



THE PARISH NEWS



April, 2017



Pastor Erik's Easter Message

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

"Christ has risen!" That is the word of Grace and promise that we have been waiting to hear since the beginning of Lent. As the women come to the tomb they are afraid because of the angels and their wondrous appearance. But the message of the angels is one of hope and life. "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead...."

Come and see, then go and tell. That is the message of the angels to those women who first went to the tomb. It is the message to the first disciples. It is the message to us this Easter. Come and see. That is why we come together to worship. We gather together to see in scriptures God's word of promise. "Christ is Risen".

Then we are sent out from our gathering to go and tell the world the good news of God's love, Christ's resurrection, of forgiveness, and new life through faith in Him.

"Come and see, go and tell." Rejoice today in His resurrection and pray for His reappearing. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

See you at worship! A Blessed Easter to you all!

Pastor Erik & Kathryn Johnson

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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION/

ARTICLES DEADLINE is 20th of each month.

Our Mission. . . "Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service."

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GOSPEL CONCERT AND RECORDING ARTISTS



SPECIAL DELIVERY IN CONCERT

Sunday, April 2, 2017

9:30 AM

First Lutheran Church

Free-will Offering

Cathy Anfinson – 701-968-3073

Naomi Damschen

Chuck Damschen – 701-868-3281



MARCH 14, 2017

- President Brent Petersen called the meeting to order.
- Members Present: Pastor Erik Johnson, Brent Petersen, Alyson Teigen, Brenda Suckow, Donna Sommer, Aaron Vorland, Emily Retterath also present was Jeannette Rost Absent: Dick Bickert, Suzanne Swanson and Kathy Keller
- Pastor Erik led in devotions.
- Donna/Emily motioned to approve the February minutes. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Donna Sommer

- Donna reviewed report with the council. Alyson/Aaron motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried. The balance of accounts as of March 14, 2017 is as follows:

Checking	29,516.44
Building	66,504.76
Cemetery	592.40
Interest	1,479.48
Music	284.24
Parking Lot	31,013.60
Worship	1,544.56
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	11,992.40
TOTAL ASSETS	142,927.88

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Hospital Visits: 2
- Home Visits: 2
- Nursing Home: 2
- Other Events:
 - 3/5/2017 – Baptism of Camryn Swanson
- Happy Birthday to Jeannette!
- Pastor thanked the church for the card while he was under the weather.
- Lenten Services – We are using a series called "At the Crossroads"
 - Themes are Confession, Betrayal, Judgment, Compassion, Declaration, and Obedience
 - During Holy Week themes include Suffering, Forgiveness, Death and Life
- Special Delivery will be here to lead worship on April 2.
- The Pastors Meeting of the Minkota Mission District (NALC) which was scheduled for March 9-10 has been rescheduled for March 23-24.

- Food for the Poor is wondering if we would like another speaker to come.
- Rev. Bob Nordvall, EEMN, would like to come and tell us what is happening in and through his organization. Council agreed and Pastor will work on arranging this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STEWARDSHIP – Kathy Keller

- Hot Dog Bash Lenten meal will be April 5th. Proceeds will go to the Raise the Roof fund. Kathy will be calling on her committee for help. They are Brent Petersen, Donna Sommer, Pastor Erik and Aaron Vorland.
- Hoping to hit the \$40,000 mark by the end of the month for Raise the Roof.

WORSHIP – Suzanne Swanson

EDUCATION – Brenda Suckow

- Brenda has still been working on Bible School.
- Camp of the Cross brochures were handed out last week during Sunday School.

EVANGELISM – Emily Retterath

- Emily has the list of seniors and has been working on the Prayer Partner list.
- The group has been working on the new member list as well.
- The Evangelism committee will donate \$10.00 per camper for the Camp of the Cross again this year.

PROPERTY – Aaron Vorland

- A new vacuum has been ordered through Bed Bath and Beyond.
- Weber will be stopping to look at the handicap exit light.
- Better Roofing & Contracting – quote of \$86,000 for metal roof. Aaron will try and get ahold of River City Roofing as they had the low quote last year. He will try and get a revised quote.
- Jeannette researched the old shingles and it doesn't look like we would qualify for any warranty work.
- Ardythe Kurle was wondering about some

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shelving in the corner before you go on the stage for some totes. Aaron will look into this.

Old Business

- We have \$2,276.50 in Thrivent Choice Dollars.
- Brent reviewed Council member duties and committees
 - o Emily has two spots available on the Evangelism Committee
- 1st quarter benevolences this month:
 - o Relief Missions - \$250 – Jill Wiese (God’s Child Project)
 - o World Hunger - \$125 – Food for the Poor
 - o Global Mission - \$375 – Eastern European Mission Network
 - o US/Local Mission - \$375 – Shepherd’s Canyon

New Business

- Randy Hall resigns as choir director effective June 1. He has led the choir for 19 years. Alyson/Brenda motioned to accept his resignation letter. Motion approved.
- McLean County Sheriff’s Department asked if we would like to donate to the National Child Safety Council this year again. In the past we have given \$75 from Thrivent money. Alyson/Donna motioned to donate the \$75.00 again this year. Motion approved.
- Church Usage Requests
 - o NDSU Extension the Parent Resource Center May 11, 16 & 18 or May 16, 18 & 23 from 6-8 pm. They would also offer child care during this time. Council agreed free will donation. Aaron/Emily motioned to approve the free will donation. Motion approved.
 - o 4-H You’re the Chef camp July 11 & 12 from 8:15 am to around 4:00 pm. They

would be using the stoves and ovens.

