



# Welcome to First Lutheran Church

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Thirteenth Sunday in Pentecost

August 18, 2024

Welcome and Announcements *(Please pass the attendance pad along the pew. If you are a visitor, please include your mailing address.)*

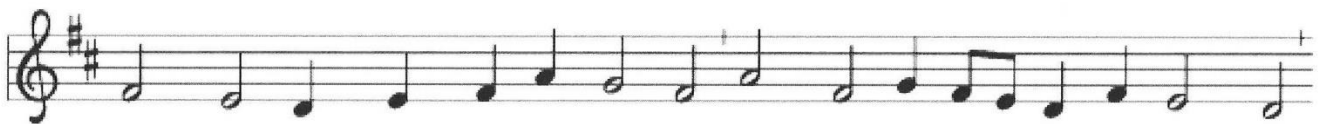
“Canoeing the Mountains” Temple Talk- Art Schmidt

Sharing the Peace

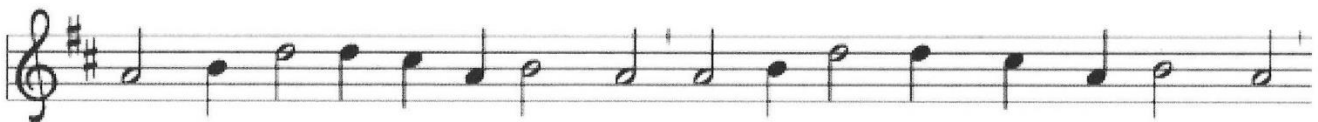
Opening Hymn: “Now We Join in Celebration” (ELW 462)



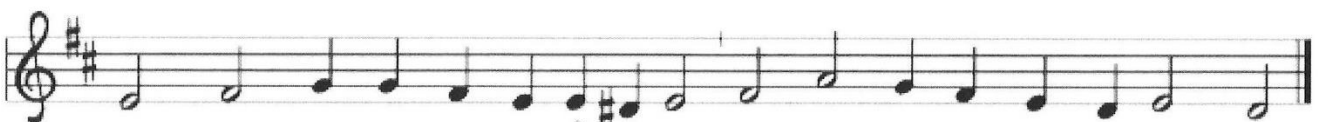
1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!  
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.  
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918–1990

Music: SCHMUCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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## **\*Confession & Forgiveness**

*The assembly stands.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,

**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen**

## **\*Prayer of the Day:**

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**



**First Reading:** Proverbs 9:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars.

<sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals; she has mixed her wine;

she has also set her table.<sup>3</sup>She has sent out her female servants; she calls from the highest places in the town,<sup>4</sup>“You who are simple, turn in here!”

To those without sense she says,<sup>5</sup>“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.

<sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity and live, and walk in the way of insight.”

**Psalm 34:9-14**

<sup>9</sup>O fear the LORD, you his holy ones,  
for those who fear him have no want.

<sup>10</sup>**The young lions suffer want and hunger,  
but those who seek the LORD lack no good  
thing.**

<sup>11</sup>Come, O children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>**Which of you desires life  
and covets many days to enjoy good?**

<sup>13</sup>Keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.

<sup>14</sup>**Depart from evil, and do good;  
seek peace, and pursue it.**

**Second Reading** Ephesians 5:15-20

<sup>15</sup>Be careful, then, how you live,<sup>[a]</sup> not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**\*Gospel Announcement**

The Holy Gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel:** John 6:51-58

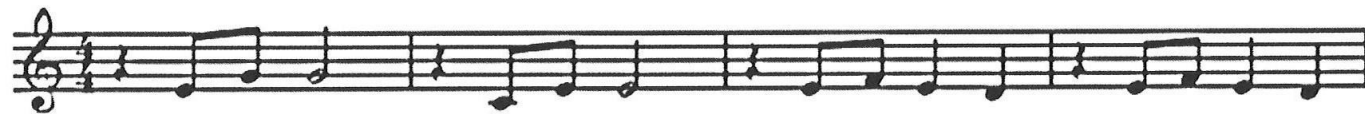
<sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day, <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Children’s Message**  
**Sermon-** “Navigating Relationships”

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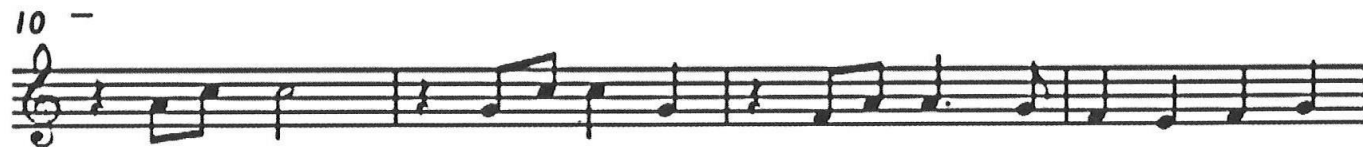
Song of the Day: "Here is Bread" (ELW 483)



