

# The Light



## Worship is On the Move!

After years of planning and preparation, our renovations have begun! The photo above shows the Chancel area cleared out and most of the pews removed, as of Wednesday morning. Remember, you can follow the progress in pictures on [firstlutheran.org/renewing](http://firstlutheran.org/renewing) as well as occasional postings on our social media channels.

This means we will begin worshipping at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1285 3rd Ave SE, with the 5 p.m. service this Saturday, April 27 and at 9 and 11:15 a.m. this Sunday, April 28. Our worship at Westminster will continue through July 28.

### Where to Park

Being good guests, we want to leave ample parking for their own congregation in their parking lots. Those with mobility needs may park in Westminster's lots, shown in dark grey on the map below. We encourage all able-bodied people to park in any of the blue parking lots and walk the one or two blocks. It's summer and the weather should be decent.



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## Get Together, Stay Together!

This spring & summer we have a multitude of groups, events and parties planned to help you get connected in fun ways with other members and friends within the congregation.

Even with busy schedules for vacations, holidays, and kids' sports, there is sure to be something that can fit your schedule.

Pull out the center section of this newsletter and post it next to your calendar so you don't forget an upcoming opportunity!

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## Worship Times & Spaces

**Our 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday Traditional Worship Services** will meet in Westminster's upper-level sanctuary. Go in the main door, (pictured below) which faces west toward First Lutheran and go up a half flight of stairs (or use the elevator).

**Our 11:15 a.m. Celebration Worship Service** will meet in Westminster's lower-level Family Life Center. Go in the main door facing First Lutheran and go down a half flight of stairs (or use the elevator).



*Westminster Presbyterian's main entrance on the west side of their building is where we will enter for worship.*

## Hospitality

We will continue our weekly tradition of offering coffee, juice, and donut holes after the 9 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday services. The 9 a.m. worshipers will enjoy hospitality in the large parlor adjacent to the sanctuary. The 11:15 a.m. worshipers will enjoy hospitality in the kitchen connected to the Family Life Center.

## Small Groups

We will have four *Get Together Stay Together* small groups meeting in different classrooms on Sunday mornings. For those locations consult Office Manager Tammy Horak, who will be stationed just in the lobby of the front door facing First Lutheran.

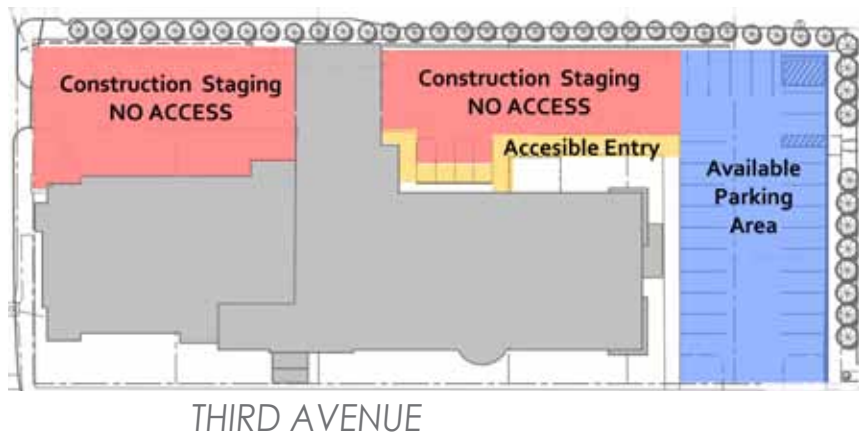
## First Lutheran is Open!

Ministry continues throughout construction! Our offices will still be open our regular hours. Each ministry area has developed specific plans during construction, especially as we enter the summer months. Though our Sunday Morning Learning for all ages has wrapped up for the summer, other ministries such as Renovaré Groups, High School Ministry will meet in May. See the calendar on page 9. If you have any questions about particular programs, feel free to reach out to any staff member, or call the main office; our contact information is all on the back page.

