

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH CHIMES

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WORSHIP WITH US THIS WEEKEND!

Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sundays at 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.



Rite of Confirmation *Sunday, October 8*

Congratulations to our Confirmation Class of 2017! Please join us at the Contemporary Worship at 10 a.m. on Sunday, October 8, as these young people celebrate their journey in faith as Christians.

Natalie Baumgardner
Erik Bergren
Sofia Calderon
Hayden Curcuru

Taylor DeSplinter
Logan Fitzpatrick
Lillian Monson

Robert Hayes Murphy
Emma Slaymaker
Hannah Stebly

Reformation Celebration *One Service Weekend* *Sunday, October 29*

October 29 we will celebrate Reformation. It is a One Service Weekend with worship at 9:15 a.m. Worship will be led by Joyful Spirit, brass, Glory Ringers, Sanctuary Choir, Faithtime Children, and piano/organ. A congregational potluck will follow in the Fellowship Room. Please bring your favorite potluck dish or two (*according to your family size*) to share! Beverages and place settings will be provided.

Come, celebrate together with your First Lutheran family!

FIRST NOTES:

- Reformation Fair on Sunday, October 1 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Blessing of the Animals on Wednesday, October 4 at 7 p.m.
- First Friends “*Oktoberfest*” on Thursday, October 13 at 11:30 a.m.
- Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October 31 from 4-7 p.m.

“God’s work. Our hands.”

After worship on September 10, FLC joined congregations all around the nation by participating in *“God’s work. Our hands” Sunday*. Around 50 people (*all ages*) from FLC put on our yellow shirts, grabbed gloves and a garbage bag, and made our way to a section of Highway Route 6 and Richmond Hill park to do a little clean-up. Many thanks to all who helped with the clean-up, set up the event, and participated in any way. It was a great day of service and fellowship! I look forward to our next project together serving our community.

The whole time we were picking up trash along the highway, my mind kept jumping to images of flooding and wreckage from the wake of hurricanes Harvey and Irma. People in Texas and people in the southeast, especially Florida, will have to do major clean-ups as their homes, neighborhoods, and very lives have been impacted in very difficult ways by these natural disasters. To think of the scale of the damage is inconceivable, and I imagine the ‘clean-up’ will last for years.

As I have been thinking and praying for those who have been affected by these hurricanes, I also have been thinking of ways in which we can help the people affected. I have thought of four ways:

#1 - Give financially to Lutheran Disaster Response. All of every dollar you give goes toward those who need serious help. You can give through this link: <http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/>

#2 - Attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston. Join 30,000 youth who are eager to serve God and their neighbors in Houston as they clean-up.

#3 - Volunteer with efforts already underway to help people get back on their feet. Maybe we could do a mission trip in the near future to help.

#4 - Continue to pray. Listen to where God is calling you through prayer. We are all called to this work of sharing and easing burdens in the name of Jesus Christ. In whatever way we continue to help and be good news for somebody, God is in the midst of it all, helping and guiding us to reach out to those whose lives have been broken by these storms and to all who are in need of help. People of FLC, may we continue to do *God’s Work, with Our Hands*. Amen.

—Pastor Matt

September 30 & October 1, 2017

Pentecost 17/Stewardship Kickoff

This weekend's texts include Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32, Psalm 25:1-9, Philippians 2:1-13 and Matthew 21:23-32.

October 7 & 8, 2017

Pentecost 18/Rite of Confirmation

This weekend's texts include Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:7-15, "Giving in Grace" Reading: Romans 3:21-24 and Matthew 21:33-46.

October 14 & 15, 2017

Pentecost 19/LWR Quilt Dedication

This weekend's texts include Isaiah 25:1-9, Psalm 23, "Giving in Grace" Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:1-7 and Matthew 22:1-14.

October 21 & 22, 2017

Pentecost 20/World Hunger Weekend

This weekend's texts include Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13], 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 and "Giving in Grace" Reading: Luke 10:25-37.

October 29, 2017

Reformation Sunday/One Service Weekend

This weekend's texts include Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 46, Romans 3:19-28 and John 8:31-36.