- Council feels it would depend on the liability and ratio of adults to children. Jeannette will get more information on this and table until next meeting.
- Do we want OSI to do the parsonage lawn this year again?
 - o Pastor said they came two times last year. Emily/Brenda motioned to use them again this year. Motion approved.
- Donna asked about the FLC brick sign and flag pole that was hit and damaged. Does the driver have insurance or does the church have to pay for this?
 - o The driver did have insurance and Juel Anderson’s name was given for repairs. We will get a quote when snow melts.

TRANSFER REQUESTS

Transfer In:

- None

Transfer Out:

- Scott Samuelson to Century Baptist Church in Bismarck. Aaron/Donna motion to approve the transfer. Motion approved.

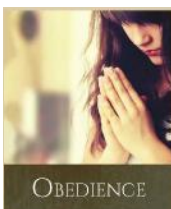
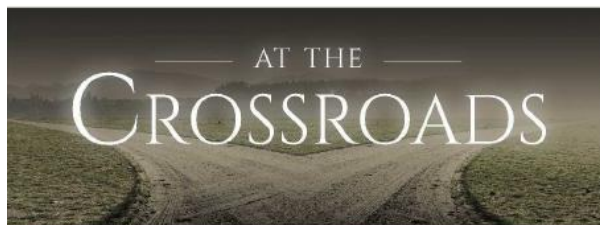
Next meeting will be held Monday, April 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Aaron/Donna motioned to adjourn meeting. Motion approved.

President Brent adjourned the meeting.

Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Alyson Teigen
Secretary



**Wednesday, April 5 - Worship at 7:00 PM
Obedience**

Matthew 26:36-46

When Jesus nears the time when he must die for our sins, he asks his Father if the cup might pass from him. But when the time comes, he obeys his Father’s will. When we are called upon to follow God’s will, we must obey.

HOT DOGS



NACHOS & BARS



April 5, 2017
5:30 pm - 6:45 pm

Freewill Offering
Served by the Stewardship Committee

Proceeds will go to the roof fund.

STEWARDSHIP CENSE



"You were bought at a price.
Therefore honor God with your bodies"
1 Corinthians 6:20

At this most sacred time of year, we need to remind ourselves that we are all blood-bought souls! As such we should live to glorify God. I believe Apostle Paul could also add to that verse, that not only our bodies should be to the glory of God but that price can well translate into our giving as well. Who, after all was the greatest steward of them all if not Christ? How can we ever begin to thank Him for THAT giving? Hallelujah, He is Risen! He is Risen, indeed!

Lots of good stewardship going on in this Easter/Lenten season! I just finished writing out several thank you notes to members that have given all or part of their Thrivent choice dollars to First Lutheran. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity and good stewardship!

I was privileged this past week to attend a First Choice banquet in Bismarck with my daughter and son-in-law. For those of you who may not know, as I did not, First Choice is the only anti-abortion clinic in Bismarck. There are a total of only three in the state of ND. They are funded almost entirely through donations. They do a wonderful job with their gifts of stewardship, such as abortion counseling, adoption counseling, and all forms of education for anyone in need. I sincerely hope this will not be my last First Choice banquet. If you are interested in learning more about the group, please do not hesitate to call me!

If any of you watch "The Five" on Fox channel, you will be familiar with Dana Perino, a past Press Secretary to President Bush. She decided to spend part of a vacation a few weeks back on a Mercy Ship outside Bedim, Africa. I only wish I could have heard her whole story about this Ship of Hope. What wonderful and miraculous things these volunteer Doctors, nurses and other volunteers perform! They do it on their own hours! What better example of stewardship could there be at this season of the year! God bless them all!

A couple notes before I close. Please mark April 5th on your calendar if you haven't already, and plan to attend our "Raise the Roof" fundraiser. It will be a "Hot Dog Bash" similar to last years with all the cheese and yummy toppings! Also, the new thermometer is up in the narthex. Thank you Alyson! Now you can see how close we are getting to the "top"! Can we reach \$40,000 by Easter?? We are at \$39,746.75 as of the end of March! Also, we are getting close to accepting one of the bids the council has received, so I may be able to tell you more on that as we get closer to spring.

Until then, I hope you each have a Blessed Easter! Please keep in mind, the Greatest steward of them all, Jesus Christ, wants us always to serve others and continue by His grace to be His faithful stewards.

Yours in good stewardship
Kathy Keller
Stewardship Chair

As of March 26, 2017:

Our envelope giving is \$51,981.00 with a yearly budget of \$180,000.00
The plate giving is \$1,308.00 with a yearly budget of \$7,000.00
"Raise the Roof" balance is \$39,746.75.75

Thank you for your giving.





