

January 2023

Dear Circle of Love Parents,

All of you are so very important to us here at First Lutheran Church and Circle of Love Preschool. We pray you experience this on a daily basis!

We are writing you to extend the invitation to consider the idea of you child(ren) being baptized by us and to speak with them about it. If you have not been baptized, we also welcome you to be baptized as well. We know there are a lot of experiences and opinions on Baptism out there. Perhaps you do not know much about it. For us, Baptism is **not** just a church tradition or religious act. It is where God extends His welcome to be part of His family. The God of the universe comes to meet each of us in our Baptism to declare to us that we are important to Him and to give us His gifts of Family, Faith, Love, and Forgiveness. Our entire congregation (God's physical and local Family here at First Lutheran) and especially our staff and students will count it a privilege to pledge to you our support as you bring up your child(ren) in the love of Jesus. You matter to us and we are blessed by you.

On the weekend of January 20-21, we will be kicking off National Lutheran Schools Week by hosting a few opportunities for people who are interested in Baptism:

- (1) *Private Baptisms* held on **Saturday, January 20th** at a time of your choosing either at First Lutheran/Circle of Love OR at the Beach by the MB Pier.
- (2) *Baptisms during our Family Sunday service* when the TK Room will be singing - **Sunday, January 21st at 10:00am.**
- (3) *Baptisms during School Chapel on Monday, January 22nd at 9:40am.*

If you are interested or if you have any questions, please feel free to call us. We are blessed to talk with you. You can reach Pastor Bart at pastor@first-lutheran.com or at the church office at 310-545-5653 ext. 237 or Mrs. Durkovic at the school office at ext. 221. If you decide to celebrate a baptism with us, Pastor Bart would like to meet with you via zoom or a phone call to discuss it in greater detail and discuss your preference on the day during the week.

In the meantime, you may learn more at our school website:
<https://www.circleoflovemb.org/baptism>

May God bless and keep you as you make this very important and exciting decision.

Yours in Christ,

Nancy Durkovic



Pastor Bart Loos