



THE PARISH NEWS



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Pastor Erik's Reflection

on

Psalm 51

Psalm 51 is one of the texts for Ash Wednesday which this year is on February 14th. If you have not memorized this Psalm I certainly would encourage you to do so – at least part of it. Because of the use of ashes in the Bible, Christians have used them as an external sign of repentance. Ash Wednesday is a day of repentance. Some of the verses of Psalm 51 are also used as the offertory pray during a worship service. Here are some of the words. Please read the whole Psalm if you have time.

- ¹ *Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.*
- ² *Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!*
- ¹⁰ *Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.*
- ¹¹ *Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.*
- ¹² *Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.*

You will notice if you have read this Psalm out of your Bible that there is this subtitle: "A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba." David had sinned against God and against people. The words of this Psalm are his prayer of repentance and asking for forgiveness. David acknowledges his sin. One of my study Bibles has these words about this Psalm. "David not only explains sin and its deadly consequences as powerfully present in all people, but he also unfolds God's re-creative mercy as He works repentance and forgiveness." It is a good Psalm for us to remember.

"Holy Spirit, create me new again, giving joy for sadness. Have mercy on me, O God, and cleanse me from my sin. Amen." (Prayer from "The Lutheran Study Bible")

See you at worship!

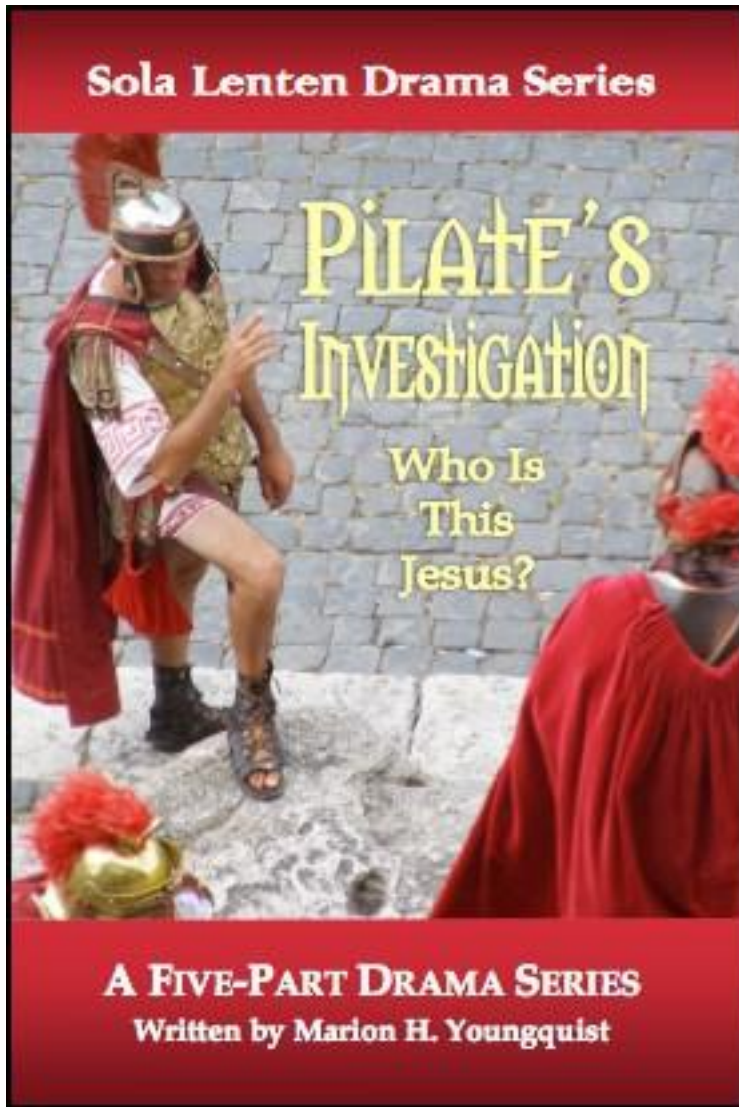
Pastor Erik Johnson

*Create in me a
clean heart,*



Psalm 51:10, ESV

Join us for Lenten worship services at 7:00 pm Wednesday's beginning on February 14th with our Ash Wednesday worship w/Holy Communion.



Behold the man...." (John 19:5)

Pilate's Investigation: Who is this Jesus? is a five-part series. Each of the dramas feature Pontius Pilate, seeking to learn the identity of the mysterious figure who has been brought to him for judgment.

