5 Ways to Ensure a Child-Friendly Christianity

I like it when I discover biblical truths that have eluded me. There is something exhilarating about finding that hidden gem of eternal wisdom. God and I do a high-five and a knuckle bump followed by me saying, “YES!” Here is one of my favorites. In Mark 10:14-15 Jesus says, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly, I tell you, anyone, who will not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.”

Little children enjoyed hanging around with Jesus! That is my earth-shattering, profound biblical insight that leads me to an equally exhilarating conclusion. Children like to hang around with joyful, celebrating people who smile and laugh and enjoy every moment. Therefore, we can imagine the Jesus of the Bible as a laughing, smiling, joking, and storytelling lover of those around him. I’m pretty sure of it.

As followers of Jesus, we accept the mandate to be in the world. Our task is to be the very embodiment of Christ. I can’t think of any part of our Christian calling that is more important than being child-friendly Christians. Here are some ways we need to fulfill this high calling:

1. Celebrate.
   Children love people who celebrate. When I look at the promises of the Bible I come to an undeniable conclusion – God wants us to CELEBRATE! To CELEBRATE is the number one function of a disciple of Christ. Whether we use the phrases “bring glory to God” or “worship the Lord,” a huge component of the Christian life is to CELEBRATE the life God has given us. We are commanded to do so. So, be encouraged and party on!

2. If it is dark where you are, light a light.
   Remind the world that the earth and the fullness thereof are still the Lord’s. Think of something God has done and smile about it. Just to be countercultural, rejoice! Dale Carnegie once said, “It isn’t what you have, or who you are, or where you are, or what you are doing that makes you happy or unhappy. It is what you think about.” I believe he was right. So did Saint Paul who wrote, “Rejoice in the Lord always.” Practice happiness. Start each day with the discipline of counting (thinking about) your blessings and let the Lord guide you to happiness. Perhaps, if we do this, we will regain a bit of our childhood. But, most importantly, we give the children around us a narrative of joy.

3. Keep the narrative hopeful.
   The most important thing that we can give to our children is a hopeful future. The volatile times and the tense rhetoric of the day have all of us questioning the future. But, for those of us who follow Christ, we know the future. It is in the faithful, secure hands of the Alpha and the Omega. It rests in the strength of the one who was, who is, and who is to come. We can speak with confident hope about all that is to come.

4. Live Well!
   Centuries ago a wise man (Saint Augustine) said these words, “Bad times, hard times, this is what people keep saying; but let us live well, and times shall be good. We are the times. Such as we are, such are the times.” Nothing preserves the future for our children more conclusively than lives well-lived.

5. Invest!
   Children are a worthy investment, an investment that puts a smile on God’s face. Here at First Lutheran, I can say with confidence that we have NO greater asset than our children. So, in the years to come, we will invest in them every way we possibly can. Praise the Lord for the wonderful opportunity before us. “Let the little children come unto me. For to such as these belong the Kingdom of God.” -Jesus
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Juliet Thoreson fondly remembers when First Lutheran Church decided to start a bell choir. "It sounded like something I definitely wanted to be a part of, so I went to our first rehearsal on Reformation Sunday 30 years ago, and I have been with them ever since."

Handbell choirs have played a part in the worship life of churches for years, and 30 years ago, Evelyn and Milton Larson donated funds to purchase handbells for First Lutheran. The congregation was known for its strong musical culture, and they felt it was time to add a new opportunity for people to give of their time and musical talent. Juliet recalls, "Since the beginning, our purpose has been to ring music for the glory of God. We have seen a lot of different people around these tables, but our purpose has always stayed the same, and we are blessed to share our music with the people of First Lutheran."

Handbell choirs add so much to a worship service. Not only is the music beautiful, but it is also visually pleasing. There is an art to it—a lovely expression of movement and music woven together. This is how active praise to God should be, as Psalm 150 reminds us:

**Praise the Lord!**

*Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!*

*Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!*  

*Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!*

*Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!*

*Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!*

**Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!**

This is the primary reason our Minister of Music for 33 years, Michael Olson, continues to lead this faithful group. Michael believes, "Since music is a gift from God, we are called to extend that gift to others, so that God’s love will be seen, heard, and experienced."

Those who have played, and who continue to play with Heavenly Bells, will say this is most certainly true.

And, the sense of community that is shared in a handbell choir is remarkable. Everyone has to work together so that melody and harmony are perfectly in tune. As Juliet also says, "You have to depend on your neighbor!"

This is reason enough to join Heavenly Bells! We are called into Christian community, to experience and share the love of God in Christ Jesus with each other and for each other. Jesus tells us in Matthew: "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind,' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’"

So come—RING praises to our God. Share your time and your talent. And enjoy the fellowship that the Holy Spirit makes possible when we depend on our neighbors, working together to shine the light of Jesus.
Music Ministry
First Lutheran Church has a diverse music ministry that includes:
» Cathedral Choir
» Men’s and Women’s Choirs
» Handbell Choir
» Worship Band
» Chamber Orchestra
» Children’s Choirs
» Much more!
For more information on how to become a part of the music ministry at First Lutheran, please contact Michael Olson, molson@flcfargo.org, 701.235.7389.

Recruiting Vocal Cantors
First Lutheran’s music ministry team is recruiting vocalists to participate in our traditional worship services. Cantors serve as worship leaders for Sanctuary worship each Sunday morning. They lead congregational singing—hymns and liturgy—as well as provide a musical selection during the offering. If you are interested in sharing your musical gifts and participating in worship, please contact Michael Olson, molson@flcfargo.org, 701.235.7389.

Women’s Choir
Rehearsal: Sunday, April 15, 8:15 a.m., Celebration Station; Performance: Sunday, April 15, 9 a.m., Sanctuary, and 11 a.m., Celebration Hall

Men’s Choir
Rehearsal: Wednesday, March 21, 5:15 p.m., Sanctuary; Performance: Wednesday, March 21, 6 p.m., Sanctuary
Rehearsal: Sunday, May 13, 8:15 a.m., Celebration Station; Performance: Sunday, May 13, 9 and 11 a.m., Sanctuary with the Chamber Orchestra

Brass and Organ Concert
Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 13, 3 p.m., Sanctuary
The Dakota Brass quintet along with Michael Olson, organist, will present a varied concert of music as a tribute to mothers. Treat your mother to a special afternoon of music. A free-will offering will be received.

