 26th at Garden Lutheran at 10:00 am (in place of regular worship at 9:00 am).

Please contact Cassie at (701)426-4821 to get your kids signed up or if you have any questions. **EVERYONE is welcome!**



Everyone is invited to the McKenzie County Fairgrounds on Sunday, June 19th at 11:00 am for an **All-Parish Worship** service (this will be in place of regular worship at Garden & First). Seating will be provided...hope to see you there!



Congratulations to Ben & Amy Haugeberg on the birth of their baby boy, Clark David, on May 8th at 12:21 am. David was 7 lbs 11 oz and 20.5" long. He joins a sister at home named Lucy. Proud grandparents are Mitch & Lynn Haugeberg. Congratulations to you all!



First Lutheran Choir members – Back row (left to right): Ari Johnson, Tim Taylor, Owen Hamre, Pastor Paul Balaban, John Yale, Scott Swenson, Robin Schwartz, Special Guest Pastor Alton Hillesland. Front row (left to right): Ardyce Alveshere, Kathleen Beard, Joy Patten, Anne Beard, Laurie Hamre, Anna Schwartz, Director Caroline Schwartz, Accompanist Jane Swenson, Teri Taylor, Special Guest Ruthanne Hillesland



The Banks & Garden Sunday School students spreading spring joy and bringing big smiles to many people with May baskets.



The First Lutheran Choir was happy to be able to meet again this past year after taking some time off during the pandemic. They sang in church when possible and for their annual Christmas Cantata. They are now taking a break for the summer months, but will be resuming again in the fall. If you like to sing, please consider joining the choir – **ALL voices are WELCOME!**



A HUGE thank you to Jane Swenson, who has been and is our faithful accompanist for our First Lutheran Choir. Above she is pictured with her husband, Scott. Thank you, Jane, for all the beautiful notes!



Pastor Paul and Mylee Rhone at Garden.



This year First Lutheran Church confirmed 7 students on May 8th and Garden Lutheran Church confirmed 1 student on May 15th. Congratulations to all on this momentous milestone on your faith journey. Wishing you all God's blessings!



Confirmands at First (left to right): Matthew Walton, Bailey Mattson, Kally Sorenson, Laura Riely, Kira Wold, Flynn Robinson, William Langford



Congratulations to the following
WCHS Class of 2022 graduates:

Neil Dahl
Kaylee Dewhirst
Dakota Frick
Mylee Rhone
Mia Shelley
Madison Spacher
Kanyon Tschetter
Dakota Wollan

Wishing you each the very best
as you start this new chapter in
your life and praying that God
will guide & protect you every
step of your journey ahead!



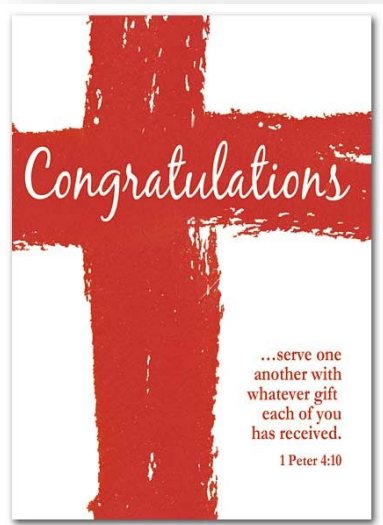
The FLC Quilters with the Seniors that received their quilts. Pictured above (L to R):
Sonja Prestangen, Donna Rauser, JessAnne Knutson, Kanyon Tschetter, Neil Dahl,
Kaylee Dewhirst, Darlene Stevens, Laurie Hamre, Swany Schmidt

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

~ JEREMIAH 29:11



Madison Spacher and Dakota Wollan
with their Senior quilts.



Congratulations to Hayley Moe on
her graduation from Seminary at
Princeton University on May 28th.
Hayley is excited to be graduating
on Saturday and will be going
straight to Outlaw Ranch to be
their chaplain for the summer.
After summer, she will be going on
her internship year at a church
back on the east coast! Wishing
Hayley God's abundant blessings
and praying for His guidance
throughout all the days ahead!



"Blessings of Nature" Lady's Table Party was
a HUGE success! Thank you to everyone for
all their hard work making this happen
(men...you were the BEST servers around)
and to everyone who attended! Many are
hoping that this can become an annual event!