February 21

Pilate & Caiaphas, the High Priest
(Themes: authority, paranoia, tyranny)
Scriptural Basis: Mark 14:53 - 65)

February 28

Pilate & Herod Antipas, Ruler of Galilee
(Themes: obedience, power, identity)
Scriptural Basis: Luke 22:24 - 27)

March 7

Pilate & Procula, His Wife
(Themes: spiritual emptiness, faith, truth)
Scriptural Basis: Matthew 27:11 - 23)

March 14

Pilate & Judas, the Betrayer
(Themes: greed, betrayal, conspiracy)
Scriptural Basis: John 12:4 - 6, 13:21 - 30)

March 21

Pilate & Peter, the Weak Disciple
(Themes: denial, remorse, belief)
Scriptural Basis: Luke 22:54 - 62)



Every Wednesday during the Lent season, beginning February 21st, we will have a Lenten meal served from 5:30 - 6:45 pm. Everyone is welcome. These are free-will offering meals. If your group has not signed up for a Wednesday yet, please talk to Jeannette in the church office ASAP! Following is the schedule as of the printing of this newsletter:

February 21

FLCW
Soup, Bread & Bars

February 28

Volunteers Needed

March 7

FLY
Tacos, Chips & Bars

March 14

Volunteers Needed

March 21

Volunteers Needed



JANUARY 11, 2018

(Please note that minutes are not approved until voted on by the council at the next month's meeting.)



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

FLY-Laura Gardner

- * Upcoming Events;
 - * Valentine's Day cakes and cupcakes
 - * Lions Carnival
 - * April - Meatball Feed
 - * May - Variety market
- * Emily/Kathy motioned to approve the December minutes. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT - DONNA SOMMER

- * Aaron/Brenda motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Motion approved. The balance of accounts as of January 11, 2018 is as follows:

Checking	\$14,120.18
Building	27,721.73
Cemetery	617.40
Interest	1,677.27
Music	1,074.24
Parking Lot	36,321.11
Worship	1,544.56
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	11,992.40
TOTAL ASSETS	\$95,068.89

PASTOR'S REPORT

- * Pastoral Acts
 - * none
- * Visitation
 - * Home – 4
 - * Nursing Home – 2
 - * Hospital – 0
- * Pastor will be out of town on January 21-25th to visit family
- * Lenten Services (Ash Wednesday on February 14th)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STEWARDSHIP - Kathy Keller

- * Thank you to everyone!

WORSHIP - Suzanne Swanson

- * Absent

EDUCATION - Brenda Suckow

- * Kids will be singing the following Sundays; Jan. 28th & Feb. 25th.

EVANGELISM - Emily Retterath

- * Regrouping for the work groups is completed and will be ready next month to share

PROPERTY - Aaron Vorland

- * Waiting for an estimate for the fans
- * Waiting for spring to fix the electricity going out to the flag pole

OLD BUSINESS

- * We have \$948.13 in Thrivent Choice Dollars. A motion was made by Dick/Kathy to use \$250.00 for Meals from the Heartland
- * Dick will contact the women of the church for "fall cleanup"
- * Dale Klosterman and Preston Hinson will take care of the sidewalk and snow removal
- * Annual meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2018

NEW BUSINESS

- * A motion was made by Kathy/Brenda to give \$30.00/per camper/per day to attend Camp of the Cross
- * "A Fragrant Free Church" has been suggested to the council, discussion was had and no decision has been made at this time.

Transfer Requests:

Transfers in:

- * None

Transfers Out:

- * Ray Waldren to Saguaro Canyon Church in Tucson, AZ

Next meeting will be held February 13th at 7:00pm.

President Brent adjourned the meeting.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Emily Retterath
Evangelism

SOUP & BREAD

SUPPER

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

5:30 - 6:45 pm



Soup, Bread, Dessert
Coffee & Juice

Free-will Offering

Served by the
First Lutheran Church
Women

Proceeds go to help pay camperships for
First Lutheran youth going to Camp of the Cross this summer.

JANUARY 21, 2018 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

(Please note that these minutes are not approved until voted on at the 2019 annual meeting.)

- President Brent Petersen called the meeting to order
- Pastor Erik Johnson let in opening devotions
- Randy Hanson/Claudette Ness motioned to approve the 2017 minutes. Motion approved.
- 51 present

PASTOR'S REPORT

- See annual report - page 5
- Thanked Kathryn, Jeannette, Laura, council and outgoing committee members - Brent Petersen, Alyson Teigen and Suzanne Swanson, women of the church, music department and those who have filled in for him, thanked congregation for prayers and everyone else with commitments to the church.
- Went over attendance on pages 6-8

TREASURER'S REPORT – Donna Sommer

- See annual report - pages 9-11
- Reported we had a good year.
- Thanked the congregation for their generosity, offering counters and Jeannette
- Arden Wagner representing the Financial Compliance Review Committee said they met January 10th and the books had been checked and everything is in good shape. Thanked Jeannette.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- See annual report - page 13
- Brent thanked congregation for the opportunity to serve, thanked Pastor, Kathryn and Jeannette.

STEWARDSHIP – Kathy Keller

- See annual report - page 14
- Thanked the congregation for paying off the roof this year and the anonymous donor/donors that paid off the last \$5,000 of the roof fund.
- Remember that nothing is impossible at FLC.
- Thanked the stewardship committee, the council and Jeannette for the great year.