April 7th - 6:00 PM

Have baked items to the church.

Packaging of baked items.

April 8th

Deliver baked items

Remember the shut-in's, homebound, sick, etc. with "Goodies From the Heart". Please contact Alli Sheldon at 701-880-8802 or allisheldon3@gmail.com with recommendations of people (names and addresses) to deliver to or if you can help package or deliver.



We invite you to help decorate First Lutheran Church this Easter with your Easter Lilies & Easter plants.

Please *print* the following information:



Name of person(s) giving the Lily or plant:

In Memory of:

In Thanksgiving for (person or event):

() To the Glory of God

Would you like your Easter Lily back? Yes or No

Attach this form to your Easter Lily or plant and bring it to the Secretary's hallway no later than noon April 13.



**Holy Week
Worship
Schedule**

**PALM
SUNDAY**



Sunday, April 9, 2017
9:30 AM
Worship w/Procession of
Palms beginning in the
basement



**Maundy
Thursday**
SERVICE

Thursday, April 13
7:00 PM
Worship w/Holy Communion



Good Friday

Friday, April 14
5:30 PM
Service of Darkness



Sunday, April 16, 2017
7:00 AM
Worship w/Holy
Communion

Looking for
volunteers to
serve Easter
breakfast from
7:45 am - 9:15 am
on Easter Sunday.
If no one comes
forward a regular
coffee hour will be
held during this
time only.



Sunday, April 16, 2017
9:30 AM
Easter Celebration Worship
w/Holy Communion

FLCW NEWS

April, 2017

Executive Board:

Sonja Bergstedt
Cathy Sheldon

Secretary:

Marlys Knell

Treasurer:

Sylvia Thompson

Action (Quilts, LWR Kits):

Arlene Schwarz
Sylvia Thompson

Altar Guild:

Theresa Petersen

Audit:

Kathy Keller
Norma Petersen

Camp of the Cross:

Peggy Moran

Community:

Kathy Keller (Meals on Wheels)
Alli Sheldon (Goodies From
the Heart)

Good Cheer:

Mary Ann Beeks
Mary Schulz

**Growth (Confirmation &
Graduation Tea and 3rd
Grade Bibles):**

Donna Gunderson
Kathryn Johnson
Cathy Sheldon

Kitchen:

Arlene Schwarz
Becky Heringer
Val Swanson
Nancy Fuchs
Linda Zeller

Kuchen, Lefse, etc.:

Sylvia Thompson
Donna Kroll
Ruth Borlaug

Library:

Sharon Chrest
Sande Wagner
Norma Petersen
Arlene Schwarz

Prayer Chain Chairmen:

Sande Wagner
Arlene Schwarz
Norma Petersen

Receptions/Bulletin Board**Decorating:**

Donna Gunderson

Service Secretary:

Sharon Chrest
Melissa Chrest

Thank you to everyone that helped with the World Day of Prayer - a successful prayer filled luncheon.

The **Secret Prayer Partner** reveal party was so entertaining! Thank you to the committee for planning a fun afternoon aboard God's Friend "Ship".

Thanks to all of the work groups for serving our first Lenten meal – great food and fellowship.

Kathryn Johnson and Cathy Sheldon have volunteered along with Donna Gunderson to plan the Confirmation and Graduation Teas. Please contact one of these ladies if you would like to be a part of the **Growth Committee** to help plan these events.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 7th and 8th - **Goodies From the Heart** – Alli Sheldon, chairperson

Everyone can bring goodies to the church and put plates together at 6 pm on Fri., April 7th to be delivered to shut-ins, etc.


Deliveries will be made on April 7th & 8th. Please volunteer to help Alli by emailing her at: allisheldon3@gmail.com

Sunday, April 23rd – **Mother's Day Tea** – 2 p.m. Work group 5 serves.

No Executive Board meeting on April 6th.

"May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God." 2 Thessalonians 3:5

Sonja Bergstedt and Cathy Sheldon, Co-Chairs



Quilting

April 27, 2017
9:00 AM

Watch bulletin for more possible quilting days in April.

QUILTING GROUP

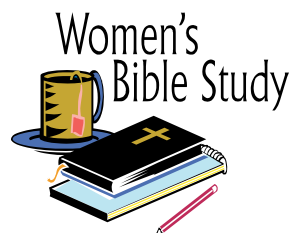
Hannah Bible Study

April 18, 2017

2:00 PM

At the Church

Vivian Merkel will Host

**Deborah Bible Study**

April 20, 2017

9:30 AM

At the Church

Donna Gunderson &
Barbara Brewster Host

Please let your hostess know whether or not you will be attending each month.

***The Godly Lady
(It's a Ladybug Life)***

***Mother's Day Tea
Sunday April 23rd***

2pm

First Lutheran Church—Washburn

Sandy McMerty, Speaker

Owner of the Gifted Bean Coffee House

Craft for younger ladies

Music by the FLC Men's Group

www.juliabettencourt.com

FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH

By Laura Gardner

Happy Spring!

Summer is fast approaching and we are busy preparing for our Mission Trip with Next Step Ministries to Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

Thank you to everyone who came and ate at the Lent Meals we served and at the Lions' Carnival. Our youth have become pretty comfortable in the kitchen. It's been quite a treat to watch them in action.

