The Parish News

April, 2025

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Who Will Roll the Stone Away?

At the first Easter it was the biggest question. *"Who will roll the stone away?"* Hope had fallen, Jesus had died. His body had not been properly prepared. The tomb was sealed with a massive stone and on top of it all, Roman soldiers stood guard! The stone was a problem.

As the Easter of 2025 arrives, the stone is still a problem. Or maybe it works better to say, stones. There are the stones of fallen health, hopeless tomorrows, lives gone astray, resources diminished, fears for the future, evil at our doorstep and much more. With many struggles in the paths of our personal lives we, like the women of the first Easter as they were going to the tomb ask, *"Who will roll the stone away?"*

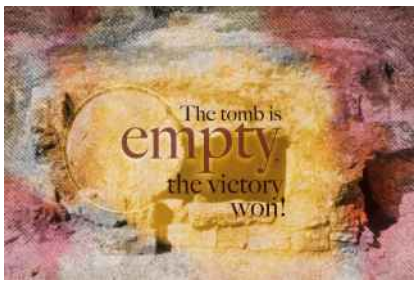
Well, as it was in the beginning; as it was at that first Easter; and as it is for us today, God acts!

The Bible records instances again and again where God steps in and acts boldly among his people. He is the believer's Rock, the believer's Refuge, and the believer's Fortress! Which means, He can, He will, and He does roll away the stones that stand in the pathway of our life. No matter what those stones might be, God, on account of Jesus Christ, does not forsake us. Promises like this from the Holy Scriptures make it plain: *"See, I lay a stone in Zion a chosen and precious cornerstone and those who trust in Him will never be put to shame" - 1 Peter 2:6*

In Jesus' suffering and death, the hard rock of our sin is removed. In His Resurrection from the grave, the stone of death and punishment is no more. The stone is rolled away, the ransom is complete. Easter shouts out that sin forgiven and death is conquered.

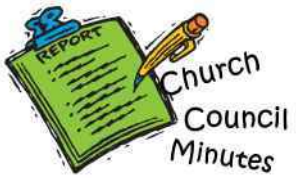
Who will roll the stone away? God has!

A Blessed Easter to all!
Pastor Krueger



COUNCIL MEETING ON March 11, 2025

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



The Church Council met on March 11, 2025 at 6:30 PM. Present were Aaron Solmonson, Jesslyn Hall, Joe Sheldon, Chris Albers, Janet Hanson, Sarah Rosenquist, Pastor Paul Krueger, and Alli Sheldon. Jeannette Rost was also present. Sadie Lauf and Kacy Hardt were absent.

President Joe Sheldon called the meeting to order. Alli Sheldon/Rosenquist to approve the agenda. Carried

Kristen Deyle and Blake Stuart present from Aflac to provide education on benefits that they offer and could offer to the employees of First Lutheran. Discussion was had on Cancer policies, Short term disability, and Accident policies. Discussion was had on if the church was to contribute to the policy or to allow Aflac to offer this to employees at their cost. Allowing Aflac to meet with the employees gives them a discounted rate being offered through a group. Board has discussion on allowing Aflac to present to the employees. Hall/Solmonson motion to allow Aflac to present to church employees. Motion carried.

Pastor Krueger led in devotions based on 1 Thessalonians 4:1.

Krueger/Hanson approve of February 10, 2025 minutes. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed the treasurers' report. The following balances are on hand: Checking: $187,065.18; Building: $95,916.79; FLY: $39,531.29; Interest: $20,191.37; Music: $2,743.33; Pizza Day: $280.00; Raising Hope Ministry: $115.00; Super Sunday Supper: $5,202.86; Worship: $2,603.44; Ameriprise Financial: $39,995.60. Total Assets: $393,644.86. Albers/Rosenquist approve to file future audit and pay non budgeted bills. Motion carried.

Pastor's report:

1. **February/March – Pastoral Activity**
   - Private Communions completed
   - Hospital Visits throughout the month
   - Two baptisms on March 9th, three more baptisms scheduled for April 6th.
   - Funeral – Mike Thyberg
2. **Lent/Easter 2025** - Our midweek Lenten worship services have begun and once again we look forward to the Easter celebration. Our Holy Week services will be Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, both at 7:00 PM, and then two Easter Sunday worship services, Sunrise worship at 7:00 AM and our regular Easter service at 9:30 AM. Once again, we will ask brass players to help make our worship extra special on Easter Sunday.
3. **NALC Minkota Misson District Gathering** - will be held on April 4-5 in Watertown, SD. Bishop Dan Selbo will be the featured speaker. Dr. Leon Miles from ILT (Institute of Lutheran Theology) will present on the topic of Law and Gospel. Jill Neshem will talk about NALC Disaster Response and the work our church body is doing nationwide.
4. **LCMC Northern Plains Mission Region** – Like the NALC, the LCMC continues to grow. The LCMC congregations of North Dakota, South Dakota, Western Minnesota, and Eastern Montana have reached a point where serving our congregations will require the next level of care. On May 10th, a new LCMC Mission region called the Northern Plains Mission Region will have its inaugural convention. The convention will be held at Charity Lutheran in Bismarck.
5. **First Communion Classes** – Each year we have the privilege of instructing a new class of students who will receive their first communion. Children in 5th grade, whose parents believe have reached a maturity level where to begin their personal faith journey, will be able to take part in our 2025 First Communion class, on Sunday afternoon, March 30th. Students will then celebrate their first communion on Maundy Thursday.
6. **Some thanks to FLC Leaders** – With my February travel, a big thank you to Randy Hanson for making confirmation classes special in my absence and for Rick Richard and Brent Petersen for conducting worship services while I was gone. We are blessed with their service.
7. Camp of the Cross Clarification – Still no further updates on our camp questions. As of the writing of this report, Deacon Janie

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Hauge the camp director and I have been playing phone tag all this week.