WORSHIP – Suzanne Swanson

- See annual report - page 15
- Thanked congregation for the opportunity to serve on the council and those that have volunteered.

- Thanked Randy Hall for his 19 years with the choir and thanked Dick Bickert and Kathryn for taking over the choir.
- Thanked Kristy Jaeger for taking over the youth music program.

EDUCATION – Brenda Suckow

- See annual report - page 16
- Thanked teachers and parents.
- Thanked everyone for donating time and snacks.
- Claudette Ness thanked Brenda for her work with the youth.

EVANGELISM – Emily Retterath

- See annual report - page 17
- Thanked committee members for their hard work, council members, service group coordinators and Jeannette.

PROPERTY – Aaron Vorland

- See annual report - page 18
- Thanked committee members and everyone who helped with the roof project.
- There are parsonage projects to look forward to this year.
- Thanked Jeannette for her hard work.

FLCW – Cathy Sheldon

- See annual report - page 19
- Thanked the women of the church and Sonja Bergstedt for all of her extra work.

FLY – Laura Gardner

- See annual report - page 23
- Thanked Pastor, Jeannette, council, Aaron and her husband, Matt.
- Thanked the congregation for allowing different organizations to use our church like Mommy's Group and Labor of Love.

2018 PROPOSED BUDGET

- See annual report - page 26
- A few changes to note are benevolences, salaries increased 3%, parsonage improvements and building improvements.
- Mac Beaudry/Gwen Hall motion to approve Budget. Motion carried.

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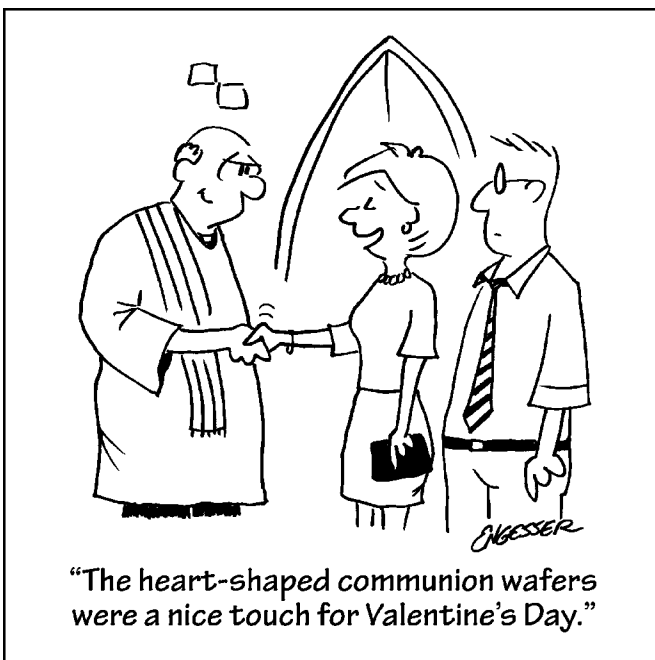
NEW BUSINESS

- Nominating Committee Report
- See annual report – page 25
- Call for nominations from the floor for Vice President – none, Secretary – none, Worship Deacon – none
- Congregation voted
 1. Vice President – Kris Schmidt
 2. Secretary – Leilani Olafson
 3. Worship Deacon - Jeff Schmidt
- Total votes received – 51 - quorum
- Elmer Schwartz questioned when we plan to do the parking lot. Brent explained the council concentrated on the roof last year but it is in the long term plan.
- Arden Wagner asked if we have enough money in the building fund to cover the windows or if we need to have a fundraiser? Brent replied if the budget is approved at this meeting we will be replacing them this year as it is part of the budget.
- Brent explained there are funds from the Lundberg estate that are going into the building fund for projects like these.
- Dick Bickert – presented outgoing council members Brent Petersen, Alyson Teigen and Suzanne Swanson with a thank you card and gift.

President Brent Petersen adjourned the meeting

Closing prayer and benediction

Alyson Teigen
Secretary



A bake sale to benefit the local Meals on Wheels program will be held in conjunction with the Washburn Lion’s breakfast on Sunday, February 4th from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Washburn Memorial Hall basement.

If you are interested in participating, please bring your baked items to the basement of the Memorial Hall from 9:00 am - 10:00 am on February 4th.

Prices do not need to be marked. Please identify the item(s) if convenient. If you are not a baker, you can support the cause by purchasing baked goods!

This is the 13th year for the Bake Sale!

Thank you everyone for your continued support.

Questions, call Val Hettletved,
Lions Representative
at 462-3520 or 315-0404.

**Blue Jean
Sunday**

For those who didn’t realize or those that forgot...

Blue Jean Sunday is the last Sunday of every month at First Lutheran. If you wear blue jeans to church that Sunday, you have the opportunity to drop a dollar or more in the blue jean can that sits on the bulletin table the last Sunday of the month. All money raised goes to FLY (First Lutheran Youth) to help pay for activities they do.

Another way to support our youth!