**We will have access to all rooms** of the building except the sanctuary and adjoining storage rooms during construction. We will continue regular ministry programs in the building. We are open for ministry!

**A covered access has been built** from the parking areas to the Administrative entrance and handicap entrance by the elevator, and will be maintained at all times. Even though this area looks like a construction zone, the building will be accessible to all throughout construction. Ramps have been installed at curbs to ensure ADA accessible compliance. The Third Avenue entrance will also remain available.

*Just one note:* the lower-level Luther Fellowship Center, large kitchen, and adjoining storage rooms on lower level will be closed during asbestos removal in May and early June. Once asbestos removal is done, the fellowship hall and kitchen will be available for use.



*Some parking is still available in our lot, but we encourage you to leave these areas open for guests and people with limited mobility. We cannot drive through the lot to exit on 10th Street.*



## Keenagers Field Trip Open to All!

Our Monthly Keenagers Luncheon is going on a road trip, and they are inviting anyone who desires to come! On Thursday, May 9, the group will go to *Inge's* Austrian Luncheon in Shellsburg. Inge Schminke escaped both the Nazi and Communist invasions of her homeland Austria. She now treats people to authentic Austrian cooking and tells stories of life in Europe during and after WWII. The lunch and presentation will be about 2.5 hours long.

Cost is \$20. Sign up and pay in advance in the church office or see Tammy Horak at *Westminster* on Sunday. Those needing transportation need to let us know. We will meet at church where rides can be shared.

## Ladies' Night Out

On April 29 we're meeting at The Map Room, 416 3rd St SE, in downtown Cedar Rapids.

All of our female members and friends are invited to come dine and have a good time starting at 6 p.m.

Please RSVP to Lori Nietert at 350-7486 if you plan to attend!

## Renewing God's House is not the First Time



*1956 – You can see the roof beams which will be revealed again, and the rounded profile of the pews and chancel.*

As we enter an exciting time of renewing the sanctuary, we can feel a sense of nostalgia. When we return, the sanctuary will be beautiful and compelling, but it will also be different. For many of us, important events of baptisms, weddings, funerals, and weekly worship are associated with the sanctuary look we have known. As one person recently noted, “We think the new sanctuary will be beautiful and something to look forward to, but for many of us, our memories of funerals, weddings, and worship have to do with the sanctuary we have known.”

One thing to keep in mind is that this is not the first time the sanctuary has been renewed. The sanctuary has been remodeled three times in its one hundred plus years. Three times before, people experienced something of what we are going through—looking forward with anticipation for what is to come, but also saying good-bye to what was familiar. This is the fourth renewing of the sanctuary. We share something of that experience of change with those who have gone before us.

Perhaps one thing to note is that the current sanctuary is very different from what the sanctuary was when the building was first built. In a way, the renewed sanctuary will return us to the feel of the sanctuary at its beginning with the ceiling and the exposed beams.

I am excited about the future of First Lutheran Church and how this renewed sanctuary will be a holy and special place to worship. I also know that looking forward must also include a moment for looking back—remembering with thanks the moments of spiritual beauty and meaning we have known in the current sanctuary. Our experience can be even more rich as we bring together our cherished memories, and the anticipation of new experiences.

Pastor Steve Knudson



*1970 – The ceiling lowered, and altar against the back wall with an metal illuminated cross hanging between the altar and window.*



## Reading Through the Bible

According to a 2018 Barna study, two-thirds of Americans (66%) express a curiosity to know more about what the Bible says. We know it's important, and that God wants to speak to us through it, but many of us struggle to read and comprehend much of it. So, this year, we've decided to dive in to preach and read through the Bible together.

Starting now, and running through the fall, we'll be reading through and preaching through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. We'll be using a new resource that makes the Bible easier to read called the Community Bible Experience.

