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Watford City Area Parish May Worship & Sunday School



Banks & Garden Lutheran Church:

- 1st May Day at Banks 8:30 Worship, 9:30 Sunday School
- **8**th New Member Sunday at Banks 8:30 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30 Catered Brunch for Mother's Day
- **15**th Confirmation at Garden 8:30 Worship followed by potluck meal, NO Sunday School
- 22nd Award Sunday at Garden 8:30 Worship, 9:30 Sunday School
- 29th New Summer Schedule at Garden 9:00 Worship, NO Sunday School

First Lutheran Church:

- 1st May Day & Quilt Sunday 10:30 Worship with quilt & care kit blessing, 11:30 coffee hour
- 8th Mother's Day 10:30 Worship with special guest, Diane Cuskelly, 11:30 coffee hour, 12:30 Confirmation Worship with reception to follow
- 15th 10:30 Worship, 11:30 coffee hour, 4:30 "Blessings of Nature" Ladies Table Party with ticket proceeds going to Upper Missouri Ministries
- **22**nd Senior Recognition Sunday & Baptism of Renna Rose Morgan 10:30 Worship, 11:30 Coffee Hour
- 29th New Summer Schedule 11:00 Worship (note new time of worship)



- **†** Hayley Moe as she attends her last month at Seminary
- † Danell Dougherty
- **₽** Reinhard Hauck
- **Patti Leiseth**
- **Rolf Mogster**
- **Sid** Moore
- **骨** Micah Moxness
- **廿** Mary Jane Rhodes
- **†** Melany Sanford
- **Donald Schmidt**

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



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

> First Lutheran Church Saylor Lou Lund Daughter of Rowdy & Miranda Lund on March 12, 2022





Thank you to the following for their dedication of Sunday worships during the month of May: Caroline Schwartz in honor of Jane Swenson who has been and is our faithful accompanist for our Lutheran Choir; Madeline Miller in memory of Aagvik, Calkins, Miller Wollan family members; Ed & Charlotte Schilke.

If you would like to dedicate a Sunday morning worship in honor or memory of someone please contact the special, 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.



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Dennis E. Johnson \$225.00 Norman Kostad \$10.00



First Holy Communion



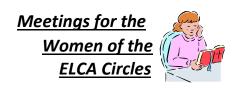
Congratulations to those Communion at First Lutheran Church:

> **Eldon Beard** Camden Polivka Michael Reily **Hudson Tschetter**

Congratulations on your First Communion, know that your church family will continue to pray for you, love you, and be here for you as you journey on your journey with God.



We welcome Jaunita Prado-Sellers as our new Office and Family Assistant! She will be working on а short-term contract (3.5 months) with very specific goals: Assisting with office organization, electronic improvement, and Family Ministry groundwork. Juanita is doing this with an eye toward the Fall when we expect to start our Preschool and she will become our Preschool Director/teacher. So glad to have you part of our team, Juanita!



Wednesday, May 4th

10:00 am – **FLC WELCA** at FLC

Monday, May 9th

5:00 pm – **Hope Circle** at First Lutheran Church

Tuesday, May 10th

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

Wednesday, May 11th

1:30 pm – **Peace Circle** at First Lutheran Church

Wednesday, May 11th

2:00 pm – Banks Ladies Aid at Darlene Wold's



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.



CONFIRMATION DATES:

<u>First Lutheran Church</u> – May 8th at 12:30 pm with a reception to follow

<u>Garden Lutheran Church</u> – may 15th at 8:30 am during regular worship

Congratulations to the following students who will be confirmed:

First – Will Langford
Bailey Mattson
Laura Riely
Flynn Robinson
Kally Sorenson
Matthew Walton
Kira Wold

Garden - Mylee Rhone

As you celebrate this milestone, may the Holy Spirit be with you to renew and strengthen you in your commitment to follow Christ. Always know that your church family will always be here for you and as a child of God, may you remember that you are capable of so many great things!

AMother's Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

Please watch over and support all mothers on earth and in heaven . . .

and help them to know how much they are loved and appreciated on Mother's Day and every day.