FLCW NEWS

February, 2018

Executive Board:

Cathy Sheldon
Val Swanson

Secretary:

Marlys Knell

Treasurer:

Sylvia Thompson

Action (Quilts, LWR Kits):

Sylvia Thompson

Altar Guild:

Theresa Petersen

Audit:

Kathy Keller
Norma Petersen

Camp of the Cross:

Peggy Moran

Community:

Kathy Keller
Meals on Wheels
Lions Bake Sale
Alli Sheldon
Goodies From the Heart

Good Cheer:

Mary Ann Beeks

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

Donna Gunderson

Kitchen:

Arlene Schwarz
Becky Heringer
Nancy Fuchs
Linda Zeller

Kuchen, Lefse, Cards, etc.:

Donna Kroll
Marlys Knell

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

We began the New Year reverently by observing **Three Days of Prayer** on January 2nd – 4th. Highlights included the Day of Petition that featured a special prayer walk around First Lutheran's stained glass windows, led by Cathy Sheldon; and the Day of Vision with lunch and speakers. Thank you to Kitty Tweeten, Claudette Ness, and Work Group One for the delicious soups, bread, and bars. Special thanks to Jeff Schmidt and Judy Beaudry for the meaningful messages on prayer.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- * February 4 Meals on Wheels Bake Sale in conjunction with the Lions Breakfast 10:00 am – 1:00 pm Kathy Keller chairperson
- * February 4 Secret Prayer Partner Tea 2:00 pm Kristi Jaeger chairperson Work Group 2 serves
- * February 7 Executive Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- * February 18 Community Meal 4:30 – 6:30 pm
If you can bring food and/or work, contact Laura Gardner, Judy Beaudry, or join Labor of Love on Face Book and let them know.
- * February 21 Serve Lenten Meal
- * February 22 Quilting 9:00 am

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others,
as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.
1 Peter 4:10*

Val Rae Swanson and Cathy Sheldon Co-Chairs



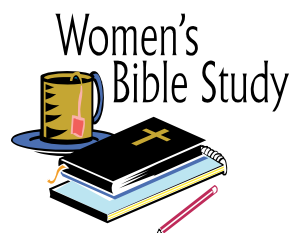
February 22, 2018
9:00 AM
QUILTING GROUP

Hannah Bible Study

February 20, 2018

2:00 PM

Marlene Slagg's

**Women's Bible Study****Deborah Bible Study**

February 15, 2018

9:30 AM

at the Church

Sharon Chrest—Host

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

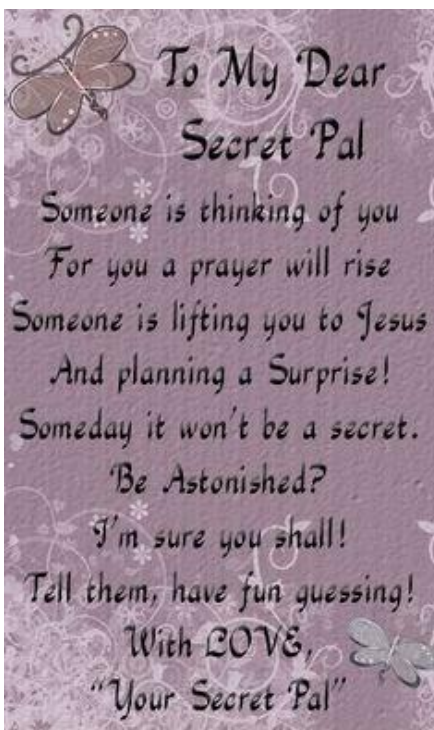


Secret Prayer Partner

Reveal Tea

February 4, 2018

2:00 PM



If you would like your name removed or added to the list, please call or text Kristi Jaeger at 220-2131 or talk to Jeannette Rost in the church office before February 1st.



FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH

By Laura Gardner

We have kicked this year off with a bang! We had 31 youth join us for Pizza Day AND had 16 come on our Cross Ranch Winter Adventure! Despite the cold temperatures, we had a blast hiking, making s'mores, playing board games, and got minimal sleep! ;) We had the pleasure of having a foreign exchange student from Australia camping with us. Kez was a good sport and participated in all the outdoor things we did, which is pretty impressive considering her friends were messaging her and boasting about the 105 degree temperature back home! We were able to help her accomplish her dream of camping in America, although I'm not sure she imagined it would have been during the winter, and eating her first ever s'more!

With February quickly approaching we are making plans and getting ideas for our annual Valentine's Cake and cupcake sale. We will be taking orders after church on Sunday, February 4th and 11th. Cakes are \$12, Cupcakes: 2 for \$3, 6 for \$8, 12 for \$15. Choose from chocolate, vanilla, spice cake, or a mix for cupcakes. All items will be available for pick up starting on Monday, February 12th.