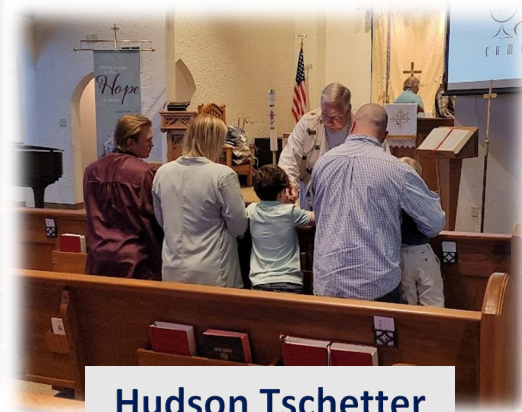
The ladies behind the scenes...
Back row (left to right) –
Cindy Geiger, Anna Schwartz,
Jennifer Sorenson.
Front row (left to right) –
Erin Fjeldahl, Kathleen Beard.
Thank you ladies!!



First Communion at First Lutheran



Camden Polivka



Hudson Tschetter

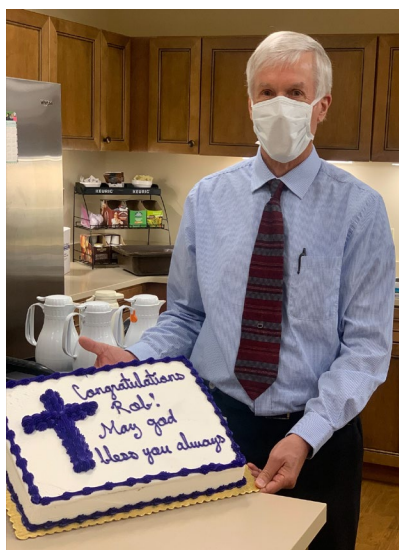


Eldon Beard



Michael Riely

**Congratulations
to each of you on
taking this big
step in your faith
journey! May
God bless you all!**



Rob Favorite has been officially granted Synodical Authorized Minister (SAM) status by the Western North Dakota Synodical Council, ELCA. Rob will be installed on Wednesday, June 18th, as the minister for the McKenzie County Health Care Systems. We pray for God's blessings as he goes forward in this new chapter in his ministry.



Are you missing any pans, bowls, serving plates...? They might be at First Lutheran Church! Please stop by the kitchen to see if any of the items that have been left behind are yours. If unclaimed, they will be taken to the Bakken Oil Rush Ministries Thrift Shop.



Coffee hour has changed at First Lutheran Church! It will now be **BEFORE** worship at 10:00 am. This change was made due to the new summer worship schedule. We hope you can join us for a cup of coffee and fellowship Sunday mornings!



All I need is a little bit of coffee and a whole lot of Jesus



*Summer is here and school is out, but **Youth for Christ** will continue to meet during the summer on **Wednesdays at 5:00 pm!** Come, bring your friends and join in on the fun while learning more about Jesus! Plans are being made for taking a trip to Medora and seeing the musical later this summer – stop by First Lutheran Church on Wednesday and check it out!*



To support the life-affirming work of the Sunrise Women's Clinic (located in Sidney, serving this area) our congregation is participating in their Baby Bottle Blessing. Pick up an empty bottle (located in the Narthex of Banks, Garden & First Lutheran) for your family and fill it with loose change, or bills, or even a check! Services provided by this pro-life organization include pregnancy verification, education on options, infant development, pregnancy, and parenting a newborn. Baby clothing and diapers are also available. Your donation is greatly appreciated!



Unexpected Surprises A Podcast of the WND Synod

**The first episode of the new WND Synod Podcast
is NOW AVAILABLE!!!**

Unexpected Surprises is a podcast of the Western North Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Through this podcast, we explore all that God is doing through people of faith on the prairies of North Dakota.

We give thanks to the Mission Endowment Fund of the WND Synod for a mission grant that offers financial support for this new synod ministry.

In the coming weeks, the podcast will be available on all your favorite podcast platforms.

To listen, please go to
<https://unexpectedsurprises.buzzsprout.com>



**Pastor Paul will be
out of the office
June 3rd-5th and
June 22nd - July 13th**