8. **Winding Down at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch** – The last projects that I'm involved in at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch will come to a close on March 31st. The Ranch leadership has been grateful for the way that the folks at First Lutheran Church have allowed me to slowly transition. While it has been a blessing for our church, the way that we've handled the transition has been greatly appreciated.
9. **Representing the NALC** – I will from time to time be representing the NALC on behalf of our national staff as Lutheran congregations in the Dakota's consider disaffiliating with their current church body and joining the NALC. As a Christ-centered, Mission-Driven, Congregationally Focused and Traditionally Grounded church body, we have much to offer and a number of congregations are considering a transition like we made 15 years ago. From time to time this may involve a few days of travel and our national leaders are grateful for the time that First Lutheran allows me to assist.
10. **Upcoming travel**
    - **Friday, Saturday April 4-5** – NALC Minkota Mission District Gathering in Watertown, SD

Committee Reports:

Stewardship Committee - Hall will be sending out thank-you's to Thrivent fund donators and meeting with Pastor Krueger for further information on her role.

Worship Committee - No report

Education Committee - FLC SS ED Committee Meeting Notes, February 20

Bible School

- July 28, 29, 30, & 31st
- Half days - 8:30-12
- Serving lunch
- Curriculum, t-shirts, and some decor has been purchased. Theme is Wonder Junction!
- Option to get more from Century Baptist Church as they are doing the same theme again this year. Last year we gave a $500 donation that went towards their mission project. Will make a final decision on this at our May meeting.
- Sadie to chair bible school. Looking for an additional person to co-chair.
- Per Kacy - Judy B. states Super Sunday Supper will serve lunch again.
- Kacy will look into the following marketing tools to promote the Bible school in the community.
    - Mass mailers - to be paid by evangelism committee
    - Save the date magnets - to be handed out to SS kids, and at the Taste of Washburn booth on April 5th.
- Budget for bible school is $3,000. Currently have spent $653.23
- Would like to invite all of Washburn Community youth to be a part of Bible School. Last year, our program was the only one in town. Had many families from other churches attend and others that provided interest after.
- Was discussed that we would invite all and ask non-members to consider a free will donation to aid our bible school program at FLC.

Current Curriculum

- Discussed current need for new unit of curriculum. Last fall, 1 unit of the Answers in Genesis curriculum was purchased. Each unit consists of 10 lessons, plus Easter and Christmas lessons. Classroom teachers are in various stages of teaching. Most are between lessons 7-10. One teacher is on lesson 10 this week. A new unit can be purchased for $160.
- Per discussion, there were varying opinions about the current curriculum. Some teachers on the committee expressed that they felt like it was harder for their students to understand. Some felt as though it was very good and that it was giving the kids a good foundation in Christ.
- We discussed the other resources that are available through the curriculum such as music, large group presentations, and activities. We will try to utilize more of these to see if this helps our teachers and students.
- Current plan based on days left of SS for the spring is to utilize the lessons still incomplete, as well as the Easter lessons for the days remaining. Will discuss more at our May meeting regarding satisfaction with the curriculum.
- Sadie will spend some time delving into the resources to help bring more structure and options forth to the teaching staff.
- Kellie provided all ed committee members with the user and password so we all have access to the full curriculum. She also provided multiple resources to the group regarding the origin and how to use Answers in Genesis.

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- Discussed option for digital versions of the curriculum. Cost is $99 per class.

Spring Schedule

- March 2nd - regular lesson
- March 9th - Easter Lesson
- March 16th - Easter Lesson
- March 23rd - No Sunday School - Spring Break
- March 30th – Easter Lesson
- April 6th - Easter Lesson
- April 13th - Palm Sunday - Sunday School to Sing at Church, Longer group worship with a craft for class room time.
- April 20th - Easter Sunday - No Sunday School
- April 27th - Regular or review lesson
- May 4th - Last day of SS - Sing in Church – Mother's Day Craft - Teacher Appreciation in Church
- May 20th - ED Committee Meeting - 6:30

Current SS Flow

- In depth discussion of how the group feels about the current flow of SS at this time.
- General comments included a need for structure, lack of engagement, and need for things to help the kids get the "wiggles" out before going to classrooms. Ideas to help during worship time included
    - having offering at the beginning of every worship time with an offering song or rhyme
    - having a worship leader designated for each Sunday which could be done by anyone in the congregation, Pastor Paul, youth leaders, or our teachers. To help take the pressure off of one or two people to always be there or having something prepared. Can utilize their own resources or resources within the curriculum.
    - Discussed putting a sign up for SS worship time in the front of the church and discussing this with our teachers and congregation.
- Goal is to try to begin implementing a more structured worship time starting in April and if it works try to get more involvement for the fall.

SS Budget

- 2025 SS Budget is $2000
- Full amount of funds are available at this time

Current Classes and Teachers

- Short discussion regarding the teachers we have and a few that have already stated they will not be teaching next year.
- Discussed possibilities to maybe merge the older group of kids together with a couple teachers on rotation.
- An idea to help with support of our program - Do a survey/recruitment sheet sometime before the end of SS season to be given out to the whole congregation in the bulletin. Drop box in entry way. Asking basic information like…Would you be interested in teaching SS? Would you be interested in subbing for SS? Would you be interested in leading worship or music for SS?

Other Discussion

- Teacher Appreciation - To be done in Church on last day of SS May 4th. Agreed that the $10 Ice Burg Gift Cards was a great idea to do again.
- Readers - Need to organize and ask for SS readers for the last Sunday of every month. Consensus of group was that SS would try to participate and do more during church. More singing. Maybe assistance with offering or ushering.
- Teacher meetings to be held the last Sunday every other month to help make sure everyone is on the same page
- Discussed a google drive to help share content, meeting notes, and other resources for SS.
- Band App - Currently being trialed by Melissa and FLY. Could this be something useful for SS? SS Computer - still not quite ready for our use. Per Melissa, there was a formatting issue. Should be ready in a few weeks.
- Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 20th at 6:30 at the church.

Evangelism Committee - Our committee met on March 4. Present was Sarah Rosenquist, Leilani Olafson, Carla Bickert, Pastor Paul and Kacy Hardt.

- Leilani was tasked with looking into a QR code for analytics for tithing, guest registration, communion, etc. to start the process of revamping the pew cards. The best option found was Uniqode. There are 3 versions; Lite-$15/month; Pro- $49/month; and Plus-$99/month. Each has their different qualities and advantages and disadvantages. There is also a Business Plus option, but that has a call to talk description and I haven't looked into that yet. More to be discussed at a later time.
- Sarah was tasked with finding new fidget toys and gadgets for the busy bags for church service. She came up with some great options from Oriental Trading as well

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as some wonderful sales on prizes for the carnival. Permission was granted for ordering.