May those with children feel appreciated,
May those grieving empty arms be comforted,
May those mourning and missing the one who gave them life
Be wrapped in goodness and love.



May 1st – 3rd Sunday of Easter 10:30 AM

Reader: Don Stenberg Greeter: Ron & Barb Quale Usher/Comm: Cindy Geiger &

Kevin Sullivan

FB/PP: Lloyd & Ardyce Alveshere Coffee Hour: Caroline Schwartz

May 8th – 4th Sunday of Easter 10:30 AM

Reader: Debbie Larsen

Greeters:

Usher/Comm: Karla Quale & Carol Sanford

FB/PP:

Coffee Hour: Bauer Family

May 15th – 5th Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM

Reader:

Greeter: Ron & Barb Quale
Usher/Comm: Cindy Geiger &
Kevin Sullivan

FB/PP: Coffee Hour:

May 22nd – 6th Sunday of Easter 10:30 AM

Reader:

Greeter: Bauer Family
Usher/Comm: Mitch & Lynn
Haugeberg

FB/PP: Coffee Hour:

May 29th – 7th Sunday of Easter 11:00 AM (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

Reader:

Greeter: Carol Sanford

Usher/Comm:
FB/PP:
Coffee Hour:

Assistant needed

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



Ladies Table Partu "Blessings of Nature" Sunday, May 15th, 2022 First Lutheran Church

Schedule of events:

4:30 – Social with wine & cheese

5:00 – Program

5:20 - Dinner

6.00 - 1 ive

Entertainment

Cost per person is \$20 with the proceeds going to Upper Missouri Ministries. **EVERYONE** is invited!

Hostesses are needed...

A hostess will invite friends (members or not), decorate, and set a table with formal settings complimenting the theme of "Blessings of Nature" and provide two small door prizes for the guests. Please contact Anna Schwartz at (701)590-1090 or Kathleen Beard at (701)570-9458 with questions or for more details.



COVID-19 home test kits are now available at First Lutheran Church on Mondays 1-4 pm. NDCDC will be handing them out completely free of charge!



Banks Lutheran Church will be welcoming their new members during worship on May 8th. Please make a note that Worship & Sunday School will be at different times this Sunday: Sunday School – 8:30

Worship – 9:30

Following worship there will be a catered brunch to celebrate the new members and honor all the mother's on Mother's Day. All are welcome!



Stay up to date with events and lots of other information by following us on Facebook or visiting our website!

Facebook page:

Watford City Lutheran Parish Website:

https://wclutheranparish.com/

If there is something you would like to see or know more information about while using these resources, please call (701)444-3244 email or office@wclutheranparish.com.

Any news that you have that would benefit the Parish is welcomed and very much





The 2022 Western North Dakota Synod will be June 3rd, 4th & 5th at the Grand Hotel in Minot. This year's theme is Jesus: Everyday. Everywhere. A couple of the Assembly highlights are Dr. Terri Martinson Elton, Luther Seminary, leading Bible Study and Bishop Craig Schweitzer leading Sunday morning worship. We are looking for delegates from Banks, Garden & First Lutheran Churches. Registration deadline is May 23rd. For more information or to register go to: http://wndsynod.org/synodassembly/.



A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated items for the care kits to be sent to Ukraine! There were enough supplies for 50 care kits!





beginning May 29th...

Banks/Garden Lutheran Church

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 (Worship on the 29th will be at Garden Lutheran Church)
 9:00 AM

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First Lutheran Church 11:00 AM



The quilters have been very busy cutting, ironing & stitching (at church AND at home) to put together 80 quilts to be sent to Lutheran World Relief this spring! There is so much appreciation for their endless hours of dedication providing this priceless comfort for so many!! Thank you also for displaying all these beautiful quilts for Quilt Sunday and for packing them up!



If you are unable to make it to Sunday morning worship, please join us on Facebook! Banks Lutheran Church is live every 1st & 2nd Sunday of the month and First Lutheran Church is live every Sunday of the month. Please check worship times on the 1st page of the Clarion. You can watch any of these worships anytime thereafter also!

