

First Things First

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Gather in Faith - Grow thru Grace - Share the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Jesus said, "...I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but [this woman] wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet." (Luke 7:44b-46).

Jesus said, "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you invited me in." (Matthew 25:35).

"Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it." (Hebrews 13:2).

"The Lord watches over the stranger..." Psalm 146:9).

The Gift Of . . .

A monthly Body-building article on tending to the atmosphere of First Lutheran Church

The gift of welcome—Last month I wrote about the gift of invitation, reflecting on how important it is...how challenging it can be...and what a holy, God-blessed experience it is to extend the gift of an invitation. Of course, those invitations can and should be extended both to those beyond the walls of First Lutheran—our friends and family, co-workers and neighbors—as well as those already a part of First Lutheran, that perhaps their connection and ours might be renewed. We should continually chew on the indication that part of the reason folks without a connection to Jesus through a congregation remain that way is that **NO ONE EVER ASKED**.

But there's another aspect to that invitation to which we need to pay attention, as well. In fact, as I've reflected on my own personal experiences with accepting an invitation **THE GIFT OF WELCOME** is at least as important as the invitation itself. Assuming that an invitation is accepted, what are folks going to find when they come? How are they going to be received?

Have you ever accepted an invitation to an event—say, a party of some kind...a wedding reception or something like that—arrived there, and found no welcome, no instruction about where to sit, or no introduction to anyone else at the event? How does that feel...especially when clearly everyone else is an "insider" to the event? (I think I'm a relatively self-confident extrovert, but such events are painful at the very least.)

Maybe you've accepted an invitation to serve on a board, committee or work group in some capacity. Imagine arriving with no prior history of policy, no background with the group's governing documents or mission priorities. Everyone else seems to know what's going on and the direction of the group. Does that engender a spirit of belonging, value, or encourage input? (I've known congregations where new members have left because the message they received was, "Sit down. Put your money in the plate. Shut up, and don't make waves.")

In both these cases, the gift of invitation has the potential even to be damaging because of the lack of attention to what people encounter in accepting the invitation. The intention of the invitation may be welcoming, but without the intentionality of being truly servants of welcome, the reality of the experience can be most UNwelcoming. (Interestingly enough, the word "welcome" comes from an Old English word that means quite literally, "*May you have fared well in coming here.*")

The gift of welcome or hospitality is as holy an experience as that of invitation because it demands that we consider others and lavish them with the gifts God has given us as hosts. Scripture is full of accounts in which brushes with God are either experienced in full because of offered hospitality, or else tragically missed in the lack thereof. In the midst of the extravagant hospitality Abraham and Sarah offer to three traveling strangers, Abraham and Sarah—both well-beyond child bearing years—receive the news of the unfolding promise God made to them in the impending birth of their son (Gen. 18). Jesus continuously uses hospitality and welcome as a sign of the in-dwelling of the Gospel and of discipleship. It is within the context of **THE** most powerful meal of all that Jesus loads up the visible elements of water (in washing the disciples' feet), bread, and wine as places where the Word and Spirit of God's grace are made visible. So too, our gift of welcome, our over-the-top hospitality is no less than a sacramental exchange in which the grace, mercy, and love of God is made known in, through, with, and under the gifts of fleshly elements: our smiles, our extended hands, a cup of coffee, even something as relatively mundane and seemingly insignificant as directional signage and more.

May folks fare well in coming here.

- - Pastor Mike Pancoast

FLC VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

(In appreciation of those who serve us)

We feature FLC's volunteers here to recognize those who give of their time and ability in service of our congregation. In other words, it's one way for us to say "Thank You"! You could personally extend a word of thanks to the individuals spotlighted here each month as well. Encouragement is a vital Christian ministry. In I Thessalonians 5 it says, "therefore encourage one another and build one another up".



HOSTFEST

This month we would like to thank the coordinators who make First Lutheran's participation in the Hostfest so successful year after year.

Our Rommegrot stands were again co-directed by Roxanne Maragos and Donna Whitmore. They did a splendid job, so please join us in thanking them. Special thanks goes to Dennis Helgeson and John Leddon for the early opening each day. Thank you to Bonnie Brekke for all the phoning to get servers for the stands. We also thank all the servers and makers.