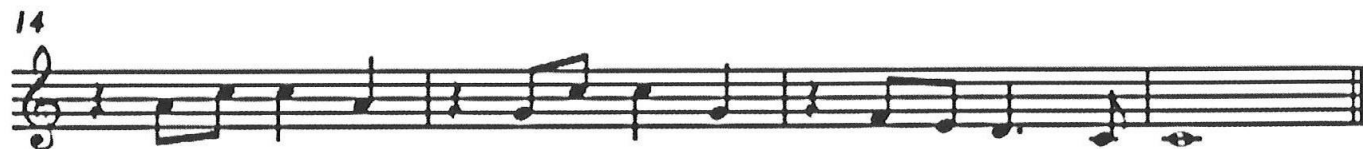
Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.  
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.  
We'll pro-claim till he comes, Je - sus glo - ri - fied.



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

**\*Statement of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

**\*Prayers of Intercession:**

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Wisdom has built her house. May the church be a house of wisdom for all who enter. May we continue to grow and stretch in ways we never thought possible. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Wisdom has mixed her wine. May the harvest seasons be plentiful this year. We pray for orchards, vineyards, farms, and all of creation. Protect and conserve the earth. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Wisdom has employed her laborers. Be with all who seek adequate employment. Guide our economic and governmental leaders to support the people of our world with fair wages and safe working conditions. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Wisdom has invited her guests. Make your presence known to all who feel lost, abandoned, or hurting at this time. Direct your spirit of care to all who seek healing and comfort. Merciful God,

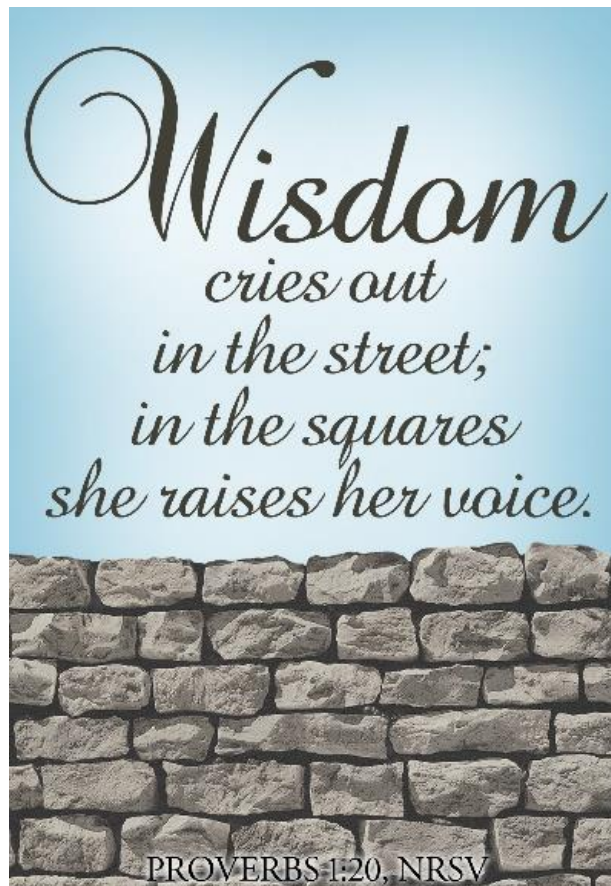
**receive our prayer.**

Wisdom has set her table. May this congregation be a welcome table to all who seek the refuge of God. Break down walls and barriers that prevent us from offering a seat at this table to anyone who comes. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

**Amen.**



## Offering



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## \*Offertory Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.  
Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.  
Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.  
Amen

## \*Words of Institution

### \*Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## † Communion †

*All who believe in the death and resurrection as given in this bread and wine are welcome to the table today.*

*Please follow usher's guidance to come forward to receive communion and then return to your seat.*

*Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available from the communion server upon request.*

*You are welcome to this Table of our Lord.*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