- Mailer prices were discussed for future advertising for the carnival, VBS, etc.
- April 5th the Evangelism committee will be hosting a table at the Taste of Washburn. We will be handing out information for VBS. Food item to be handed out yet to be determined.
- March 19th we will be serving the Lenten Meal. We will be serving Chicken Alfredo, Garlic Bread, Salad, and Dessert. Planning for around 100 people.
- Carnival discussion was talked about and more workers will be needed this year to make this a more successful event. Plan is to get a rotation going of workers so not everyone has to sit at one event the whole time. Hoping to get a signup table set up in the narthex before Easter. Going to talk to Sadie about a possible double up with VBS volunteer sign up as well. Kacy will take care of this.
- We are still working on getting a logo set up, but are having a hard time finding someone to create it. Pastor Paul did talk to Claudette's grandson, Brenden, who was the former Marketing Director for Trinity Hospital. He is willing to help us begin to put together a more comprehensive social media/PR plan and help get it up and running. He is putting together some ideas and he and Pastor Paul will meet up next Friday morning.
- Waiting to hear back from Grand Forks Grocery in setting up an account for ordering for the church. It would be tax free and could be utilized by all groups. Should hear back before the meeting time on 3/11.
- Next meeting will be discussed at the preparation for the Lenten meal on March 19th .

Property Committee - Albers reports the crank in the windows in the kitchen were fixed and Weber fixed lighting concerns and outlets. Mic on the lectern was fixed. There is extra carpet in the stage storage if anyone would like to take before Spring cleanup.

Executive Committee - No update

Old Business:

We have $745.37 in Thrivent Choice Dollars.

The Architectural Expansion committee has been formed including Kristi Jaeger, Bill Wuolu, and Rick Richard with the goal of having a meeting by the end of month. Goal of meeting is to come up with an action plan on moving forwards.

Endowment Update - The Ameriprise account has been moved over to the Endowment fund except for some dividends. Growth fund - $275,287.15, Action fund - $25,442.28, Endowment fund $145,395.29 with a total of $446,124.72.

New Business:

Quarterly Benevolences:

- Relief Missions/World Hunger/Global Missions - Team Guatemala (God's Child Project) -$750.00
- US/Local Mission - Imagination Library - $375.00

Krueger/Hanson motion to approve Quarterly Benevolences. Motion passed

Insurance Review - questioning if the church is carrying enough property insurance. Joe is going to look at meeting with NorthStar Mutual through Western Frontier to discuss our current plan. Traveler's Insurance - looking at getting a rider for Team Guatemala - Joe will check with Western Frontier on this and Pastor Krueger will also check with alternative options.

Mutual Ministry Committee - Rick Richard, Arden Wagner, and Jordan Swanson. Joe Sheldon will look for one more member to be on this committee.

Transfer Requests:

Transfers in:

Allison Bertolotto from Ray Lutheran Church, Ray ND

Transfers out:

None

By Affirmation of Faith:

None

Remove From Membership Per Their Request:

None

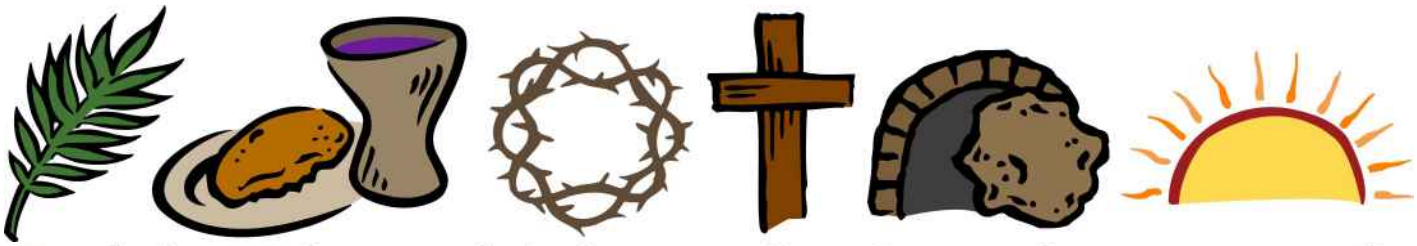
Hanson/Hall to approve transfers in. Motion carried

The next meeting will be on April 8th at 6:30 pm.

Krueger/Hanson motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The Board closed with the Lords Prayer

Respectfully submitted by
Alli Sheldon
Church Council Secretary



Holy Week Schedule

April 13
9:30 AM Worship

April 17
7:00 PM
Worship
w/Holy
Communion
& First
Communion

April 18
7:00 PM
Worship

Easter Sunday - April 20

w/Holy Communion
7:00 AM

7:45 - 9:15 AM
Served by Team Guatemala

w/Holy Communion
9:30 AM

Join us for a

BRIDAL SHOWER

for

JESSLYN HALL

Fiancé of Douglas Josie

April 6, 2025 2:00 PM

First Lutheran Church

They are registered at Target and Amazon.

EDUCATION REPORT

Sadie Lauf - Education Chair

It's hard to believe that our year is coming to an end, but it is! Our last day of Sunday school will be May 4th!

Bible school will be July 28-31st, from 8:30-12:30! We will be looking for many volunteers to help us that week! More on that to come!

Our group met in February and discussed many ways we can continue to grow our children in faith!

Be blessed!

QR Code

March 9, 2025 Baptisms
Brooks David Bertolotto and Chanleigh Mae Tweeten

Top Picture:
Allison Bertolotto, Pastor Paul Krueger, Brooks and Tagen Bertolotto

Right Picture:
Abigail, Chanleigh, Grady and Grant Tweeten

We welcome Brooks and Chanleigh as our newest members
of First Lutheran Church.

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:

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In Memory of:

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In Thanksgiving for (person or event):

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( ) To the Glory of God

Would you like your Easter Lily back? Yes or No

Attach this form to your Easter Lily or plant and bring it to the Secretary's hallway no later than noon April 17.

TEAM GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP UPDATE

Our fundraising is at about $31,000. All bills are due in May so we have one month left of fundraising. Here are the future events!

- Donation houses: We have blue donation houses at 7 area businesses and 1 in the narthex. Please consider donating your loose change! Every coin helps!
- April 5th: We are holding a bake sale in conjunction with the Taste of Washburn at the Memorial Hall. If you are willing to bake something, please contact Melissa Rothe.
- April 20th: We will be serving Easter brunch between Easter services. At the printing of the newsletter, the menu is still being decided.
- April 27th: We will be holding an event called “Shower to Empower”. At the event, we will be collecting donations, having a short presentation, and then we invite you to join us downstairs for Super Sunday Supper. Due to space constraints and Easter, we would like to only collect donations on April 27th. See poster for more details!