Once again, we thank Nancy Langseth and Laura Mihalick, Hostfest Import Shop co-directors, and Karen Carlson and Vicki Stevens, Import shop co-chairs for FLC. We also thank the many volunteers who gave a wonderful presence in Trondheim Hall. The Import Shop is a joint effort of First, Zion, Christ and Bethany Lutheran Churches, and profits are shared among the four congregations as they sell numerous goods from the Scandinavian countries.

The final numbers are not in yet, but please know that our congregation receives significant income for our general fund ministries through our Hostfest participation.

Finally, TO ALL OF YOU . . .

*Servers, makers, clerks, callers, set-up, tear-down,
Whatever way you may have helped —*

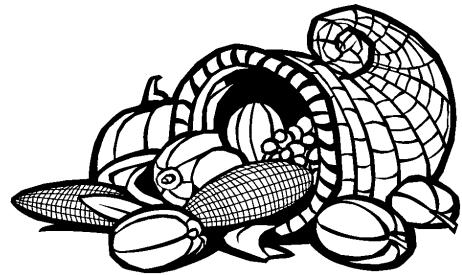
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125TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL CELEBRATION!

Join us on . . .

***Sunday, November 1
2:00 pm***

Help us celebrate 125 years! Bishop Mark Narum will preach and there will be lots of special music. Following the service, join us for fellowship time with pie, cookies and coffee!



THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP AND PIE SOCIAL

Come join us for . . .

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Wednesday, November 25—7:00 pm**

As we have done in the past, following the worship service we will have a pie social in the Parish Center. We would like to have a variety of pies for the social. If you will be able to provide a pie or could help in the kitchen, please let the office know.

OFFICE CLOSURE

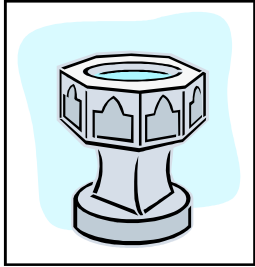
The church office will be closed on Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27, in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

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On Sunday, November 1, Daylight-Saving Time ends. Remember to set your clocks back!

A New Approach To Baptism



Planning a baptism in the future?—Some words about preparing

The Background for Baptism: “Go make disciples of all nations,” Jesus says, “baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you...” (Matt. 28:19-20). This is our mandate as the Church—to make disciples by baptizing and by teaching. And this is what we do.

Baptism is a marvelous event that sets the tone and begins to lay the foundation of faith for a life time. There are two promises around which we gather during baptism. **The first most fundamental is the promise that God makes to us in the waters of baptism...the promise of forgiveness & peace with God...the promise of victory over death, in all the various ways we taste the sting of death in life...the promise of salvation and of life in God’s kingdom.** Through the Word of God attached to the visible element of water we are assured of God’s presence with us and love for us come what may!

The Beginning of the Church-Home Partnership: But nurturing this faith in God’s presence and action is not something that happens automatically. Growing in this faith is not a one time event that can be located at baptism or confirmation. Cultivating this faith is not something that happens in isolation. Nor is it something that can be grown merely through classes for the children here through the congregation. **Nurturing faith happens through close, trusted relationships, often in our own homes. Nurturing faith happens in partnership with the congregation and the household. Nurturing faith happens through simple, daily practices in which God in Jesus Christ promises to meet us again anew to renew and build faith.**

So there is another set of promises around which we gather during the event of baptism, as well, and that second set of promises grows out of the first. On the day of baptism, we ask you, your sponsors, and your congregation to make some promises, as well:

- ♦ **We will ask you and your sponsors to promise to teach your children to pray, to nourish and to grow your children’s faith and life through active participation in worship, education, and in the life of the congregation.**
- ♦ In addition, your congregation will make some promises to you, as well. **We will promise to welcome you as we ourselves have been welcomed by Christ, and we will promise to pray for, to aid, and to support you as parents seeking to raise your children in the Christian faith.** And we will make visible those promises to you with some gifts that signify the partnered ministry between your household and congregation for faith formation. These gifts are intended to be the first tools you will need in your household to begin teaching the faith to your children—because the **top four factors that determine whether our children will have faith are: 1. What Mom does; 2. What Dad does; 3. What Mom says; and 4. What Dad says.**

