



THE PARISH NEWS



May, 2020

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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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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH UPDATES REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC!

The LORD is my light and my salvation - so why should I be afraid?
The LORD is my fortress, protecting me from danger,
so why should I tremble?
Psalm 27:1

Due to the Coronavirus threat & safety of everyone,
First Lutheran Church Council has suspended/cancelled services
and activities at the church.

Virtual Communion will be suspended by order of
Bishop Daniel W. Selbo of NALC.
The following four pages explains his reasoning.

Effective April 2, 2020 until further notice First Lutheran Church front
door only will be open from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm daily to help keep traffic
down during this pandemic.

As of April 14, 2020 church services and events at First Lutheran
Church are suspended until further notice. We will adhere to the order
from Governor Burgum for no gatherings of over 10 people until further
notice, and continue with virtual church services until the order is
lifted. **We will do Facebook Live for our worship services on
Sunday mornings at 9:30 am as we continue social distancing.**

The bulletin for each service will be posted on our website
www.flcwashburn.com prior to the service.

Click the bulletin tab at the top of the page,
then click on the date of the bulletin you are looking for.

We also ask that you remember your tithing for the church.

We ask that you either send your payment to

First Lutheran Church

PO Box 218

Washburn, ND 58577

or drop it off at Farmers Security Bank in Washburn
notating it is a donation for First Lutheran Church.

Events/activities listed in this newsletter are all subject to change at
anytime. Please check the following for updates daily:

www.flcwashburn.com

Facebook: First Lutheran Church Washburn, ND

Facebook: What's Happening in Washburn, ND

During this time, go to www.flcwashburn.com and click on the favorites
tab at the top of the page, click on either LCMC and/or NALC for other
worship resources, watch a Sunday morning worship service on your tv
or one being streamed on Facebook or YouTube.

Call the church office at 701-462-3775 if you have questions and we
will get back to you as soon as possible.

BISHOP SELBO ASKS PASTORS NOT TO OFFER 'VIRTUAL COMMUNION'

Bishop Daniel Selbo has sent a letter to the pastors of the North American Lutheran Church asking that they not offer "virtual" services of Holy Communion as a part of their attempts to minister to their congregations during the coronavirus pandemic. The letter is available online at thenalc.org.

Pastors throughout North America — and the world — have been seeking ways to serve their congregations during the coronavirus pandemic. Many churches are offering streaming video of their worship services on the internet. Some pastors have offered — or considered ways to offer — the Lord's Supper to their members using the internet.

"The onslaught we are now experiencing with COVID-19, the coronavirus, is, at least in our lifetimes, unprecedented. Not only is its scope more significant than any of us might have expected, but the speed at which it has traveled has caught our world, our countries and our leaders, as well as those of us in the Church by surprise," Bishop Selbo wrote to the pastors. "As a result, as pastors, we have all worked hard in recent weeks to serve our people faithfully. We have adjusted our approach to worship. We have improvised in the ways we offer pastoral care. We have expanded our use of technology and we have been challenged by a life experience in which we have no previous life experience."

"Through it all, our pastors have been faithful. There is no doubt in my mind that each of our pastors, in whatever changes they have made, have done so in ways they believe are faithful to our Lutheran Confessions and the witness of Holy Scripture. Their decisions, without exception, have been made for the sake of serving the proclamation of the Gospel and the building up of the Body of Christ. I am proud of our clergy. I am proud of each of you. I thank you for your faithfulness during such an unforeseen and challenging time," he wrote.

"As it relates to the practice of virtual communion, I have allowed our pastors to sort through the pros and cons of this practice and decide for themselves how to proceed, without taking the appropriate time for reflection and consultation necessary for the unity of the Church. While our people long for the Lord's Supper and we long to provide them with opportunities to receive it, I believe it is best for now to refrain from this practice until we have spent the necessary time to discern, pray, and engage in theological reflection," he wrote.

"For the sake of the unity of the North American Lutheran Church and the greater Church catholic, for the purpose of allowing our own NALC Ministerium the time to think and pray through the implications, pro and con, of this significant change in practice, and for the greater purpose of ensuring that our witness to the world of the saving power of Jesus Christ, offered to us through His cross and in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, is not divided, I request that we place a moratorium on the virtual sharing of the Lord's Supper, until we have allowed ourselves sufficient time to come to a thoughtful and prayerful and collective understanding around such an important and significant question," Bishop Selbo wrote.

"Until we come to a more unified understanding in our approach, in place of the visible Word, I encourage you to emphasize the power of the spoken Word, and to proclaim it, even as you offer forgiveness and absolution to your people. In so doing, remind them there have been many times in Christian history when the sisters and brothers who have gone before us have not been able to share the Sacrament. To honor their witness, to ensure the unity of ours, and to allow time for us, as a church body, to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our discernment, this request is made for the sake of the greater good. Thank you for your understanding and grace," he wrote.



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April 7, 2020

Dear NALC Pastors,

I am writing to you to offer a confession and to share a request, both of which are related to the recent practice, in some of our churches, of offering “virtual communion,” during this time when we are unable to meet in person. Before sharing my confession and request, allow me to open my heart and offer a bit of perspective.