**FIRST
WORSHIP
& MUSIC**

October Schedule of Greeters

October 1	8:30 a.m.	Dave & Chris Ahlstrand	10:00 a.m.	John & Sheila Puls
October 8	8:30 a.m.	Glen & Janet Anderson	10:00 a.m.	Jim & Janet Larson
October 15	8:30 a.m.	Ray & Doris Bergles	10:00 a.m.	Ray & Kathy Rogers
October 22	8:30 a.m.	Dan & Betsy Brudos	10:00 a.m.	Matt & Leslie Storm
October 29	9:15 a.m.	<i>(Reformation/One Service Weekend)</i>		

Please keep the following Lifelines petitions in your prayers:

World and Community: For our leaders: President Donald J. Trump and Governor Bruce Rauner. For our country as we strive to live together as one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all. For those serving and working in harm's way: Raul Falcon, Griffin Fleming, Josh Fleming, Jakob Gradert, Connor Luxmore, Taylor McKean, Jessica Ruggles, Christopher Schwake, Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders.

Church: For our bishops: Rev. Elizabeth Eaton and Rev. Jeff Clements. For our partners in ministry: Pastor A. Michael Stephin and the people of Osupuko Parish in Tanzania, Rev. Raja Socrates, Bishop of the Arcot Lutheran Synod, India and the Northwest Haiti Christian Mission in Haiti. For missionaries who share the Gospel around the world, especially Randy & Carol Stubbs and family. For Catherine Nelson, seminary student. For Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. For our pastors, parish staff, Preschool staff and Church Council (names listed on pg. 10).

Health and Wellbeing: Jim Bowton, Dennis Brown, Rick Brown, Lorrin Buechler, Max Buffington, Judy DeBoever, Katelyn DeRycke, Mary Devine, Dr. Charles Drummond, Brett Ellinor, Ida Goldsmith, Jill Hartel, Jeanette Higham, RuthAnn Jascewski, Marla Johnson, Kathy Kirchoefer, Evelyn Kline, Sandy Miller, Deb Morris, Jim Peterson, David Picht, Scott Pittenger, Bob Pyevich, Cindy Scheckel, Trevor Schefsky, Jay Sears, Connie Sellers, Linda Schmidt, Larry Skiles, Gene Stees, Marilyn Worple and Mike Zeglin.

Joys:

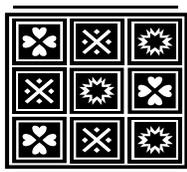
Thanksgiving: For answered prayers for safety for family members during Hurricane Irma.

Sorrows: On the death of Larry Rahmus, brother of Genevieve Anderson and Sharon DeJaeger, member.

If you wish to submit a prayer request, please contact the church office at 944-3196 or by e-mail prayer@firstgeneseo.org. If you or a member of your family have a medical procedure planned or are admitted to the hospital, please call the church office.

**FIRST
PRAYER**

FIRST MINISTRIES



Lutheran World Relief

Quilt Dedication

Come and admire the beautiful quilts on October 14 & 15. The Cover Girls share the Lutheran World Relief Mission: *Affirming God's love for all people, we work with Lutherans around the world to end poverty, injustice, and human suffering.* These lovely quilts will be displayed and blessed during the services to comfort those in need around the world. After worship, please check out the Kiosk in the Fellowship Room to view other LWR projects!

- **Help is needed** to pack Lutheran World Relief items on Monday, October 16 at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. Come and join us!

Adult Education on Sunday

On select Sunday mornings, Pastor Matt will lead an adult education class. Each class will be offered twice, once at 8:45 a.m. for those who attend 10 worship, another week at 9:45 a.m. for those who attend 8:30 worship. Our October schedule is October 8 at 8:45 a.m. and October 22 at 9:45 a.m. The topic is *Buddhism and Hinduism*. Childcare is available in the nursery for young children and older children are welcome to attend the class.

Children's Church

Children's Church is offered year-round on Sunday mornings from 10 to 10:45 a.m. for children ages 3 through 2nd grade. The children will learn to share Christ's love through the vision of worship. Here's the schedule for Children's Church:

10:00-10:15 a.m. – *Welcome, Announcements, Song, Scripture and Children's Message in sanctuary*

10:15-10:45 a.m. – *Theme related Games and Activities in classroom setting*

10:45 a.m. – *Children return to worship in sanctuary*

Following is a list of the scriptures the children will be learning this month:

October 1 – *Two Sons in the Vineyard*

October 8 – **No Children's Church**

October 15 – *Rejoice in the Lord Always*

October 22 – *A Question about Taxes*

October 29 – **No Children's Church**

You may register at anytime. Forms are available online at www.firstgeneseo.org.