In addition, our promises together begin even before the moment of baptism. So in order to enhance the teaching aspect of our baptismal ministry, to prepare families for receiving the gift that is Holy Baptism, and to deepen our bonds one with another, especially as we seek to minister well to our family and youth in helping them to nurture faith at home, we are expanding the way that we prepare families to receive the gift that is the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. **We ask that if you or your family are planning a baptism—even if that child has not yet been born—please be aware of these enhancements as you do that planning.**

Preparing for the day of Baptism: In order to prepare you and our congregation for the wonderful event of baptism, here is what to do:

1. **Enrollment:** Enroll your child for baptism—In order to have your child enrolled for baptism, please fill out a “Baptism Information Form” available in the church office and eventually on our website. This will help the church office with its record keeping and make sure that we have names spelled correctly and dates listed accurately on your baptismal certificates.

In addition, over the course of the year, First Lutheran will host a number of “**Enrollment Sundays**” for the families within our congregation who are preparing for the baptism of a child. During a brief moment of the service, we will recognize you and your family and introduce you and your family, and if possible your baptismal sponsors to the congregation. **(Please bring your family, grandparents, godparents, and friends to be a part of this day.)** We will mark the beginning of your baptismal journey with a small gift. And will begin our time of prayer with and for you and your family. **The purpose of this “Enrollment Sunday” is to draw the congregation in to joy and excitement of the up-coming event and to recognize the partnership between the congregation & household when it comes to nurturing faith.** Those Enrollment Sundays are scheduled for the **first Sunday of even-numbered months—December, February, April, etc.**

2. **Pre-Baptism Teaching: “Preparing for Walking Wet”**—In order to prepare our baptismal families for the day of baptism, and more so for following through with the promises you will make on the Sunday of baptism, you will need to attend a pre-baptism event called “**Preparing for Walking Wet.**” These events also take place on a quarterly basis. **The first of these pre-baptism teaching events is scheduled for Sunday, November 15, 6 – 8 PM @ the Parish Center.** After that, our quarterly “Preparing for Walking Wet” events will be in **February, May, August, & November.**

Who should come?

- ♦ Parents, grandparents, godparents, baptismal sponsors, family members, friends—whomever will be primarily responsible for the welfare and faith of this child.
- ♦ Members from our congregation will also be present at this event. These members will be chosen for their active and visible discipleship and likely encouragement for you and your family.
- ♦ If childcare is needed for children 3rd grade and younger, we can make those arrangements here at the church, as well.

What will happen at this event?

- ♦ A meal—at no cost and no trouble for you. **YOU will be OUR guest! (The November 15 “Walking Wet Event” will be dessert & refreshments.)**
- ♦ At this event, we will go through...
 - ...some of the basic teachings surrounding baptism;
 - ...a quick run-down of what the Saturday/Sunday of baptism will look like; and
 - ...some beginning information that we believe will help you grow a child of faith.
- ♦ **Note:** the events and activities at the “Preparing for Walking Wet” event are handled in a cross-generational sort of way and are perfectly appropriate even for children older than 3rd grade. **Please be encouraged to include them in this event, as well.**
- ♦ Childcare can be provided if needed for children 3rd grade and younger—please contact the church office to make those arrangements.

How do we set up the “Enrollment Sunday” and the “Preparing for Walking Wet” event?

- ♦ **IF YOU ARE PLANNING A BAPTISM BETWEEN NOW AND FEBRUARY, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.**
- ♦ In general, contact the church office for Baptismal Information Form. The schedule for the remaining “Preparing for Walking Wet” events (beginning in February 2010) will be out soon. Please use those dates for planning and scheduling your desired Saturday/Sunday for baptism, your participation in the Enrollment Sunday, and attending the “Preparing for Walking Wet” event.
- ♦ On the “Baptismal Information Form,” please indicate which Enrollment Sunday and which “Preparing for Walking Wet” event you will be attending. Make sure the church office receives this information as soon as possible.

PLEASE NOTE: At the time of writing, our website (www.firstlutheranchurchminot.com) has been updated to reflect this material and forms are available to download.