As bishop of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC), having been elected last August and having officially taken office two months later, in October, I am still on the front end of understanding this new role and clarifying for myself the responsibility it carries. In these early months, I have learned a great deal and, I pray, I will continue to learn even more throughout my tenure.

What I never saw coming is the same thing none of us saw in advance. The onslaught we are now experiencing with COVID-19, the coronavirus, is, at least in our lifetimes, unprecedented. Not only is its scope more significant than any of us might have expected, but the speed at which it has traveled has caught our world, our countries and our leaders, as well as those of us in the Church by surprise.

As a result, as pastors, we have all worked hard in recent weeks to serve our people faithfully. We have adjusted our approach to worship. We have improvised in the ways we offer pastoral care. We have expanded our use of technology and we have been challenged by a life experience in which we have no previous life experience.

Through it all, our pastors have been faithful. There is no doubt in my mind that each of our pastors, in whatever changes they have made, have done so in ways they believe are faithful to our Lutheran Confessions and the witness of Holy Scripture. Their decisions, without exception, have been made for the sake of serving the proclamation of the Gospel and the building up of the Body of Christ. I am proud of our clergy. I am proud of each of you. I thank you for your faithfulness during such an unforeseen and challenging time.

As bishop, one of the responsibilities I carry is clearly outlined in Article 8.02 of our constitution. In the section dealing with the role and responsibilities of the bishop, it states the following:

*Article 8.02 – The Bishop shall carry out a pastoral ministry within the church, serving as pastor for the ordained ministers and congregations of the NALC. The Bishop shall preach the Gospel, forgive sins, administer the Sacraments, **and judge doctrine.** (Augsburg Confession XXVIII)*

And so, here is my confession. In “judging doctrine,” insofar as it relates to the practice of virtual communion, I have allowed our pastors to sort through the pros and cons of this practice and decide for themselves how to proceed, without taking the appropriate time for reflection and consultation necessary for the unity of the Church. While our people long for the Lord’s Supper and we long to provide them with opportunities to receive it, I believe it is best for now to refrain from this practice until we have spent the necessary time to discern, pray, and engage in theological reflection.

While I believe our pastors have faithfully struggled to make good and faithful decisions during this difficult time, I confess that I should have been more aware of and informed by the possibility that this new practice, rather than uniting us as a body of believers, could serve to divide the communion we share with our international and ecumenical partners, diminish our witness to the world, and disrupt our own unity within the NALC.

After having sought counsel from a number of our Lutheran theologians, some of our NALC staff, and our two previous bishops, Bishop Emeritus Paull Spring and Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky, and having also requested our Commission on Theology & Doctrine to convene for the sole purpose of addressing this very question, here is my request:

For the sake of the unity of the North American Lutheran Church and the greater Church catholic, for the purpose of allowing our own NALC Ministerium the time to think and pray through the implications, pro and con, of this significant change in practice, and for the greater purpose of ensuring that our witness to the world of the saving power of Jesus Christ, offered to us through His cross and in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, is not divided, I request that we place a moratorium on the virtual sharing of the Lord’s Supper, until we have allowed ourselves sufficient time to come to a thoughtful and prayerful and collective understanding around such an important and significant question.

To that end, even though my request comes in the middle of Holy Week, if it is possible for you to adjust your plans and omit this practice, I encourage you to do so. If, however, you have already made plans, approved by your church council and communicated to your people, I request that you share this letter of concern with your congregational leadership. If you and your council agree that it is still best to implement this practice during this week, I will understand, but request that no such

practice continue beyond this week, until we have completed the necessary consultation, reflection and conversation.

Until we come to a more unified understanding in our approach, in place of the visible Word, I encourage you to emphasize the power of the spoken Word, and to proclaim it, even as you offer forgiveness and absolution to your people. In so doing, remind them there have been many times in Christian history when the sisters and brothers who have gone before us have not been able to share the Sacrament. To honor their witness, to ensure the unity of ours, and to allow time for us, as a church body, to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our discernment, this request is made for the sake of the greater good. Thank you for your understanding and grace.

Allow me to close with two verses from Luke's Gospel. These words of our Lord speak not only of His desire to share the Passover meal with His disciples, but of the desire we all feel for that day when we will share this same meal, our Lord's Supper, with each other, once again:

"I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God" (Luke 22:15-16 NIV).

Thank you for your faithfulness and for the partnership we share in Jesus. I look forward to that day when we will share together around our Lord's Table once again. May God bless you in your ministries and may this most Holy Week be one that draws us all closer to Christ.