Join us as we walk together through the Bible in worship, and optional discussion groups. Learn more at [firstlutheranncr.org/get-together-stay-together](http://firstlutheranncr.org/get-together-stay-together)

## Thank You for Your Support

With winter cold and snow causing low attendance in the beginning of the year, low attendance contributed to a drop in regular giving causing an income shortfall early in the year.

Thank you to everyone in the congregation for responding to the letter which was sent. We are overjoyed to report that thanks to your blizzard of generosity, we are back on track!

### Keeping Up & Keeping Track

As we're all travelling around for the summer we wanted to remind you that you can always keep up-to-date on your giving pledges by using the Simply Giving link on our website, or by utilizing the GivePlus+ app available on the Google Play Store or Apple Appstore. You can make one-time or recurring contributions, and easily access the records for any contributions you've made through that system.



## 2019 Habitat for Humanity Build!

First Lutheran has been helping with local habitat builds for years, and our day to build is coming up on Saturday, May 4, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Our tasks for the day will be to work with Habitat crew leaders to set all roof trusses, basement framing and wall boards.

Sign up at [bit.ly/flchabitat](http://bit.ly/flchabitat), or if you have questions, contact Scott Gerhold at [srgerhold@aol.com](mailto:srgerhold@aol.com) or 319-270-8100.



## Men's Golf League Begins Mon., May 6

Men, please join us on Mondays at Gardner Golf Course. This is a great way to meet other guys in the church and enjoy God's great outdoors. We have standing tee times reserved at 12:20, 12:30, & 12:40 p.m. every Monday beginning May 6 (except no league play on Memorial Day) or you can schedule your own tee time by calling the course. Non-members are also welcome!

League dues are \$25. Make checks payable to First Lutheran Church and write "Golf League" in the memo section. If paying with cash, be sure to identify yourself on a note accompanying payment. Checks or cash can be taken to the FLC office, dropped in the weekend offering or mailed to the church.

If you have any questions, contact Al Fletcher, League Secretary/Treasurer at 365-9844 or 319-210-5811 (cell) or [afletcher.tfc@gmail.com](mailto:afletcher.tfc@gmail.com)

# Get Together, Stay Together.

***This is a time of great opportunity for First Lutheran Church!***

The week after Easter we will depart from our sanctuary as it undergoes renovation and will worship at Westminster Presbyterian Church starting Sunday, April 28. I'm reminded of the Israelites being scattered from all that was familiar to them. As they were away from their holy place, they were forced to take a long hard look at themselves. Who are we? What is really important to us? During this life-defining time, God's chosen people found their relationships growing deeper with one another and with God. The same can be true for us. That's why this spring and summer we are encouraging you to *Get Together, Stay Together* through your choice of small groups, block parties and many other special events.

## **Small Groups**

While we are away, our pastors and musicians have laid out a schedule to preach through the entire Bible from Easter to Christmas. To stay connected we encourage you to meet in a small group to discuss the events of your life, that week's sermon and a few weekly scriptures pre-selected by Pr. Steve. There's even a option to read through the entire Bible in a fresh new way called *The Community Bible Experience*.

## **Block Parties**

Small groups not your thing? Grab a lawn chair and join us for a block party! Eight church families have volunteered to host one-night events covering every quadrant of the city, Marion and Robins. Pick out a party that works for your schedule or is near your home.

## **Special Events**

On top of that we have created a number of additional ways you can stay connected through a new Renovaré study, new Children and Family Neighborhood gatherings, Wednesday night Bonfires, Theology on Tap, 4by4 Groups, a family campout, a lake outing, an outdoor movie, and a bike and brew.

When our renovation is all finished, we will have a remarkably stunning place to worship in the heart of the city. But as important as our sanctuary is to the life of our congregation, we know and believe that the church is not the building where we gather. The church is the people. The gospel of Jesus Christ flourished in the early church when they had no church buildings at all; they met in small groups wherever they could find space. As we leave our building for much needed renovations, we hope to catch some of that same early church spirit. This spring and summer join us as we Get Together, Stay Together.

