



# THE PARISH NEWS



March, 2018

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**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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*Pastor Erik's  
Reflections on  
Psalm 32*

The Psalm that I have chosen for this month is Psalm 32. Again the Psalm is too long to print here so I would encourage you to read the whole Psalm on your own. The theme of the Psalm comes from the first verse. *"Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered."* The Psalm goes on to describe the process that the author, King David, went through.

There was a period of time when David did not confess his sin. What he feels is described in verses 3 & 4. *"For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer."*

Verses 5 & 6 describe David's confession: *"I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,' and you forgave the iniquity of my sin."*

There is a verse of reassurance of God's help in verse 7: *"You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance."*

There is word of advice to all of us who are sinners: *"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you."*

The Psalm ends on a note of triumph and an encouragement to trust the Lord even when, and especially when we are dealing with our sin. *"Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD."*  
*"Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!"*

Only God can relieve the troubled heart. We are reminded of another verse from 1 John 1:9 *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

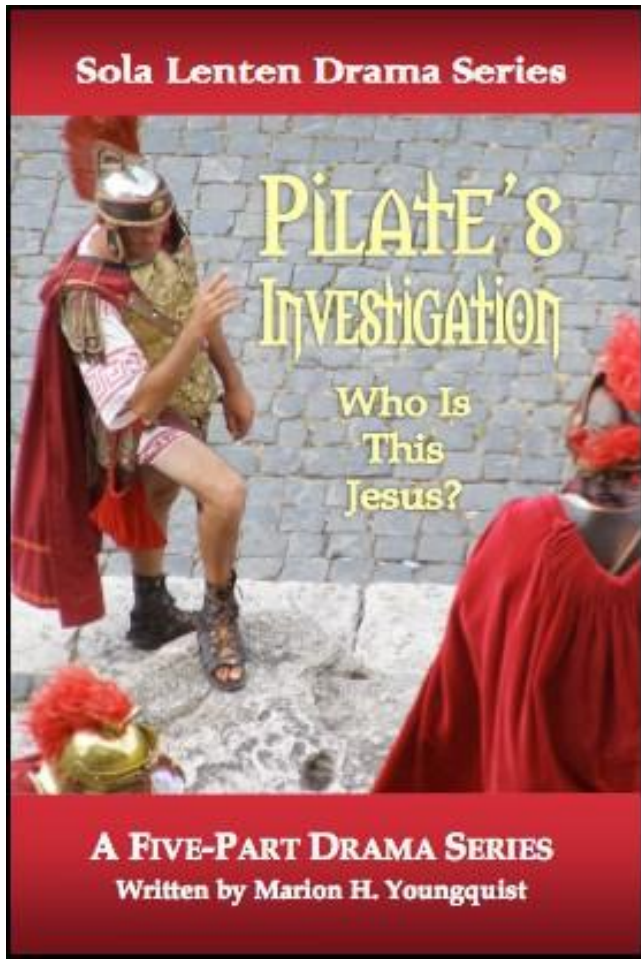
See you at worship!

*Pastor Erik Johnson*

Join us for Lenten worship services at 7:00 pm Wednesday's

*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 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)*



The following is the schedule of Wednesday Lenten meals served during the Lent season. Meals are served from 5:30 - 6:45 pm. Everyone is welcome. These are free-will offering.

**February 28**

Evangelism Committee  
 Baked Potato w/Toppings, Salad & Dessert

**March 7**

FLY  
 Tacos, Chips & Dessert

**March 14**

Stewardship Committee  
 BBQ, Nachos, Carrot Sticks & Dessert

**March 21**

Men's Bible Study  
 Biscuits & Gravy and Scrambled Eggs



Join us for a  
**Baby Shower**  
 honoring  
**Courtney (Hall) Austin**

Sunday, March 11  
 2:00 PM

First Lutheran Church  
 Washburn

They are registered at Walmart!  
 Everyone welcome!



# FEBRUARY 15, 2018

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



- President Dick Bickert called the meeting to order
- Members present: Pastor Erik Johnson, Dick Bickert, Kris Schmidt, Leilani Olafson, Donna Sommer, Jeff Schmidt, Brenda Suckow, Aaron Vorland, Kathy Keller and Jeannette Rost, Administrative Secretary. Absent: Emily Retterath
- Introductions of Church Council
- Pastor Erik Johnson, opening devotions of Ephesians 6

- Dallas Bellon – Boy Scout Troop #1123 proposed to make improvements to the Zion German Lutheran Cemetery, as his Eagle Scout Project. He is looking to replace fence posts and tidy up fence. He will provide the materials needed to fix the fence. Motion to approve: Aaron Vorland, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jeff Schmidt. Motion approved.

- Approval of previous council meeting minutes for January 11, 2018. Motion to approve: Donna Sommer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brenda Suckow. Motion approved.