Dubois Cantata
“The Seven Last Words of Christ”
Performance: Wednesday, March 28, 7 p.m., Sanctuary, freewill offering
Rehearsals: Wednesdays, February 21 through March 21, 7 p.m., Celebration Station.
The singing of the Dubois Cantata during Holy Week is a long-held First Lutheran tradition. Interested singers are invited to join us. David Ferreira conducts and featured vocal soloists include David Hamilton and Peter Halverson from Concordia College, and Darci Bulterma from Northern State University, Aberdeen. A 30-piece orchestra, comprised of First Lutheran members and Fargo/Moorhead Symphony players, will provide instrumental accompaniment. Come and hear God’s Word portrayed through music and song. You will be blessed.

Choral Concert
Sunday, April 8, 2 p.m., Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Detroit Lakes; freewill offering
Members of the Cathedral Choir from First Lutheran Church of Fargo and the adult choir from Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Detroit Lakes will join together for this wonderful event. Twenty-seven members of both church choirs will be traveling to New York City and performing in a concert at Carnegie Hall on Monday, April 23. Part of that concert will be conducted by First Lutheran’s Choir Director, David Ferreira.

Easter Garden
Orders accepted through Monday, March 26
During this special time of year, please consider honoring or remembering a loved one by purchasing a spring plant to beautify the Sanctuary and Celebration Hall for Easter Sunday. A list of the donors and those remembered or honored will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Order plants at flcfargo.org or by completing an Easter Flower order form at the church office. Contact Becki Tollefson, 701.235.7389, btollefson@flcfargo.org with questions.

Welcome to Worship!
In January, the first grade FaithTalk children and their families celebrated a key milestone, Welcome to Worship! What is worship? Celebrating what’s most important—God! They learned about worship: what it is and ways we do it both in and outside of the church. Additionally, each family received their own handmade wooden altar with cloths and candles to create a sacred space and celebrate the seasons of the church at home.
Thrilled to “Belong!”

Bob and Doris Callahan are new to First Lutheran Church, but you wouldn’t know it by watching them. It feels like they’ve been here for years—and they feel the same way. After living in Dickinson for many years, they moved to Fargo. Their reason? “She’s 6 years old,” they said. Turns out they missed their granddaughter who is not a blood relative but adopted through friendship. They missed her so much they moved to Fargo to be near her. When considering a church home, they asked Pr. Joe Natwick, who was their pastor in Dickinson (and who just happens to be a son of the congregation of First Lutheran). So, of course, Joe mentioned FLC. He said he grew up here and “he turned out OK.”

Bob and Doris knew from the minute they walked in to FLC that this was the place for them. One of the first people they met was Missy Froeber. “She was such a delight,” Doris said. “She told us about Bible studies and Wednesday Fellowship and the next week we started coming to everything. It was wonderful. We love that we have been able to get to know so many people. And when we walked into the Sanctuary, it just felt like home.”

Don Evans has been another welcoming presence for Bob and Doris, always willing to sit and chat and share a cup of coffee. Bob said, “We’ve not had this feeling of fellowship since we went to a little church in Medora.”

Shirley Tietz often calls on Bob and Doris to help out and they are always willing. It’s hard to say no to Shirley!

The “Interruption” of Baptism

On March 6, 1976, in Lockhaven, Penn., at St. Agnes Catholic Church, my life was interrupted. Up until that day, my life was fairly simple. I was only 2 ½ weeks old, so I slept, I ate, and I moved when and where my parents moved me. But nevertheless, my life was interrupted, because I was baptized!

Yes—baptism is an interruption! It’s the moment in our lives when God claims our identity, and interrupts our life path.

Even if we were baptized as infants, and were completely unaware of this interruption, God interrupted our lives and said the same words to us that God said to Jesus on the banks of the Jordan in Mark 1: “You are my child, the beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

What does this interruption mean for us? We might say that it means we are forgiven. But this leaves me with a question: If baptism is only about forgiveness of sins, and about becoming a child of God through the forgiveness of sins, then why did Jesus have to be baptized?

Baptism is often misunderstood. So is confirmation (which is called “affirmation of baptism”). Too many people look at both faith formational moments as items to check off a list, and then consider themselves done, as if they have “graduated.” That viewpoint is correct in that we don’t have to do anything else in terms of our salvation, because God has already taken care of that for us, through Jesus.

However, if baptism means we “are done,” then again, why did Jesus get baptized? Did Jesus believe that after he came up from the river he was “done?” Absolutely not! This story actually marks the beginning of Jesus’ ministry. Baptism is about God using an everyday, ordinary thing—water—to meet us in an everyday, ordinary world. God does this to proclaim that we are God’s beloved, with whom God is well-pleased. And this proclamation interrupts our lives, and commissions us into participation with Jesus in God’s mission to the world.

-Pastor Dave Adams

A Place to Belong

Becoming a Member of First Lutheran Church

Two-part class: Wednesday, May 2, 5:30-7 p.m. and Sunday, May 6, 10-11 a.m. Welcome during 11 a.m. worship.

We want you to become disciples, not just attendees. Disciples are equipped and trained, passionate about changing the world and doers of the word, not just believers of the word. Our hope for you is to not just be members, but followers of Jesus. We welcome you to belong to this body of Christ of First Lutheran Church. Please contact Shirley Tietz, stietz@flcfargo.org or call 701.235.7389.