Thanks—Pastor Ken, Pastor Mike, & Pastor Kari

ATTENDANCE

<u>Month</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
September 26/27	380	\$ 6,942
October 3/4	360	\$ 8,111
October 10/11	382	\$ 7,234
October 17/18	409	\$ 7,999

INCOME/EXPENSES

as of the end of September 2009

	<u>Actual</u>
September Monthly Income	\$ 48,609
September Monthly Expense	\$ 66,220
Year-to-Date Income	\$ 393,538
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$ 433,702

SERVICE GROUP #11

Thank you to the people of Service Group #11 for their willing efforts in the service of our Lord and the family of First Lutheran Church.

BULLETIN & NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Remember, the deadline for input and articles in the *First Things First* newsletter is the **10th of each month**, unless otherwise noted. The deadline for bulletin items is **10:00 am on Tuesdays** for that following weekend.

PARISH CTR & OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center and Office hours are 9:00—5:00 pm, Monday—Friday. The doors will be unlocked then. *If you need access at other times, you will need a key and will be held responsible for lock-up.* Contact Jerry for more info and a key.

At times other than office hours, please dial the 852-4853 number leaving a detailed message on the answering service. (It takes about 6 rings before it picks up.) *Your message will be reviewed the next work day.* If an emergency should arise during non-office hours, please call Pastor Ken Nelson (837-8783).

125TH ANNIVERSARY SALE ITEMS

They will be available most Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings. Also, they are available during the week from the church office. Aprons - \$10, Cap - \$10, Pie Server - \$10, Napkins (pkg. of 40) - \$5

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms

Cash Easton Larson

Marriages

Kyle Larson & Natalie Michalenko

Brock Mikkelsen & Taylor Simenson

Funerals & Memorials

Dean Hoffman

Violet Keierleber

Irene Goosen

Vence Elgie

Janice Larson

ARE YOU A SNOWBIRD?

If you are going someplace warmer for the winter, please let the office know your new address. We'll do a temporary address change and continue to send you the newsletter. If you don't know the address, let us know anyway so we can put a temporary hold on your church mailings.

Even better, get on our email list and you can receive the newsletter by email no matter where or when you go.

Also, remember to call us when you return so we can change it back!



WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESSES

We send out the newsletter and other important church information by email. If you have an email address, and wish to receive your newsletter and other church information that way, please let us know your correct email address by calling the office.

The newsletters are also posted to our website. You can find it under the *Publications* heading.

If you wish to continue to receive the newsletter by mail, *please call the church office (852-4853).*

With this change, that we implemented last February, we not only save a great deal in printing and mailing costs, but are doing a small part to help the environment.

First Lutheran Adult Education Opportunities

*There's something for everyone.
Join us!*



Sunday Forums - 9:45 am - Forum Room (in the basement of the church)

Oct. 11 — Nov. 22 **Family Faith Lab** — led by Pastors Mike and Kari
Family Faith Lab will be a forum suitable for young families with infants, for single parents, for grandmas and grandpas, and anyone in between--truly, for anyone who has close, trusted relationships with young people. We will be introducing some basic principles and practices for growing and living faith on a daily basis that anyone can do.

Nov. 29 — Dec. 20 **Charles Dicken's classic "A Christmas Carol"**
Charles Dicken's classic "A Christmas Carol" is a memorable story filled with compelling characters, drama, humor, and tension, but it is also filled with important Christian themes of redemption and hope. This year, it will form the basis of a four-week small group study which will take place during the four Sunday's of Advent...November 29, and December 6,13 and 20. A convenient spiral bound book with Dicken's story re-produced in its entirety, plus discussion questions, will be made available for this series. Cost of the book is \$6. They will be available by mid-November for you to begin reading in advance of our series. Please join us for a re-reading of this timeless story, and engage its perspectives on the timeless truths of our faith. Contact the church office to get the booklet, or email us through our website.

Men's Breakfast Group - 2nd & 4th Thursdays - 7:00-8:00 am - Charlie's Café (Nov. 12)
We invite all men to join us for conversation and fellowship.