In Christ,



Pastor Craig Brown

**Small Groups — Block Parties — Special Events**

**Get Together.  
Stay Together.**

**Small Groups**



We know May and June are busy with graduations and vacations so we've created 30 very flexible small group options. Groups will vary meeting once-a-month, every other week, or just the first few weeks of May. Locations also vary between church, homes or other establishments. Groups are

forming now until Easter and will begin meeting the week of April 28 with a get-to-know-you session and explain the study. *There is no prep necessary!* Over the next 8 weeks the groups will gather to catch up on the events in our lives, reflect on the sermon, and read selected scriptures aloud together. Others may want to use this occasion to read through the entire Bible and discuss the books when those chapters come up in your small group.

### **Find A Group at Church or Online**

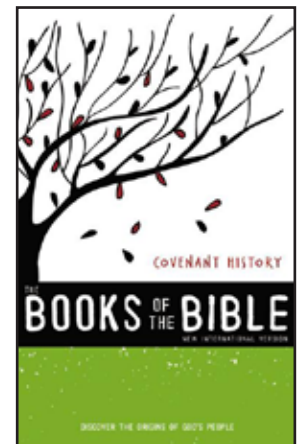
On our website at [firstlutherancr.org/get-together-small-groups](http://firstlutherancr.org/get-together-small-groups) you can choose a group based on the day and time it gathers, or by how frequently it meets. We will use these selections, along with other information you provide (if you want a women's or couples group, mixed ages, or certain life-stages) to pair you with a group we hope will suit you best.

You can pick your own group at the church by checking out the bulletin boards in the coffee area. There you can see pictures of the group hosts, where they plan to meet, and who else has already signed up for the groups. That way you can find a group with people whom you are already comfortable, or be bold and find a totally new group of people you've never met!

### **The Community Bible Experience**

The Community Bible Experience is a church-wide campaign that is designed to help people read through the entire Bible in a fresh, new way.

Since we will be "preaching through the Bible" in worship between Easter and Christmas, this resource is being made available to help deepen your engagement with the scriptures. We will be starting with "Covenant History" (the first 5 books of the Bible) which is available for just \$5 each.



**Get Together.  
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**Special Events**



We have many special events, worship opportunities and other gatherings for members and friends of the congregation to get together and have fun this Spring and Summer. For some you can just show up, and others we would appreciate an RSVP. Grab your calendar, make your way through the list, and come have some summer fun!

### **Starting April 29 - Renovaré**

We'll read Suzanne Stabile's new book, *The Path Between Us* and discuss how the nine Enneagram types behave and help us experience life-giving relationships. Contact Marcie Watson to sign up at [marciew@firstlutherancr.org](mailto:marciew@firstlutherancr.org).

### **Starting May 2 - Thursday Pub Theology**

Intern Michelle will lead this casual conversation at various pubs each Thursday starting 6:30 p.m. May 2 at Quarter Barrel, 616 2nd Ave SE, Cedar Rapids. Must be 21. No need to RSVP, but you can email [Michelles@firstlutherancr.org](mailto:Michelles@firstlutherancr.org) if you'd like notification of future locations.

## May 4 - Build a Home

Help install roofing and basement walls or make and deliver lunch May 4 with Habitat for Humanity. Sign up at [cvhabitat.volunteerhub.com/lp/firstlutheran](http://cvhabitat.volunteerhub.com/lp/firstlutheran).

## Starting May 5 - Grief Support Group

Find help as you journey through the stages of grief over the loss of a loved one. Starts May 5. Cost is \$8. Sign up at [firstlutheran.org/grief-journey](http://firstlutheran.org/grief-journey)

## Various - CFM Neighborhood Gatherings

Children and Family Ministries folks will gather in May, June, and July for casual gatherings. Catalyst families will invite others. Each group will then set its own schedule. Sign up at [firstlutheran.org/cfm-get-together](http://firstlutheran.org/cfm-get-together)

## June 12, July 10, Aug 14 - Campfire Worship

6-8 p.m. at Indian Creek Nature Center Bring a picnic dinner and some camping chairs. Stay for lawn games, worship and s'mores around a campfire.