They'll be putting their culinary skills to the test again on Sunday, April 30th for our Meatball Dinner. We'll be serving a smorgasbord of meatballs! We'll have meatballs and gravy, served with mashed potatoes, meatballs and spaghetti, and meatball sandwiches! We'll top it all off with a variety of delicious desserts. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Our 3rd annual Variety Market will be held in conjunction with the City-wide rummage sale in Washburn in May. Rummage sale, bake sale, and sloppy joes all in one spot! We'll be taking donations in May for children's clothing and household items. Please contact Laura if you are interested in donating or would like to have a rummage sale table of your own at this event.

We still have calendars available! Just ask any FLY Member or Laura!

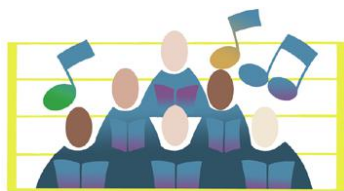
March Pizza Day Attendance: 18

Here's a few dates to jot down;

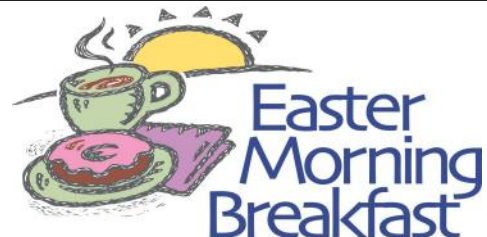
April 5 th	Pizza Day
April 9 th	7:00 pm Mission Trip Planning Meeting
April 30 th	Meatball Dinner

- If we don't teach our youth to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to. -

A men's group will be singing for the Mother's Day Tea on April 23rd at 2:00 pm. Any men interested in singing with this group can join the practice on Wednesday nights after choir practice.



**MEN'S
CHOIR**



Looking for volunteers to serve an Easter breakfast from 7:45 am - 9:15 am on April 16th. If no one comes forward there will be a regular coffee/fellowship time during this time. There will be no coffee hour after the 9:30 am service.

MEATBALL DINNER

Sunday, April 30

5:30 - 7:00 pm

First Lutheran Church

Served by FLY (First Lutheran Youth)

Free-will Offering

Proceeds will be used for their mission trip this summer.



Meatballs and
Gravy served
w/Mashed
Potatoes



Meatball
Sandwiches



Meatballs
and
Spaghetti

Top it off with a variety of delicious desserts!!!

APRIL WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY USHERS/GREETERS - 9:30 AM

2 - Kim & Brenda Ankenbauer
Mike & Sharon Nelson
9 - Mike & Sharon Nelson
Newell & Linda Zeller
16 - 7:00 AM - Arden & Sande Wagner
9:30 AM - Rodney & Kristi Jaeger Family
23 - Lynn & Donna Sommer Family
30 - Steve & Peggy Wollmuth
Neil & Sarah Kadrmas

ACOLYTES

2 - Caitlin Scheresky & Ellie Schmidt
9 - Tristan Allery & Preston Beckman
23 - Dawson Erber & Karter Hansen
30 - Preston Hinson & Braydon Kraft

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

16 - 7:00 AM - Arden Wagner
9:30 AM - Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

9, 23, 30 - Dewey Oster
16 - 9:30 AM - Suzanne Swanson

ALTAR CARE

Maybell Job & Claudette Ness

COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

2 - Kim & Brenda Ankenbauer
9 - Kris & Ranie Schmidt
16 - (7:45 AM - 9:15 AM only)
23 - Dale & Julene Klosterman
30 - Steve & Peggy Wollmuth

WEDNESDAY LENT SERVICE - APRIL 5

USHERS/GREETERS

Dick & Carla Bickert

READER

Randy Hall

MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 13

USHERS/GREETERS

Dick & Carla Bickert

READER

Suzanne Swanson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 14

USHERS/GREETERS

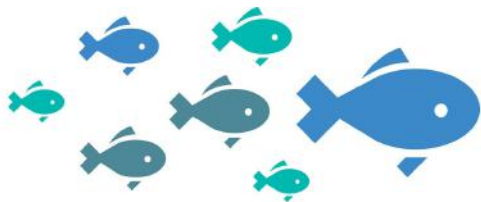
Dick & Carla Bickert

READER

Dewey Oster

SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS

Dick & Carla Bickert



Membership of First Lutheran was divided into 12 groups that each took a month to be responsible for ushering and coffee serving. The idea was that we could encourage more fellowship and participation. That would mean that each of us only had to volunteer for one month a year. Please step up and take your turn in service for your First Lutheran community.

E v a n g e l i s m **OPPORTUNITIES**

The list below is the service group scheduled for **May**. The service coordinators are **Howard & Elda Johnson**. ***If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) in May works best for you and give Howard or Elda a call at 462-8386. If Howard or Elda calls you, please prayerfully consider how you can help.*** If you don't see your name on this list, your month is coming. Please say yes, when called. Thank you for doing your part and participating in our worship service.