Baptism Training

The first Sunday of the month, 10:15 a.m., Chapel

We want everyone to understand the grace represented by baptism, so we ask all parents wishing to have their child baptized to participate in this training. After completion, you may schedule your child’s baptism with Becki Tollefson, btollefson@flcfargo.org.
A LETTER FROM DAVE ROGNESS
Building Committee Chairman

In late November, the church council approved the schematic design documents and directed we move forward to the design development phase. Over the next several weeks, building task force members met with our architect to finalize design elements for each area of the project. These meetings included site visits, 3D renderings, and consideration of the functionality and esthetics of all spaces.

The education and nursery concept embody the vision and importance of children at First Lutheran Church. A company consultant that specializes in designing spaces for children will refine the concept and execute a plan balancing concept and cost.

The new worship space has finalized chair selection, seating capacity, lighting, visual projection, and surface finishes. Technical and design consultants are being consulted to assist with sound technology and thematic design for the interior walls and front of the worship space.

The Gathering Place has identified finishes that honor the historical features of our original sanctuary. Dark-toned wood, carpeting, and brick will ensure continuity from the Sanctuary through the Gathering Place to the new worship space. The design of the coffee shop has been completed. Coat storage capacity will triple our current capacity. The gallery area, providing access to the rear of the Sanctuary, will provide a dramatic natural light environment.

The Chapel design is larger than the current chapel, allowing for increased seating capacity and mobility-impaired seating, as well as wider-access aisles.

Finishes, doors, and stained-glass windows will honor the existing chapel. The new Columbarium will occupy the entire back wall providing between 250-300 niches.

On Thursday, January 11, all task forces met and reviewed the designs, recommending that they be presented to and adopted by the council. At the church council meeting Tuesday, January 16, our architect presented the completed design work, along with 3D schematics, and the council voted to move to the construction document phase.

We are currently on schedule with anticipated completion of construction documents by mid-April, bidding completed by early May, and construction starting early June.
**Gumball Machines**

When I was a kid my dad had a gumball machine in his office at work. I used to love going there for several reasons:

- I loved spending time with him.
- He had tons of cool colored pencils I could draw with, and
- The gumball machine.

What kid doesn't love a gumball machine? A few days ago I went shopping for some cool new prizes to put in the Bible Bucks Store at First Lutheran when I saw these cool gumball machines. I grabbed four of them and put them in my cart. Unfortunately, I couldn't find any gumballs to go with them, but I thought I would just put M&Ms in them instead. As I was checking out a man came up to me with four bags of gumballs. He apparently had seen the machines in my cart with no gumballs to go with them. He found and bought four bags for me! He just smiled and said, “The kids can't have gumball machines without gumballs.” I thanked him for his kindness and we went our separate ways.

Wow! I totally did not see that coming and it made my day. This random act of kindness—random act of thoughtfulness, random act of love—really meant a lot to me. It felt like a sign from God that he is still very present in this world and in our everyday lives.

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**Bible Bucks Store**

The Bible Bucks Store is a reward system for the children in FaithTalk. The children earn Bible bucks by coming to class, random acts of kindness, bringing an item for the Cottage of Care, memorizing the monthly memory verse, bringing a friend to class, etc. The store is open Sundays and Wednesdays and the children get to spend the bucks they have earned for prizes and treats. If you ask any kid, they will say they absolutely love it!

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**7th Annual “First in Mission”**

Once again this spring, there will be a “gold rush” in Fargo-Moorhead. People from all walks of life participating in “First in Mission” will wear gold t-shirts and invade our community. Their mission will be to do mission.

First in Mission is a congregational effort to engage in God’s mission that is happening locally. The purpose of the week is threefold:

1. Create a unique opportunity to get the church into the community.
2. Connect people to places of service and people in need (the last, least, lost, and lonely)
3. Raise awareness that we are all part of God’s mission.

Our First in Mission week will be the week of April 29-May 5. The week will begin with Sunday morning worship as we commission those who will be serving throughout the week. They will serve others through local agencies along with other places of need. Registration for these places and times of service will be announced in early April.

On Sunday, May 5, after our week of mission work, we will celebrate the culmination of what First in Mission has brought to the FM community. Moreover, we will celebrate God’s work in the community through our hands!

So mark your calendars, the gold rush of First in Mission is coming this spring!

**God’s work. Our hands.**

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-Katie Kringstad, Children’s Ministry Director
FLC Library
Have you ever really wondered what it would be like to travel back in time and watch Jesus firsthand? Imagine being able to hear the love in his voice as he spoke to the common people and healed their afflictions. Or to hear the anger in his voice confronting the righteousness of the Jewish leaders. How about the thrill of seeing him walk on water or turn water into wine?

Children will enjoy “Duncan Carries a King” by Dan Taylor and Damon Taylor. Duncan the donkey felt pretty useless, unable to find his purpose in life. All of his friends had jobs that were perfect for them—taking water to the workers, turning the grindstone, or carrying soldiers. But Duncan couldn’t find a job that was just right for him. The authors introduce the story of Jesus sending his disciples to find a young donkey that he will ride into Jerusalem. Duncan the donkey learns that God does indeed have a purpose for him.

“A Walk with Christ to the Cross” by Dawson McAllister takes us on that journey. It is an easy-to-read narrative with many of the characters that show up in the last hours of Christ’s Life. Start with him in the Upper Room as the betrayer is revealed and follow at a distance to Pilate’s court. Experiencing the Passion of Christ through the eyes and hearts of his friends and enemies will bring new light to your understanding of this important event.

“Were you there?” by Erik Kolbell takes us on a similar but different path, and explores how each person responded to Jesus’ predicament and shows us how their responses represent the great range of human responses also available to us. He shows us we can find ourselves in Peter’s denial, Mary’s courage, and Thomas’ doubts. He demonstrates we were all there in the lives of those who played pivotal roles in the last hours of Jesus’ life.

The Healing Power of Prayer Shawls
“A few years ago, I had a surgical procedure done which ended in a complication leaving me in excruciating pain. I was told by my doctor that this pain would remain with me until I had another procedure done in six weeks. I could not imagine how I would tolerate this pain, even with very strong pain medicine.