## June 14-16 - Family Campout

Bring your family Father's Day Weekend to Jellystone Park in Monticello, IA along the Maquoketa River. Cost is \$30 tent - \$90 cabins. Contact Pr. Craig to reserve your spot.

## June 17-20 Vacation Bible School: "Gone Fishing"

Join us for VBS at Westminster Presbyterian Church on June 17-20. This year's theme is "Gone Fishing." Register today on [firstlutheran.org/vacation-bible-school](http://firstlutheran.org/vacation-bible-school)

## June 24 - Service Project

First Lutheran Church's Housing Team is looking for volunteers like you to partner with Matthew 25's for their Transform Week is June 24-28. More details coming soon.

## June 30 - Lake Outing

Join us for a catered dinner and a fishing derby, swimming at the beach, or rent a paddle boat, canoe, or pontoon boat Sunday, June 30 at the Main Lodge in Lake MacBride State Park. Contact the church office to sign up.



## July 13 - Outdoor Movie

Join us 8 p.m. Saturday, July 13 at 6967 Bowman Lane NE, Cedar Rapids for a family friendly movie. We'll pop the popcorn. Bring a lawn chair, blanket and your favorite snack. This event is free.

***EVEN MORE activities & opportunities are yet to be announced!  
Keep an eye out on our publications, social media and website.***

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**Block Parties**



Grab a lawn chair and join us for a block party! Eight church families have volunteered to host one-night events covering every quadrant of the city, Marion and Robins. You can pick a party by date or by location; attend one or enjoy them all!

We'll provide the hot dogs, buns, and plates; you bring a side dish and a lawn chair. Please RSVP at the church or online at [firstlutherancr.org/get-together-block-parties](http://firstlutherancr.org/get-together-block-parties) so we can be sure to have enough food!



