

First University

Lapidary 101

The Hellgate Mineral Society is, and has been, conducting its club meetings at First Lutheran for over a year. One of the events the club leads is a lapidary pop-up clinic, and the club is extending an invitation to members of First Lutheran Church to attend a pop-up clinic just for them on Sunday, May 17th, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Lapidary is the practice of shaping stone, minerals, or gemstones into decorative items such as cabochons, engraved gems (including cameos), and faceted designs. A person who practices lapidary techniques of cutting, grinding, and polishing is known as a lapidary or lapidarist (Wikipedia).

The cost is \$10.00 per person, which covers the cost of materials and maintenance of equipment used in the lapidary process. Each attendee must complete a club membership application, **at no charge** (normally \$10 per person, \$19 per family). This is required so that attendees are covered by the club's damage liability insurance should a damage incident occur involving church property during this activity; this is not personal injury insurance, which is the sole responsibility of the attendee.

The pop-up clinic runs from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 15th and 16th and is open to club members only. As such, congregation members who become club members are also able to attend the Friday and Saturday sessions.

There is a sign-up sheet in the church narthex, and also club membership applications and trifold brochures. Please submit completed membership applications and fees to Steve Stiff.

For more information, and any questions you may have, please see Steve Stiff or contact him at 406-529-2671 or steven.stiff@bresnan.net.