In His Name,

Rev. Daniel W. Selbo

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Bishop

North American Lutheran Church



APRIL 1, 2020 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

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



- President Kris Schmidt called the meeting to order via phone conference
- Members present: Kris Schmidt, Matt Gardner, Melanie Beckman, Donna Sommer, Kathy Keller, Leilani Olafson, Aaron Vorland, Stacy Boeshans, Jeff Schmidt, Pastor Curt
Administrative Secretary - Jeannette Rost

1.) Suspension or Resuming Church service – Pastor shared that most entities will discontinue services until the end of April. Matt indicated that Governor Burgum was looking at April 20, 2020 to resume gathering for organizations. President Trump suggested April 30, 2020 to resume gathering for organizations. Matt Gardner also suggested we continue on social distancing according to the suggestions of North Dakota State administration. Kris Schmidt stated that our scheduled Council meeting for April will change, possibly on a daily basis. Motion to suspend services and events until 4/20/2020 and Council meeting to be moved till 4/14/2020 1st Melanie Beckman, 2nd Kathy Keller – Motion carries

2.) Church Security – For access into the church, the front door will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Some Tithing has been done direct by putting under Jeannette's door and some have been mailed to First Lutheran Church. Money counters will be getting together after Sunday to take count of the weeks tithing. A motion was made for hours of 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the front door to be unlocked.
A motion to accept 1st Melanie Beckman, 2nd Stacy Boeshans – motion carries

Amendment to a motion of hours -
Further discussion to the hours was held and an amendment was made, the hours the front door will be open is 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday through Saturday
Motion to accept, 1st Kathy Keller, 2nd Melanie Beckman – Motion carries

3.) E-giving – Kathy Keller was in favor of Vanco, an online giving website. Benjamin Mueller who represents Vanco was very accommodating to answer Kathy's ques-

tions and concerns. Kathy encouraged Jeannette Rost to speak with Benjamin Mueller with questions and concerns about operations & technology. Benjamin Mueller had informed Kathy Keller that it would only take about half-hour. It was suggested that we could post link to Vanco for online giving direct on our Website. There was also discussion as to have a presentation to the congregation or provide the online presentation for members to become familiar with the process of E-tithing. Further discussion will be held at the Council meeting on 4/14/2020.

4.) Care Act – Discussion was held for the possibility that the CARE ACT may provide a loan to cover utilities, mortgages and employee payroll coverage for time lost due to COVID-19. To get a baseline Jeannette will be getting numbers from April and May 2019 to compare income to April and May 2020. Matt Gardner will have additional info to assist in pursuing assistance through the CARE ACT. Further discussion will be held on 4/14/2020 at Council meeting.

5.) Palms ordered for Palm Sunday. Palms can be picked up at the front door of the church on Saturday April 4, 2020 on your own during the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Leilani Olafson and Stacy Boeshans will be handing out palms on Sunday right before the processional. WHEN PICKING UP PALMS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR TO RESPECT SOCIAL DISTANCING. Leilani and Stacy will be coming to you in the front of the church and parking lot. The PALM PROCESSION will start at First Lutheran Church at 11 a.m. and will celebrate by parading through town. A map will be advertised so that everyone can join in!

6.) 1st Communion – It was discussed that there was an option of online classes for the Rite of First Communion. We will check into a couple of options for the 5th Grade class to receive their 1st communion as close to the original scheduled date. Pastor

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will check with Sue winter as an option and Church Council will review the information on April 14, 2020. Matt Gardner suggested that Wednesday would be a viable day to conduct the online class.

7.) On-line Church Service – Discussion was held that YouTube was another option we could utilize for people to receive Sunday service message. We had approximately 300 views of March 29, 2020 service on Facebook. There was a motion made to keep Facebook as our online source for First Lutheran Church's Sunday service
1st Kathy Keller, 2nd Donna Sommer – Motion carries

8.) Council Meeting will be held April 14, 2020. We will be looking into an option to utilize ZOOM to conduct our Council meeting. Stacy and Matt will be looking into the option of ZOOM as Council members can use their phones or computers to join meeting. They will send out notice via email as to Council's communication link.

9.) UPCOMING CHURCH SERVICE DATES on FACEBOOK LIVE

It was discussed with the special circumstances with Pastor Curt Hanson's approval that there will be Communion services conducted during the following services. Everyone is in charge of supplying their own bread, grape juice and/or wine for home communion during these services.

Maundy Thursday - April 9, 2020 at 7pm – with home Communion

Good Friday - April 10, 2020 at 7pm

Easter Service - April 12, 2020 at 7pm – with home Communion

Motion to Adjourn 1st Stacy Boeshans, 2nd Kathy Keller – Motion carries
Closed with Individual prayer

Respectfully Submitted
Leilani Olafson,
Council Secretary

APRIL 14, 2020 COUNCIL MINUTES VIRTUAL MEETING

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

- President Kris Schmidt called the meeting to order
- Members present: Kris Schmidt, Matt Gardner, Donna Sommer, Kathy Keller, Leilani Olafson, Aaron Vorland, Stacy Boeshans, Jeff Schmidt, Melanie Beckman
Administrative Secretary - Jeannette Rost
- Devotions – Leilani Olafson - 1 Peter 1:3-5
It Didn't End at the Cross, Resource: Senior Living Ministries
- Approval of previous council meeting minutes – March 9, 18 & April 1, 2020
1st Matt Gardner, 2nd Kathy Keller– Motion carries
- **Treasurer's Report – Donna Sommer**
(Motion to approve future audit, and to pay any "non-budgeted bills.")
1st Melanie Beckman, 2nd Kathy Keller- Motion carries

CD's	\$200,000.00
Checking	\$49,763.05
Building	\$49,836.42
Cemetery	\$617.40
Interest	\$670.14
Music	\$1,792.11
Parking Lot	\$46,286.11
Worship	\$2,089.56
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	\$11,992.40
TOTAL ASSETS	\$363,047.19