Pizza Day has again been a big success. It costs between \$140 and \$180 a month to host this event and I do feel it's become a very important tool. We have had multiple youth who come from atheist homes or either never been or haven't darkened the doorway of church since they were little coming faithfully the 1st Wednesday of every month. This year we are routinely serving between 20-25 youth every month. It's truly my favorite day of the month! If you are interested in donating please contact Laura, 315-0212.

Here's a few dates to jot down:

- February 4th Sundae Sunday
- February 7th Pizza Day
- February 11th Decorating Valentines Day orders



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

VALENTINE CAKE



&

CUPCAKE SALE



FLY will be taking orders for
cakes & cupcakes after
worship on February 4 & 11.

(They will be ready for pick up starting Monday, February 12.)

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Choose from chocolate, vanilla, spice cake, or a mix for cupcakes.





STEWARDSHIP CENSE



“LIVE EACH DAY WITH A GRATEFUL HEART”

My comments this month are taken from a publication I received at Christmas from one of my dearest friends. Each of you this past year have shown just what a grateful heart can do with the fulfilling of our Raise the Roof fund. Another of my girlfriends (and I DO have many) keeps a “Gratitude Journal” at her bedside each night and writes 5 things that she has been grateful for that day. I do the same thing in my prayers each night. Here then are a couple more notes on gratitude I gleaned from the book and how we can live each day with a grateful heart.

Living each day with gratitude should mean that you are being purposeful about setting your sights on the good things in life. (Check out Psalm 92!) Gratitude means valuing your troubles (Yes, your troubles!) as well as your treasures. Gratitude means opening your eyes to the beauty around you, as found in nature, in relationships, and in yourself. It means uncovering each day the extraordinary in the everyday. I believe that most people will discover that a little gratitude will go a

long way in changing their attitude, their thoughts, and in some cases even their heart (towards forgiveness instead of hate).

We need to think about gratitude and seize every opportunity to express our sincere thanks to those who have believed in us. (Such as those who believed I could survive another year as your Stewardship chair!) But in all seriousness, I believe our lives can and will be happier and more fulfilling when you recognize that every moment God allows us to be on this wonderful earth of his is indeed a miracle for which each and everyone of us can be forever grateful.

In this month of love, let each of us fill our hearts with love and gratitude towards those for which we are so thankful to have in our lives, today and every day. I may have a few more thoughts on gratitude next month. Until then I am yours in good stewardship.

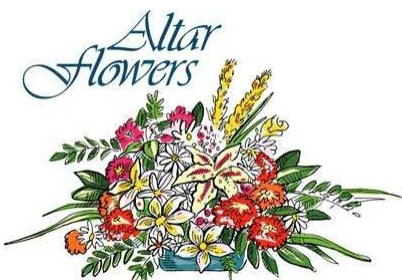
Kathy Keller
Stewardship Chair



As of January 21, 2018:

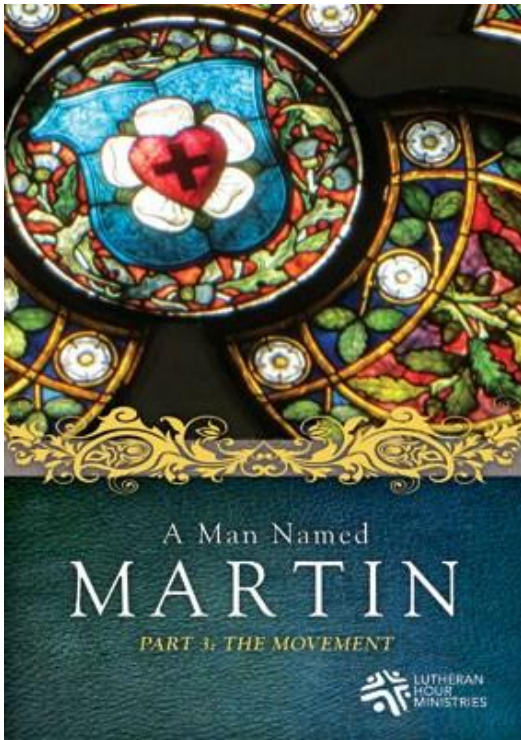
Our envelope giving is \$9,825.00 with a yearly budget of \$190,000.00
The plate giving is \$131.97 with a yearly budget of \$7,000.00

Thank you for your giving.



A sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex for altar flowers thru April 29.
Sign up for the Sunday you wish for before it is taken.

Remember, you furnish the flowers and make sure they get to the church.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Begins

Sunday, February 4
8:30 am & 10:45 am

Pick up your book
at the church office or
when you come to Bible Study.

THANK YOU

☺ Thank you to Norma Petersen & LaVonne Stroup for helping fold and tape the December newsletter for mailing.

☺ Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your donation of \$375.00 to our agency. Your continued support helps us help others throughout McLean County. May you have a Blessed 2018.

LeAnn Richard
Direct Service Coordinator
McLean Family Resource Center

☺ Thank you to Cathy Sheldon for all her hard work on the Three Days of Prayer. Also to Judy Beaudry and Jeff Schmidt for their message and the FLCW women that served the meal.