### **June 7 – SE C.R.**

**When:**  
Friday, June 7; 6-8 p.m.  
**Where:**  
5118 Broadview Drive SE  
**Hosts:** Hetrick Family



### **June 15 – West Marion**

**When:**  
Saturday, June 15; 6-8 p.m.  
**Where:**  
1035 Dry Creek Ln, Marion  
**Hosts:** Sklarsky Family



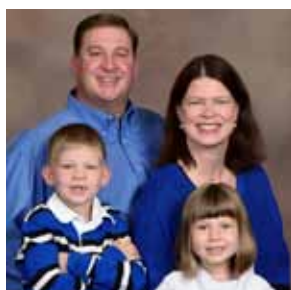
### **June 21 – SW C.R.**

**When:**  
Friday, June 21; 6-8 p.m.  
**Where:** 1608 Taft Dr SW CR  
(Hoover Trail Park)  
**Hosts:** Bishop Family



### **June 29 – East Marion**

**When:**  
Saturday, June 29; 6-8 p.m.  
**Where:**  
4155 Canton Ct. Marion  
**Host:** Wegmann Family



### **July 6 – Robins**

**When:**  
Saturday, July 6; 6-8 p.m.  
**Where:**  
910 Oak Park Ct. Robins  
**Host:** Trudo Family



### **July 12 – NE Cedar Rapids**

**When:**  
Friday, July 12; 6-8 p.m.  
**Where:**  
4105 Wyndam Dr. NE, C.R.  
**Host:** Schulz Family



### **July 15 – NW C.R.**

**When:**  
Monday, July 15; 6-8 p.m.  
**Where:**  
3916 Roxbury Dr. NW CR  
**Host:** Hinzman Family



### **July 26 – SE C.R.**

**When:**  
Friday, July 26; 6-8 p.m.  
**Where:**  
4300 Cottage Grove Pkwy SE  
**Host:** West-Hermstad Family



## Weekly Activities Schedule

<u>Worship Services</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
Saturday: 5:00 p Traditional	3:00 p Trumpet Les., 315
Sunday: 9:00 a Traditional	7:00 p Adult Choir, CR (ends 5/1)
Sunday: 11:15 a Celebration	
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
10:00 a CPT Rehearsal,	6:45 a Men's Breakfast, Nthx
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
9:30 a Renovaré, YR	10:00 a Bible Study, Chapel
1:00 p Renovaré, Chapel	10:00 a Renovaré, 312
5:30 p Renovaré, Chapel	5:30 p Over Eaters Anon, 315
6:00 p BSF-306, 308, 309, 311, 312, 313, 315, - (ends 5/6)	6:00 p CPT, Nave
	1:00 p Radio Recording
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
9:00 a Staff Meeting, Chapel	4:30 p SEMP, Nthx
12:30 p Pastor's Study, 312	
6:30 p Over Eaters Anon, 315	
7:00 p CRCC, CR	

<u>Care Center Worship Services</u>	
Cottage Grove Place	2nd Thursday
The Meadows Apartments	3rd Tuesday
Living Center West	1st Tuesday
Higley Mansion	3rd Sunday
Living Center East	3rd Thursday
	4:00 p
	1:00 p
	3:00 p
	10:30 a
	1:00 p

<u>Activities Outside First Lutheran</u>	
Mondays: Men's Golf League, Gardner	
Last Monday of the Month: Ladies Night Out, Various Locations	
Contact Lori Nietert 350-7486	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 2019						
5 6:00 p HSM	6 5:00 p H3GO, 313	7 9:00-11:00 Gale Mote, Chapel	8 10:00 a Sr. Adult Ministry, Chapel	9 5:30 p St. Min. Train, Chapel	10	11
6:30 p Grief Support, 310		7:00 p GO 313	2:30 p worship planning, Chapel	6:00 p NAMI 306		
				7:00 p H3GO, 313		
12 <b>Mother's Day</b>	13	14	15	16	17	18
6:00 p HSM	5:30 p Exec. Meeting, 208	6:30 p Stephen Ministry, Chapel		2:30 p Pie & pastor		9:00 a Baptism Class, 310
6:30 p Grief Support, 310				5:30 p St. Min. Train, Chapel		
				6:00 p NAMI 306/307		
				7:00 p Finance, 315		
19 <b>Graduation Sun.</b>	20	21	22	23	24	25 <b>Baptism</b>
6:00 p HSM		7:00 p Church Council, Chapel		6:00 p NAMI 306		
6:30 p Grief Support, 310						
26 <b>Baptism</b>	27 <b>Memorial Day</b>	28	29	30	31	
No HSM		5:30 p Group Spiritual Directors, 310		6:00 p NAMI 306		
		6:30 p Stephen Ministry, Chapel				

# May Worship Volunteers

May 4-5	5:00 P.M.	9:00 A.M.	11:15 A.M.
Acolytes			
Altar Guild	Peg Musil, Laura Draeger, Cindy Shubatt, Pam Hansen		
Choirs		Adult Choir	
Coffee Host		Lori Nietert Jenny Schulz	Beth Bartels Pat Stieglitz
Communion Assistant		Lori Nagle	
Comm. Clean-up			
Greeter		Tom Schamberger	Jerry Trudo Ruthie Trudo
Lector/ Liturgist	David Reisner	Anna Bosking Jenny Bosking	
Prayer Team			Sue Fletcher
Projectionist			
Radio		Dave Nelson	
Usher	Theresa Brandon Larry Rustand	Lindsay Brown Joe DiBernardo Dick Johnson Jackie Johnson	Peter Knudson