There's Always Light – *Helping those affected by cancer and their loved ones*

When cancer touches our lives, it can be overwhelming and leave us feeling lost and alone. Johanna Hager, a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and a member of First Lutheran is offering a support group for those with cancer and for those who love someone who was diagnosed with cancer. This support group will begin Tuesday, October 3 and will meet each Tuesday evening from 6-7:30 p.m. in Grace Place. This support group will run through January 16, 2018 (*except for October 31 – No support group on that date*). Johanna has worked in the field of grief & trauma for over 20 years and will offer a safe place for people to cope with the emotional aspects of cancer by sharing their feelings and challenges. This group will also allow for people to learn from others facing similar situations. If you are interested in joining, please sign up at the Welcome Center. As we approach the holiday season you will have support and help navigating this journey.

Pastor's Holiday Greetings to our College Students

Social Ministry will be working with Pastor Matt and Pastor Laura to send their Christmas greetings to all our college students, whether attending college locally or away. If you would like your son or daughter to receive a personalized holiday letter from the pastors, please send their name and college address to the church office or email Barb Burghgrave at burghgravebj@mchsi.com by Sunday, November 12.

FIRST MINISTRIES

First Lutheran Church, Geneseo, IL

Reformation 500



Reformation Fair

Sunday, October 1 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Food/Drinks available all 3 hours:

*Brats, Hot Dogs and Chips
Baked Pretzels with Cheese Dip
Apple and Caramel
Root Beer, Diet Root Beer, Water, Coffee*

- 11 a.m.-12 p.m. German Band plays; Children's Games
- 12-12:30 p.m. German Folk Dances for all
- 12:30-1 p.m. German Band plays polkas and other music for dancing
- 1-2 p.m. Craft Making; Children's Games

*Join us for this free event ~ open to the community!
Feel free to bring a comfortable lawn chair.*

Theology on Tap!

We will meet again for four weeks in October (*beginning October 3*), every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Geneseo Brewing Company to discuss the book of Genesis. Come and join us for fellowship, Bible study, and fun. All are welcome!

Advent Devotional

Thank you to those who have signed up to write a devotion! These booklets will be available to all of us later in November.

Reformation Celebration ~ One Service Weekend

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- *Come, sing with Sanctuary Choir for Reformation Sunday, October 29.*
Join us on Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. on October 11, 18 & 25 to sing on this one special Sunday.
All adults and high school youth are welcome!

FIRST FAITHTIME MINISTRIES

Children's Ministry: Faithtime (Wednesdays Afterschool)

All children Grades K-6

3:15-3:45 p.m. Check In, Snack, Opening
Activities in Fellowship Room

3:45-5:20 p.m. Message, Music, Motion &
Games Rotation

5:20-5:30 p.m. Closing in Sanctuary

5:30 p.m. Check Out in Sanctuary

Did You Know? Faithtime children donated school supplies throughout the month of September and will package Lutheran World Relief school supply kits on October 4.

Please Note: *No Faithtime Children's Programming for Grades K-6 on October 11.*

Faithtime Evening Meal

An evening meal is offered each week during Faithtime. The meal will be continuously served from 5 p.m. through 6:15 p.m. The cost is \$2 per child ages 3 through 11, \$4 for ages 12 through adult, or \$15 per family. Everyone is invited to make Faithtime your mealtime! Following is a listing of our October meals:

October 4	Breakfast
October 11	No Faithtime/No Meal
October 18	Pasta Bar
October 25	Tacos



Blessing of the Animals

Blessing of the Animals will take place on Wednesday, October 4 at 7 p.m. in the upper parking lot (*Oakwood and Main*). You are invited to bring your pet for a special blessing, or just bring yourself and enjoy the company of God's human and non-human critters. Confirmation class will attend and Sanctuary Choir will begin as soon as the Blessing is complete.

Confirmation (7th & 8th graders)

Please continue to lift in prayer our 15 Confirmation students, Pastors Laura and Matt, Haylee, and our team of adult mentors. We have begun learning about the Old Testament, and we will work our way through the Pentateuch, the history books, the prophets, and the writings in the coming weeks. Here's our October schedule:

October 4 — *Law*

October 18 — *Kings*

October 11 — **No Confirmation**

October 25 — **Boo-4-Food**

Boo-4-Food

On Wednesday, October 25 from 6-8 p.m., all Confirmation and Sr. High youth are invited for a friendly competition between groups! The youth will be going door to door in town asking for canned goods for the Geneseo Food Pantry. After collecting cans, the youth go against each other in a can castle building contest.