- **Treasurer's Report – Donna Sommer**  
Motion to approve: Kathy Keller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kris Schmidt. Motion approved. The balance of accounts as of February 15, 2018 is as follows:

Checking	\$17,284.76
Building	29,860.01
Cemetery	617.40
Interest	1,677.27
Music	1,364.24
Parking Lot	36,741.11
Worship	1,574.56
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	11,992.40
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$101,111.75</b>

- **Pastors Report**  
**Pastoral Acts:**  
Funeral: Esther Bender, February 6, 2018

**Visitations:**  
Home – 3  
Nursing Home – 2  
Hospital – 4

### Items for information or consideration:

- Welcome to new Church Council Members
- Camp of the Cross Annual Meeting – February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Underwood
- Dave Anderson Concert – April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018, (Friday): \$300 + freewill offering  
Motion was made to approve the \$300 for cost of Dave Anderson Concert from Thrivent Choice Dollars. Motion to approve: Aaron Vorland, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Schmidt. Motion approved.

### Committee Reports:

- **Stewardship Committee - Kathy Keller**  
World Day of Prayer will be 3/2/2018 at 11:30 am. This event is open to men and women. Posters will be made and a light lunch will be served.

Stewardship meal on 3/14/2018 will serve BBQ's and Nachos. It was proposed by Kathy Keller that funds from the event should go towards parking lot fund.

- **Worship Committee – Jeff Schmidt**  
Jeff will be calling for readers and communion assistants for the month of March.
- **Education Committee – Brenda Suckow**  
VBS will be 5/29/2018 to 6/1/2018. Preschool will be in morning & Elementary will be @ night.

Kids will be singing on 2/25/2018 and also 3/25/2018

- **Evangelism Committee – Emily Retterath**  
Report was given by Jeannette Rost as Emily was absent  
Evangelism committee will pay \$10.00 to each camper that will be attending Camp of the Cross.

The Evangelism Committee will be serving a lent meal on 2/28/18. There will be a Potato bar and also will be delivering meals to people who are homebound.

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The Evangelism Committee started matching seniors with prayer partners.

Lists for work groups are completed and the next step will be implementing worksheets on getting it organized.

• **Property Committee – Aaron Vorland**

Weber Electric provided an estimate for work to replace ceiling fans in Sanctuary and also the lights on the flagpole. They will also change out outlets for those that need replacing. 50% down is needed to begin the job. Motion to approve: Kathy Keller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Schmidt. Motion approved.

Window and Door Store

Requires 40% down and the project will start in April. Project was approved at Annual meeting.

It was also discussed of the possible need for a new vacuum, but wasn't voted on. Aaron will talk to Jared.

**Old Business:**

We have \$666.13 in Thrivent Choice Dollars

Fall Church Cleanup will be conducted in August/September 2018

**New Business:**

ND Adult & Teen Challenge program "Awakening" would like to come to First Lutheran. Pastor Erik will call and set up a date - testimonies will be given, and a free will offering taken.

Church Photo Directory by Lifetouch was discussed. Pastor Erik will call and see what dates are open and go from there.

Global Missions Benevolence - It was proposed that \$375 go to Jill Wiese for the Gods Child Project trip she is making in March. Motion to approve: Kris Schmidt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aaron Vorland. Motion approved.

**Transfer Requests:**

**Transfers In**

- None

**Transfers Out**

- None

Next Council Meeting

March 12, 2018 at 7 pm

Meeting to adjourn - Kathy Keller, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Aaron Vorland. Motion approved.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Leilani Olafson