May 11-12	5:00 P.M.	9:00 A.M.	11:15 A.M.
Acolytes			
Altar Guild	Peg Musil, Laura Draeger, Cindy Shubatt, Pam Hansen		
Choirs		Contemporary Singers	
Coffee Host		Lori Nietert Jenny Schulz	Beth Bartels Pat Stieglitz
Communion Assistant			
Comm. Clean-up			
Greeter		Tom Schamberger	
Lector/Liturgist	Owen Schlesinger	Katie Chism	
Prayer Team			Liz Stansbury Fred Stieglitz
Projectionist			
Radio		Dave Nelson	
Usher	Paul Jensen RoseAnn Jensen	Lindsay Brown Joe DiBernardo Dick Johnson Jackie Johnson	Peter Knudson

May 18-19	5:00 P.M.	9:00 A.M.	11:15 A.M.
Acolytes			
Altar Guild	Peg Musil, Laura Draeger, Cindy Shubatt, Pam Hansen		
Choirs		Soloists	
Coffee Host		Lori Nietert Jenny Schulz	Beth Bartels Pat Stieglitz
Communion Assistant		Lori Nagle	
Comm. Clean-up			
Greeter			
Lector/ Liturgist	Josh Hetrick	Jim Gruettner	
Healing Prayer Team			Bill Lottes Sue Lottes
Projectionist			
Radio		Brian Powers	
Usher	Gordon Baustian Jann Baustian	Lindsay Brown Joe DiBernardo Dick Johnson Jackie Johnson	Peter Knudson

May 25-26	5:00 P.M.	9:00 A.M.	11:15 A.M.
Acolytes			
Altar Guild	Peg Musil, Laura Draeger, Cindy Shubatt, Pam Hansen		
Choirs		Soloists	
Coffee Host		Lori Nietert Jenny Schulz	Beth Bartels Pat Stieglitz
Communion Assistant		Sue Tesdahl	
Comm. Clean-up			
Greeter	Everett Collins		
Lector/ Liturgist	Ellen Collins	Pat Marshall	
Prayer Team			Sue Fletcher
Projectionist			
Radio		Brian Powers	
Usher	Kathy Griffith	Lindsay Brown Joe DiBernardo Dick Johnson Jackie Johnson	Peter Knudson

*June schedules are available in Ministry Scheduler for you to choose assignments and submit dates you are not available.*

## Please include in your Prayers...

### 90+ Birthdays in May!

No one over 90, but Happy Birthday to our 140 members who have May birthdays between the ages of 1 and 87!

### 50+ Wedding Anniversaries in May!

Carroll & Becky Cram, 52 years on May 20.

Kent & Betty Hill, 55 years on May 23.

Ken & Sharon Thimmesch, 55 years on May 31.

Mike & Ruth Hansen, 64 years on May 28.

### Hospitalized: \*released as of April 24.

Dean Scheer*	Sherry Vozenilek*	Lynette Weberg*
Herbert Hartz*	Al Flieder*	Marilyn Paulson*
Gunter Tuchel*	Connie Sanders*	Wally Sundet*
Steve Krebs*		

### Our Sympathy to:

Kayla Orr, family and friends,  
on the death of her grandfather, Donald Herb.

Darlyne Perry, family and friends,  
on the death of her daughter, Jean Marie Hill.

Donna Koch, family and friends,  
on the death of her husband Keith Koch.

Cindy and Gary Shubatt, family and friends,  
on the death of Gary's mother, Joan Shubatt.

Craig & Katie Brown, family and friends,  
on the death of Craig's cousin, Kelly Driscoll.

### Retirement from Ministry:

After 38 years in ministry, Pastor Mark Urlaub is retiring from Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Vinton. He invites your prayers, as well as your presence at an open house celebration on April 28, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran, 1206 C Avenue, Vinton.