*The winners will get free pizza on November 1!
Who wouldn't want free pizza, come and join in the fun!*

Senior High Youth Group

(9th-12th graders)

Come and join us as we continue our video series and learning how stories in the bible help us with our everyday lives. We will also be playing fun games and some may lead to prizes! The Youth Room opens at 4 p.m. on Wednesdays and all Sr. High youth are welcome to hang out until Youth Group starts at 5:45 p.m. Be sure to mark these upcoming dates on your calendar!

- **Wednesday, October 25** — Boo-4-Food
- **Sunday, November 5** — Leaf It to Us!

National Youth Gathering

We are excited to announce that 10 youth are signed up to go to the National Youth Gathering in Houston next summer:

<i>Erik Bergren</i>	<i>Riley Gustafson</i>
<i>Hayden Curcuru</i>	<i>Hayes Murphy</i>
<i>Taylor DeSplinter</i>	<i>Andrew Schmidt</i>
<i>Logan Fitzpatrick</i>	<i>Emma Slaymaker</i>
<i>Maddie Fitzpatrick</i>	<i>Hannah Stebly</i>

Registration is still open! All 8th-12th grade students are eligible to attend the gathering.

For more information, contact Haylee Gustafson, Director of Youth & Family Ministry at youth@firstgeneseo.org.

**FIRST
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MINISTRIES**



Adult Education Opportunities during Faithtime!

Adult Education continues to be offered on Wednesday evenings. Hopefully you are able to attend these classes and continue to grow in your faith. For more details see below.

The Lutheran Course — On select Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in Grace Place. Have you ever wondered what makes Lutheran Christians distinct from our brothers and sisters in other denominations? While we all confess the same creeds and believe in the same Lord, here is a unique Lutheran “*flavor*” to our understanding of the sacraments and the Bible. Also, our Reformation history and heritage give us a particular perspective on our faith. Come and learn a little about what it means to be “*Lutheran*” in today’s world!

- **October 4** – *How to Receive Communion*
- **October 18** – *The Three Most Rebellious Things Jesus Did*
- **October 25** – *How to Read the Bible*
- **November 1** – *How to Share Your Faith with Someone*

First Book Club — Join us for discussion on the content of the book “*People of the Book*” and faith response to the author Geraldine Brooks on Wednesday, October 11 at 5:30 p.m. in Grace Place.

• November’s book title is *Christmas in Good Hope* written by Cindy Kirk. Ami and Beck would rather forget the past, but this Christmas of love is one to remember. Amaryllis “*Ami*” Bloom’s cheerful smile greets everyone in Good Hope, Wisconsin. But her merry facade hides a dark secret she won’t ever forget. Still, she throws herself into celebrating Christmas—and convinces her handsome, and stubborn, new neighbor to join her. Beckett Cross, however, is determined not to celebrate the holidays. He moved to Good Hope to leave behind reminders of how he’d had it all...and lost everything. But it’s hard to resist the adorable Ami, the designated keeper of the small town’s holiday traditions, when she asks for help with the Twelve Nights celebration. And Ami has a hard time resisting Beck’s soft Southern drawl and gentle eyes. Will a Christmas miracle give them a second chance at love and the hope to heal both of their hearts for good? Hurry and pick up a copy today and begin reading this romance novel about love and second chances!

- Remember, a delicious meal is offered beginning at 5 p.m. each Wednesday (*except October 11!*)

FIRST MINISTRIES

First Lutheran Preschool

Our classes will be learning about Autumn through activities, songs and finger plays. We will harvest gourds from our garden on the playground. The 3 year-olds will have orange as their special color and they will be doing activities centered around pumpkins. The 4's will take a walk around our neighborhood to gather Autumn things from nature to make a collage. For the letter F they will celebrate fun and friendship with the book *Rainbow Fish*. They will also be making fat fish. For Halloween they will be wearing their costumes to school.

Halloween Party

Calling all 2-5 year old children! You are invited to a Halloween Party on Tuesday, October 31 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. We will sing pumpkin carols, play instruments, make a craft, and have a snack. Open to all young children—as long as a parent or grandparent also attend.

Trunk or Treat

Would you love to see lots of trick-or-treaters and kids dressed up in costume? Then First Lutheran's Trunk or Treat event is for you! The event will take place on Tuesday, October 31 from 4-7 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Tables will be set up as stations where children can walk by and receive candy. There are three ways to get involved with this ministry:

- You are invited to donate candy in the "pumpkin" container in the Fellowship Room.
- You can be creative and set up your own "themed" station, dress in costume and pass out candy to trick-or-treaters.
- You can hand candy out at a station that has been created for you!!