Julie Bentz
Gwen DeMontigny
Wayne & Carol Leidholm
Kelly Murrey

Kristi Olson
Dick & Jackie Olson
Dale & Geniel Schell
Arden & Sande Wagner

Don & Sue Winter
Deb & Virgil Wisdom
Kim & Joan Zimmerman



Ladies Night Out

FRIDAY APRIL 7TH
WASHBURN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
6:30 PM

FREE EVENT

LADIES 18 +

MAIN SPEAKER:

Brittany Carson

BREAK OUT SESSIONS:

Meal Planning • Identity
Spring Cleaning The Natural Way
Essential Oils • Thyroid Health

Healthy Snacks • Hand Massages • Door Prizes



“My Heart - His Home”

“But the good of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith” 1 Timothy 1:5

April 28-30, 2017

Medora, ND

Registration deadline - April 14, 2017

Registration fee - \$125.00

Room Reservations not included in registration fee.

You make your own reservations by calling 1-800-633-6721.

For more information on the workshops, schedule, menu, and to get your registration form, go to www.dakotawomensretreat.com.



Speaker - Alicia Williamson Garcia

Multitudes of people believe in the gospel message, but it takes a special gift to passionately articulate God's truth in a way that truly impacts lives. Alicia Williamson Garcia has

that gift! She is known for her unique ability to present a relevant message that reaches beyond cultural barriers, bridges generations, and brings unity to the body of Christ.

A native of Florence, SC, Alicia began singing at age 5. Two years later, while listening to her father's first sermon, she trusted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Her ministry career spans three decades beginning with the contemporary Christian group TRUTH, where she first recorded her signature song, "There Is a Hope." In 1993, Alicia started her itinerate speaking and worship ministry and is now a favorite speaker and worship leader for women's ministry events throughout the nation.

In 2002, Alicia and her husband, Richard Garcia, founded IN Worship, a discipleship ministry focused on impacting the world for Christ - everyday!

Alicia and her husband Richard currently live in Mobile, AL, and have two sons, Michael and David.

Musicians - Remix

Barb Fredrickson, Anita Lardy, Sarah Lardy, Yvonne Loy, and Angela Hultstrand will return with Remix for the 2017 retreat. Remix is a group of women from North and South Dakota of various life-experiences and musical-gifts who come together to create a unique worship experience. Their hearts reflect a love for God and each other. They desire to see God glorified in all they do. It's been a great 'mix' so far.

Workshops

Servant Leadership

What is servant leadership, and what is it not? We will look at Christ and his servant leadership, as well as study about Situational Leadership.

Christian Recovery and Support Groups- why we could all benefit

Living in a fallen world means we have learned some unhealthy ways of coping. One of the best ways of understanding how to change these patterns and getting the support/accountability to follow through is to join a Christ-based group.

Girls with swords (Morning Only)

Attention all Warriors for Christ. Sometimes feel inadequate to equip yourselves with that last piece of armor: The Sword of Truth, The Word of God? You are not alone. I hope to encourage you and present ideas to enable you to take up your sword with authority.

Benefits of intentional Christian grand parenting (afternoon only)

Learn what the Bible says about grand-parenting and discuss practical ways to be an Intentional – Christian – Grandparent.

Graceful Respect

As wives, we all know that we are called to forgive as well as respect our husbands. But what if they don't really deserve our respect? What if the offense feels too great to forgive?

Trusting God with Our Failures

Answering some hard questions when our own failures overwhelm and discourage us.

Are you sure about that?

This workshop is for those who are wondering if they truly have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

The risk of really "living" today

You are Equipped

The Lord has equipped us with the very best treasures that He created. He expects us to use this "equipment" to spread His gospel. This session will explore how God's organization and use of lists have equipped us to handle the most devastating of dilemmas while bringing Him Glory

Spring Awakening

Revival in Your Heart

Women in Mission for Christ invite you to brunch

Saturday, April 22

10 a.m. to Noon Municipal Country Club

**FEATURING
MANDY ANDERSON**

'She who Overcomes'

Mandy B. Anderson is the Co-Founder and CEO of Big Blue Couch® Coaching, LLC. Born with Cystic Fibrosis, Mandy has walked the road of an Overcomer her entire life. For more information about Mandy visit www.CharityLutheran.org.



Tickets \$15

available at Charity Lutheran Church, 120 Aspen Av.,
or online at www.charitylutheran.org

Deadline April 16

The Passion of Jesus Christ

by René Clausen

Sunday, April 9, 2017
7:00 PM

Concordia College Memorial Auditorium
12th Ave. & 7th St. S. Moorhead, MN

This concert is provided FREE of charge to Concordia's corporate territory as part of the college's 125th Anniversary Celebration. For more information go online to ConcordiaCollege.edu/music.

Immerse yourself in an emotional re-telling of Jesus Christ's last week of life. "The Passion of Jesus Christ" is a new, oratorio-length composition written by Dr. René Clausen and commissioned to observe the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

The hour-long composition, performed by the 400 musicians of the Concordia voice faculty, choirs and orchestra, brings audience members closer to powerful scenes from Christ's procession into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, the trial before Pilate and the crucifixion. In addition to telling the story of the Passion, music and text reveal moments when major figures struggle with the motivation and implication of their actions.