Council Secretary



**Palm Sunday**

March 25, 2018

9:30 AM

Worship w/Procession of Palms beginning in the basement

**Maundy Thursday**

March 29, 2018

7:00 PM

Worship w/Holy Communion

**Good Friday**

March 30, 2018

7:00 PM

Service of Darkness

**Easter Sunday**

April 1, 2018

7:00 AM

Sunrise Service w/Holy Communion

**Easter Breakfast**

7:45 - 9:15 AM

9:30 AM

Easter Celebration Worship w/Holy Communion

# BAKED POTATO SUPPER



**Wednesday, February 28, 2018**  
**5:30 pm - 6:45 pm**

**Baked Potato w/Toppings**  
**Salad, Dessert, Juice & Coffee**

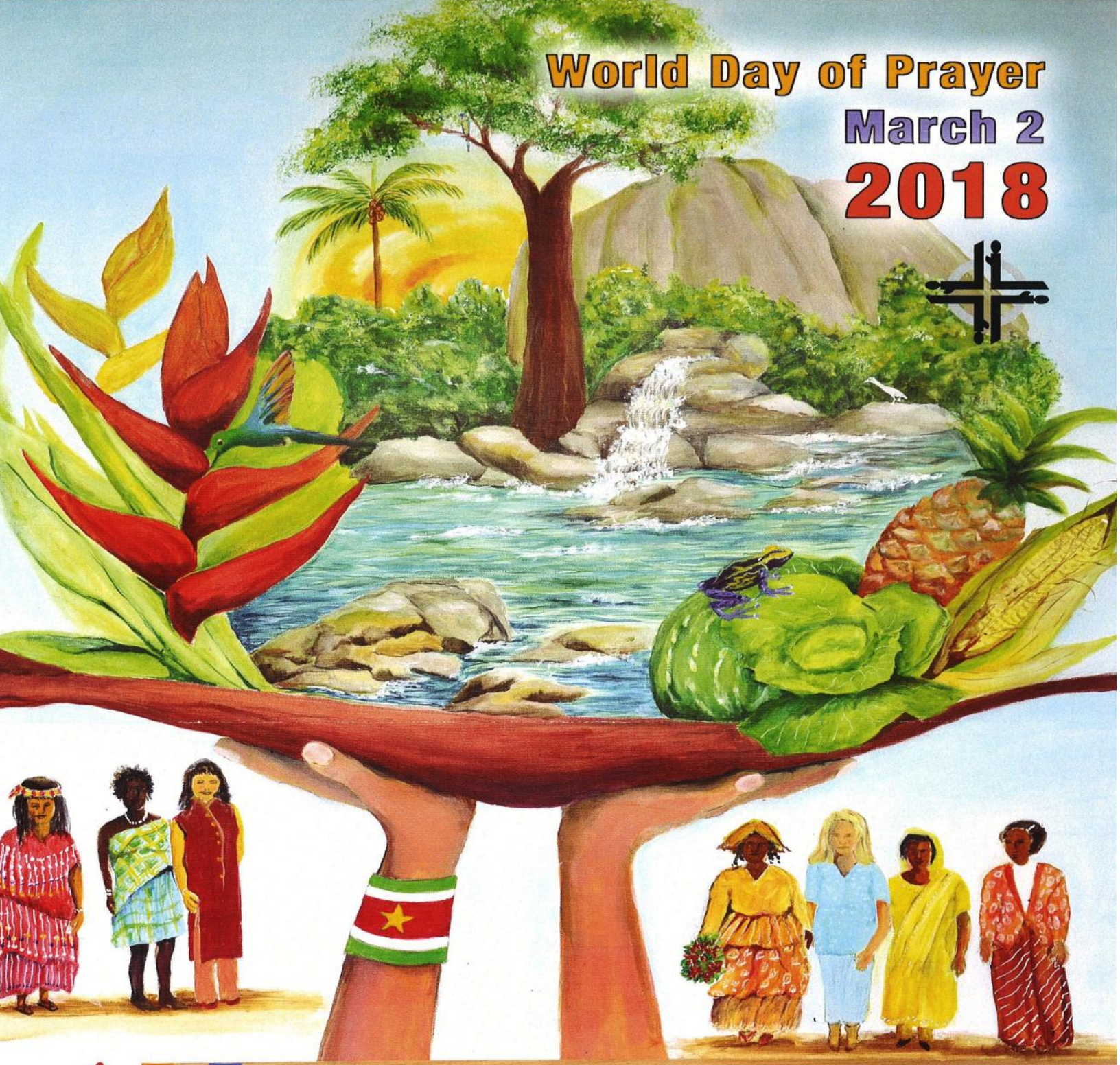
Freewill Offering  
Served by First Lutheran Evangelism Committee

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

**World Day of Prayer**

**March 2**

**2018**



**ALL** GOD'S CREATION IS VERY GOOD!

Prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Suriname

**First Lutheran Church**

**March 2, 2018**

**11:30 AM**

World Day of Prayer USA • [www.wdp-usa.org](http://www.wdp-usa.org) • 212.870.2466

475 Riverside Dr., Suite 1523 • New York, NY 10115

by Alice Pomstra-Elmont • *The Divine Gift*

# TACOS with the fixings!

## CHIPS & Dessert

March 7, 2018

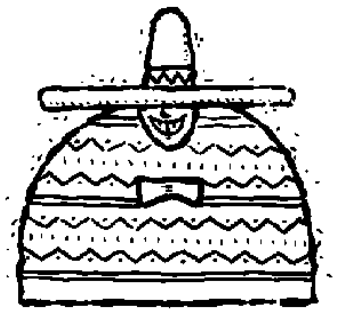
5:30 pm ~ 6:45 pm

Served by FLY



Freewill offering  
Everyone welcome!

Proceeds will be used to pay for youth activities!



*¡Muchas Gracias!*

# Barbeque Nachos Carrot Sticks Dessert



March 14, 2018  
5:30 - 6:45 PM

Served by First Lutheran  
Stewardship Committee



Freewill  
Offering



Proceeds will go towards the  
Parking Lot





# STEWARDSHIP CENSE



**“Your attitude determines your altitude...”**

When I was teaching, this little adage came up quite often when talking to children about how they could succeed in school. Let’s change it a little bit to continue our talk we started last month on gratitude. How about if we said, “Your gratitude determines your giving altitude”?

I think each of us has a choice about how to go through our lives. We can focus on what we are missing and our wants and desires or we can wake up each day in awe and appreciation for all that the Lord has given us and decide to recognize the blessings in our lives and start giving back. We can begin to realize how fortunate we already are and look for opportunities to be generous with all we’ve been given.

Each time we give with a thankful heart we are cultivating lifelong habits of graciousness and compassion and acknowledgment of our blessings.

During this Lenten season make it a priority to say “thank you” to a person or friend and utter a prayer of thanksgiving for that person. Take a moment each day in Lent to contemplate your blessings and remember the reason for the cross so that we might live each day with a giving and grateful heart.

Please don’t forget to come join us for Lenten meals from 5:30 to 6:45 each Wednesday during Lent. Our Stewardship meal will be a little different this year in a couple of ways. First, we are going to do barbecues and nachos instead of hotdogs for a little changeup and secondly, we will be supporting the Parking Lot fund in our giving this year. Please come and join us and bring a friend! The meals and services are open to everyone!