Thursday Men's Bible Study - 1st, 3rd, & 5th Thursdays - 7:00-8:00 am - Conference Room (Nov. 5 & 19)
This fall, we are reading and discussing the book "*Quiet Strength*," by former NFL player and head coach Tony Dungy. Coach Dungy recently retired from his position with the Indianapolis Colts as one of the most respected and successful coaches in professional football. His "quiet strength" comes from his Christian faith...expressed in quiet but unmistakable ways through years in one of the most competitive environments around. Please join us. Coffee...donuts...and great conversation await. Contact Pastor Ken Nelson for more info.

Search Bible Study - Fridays - 9:30 am - Conf. Room - (no meeting on Nov. 27)
Join us in studying different books of the Bible in 8 week sessions. No previous study is necessary and materials are provided. This session , we are studying the book of Genesis.

ALTAR GUILD



We have openings and are looking for people to serve, approximately one month a year, on the Altar Guild helping to prepare for Communion and other duties relating to worship. We also need people who are willing to substitute. If you would be interested, please contact Vicki Stevens at 839-0562, Diann Hanson at 838-8915, or the church office at 852-4853. The following Altar Guild members will be serving:

November -
Gloria Maragos, Roxanne Maragos,
Eldora Eliason, Diann Hanson

from
Julie Benson,
Christian Education Director

Christian Education



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Regular Sunday School Classes: 9:45—10:40 am

November 1, 15 & 22
December 6 & 13

Nov. 8—*Special Family Activity for Parents & Students*

No Classes: November 29

TEACHERS & CONFIRMATION GROUP LEADERS MEETING

There will be a teacher and confirmation group guide meeting on Wednesday, November 11, at 6:00 pm, in the Parish Assembly Hall.

“Got Faith? Pass It On!”

Please make arrangements to attend these regularly scheduled meetings.

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL

Regular Wednesday School Classes: 6:00—7:00 pm

November 4 & 18
December 2 & 9

No Classes: November 11 & 25 (*Thanksgiving Eve*)

CONFIRMATION

6:00—7:15 pm - Main Church Sanctuary

November 4—Theme Night

November 11—*No classes*—Guides, Sunday School and Wednesday School Teachers mtg.

November 18—Theme Night

November 25—*No classes*—Thanksgiving Eve
Worship



“The Reason for the Season”

Christmas Program
December 13, 2009
7:00 pm



Specific information will be sent out through your students’ classroom teacher.

The Season of Giving

As the season of Christmas approaches, we will again collect toys for local agencies that provide toys for needy families. Each student is asked to bring a toy or item that they would like to give as our service project to the community.

Please drop toys off in your student’s classroom by December 16th. These items do not need to be expensive. Suggestions: Games, puzzles, cars, soft dolls, trucks, dolls, legos, action figures, craft kits, drawing items, etc. Teenage items might include jewelry, purses, blankets, body lotions, games, etc.

What is a Family Activity Event?

Marcella Nelson will provide Family Activity Events throughout the parish education year. These events will be for students of all ages. Students MUST be accompanied by their parent/guardians. Please meet in the Parish Education Assembly Hall.

First Lutheran Church Women

	<u>Hostess</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Day & Time</u>
#1	Virginia Berg	Trinity Ret.	Nov. 5 - 1:30 pm
#2	<i>No Hostess</i>	Grand International Inn	Nov. 5 - 9:30 am
#3	Marian Seelig	905A 33rd Ave SW	Nov. 5 - 9:30 am
#4	Adeline Forsberg	Kildahl Room	Nov. 5 - 1:30 pm
#5	Velma Fettig	Friendship Room	Nov. 5 - 1:30 pm
#6	<i>No Hostess</i>	Conference Room	Nov. 5 - 5:00 pm
#7	Marlene Rasmussen	1417 15th St SW	Nov. 5 - 7:30 pm
#8	Delane Disrud	413 Hillcrest Drive	Nov. 5 - 8:00 pm
#9	Elma Doerr	Friendship Room	Nov. 10 - 7:30 pm



FLCW Bazaar—November 7 9:00 am—2:00 pm

There will be pies, lefse, baked goods, craft items, pickles, jellies, etc. There will also be a raffle and the Grandma's Attic section. Lunch will be served from 11:00 am—1:00 pm, and pie and coffee will be served all day.

Come support our FLCW!