Our Facebook pages are:

<u>Banks/Garden</u> – Banks &

Garden Lutheran Churches

<u>First</u> – Watford City

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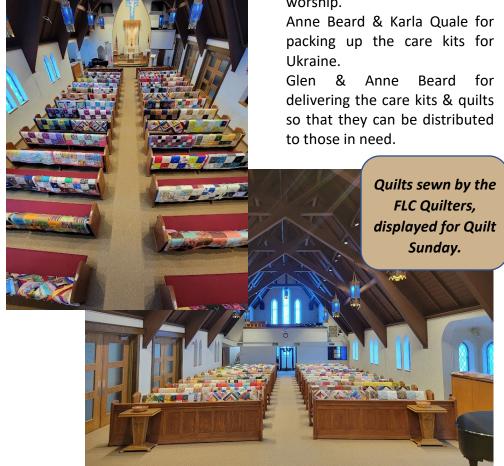
A Special thank you to the following people for all their hard work & devotion:

The Call Committee for the many hours of meeting, researching & praying during this time of transition within our Parish.

Jennifer Sorenson for her time & talent keeping First Lutheran Church beautifully decorated.

Glen & Anne Beard and David & Celeste Berg for setting up and taking down the Easter crosses and Easter flowers at FLC.

The FLC Altar Guild for preparing the Altar and setting up communion for every worship.





Thank you to the following people for donating the beautiful flowers decorating our Sanctuary at First Lutheran Church for Easter this year...

Lynn Ebner In memory of Vi & Vince Stenehjem

Owen & Laurie Hamre
In honor of Goodwin and Bev
Hoff
In memory of Olav and Helen
Hamre

David & Celeste Berg In honor of our grandchildren, Katelyn & Abigail Posl and Charlie & Teddy Berg

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Steve & Laura Sanford In honor of our grandchildren, Camryn, Hudson & Griffin In memory of Dale Karpyak Ron & Barb Quale
In memory of our parents, Earl
& Sig Quale and Gerhard &
Doris Gudmunson

Scott & Jane Swenson In honor of our four grandsons, Scott, Spencer, Evan & Edward

Donna Rauser In honor of Caroline and the Choir

Cindy Geiger
In honor of Renna Rose Morgan

Jayson, Amy, Rowdy, Brady & Jory Lund
In memory of MaryLou Lund,
Virginia Lund, Howard Sickler,
Earl & Liv Laufer

Jim Riely & family

Knut & Hazel Hoversten and

Willis & Alice Riely

The Swensrud Family

Dale, Garret and Eli Garret

In honor of Good Shepherd Home In memory of Wayne Schwartz, Thorvald & Lucille Larson, Spencer & Eleanor Schwartz

Caroline Schwartz

Don & Swany Schmidt
In memory of loved ones
Miles & Sandra Wollan
In memory of Floyd & Merle
Daley and Lynn & Mildred
Wollan

Mike & Theresa Whiteley
In honor of Campus Life /
Youth for Christ
In memory of Bill & Peggy
Hamilton, Teresa Whiteley's
parents

Alveshere and Haugen Families
In honor of Marvin & Diane
Alveshere
In memory of Arnold & June
Peterson, Martin & Tillie
Peterson, Ole & Julia Mathistad,
Melvin & Ella Alveshere, Emil &
Emma Tabbert, Larry Austin and
Darlene Hurt

Steve & Gretchen Stenehjem
In honor of our five
grandchildren, Charlie, Evelyn,
James, Jacob and Lillie "Beau"

Mitch & Lynn Haugeberg family
In memory of Betty Boehm,
John & Irene Wurgler, Dave
Wurgler, Jessica & Samantha
Wurgler





A special thank you to Bishop Craig Schweitzer for leading us in worship on March 27<sup>th</sup> and joining us for a meal & fellowship following worship. Also thank you to everyone who helped contribute to the meal that day. It was a very wonderful day of food, fellowship & sharing God's love!