Yours in good stewardship,

Kathy Keller  
Stewardship chair



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 March 29.**

# Biscuits & Gravy Scrambled Eggs



**March 21, 2018**  
**5:30 - 6:45 PM**

**Freewill Offering**

**Served by**  
**First Lutheran Men's Bible Study**

# FLCW NEWS

March, 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

Our month of February found us contributing baked items for the "Meals on Wheels Bake Sale" and then working and contributing food for the Labor of Love's "Community Meal". Thank You for all the wonderful community support FLCW!

On February 4<sup>th</sup> the **2017 Prayer Partners** revealed their secret sister. Kristi Jaeger presented a program and devotion on "Sisters in Christ". Thank you Kristi! Everyone shared many sister stories. We are thankful for those sisters that lift us up in prayer! Special thanks to Donna Gunderson for the beautiful decorations and to Work Group 2 for the delicious dessert.



The FLCW served a soup and bread Lenten meal in February. Thank you to all who worked and provided the delicious meal.

Many of our First Lutheran Women lovingly provided items or worked for the Labor of Love's Community Meal this month. In January they served over 100 people. Pray that Christ's light shines bright at First Lutheran.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- March 2 11:30 AM World Day of Prayer - Executive Board  
\*Work Group 3 serves a light lunch
- April 1 Easter
- April 6 Goodies From the Heart

*He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much. Luke 16:10*

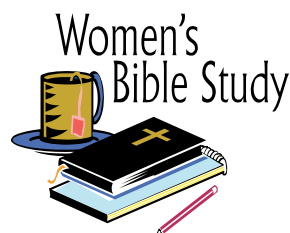
Cathy Sheldon and Val Rae Swanson, Co-Chairs

**Hannah Bible Study**

March 20, 2018

2:00 PM

Marlene Slagg's ???

**Deborah Bible Study**

March 15, 2018

9:30 AM

at the Church

Val Swanson &

Cathy Sheldon Host

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

# First Lutheran Church Women Executive Board Meeting

February 7, 2018

Attending: Cathy Sheldon, Donna Gunderson, Kathy Keller, Peggy Moran, Marlys Knell, Sylvia Thompson, and Val Swanson

Opening devotions were led by Cathy.

Discussion centered upon the following:

1. Camp of the Cross – The annual meeting of the Camp of the Cross will be held February 25<sup>th</sup> at Augustana Lutheran Church in Underwood. We are able to have three representatives at the meeting. February 8<sup>th</sup> is Giving Hearts Day and they are looking to raise \$100,000 to help finance the new building. Camperships were discussed for the upcoming year. Previously, the FLCW has contributed \$70 per week and \$40 per half week with the council and other committees also contributing to the campership cost with an unknown donor picking up the remaining campership balance. The main camp is \$375 per week and \$225 per half week. Two children have already registered. A motion was made and seconded that FLCW contribute \$75 per week and \$45 per half week for individual camperships. Motion carried.
2. Minutes – The Secretary was thanked for compiling the FLCW 2017 notes for the annual report. For informational purposes, minutes of meetings held will now be published in “The Parish News.”
3. Treasurer’s Report – \$2,500 in FLCW treasury. The 2018 budget was reviewed. \$500 has been given to Camp of the Cross for Giving Hearts Day. In the fall, the camp budget item will be re-visited. After some discussion it was agreed that the World Mission’s *African Soul, American Heart* donation was very worthwhile. A letter was received from them explaining what the donation was used for was read. In April, one specific budget item will again be reviewed.
4. Committee Reports –
  - a. Community –
    - i. Meals on Wheels were delivered in January. The other two meal delivery months are May and September.
    - ii. World Day of Prayer will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Materials have been ordered. This is the FLCW’s March general meeting. The community will be invited to attend. Work Group 3 serves. The executive committee members will present the program. A meeting will be held on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 to go over parts and discuss the luncheon meal.
  - b. Quilting – Quilting will be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - c. Kitchen – No report.
  - d. Growth – Work group 5 serves the Confirmation Tea not Work group 1 as listed in the FLCW booklet.
5. New Business -
  - a. Lenten meal – FLCW is in charge of the meal on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Two members of each workgroup will help serve the following which will be assigned on a rotational basis:
    - i. Work group 1 – bars and coffee
    - ii. Work group 2 – soup
    - iii. Work group 3 – soup
    - iv. Work group 4 – soup
    - v. Work group 5 – bread and crackers
  - b. Labor of Love – The next community meal will be on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Menu is taco bar. Flyers will be posted and there will be a sign-up sheet for donations.
  - c. Goodies from the Heart coming in April.
  - d. Several months ago, we discussed joining the Women of the North American Lutheran Church. In researching this, there is no membership fee for joining. Membership application has been submitted. Their website is [www.wnalc.org](http://www.wnalc.org). Their newsletter can be read or printed off from this website.

Meeting adjourned.

Marlys Knell  
FLCW Secretary

# FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH

By Laura Gardner

We'd like to thank everyone who ordered cupcakes from our annual Valentine's Day fundraiser. As you can see down below in the pictures, we had a blast! If you missed out, don't worry we'll be decorating cupcakes again for our Variety Market Bake Sale in May. You can mark your calendar for Sunday, April 29th. We'll be hosting our second annual Meatball Dinner! We'll be serving meatballs and spaghetti, meatballs and mashed potatoes, and meatball sandwiches. Watch the bulletin for more information.