Back: Brian Erber, Sandi Erber, Beckett Kadrmas, DJ Winter, Melissa Rothe, Jaxon Solomonson
Middle: Chloe Erber, Jamie Baumann, Patty Winn, Justin Dahl, Donnie Vetter
Front: Brooke Knutson, Beth Knutson, Kristi Jaeger, Noah Jaeger, Lexie Solomonson
Not pictured: Dwight Rasmussen, McKayde Baumann, Paxton Feist, Gracie Omlid, Jake Dahl, Keisha Sparks

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BRASS PLAYERS WANTED

We are looking for brass players that would like to play on Easter Sunday at the 7:00 and 9:30 am services. Please call the church office or talk to Jeannette if you are interested and let her know what instrument you will be playing. We will get back to you with music and practice times closer to the date.

You Are Invited To

Shower to Empower

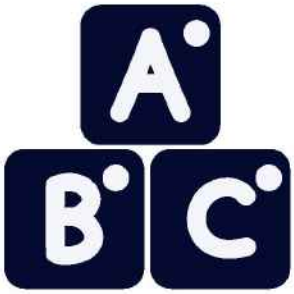
to bless

Guatemala!

Please join us as we collect donations to shower the people of Guatemala to meet their basic needs. A short presentation will showcase where the donations will be used and the ministry of our mission trip. Afterwards, we would love for everyone to join us for Super Sunday Supper downstairs.

April 27th, 4 pm

First Lutheran Church Sanctuary



Donation List

Diapers	Wound care/wrapping
Diaper Rash cream	L-XXL Size Scrub tops
Baby bottles & extra nipples	Balloons
Bibs (no tie closures)	Jump rope
Baby socks/non-slip shoes	Bubbles
Eye droppers/oral syringes	Stickers
Probiotics/digestive aid	Snacks/candy
Kids toothbrushes/paste	Deflated soccer balls
Gummy or liquid vitamins	Coloring books and supplies
Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Benadryl	Hair Accessories
Band-Aids	Small toys

Before donating anything else, please contact Team Guatemala to ensure that they can take the donations!

Pots, Painting, and Flowers Hosted by:
Raising Hope Ministry

Join us on Sunday April 27th from 1-3pm for a spring girls' day!

Ladies of all ages are welcome to attend an afternoon of painting, planting, and fellowship! Paint a pot to honor a loved one in heaven.

- **Painting pots & planting faux flowers**
- **Flower crowns for the little ladies**
- **Door prize drawing**
- **Light snacks and drinks provided**

Please RSVP to Jeannette or Kellie by April 18th.

YOUTH GROUP/CONFIRMATION HAPPENINGS

YOUTH GROUP News

Confirmation MINISTRY

Youth Group: Times will vary slightly this month. See the events for all the times. All students 7-12th grade are welcome. Please sign up from remind with the code @rothefly.

Confirmation: There are two weeks left of confirmation - April 23rd and 30th.

Movie night: April 16th we will have a movie night at 7 pm.

Easter brunch: Team Guatemala will be serving Easter Brunch. Any youth that are available are welcome to help!

Events: Here are the scheduled events for April.

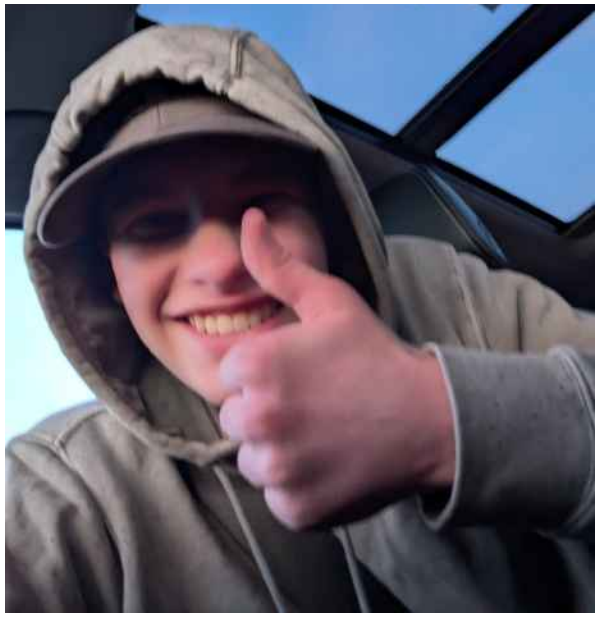
April 2
Pizza Day

April 2 & 9
5:30-6:45 10-12th grade Youth Group
8:00-9:00 7-9th grade Youth Group

April 16
7 pm Movie night

April 23 & 30
5:30-6:15 Meal
6:15-7:45 Confirmation and 10th-12th grade Youth Group
7:45-9:00 7th-9th Youth Group

Pray for the Youth: Precious Savior, we are so grateful and blessed that you died for our sins! Help us to remember your love and compassion for us! Drive us to you when we are struggling! Amen!