- **Pastors Report (March 10 – 31, 2020)**
Pastor Curt Hanson, Interim
 - No visits due to Coronavirus Pandemic
Pastor Richard Smith
 - Hospital Visit – 1
 - Phone call Visits – 6 & 4 attempts

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- **FLY & Confirmation – Laura Gardner**

- Next Step canceled all mission trips for summer of 2020. The mission trip scheduled for summer 2020 for FLY is canceled for Milwaukee, WI and the kids were disappointed. They will meet to discuss other options.
- Confirmation will meet on 4/15/2020 and will be conducted virtually. A message will be sent out to the parents for feedback on a date in the fall of 2020 to celebrate Confirmation. Council agreed with the uncertainty that would be a good time to consider.
- Computer is needed for Laura as the laptop she has been utilizing is at capacity. Laura will put some estimates together to be considered by Council.

Committee Reports:

- **Stewardship Committee - Kathy Keller**

- Thrivent gift card of \$250 was accepted by Kathy for the Stewardship meal and she will seek input from the ladies as to how it should be used since the meal was not held due to Coronavirus.
- Kathy thanked everyone who had a part in the Palm Sunday car parade.

- **Worship Committee – Jeff Schmidt**

- April readers to be rescheduled
- May still needs readers to fill the month for services

- **Education Committee – Stacy Boeshans**

- Stacy sent out reminders for members to decorate cars for the Palm Sunday car parade on the Remind app.
- Video was sent out from Ms. Rothe on the Remind app for the Sunday school children to view.
- Sunday School looks like there will be no classes at the church for the rest of the school year.
- The Remind app has been a great asset.
- Trying to figure out a project for this Spring.

- **Evangelism Committee – Melanie Beckman**

- Prayer Warriors will be needed for our 2020 Washburn Graduates, Jeannette will provide the information to Melanie for how many will be needed.

- **Property Committee – Aaron Vorland**

- Aaron will contact Carpet One to set up a time for removal of carpet and installation of flooring in front of serving window in the basement. The approved amount of

\$3,500.00 from the March 2020 Council meeting to cover expenses for this service.

Call Committee –

- The Call Committee will be meeting virtually on 4/19/2020 to review the two applications.
- One applicant submitted a video tape for the committee to review.
- LCMC & NALC refreshed our application for pastor.
- Video of First Lutheran Church is now on YouTube for viewing for potential Pastors. Kudos to Laura and Matt for putting this video together.

Old Business

- We have \$1,138.77 in Thrivent Choice Dollars
- E-Giving – tabled until church resumes
- Lavern Johnson Trust money – Aaron called Pastor at the #9 Church in Pine Ridge and he was unavailable to speak to. Also, Next Step has canceled all missions for 2020 and there is another option. Next step is looking to utilize a church in Ogallala, SD for events and they were looking for a group to go in to do some repairs and that is postponed until further notice. Donna had inquired about how the food banks are doing and Aaron had stated that Ruby is stretching her supplies. A motion was made that we send the intended \$1,250.00 of the \$5,000.00 to Ruby now and the other 3/4 of the \$5,000.00 will be given to the other organizations of Pine Ridge, S.D. at our next council meetings.
- First Communion Class Plans – Matt will talk to Pastor Curt about when and how to have the class and have Rite of First Communion to be determined after returning to worship services in the church.
- 5013 Stimulus Loans - What are the LOAN PARAMETERS?

The maximum EIDL is a \$2 million working capital loan at a rate of 3.75% for businesses and 2.75% for non-profits with up to a 30 year term.

- Payments on Coronavirus EIDL loans are deferred for one year
- Up to \$200,000 can be approved without a personal guarantee
- Approval can be based on a credit score and no first-year tax returns are required
- Borrowers do not have to prove they

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could not get credit elsewhere

- No collateral is required for loans of \$25,000 or less. For loans of more than \$25,000, general security interest in business assets will be used for collateral instead of real estate
- The borrowers must allow the SBA to review its tax records
- Coronavirus Update – We will adhere to the order from Governor Burgum for no gatherings of over 10 people until further notice, and continue with virtual church service until the order is lifted.

New Business

- Preston Hinson will continue to mow parsonage as needed at the pay rate in 2019. Motion to accept Preston Hinson's services. 1st Kathy Keller, 2nd Melanie Beckman Motion carries
- Basement piano – Bids will be accepted until June 14, 2020 by submitting a bid into Jeannette at the First Lutheran Church email address, flc@westriv.com. The piano will need to be removed by June 30, 2020
- Virtual Communion – Virtual communion will be suspended by order of Bishop Daniel W. Selbo of NALC and a notice will be posted on

First Lutheran website and also included in the newsletter

Transfer Requests:

Transfers In

None

Transfers Out

None

By Affirmation of Faith

None

Remove from Membership List:

None

Next Council Meeting:

May 14, 2020 at 7pm

Adjourn meeting

1st Matt Gardner, 2nd Donna Sommer - Motion carried

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Leilani Olafson

Church Council Secretary

As of the April 14 council meeting, Rite of Confirmation will take place sometime in the Fall of 2020 due to the pandemic.