Pizza Day is again is a big success. It costs in 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 in 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:

- March 4th                      Sundae Sunday
- March 7th                      Pizza Day  
Lent Meal; Tacos!
- March 17th                      Lion's Carnival
- April 1st                        Easter Breakfast



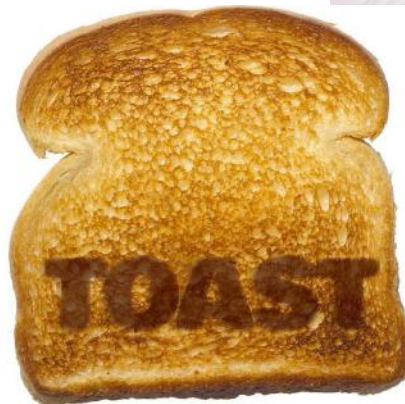
Christian Gardner, Tristan Allery, Armani Martinez, Sam Gieser,  
Lilly Shirley, Sierra Rodriguez, Cassidy Sommer, Maddie Baumann

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

# EASTER BREAKFAST

April 1, 2018  
7:45 - 9:15 am

Served by FLY



Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Links  
Toast, Fruit

Freewill Offering  
Proceeds go to support youth activities

## MARCH WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

### SUNDAY USHERS/GREETERS - 9:30 AM

4 - Brent & Theresa Petersen  
Arden & Sande Wagner  
11 - Brent & Theresa Petersen  
John & Helen Samuelson  
18 - Wyatt & Carissa Klabunde  
John & Helen Samuelson  
25 - Duane & Marlys Knell  
Brent & Theresa Petersen

### ACOLYTES

4 - Karter Hansen & Preston Hinson  
11 - Braydon Kraft & Armani Martinez  
18 - Emily Westrick & Cassidy Sommer  
25 - Tristan Allery & Olivia Retterath

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

4 - Sharon Chrest  
18 - Jeff Schmidt

### ALTAR CARE

Cindy Thiel & Nancy Fuchs

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

4 - Barbara Brewster  
11 - Sharon Chrest  
18 - Donna Sommer  
25 - Kathy Keller

### COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

4 - John & Helen Samuelson  
11 - Sherry Kinnischtzke  
18 - Jeneen Loe & Sylvia Thompson  
25 - John & Helen Samuelson

### WEDNESDAY LENTEN USHERS/GREETERS

7, 14 & 21 - John & Helen Samuelson

### MAUNDY THURSDAY (March 29)

#### USHERS/GREETERS

Brent & Theresa Petersen  
John & Helen Samuelson

#### READER

Judy Beaudry

#### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Dick & Barbara Brewster

#### GOOD FRIDAY (March 30)

#### USHERS/GREETERS

John & Helen Samuelson

#### SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS

John & Helen Samuelson



As of February 18, 2018:

Our envelope giving is \$23,706.00 with a yearly budget of \$190,000.00  
The plate giving is \$472.23 with a yearly budget of \$7,000.00

Thank you for your giving.



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 **April**. The service coordinators are **Dick & Carla Bickert**. **If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) in April works best for you and give Dick or Carla a call at 462-3629. If Dick or Carla 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.

Kim & Brenda Ankenbauer  
Neil & Sarah Kadrmaz  
Dale & Julene Klosterman  
Mike & Sharon Nelson

Eric & Leilani Olafson  
Clark & Jayne Pochant  
Kris & Ranie Schmidt  
Lynn & Donna Sommer

Doug & Robyn Thomas  
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth  
Newell & Linda Zeller



The following people were prayed for by request at worship from January 28 thru February 18. 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.**

- ◆ Family of David Loe on his death
- ◆ Family of Myra Bitterman on her death
- ◆ Yvonne Schmidt - Mother to Jeff Schmidt
- ◆ Kim Gutknecht
- ◆ Daniel Denault
- ◆ Esther Bender
- ◆ Laurie Sauer - Daughter-in-law to Wes Sauer
- ◆ Pat Amundson
- ◆ Barbara Brewster
- ◆ Allison Weisgarber
- ◆ Samantha Schell
- ◆ Brett Bowerman - Nephew to Deb Wisdom

- ◆ Everett Novak - Nephew to Eric & Leilani Olafson
- ◆ Gay Larsen - Sister to Gayle Johnson
- ◆ Bob Miller
- ◆ Glenn Goetz
- ◆ Shirley Nelson
- ◆ Tom Sheldon
- ◆ Jackie Olson
- ◆ Family of Eva Leidholm on her death
- ◆ Families and individuals struggling with addiction and those in treatment and recovery
- ◆ Family Donna Lange on her death
- ◆ Family of Esther Bender on her death
- ◆ Mary Schulz
- ◆ Linda Kienzle
- ◆ Kristi Jaeger
- ◆ Mary Loing - Mother to Janet Hanson
- ◆ Weldon Wagner - Brother to Arden Wagner
- ◆ Family of Kim Gutknecht on his death
- ◆ Family of Brett Bowerman on his death
- ◆ Caroline Kuntz - Mother to A.J. Kuntz
- ◆ Jeannette Rost
- ◆ Rodney Jaeger
- ◆ Pat Carpentier

