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*NURTURING FAITH FOR LIFE*

**Third Sunday of Easter,**

**Sunday, April 19, 2026**

9:30 a.m. WORSHIP

***WELCOME VISITORS.***

***IF YOU ARE SEEKING A NEW CHURCH HOME,  
PLEASE CONSIDER FIRST LUTHERAN***

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

ELW 807

*Please stand.*

Come, All You People  
*Uyaimose*



<i>U - ya - i - mo - se,</i>	<i>ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;</i>
1 Come, all you peo - ple,	come and praise the Most High;
2 Come, all you peo - ple,	come and praise the Sav - ior;
3 Come, all you peo - ple,	come and praise the Spir - it;



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<i>u - ya - i - mo - se</i>	<i>Zvi - no.</i>
come now and wor - ship	the Lord.
come now and wor - ship	the Lord.
come now and wor - ship	the Lord.

Text: Alexander Gondo; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936, alt.

Music: UYAIMOSE, Alexander Gondo

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## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

*Please Be Seated*

### BAPTISM

*We give thanks to God and welcome through Baptism Olivia Delaine Gafkjen. Parents are Aaron and Shandi Gafkjen. Sponsors are: Ellie Epperson, Jared Gafkjen, and Lisa Gafkjen.*

*The Rite of Holy Baptism*  
*For Olivia Delaine Gafkjen*

## INTRODUCTION

**P** People of God, do you promise to support *Olivia* and pray for *her* in *her* new life in Christ?

**C** We do.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

**P** Do you believe in God the Father?

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

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C** I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by  
the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C** 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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

## BAPTISM

“BAPTIZED AND SET FREE” Cathy Skogen-Soldner ELW 453

1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.

**P** We Say Together

**C** You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

## CANDLE LIGHTING

### WELCOME

**P** Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C** We welcome you into the body of Christ  
and into the mission we share:

join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word  
to all the world.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray:

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen. *The assembly is seated.*

## CHILD'S SERMON

Pastor Stephen Hilding

*(All kids age 3 up to 5th grade are welcome at Sunday School whether they are registered or not! If they are new and are anxious about going, parents are welcome to come and join!)*

### FIRST READING

ACTS 2:14A, 36-41

*Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>36</sup>“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter said to her, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your child, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted her, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### SECOND READING

PETER 1:17-23

*The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.*

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have

genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Please stand to welcome the Gospel.*

## Jesus Loves Me!

I Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so:  
lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
*Refrain*  
Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,  
yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.

Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

## THE HOLY GOSPEL OF ST LUKE...

**LUKE 24:13-35**

*The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with her, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to her, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking

sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of her, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> He asked her, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to her, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to her the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with her. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with her, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to her. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to her in the breaking of the bread.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

**MEDITATION**

**Pastor Stephen Hilding**

*Please stand.*

## SONG OF THE DAY

### Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,  
thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish 8th–10th cent.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.  
Music: SLANE, Irish tune

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**A** Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**A** Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**A** God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront her and call her to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**A** Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick especially those we name at this time. Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**A** God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C** Amen.

## PEACE

**A** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you. *Please share Christ's peace with those around you.*

## OFFERATORY

ELW 884

### Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

## **PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

*(The offering is a part of our service when God's people respond to His goodness with gifts to support God's work in the world. Malachi 3:10 promises us that our 10% tithe of our wealth will not go unrewarded, and we are encouraged to give offerings above the tithe. We are in the time of Match funds from the First Lutheran Trust through May 1<sup>st</sup> making giving during time a special blessing. An offering is not expected of our guests, but if you consider First Lutheran to be your church home, know that all your gifts support ministries both locally and globally.)*

## **OFFERING MUSIC**

**OFFERING**     *Please stand.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** Merciful God,  
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.  
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day  
when we will hunger and thirst no more.  
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,  
that goodness and mercy may follow us  
and bless the world you love.  
In the name of Jesus,

**C** Amen

## **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**The Words of Institution**

## **THE LORDS PRAYER**

**C** 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.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION DISTRUBUTION/ MUSIC**

*Please stand.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - BENEDICTION**

## This Little Light of Mine



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,



let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Remember our Mission:*

“The Mission of FLC is

**To share God’s Love by Engaging, Inspiring and Renewing.”**

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## CROSS TALK

**You are welcome** to experience God’s love here at First Lutheran, where our lives are changed by the promises God has made to us through Jesus Christ. We pray that the Holy Spirit will profoundly engage you as we worship our Lord, together!

**Hearing transmitters** are available at the Main Street entry. If you need assistance, ask one of the ushers or greeters. Please return the transmitter after worship.

**If you are interested in electronic giving**, please contact the church’s Financial Admin, Randi Jangula, at 572-6363 or [office@flewilliston.com](mailto:office@flewilliston.com).

**Help us help you!** If you or a family member is hospitalized or homebound and need a visit, please contact the church office. We have no way of knowing unless you speak up.

**Restroom locations** - Downstairs at church entrance, in north & south hallways to Fellowship Hall. A handicapped facility is near the door to the big kitchen.