“I came home and asked God to please take away this pain. I sat in my chair in my bedroom and wrapped the lovely mint green and creme prayer shawl around me and began to pray for three hours. When I got up I had no more pain.

“I went back to my doctor and he immediately started to apologize, knowing the amount of pain I would be in for six weeks. I told him I had no pain. I shared my story with him and he was astonished. He asked how he could meet this person. I told him it was my Savior, Jesus Christ. He jokingly wanted to know if I could come to his office when he has to deal with patients in that amount of pain. I said it is all in the power of prayer.

“About a year-and-a-half ago, my girlfriend was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She underwent surgery. The doctor told her they had gotten it all; there would be no chemo or radiation. Today she is cancer free, one and a half years later.

“I always try to emphasize to people when I share my story. God does listen, you just need to ask.”

-A First Lutheran member

Prayer Shawls
Fourth Thursday of the month, 1 p.m. in the Gathering Place
This is a group of caring women who crochet or knit prayer shawls which are given to people in need of a special touch of love. They also create infant baptismal shawls at First Lutheran. Contact Haley at hvargas@flcfargo.org with any questions. All are welcome!
In addition to worship, we invite you to read Max Lucado’s book, “Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World.” Each family will receive a copy of this beautiful book to help connect Sunday to Monday, and to address the reality of anxiety in our daily lives. The book will be discussed in weekly Bible studies for those who wish to explore this theme in a deeper sense.
Life is full of stress. Stress in our jobs, our families, our churches...stress is everywhere. How do we carve out space for God’s promise of peace? This is the question we are inviting you to consider during our Lenten journey.

God’s word has a great deal to say about how we deal with stress and anxiety, and we invite you to come and worship with us each Sunday and Wednesday during the season of Lent. Come and hear God’s promise to give you peace, even amid chaos, as we worship together, and trust in these words of Paul to the Philippians:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. –Philippians 4:4-7

Join us as we worship, study, give, and serve our God who promises to give us peace in Christ Jesus.

**Lenten Schedule**

**Wednesday, February 14 | Ash Wednesday**
6 p.m. worship, Celebration Hall
6:30 p.m. worship, Sanctuary

**Sunday, February 18 | Anxiety is...**
“Anxiety is a meteor shower of what-ifs”

**Wednesday, February 21 | Rejoice in the Sovereignty of God**
“You can’t run the world, but you can entrust it to God.”

**Sunday, February 25 | Rejoice in the Mercy of God**
“Guilt frenzies the soul. Grace calms it.”

**Wednesday, February 28 | Rejoice in God Always**
“God uses everything to accomplish his will.”

**Sunday, March 4 | Contagious Calm**
“The contagiously calm person is the one who reminds others, ‘God is in control.’”

**Wednesday, March 7 | Prayer, Not Despair**
“Peace happens when people pray.”

**Sunday, March 11 | Great Gratitude**
“Christ-based contentment turns us into strong people.”

**Wednesday, March 14 | God’s Peace, Your Peace**
“You may be facing the perfect storm, but God is offering perfect peace.”

**Sunday, March 18 | Think About What You Think About**
“You can select your thought pattern. Fix your thoughts on what is true.”

**Wednesday, March 21 | Cling to Christ and stay C.A.L.M.**
“You gain nothing by setting your eyes on your problems. You gain everything setting your eyes on the Lord.”

**Wednesday Evening Lenten Schedule**
(Wednesdays, February 21-March 21)

5 p.m. **Family dinner**, Celebration Hall
6 p.m. **Worship**, Sanctuary
**FaithTalk** *(Kids and parents start in worship together; kids are released for classes after the children’s message)*
7 p.m. **Pie** in the Gathering Place
**CrossTalk, SLA Classes, and Youth Group**
MEANINGFUL MISSIONS IN NYC

This past December, 13 women traveled to New York City for a mission trip. Great friendships were formed, and many memories were made. As usual, the women who went said that the mission done while there was the most meaningful. One participant said: “There were so many blessings poured out with each person I encountered on this trip and they will be forever imprinted on my heart.”

We worked at a soup kitchen in the Holy Apostles’ Church and St. Francis Xavier’s Church. Both locations were amazingly organized, and you could tell the people we served were grateful. You could tell many of them had come in right off the street and appreciated being treated like a person who mattered. Our other service project involved delivering meals to people who are shut-ins and, much like Meals on Wheels that we are familiar with, don’t always have access to nutritional hot meals. One woman on the trip said, “The mission work was so rewarding. At the soup kitchen, I could interact with the people we were serving as I brought trays of food, etc., to them. The second soup kitchen, I served food, so interacting with other organizations that were there to serve was a great eye-opener for me. It was a great experience on many different levels. Also, Meals on Heels was fabulous.”

We know that there are many in need right in our backyard and we don’t need to travel to serve people. However, sometimes it is helpful to get away from the familiar and to a setting where our only focus is on those. Please consider how you may get involved in some short-term mission trips, both locally and internationally. They can be life-changing!

First Lutheran has a rich history of supporting mission work both monetarily and with feet on the ground. Read about several of the trips planned for this year on the next page. All but the Middle School trip are full, but we invite you to pray for the participants and consider coming on the next ones offered.
**Middle School Summer Mission**

*Sunday-Thursday, August 12-16; Duluth, Minn., $150*

First Lutheran is taking Middle Schoolers to Duluth this summer! Are you feeling called to do something beyond the ordinary grind of everyday life? Do you want to give of your time, your sweat, your energy, your passion and your Faith? Are you ready to make a difference, serve, and be a better leader? Do you want to know God in a deeper, more personal way?

Then come with us to join God’s work in another community. We’ll be partnering with Duluth organizations, donating our time to help their cause. We’ll leave after church on Sunday and return late afternoon on Thursday. A $50 deposit is due at sign-up on flcfargo.org’s Registration Central. The balance is due May 1. Stay tuned for Information Meetings and other dates to be announced!