CONGRATULATIONS FIRST LUTHERAN GRADUATES!

We have three First Lutheran members that will be graduating in May 2020.

We will honor them during the

9:30 am worship service

followed by a tea on May 17th.

(This is all contingent on the pandemic!)



Thank you to those that said "yes" when asked to be a prayer warrior for our senior graduates.



Our Church's Graduates

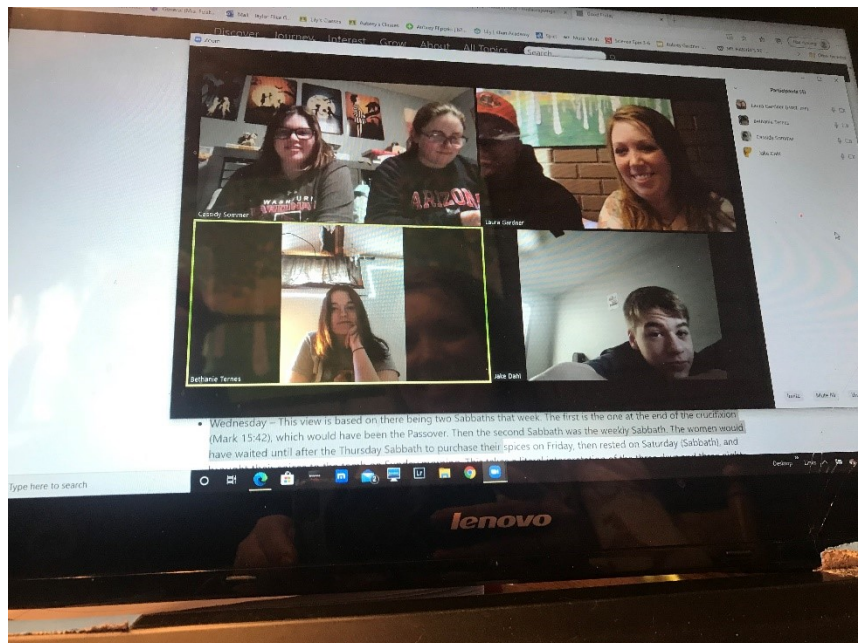
Following is a list of the seniors along with their prayer warrior:

Logan Schmitz - Sandi Erber
Karly Smith - Janell Ziemann
Jordan Waldren - Sandy Schell

By Laura Gardner

With all that is going on with the coronavirus, Next Step Ministries has made the tough but wise choice of cancelling ALL mission trips for this summer. As you can imagine, we were pretty disappointed. After the first wave of disappointment had cleared, my thoughts immediately went to Pine Ridge and our friends there, especially Ruby. Granted we weren't going to Pine Ridge this summer, I can't get them out of my head. So many of them spend the winter months counting down until the 'kids' come. Ruby has told me on multiple occasions that knowing the kids were coming gave her something to look forward to and that their arrival recharged their batteries. Generally, a lot of the staff is returning for a second, third, or even fourth summer there. For the staff, they form some pretty deep bonds with the community members.

Much like our church services, we've had to get creative with our youth group meetings! We've come to love Zoom! I don't think I've ever been so grateful for technology! Its been so awesome to be able to connect with our youth again! At this stage of the game, this will be our current way to meet. If you have a student or know of a student who'd like to join us, text or call me with their email and I will send them an invite! Laura 315-0212



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

FLCW NEWS

May, 2020

Executive Board:

LeAnn Richard
Donna Gunderson

Secretary:

Marlys Knell

Treasurer:

Wendy Miller

Action (Quilts, LWR Kits):

Gwen DeMontigny
Sylvia Thompson

Altar Guild:

Theresa Petersen

Audit:

Mary Ann Beeks

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):

Janet Hanson
Margaret Rasmussen

Kitchen:

Arlene Schwarz
Kathy Keller
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 pray this finds all of you Healthy and Safe!

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic we were unable to hold the
Mother's Day Tea and it will not be rescheduled.

The Confirmation Tea scheduled for May 2 has been **postponed.**


Riverboat Days for June has been cancelled;
therefore, **no Pie & Ice Cream Social.**

It is unknown at what point we will be meeting in our church again,
so all upcoming events listed are contingent on the progression of COVID-19.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Meals on Wheels – Kathy Keller, chairperson
May 17 Graduation Tea – following worship – Growth Committee
Work Group 3 serves
May 28 Quilting – 9:00 am
June 20 Camp of the Cross Quilt Auction
June 25 Quilting – 9:00 am

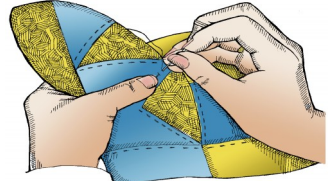
LeAnn Richard & Donna Gunderson Co-Chairs



Women's Bible Study

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

Deborah Bible Study
May 21, 2020
9:30 AM
at the Church
Val Swanson
& Sonja Bergstedt Host



QUILTING GROUP

May 28, 2020
9:00 AM - ???