## USHERS, GREETERS, AND READERS

**Can you Help? We need individuals to serve as ushers, greeters, and readers. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex on Sunday morning and at the reception desk during the week.**

**The Gospel Choir Group is holding practice.**

- All are welcome!
- Contact Karla Osborn at (701) 570-3987 for more information.
- On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month the Gospel Choir practices in the Sanctuary after the church service.
- On the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, the Gospel Choir sings in church.

Pastor  
Deacon  
Music & Worship Coordinator  
Music Director  
Our Saviors  
Sound Tech  
Greeter  
Ushers  
Reader  
Communion Servers  
WELCA Sponsored Brunch

Stephen Hilding  
Lynea Geinert  
Meriel Lora  
Carmen Delaney  
Cindy Gardner  
Zach Myhrer  
Sandy Winter  
Phylliss Stokke, Charlie Tanner  
Beverly Conway  
Diane Hagen, Sandy Winter, Beverly Conway  
WELCA



WELCA invites everyone to a Brunch Fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall immediately following today's service. Your donations are greatly appreciated to support the WOMEN OF THE WELCA at First Lutheran's local and worldwide projects. Women of all ages are invited to join one of the three (3) WELCA Bible Studies and/or any of the committees. Contact Lisa Zurich or the church office for more information. Come enjoy the delicious WELCA fundraising brunch TODAY!

**FLC MONDAY QUILTERS:**

The FLC Monday Quilters need some additional helpers. We have 3 people with health issues who can't cut fabric or make quilt tops anymore. So if you can make quilt tops at home or come into the quilt room to make quilt tops, we would appreciate it. If you do not know how to quilt, we are more than willing to teach you each step of the process and it will become a lifelong skill or hobby.

*Baptism*



**Please welcome  
Olivia DeLaine Gafkjen  
into our FLC Family!  
Parents are  
Aaron and Shandi Gafkjen.  
Sponsors are Ellie Epperson, Jared  
Gafkjen, and Lisa Gafkjen**

## THIS WEEK AT FLC

### Sunday, April 19

9:30 am Worship Service – S

9:45 am Sunday School

0:30 am WELCA Free Will Brunch - FH

### Monday, April 20

8:30 am Pastors/Lay Text Study

1:00 -3:00 pm Adult Quilting - QR

3:30 Kids Quilting Class – QR

6:30 pm Music Committee - Parlor

### Tuesday, April 21

7 am Men's Bible Study Gramma Sharon's

### Wednesday, April 22

2:00 pm Women's Bible Study P

6:00 pm Wed School Meal - FH

6:30 Wed School/Confirmation

### Thursday, April 23

10:00 am Coffee Group – P

1:00-3:00 pm Adult Quilting - QR

1:30 pm Pray, Knit, Chat - P

3:30 pm Kids Quilting Class - QR

6:30 pm Boy Scouts – YR

### Friday, April 24

### Saturday, April 25

### Sunday, April 26

9:30 am Worship Service -S

9:45 am Sunday School – ED Wing

10:30 am Coffee Hour - FH

## Prayer for healing and comfort:

JoAnne Christensen, LePriel White, David Nelson, Jennie Loven, Jim Hovde, Jean Lewis, Ron Raymond, Sawyer Smith,

## Sympathy and Prayers:

## Military Service Members

Isaac Haugen, Lars Conway

## Prayer List Updates?

Please look at the prayer list. Those listed on the Prayer list will remain there for a period of four (4) weeks unless a request is received to be removed earlier. More info? Call 701-

Week of  
April 12 -April 17

- **Weekly Offering \$ 9,933**
- **Last week 151 DISCIPLES** were sent out in God's name to make a difference. We go out to do the same this week.



**RELAY FOR LIFE** will be held Friday May 29, 2026 4:00 – 10:00 PM.

This will be held at the Williston ARC. The theme this year is **CELEBRATING MORE BIRTHDAYS...AND HAPPY 250 MERICA!!!**

Survivor lap, impressive opening, lighting of the hundreds of luminaries at dusk, closing ceremony are a few of the highlights of this volunteer event.

You are sincerely invited to attend all or part of the

**RELAY...FREE OF CHARGE!!!!**

Food and other items will be on sale and a silent auction as part of this **AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY** signature event and fund raising. A \$10.00 donation for a luminary is suggested. All donations are appreciated and will help research for the fight against cancer and support patient related programs in our area.

For information/questions contact Carol Jean Sandvig. 701-572-2888

## STEWARDSHIP

It's all about gratitude.  
It's all about giving back  
It's all about God.

**Direct** – Cash or check donation into the plate, always welcome!

**Online** – Make a donation on our website:

[www.flewilliston.com](http://www.flewilliston.com)

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Simply text the word “Give” to  
**833-934-3039**

Click on the link in the response and follow the prompts to complete your donation!



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Click on the Give button.