☺ Thank you for your expressions of sympathy on the death of my mother, Esther Yantzer. We are blessed to be part of such a caring church family.

Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen

☺ Thank you to everyone who helped us while we were service coordinators at First Lutheran. You said yes when we asked you to usher or serve coffee. You made our job much more enjoyable and also easier.

You are a blessing!

Orlin & Ivadell Larson

The following are from Laura Gardner:

☺ Thank you Heather Seidler, Pastor Erik and Jeannette Rost for helping with Pizza Day.

☺ Thank you Kathy Key and Judy Beaudry for providing snacks for our winter camping adventure.

☺ Thank you Aaron Vorland and Matt Gardner for helping with our winter camping adventure.

☺ A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped with January's Community Dinner. It was a huge success! We served approximately 100 people, including roughly 50 to-go-meals. February's meal is set for the 18th from 4:30 - 6:30 pm.

THE LIMITED POWER OF ASHES



might be good stoicism to receive a mere reminder

“The cross, with which the ashes are traced upon us, is the sign of Christ’s victory over death,” wrote Thomas Merton. “The words ‘Remember that thou art dust and that to dust thou shalt return’ are not to be taken as the quasi-form of a kind of ‘sacrament of death’ ... It

of our condemnation to die, but it is not Christianity.”

Perhaps we should structure Ash Wednesday worship with the imposition of ashes early on. Then their dusty symbolism can be supplanted by the forgiveness-flavored bread and wine of Holy Communion. Yet even if the service you attend is laid out differently, remember that ashes mark you only temporarily. Jesus’ resurrection - and the empty cross of victory - assures you already of everlasting life, which begins now.

CAMP OF THE CROSS NEWS

February 1-4 Crafting Weekend
February 8 **GIVING HEARTS DAY**
February 10 Snowfest Family Event
February 25 CCM Annual Meeting
 Underwood

March 15-18 Crafting Weekend

April 6-7 7th-9th Grade Bash
April 27-28 4th-6th Grade Bash
April 27-29 Women’s L.I.F.E. Weekend

April 29 – May 1 Theology On The Prairie

Check out the CCM website for more information on these retreats. www.campofthecross.com
Facebook: [facebook.com/campofthecross](https://www.facebook.com/campofthecross)
Twitter: [@campofthecross](https://twitter.com/campofthecross)
Instagram: [campofthecross](https://www.instagram.com/campofthecross)

*** Mark your calendars for **“GIVING HEARTS DAY!”** CCM will be participating in this ND and MN giving day for the second time. It is being held on February 8th. Funds raised will go towards the capital campaign. Donations can be done at www.campofthecross.com, or by check. The check must be dated February 8th and to the camp office by February 8, 2018. Last year, due to the awesome response from donors, CCM raised over \$100,000. There is a matching funds program again this year – good way to double our dollars for the camp. Camp of the Cross Ministries, PO Box 1257, Garrison, ND 58540.

*** SNOWFEST is for families, youth, and individuals at this fun winter event! There is sledding, skiing, a snowman building contest, hot cocoa, snacks, indoor games, and so much more on Saturday, February 10, 2018.

*** The ANNUAL MEETING will be Sunday, February 25th at 3 pm, at Augustana, in Underwood. For voting purposes, each congregation shall designate THREE representatives and their rostered leader. Please consider being a delegate and let Peggy Moran know if you will plan to attend the meeting to represent First Lutheran Church.

*** Time to hire summer staff – in need of a Health Officer and female counselors. There are enough male counselors for the summer sessions. If you know of anyone – please let CCM know so they can be in contact with them.

*** The 2018 summer program planning is underway. It is time to start to visit with friends to plan a time to go camp this summer. The latest date for discounts on registration fees is April 1st. Registration is also open online. Information is being gathered on what kind of assistance will be available for registration costs.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS BEAUTIFUL AND FAITH-FILLED PLACE!

Peggy Moran

FEBRUARY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY USHERS/GREETERS - 9:30 AM

4 - Dennis & Gayle Johnson
Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen
11 - Ardee Kurle, Jeff Leidholm
Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen
18 - Dennis & Gayle Johnson
Monte & Victoria Carvell
25 - Ardee Kurle
Wade Boeshans Family

ACOLYTES

4 - Tristan Allery & Olivia Retterath
11 - Caitlin Scheresky & Ellie Schmidt
18 - Skyler Rodriguez & Kolten Schmidt
25 -

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

4 -
18 -

ALTAR CARE

Donna Kroll & Noelle Kroll

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

4 -
11 -
18 -
25 -

COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

4 - Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen
11 - Sandy, Brittney & Devan Schell
18 - Dennis & Gayle Johnson
25 - Cody & Robin Lorentzen

WEDNESDAY LENTEN USHERS/GREETERS

14, 21 & 28 - Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen

SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS

Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen



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.

The list below is the service group scheduled for **March**. The service coordinators are **John & Helen Samuelson**. ***If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) in March works best for you and give John or Helen a call at 462-8321. If John or Helen 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.