The passion of Christ is at the heart of the Reformation and Martin Luther's theology, which critiqued late medieval religion by holding up the theology of the cross.

The composition is made possible by a generous gift from John and Veronna Capone.

First Lutheran April Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following First Lutheran members who have birthdays in April. If you have a birthday in April and your name does not appear on this list, that means either the church office does not have a record of it or you have requested that it not be published. If you would like it published, please get the information to the church office.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Dick Bickert Kal DeMontigny Tate Price Sara Scholl
2 Vi Vranna	3 Wes Sick	4 Alex Seidler	5	6 Kory Peterson	7 Tom Merkel Owen Price	8 Preston Beckman
9 Geoffrey Beasley Patrick Oster Parker Schmidt	10 Andrew Carvell Parker Jacobson Lynette Sondrol Kyle Syverson	11	12 Amanda Jorgenson Cathy Sheldon	13 Cole Philbrick Katelyn Smith Liam Williams	14 McKenzie Baumann Beckett Kadrmas Karisa Thomas	15 Arlene Schwarz
16 Bekka Bentz Glenn Goetz Peggy Moran Davis Wolf Linda Zeller	17 Jamie Baumann Mike Nelson Eric Olafson Zachary Schell Heather Seidler	18 Lily Johnson	19 Elaine Carr	20	21 Danielle Hardy	22 Matt Gardner Corbyn Goetz
23 Kesia Boeshans Tyler Klosterman Kirk Sailer	24	25 Nathan Grubb Karter Hansen	26 Kathy Philbrick Ranie Price Logan Schmitz	27 Jackie Olson	28 Lily Gardner Lenny Lange	29 Courtney Hall
30 Mac Beaudry Sandra Peterson						



In Him, we find a heart that overflows.

But sometimes we forget. When we refocus on Him—the fruitfulness of walking with Him, the wealth of wisdom He offers, the bounteous grace that covers us from head to toe—our affection for Him is renewed.

Join us for ABUNDANCE, a two-day event in which we will remind ourselves, and each other, that Jesus is more than enough.

September 29-30, 2017

Minneapolis, MN | Grace Church



Featuring  Lisa Harper, Angela Thomas-Pharr, Kelly Minter, Jefferson Bethke, Christy Nockels, Natalie Grant

Starting at \$59

Early Bird
Registration
ends
May 28th.

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LifeWay Women | events

Event subject to change. Sales tax applied to event cost, if applicable.

CAMP OF THE CROSS NEWS

April 7-8 7th-9th Grade Bash
April 21-22 4th-6th Grade Bash
April 22 2017 S'mores and Much More Gala
April 28-30 Women's L.I.F.E. Weekend
(Living In Faith Everyday)

May 1-3 Theology on the Prairie

June 17 2017 Prairie Lake Festival

*** The Annual Meeting was held February 26th at Sunne Lutheran Church, Wilton. Nick Faulkner and Deb Wilson were re-elected to the Board of Directors. Three proposed constitutional amendments were approved after much discussion:

1. Board of Directors change from 12 minimum board members to a minimum of nine.
2. Change minimum of three (3) clergy on the board to minimum of two (2) ELCA rostered leaders on the board.
3. Add that there may be one (1) member of the board of directors who is not a member of a constituent congregation.

During the re-organization of the board, the following officers were elected: Rev. Bob Caranicas of Bismarck, President; Amber Nelson, Hazen, Vice-President; Emma Berg, Wilton, Secretary; DeAnne Finken, Douglas, Treasurer.

*** March 4th was an afternoon spent learning customs and enjoying food prepared by sister camp friends from Puerto Rico who visited the camp for a few days.

*** The 2017 summer program, "THE WATER OF LIFE", is now open for registration. Those who have been to camp may have already received brochures at home from CCM, and brochures were also distributed at Sunday School classes in March. Through the generosity of groups and individuals from First Lutheran Church, the registration fees will be fully covered this year for our members. Please let Peggy Moran know by May 15th if you are sending in registrations for the summer sessions.

As of March 15th, the camp already had 119 campers registered for this summer. So let's get some FLC campers going from Washburn!

*** Thank you to those who have been attending and contributing to groups providing Lenten Meals with proceeds going to camp fees for our campers!

*** Upcoming fundraiser: CCM Dinner & Silent Auction, 6th Annual S'mores and Much More Gala, Saturday, April 22, 2017, 5 p.m. Bismarck Municipal Country Club with entertainment by "Heart River Child", Marci Narum as Master of Ceremonies, and Farrah Lick Faulkner as Honored Guest Speaker. A reservation includes hors d'oeuvres, meal, and entertainment for \$100/person, as well as a silent auction and other games. Please make reservations by Thursday, April 13th, by contacting the Camp Office at 701-337-2246 or registrar@campofthecross.com.

*** Fellowship Center construction update! With the Giving Hearts Day and other pledges, we are looking forward to: finishing the concrete outside, landscaping including grass seeding, putting down gravel for roads around the facility, and finishing the plumbing and electrical so it will be ready for drywall. The campaign is short \$800,000 to be able to finish the kitchen, mechanical system (heat and AC) and the septic system.