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Williston, ND 58801

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MAY LAOS NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  
4 PM Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please submit event and ad info in print ready format.  
Email to [rebecca@flewillison.com](mailto:rebecca@flewillison.com). Call Beckie at 701-572-6363 for questions.  
Thank you!

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, April 19**

**10:30 am WELCA Brunch - FH**

**Sunday, April 26**

**Last Day of Sunday School**

**Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Last Day of Wednesday School**

**Saturday May 2**

**8:30 am to 1 pm**

***Listening with Heart – Workshop***

**Sunday, May 3**

**Confirmation Sunday – 9:30 am – S**

**Sunday, May 10** –

**10:30 am Muffins With Mom/Someone Special – FH**

**Sunday, May 17**

**9:30 am Worship and Pastor Stephen Hilding Installation**

**Reception following Service - Chapel**

**Sunday, May 17**

**Immediately following Worship 2026 Senior Brunch - FH**

**Youth Group**

**High School 10 -12 Graders**

**Wednesday @ 6:30 pm  
April 15-29 -May TBD**

**6-9 Graders**

**Wednesday @ 7:30 pm  
22 - May TBD**

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FLC 2026 **2FOR1** Campaign

While God's gifts are limitless, such is not the case for the First Lutheran Church Trust Fund. For the past few years Council has filed grant requests with the Trust Committee, requesting a grant to match individual giving for a specific length of time. The Trust Committee decided on two months of the year at the choice of Council. A matching grant of \$100,000.00 was the norm for the last few years.

Currently, Trust Fund revenues have diminished, and the \$100,000.00 wasn't possible due to available funding and the distribution requirements set forth in the Trust Committee Bylaws. However, the Trust Committee has \$54,500.00 committed to the individual giving campaign. The FLC operating budget has remained basically the same as last year, prompting the church to request church membership increase their giving to make up the difference. Council requests the congregation give generously. For every \$2.00 gifted during the 2-month campaign, a \$1.00 distribution (up to \$54,500.00) will be made from the Trust Fund. A successful giving campaign would bring the church very close to meeting the 2026 budget.

We all know FLC has been blessed by the Trust Fund many, many times. This is the year when the congregation can rise up and be that same blessing.

Let's all open our hearts and our purses and be the members, actively supporting First Lutheran Church's giving campaign for 2026!

Every two dollars gifted will yield another dollar (up to \$54,500.000) from the Trust Fund.

**The gifting campaign will begin April 1<sup>st</sup> and end on May 31<sup>st</sup>.**



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WILLISTON, NORTH DAKOTA

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH BEFRIENDERS PRESENT:**

**“Listening with Heart Workshop – Learn to understand the unique communication needs of individuals with dementia, discovering the feelings they are conveying when words no longer make sense and creating meaningful dialogues that promote a sense of belonging and well - being”**

**When: Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:30 am to 1 pm**

**Where: Fellowship Hall - First Lutheran Church – 916 Main**

**Cost: April 16 through May 2: \$25**

**Cash or Checks made out to First Lutheran Church  
with *Befriender's on the memo line.***

**Registration: Call 701-572-6363 or email: [office@flcwilliston.com](mailto:office@flcwilliston.com)**

**Registration forms can be emailed upon request or picked up in the Church Office.**

# Get to know you!

*Called together in Christ*



## Called Together in Christ!

*A chance for us to know each other better*

Whether you've been part of this church your whole life or are newer to First Lutheran Church, I'd love to begin learning more about you. There are no right or wrong answers—please share as much or as little as you'd like. Thank you for helping me get to know the people God has gathered at First Lutheran Church and for offering a springboard into our life together. I greatly look forward to following the Holy Spirit's call together as we seek to share God's love by *Engaging, Inspiring and Renewing*.

Please attach a photo to this form and drop it off at the church office or mail it to:

First Lutheran Church

916 Main St. Williston, ND 58801

**The QR code above may also be used to access and complete this brief survey and attach photos.**

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred full name(s) / nickname (s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Who shares life with you? (names, youth ages, pets absolutely count too!)**

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**Do you have a favorite food, dessert or family tradition?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What places have shaped you along the way? (cities, towns or countries you have called home)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**What has your vocational or career journey looked like?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**How do you spend most of your time these days? What makes your heart sing?**  
(hobbies, interests, sports, crafts, books, coffee, the outdoors, work, volunteering, caregiving, retirement, studies, etc.)

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**“What first brought you to First Lutheran Church, and how long have you been worshipping here?” Was there someone who inspired you to come?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**“What experiences, relationships or moments have helped First Lutheran Church become your church home?”** \_\_\_\_\_

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**“In what ways have you found yourself connected or involved in the life of this church, and are there other gifts or interests you’d like to explore?”** \_\_\_\_\_

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**“What is a ‘God-sized dream’ you have for First Lutheran Church, and what would it look like if it came to life?”** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Is there anything you’d like me to know as your pastor?** (prayer concerns, hopes, challenges, or anything) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thank you for sharing a snapshot of your story with me. I’m grateful to be your pastor, and I look forward to getting to know you. God is good!**