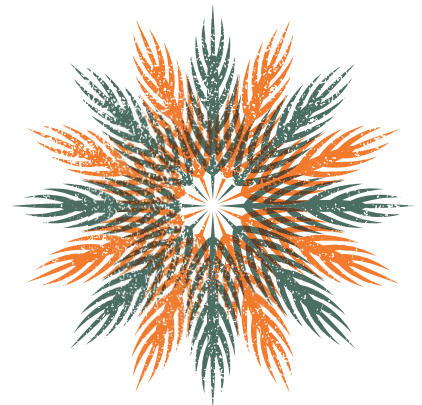
Darrell & Sherry Kinnischtzke
Wyat & Carissa Klabunde
Duane & Marlys Knell
Jeneen Loe

Jennifer Dutoit
Brent & Theresa Petersen
Terry & Norma Petersen
Sylvia Thompson

Lee & Annette Weisgarber
Bob & Sandy Weisgarber

ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER

Merciful God, you called us forth from the dust of the earth;
you claimed us for Christ in the waters of baptism.
Look upon us as we enter these Forty Days
bearing the mark of ashes,
and bless our journey through the desert of Lent
to the font of rebirth.
May our fasting be hunger for justice;
our alms, a making of peace;
our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.





The following people were prayed for by request at worship from December 31 thru January 21. 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.

- ◆ Peggy Wollmuth
- ◆ Holznagel Family
- ◆ Esther Bauer - Sister to Arlene Schwarz
- ◆ Samantha Schell
- ◆ Brett Bowerman - Nephew to Deb Wisdom
- ◆ Everett Novak - Nephew to Eric & Leilani Olafson
- ◆ Gay Larsen - Sister to Gayle Johnson
- ◆ Jason Beutler
- ◆ Stan, Karen & Jeremy Goehring

- ◆ J.R. - Brother-in-law to Steve & Peggy Wollmuth
- ◆ Bob Miller
- ◆ Verna Ballard - Sister to Ivadell Larson
- ◆ David Loe
- ◆ Glenn Goetz
- ◆ Howard Johnson
- ◆ Shirley Nelson
- ◆ Tom Sheldon
- ◆ Jackie Olson
- ◆ All college students heading back to classes
- ◆ Family of Esther Yantzer
- ◆ Ivadell Larson
- ◆ Dick & Barbara Brewster
- ◆ Allison Weisgarber
- ◆ Cindy Hoff Family
- ◆ Esther Bender
- ◆ Pat Amundson
- ◆ Myra Bitterman - Grandmother to Heidi Marshall
- ◆ Laurie Sauer - Daughter-in-law to Wes Sauer
- ◆ Daniel Denault

First Lutheran February Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following First Lutheran members who have birthdays in February. We are sorry if we missed anyone this month. If your name has been missed, kindly report it to the church office so we can get your birth date for our records. Likewise, if we have printed your birthday and you do not wish to have it published in the newsletter, please let Jeannette know in the church office. We will remove it for next year. Thank you!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Pam Hoffer Suzy Jacobson	2 Adam Jorgenson Abby Tweeten	3 Kyle Smith
4 Jameson Bickert	5 Larry Keller Berandt Olafson Cade Richards	6	7 Vivian Merkel	8 Karen Rothmann Char Syverson	9 Breah Philbrick	10 Donna Gunderson Joan Zimmerman
11 Madisyn Biesterfeld Willie Ziemann	12 Nancy Fuchs Wendy Miller	13 Paula Anderson Harlee Patterson	14 Braydon Kraft Lee Weisgarber	15 Haley Anderson	16 Madison Sommer	17
18 Madelynn Baumann Wendy Goehring Kenady Hansen	19 Mary Ann Beeks	20 Joy Hanson Steve Wollmuth	21 Dick Olson Brianna Saylor	22 Ivadell Larson	23 Kevin Johnson	24 Tera Gulstad
25 Tammy Nordquist Morie Sailer Sherry Schmitz	26 Hannah Chrest Matthew Pflieger	27 Braydee Hanson Alli Sheldon	28 Dale Schell			



Memorial Gifts Given to Special Funds (Sunday, December 31 to Sunday, January 21)



Fund given to & by whom

In Memory of

Building Fund\$55.00

The following are all in memory of Esther Yantzer:
John & Helen Samuelson
Ardee Kurle
Larry & Kathy Keller
Kim & Brenda Ankenbauer

General Fund\$165.00

Howard & Elda Johnson (2 times) ... Lane Johnson

The following are all in memory of Esther Yantzer:
Alton & Brenda Krebsbach
Randy & Janet Hanson
Dick & Carla Bickert
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth
Sharon Chrest

Music \$95.00

Kris & Melanie Beckman..... Geraldine Aslakson

The following are all in memory of Esther Yantzer:
Terry & Norma Petersen
Kris & Melanie Beckman
George & Val Swanson
Arden & Sande Wagner