Super Sunday Supper

April 27, 2025
4:00 pm- 6:00 pm

First Lutheran Church
709 5th Ave, Washburn

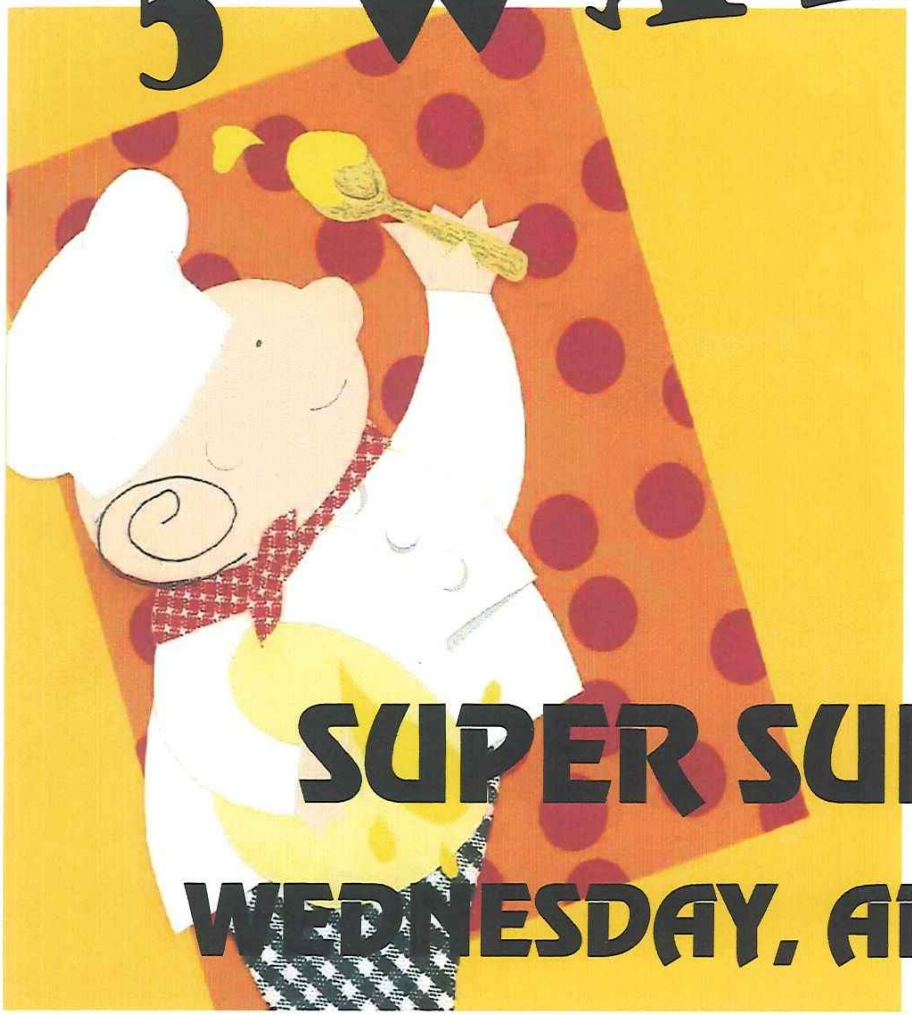
Free-Will Offering

Questions or Schedule a Meal Delivery:
Call Judy 701-220-4410 or Rhonda 701-315-0656

Everyone is Welcome to Attend

CINCINNATI CHILI

5 WAYS



1. SPAGHETTI
2. CHILI
3. BEANS
4. ONIONS
5. CHEDDAR

SUPER SUNDAY SUPPER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 5:30-6:45 PM

Join us on
April 9, 2025
5:30 pm - 6:45 pm
for
PIZZA

Served by Men's Bible Study
Free-will offering
Everyone welcome!

FLCW NEWS

April, 2025

Executive Board:

Co-Chairs:
Donna Gunderson
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Secretary:
Brenda Suckow

Treasurer:
LeAnn Richard

Growth (Confirmation & Graduation Tea and 3rd Grade Bibles):
Janet Hanson
Joan Holznagel

Committees:

Action (Quilts, LWR Kits):
Marlys Knell
LeAnn Richard
Gwen DeMontigny

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

Altar Guild:
Theresa Petersen

Audit:
Mary Ann Beeks

Camp of the Cross:
Peggy Moran

Decorating, Receptions/ Bulletin Board Decorating:
Donna Gunderson

Good Cheer:
Mary Ann Beeks

Kitchen:
Arlene Schwarz
Kathy Keller
Linda Zeller

Library:
Sharon Chrest
Sande Wagner
Norma Petersen
Arlene Schwarz

Prayer Chain:
First Lutheran Church
Jeannette Rost

Service Secretary:
Sharon Chrest
Donna Gunderson

Have a Blessed Easter!

Due to poor attendance at our general meeting on March 10th, we were not able to do the scheduled activities and had lots of food left. We will most likely not have any more general meetings. Everyone is invited to attend the executive board meetings held every few months. Watch the newsletter and bulletin for the date and time.

FLCW served the Lenten Meal on March 12. Thank you to all who made soup, bread and bars and served.

April 11 and 12 - Goodies from the Heart will be packaged and delivered. Please have items at the church by 6:00 on Friday the 11th. Call or email Alli Sheldon with any questions - cell (880-8802) email allisheldon3@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events:

APRIL EVENTS
11 - Goodies from the Heart - Have items to church by 6:00 pm
24 - Quilting - 9:00 am

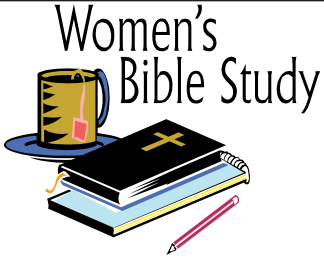
MAY EVENTS
4 - Mother's Day Tea
TBA - Garden Tour
18 - Graduation Tea
22 - Quilting 9am

NEW KITCHEN POLICY: 2/16/2025. ANY QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF KITCHEN ITEMS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE FLCW KITCHEN COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW. THIS INCLUDES DISHES, UTENSILS, POTS, AND PANS. (NOT INCLUDING PAPER ITEMS, ETC.) THE FLCW KITCHEN COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW SUGGESTIONS AND BRING THEM TO THE FLCW EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR FINAL APPROVAL.

Donna Gunderson, Co-Chair

QUILTING GROUP

April 24
9:00 AM



Deborah Bible Study
April 17
9:30 AM
at the church
Kathy Keller and
Kathy Farstad, Host

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

Study is The Tender Warrior - Lesson 14

FEBRUARY QUILTING

PIZZA DAY - MARCH 5, 2025
106 Youth Served

Thank you Claudette Ness, Randy & Janet Hanson, Brenda Suckow, Wes Sauer, Audrey Pauling, Maybell Job, Sharon Chrest, Theresa Petersen, and Pastor Paul for helping with pizza day!
(Full group picture was not taken this month.)

EXIT

THANK YOU

☺ Thank you Jeneen Loe and Sharon Chrest for helping tape the March newsletter for mailing.

☺ Thank you Don, Pam & Jada Vetter for serving the confirmation meal on February 26.

☺ The family of Mike Thyberg wish to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone for the love and support shown to us. We appreciate your thoughts, prayers and words of encouragement.

Special thank you for all who came for the meaningful service and to the kitchen ladies for their extended time serving.