STEWARDSHIP



**"LET EACH OF YOU LOOK OUT NOT ONLY
FOR HIS OWN INTERESTS, BUT ALSO FOR
THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS"**

PHILLIPIANS 2:4

I'm sure by now you have all seen the article entitled "Attitude" by Charles Swindoll in the Leader or the extra. It reminded me of an old adage I used on my students when I was teaching: Your attitude determines your altitude! Every student, every day came to school with a choice. He or she cannot change their past nor can they change the facts. But what they can do is decide to go forward believing that their personal life is about 10% what happens TO them and probably over 90% how they react to it. They can allow themselves to become victims or they can face their poor grades and decide in a moment that they are the only one that can do something about them.

In some ways, the verse above seems a little counterintuitive to the paragraph above. But perhaps not when taken a bit farther. Many will sit around feeling sorry that we have to practice self-distancing or can't go where we want or when we want as we face the Covid-19 pandemic. But it is a decision each of us can make that we will **NOT** be victims of the pandemic. Each of us can make a

decision to do what we can, where and when we can. And **WOW** have we seen a change of attitude among those that have made that decision! It is exciting for me to see how many thousands of people across the country have made their choice **NOT** to sit on the sidelines but act not only for their own interests but in the interests of others! I suppose another adage might come to mind that God helps those who help themselves. Never before have most of us seen the power of that statement! Thanks be to God for all the millions of those out there who have made that choice! Thank you and God bless you Pastor Hanson for being there for your struggling flock! You are a true comfort to each of us who can see you each Sunday!

We will be doing Meals on Wheels in May, (again doing for the interests of others) but please do not feel obligated to help if you feel your health is at all compromised. Thank you in advance for any and all help you do give.

God Bless each of you and we **will** get through this together!

Kathy Keller
Stewardship Chair



The following people were prayed for by request at worship from Sunday, March 29 - Sunday, April 26. 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.

- ♦ Taylor Cain - Son-in-law to Tricia Sabin
- ♦ Sydney Haas - Cousin to Sharon Nelson
- ♦ Harlow Tatum - Daughter of Brea (Gutknecht) Tatum
- ♦ Robert Henke - Son-in-law to Audrey Pauling
- ♦ Taylor Gardner
- ♦ Melisa Chrest
- ♦ Ruth Lund - Mother to Doddie Kuntz
- ♦ Derek Laning

- ♦ Jacklyn Carlson
- ♦ Amber Selken - Sister to Wendy Miller
- ♦ Billy Gardner - Father to Matt Gardner
- ♦ John Krebsbach - Brother to Peggy Wollmuth
- ♦ Arlo Omoth - Brother to Jeneen Loe
- ♦ Shirley Nelson
- ♦ Bob Miller
- ♦ Rodney Jaeger
- ♦ Mike Thyberg
- ♦ Lonnie Wollmuth - Brother to Steve Wollmuth
- ♦ Sandi Femling - Cousin to Melanie Beckman
- ♦ David Riden
- ♦ Prayers to slow & stop the coronavirus
- ♦ Laren Holznagel
- ♦ Donna Gunderson
- ♦ Family of Don Syverson on his death
- ♦ Mona Jorgenson - Mother to Carla Bickert
- ♦ Elaine Renfrow - Mother to Lynette Sondrol
- ♦ Diane Inmon - Cousin to Sharon Nelson

MAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY USHERS/GREETERS - 9:30 AM

3 - Luke & Emily Retterath Family
10 - Brenda Suckow & Melanie Beckman
17 - Ardee Kurlle, Aaron Vorland

24 - Jeff & Amanda Schmidt
31 - Tyge & Alli Sheldon

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

3 - Melanie Beckman
17 - Stacy Boeshans & Randy Hall

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

3 - Matt Gardner
10 - Leilani Olafson
17 - Stacy Boeshans
24 - Randy Hall
31 - Kathy Keller

ALTAR CARE

Melanie Beckman & Janell Ziemann

COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

3 - Arnie & Sheila Link
10 - Joe & Aimee Schmit
17 - Graduation Tea - FLCW Group 3
24 -
31 - Ann Kadrmas

SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS

Evangelism Committee - Melanie Beckman

THANK YOU

☺ Thank you Melanie Beckman and Wes Sauer for helping fold and tape the April newsletter for mailing.

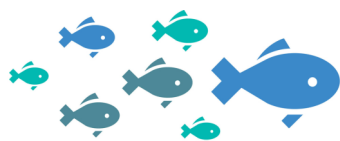


☺ Thank you to Theresa Petersen, Claudette Ness and Ardee Kurlle for furnishing the Easter Lilies for the church.

☺ I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, flowers, cards and calls while I was healing from my knee replacement surgery. I am so glad to be a part of such a caring congregation. God Bless you!

☺ A BIG THANK YOU goes to Pastor Curt, Matt Gardner, Randy & Gwen Hall, LeAnn Richard and Theresa Petersen for making our Facebook Live worship service available to viewers weekly during this pandemic.

Donna Gunderson



Evangelism OPPORTUNITIES

The following list is the service group scheduled for **June**. The group coordinators are Rick & LeAnn Richard. ***If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) in June works best for you and give Rick or LeAnn a call at 462-8311. If Rick or LeAnn 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.