### **Hospitalized?**

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, has a birth announcement or have experienced a death in the family, please call the church office to let us know, as privacy laws limit the information hospitals can share with us. If we know you are in the hospital, our pastors and lay visitors will come to visit and pray with you.

## FIRST LUTHERAN WORSHIP GUIDE

**Saturday Evening Worship:** 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Traditional Worship:** 9:00 a.m.

**Sunday Celebration Worship:** 11:15 a.m.

*This information is preliminary and subject to change.*

*Worship Begins meeting at Westminster Presbyterian!*

### **April 27 & 28 – The Second Sunday of Easter**

**Preaching:** Pastor Craig Brown

**Sermon:** Read Through the Bible:

“Why the Dinosaurs are Missing From the Bible”

**Scripture:** Genesis 1:1-5, 26-28, 31a;

Revelation 21:1-7 *NRSV*

**Music:** 9a: Marita Wolgast, soloist

### **May 4 & 5 – The Third Sunday of Easter**

**Preaching:** Intern Michelle Schultz

**Sermon:** “Forgiveness”

**Scripture:** Genesis 25:29-34; Genesis 32:24-32;

Genesis 33:1-17 *NRSV*

**Music:** 9a: Chapel Choir & Adult Choir

### **May 11 & 12 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Preaching:** Intern Michelle Schultz

**Sermon:** “Grumpy with God”

**Scripture:** Exodus 16:1-12; Exodus 32:1-14 *NRSV*

**Music:** 9a: Contemporary Singers

### **May 18 & 19 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Preaching:** Pastor Craig Brown

**Sermon:** “Leviticus and Numbers”

**Scripture:** Leviticus 19:1-4, 32-37;

Numbers 6:22-27 *NRSV*

**Education** — September through May, education options are offered each week between Sunday services for people of all ages. Topics are announced in the newsletter and online at [firstlutheranncr.org/this-weekend](http://firstlutheranncr.org/this-weekend).

**Rides for Worship** — Rides can be pre-arranged for weekend services. Call the church office for information.

**Radio Ministry** — First Lutheran reaches the community by radio on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. on KMRY 1450 AM or their simulcast on 93.1 FM.

Change Service Requested

## Serve with the Neighborhood Meal and Enrichment Program

The Neighborhood Meal & Enrichment Program (NMEP) is a collaboration of six community churches that provide a free lunch meal to families living in (but not limited to) the Wellington Heights, Mound View and Oak Hill neighborhoods during the summer months. Over the course of 11 weeks during the summer of 2018, NMEP served a total of 6,024 meals. Children who are on the free and reduced lunch program at school rely on summer meal sites like NMEP for a nutritious meal when their parents are working. The Noon meals are prepared and served on site at St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Six community churches helped to sponsor NMEP: St. Paul's UMC, First Presbyterian, Westminster Presbyterian, Christ Episcopal, Grace Episcopal and First Lutheran. During the summer of 2018, 71 members from FLC volunteered 280 hours for this outreach ministry.

The Hunger Team is again appealing to members for help with this program. A total of 14-15 volunteers are needed each day to run the program. Hours of volunteer service range from 1-1/2 to 2-1/2 hours. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older to help out in the kitchen. Families with children below 18 years of age can help out in the dining room by helping small children carry their trays, pour water and wipe tables after the meals.

**In 2019, the weeks of FLC volunteer service at NMEP are June 24-28 and July 8-12.** Al Fletcher and Jasmine Wu, FLC Representatives on the NMEP Board, will be calling past volunteers for help with this ministry. If you like to serve in this ministry, please connect with Jasmine by phone at 364-7927 or by email at [jaswu5007@gmail.com](mailto:jaswu5007@gmail.com) or with Al Fletcher by phone at 365-9844 or by email at [afletcher.tfc@gmail.com](mailto:afletcher.tfc@gmail.com).

Alternately, coming in May you will be able to signup online at [neighborhoodmeals.org](http://neighborhoodmeals.org)



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