Parking Lot Fund \$70.00

A.J. & Doddie Kuntz (2 times)..... Keith Kuntz
David & Ruth Borlaug Esther Yantzer
David & Ruth Borlaug Ruth Pochant
David & Ruth Borlaug Clyde Klosterman
David & Ruth Borlaug Richard Drown

Fund given to & by whom

In Memory of

Sunday School \$15.00

Mary Ann Beeks Esther Yantzer

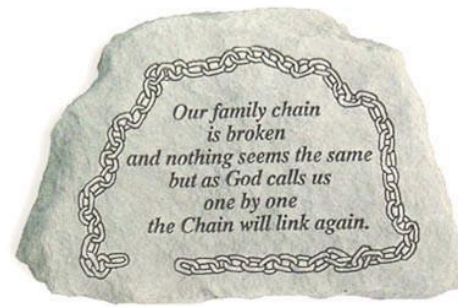
Worship..... \$20.00

Rick & LeAnn Richard Charles Rau
Rick & LeAnn Richard Esther Yantzer

Youth Ministries (FLY)..... \$250.00

The following are all in memory of Geraldine Aslakson:

Terry & Norma Petersen
Anonymous
Dick & Kitty Tweeten
Brad & Cathy Sheldon
Gary & Cindy Thiel
Shirley Nelson
Terry & Donna Gunderson
Dennis & Gayle Johnson
Orlin & Ivadell Larson
Claudette Ness
Brent & Theresa Petersen
Anonymous



Our sympathy goes out to:

- ⇒ Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen and family on the death of Margaret's mother, Esther Yantzer
- ⇒ Jeneen Loe and family on the death of Jeneen's husband, David Loe
- ⇒ Clint & Heidi Marshall and family on the death of Heidi's grandmother, Myra Bitterman

May God give them comfort in this time of sorry.

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 AM Pastor Erik at Text Study	2 Groundhog Day	3
4 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Holy Communion 8:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour Sundae Sunday 10:45 AM Sunday School Bible Study 2:00 PM Secret Prayer Partner Revealing Tea 7:00 PM AA Meeting	5	6 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	7 11:50 AM Pizza Day 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM FLCW Executive Board Meeting 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Sr. FLY 7:30 PM Choir	8 AM Pastor Erik at Text Study	9	10
11 Transfiguration of Our Lord 8:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School Bible Study 1:00 PM FLY Decorating Valentine Orders 7:00 PM AA Meeting	12 Pick up Valentine Cake & Cupcake Orders 10:00 AM Chat & Sew	13 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group 7:00 PM Council Meeting	14 Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion 8:00 PM Choir 8:00 PM Jr. FLY	15 AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 9:30 AM Deborah Bible Study at the Church - Sharon Chrest, Host	16	17
18 First Sunday in Lent Holy Communion 8:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School Bible Study 4:30 - 6:30 PM Community Meal 7:00 PM AA Meeting	19 Presidents' Day	20 Newsletter Deadline 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 Marlene Slagg's 2:00 PM Home Health Group Meeting	21 5:30 - 6:45 PM Lenten Meal Served by FLCW 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 7:45 PM Choir 8:00 PM Sr. FLY	22 AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 9:00 AM Quilting 6:30 PM Infant Support Group	23	24
25 Second Sunday in Lent 8:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School Bible Study 7:00 PM AA Meeting	26	27 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	28 5:30 - 6:45 PM Lenten Meal Served by ??? 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 7:45 PM Choir 8:00 PM Jr. FLY			

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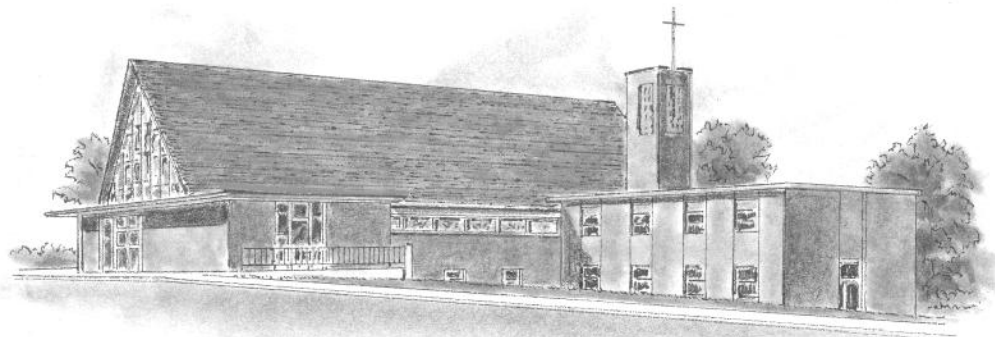
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Bible Study - 8:30 AM
Worship Service - 9:30 AM
Coffee/Fellowship Hour - 10:30 AM
Sunday School - 10:45 AM
Bible Study - 10:45 AM
AA Meeting - 7:00 PM