



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
INSPIRE. EQUIP. REACH.

**AUG 16**

FACING LONELINESS  
& DESPAIR



ISAIAH 49:14-16  
PSALM 13, 25:15-18

FACE to FACE



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**WELCOME!** Rich or poor... Satisfied or hungry... Liberal or conservative... Traditional or contemporary... Casual or formal... **WELCOME.** We are just glad you are here.

Please make yourself at home and let us know if there is anything you need. This bulletin will help you navigate worship at First Lutheran and opportunities to serve and connect with our faith community.



### WHAT ARE WE ABOUT?

*We want to make Jesus famous.* It is as simple as that. Our purpose in gathering here today is to make Jesus known and to know him better. Because if this isn't about Jesus, it isn't worth doing.



**COMMUNION** Watch for details in the upcoming weeks about resuming serving Holy Communion. Serving practices are being studied to provide a safe, no-contact process as we work our way through the

COVID-19 environment.

**WORSHIP** We believe that all instruments, all voices and all people should praise the Lord. We do not worship a "style," we worship Jesus.



**Traditional Worship** follows a liturgy and the music centers around the organ and piano. The order of worship is inserted into the bulletin. [9 a.m. Sundays in the Sanctuary on the north end of the church; 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Sanctuary]



**Celebration Worship** uses a praise band and the order of worship and song lyrics are projected on the wall. [9 & 11 a.m. Sundays in the New Celebration Center on the west end of the church]



**CONNECTING** We would love to get to know you better. Peruse our website for ways to connect through service, study, or community-building events.



**OFFERING** We give tithes and offerings as an act of worship, obedience, and thanksgiving. *If you are a guest, you are not expected or obligated to give.*

**Please join us in The Great Hall 10-11 a.m. on Sundays for coffee, cookies, and conversation.**



**BELONGING** If you would like to call FLC your church home, come to our "Belong" class. Contact Marty Tollefson at [mtollefson@flcfargo.org](mailto:mtollefson@flcfargo.org) or 701.235.7389 for more information. Our next Belong class will be held October 8.

*The mission of First Lutheran Church is to bring people into a relationship with Jesus Christ and to help them grow in the Christian faith.*

**August 16, 2020: Celebration Worship**  
**Face to Face: Facing Loneliness & Despair**

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**WELCOME**

**OPENING SONG:**

Nobody Loves Me Like You

**QUIET TIME / LORD'S PRAYER**

**WORDS OF INSPIRATION:**

*Faith begins when you see God on the mountain and you are in the valley and you know that you're too weak to make the climb. You see what you need... you see what you have... and what you have isn't enough to accomplish anything... But God is always faithful and **He** provides.*

Max Lucado

***When I am most afraid, I put my trust in you; in God whose word I praise, in God I put my trust, fearing nothing; what can men do to me?***

Psalm 56:3-4

*I am with you. These four words are like a safety net, protecting you from falling into despair. Because you are human, you will always have ups and downs in your life experience. But the promise of My presence limits how far down you can go. Sometimes you may feel as if you are in a free fall, when people or things you had counted on let you down. Yet as soon as you remember that I am with you, your perspective changes radically. Instead of bemoaning your circumstances, you can look to Me for help. You recall that not only am I with you, I am holding you by your right hand. I guide you with my counsel, and afterward I will take you into Glory. This is exactly the perspective you need; the reassurance of My Presence, and the glorious hope of heaven.*

Jesus calling, Sarah Young

***You'll get through this. It won't be painless. It won't be quick. But God will use this mess for good. Don't be foolish or naïve. But don't despair either. With God's help, you'll get through this.***

Max Lucado

**VIDEO:** *You are Known*

**SONG:** I Am Not Alone

**SCRIPTURE:**

Isaiah 49:14-16

Psalm 13, 25:15-18

**MESSAGE:** Pastor Laurie Neill

**MUSICAL MEDITATION/OFFERING:**

God With Us

**OFFERING OPTIONS**

Thank you for your new or continued generosity towards God's mission at First Lutheran Church. Out of concern for safety, we will not pass the offering plate during worship but will have baskets available at each exit where you can leave your offering.

***We also have a number of digital, no contact ways to give.***

Online Giving is an easy and convenient way to "set it and forget it."

**RENEWAL AND REAFFIRMATION OF WEDDING VOWS:** (11 a.m.)

*Amy and Ryan Rentz*

**PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**BLESSING/BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG:** You Never Let Go

**L:** Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

**DISMISSAL:**

*(Please exit row by row to avoid close contact)*

***Worship has ended. Now service begins.***



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LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF

# Help Us Fill 100+ —SCHOOL —KITS—

This fall, First Lutheran will support Lutheran World Relief's School Kit ministry by providing school supply kits to children and adults in need. We invite you to

## shop now

for the best back-to-school deals **in August** to help fill as many kits as FLC can! Please drop off the supplies after Labor Day to help us prepare for the packing!

### Items to buy for kits:

- 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper
- 30-centimeter rulers, or with centimeters & inches
- pencil sharpeners
- scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades)
- #2 pencils with erasers
- black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- crayons (16 or 24 count)
- 2 ½" erasers

Visit [lwr.org/schoolkits](http://lwr.org/schoolkits) for details.

Questions? Contact **Pastor Stephanie**:  
701.235.7389 or [stollefson@flcfargo.org](mailto:stollefson@flcfargo.org)



# Summer Concert in the Park

Featuring



of Fargo Faith UMC &



of Fargo First UMC

Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm

Island Park Gazebo

All ages, free of charge!