### **Holy Communion Distribution**

#### **\*Post Communion Prayer**

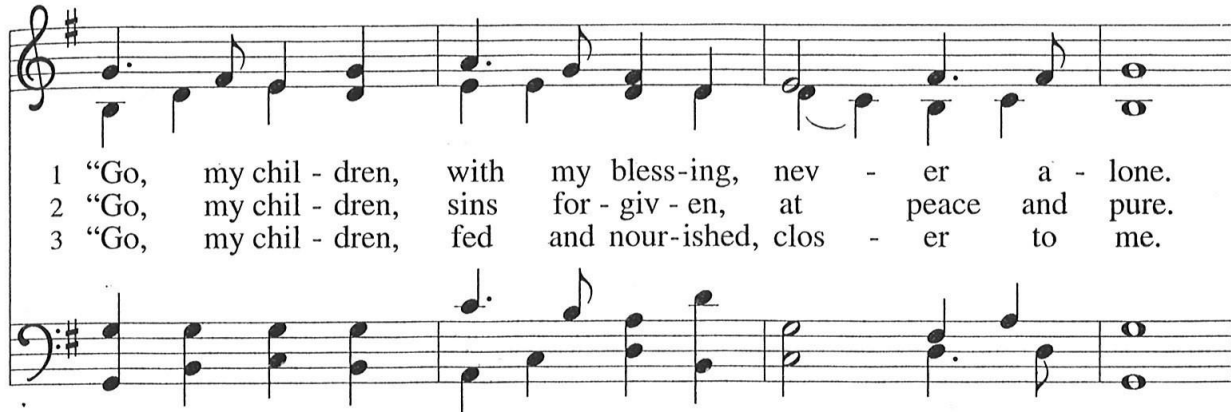
**Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.  
Amen.**

#### **\*Blessing:**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
† be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

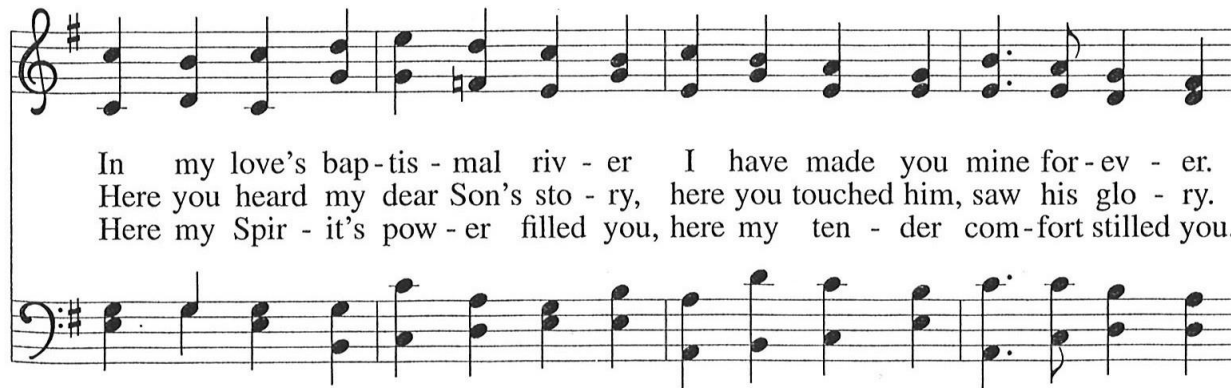
\*Sending Hymn: "Go My Children, with My Blessing" (ELW 543)



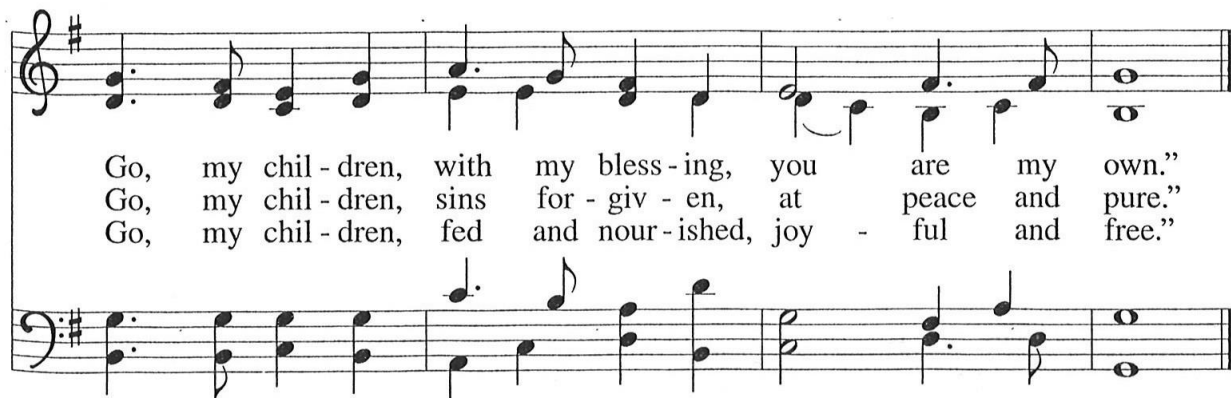
1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."