Spots are reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis at flcfargo.org (not Sign-Up Genius). Only 20 spots are available! Adult Leaders wanted too. Contact Meggie for more information. (Worth 2 SLA Credits)

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**Ecuador**

**Multi-Generational Mission Trip**

*Wednesday-Sunday, July 18-29*

Praise the Lord! We have 24 people going to Ecuador this summer. The trip is coordinated through FLC missionaries, Suzy and Jim Olsen, who serve at Hacienda El Refugio, a training and retreat center which facilitates a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through nature and outdoor adventure. High adventure is paired with the invitation to intentionally reflect and simply be in the presence of our Creator. You can learn at www.haciendaelrefugio.com.

Please keep these participants in your prayers: Katie Kringstad, Sydney Kringstad, Christina Kringstad, Chris Kringstad, Jessica Goroski, Alivia Thomasson, Shawn Thomasson, Anika Thomasson, Cassandra Thomasson, Brooke Orvedal, Loretta Orvedal, Heath Sophie Pokrzywinski, Jeny Runsvold, Shelly Krosbakken, Maya Wolsky, Carissa Bachmeier, Olivia Bachmeier, Chris Bachmeier, Daryl Bachmeier, Rhonda Greicar, Sarah Light, Tanya Light, Ben Bjertness, and Meggie Bjertness.

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**Mexico Mission**

**Called to Serve; Called to Lead**

*March 8-18, Yucatan, Mexico*

Eleven people have taken the risk of faith, adventure and growth and are joining Rollie on this trip to Mexico, where we have a long history of serving. Please pray for the following as they venture down south to serve: Morgan Binfeet, Liz Carlson, Eric Dybing, Matt Goecke, Rollie Johnson, Shane Johnson, Mackenzie Kirsopatric, Jack Robertson, Larry Robertson, Vicki Schneider, and Lea Vacha.

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**Great Plains Food Bank Packing**

*Thursdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m. 1720 3rd Ave N, Fargo*

**2018 dates: March 22, July 19, September 20, and November 15**

Support low-income senior citizens by joining us for food packing at Great Plains. It is a fun, fast two-hour service project that keeps getting better as we continue this service ministry. This assistance program supports 1,000 eligible seniors state-wide in North Dakota, and the food we pack directly serves 600 seniors. Register at flcfargo.org or contact Shirley, stietz@flcfargo.org, or 701.235.7389.

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**Pacem in Terris**

**3-Day Silent Retreat**

*Friday-Sunday, April 13-15, near St. Francis, Minn., $220*

Pacem in Terris (Peace on Earth) is for the person wishing to take their faith journey deeper by spending a deliberate and purposeful time alone in silence and solitude with God.

To reserve a spot, contact Pacem at 763.444.6408 and tell them you are with the First Lutheran Fargo Group. This is strictly on a first-come first-served basis. Contact Rollie Johnson at 701.235.7389 with any questions.

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**ELCA Youth Gathering**

*June 25- July 2, Houston, Texas*

We will worship, serve, dance, and sing with 30,000 other students from around the world for five days. The following high school kids are going: Josiah Bjertness, Emily Runsvold, Chloe Bry, Preston Akers, Ella Walen, Julia Zachariason, Kate Zachariason, and Jonas Adams.
“Get It”

One day at Bible Camp, we played a game where campers had to run around camp to find eight different stations without being tagged by a counselor. They were “safe” at each station, but needed to accomplish a task before that counselor would sign their sheet of paper saying the spot had been found. At my station, the kids had to say a Bible verse. Soon a camper, who I’ll call Jack, arrived. Jack had never been to church or camp. We were his first exposure to Jesus! Not knowing this, however, I treated him as any other camper.

“Hello there, good sir,” I said. “Before I sign, I need you to say a Bible verse.” Jack furrowed his brow and replied, “Bible verse? What’s that? I don’t know any Bible verse. Can’t you just sign my sheet so I can go?” Thinking he was bluffing, I didn’t let him off the hook. However, my prompts toward popular Bible verses drew nothing but blank stares. I finally asked, “Really? Nothing? Nothing from Matthew… Mark… Luke…” Quickly his face lit up! “Oh, I do know one about Luke!!” he said. “Luke, I am your father!” Recognizing the famous Star Wars quote, I laughed, signed his sheet, and sent him on his way.

Sometimes faith begins like this: an obscure pop culture reference which alerts us to the need to keep investing. Our Family Life team of staff and volunteers delights in working with students like this. Who else gets to discuss faith amidst discussions on Star Wars, Pokémon, sports, and video games? Our goal is that each student would “get it” someday and be able to integrate faith with some of these other aspects of their life.

A few weeks ago, we issued a Parable Re-Write Challenge where students could modernize any parable as long as they kept the story’s original meaning. Here was our winner:

“There was a fifth grade boy in a lunch line and got shoved down by a bully and he lost his lunch to the bully. First his best friend walks by and a teacher also walks by and does not even notice, then the new kid that nobody even talks to comes to help like, gives half his lunch money and eats with him.”

This fifth grader “gets it.” They have figured out how faith speaks in the midst of their life. Whether you feel more like Jack or this parable writer, know there is a God who delights in you and will not give up until you “get it.”

-Meggie Bjertness, Middle School Student Life Coach

Luther Crest Bible Camp

Sunday, July 8–Friday, July 13, Grades 3-9. Luther Crest Bible Camp, $295 by April 25. (If registration is full, contact Luther Crest for availability.)

Come for an awesome opportunity to have fun, meet new friends, play games, and learn about God! Luther Crest is in Alexandria, Minn. The FLC Foundation is covering half the cost of each student attending with us. That includes friends! We have spots reserved in the 3rd-6th Grade Leaper program and 7th-9th grade Witnesses program. Register at www.luthercrest.org, using our church ID. The GHR ID is 2018FF. Contact Meggie with any questions.
Waking up White
Book Study with Pastor Dave
Mondays, (April 9, 16, 30, and May 7), Noon at FLC (lunch provided); or 8 p.m., Drekker Brewing Company, downtown Fargo

As much as we wish racism wasn’t an issue in the year 2018, it is still revealing itself in unfortunate ways. How can we, as people who partner with Christ in carrying out God’s mission for the world, find new ways to love and value the diversity that surrounds us? I believe the best way to answer that question is to talk, to learn from each other’s stories, and to step into the future with a broader world-view.