Bring a blanket or a lawn chair!

**SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE ENFORCED**

**MASKS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED**

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THE CONCERT WILL ALSO BE LIVE STREAMED ON FAITH UMC'S WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE!

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## NEWS&EVENTS

**Visit our website for more detailed information and to register: [www.flcfargo.org](http://www.flcfargo.org).**

### **Welcome New Staff Member: Marlee Robertson**

Marlee Robertson is the new Christian Education Director at First Lutheran Church working with children in pre-school through sixth grade and their families.

Having been a member at First Lutheran since 1989, Marlee has had the opportunity to experience the gift of discipleship First Lutheran has provided. After two mission experiences in Mexico and two in Ecuador, she could not deny the nudge from the Holy Spirit, so after 25 years in the hair and beauty industry, she went into full-time ministry.

Marlee is currently pursuing certification as a spiritual director through Christos Center's "Tending the Holy" program.

Marlee finds delight in too many things to list but books, coffee, and dogs are always top of mind. She shares life with her husband Larry, three adult kids (who have given them eight grandkids), two high school kids (who have given them a lot of laundry...and a lot of joy!), and a sweet dog named Crouton.

Please extend a warm welcome to Marlee as you meet her and get introduced!

### **Face to Face: Summer Sermon Series**

Physical distance. Isolation. Uncertainty. Loneliness. Virtual reality. Church scattered.

Our desire, as Christians, is to continually seek the face of God. This summer, follow our worship series as we look at biblical and everyday encounters with the living God, no matter the circumstances.

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[info@flcfargo.org](mailto:info@flcfargo.org)

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS / WELCOME DESK:**  
**MON-THURS 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**FRI 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**  
**SUN 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Wi-Fi: FLCGuest, password: FirstLutheran619**

## CELEBRATEPRAYER

Our Prayer Partners meet every Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. and the staff gathers daily for prayer at 10 a.m. in the Chapel. The following have asked to be prayed for publicly: *Betty Mausbach-Jevne, Wes Briggs, Lisa Kunkel, Lona Binder-Hermanson, Gail Zimprich, Kathy Otheim, Char Maas, Delores Brynjulson, Jim Frisk, Ann Brown, Steve Brown, and Archie.*

The sympathy and prayers of First Lutheran are offered to the family and friends of **Beulah Bjugstad**, mother of Rick Soggie.

## CHRISTIANEDUCATION

**Kids are an important part of FLC! Christian Ed classes run September-May for 3-year olds through high school.**

Due to the COVID-19 environment, summer programming has been cancelled (i.e., camps, VBS). Enjoy the summer break! Watch for upcoming communications about plans for fall classes.

The Little Gifts Nursery will remain closed until further notice.

## YOURMINISTRYTEAM

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### **Council Officers:**

Gary Inman, President 701.371.1563  
Sindy Keller, Vice President 701.238.2088  
Treasurer & Secretary to be named August 18

## THISWEEK

### Sunday, Aug 16

- Eastern ND Synod Assembly** (online)  
9 a.m. **Traditional Worship**, Sanctuary  
9 a.m. **Traditional Worship Online**  
9 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**, New Celebration Center  
10 a.m. **Coffee Fellowship**, The Great Hall  
11 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**, New Celebration Center  
11 a.m. **Contemporary Worship Online**

### Monday, Aug 17

**No Scheduled Activities**

### Tuesday, Aug 18

- 7 a.m. **Men's Bible Study**, Adult Ed Room  
9 a.m. **Prayer Partners Meeting**, Heritage Room  
9 a.m. **MomTalk Steering Meeting**, The Great Hall  
1 p.m. **Memory Café**, Fellowship Hall  
5:30 p.m. **Church Council Meeting**, Adult Ed Room

### Wednesday, Aug 19

- 1:30 p.m. **Wednesday Fellowship**,  
Sanctuary/The Great Hall  
6 p.m. **Wednesday Worship Online**

### Thursday, Aug 20

- 12 p.m. **Foundation Board Meeting**, Adult Ed Room

### Friday, Aug 21

- 12 p.m. **Church/Church Office Closes**

### Saturday, Aug 22

**No Scheduled Activities**

### Sunday, Aug 23

- 9 a.m. **Traditional Worship**, Sanctuary  
9 a.m. **Traditional Worship Online**  
9 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**, New Celebration Center  
10 a.m. **Coffee Fellowship**, The Great Hall  
11 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**, New Celebration Center  
11 a.m. **Contemporary Worship Online**

## FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given in memory of **Michael Olson**, from Bonnie and family.

## WORSHIPNOTES

## BROADCASTMINISTRY

- **Online:** Sundays 9 & 11 a.m., Wednesdays 6 p.m.; flcfargo.org and Facebook.
- **Radio:** Sundays 9 a.m., 970 AM and 93.1 FM.
- **TV:** Fargo: Sundays 1:30 p.m., Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. (channels Midco 68, Sparklight 1068); Moorhead: Sundays 5 p.m., Tuesdays 7 p.m. (channels Midco 99, Sparklight 69).

### SUPPORT FIRST LUTHERAN MINISTRIES:



**ONLINE GIVING:** [www.flcfargo.org](http://www.flcfargo.org) (from the Quick Links banner select "**Donate Now**")



**TEXT TO GIVE:** Text 701.354.1495 with the dollar amount you would like to give



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