\*Dismissal:

Alleluia! Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude



**Reader:**  
**Communion Assistants:**  
**Zoom:** Cora Hohnstadt  
**Sound:** Denice Smith  
**Ushers:** Paul Pearson & Jim Riess  
**Altar Guild:** Anne Holm & Kim Terhaar  
**Counter:** Denice Smith  
**Coffee & Fellowship:** Collen Moser, Chair

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, August 18, 2024

*Thirteenth Sunday in Pentecost*

Worship Service (*in-person & Zoom*)

9:00 AM

Coffee & Fellowship

10:00 AM

Church Council

10:30 AM

### Wednesday, August 21, 2024

Bible Study

10:00 AM

### Thursday, August 22, 2024

Operation Sandwich

10:00 AM

### Sunday, August 25, 2024

*Fourteenth Sunday in Pentecost/Noisy Offering*

Worship Service (*in-person & Zoom*)

9:00 AM

Coffee & Fellowship

10:00 AM

#### ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Sunday, Aug. 11, 2024 Attendance: 91

Offering:

Aug. 11, 2024 \$1,994.50 Weekly Budget: \$3,132.40

Monthly Transfer: \$3,116.00

Direct Deposit: \$ 75.00

Total Offerings: \$5,185.50

Year-to-Date (Fiscal year starts September 1)

Giving: \$145,510.80 Expenses: \$126,061.46

Income less Expenses for July:

\$13,357.84 - \$9,882.05 = \$3,475.79

If you would like a visit from pastor or have a pastoral care need, please contact Pastor Hans Anderson at 218-820-2969 or email him at [pastorhanspineriver@gmail.com](mailto:pastorhanspineriver@gmail.com)

## Announcements

To view **Sunday Services** via Zoom, go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) and select the blue “Join a Meeting” link at the top center of your screen. Type in the following Meeting ID number and click the blue “Join” button.

Sunday worship, 9:00 a.m. – Meeting ID 818 0653 9643      Passcode 428158.

**Bulletins** can be sponsored for \$25.00 per week. The sign-up sheet is on the *Called to Serve* bulletin board in the Narthex.

For the 2024/2025 school year, we will be starting the **Prayer Warrior Program** again. The program pairs a student with an adult. The adult will use their church mailbox or other means to share a friendly hello, birthday, or holiday greeting, and words of encouragement with their student. Sign up sheet is in the narthex!

Wednesday morning **Bible Study** will be starting August 21 at 10:00 AM. All are welcome.

Next week’s Noisy Offering will be going to the Pine River Backus Tiger’s Den Food Pantry. The purpose is to help those students and families that may not be connected with the Pine River Food Shelf who might have an immediate food insecurity situation.

## Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

### Those with medical concerns...

Caleb Prushek, great nephew of Jane Orth

Cleone Hoplin

Lars Larson

Clifford, great grandson of Leonard and Jan Nelson

Bonnie Bandy, sister of Shirley Schmidt

Denny Aleckson

Harvey and Marion Kelley

Gordon Greenwald, friend of Cora Hohnstadt

Maggie Hinchley, friend of Penny Siewert

### Those in the service...

SMSgt Bradford, son of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

Captain A.J. Depman, nephew of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

Sgt Christopher Krecklau, son of Mary & Randy Krecklau

E-6 Nathaniel & E-6 Amanda Mitchell, nephew of Mary & Randy Krecklau

# WOW!

## Wednesday After School Program

6-week session beginning

September 25<sup>th</sup>

at 3:30 PM

at First Lutheran Church

### SCHEDULE

3:30 PM Snack, Video, & Game

4:00 PM Craft or Science Project

4:30 PM Story or Drama

5:00 PM Meal

6:00 PM Confirmation

6:00 PM Chosen Video Series

Register online or call

218-587-2316 for more information

\$5 per family

Per week

First through

Sixth Grade

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School kits continue to be a big need for Lutheran World Relief. FLCW hopes to fill 72 backpacks with supplies. The backpacks have been purchased. FLCW will purchase the notebooks. Some supplies have already been donated. As school supplies at sale prices begin to fill store shelves, remember these are the items needed:

- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers** — HOORAY  
have all we need
- Box of 16 or 24 crayons** — HOORAY  
have all we need
- 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other** — need 30
- Blunt scissors** — need 46
- Black or blue ballpoint pens ( no gel ink)** — need 265 (oops, the count was wrong last week)
- 2 1/2" eraser** — HOORAY  
have all we need

Financial donations can also be made to FLCW to purchase school kit supplies. Donations can be given to Kim Terhaar, Irene Gearey, or Denice Smith.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS WORTHWHILE CAUSE

