



- April 28 | Confirmation Sunday
- May 2 | Kindergarten Grand Meadows Visit
- May 3 | Mayer Lutheran Grade School Track Meet
- May 7 | K-2 Field Trip | Lowry Nature Center
- May 8 | Fine Arts Festival | 6:30 pm
- May 12 | Mother's Day
- May 17 | Play Day @ Christ Community Lutheran School (CCLS), Watertown
- May 22 | 8th Grade Graduation | 7:00 pm
- May 24 | Last Day of School



Together we pray for:

- Ministry Focus and the work that they are doing to support current Church Workers and for all that feel called to go into the ministry.
- Christ Community Lutheran School (CCLS) in Watertown as they continue the work of coordinating playday schedules, participants, and workers. For the students that it would be a successful day
- Seasonable weather for our area farmers.
- Those families that are considering sending their children to FLS that they might be led to realize the importance of a Christ centered education.
- Our 8th graders as they graduate and move on to other schools that they may always be courageous witnesses.
- First Lutheran as they call an Associate Pastor and a Principal

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"Last Day of school" talk already?!
 The First Lutheran schedule for May 24th is as follows:
8:00 - 9:00 AM - students go to their classrooms for final clean up and wrap up
9:00 - 10:00 AM - 8th grade presentations including wills, skits, and valedictorian and salutatorian speeches (This has been extremely entertaining in the past, so you won't want to miss it.)
10:00 - 11:00 AM - End of year chapel and awards
11:02 AM - Dismissal
 **There will be no GSL busing home on this day so please arrange for transportation!



Spelling Bee

On Saturday, April 13th, eight students from First Lutheran attended the Lutheran Grade School Spelling Bee hosted by Mayer Lutheran High School. There were numerous other Lutheran Grade Schools that were also in attendance. Many students placed in the top 10 in their age category! Congratulations to these students who were representing First Lutheran:
 Left to right: Oscar Freberg, Harper Neubarth, Eleanor Heldt, Willa Polzin, Erika Goche, Dalis Montanye, Isaiah Nikolaisen
 Not pictured: Maddie Zimmerman

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Kindergarten has been an exciting, fun filled place to be all year. Jesus' Time has been an awesome time to grow our faith through Bible stories, singing, and learning Bible verses and prayers like the Lord's prayer. We daily said the Pledge of Allegiance to the USA and Christian flags. At times we said it in sign language. This May we go to Lowry nature center to study the prairie and the ponds in God's amazing world. Currently, we are reviewing coins to be ready for the annual K-2 grade garage fun sale. Story problems with addition and subtraction is going well as we work as a team to figure them out. We just started learning to read long vowel words and it has been a smooth transition from short vowel words. In Grammer, we continue to learn to identify the noun, verb, and adjective in sentences. This year we have been finding out that learning can be fun and that school is all about practice, practice, practice. Tuesday mornings we have been reading books to Mrs. Randt, Mrs. Schuette, and Mrs. Freberg. On Thursday afternoons we have library time with Mrs. Jan Plath; and Mrs. Weidendorf helped in our classroom for a short time each day. The new program we tried this year was intergenerational activities at Grand Meadows. We went to Grand Meadows monthly to spend time learning with our real/ 'adopted' grandparents. I want to thank my August helpers who prepared many materials before the year started including Mrs. Tritz, Mrs. Wandrei, Mrs. Schuette, and Mrs. Randt. They and others were a blessing as I healed after surgery, radiation, and therapy. Thank you, parents, for all your help during the year and for sharing your children with me. Blessings, Mrs. Donnay

THANK YOU!

- All of the fantastic parents who support FLS by sending their children to our school.
- Mrs. Lentsch, Mrs. Sanken, Mrs. Schmidt, and Mrs. Schuette for the continued willingness to sub and help out at First Lutheran when needed!
- Ms. Mathews for her continued help with our Flames of Faith Club Summer Program for all of her hard work in developing a program that will benefit our First Lutheran families as well as the community at large.
- Everyone who volunteered this year whether for field trips, classroom activities, or other needs. We really appreciate it!
- Glenn Cohrs for tilling the school garden again this year and Bob Schuft for fertilizing the garden.
- Mrs. Plath for her hard work and dedication in the school library for our Preschool-3rd grade students!



Fruit of the Spirit - Perseverance

Our classrooms have wrapped up their Friendly curriculum. So, to finish off the year, we are looking at a Church Worker curriculum that was prepared by the LCMS to encourage students to go into church work (Pastors, DCEs, Teachers, Music, etc). This is through the Set Apart to Serve ministry. We know that God calls us to persevere to do His Will and we pray that many of our students would consider the call to ministry to serve God every day. Perseverance also helps as we wrap up our school year!

Happy Birthday

to these students and staff celebrating in the month of May

- 2 | Quinn H (2)
- 3 | Lilly P (7)
- 5 | Nixon K (2)
- 8 | Madison G (5)
- 9 | Pearl D (K)
- 11 | Brock Z (4)
- 12 | Aurora O. (2), Atley S. (2), Nora C (5).
- 16 | Macie S (6)
- 18 | Grayson G (K)
- 20 | Mrs. Scheele (3)
- 21 | Oscar F (6)
- 26 | Mrs. Willett (2)
- 28 | Aiden P (3)
- 31 | Beau B. (7) & Benji E. (K)



\$200 for free!

As a continuing incentive, First Lutheran is offering \$200 to any school or church family who recommends a family to First Lutheran and that family registers a child, or children, for this school year. If you get two families to register, you get \$400! Spread the good news that First Lutheran School is a great place to learn about God's love and the awesome world he has given to us!

 **Ministry FOCUS**

3rd Tri Chapel Offerings

Our third trimester chapel offerings are going to Ministry Focus, an organization through the LCMS to help alleviate the added stress of school debt for those who are in church work so that they can focus on their ministry of the Gospel. Through our chapel offerings, we are also encouraging and informing our students about their potential future careers as church workers!

Homegrown Meals

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Your help is needed: We are still looking for a few grillers to help out with the school picnic on May 23rd! Let the school office know if you're able!

Cindy Eggersgluess, Michelle, and Gina continue to work hard on developing, planning, and making home grown meals that are made from locally sourced foods. A few upcoming meals include: grilled cheese, roast beef and mashed potatoes, and hamburgers and hotdogs for our chapel family picnic.

Playday

CCLS in Watertown is hosting Playday this year. A schedule for the day can be found [here](#). Devotions will start at 8:45 and the day will conclude after the all school relay at 1:30. Concessions will be available all day for purchase. Please note that there will NOT be busing from First Lutheran to CCLS, Watertown that day. You, the parent, will be responsible for getting your child to and from CCLS that day. If transportation to and from will be an issue, please reach out to your child's teacher or Mrs. Hoffmann. This is a really awesome day to compete against so many other students from two other Lutheran grade schools, just like ours! We would love to have all of our students present that day. Your child's teacher will be sending home information about what event your child will be competing in for that day.