So, I’m inviting you to join me in a four-week book study while we read “Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race,” by Debby Irving.

Irving’s journey of self-discovery, thoroughly detailed, explores the complexities of race and racism in our country’s history, as well as our own individual socialization. Her reflections are thought-provoking, often challenging, and ultimately inspiring. For questions, please contact Pastor Dave at dadams@flcfargo.org.

Gingerbread Nativity Scene
This past December, 135 children and family members met to hear the nativity story and build gingerbread nativity scenes. There was abundant energy and creativity as the kids celebrated the real meaning of Christmas. Needless to say, much of the “building material” went into mouths and onto the floor, but it was a great event for the entire family. Watch for this event again next December!

Pancakes and PJ’s
On a Friday in January, 26 students came to a Pancakes and PJ’s Party at the. We played games, ate pancakes, and learned about prayer. All of this was in our PJ’s! Together we explored “Please” and “Thank You” prayers by making one long Thank You Prayer chain with each link representing one prayer. One-third of the students were not regular attenders of our church. Praise God for the opportunity to reach out, celebrate, and learn about faith together!

Feed My Staving Children
Feed My Starving Children is a Christian non-profit committed to feeding God’s starving children in body and spirit. Children and adults pack nutritious meals, and these meals are then distributed to FMSC partners around the world.

Lutheran members participated in a food packing event. In only 2 hours, the group packed 68,688 meals. That is enough meals to feed 188 kids for an entire year!

Thank you to everyone that helped at this great event. We are indeed “God’s work. Our hands.”
A Means of Grace
Wednesdays, April 4, 11, and 18; 7 p.m. OR Sundays, April 8, 15 and 22; 10 a.m., Adult Ed Room
Baptism and Communion are an outward sign of the inward grace we have received but cannot earn. Learn about these sacraments of the church and how they can infuse your daily living and faith life. Taught by Pr. Laurie.

Nourishing Your Amazing Body!
Wednesdays, April 4, 11 and 18; 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall
God has given us our bodies as a gift and they are to be a temple for the Holy Spirit. We have many choices as to the food we eat, the beverages we choose, and what we put in our bodies to get through the day. Through hands-on experience, learn about some better choices to keep our body nourished the way God intended. Taught by Rollie Johnson.

I Believe In...
Wednesdays, April 25, May 2 and 9; 7 p.m. OR Sundays, April 29, May 6 and 13; 10 a.m., Adult Ed Room
What are the core beliefs of Christianity? We will take a look at the Apostles’ Creed, each article of the Creed, and their goal of unifying the body of Christ. In other words, we will explore the question “What do I believe?” Taught by Pr. Laurie.

“The Seamless” Bible Study for Girls
Wednesdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9 and 16; 7 p.m., CrossTalk Cafe
Cover the people, places, and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. Gain an understanding of the fundamental layout and meaning of God’s Word.

The Great Escape!
Wednesday, May 9; 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Conflict, plot twists, power struggles—these are just some of the things we encounter as we look closer at the story of Moses and his arch-enemy, Pharaoh. From this exciting story of captivity and freedom, we can learn about what it means when Jesus says he sets us free.

Skeptics Welcome
Wednesday, May 2; 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Doubt is not the opposite of faith, but a part of it. Come with your questions and ideas. From your questions, we will generate courses in the future that YOU have a say in offering.

Keeping Tech Positive and Healthy
Wednesday, March 21, 7-8:30 p.m., Celebration Hall
Professor Dave Eisenmann talks candidly about cyber bullying and harassment, sexting, the dangers of pornography, why they should be cautious about what information they share online, and the permanency of their digital record. This engaging and highly visual presentation is free for kids and parents and is open to the community.

(1/2 SLA credit for kids)
YOUTH GROUP GATHERINGS

Wednesdays, 7 p.m., youth room
This winter the senior high has continued to build their faith through group activities such as our monthly shake nights, service projects such as helping pack at the Great Plains Food Bank, and large group Bible studies.

This past December, we had our Men’s Lock-In where we joined together in some awesome Nerf gun wars, devos about fellowship and anchor friendships, ate pizza, watched movies, and played Xbox Games. This was truly a blast of an event and we look forward to doing it again next year!

5TH GRADE FIRST COMMUNION

Communion Instruction: Sunday, March 25; Noon-2 p.m. Lunch included; Make-Up Session: Wednesday, March 28, 5:30-6 p.m.
First Communion Celebration: Thursday, March 29; Family Meal at 5:15 p.m. in Celebration Hall (Seating starts at 5 p.m.); Worship at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary

On Maundy Thursday, the 5th graders will be celebrating their First Communion during the evening worship service. Please pray for our students and their families as they celebrate taking this sacrament for the first time.

FAITH TALK LENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday: 6 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary. Children leave after the children’s sermon for a fun Lenten activity in the Art Studio. Parents pick up your children after the service in the Art Studio.

Sundays: 10 a.m. Children meet in Fellowship Hall for a fun Lenten activity. Parents please pick up your children at 10:50 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

There will be no Lenten activities on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Also, no Lenten activities on Palm Sunday, March 25, Wednesday, March 28 or Easter Sunday, April 1. Classes will resume as normal on April 4.

Last day of FaithTalk and CrossTalk classes: Wednesday/Sunday May 9 and 13

End of the year Extravaganza: 6 p.m., Wednesday May 16

Teacher Appreciation: Wednesday, May 9, 7 p.m. and Sunday May 20 10 a.m.

CROSS TALK

Lent: Sundays at 10 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7 p.m., gym
During the month of Lent we will host Pray’ n’ Play classes for 5th and 6th grade students. We will start each lesson with games or other activities and followed by a short devo or lesson.