## First Lutheran March Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following First Lutheran members who have birthdays in March. 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	2 Jane Gutknecht	3 Karen Goehring Wyat Klabunde Landen Lauf
4 Aaron Knutson Alisha Price Al Rall	5 Ardeth Denault Cody Kroll Kollin Syverson	6 Chad Bengtson Ever Kugler	7	8 Robyn Thomas	9 Tyge Sheldon	10 Gwen Hall Neil Kadrmas
11 Maddie Jaeger Rani Schmidt	12 Clay Price Lynn Westrum	13 Tim Thiel	14 Haylie Bentz Jeannette Rost Kris Schmidt	15 Diane Blumhagen Andrew Kaiser Shirley Nelson Myla Vetter	16	17 Kailyn Hansen Kathryn Johnson Sierra Rodriguez Erica Schmitz
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# CAMP OF THE CROSS NEWS

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](http://www.campofthecross.com)  
Facebook: [facebook.com/campofthecross](https://www.facebook.com/campofthecross)  
Twitter: @campofthecross  
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\*\*\* The Camp of the Cross Annual Meeting was Sunday, February 25th. More information to follow.

\*\*\* See the CCM Crossings February-March 2018 in this FLC newsletter for update on Giving Hearts Day results and other information.

\*\*\* I am happy to announce that FLC campers will once again this year have all their summer camp registration fees covered. So continue to visit with friends to plan a time to go to camp this summer. The latest date for discounts on registration fees is April 1st. Registration is also open online.

\*\*\* The next fun fundraising event will be the S'Mores and Much More Gala in April – stay tuned for further details.

\*\*\* Prairie Lake Festival plans are in the works for June 16, 2018 – stay tuned for more details – be thinking if there are items that you would like to donate and above all – put it on your calendars to ATTEND!!

Thank you  
Peggy Moran

# THANK YOU

☺ Thank you to Val Swanson & Elaine Carr for helping fold and tape the February newsletter for mailing.

☺ Thank you to everyone for the prayers and cards I received while in the hospital and afterwards. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful congregation to work for and such caring people.

Jeannette Rost

☺ Thank you to everyone for all the prayers, cards and memorials given in memory of our nephew, Brett Bowerman. Our loss is tremendous, but your love and support is a huge comfort.

Virgil & Deb Wisdom

The following is from Laura Gardner:

☺ Thank you Pastor Erik, Cathy Sheldon & Donna Gunderson for helping with Pizza Day!

## GOODIES FROM THE HEART

April 6 is "Goodies From the Heart". If you know of people that we should be distributing to, please let Alli Sheldon know by texting her at 880-8802 or email [Allisheldon3@gmail.com](mailto:Allisheldon3@gmail.com).



March 22, 2018  
9:00 AM  
QUILTING GROUP

# CCM Crossings

February/March 2018



## A Message from Janis

Winter greetings!

Winter always brings a very beautiful and unique setting at CCM. A lot of people only see and know CCM as a sunny and warm summer camp on a beautiful lake. But during this time of year, along with the crisp air and fluffy snow, we have so much beauty in the trees and trails. And even the frozen lake brings its own beauty. The hoar frost is always breath-taking. Since we are open all year-round, we also have many retreats and events that are available for many ages. Have you considered one? Have you participated in one? Have you seen CCM during the winter? If not, please come and visit us! I would be happy to give you a personal tour!

As the snow whitts around, we are already getting ready for this summer and the programs for the camping season. We already have campers registered and more will be signed up in the months to come. It is a very exciting time for us as staff as we prepare for another fun summer at CCM.

Right now we are forming of our team of summer staff. We are currently interviewing and hiring new and former college-age and high school students. They bring so many gifts to the team and most importantly the love of Christ to our ministry. It is coming along but we are still in need of female counselors. Do you have a child that would be interested? How about a niece or nephew or grandchild? What about a young person at your church you feel would be an excellent Christ-centered team member on our staff? Please have them check out our website and/or email me if they have any questions. It will be a summer that they will never forget! It is priceless!

On behalf of the staff and board of directors, thank you for being a part of the #ccmfamily!

### Upcoming Events

- **February 25**—Annual Meeting at Augustana in Underwood
- **April 14**— Annual S'Mores and Much More Gala
- **June 16**— Annual Prairie Lake Festival

Camping with Christ... For Lives of Faith...

## CCM Highlights

- We will receive a \$100,000 matching grant for the Capital Campaign. The grant needs to be matched before December 31, 2018. After Giving Hearts Day, we are very close to matching this gift!
- Giving Hearts Day 2018 was a huge success! Over \$60,000 was raised in a 24-hour period!
- As of this publication, we have 140 campers registered for the summer. The next early bird discount is April 1.
- Because of wonderful and generous donors like yourself, we ended the year in the black!
- Have you checked out our upcoming retreats? We have some planned this late winter and spring.