*** The annual Easter appeal will be sent out for donations during the "lean" time of the year in operating income. Thank you for thinking of OUR CCM!

*** Keep in mind that we will have an opportunity to MOTHER THE CAMP in May and donate food/cleaning items to help reduce operating costs of the camp. As well as donations of quilts/baskets, etc. for the 2017 Prairie Lake Festival for June 17th.

Thank you
Peggy Moran

Camp of the Cross Ministries

invites you to the

6th Annual

SMORES & Much More Gala

Saturday, April 22, 2017

The Bismarck Municipal Country Club

\$100 per person, Table Sponsor (9 people) \$750

Includes hors d'oeuvres, meal & entertainment.

For reservations contact the Camp Office
at 337-2246 or registrar@campofthecross.com

*We have an awesome assortment of "silent auction"
items to bid on this year! Also we have a "new"
activity to participate in. Make sure to check out the
list before you attend the event!*

Please place your reservations by Thursday, April 13.

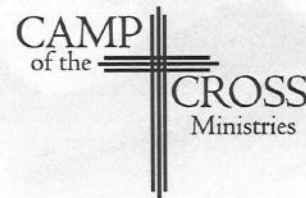
The Evening

Five O'Clock Refreshments
and Silent Auction

Six O'Clock Dinner

Seven O'Clock "A Time with Marci Narum"
and Honored Guests Farrah Lick Faulkner

Seven Thirty O'Clock Entertainment
"Heart River Child"



PO Box 1257, Garrison, ND 58540

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Silent Auction Items & Much More!

2017 Gala

**This is what we have so far... it's going to be an
exciting night...**

- Philadelphia Eagles Jersey signed by Carson Wentz
- UND Hockey Jersey signed by the team
- "A Creation" by Marci Narum
- Chief Joseph Pendleton Blanket
- Douglas Bay "At Sunset" oil painting by Tawnya Iglehart

Can't make the event? You could still contribute by sponsoring the
emcee, the appetizers, the table decorations or a table?

Look for another game this year too!



Camryn Clare Swanson

Baptized
March 5, 2017

Jordan, Samantha & Camryn Swanson

We welcome Camryn as a member of First Lutheran Church.



Harlee Rae Patterson

Baptized
March 19, 2017

Harlan, Kaylene & Harlee Patterson

We welcome Harlee as our newest member of First Lutheran Church.



The following people were prayed for by request at worship from February 26th thru March 26th. If we missed you or your loved ones, or your prayer requests, please accept our apologies.

Please let the church office know before you enter the hospital for planned surgeries, during any hospitalization, or about your illnesses and any special needs that we may pray for you.

- ◆ Keira Knell - Granddaughter of Duane & Marlys Knell
- ◆ Josephine Kruckenberg - Sister of Mary Ann Beeks
- ◆ Paul Beeks - Brother-in-law of Mary Ann Beeks
- ◆ Anita Beeks - Sister-in-law of Mary Ann Beeks
- ◆ Virgil Wisdom
- ◆ Monte Miller
- ◆ Mona Jorgenson
- ◆ Stork & Millie Nordquist
- ◆ Joel Joersz
- ◆ Curt Radke – Stepdad of Monte Miller
- ◆ Caroline Kuntz - Mother of A.J. Kuntz
- ◆ Wilson Headrick
- ◆ Evan Tangen
- ◆ Families of the victims of the house fire in Carrington
- ◆ Jason Schulz - Son of Mary Schulz
- ◆ Cecil Loe
- ◆ Stan & Karen Goehring
- ◆ Our youth who are at the cross-roads of many paths...Let God be their guide!
- ◆ Eleanora Renner - Mother of Donna Gunderson
- ◆ Carol Kuball
- ◆ Barbara Brewster
- ◆ Walt Elliot
- ◆ Joan Love - Sister to Orlin Larson
- ◆ Julieann Frisco - Sister to Dick Olson
- ◆ Clark Ness
- ◆ Kris & Melanie Beckman
- ◆ Clark & Jayne Pochant
- ◆ Janet Lazier



Memorial Gifts Given to Special Funds (Sunday, February 26 to Sunday, March 26)



<u>Fund given to & by whom</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
<u>Altar Flower Fund</u>	\$0.00
<u>Building Fund</u>	\$0.00
<u>Raise the Roof</u>	\$327.00
Kim & Brenda Ankenbauer	Judith Hetletved
George & Val Swanson.....	Judith Hetletved
A.J. & Doddie Kuntz (2 times).....	Keith Kuntz
David & Ruth Borlaug	Judith Hetletved
Janet Carvell	Larry Bushey
Rick & LeAnn Richard.....	Janice Kerzman
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Darrel & Sherry Kinnischtzke	Curtis Jorgenson
Darrel & Sherry Kinnischtzke	Bernhard Platz
Darrel & Sherry Kinnischtzke	Bob Mart
The following are all IMO Bill Bickert:	
Terry & Donna Gunderson	
Randy & Janet Hanson	
Dick & Barbara Brewster	
David & Ruth Borlaug	
Wes Sauer	
Darrel & Sherry Kinnischtzke	
Dennis & Gayle Johnson	
Kim & Brenda Ankenbauer	
<u>Camp of The Cross</u>	\$0.00
<u>Camp of The Cross Building Campaign</u>	\$0.00
<u>Cemetery Fund</u>	\$0.00
<u>China Service Ventures</u>	\$0.00