Sunday, Feb 11 - Class as Usual
Sundays, Feb 18 - March 11: Play n’ Pray in the Gym
March 25 & April 1 - NO CLASS Easter Break
Sunday, April 8: Class resumes as normal
Sunday, May 13: Last Day of Classes
Ash Wednesday, Feb 14- NO CLASSES

Wednesdays, Feb 21- March 14: 7pm Play n’ Pray in the Gym, No 6pm class.

Wed, March 28 - NO CLASS Easter Break
Wed April 4 - Class resumes as normal
Wed, May 16 - Last Day of Classes

LARGE GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

Every Sunday, 10:10 a.m. and Thursday at noon (lunch available), Adult Ed Room
This adult study, led by one of the pastors, digs deeper into the scripture text for each week. This is a time of great fellowship, questioning, and learning. No need to sign up. Come when you can (and hopefully often!)

SAVE THE DATE

Family VBS “Treasure Island”
9 a.m.-4 p.m., June 11-14: grade 6 and under, free
Get it on your calendar as you won’t want to miss this island adventure that leads kids to Jesus. Set sail for Treasure Island where kids discover God’s love.

BREAKFAST AND STUDY

Tuesday Men’s Study

Tuesdays, 6:45 a.m., Adult Ed room
Start your Tuesday off right with a delicious, home-cooked meal and the word of God. Great fellowship has formed in this group of men who are always open to welcoming others to their early-morning conversations.

FLCW CIRCLE STUDY

Circles meet monthly at various times

This year we are tackling the topic of prayer. Christians are taught that prayer is the most powerful way to experience God, yet few know how to make prayer genuinely meaningful. Learn how to make your prayers more personal and powerful and how to establish a practice of prayer that works for you. No need to register—just show up!

MEN’S WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY

Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Biblemax Theatre
Great fellowship and faith building devos to help you in your Life’s journey. Open to all men high school age and above. Questions? Rollie at rjohnson@flcfargo.org.
A TIME FOR EVERYTHING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 4: “To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted: a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.”

This verse hit close to home for me when my brother-in-law and best friend passed away on January 8, 2018. The time had come for Lowell to enter his heavenly home. He received a precious gift 13 years ago—a transplanted heart—and that new heart beat steadily and faithfully for those extra years. God had a plan for Lowell and Lowell took advantage of living out that plan in spite of many other medical issues he had to endure. Praise God, he is now at peace—no more pills, no more pain, no more suffering.

I give God the glory for giving my brother-in-law those extra years and for his plan for Lowell to be here among us, in all of life’s circumstances, in joy and in sorrow, but most of all, for Lowell being an example of someone demonstrating courage and perseverance and faith in our Savior Jesus Christ through all of his health challenges.

Knowing that there will come a time for all of us to pass on, there are wise legitimate reasons to have a plan when it comes to leaving a legacy of giving. Our plan will allow us to help provide stability and vibrancy to the future ministry and mission of First Lutheran.

According to Chris McLeod, JD, it is a good thing to have a plan. He provides the top eight reasons for a ministry of legacy giving. I have added my two cents worth to some of the reasons so that they apply to First Lutheran.

1. Legacy giving helps to grow the church’s endowment and provides long-term stability.
2. Legacy giving can be transformational for the church and the member. The desire to make a difference is universal. We can help make a difference at First Lutheran.
3. Legacy giving unlocks the generosity of others. There is something to be said about setting an example for others to follow.
4. Many of us want to document and celebrate our family’s history with First Lutheran.
5. Increase return on investment (ROI). The return is in the infusion of future money to enhance the future ministry and mission of First Lutheran.
6. Legacy giving is a healing ministry. Many of us, whether wealthy or of average means, suffer from the “wounds of wealth” and often feel burdened by decisions about the distribution of our assets at our death. Legacy giving is a prime opportunity to express our values.
7. Legacy giving is a lot less complicated than you think. The planned giving seminar will simplify it for you.
8. Legacy giving is an inclusive strategy for giving. It is an equal opportunity strategy for all of us; men or women; married or single; Norwegian or German.

In May, I will be hosting a Planned Giving Seminar on Legacy Giving. The presenters are experts in their professions and are also members of First Lutheran Church. They will provide you with valuable information in helping you to devise your Plan. Some of the topics to be covered will be the following:

- North Dakota Income Tax Credit
- A guaranteed return on your investment with an income stream guaranteed for life
- Tax Advantages
- Wills and Trusts
- Powers of Attorney
- Advance Health Care Directives
- Social Security
- Biblical Perspective on Stewardship and Philanthropy

Praise God for His Plan for us and for your Plan to contribute to First Lutheran’s future ministry and mission!

Thank You!

Yours in Christ,
John Riley Holmen
Giving Consultant
First Lutheran Church
**PRAYER PARTNERS**

*Tuesdays, 9 a.m. Main Floor Conference Room*

This dedicated group believes in the power of prayer! They are prayerfully concerned about individual needs, the church and its mission, and the needs of people around the world. You are invited to become a prayer partner. For more information contact Haley Vargas at hvargas@flcfargo.org.

**COTTAGE OF CARE CONTINUES TO BLESS**

You may have noticed the Cottage of Care on the lawn on the west side of the church. Inside is a sign that reads, “Take what you need; Bring what you can: Above all be blessed!” Praise the Lord! We have given out over 1,700 items!

The Cottage is visited often and we are looking for donations so please bring what you can to the front desk or to Katie Kringstad.

**HELPING HANDS**

**Men’s Group**

*Thursday mornings, 8:30 a.m. till the work is done; breakfast served*

This group of dedicated helpers has been dutifully helping with the upkeep of First Lutheran for some time. Celebration Hall often gets set up and rearranged every week. With their help the Sanctuary gets a little more TLC, the Gathering Place gets a little tidier, and the church grows just a little bit more. If you are interested in joining, stop in. If you have any questions, reach out to Dalen Nettum by calling the church office.