Amber Bengtson
Paul & Diane Bengtson
Wade & Stacy Boeshans
Brian & Sandi Erber
Matt & Laura Gardner
Keith & Suzy Jacobson
Ken & Maybell Job
Lee & Melissa Kugler
Jeanette Leingang
Bob & Sheila Miller
Peggy Moran
John & Helen Samuelson
Erik & Sherry Schmitz
Joe & Kellie Sheldon
Jordan Swanson
Mitch & Kristi Wachendorf

CAMP OF THE CROSS NEWS

June 7 – 2020 Summer Sundays with
August 9 10:00 am Worship “rain or shine”
Meal to follow

June 20 Prairie Lake Festival - Virtual

August 4 Annual Golf Outing – Garrison

Camp of the Cross Ministries is exploring various options/arrangements for Summer 2020 due to the pandemic COVID-19. The Camp Executive Committee and Board of Directors have been staying in contact regularly over computer ZOOM meetings. The situation is very fluid as we are all experiencing in many areas of our lives. The year round staff has been busy deep cleaning the buildings to prepare for a day when guests can once again visit. The staff has also been volunteering in the Garrison community where they can safely assist organizations with extra duties because of the pandemic situation.

2020 Summer Camp registration is still open online! Through the generosity of groups and individuals from First Lutheran Church, the registration fees will be fully covered this year for our members. Please contact Peggy Moran @ 462-3919, cell 315-0568 to let her know by May 15th if you are sending in registrations to go to CCM this summer. CCM is making every effort to continue with the

summer camp schedule as much as possible. If you are registered and then the schedule would be changed, you will be notified. At this time, we are cancelling all on-site and off-site programs during the month of June. We will be taking the last two weeks of specialty camps and moving them to the week of July 19th. We will be in direct contact with these campers and families. We will be evaluating and planning out the rest of the summer Sundays. They will be either in person or virtual summer Sundays. Please watch for announcements about them.

PRAIRIE LAKE FESTIVAL is still in the planning stages for June 20, 2020. It will be virtual. Let Peggy Moran know if you have items you would like to donate and above all – put it on your calendars to ATTEND virtually! More details to follow as they become available.

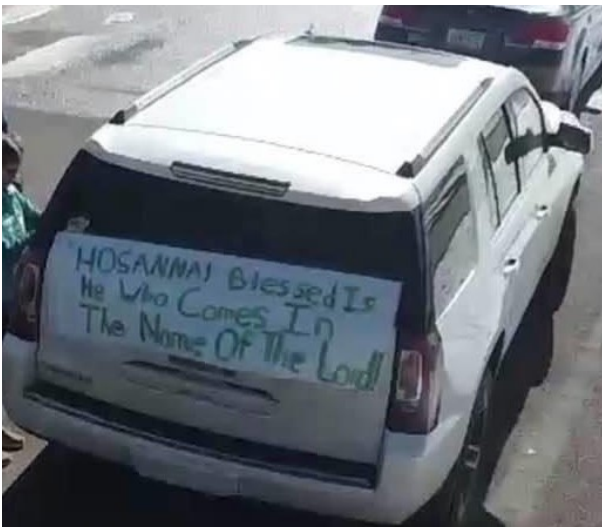
Thank you to EVERYONE for continuing to support Camp of the Cross whether it be through the Easter mailing appeal or on a regular basis!

Call 701-337-2246, Camp of the Cross office, for questions. Go to www.campofthecross.com to register or for more information.

Thank You
Peggy Moran

PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 5, 2020

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH PROCESSION OF PALMS CAR PARADE





Memorial Gifts Given to Special Funds (Sunday, March 29 to Sunday, April 26)



<u>Fund given to & by whom</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Fund given to & by whom</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
<u>Building Fund</u>	\$0.00	<u>Music (cont.)</u>	
<u>Camp of the Cross</u>	\$0.00	The following are all in memory of Gladys Wick:	
<u>Decorating (Church)</u>	\$10.00	Terry & Norma Petersen	
Dean & Sonja Bergstedt	Don Syverson	Howard & Elda Johnson	
		George & Val Swanson	
		Terry & Donna Gunderson	
<u>General Fund</u>	\$235.00	<u>Parking Lot Fund</u>	\$125.00
Willie & Janell Ziemann	Fred Boger	Orlin & Ivadell Larson	Patricia Holloway
Willie & Janell Ziemann	Dick Doyle	Orlin & Ivadell Larson	Martha Wisdom
Willie & Janell Ziemann	Vernell Yunker	Orlin & Ivadell Larson	Gladys Wick
Howard & Elda Johnson	Lane Johnson	Orlin & Ivadell Larson	Brice Larson
Dick & Kitty Tweeten	Martha Wisdom	Brad & Cathy Sheldon	Esther Ziegler
Dick & Kitty Tweeten	Gladys Wick	Brad & Cathy Sheldon	Gladys Wick
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth	Meryl Sharp	Brad & Cathy Sheldon	Martha Wisdom
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth	Melanie Oberg	Dick & Barbara Brewster	Don Syverson
Sharon Chrest	Don Syverson	Mary Ann Beeks	Don Syverson
Sharon Chrest	Raymond Rothmann	Mary Ann Beeks	Martha Wisdom
Martin & Carol Boganowski	Peter Reiser	Mary Ann Beeks	Raymond Rothmann
<u>Global Missions</u>	\$0.00	<u>Relief Missions</u>	\$0.00
<u>Lutheran Social Services</u>	\$0.00	<u>Sunday School</u>	\$0.00
<u>LWR</u>	\$15.00	<u>US/Local Missions</u>	\$0.00
Dewey & Wanda Oster	Adele Cerutti	<u>World Hunger</u>	\$0.00
<u>Music</u>	\$120.00	<u>Worship</u>	\$0.00
The following are all in memory of Martha Wisdom:			
Terry & Norma Petersen			
Howard & Elda Johnson			
George & Val Swanson			
Terry & Donna Gunderson			