## CCM Growth Opportunities

- The Spring/Easter Appeal will be coming out in April. Please consider giving to ensure another successful summer. Please remember that campers only pay half of the cost. This is because of our mission to make it possible for all to come to camp! We are always supporting "Lives of Faith".
- Mother the Camp "needs list" will be coming out in April. It is a great time to give and help lower our summer expenses.
- Thrivent Action Teams are a great way to help out CCM. Check in with Janis for ideas!

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## Memorial Gifts Given to Special Funds (Sunday, January 28 to Sunday, February 18)



**Fund given to & by whom**                      **In Memory of**

<b><u>Building Fund</u></b> .....	<b>\$170.00</b>
Orlin & Ivadell Larson .....	John Holznagel
John & Helen Samuelson .....	David Loe
John & Helen Samuelson .....	Mary Reimers
Norman & Darlene Ostboe .....	Mary Reimers
Claudette Ness .....	David Loe
Duane & Marlys Knell .....	David Loe
Sharon Chrest .....	Donna Lange
Brad & Cathy Sheldon .....	Esther Yantzer
Dick & Barbara Brewster .....	Esther Bender
Dick & Barbara Brewster .....	Esther Yantzer
Dick & Barbara Brewster .....	Pearl Dziuk
Dick & Barbara Brewster .....	Kim Gutknecht

**Camp of the Cross**.....**\$0.00**

**Decorating (Church)**.....**\$0.00**

<b><u>General Fund</u></b> .....	<b>\$415.00</b>
Terry & Donna Gunderson.....	Pauline Brinkmeyer
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth .....	Myra Bitterman
Terry & Donna Gunderson.....	Esther Yantzer
Mac & Judy Beaudry .....	Donna Lange
Howard & Elda Johnson .....	Lane Johnson
Dick & Carla Bickert.....	Brett Bowerman

The following are all in memory of David Loe:

- Elaine Carr
- Steve & Peggy Wollmuth
- Sharon Chrest
- Mac & Judy Beaudry
- George & Laurie Sheldon
- Dick & Carla Bickert

The following are all in memory of Esther Bender:

- Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen
- Sharon Chrest
- Elaine Carr
- Mac & Judy Beaudry
- Dick & Carla Bickert

The following are all in memory of Kim Gutknecht:

- George & Laurie Sheldon
- Mac & Judy Beaudry
- Bob & Sandra Weisgarber
- Dick & Carla Bickert
- Arnie & Sheila Link
- Elaine Carr

**Fund given to & by whom**                      **In Memory of**

**Global Missions** .....

**\$0.00**

**Lutheran Social Services** .....

**\$0.00**

**LWR**.....

**\$70.00**

Sylvia Thompson .....	Esther Bender
Dewey & Wanda Oster .....	Esther Bender
Dewey & Wanda Oster .....	Esther Yantzer
Dewey & Wanda Oster .....	David Loe

**Music**.....

**\$265.00**

Wes Sauer.....	Mary Reimers
Orlin & Ivadell Larson .....	Geraldine Aslakson
Orlin & Ivadell Larson .....	Art Bender
Dean & Sonja Bergstedt .....	Esther Yantzer
Kris & Melanie Beckman.....	Donna Lange
Arden & Sande Wagner .....	Brett Bowerman
Arden & Sande Wagner .....	David Loe
Virgil & Deb Wisdom.....	Brett Bowerman
John & Helen Samuelson .....	Brett Bowerman
Arden & Sande Wagner .....	Kim Gutknecht

The following are all in memory of Esther Bender:

- Randy & Janet Hanson
- Virgil & Deb Wisdom
- John & Helen Samuelson
- Mary Ann Beeks
- Brad & Cathy Sheldon
- Dean & Sonja Bergstedt
- Shirley Nelson
- Ardee Kurle
- Arden & Sande Wagner
- Steve & Peggy Wollmuth

**Parking Lot Fund**.....

**\$405.00**

Orlin & Ivadell Larson .....	Richard Drown
Alton & Brenda Krebsbach .....	Linda Ash
A.J. & Doddie Kuntz (2 times).....	Keith Kuntz
Elmer & Arlene Schwarz.....	Esther Yantzer
Elmer & Arlene Schwarz.....	Ruth Pochant
David & Ruth Borlaug .....	Donna Lange
Alton & Brenda Krebsbach .....	Donna Lange
Monte & Victoria Carvell .....	Esther Yantzer
Larry & Kathy Keller.....	Kim Gutknecht
Elmer & Arlene Schwarz.....	Kim Gutknecht
Peggy Moran .....	Kim Gutknecht
Peggy Moran .....	Brett Bowerman

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**Fund given to & by whom**

**In Memory of**

**Parking Lot Fund (cont.)**

The following are all in memory of David Loe:

- A.J. & Doddie Kuntz
- David & Ruth Borlaug
- Mary Ann Beeks
- Duane & Marlys Knell
- Larry & Kathy Keller
- Elmer & Arlene Schwarz

The following are all in memory of Esther Bender:

- Elmer & Arlene Schwarz
- David & Ruth Borlaug
- Alton & Brenda Krebsbach
- Duane & Marlys Knell
- Monte & Victoria Carvell
- Larry & Kathy Keller

**Fund given to & by whom**

**In Memory of**

**Relief Missions..... \$0.00**

**Sunday School..... \$0.00**

**US/Local Missions ..... \$0.00**

**Worship ..... \$40.00**

Rick & LeAnn Richard..... David Loe

Ardee Kurle..... Kim Gutknecht

Rick & LeAnn Richard..... David Loe

Rick & LeAnn Richard..... Brett Bowerman

**World Hunger ..... \$0.00**



Our sympathy goes out to:

Jane Gutknecht and family on the death of Jane's husband, Kim Gutknecht.