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**Items in need:**
- Socks
- Hats
- Gloves
- Scarves
- Chapstick
- Deodorant
- Non-perishable foods
- Toothpaste
- Travel size Kleenex
- Devotionals
- Water bottles

**LEARN TO KNIT AND CROCHET**

*Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m., the Gathering Place*

Everyone is welcome to the knit and crochet group on Tuesdays! Many of the projects this group creates are donated to people in need. If you have not knitted or crocheted before, they are the best teachers and would be happy to help you learn!

Contact Haley at hvargas@flcfargo.org with any questions.

**FLC FOOT CLINIC**

*The first Tuesday of the month, 8:30-11 a.m., lower level classrooms, $25*

The purpose of our Foot Care Clinic is to provide foot care in response to the call of following Christ washing the disciples’ feet (John 13:1-17). We seek to serve those who are unable to provide their own foot care, while offering nurse assessments and care by our Certified Foot Care Registered Nurse. Caregivers also assist with foot care by offering comfort cares, support, and education. Contact parish nurse Haley Vargas to set up an appointment, 701.235.7389.

**HOLY WEEK**

*Wednesday, March 28*

1:30 p.m. Worship in the Chapel
7 p.m. Dubois’ “Seven Last Words of Christ” Cantata in the Sanctuary

**Maundy Thursday, March 29**

1:30 p.m. Worship in the Chapel
5:15 p.m. 5th grade meal in Celebration Hall
6 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

**Good Friday, March 30**

12-3 p.m. “The Seven Last Words of Christ” Worship in the Sanctuary
7 p.m. Prayer-Around-the-Cross Worship in Celebration Hall

**Sunday, April 1: Easter**

7:30, 9, and 11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
9 and 11 a.m. Worship in Celebration Hall
**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**
619 BROADWAY, FARGO, ND 58012

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**EVENTS**

**Belong Class (new member)**
Wednesday, May 2, 5:30-7 p.m. and Sunday, May 6, 10 a.m., Luther Room, Shirley Tietz, stietz@flcfargo.org

**Fifth Grade First Communion**
Instruction: Sunday, March 25, Noon-2 p.m.; Celebration: Thursday, March 29, family dinner 5:15 p.m., worship 6 p.m., Meggie Bjertness, mbjertness@flcfargo.org

**Tae Kwon Do**
Tuesdays, 6 p.m., FLC Gym, Rollie Johnson, rjohnson@flcfargo.org

**WORSHIP**

**Easter Morning Worship**
Sunday, April 1, 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m., Sanctuary; 9 and 11 a.m., Celebration Hall

**“Seven Last Words of Christ” Contata**
Wednesday, March 28, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

**Traditional Worship**
Sundays, 9 and 11 a.m., Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Celebration Hall

**Celebration Worship**
Sundays, 9 and 11 a.m., Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Celebration Hall

**Brass and Organ Concert**
Sunday, May 13, 3 p.m., Sanctuary

**Heavenly Bells**
Rehearse Thursdays, 7 p.m., Gathering Place

**Organ Recitals**
Wednesdays, 12:45 p.m., Sanctuary

**Cathedral Choir**
Rehearse Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Celebration Station

**Crusader Choir**
Rehearse Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., Celebration Station

**Joyful Noise Choir**
Rehearse Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., Chapel

**LEARN**

**“Waking Up White” Book Study**
Mondays, April 9-May 7, Noon Adult Ed Room, or 8 p.m., Dreker Brewing Company, Pr. Dave, dadams@flcfargo.org

**Men’s Breakfast Bible Study**
Tuesdays at 6:45 a.m., Adult Ed Room, Pr. Corey, cbjertness@flcfargo.org

**MomTalk**
1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 9-11 a.m., Marci, marci627@gmail.com

**FaithTalk**
Sundays, 10 a.m., or Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Celebration Hall

**CrossTalk**
Sundays, 10 a.m., or Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Katie Kringstad, kkringstad@flcfargo.org

**Large Group Bible Study**
Sundays, 10 a.m. or Thursdays, noon, Adult Ed Room, Pr. Corey, cbjertness@flcfargo.org

**A Means of Grace**
Wednesdays, April 4-18; 7 p.m. or Sundays, April 8-22, 10 a.m., Adult Ed Room, Pr. Laurie, ineill@flcfargo.org

**I Believe In...**
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**Nourishing Your Amazing Body**
Wednesdays, April 4-18; 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall, Pr. Laurie, ineill@flcfargo.org

**Skeptics Welcome**
Wednesday, May 2, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Pr. Laurie, ineill@flcfargo.org

**Serve**

**Great Plains Food Bank**
Thursday, March 22, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Shirley Tietz, stietz@flcfargo.org

**Foot Clinic**
First Tuesday of each month, 8:30-11 a.m., lower level classrooms, Haley Vargas, hvargas@flcfargo.org

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**
Fourth Thursday of the month, 1 p.m., Haley Vargas, hvargas@flcfargo.org

**Learn to Knit and Crochet**
Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m., The Gathering Place, Haley Vargas, hvargas@flcfargo.org

**Mission Soup Sundays**
Third Sunday of every month, 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall

**Prayer Partners**
Tuesdays, 9 a.m., Conference Room, Pr. Jim, jhuiberg@flcfargo.org

**Helping Hands**
Thursdays, 8:30 a.m., Dalen Nettum, dnettum@flcfargo.org

**Tae Kwon Do**
Tuesdays, 6 p.m., FLC Gym, Rollie Johnson, rjohnson@flcfargo.org

**Skeptic Welcome**
Wednesday, May 13, 3 p.m., Fellowship Hall, Pr. Laurie, ineill@flcfargo.org

**High School/Young Adult Bible Study**
Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Youth Room, Erik Carlson, ecarlson@flcfargo.org

**Men’s Wednesday Night Study**
Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Biblemax Theatre, Rollie Johnson, rjohnson@flcfargo.org

**FLCW Circles**
Various times and places, Pr. Laurie, ineill@flcfargo.org

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