<u>Fund given to & by whom</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
<u>Decorating (Church)</u>	\$0.00
<u>General Fund</u>	\$50.00
Howard & Elda Johnson (2 times)	Lane Johnson
<u>Global Missions, Other (Outside the U.S.)</u>	\$0.00
<u>Local/Other U.S. Missions</u>	\$0.00
<u>Library</u>	\$0.00
<u>Lutheran Social Services</u>	\$0.00
<u>Lutheran World Relief</u>	\$0.00
<u>Music Fund</u>	\$25.00
Terry & Norma Petersen	Bill Bickert
<u>Parking Lot Fund</u>	\$30.00
Elmer & Arlene Schwarz	Curtis Jorgenson
Elmer & Arlene Schwarz	Bill Bickert
<u>Relief Missions</u>	\$0.00
<u>Sunday School</u>	\$0.00
<u>Vacation Bible School</u>	\$0.00
<u>World Hunger</u>	\$0.00
<u>Worship Fund</u>	\$0.00

THANK YOU

- ☺ Thank you to Jeneen Loe and Elaine Carr for helping fold and tape the March newsletter for mailing.
- ☺ Thank you to Brent Petersen and Rick Richard for helping out with worship services this past month while Pastor Erik was under the weather.
- ☺ Thank you to the FLCW, FLY, and the Evangelism Committee for serving meals during Lent in March.

The following are from Laura Gardner:

- ☺ Thank you to Kathy Key and Matt Gardner for helping with the Lent Meals and Lions' Carnival.
- ☺ Thank you to Judy Beaudry for making the delicious bread for the Chili Lent meal.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
APRIL 2017						1 April Fool's Day 10:30 AM Clark Ness Memorial Service
2 Fifth Sunday in Lent 9:30 AM Special Delivery leads Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM AA Meeting	3	4 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	5 11:50 AM 7-12 Grade Pizza 5:30 - 6:45 PM Lenten Meal Served by Stewardship Committee 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 7:45 PM Choir 8:00 PM Jr FLY	6 AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 3:30 PM Girl Scouts	7 6:00 PM Goodies From the Heart Packaging	8 Deliver Goodies From the Heart
9 Palm Sunday 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM FLY Mission Trip Planning Meeting 7:00 PM AA Meeting	10 10:00 AM Chat & Sew	11 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	12 5:45 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Sr. FLY 7:30 PM Choir	13 Maundy Thursday Noon - Easter Lily Deadline 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship w/Holy Communion	14 5:30 PM Good Friday Worship	15
16 Easter Sunday Holy Communion Holy Baptism 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Worship 7:45 - 9:15 AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour or Easter Breakfast 9:30 AM Easter Celebration Worship NO Sunday School 7:00 PM AA Meeting	17	18 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group 2:00 PM Hannah Bible Study at the Church - Vivian Merkel will Host 2:00 PM Home Health Group Meeting	19 5:45 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Jr. FLY 7:30 PM Choir	20 Newsletter Deadline AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 9:30 AM Deborah Bible Study at Church - Donna Gunderson & Barbara Brewster Host 3:30 PM Girl Scouts	21	22
23 Second Sunday of Easter 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School 2:00 PM Mother's Day Tea 7:00 PM AA Meeting	24 7:00 PM Church Council	25 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	26 5:45 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Sr. FLY 7:30 PM Choir	27 AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 9:00 AM Quilting	28	29
30 Third Sunday of Easter 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School 5:30 - 7:00 PM FLY Meatball Dinner 7:00 PM AA Meeting						

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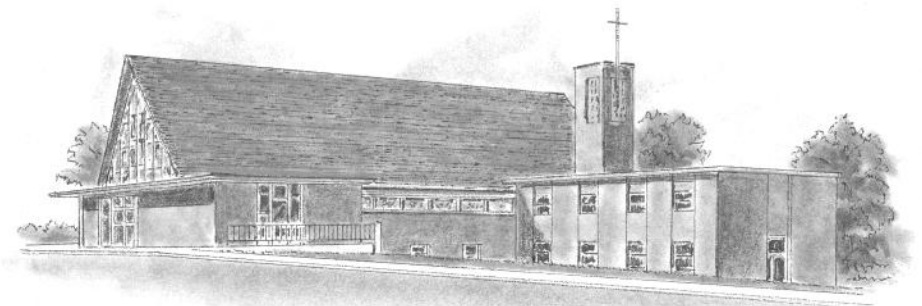
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know Christ and make
Christ known through
Worship, Christian
Education, Evangelism,
Caring Ministries, and
Service.”*

Easter Blessing to:

April, 2017 Newsletter



SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Worship Service - 9:30 AM
Coffee/Fellowship Hour - 10:30 AM
Sunday School - 10:45 AM
AA Meeting - 7:00 PM