Our sympathy goes out to:

- ⇒ Mike & Sharon Nelson and family on the death of Sharon's aunt, Kay Russell
- ⇒ Kollin & Char Syverson and family on the death of Kollin's father, Don Syverson

May God give them comfort in this time of sorrow.



As of April 26, 2020:

Our envelope giving is \$64,054.00 with a yearly budget of \$195,000.00

The plate giving is \$2,342.25 with a yearly budget of \$8,500.00

Thank you for your giving.



The console piano in the church basement is open to bids from First Lutheran members. Bids will be accepted until June 14, 2020 by submitting a bid to Jeannette at the First Lutheran Church email address, flc@westriv.com. The piano will need to be removed by June 30, 2020.

First Lutheran May Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following First Lutheran members who have birthdays in May. 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 Dennis Johnson Taylor Sheldon	2 Abigail Baker Sylvia Thompson
3 Twila Beasley	4 Brooke Knutson	5 Brent Petersen Sue Winter	6 Jaden Erickson	7 John Nelson	8 Buddy Lazier Chelsey Lazier	9 Mia Klabunde Julie Petersen Iris Philbrick Alice Richard Caitlin Scheresky Allison Weisgarber
10 Kristi Olson	11 Cierra Philbrick	12 Cody Kinnischtzke Justin Scheresky	13 Parker Pochant Patrick Pochant Seth Sackman	14 Arnie Link	15 Brenda Ankenbauer Shawn Sondrol Kacey Winkler	16 Ashton Block Ember Block Kevin Borner Sylvia Kalliokoski Sue Richards Jeff Schafer
17 Nadine Berger	18 Dacia Pickell Elle Williams	19 Karson Wolf	20 Clark Pochant A.J. Richards	21 Cassie Leidholm	22 Gerald Hoff Steve Richards	23 Shelly Charging Dwight Hanson Richard Lorentzen Andy Philbrick Zack Vollmuth
24 Joe Kaiser Greg Stomp Hannah Westrick	25 Natasha Peterson Orrin Sheldon	26 NaKya Booth Taylor Gardner	27 Erin Fitzgerald Arden Wagner	28 Brian Anderson Kara Bender Chuck Kaiser Skylar Schauer Pat Sick	29 Gary Fuchs	30 Noah Jaeger Noelle Kroll Andrew Lillejord Michelle Lorentzen Hunter Oberlander Jan Olson Justin Sheldon
31						

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3 Fourth Sunday of Easter Holy Communion 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 7:00 PM AA Meeting	4	5 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	6 7:30 PM Choir	7 	8	9
10 Fifth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 7:00 PM AA Meeting	11 10:00 AM Chat & Sew	12 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	13 7:30 PM Choir <div> LWR Quilt & Kit Drop Off at Midwest Motor Express in Bismarck 9 am - 4 pm </div>	14 7 PM Council Meeting	15	16 
17 Sixth Sunday of Easter Holy Communion High School Senior Recognition 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Graduation Tea 7:00 PM AA Meeting	18 Newsletter Deadline	19 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	20	21 Ascension Day 9:30 AM Deborah Bible Study at the Church	22	23
24 Seventh Sunday of Easter 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 7:00 PM AA Meeting	25 	26 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	27	28 9:00 AM - ??? Quilting	29	30
31 Pentecost Sunday 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 7:00 PM AA Meeting						

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Service.”***

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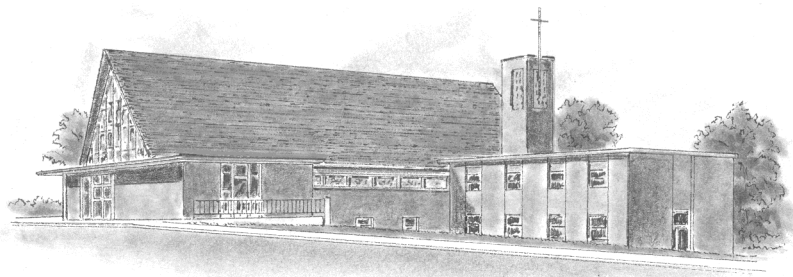
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**Worship Service - 9:30 AM
(via Facebook Live
until further notice)**

**The following are postponed until
further notice.**

**Fellowship/Coffee Hour - 10:30 AM
AA Meeting - 7:00 PM**