☺ Thank you everyone that donated Thrivent Choice Dollars to First Lutheran Church. Since First Lutheran joined the Thrivent program, we have received $24,556.00 in Choice Dollars. In 2024 we received $1,390.00 in Thrivent Choice Dollars grant funding.

☺ Dear Members of First Lutheran Church Quilters,

The phrase, “It takes a village to raise a child,” emphasizes the efforts of an entire community for a child to grow in a safe and healthy environment. The children who come to the Ranch have been abused, neglected, and victims of unimaginable trauma. But with God’s love and your prayers and support, our young people can become their best selves. Thank you for your recent gift of four quilts and for being important members of the village at the Ranch.

God’s blessing to you!
Dennis Aunne
Senior Development Officer
Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch

THREE OF THE QUILTS SENT TO DAKOTA BOYS AND GIRLS RANCH

WE’VE GOT GREAT KIDS!

Growing in faith is important and takes work sometimes. FLC confirmation kids have turned in 260 sets of sermon notes so far this year. A pretty cool statistic and testimony to the great kids here at FLC.

Please be Praying for...

The following people were prayed for by request at worship from Sunday, March 2, 2025 - Sunday, March 23, 2025.
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 Joan Odland on her death
- Lori Rudland - Sister to Teri Brewster
- Joan Odland (Wife of Rev. Elmer Odland, former Pastor of First Lutheran)
- Jayne Pochant
- Kristi Jaeger
- Shamus
- Family of Mike Thyberg on his death
- Kathy Philbrick
- Alton Krebsbach
- Howard Johnson
- Karen Goehring
- Geremy Olson
- Trisha Sabin
- Cindy Wimer - Mother-in-law to Mandi Wimer
- Brekken Bachmeier
- MaDonna Wretting
- Audrey Larson - School Lunch Lady
- Corrine Kerzmann - Sister to Donna Gunderson
- Marion Narum - Mother to Peggy Moran
- Ty Brown - Son of Jody & Nicole Brown
- Alice Richard
- Jackie Olson

Military Prayer and Card List
We pray for the Men & Women in our Military who protect our country, especially those assigned to serve overseas or away from home.

Members of First Lutheran on Active Duty in the Military and the National Guard:

- SGT Bryce Rost – Army National Guard
- SPC Olivia Retterath - National Guard
- SPC Cassidy Sommer - National Guard
- SPC Jonathan Melvard - Army National Guard

Friends and Family on Active Duty in the Military and in the National Guard:

- SGT Dustin Enockson – National Guard
- Emily Johnson - Air Force
- Bryar Anderson - Marines
- TECH SGT Andre Austin
- Hunter Feigum - National Guard
- Morris Duffy - Medical Air Guard
- Adam Walsvik - National Guard
- SSGT Tom Heidelberger - Army
- 2LT Tony Heidelberger - Air Force

Bell Choir - March 2, 2025

APRIL WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY USHERS/GREETERS - 9:30 AM
6 - George & Val Swanson
13 - Elmer & Arlene Schwarz
20 - 7:00 AM - Dan Chrest Family
9:30 AM - ???
27 - Mary Ann Beeks & Sharon Chrest

ACOLYTES
6 - Donnie Vetter & Olivia Schmidt
13 - Jaxon Solomonson & Bodie Winter
27 -

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS
6 - Joe Sheldon
13 - Due Winter
20 - 7:00 AM - Jeff Schmidt
9:30 AM - Dewey Oster
27 - Adley Sheldon

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
6 - Joe Sheldon, Nadine Berger
Emily Retterath*
20 - 7:00 AM - Jeff Schmidt
9:30 AM - Dewey Oster, Sharon Chrest
Susann Krueger*
*Head Communion Assistant

ALTAR CARE
Brenda Suckow & Maybell Job

COFFEE HOUR SERVERS
6 - George & Val Swanson
13 - Donna Gunde4rson
20 - Team Guatemala - Easter Brunch
27 - Don & Pam Vetter Family

SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS
Terry & Donna Gunderson
Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen

WEDNESDAY APRIL 2 & 9 VOLUNTEERS - 7:00 PM

USHERS/GREETERS and READERS
Confirmation Class

APRIL 17 - MAUNDY THRUSDAY

USHERS/GREETERS
???

READER AND COMMUNION ASSISTANT
Sarah Rosenquist

APRIL 18 - GOOD FRIDAY

USHERS/GREETERS
Don & Pam Vetter Family

READER
Leilani Olafson

LENTEN MEALS
April 2
Super Sunday Supper
Cincinnati Chili - 5 ways

April 9
Men's Bible Study
Pizza

April 11th - 6:00 PM

Have baked items to the church.
Packaging and delivery of baked items.

Remember the shut-in's, homebound, sick, etc. with "Goodies From the Heart".

If you know of people that we should be distributing to, please let Alli Sheldon know (name and address) by texting her at 701-880-8802 or Email: allisheldon3@gmail.com.

EVANGELISM

Thank you to our First Lutheran Church Family for helping our coordinators plan out each Sunday's ushers, coffee hour coordinators, and volunteers! If you have any questions or if you and/or your family has been missed, please feel free to reach out to the office. Volunteers for these positions are a ministry of hospitality and evangelism who are chosen to reflect Christ's welcome, so thank you for your help and willingness to say yes when called by the coordinator to assist church services!

Year 2025	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6
	October	November	December	January	February	March
	April	May	June	July	August	September

Year 2026	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6
	September	October	November	December	January	February
	March	April	May	June	July	August

GROUP 2 - MAY

Coordinators:
Emily Retterath, Suzy Jacobson & Beth Knutson

Mike Aull
Brian & Sandi Erber
Adam & Laura Flegel
Hank Helm
Dwayne & Jenny Helmers
Erin Holznagel
Lauren & Lavonne Hunze
Keith & Suzy Jacobson
Rhonda Johnson
Kathy Key
Jacob & Rani Knecht
Aaron & Beth Knutson
Sharon Kornack
Cody & Brittany Kroll
Tana Larsen
Orlin & Ivadell Larson
Robert & Cindy Leidholm
Jeneen Loe
Mark & Denise Loutzenhiser
Jackie Olson
Kristi Olson
Wayne & Julie Petersen
Chris Pfleiger & Andrea Sumner
Owen & Kim Price
Luke & Emily Retterath
AJ & Kara Richards
Melissa Rothe
Glenda Scholl
Sarah Scholl
George & Laurie Sheldon
Justin Sheldon
Alyson Teigen
Arden & Sande Wagner
Craig & Patty Winn