May God give them comfort in this time of sorry.



Friends and Supporters of CSV:

We thank you for your ongoing support this past year. We also bring you news of great joy! China Service Ventures (CSV) is officially approved to register a Representative Office in Xinyang City, Henan Province. We are now authorized to resume our operations in the mainland of China under the auspices of the Henan Bureau of Education and the Henan Public Security Bureau. Below is a picture of our registration certificate.



During the week of Feb. 1 - 8, 2018, a small CSV Delegation will be present for the signing ceremony. We have already secured office space. Soon we will register with China's Tax Commission and receive our Company Seal to open our bank accounts. We will be fully operational in China by the Chinese New Year (Feb. 16th — The Year of the Dog). Our scope of authorized activities includes: school facility renovation projects, student financial scholarships (Bo Ai), off-site creative programming (i.e., outdoor ventures and camps), faculty and student development and exchange, and cross-cultural networking and relationship building.

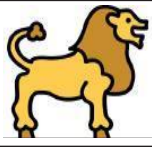
After a suspended year of operations and numerous document submissions, we begin this new year with blessing and focused activity. We are very excited. We hope you are too!

Sincerely,

*Jeff*

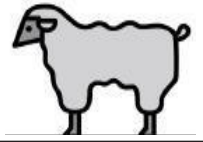
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Executive Director - China Service Ventures





# MARCH

# 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> AM Pastor Erik at Text Study	<b>2</b> 11:30 AM World Day of Prayer	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>Third Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour Sundae Sunday 10:45 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	<b>7</b> 11:50 AM Pizza Day 5:30 - 6:45 PM Lenten Meal Served by FLY 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 7:45 PM Choir 8:00 PM Sr. FLY	<b>8</b> AM Pastor Erik at Text Study	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed tonight
<b>11</b> <b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School 2:00 PM Baby Shower for Courtney (Hall) Austin 7:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>12</b> 10:00 AM Chat & Sew 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	<b>13</b> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	<b>14</b> 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	<b>15</b> AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 9:30 AM Deborah Bible Study at the Church - Val Swanson & Cathy Sheldon Host	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> FLY at Lion's Carnival
<b>18</b> <b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 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	<b>21</b> 5:30 - 6:45 PM Lenten Meal Served by Men's Bible Study 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 7:45 PM Choir 8:00 PM Sr. FLY	<b>22</b> AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 9:00 AM Quilting 6:30 PM Infant Support Group	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	<b>28</b> 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Jr. FLY 7:30 PM Choir	<b>29</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> Noon Deadline for Easter Lilies <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> <b>Worship w/Holy</b> <b>Communion</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Good Friday</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>Good Friday</b> <b>Worship</b>	<b>31</b>

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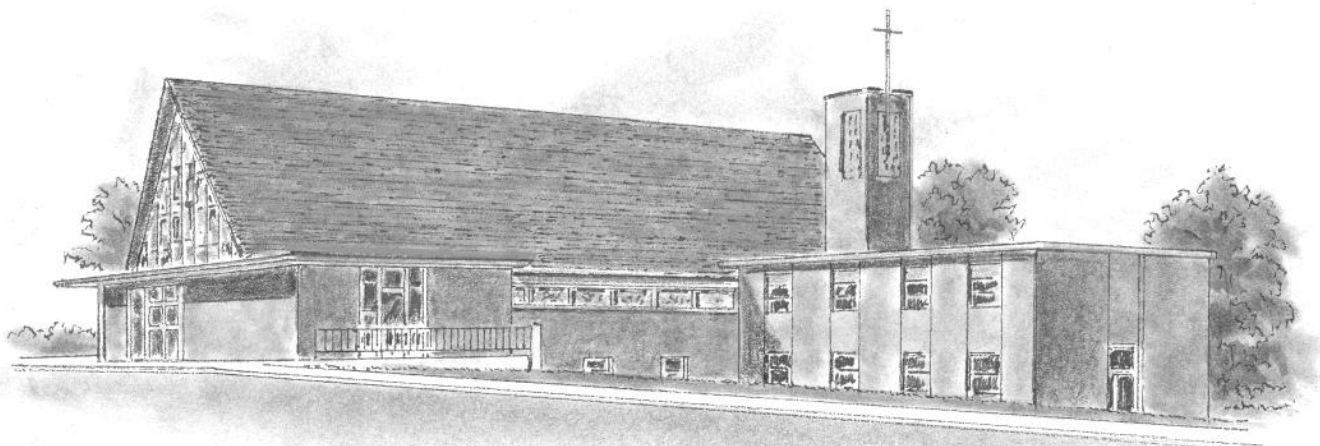
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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**  
**Worship Service - 9:30 AM**  
**Coffee/Fellowship Hour - 10:30 AM**  
**Sunday School - 10:45 AM**  
**AA Meeting - 7:00 PM**