

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

September 11th – September 17th, 2023

Monday-

** **Men's Group at Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp** - Meets at Grace Place at 6:30 to 7:30 am every Monday.

** **Yoga in the Ed Wing** - 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

Tuesday-

** **Board of Trustees** - meets at 5:30 pm.

** **Mission Team** - meets at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday-

** **Staff Meeting** - 9:30 to 10:30 am.

** **Kids at First** – Will meet at 6:30 to 7:30 pm with Tammy Carr in the big room in the Education Wing to learn about Weeds, pruning and taking care of God's creation with Gary Fisk!

[Wednesday Kids at First Sign-up](#)

** **Alpha Youth –Confirmation (7th grade) – Will NOT be meeting this week.**

** **Youth Group 8th-12th grade** – Will meet at 6:30 to 7:30 pm with Josh Carr, Jo Gehrke and Pastor Perry Aalgaard in the Youth Room in the education wing.

** **Celebration Choir Practice** - 6:30-7:20 in the sanctuary. If you have a folder at home, please bring it with you or bring it into the office before Wednesday at noon.

** **TESTIFY Practice** - 7:30-8:30 in the sanctuary. If you have folders at home, please bring them with you.

Thursday-

****M.O.F.I.A....Men of First in Action** meets weekly at 8am in the Conference Room at First Lutheran for Bible Study and discussion.

Friday- Church office closed on Friday

Saturday-

Sunday-

****8:30am...Indoor Worship Service Sanctuary at First Lutheran Church**

(Communion)

TESTIFY will be leading worship

** **Excited for our First Day Back to Sunday School.**

**** Adult Forum at 9:45 - What if Jesus was Serious About the Church?**
****11:00am...Indoor Worship Service in Sanctuary at First Lutheran Church**
(Communion)
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STAYING CONNECTED:

**** New Adult Study - What if Jesus was Serious about the Church?** looks at what the Bible really says about the church, its purpose, and the impact of its modern captivity to consumer values. Rather than an event, a building, or an institution, the New Testament calls the church to be a community living in communion with God and one another for the sake of the world. Join the conversation with one of the pastors between worship services each Sunday at 9:45 starting September 17th.

**** Celebration Choir:** Choir rehearsal begins on Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30pm in the church sanctuary. There is no need to sign up. Just show up at our first rehearsal! Please contact JJ with any questions you might have about all our music programs or to get a 2023 Fall/Winter schedule.

**** TESTIFY:** Testify (First Lutheran's 6-12th grade band) begins rehearsals on September 13th at 7:30pm. Please contact JJ (music@3cross.org) with any questions you may have about participating in this band or to get a current schedule for Fall/Winter 2023

**** The Marriage Course:** Whether you've been married for six months or 40 years, whether you're in a good place or struggling, this course helps navigate the modern challenges of marriage. The course is based on Christian principles, but designed to help couples of any faith strengthen their relationship. The course is open to the public and runs Thursdays, 6-8PM beginning September 21st. Child watch is available. For more information or to register contact Pr. Brian 712-338-4514 or brian@3cross.org or to sign up directly use this link <https://3cross.breezechms.com/form/78a981>

**** Fruits of the Spirit Dorcas Cluster Women's Retreat...September 13, 2023** at the Twin Lakes Gathering Center, Palmer, Iowa. Registration forms are available at the church office. Registration is \$25 with checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church.

**** MOPS group coming to Spirit Lake...**Aleysha Swoboda is launching a MOPS group (Mothers Of Pre-schoolers) in Spirit Lake this fall. I believe Christian community is so crucial to our walks with Jesus, and even more so during what can be a lonely chapter of motherhood. God has put this launch on my heart to try to help meet this need in the community. To do that, I want to ensure as many women as possible know about this opportunity to form community, but more importantly, find hope, tools, and Jesus. This group will be meeting Monday's Bi-weekly, **beginning on September 11**

from 9am-11am. For those interested, they can contact me by email: aleyshaswoboda@gmail.com or phone: 712-298-1424. I would be happy to answer any questions and get them the necessary registration information.

**** First Lutheran Church is blessed to have a ministry for those who are facing challenges in life...** Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry that allows someone with special training to walk along side of you for as long as you need a Christian friend to accompany you. If you are struggling with life and need support while you find healing, please contact the pastors, the church office or call Carol Platt (712-229-2991), Carol DeSchepper (605-261-0581), or Tammy Carr (605-712-1102), our FLC Stephen Ministry Leaders. We will discuss options with you on how the First Lutheran family can best support you.

**** First Lutheran Centennial Celebration...Sunday morning October 1, 2023** First Lutheran is celebrating 100 years of ministry with worship, history, fellowship, food and fun!! Come and celebrate with us!!!

**** Mission Team Thanks YOU...**For ALL the Backpacks you donated for our Youth Homeless backpack project. Thanks for choosing to make a difference!

**** First Lutheran Recorded Worship Services...** Recorded worship services are available by clicking here [Latest Sunday 8:30 am worship service](#) and through Milford Cable. Milford Cable airs our services on Channel 12- Mondays at 10am & 7pm.

**** First Lutheran Mission Team...**is accepting donations of **used eyeglasses** for a Lion's Club who sorts them and sends them to third world countries. In addition, they are collecting **pop-tabs** for Ronald McDonald Houses in Sioux Falls and **empty pill bottles** with the labels removed also used in third world countries. There are receptacles in the Mission Center at First Lutheran for these items. Please help us make a difference to those in need.

**** Ministry Support at First Lutheran...**we so appreciate your offerings shared at our worship services, mailed to First Lutheran at 1525 Three Cross Road, Milford, Ia. 51351, or given electronically through our website at www.3cross.org. Thank you for choosing to help us in our mission of sharing the word of Jesus Christ. If you would like more information, please call the church office at 712-338-4514.

**** Backpack Food Donations Needed...**Food continues to be needed weekly. If you would like to donate food items like cereal, crackers and cheese, granola bars, mac n cheese cups, juice boxes, mandarin oranges, peanut butter, pop tarts, popcorn, pudding cups, ramen noodles, ravioli, soup, spaghetti and meatballs (canned) and canned fruit to name a few. Please consider supporting this ministry by dropping these items off at our Mission Center at First Lutheran.

**** Synod Newsletter** - To find out more about the happenings in our synod, the Western Iowa Synod, click the link and check out their monthly news publication. [WIS Water life](#)

Gathering to Know Jesus...Serving to Make a Difference