GROUP 3 - JUNE

Coordinators:
Rick & LeAnn Richard
Randy & Janet Hanson

Brandon & Haley Anderson
Jamie Baumann
Wade & Stacy Boeshans
Dana & Chelsey Brandt
Matt & Laura Gardner
Randy & Janet Hanson
Ken & Maybell Job
Lee & Melissa Kugler
A.J. & Doddie Kuntz
Brandon Lazier
Brian & Janet Lazier
Cassie Leidholm
Russ & Terri Leidholm
Wayne & Carol Leidholm
Tom Merkel
Camden Moran
Peggy Moran
Alice Richard
Matthew Richard
Rick & LeAnn Richard
Chris Samuelson & Suzanne Swanson
John & Helen Samuelson
Brianna Sayler
Eric & Sherry Schmitz
Joe & Kellie Sheldon
Misty Stockert
Jordan Swanson
Gary & Cindy Thiel
Mitch & Kristi Wachendorf
Linda Wohlk

CAMP OF THE CROSS NEWS

April 9-13	Crafting Retreat
May 7-11	Crafting Retreat
May 9-10	Spring Clean Up Weekend
June 8 - August 10	Summer Sundays
June 21	Prairie Lake Festival
August 12	Prairie Masters Golf Scramble
November 22	Scandinavian Supper

* CRAFTING RETREATS - join scrapbookers, stampers, quilters, card makers, etc. for this fun event! Share projects, ideas, devotions, and lots of FUN! The food is homemade and delicious, and great memories are created each day!
* GIVING HEARTS DAY results - The goal was $30,000 and received roughly $45,000 for camper scholarships and other summer programming expenses.
* CCM ANNUAL MEETING - completing terms or leaving the CCM Board of Directors were Rev. Lisa Ahlness (Lutheran Church of the Cross, Bismarck), Alyssa Nelson Peterson (Peace Lutheran, Lincoln), Rev. Sylvia Bull (Faith Lutheran, Bismarck), and Rev. Marcy Dawson (UCC). Elected to the Board each for three year terms are Amber Nelson (Peace Lutheran Church, Hazen), Dawn Mode (UCC), Missy Kopp (Bismarck), and Rev. Mike Harrison (Elgin). CCM had 262 campers registered for Summer 2024 and hosted the 70th anniversary at camp in August. Retreat season has been going well with some new retreat groups coming to CCM. The Scandinavian Supper in November had over 80 people in attendance with entertainment by Marti Malachowski and a silent auction.
* SUMMER 2025 STAFF NEEDED - if you know of anyone - please let CCM know so they can be in contact with them. Staffing is one of the factors that helps determine the number of campers Camp of the Cross can accommodate at each session.
* SUMMER 2025 Registration is OPEN to explore "GOD'S WORD COMES NEAR"! Information sheets/notes are being distributed to the 2nd - 12th grade students. First Lutheran groups/ individuals are covering the registration fees in full for our member campers for the 2025 summer camp season. To date, I have been notified of 3 students already signed up.
* PRAIRIE LAKE FESTIVAL - Do you have a craft talent to make items for the Festival? The PLF will be Saturday, June 21, 2025. Items need to be received by Monday, May 19th with the donation description form so it can be included in the booklet and photographed for the CCM website ahead of the PLF. Doors open at 9:30 am, lunch starts at 10:30 am, with Live Auction to begin at 11 am.

Watch for SHOWER THE CAMP donation information in April. A tote and list of items the camp is in need of will be in the narthex from April 6-30.

Thank you to EVERYONE for continuing to support OUR Camp of the Cross, whether it be through a special 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

Altar Flowers

A signup sheet is on the table in the narthex for altar flowers thru May 25.
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.

Memorial Gifts Given to Special Funds
(Sunday, March 2, 2025 to Sunday, March 23, 2025)

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

Building Fund $130.00
Terry & Norma Petersen ..... Mike Thyberg
Larry & Kathy Keller ..... Mike Thyberg
Mary Ann Beeks ..... Mike Thyberg

Camp of the Cross $0.00

Cemetery $0.00

FLY $0.00

General Fund $440.00
Wes Sauer & Audrey Pauling..... Mary Leidholm
Kitty Tweeten ..... Ray Waldren
Sharon Chrest..... Joan Odland
Mac & Judy Beaudry..... Mary Leidholm
Mac & Judy Beaudry..... Doug Price
Mac & Judy Beaudry..... Jan Halverson

The following are all in memory of Mike Thyberg:
Dick & Carla Bickert
Russ & Terri Leidholm
John & Helen Samuelson
Sharon Chrest
Rick & LeAnn Richard
Wes Sauer
Jeneen Loe
Alton & Brenda Krebsbach
Mac & Judy Beaudry

Global Missions $20.00
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth ..... Mike Thyberg

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

Music $20.00
Arden & Sande Wagner..... Dee Edwards
Arden & Sande Wagner..... Mike Thyberg

LWR $20.00
Dewey & Wanda Oster ..... John Riehl

Pizza Day $0.00

Raising Hope Ministry $0.00

Relief Missions $0.00

Sunday School $75.00
A.J. & Doddie Kuntz (2 times) ..... Keith Kuntz
A.J. & Doddie Kuntz ..... Mike Thyberg

Super Sunday Supper $15.00
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth..... Vivan Merkel

US/Local Missions $25.00
Ken & Maybell Job ..... Mike Thyberg

VBS $0.00

World Hunger $15.00
Peggy Moran..... Mike Thyberg

Worship $0.00

Our sympathy goes out to:
⇒ The family of Mike Thyberg on his death.
⇒ Rev. Elmer Odland and family on the death of Elmer's wife, Joan Odland.

May God give them comfort in this time of sorrow.

As of March 23, 2025:

Our envelope & online giving is $65,282.79
$752.15 under budget

The plate giving is $5,052.95
$2,258.86 under budget

Thank you for your giving.

EVANGELISM REPORT

Kacy Hardt - Evangelism Deacon

It has been a busy Lenten season around First Lutheran Church and as Easter approaches, it's only going to get better! Our Evangelism Team has been busy meeting and planning for future events! We have such a great group of volunteers that work behind the scenes to make things happen at First Lutheran Church!

