

the Clarion

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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, last 2 Sundays of the month are at Garden.

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.

First Lutheran Church worship will also be broadcasted on *KTGO AM 1090* at 11:00 AM. Due to the time of worship, the radio broadcast is the previous week's worship, however the announcements are current.



Ash Wednesday (March 2):

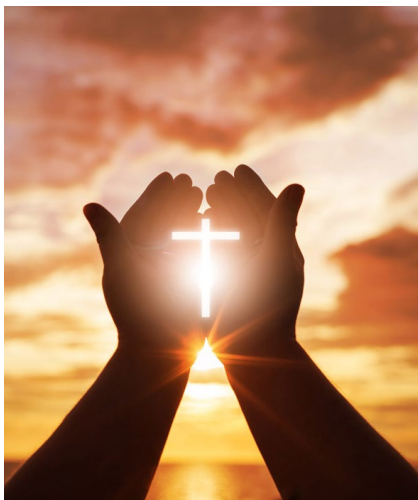
6:30 PM at First Lutheran Church

Lent (March 9, 16, 23 & 30):

6:30 PM at First Lutheran Church

*Prior to worship on the 9th, 16th,
23rd, & 30th soup & sandwiches
will be served starting at 6:00
PM.*

~ ALL ARE WELCOME! ~



*Holy and Gracious God,
We pray for the people of the Ukraine and the people of Russia, for their countries and
their leaders.
We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time
of great fear.
We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for
all people life, and life in all its fullness.
We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your
people to turn swords into ploughshares and to seek peace.
We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and
courage of Christ.
Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace in Ukraine.
We ask this in the name of your blessed Son. Amen.*

Thank You... To Our RADIO SPONSORS

Thank you to the following for sponsoring the Sunday morning radio broadcast of FLC worship on KTGO AM 1090 for: The month of March: Kelly & Frances Olson in honor of David & Celeste Berg for their dedicated service to First Lutheran.

The month of February: Garden WELCA; Donna & Sydney Slais in memory of Randy Slais; Owen & Laurie Hamre in memory of Helen Hamre; Ed & Charlotte Schilke in memory of parents & loved ones.

There are many open Sundays and we are looking for sponsors! If you are interested in sponsoring a Sunday, please call the office at (701)444-3244 or email: office@wclutheranparish.com Cost is \$110.00.

FLC Worship is broadcasted on KTGO AM 1090 at 11:00 am Sunday mornings. Due to the time of worship, the radio broadcast will be pre-recorded from the previous week's worship. However, the announcements on the radio broadcast are recorded separately and are current.



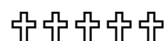
- ✝ Family & Friends of Donald Boehm
- ✝ Family & Friends of Pat Taylor
- ✝ Hayley Moe as she attends Seminary
- ✝ Danell Dougherty
- ✝ MeLinda Haugeberg
- ✝ Barb Jorgenson
- ✝ Patti Leiseth
- ✝ Micah Moxness
- ✝ Mary Jane Rhodes
- ✝ Melany Sanford
- ✝ Donald Schmidt
- ✝ Sandy Wollan

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.



Important Events coming up...

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.

Meetings for the Women of the ELCA Circles



Wednesday, March 2nd

10:00 am – FLC WELCA at FLC

Tuesday, March 8th

2:00 pm – Garden WELCA at Senior Citizen Center

Wednesday, March 9th

1:30 pm – Peace Circle at First Lutheran Church

Wednesday, March 14th

5:00 pm – Hope Circle at First Lutheran Church

NO meeting for Banks Ladies Aid in March



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

Banks Lutheran Church

Lenni Louise Leiseth

Daughter of

Erick & Fallon Leiseth

on February 13, 2022



Congratulations to Ari & Ana Johnson as they were united in marriage on February 26th at First Lutheran Church. Wishing them both joy, love, happiness and a lifetime filled with God's abundant blessings as they begin their new life together!

ASH WEDNESDAY *Worship*

You are invited to join Watford City Area Lutheran Parish as Banks, Garden & First Lutheran Churches come together to begin the Lent Season with Ash Wednesday worship on March 2nd at 6:30 pm at First Lutheran Church.



*The
Season
of
Lent*



Join us Wednesday evenings this month for food, fellowship & worship. On Wednesday, March 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th First Lutheran Church will be having **soup & sandwiches at 6:00 pm** followed by **Lent worship at 6:30 pm**. Hope you can join us as we gather together during this holy season of Lent.



**ALL are
WELCOME –
Please join us!**



First Lutheran Church will be having a special congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, March 13th (11:30 am). The subject to be discussed is the parsonage and whether it should be remodeled or sold. All members are encouraged to attend to help in this decision.



First Lutheran Church Choir has changed their practice time to Sunday mornings! Instead of Wednesday evening, the choir will now practice prior to worship on Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM. As always EVERYONE is WELCOME!!

A Bit of Humor...

A mother said to her young son, "Every time you disobey, I get a few more gray hairs." "Gee, Mom, look at Grandma," her son replied. "You must have been a terror."
– via Rev. Joseph C. Moll



March 6th – 1st Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM

Reader: Val Swensrud
Greeter: Jim & Jan Riely
Usher/Comm: Robin & Anna Schwartz

FB/PP:

Coffee Hour: Jim & Jan Riely

March 13th – 2nd Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM

Reader: Gretchen Stenehjerm
Greeters: Steve & Gretchen Stenehjerm
Usher/Comm: Cindy Geiger / Kevin Sullivan

FB/PP:

Coffee Hour:

March 20th – 3rd Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM

Reader: Anne Beard
Greeter: Barb Voll
Usher/Comm: Curt & Jennifer Sorenson

FB/PP:

Coffee Hour: Robin & Anna Schwartz

March 27th – 4th Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM

Reader:

Greeter: Donna Rauser
Usher/Comm: Craig Knutson
FB/PP: Tschetters
Coffee Hour: David & Katie Tschetter

Assistant needed

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





First Lutheran Church installed the newly elected Church Council members during worship on Sunday, January 30th. Pictured left to right: Pastor Paul, Marcia Hellandsaas, Kevin Sullivan, Joy Patten, Jan Riely, Cindy Geiger, Laura Dahl, Jennifer Sorenson, Ari Johnson. Not pictured: Gretchen Stenehjem.



Pastor Paul sharing the meaning of Thanksgiving for Baptism with the children at First Lutheran.

YOUTH GROUP

First Lutheran Youth brought back the Superbowl Subs fundraiser this year to the delight of many! A HUGE thank you to all the youth who participated and did a FANTASTIC job!! Also, thank you to the parents for lining this up and being there to assist if needed!



The Superbowl Sub crew left to right: Jamie Cross, Laura Dahl, Nolan Dahl, Amy Lund, Jory Lund, Allison Cross, Leah Dokken, Hope Cross, Canyon Tschetter, Bailey Mattson, Mariah Pavek, Laura Riely, Phil Riely.

Superbowl Sub
assembly line...
(Photo credit – Amy Lund)



loving
God



growing
together



serving
others