To volunteer or for questions please sign up in the Welcome Center, email Misty Slaymaker at slaymakerfamilyi@yahoo.com or call Misty at 309-714-2838. The smiles and thrills you will get back will make your day and theirs!

Lutheran Study Bible

The Spirituality and Wellness Ministry is making a great resource available to the congregation at a reduced cost! *Lutheran Study Bible* features the NRSV translation as well as introductions, notes, and articles written by more than sixty Lutheran pastors and teaching theologians. This resource is designed to invite readers to experience the Bible and its message through solid background material, unique Lutheran insights, and opportunities for faith reflection. Reader-friendly, inviting, and engaging, this is the perfect study Bible for those who want to encounter Scripture in a fresh and new way!

Lutheran Study Bible includes four types of study notes:

- *The World of the Bible* notes explore the historical, cultural, and geographic background of a particular passage.
- *Biblical Concepts* explain key words or themes in the context of other parts of Scripture.
- *Lutheran Perspectives* highlight Lutheran theological insights and catechetical connections drawn from particular passages.
- *Faith Reflections* provide commentary and questions that encourage life application.

Visit the display at the north end of the Fellowship Room to see samples and place your order through October 29 and Bibles will be distributed by December 1. This is a great gift idea, as the Christmas shopping season begins!

Three options are available:

- Paperback for \$20
- Hardcover for \$25
- Enlarged Print for \$50

Women's Ministry

Cover Girls Quilting

Come and work with the "Cover Girls" on a variety of projects including tying quilts made of donated fabrics and assembling several care kits for Lutheran World Relief. You are welcome to come any time you can help on Wednesday, October 4 & 11 at 9 a.m. in Grace Place. The need is great! **Women's Bible Study** will be held on Wednesday, October 18 at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. We will be using the Lutheran magazine, "Gather" for our study guide. All women are welcome to join us for this time of fellowship and Bible Study.

Food Pantry Collection

The Geneseo Food Pantry is collecting *sugar, pancake mix, tuna, ketchup, canned fruit, toilet paper, conditioner, freezer bags, aspirin and paper towels* to share with those in our community. Donations may be left in the basket by the church office.

Another way to help! — With Halloween coming up, our clients will be shopping at the Food pantry for Halloween costumes for their children, as well as warm clothing for the chilly fall weather.

HHH Community Health Series

Upcoming Men's Topic: "Nurse Practitioners"

The Men's Health Program will be held at Hammond-Henry Hospital in the first floor conference room on Wednesday, October 11 from 7 to 8 a.m. There is no cost for the program. Those attending may purchase breakfast in the hospital dining room.

Upcoming Women's Topic: "Nurse Practitioners"

The Women's Health Program luncheon will be at The Cellar on Thursday, October 26 from noon — 1 p.m. Cost of the luncheon is \$8 payable at the door.

Reservations for these programs may be made by calling Hammond-Henry Hospital at 944-9112 or email hfhfound@hammondhenry.com by Tuesday prior to the program you wish to attend.

First Friends "Oktoberfest"

First Friends will gather on Thursday, October 12 at 11:30 a.m. for *Oktoberfest*. We will have brats, kraut and root beer floats. After lunch, stay around for some lively rounds of bingo with "awesome" prizes! Come, bring a friend and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. Cost is \$5. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend this event!

FIRST MINISTRIES

Lutheran World Relief—Soap

Soap keeps hands clean, germs at bay and helps people present themselves with dignity. That is why bar soap is needed for LWR. Any brand or size in its original wrapping is accepted however bath—size bars (4 to 5 oz.) are highly preferred. Bar soap will be collected through October in the basket by the church office.

Giving through IRA Rollovers

Are you age 70 ½? If so, an IRA charitable rollover is a great way to give to support the ministries of your church. If you have a required minimum distribution (RMD) you can transfer all or a portion of it to First Lutheran Church as your offering and not count the amount of the transfer as taxable income for federal tax purposes. The transfer does need to go straight from the IRA administrator to the church before the end of the calendar year, so start planning now! For more information on how to initiate an IRA charitable rollover, contact the church office.



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Don't like raking leaves? *Leaf It to Us!*



The youth who are going to the National Youth Gathering in 2018 are doing a *Raking Leaves Fundraiser* to raise money for the Gathering! Anyone who wants their lawns raked on Sunday, November 5 can sign up at the Welcome Center!

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Meeting Schedule:
Cabinet — Monday, October 9
Council — Monday, October 9
Ministries — Monday, October 16

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**NEXT CHIMES DEADLINE:
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10**

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday
8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Wednesday
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Friday
8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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