Our team was able to serve a meal for Lenten services. We enjoy doing this every year and have such a great time bringing the FLC family together for great conversations and even better, food! Thanks to Leilani Olafson, Carla Bickert, Sarah Rosenquist, Judy Beaudry and Claudette Ness for all of the help in preparing the wonderful meal!

As spring approaches, we are also getting ready for our 3rd FLC Carnival in the fall! The carnival will take place on August 3 and we are looking for volunteers to help make this event even bigger and better than the last! If you have ideas or are able to help, please let one of the members of our Evangelism Team or Jeannette in the office know. We will be having a meeting after Easter, so keep your eyes out for flyers! We will take all of the support we can get!

Our team has also been working on some advertising and promotional ideas for FLC. If you or someone you know has a keen sense of web or graphic design, please get us in contact with them! We are looking for creative people to help us!

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
Ephesians 2:10

First Lutheran April Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following First Lutheran members who have birthdays in April. 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 Dick Bickert Kal DeMontigny Tate Price Sara Scholl	**2**	**3** Wes Sick	**4**	**5**
6	**7** Tom Merkel Owen Price	**8** Preston Beckman	**9** Geoffrey Beasley Teri Brewster Parker Schmidt	**10** Andrew Carvell Parker Jacobson Lynette Sondrol Kyle Syverson Jada Vetter	**11** Melissa Kugler	**12** Amanda Jorgenson Cathy Sheldon
13 Cole Philbrick Katelyn Smith	**14** McKenzie Baumann Karisa Hewitt Beckett Kadrmas Raelynn Price	**15** Kacy Hardt Arlene Schwarz	**16** Bekka Bentz Shenille Lillejord Peggy Moran Davis Wolf Linda Zeller	**17** Jamie Baumann Mike Nelson Eric Olafson Zachary Schell Kellie Sheldon	**18** Lily Meadows	**19** Elaine Carr
20	**21** Danielle Hardy	**22** Matt Gardner Corbyn Goetz	**23** Kesia Boeshans Tyler Klosterman Kirk Sailer	**24**	**25** Nathan Grubb Karter Hansen	**26** Kane Austin Kathy Philbrick Ranie Price Logan Schmitz Paizley Schmitz
27 Jackie Olson Wylder Winn	**28** Lily Gardner	**29** Courtney Austin Olivia Schmidt	**30** Mac Beaudry Sandra Peterson			

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	**2** Pizza Day 5:30 PM 10-12 Grade FLY 5:30 - 6:45 PM Lenten Meal 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 7:45 PM Choir 8:00 PM 7-9 Grade FLY	**3**	**4**	**5** Team Guatemala Bake Sale at Taste of Washburn
6 **Fifth Sunday of Lent** **Holy Communion** 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School Fireside Bible Study 1:00 PM Baptisms 2:00 PM Bridal Shower for Jesslyn Hall 7:00 PM AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	**7**	**8** 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group 6:30 PM Council Meeting	**9** 5:30 PM 10-12 Grade FLY 5:30 - 6:45 PM Lenten Meal 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 7:45 PM Choir 8:00 PM 7-9 Grade FLY	**10**	**11** 6:00 PM Goodies From the Heart	**12** 2:00 PM Baby Shower for Katelyn Petersen
13 **Palm Sunday** 9:30 AM Worship S.S. Sings 10:30 AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School Fireside Bible Study 7:00 PM AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	**14** 10:00 AM Chat & Sew Quilting	**15** 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	**16** 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM FLY Movie Night 7:30 PM Choir	**17** **Maundy Thursday** 9:30 AM Deborah Bible Study at the Church Noon Easter Lily Deadline **7:00 PM** **Maundy Thursday Worship w/Holy Communion & First Communion**	**18** **Good Friday** Noon Newsletter Deadline **7:00 PM** **Good Friday Worship**	**19**
20 **Easter Sunday** **Holy Communion** 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Worship 7:45 - 9:15 AM Easter Brunch 9:30 AM Easter Celebration Worship 7:00 PM AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	**21**	**22** 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	**23** 5:30 - 6:15 PM Meal 6:15 PM Confirmation 10-12 Grade FLY 7:00 PM Bell Choir 7:45 PM Choir 7-9 Grade FLY	**24** 9:00 AM Quilting	**25**	**26**
27 **Second Sunday of Easter** 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School Fireside Bible Study 1:00 PM Raising Hope Ministry 4:00 PM Shower to Empower 4:00 - 6:00 PM Super Sunday Supper 7:00 PM AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	**28**	**29** 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group 5:30 PM Christian Craft Club	**30** 5:30 - 6:15 PM Meal 6:15 PM Confirmation 10-12 Grade FLY 7:00 PM Bell Choir 7:45 PM Choir 7-9 Grade FLY			

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A Blessed Easter to:

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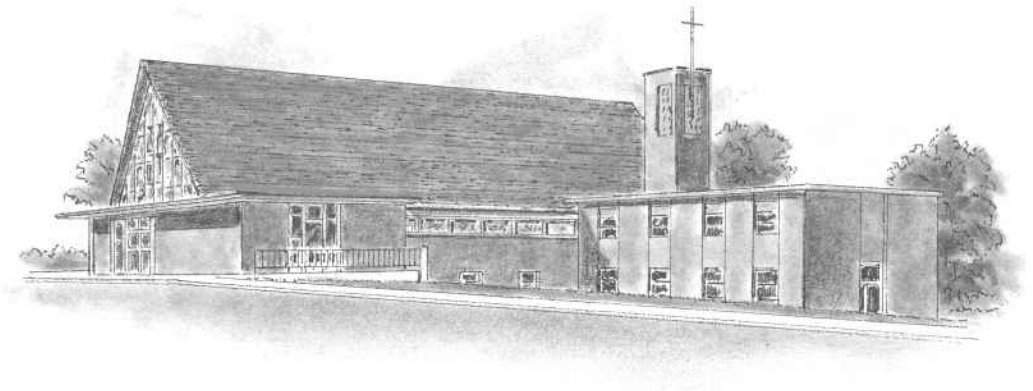

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Worship Service - 9:30 AM
Coffee/Fellowship Hour - 10:30 AM
Sunday School - 10:45 AM
Fireside Bible Reading -
(Led by Alexis Solomonson) - 10:45 AM
AA Meeting - 7:00 PM
Al-Anon Meeting - 7:00 PM