Dates to Remember:

Nov. 3	4:00 pm	Bible Study Leaders
Nov. 7	9:00 am—2:00 pm	- Bazaar
Nov. 19	1:30 pm	General Assembly — Thank Offering & Memorial Service
Nov. 24	1:30 pm	Exec & General Board Mtg.

Worship Committee

At its October 6 meeting, Pastor Ken reported scheduled interviews to fill the position of Worship Coordinator, with responsibilities to include hymn selection and coordination of special music for worship services and worship events. A hire decision was anticipated soon thereafter.

Members of First Lutheran Church who are interested in serving on the Worship and Music Committee should contact any one of the members listed below.

Preparations for the celebratory anniversary service on November 1 include having a prelude for an extended time prior to the service including a combination of musical groups; use of the liturgical setting; the possibility of recording the service; and musical selections. Jeannie Sovak will explore the possibility of obtaining a new keyboard, through a trade-in of the existing keyboard.

The new ELW hymnals will be introduced at the beginning of Advent (November 29), rather than during the anniversary celebration. The committee approved stickers for identifying donors and/or honorees of the hymnals and a front-cover sticker containing the familiar version of the Apostles Creed. At its next meeting, the committee will discuss the method by which the stickers will be affixed in the hymnals and distribution throughout the sanctuary.

Pastor Ken reported Pastor Luther Hanson's willingness to decorate for Advent based on Wally Ost's musical compositions. It was suggested that Advent vespers services be held from 7:30 to 8:00 on December 2, 9, and

16, but not on December 23. These services, most likely held in the Chapel or in the Kildahl Room, following the Holden Village service, consisting of prayer and reflection, with time for silence and devotion, but no sermon. More on this later. A recommendation was made to have two services on December 24, Christmas Eve, at 5:00 and 11:00. The consensus of the committee was to allow the pastoral staff time to enjoy Christmas Day with their families, and that we would not hold services on that day. Services on Saturday, December 26 will be at the usual time, 5:30 pm. On Sunday, December 27, there will only be one service at 9:30 am. The Sunday School program will be held on December 13.

The Committee invites questions and concerns about these and other topics. Committee members include:

Julie Benson	852-6251
Clint & Jylann Hanson	725-4904
Joan Holum	839-7136
JoAnn Linrud (Chair)	838-2414
John Mercer (Council Liaison)	839-9232
Beth Murphy	839-1011
Pastor Ken Nelson	837-8783
Pastor Mike Pancoast	838-8111
Wayne Schempp	837-9662
Jeannie Sovak	839-3706
Angie Speiser	839-6005
Rick Stevens	839-0562
Rita Sundahl	838-8295

November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																
<p>1</p> <p>Pastor Ken</p> <p>8:45 AM Worship</p> <p>9:45 AM Adult Forum</p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 AM Worship</p> <p>2:00 PM 125th Anniversary Service</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pastor Ken OIC</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilters</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:30 AM Staff</p> <p>1:00 PM Pastor's Mtg.</p> <p>2:00 PM Property</p> <p>4:00 PM Bible Study Lots</p> <p>6:30 PM Worship & Music</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Wednesday Schedule</p> <p>9:00 AM REM</p> <p>6:00 PM Confirmation - Theme</p> <p>6:00 PM Congregational Life</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>9:30 AM Circles #2 & 3</p> <p>11:00 AM Finance</p> <p>12:00 PM Exec Council</p> <p>1:30 PM Circles #1, 4 & 5</p> <p>3:00 PM ManofCare</p> <p>5:00 PM Circle #6</p> <p>7:30 PM Circle #7</p> <p>8:00 PM Circle #8</p>	<p>6</p> <p>FLCW Bazaar Set-Up</p> <p>9:30 AM Search</p> <p>11:30 AM Luther's Kitchen</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Pastor Ken</p> <p>9:00 AM - 2:00 PM FLCW Bazaar & Bake Sale</p> <p>5:30 PM Worship</p> <p>5:30 PM Hoffman Baptism</p>																
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Saturday: *Worship* 5:30 PM

Sunday: *Worship* 8:45 AM
Sunday School & Adult Forum

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Sunday Radio Broadcast - KRRZ 1390 AM - 8:45 am