



The First Messenger

April 2025

Entering Holy Week

By Pastor Joe Skogmo

Happy April!

It is that time of year again to orient ourselves to some of the holiest, most poignant, and most mystical observances in our faith as we conclude the seasons of Lent and enter Holy Week.

That alone requires some emphasis on the worship opportunities to come, and...because of these climactic seasons, the church schedule can get sort of disorienting in its volume! —so I offer a breakdown below of what is to come.

In addition to regular Sunday worship and regular Wednesday evening worship, we continue **noon services on Wednesdays April 2nd and April 9th** with the Holden Evening Prayer, focusing on a *theology of play*, and lunch to follow.

Here, then, are the opportunities and emphases of Holy Week:

PALM SUNDAY | Sunday, April 13th @ 9:30 AM

Jesus enters Jerusalem to shouts of praise and hosanna! This is a dramatic start to a dramatic week. The people under Roman occupation and religious corruption in Jerusalem hail Jesus' political and religious theater in the Palm Sunday procession. They sense that Jesus will be their champion, and he will be...but not quite in the way that they expect.

HOLY MONDAY – HOLY WEDNESDAY (April 14th – April 16th) |

* There are **NO** worship services on these days, and we invite you into solemn reflection on the events of this week, and to attend the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services.

From a political-historical perspective, Monday through Wednesday of Holy Week – I tell our confirmation students – are the days that get Jesus killed. These days are filled with drama. Scripture has more verses that cover Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week than Maundy Thursday through Easter Sunday combined.



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April Events:

April 2 & 9:

Wednesday Lenten Service
@ 12:05pm, lunch to follow

April 6

YFM Pie Auction & No
Sunday School

April 13: Palm Sunday

April 16

Easter Break, no Wed
school/Confirmation/
worship service

April 17: Maundy Thursday

Service times: 12:05 & 6pm

April 18 : Good Friday

Service times: 12:05 & 6pm

April 20 : Easter Sunday

Service times: 8:30, 9:30 &
10:30am

April 21

Easter Monday, church
office closed

April 27

Graduate Blessing Sunday

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During these days Jesus gets into his most memorable debates, tells his most flammable parables, and engages in some of his most rebellious activities. In these days Jesus riots at the Temple and flips over its furniture, he calls out religious corruption with a variety of parables like *The Parable of the Wicked Tenants*, protests in the streets by lamenting the fate of Jerusalem, predicts his own suffering, questions and challenges those in political and religious power, stands up for the poor and oppressed, and more.

For a Monday through Wednesday Holy Week practice, I invite you to read **Luke 19:28 through Luke 21:38** and **Matthew 21 – Matthew 26:16** as a lead up to the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship services.

MAUNDY THURSDAY | Thursday, April 17th @ 12:05 PM and 6:00 PM

In observance of Jesus' Last Supper and the institution of Holy Communion, we will gather around a meal in the dining room for each of these services. Our worship will be intertwined with the meal and conclude in the sanctuary for the stripping of the altar in preparation for Good Friday.

GOOD FRIDAY | Friday, April 18th @ 12:05 PM and 6:00 PM

This service, liturgically and biblically, is one of the most solemn and emotional services of the church year. The liturgy works to draw us into confronting the suffering of Jesus and the suffering of our neighbor, and it is rooted in the staggering story of the crucifixion.

EASTER SUNDAY | Sunday, April 20th @ 8:30 AM, 9:30 AM, and 10:30 AM

All for which Jesus fought, taught, lived, and died, all of God's promises of mercy and steadfast love are fully affirmed and sealed in his resurrection over death. God's love wins. Not sin, not suffering, not even death can keep God's love from being ultimately victorious. He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!!

We look forward to worshipping with all of you. Lenten and Holy Week Blessings, and Happy Easter to you and yours!

-Pastor Joe



Each week about 100 people are served lunch after the Wednesday Lenten service. A huge thank you to our amazing volunteers for assembling sandwiches and keeping the soup hot!

Thoughtful Tidbit by Pastor Matthew Engum

Thought Tidbit: I just discussed with some Pastor colleagues that Lent has got to be my favorite time of the church year. Christmas is awesome, but it seems most awesome because of the societal buy in, everything is decorated and bright and nostalgic. But Lent is my favorite, not because of the aesthetic, but because of the authenticity and honesty that seem to come from it. We often avoid talk of death and 'negative' emotions and the brutal realities of life in the church most of the year. In Lent, however, we're better at confronting those topics. We boldly claim on Ash Wednesday that *we will all die*, "remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." Many of us may choose to give something up, usually something that is challenging to give up. We sit in darkness a bit longer, 40 days in fact. So here's to Lent. May we take Lent's honesty and authenticity and live into it the entirety of our faith lives.

What I've been doing: I offer here the books, films, and other art forms I'm engaging in for the month. These are in no way a recommendation for anything listed, just an offering of what I've explored in the last month. I believe art and the imagination to be a Truth telling device as we live out the Gospel together. Engaging in and consuming art together is a way to *be the Kingdom of God*, here and now, together.

So here is what I've been reading, viewing, and listening to this month:

- Ted Lasso* (Show on AppleTV)
- After the Setting Sun* (Music EP by The Head and the Heart)
- The Secret Life of Walter Mitty* (Film directed by Ben Stiller)
- Solito* (Book by Javier Zamora)
- The Silent Cry: Mysticism and Resistance* (Book by Dorothee Soelle)

As always, my door is always open, stop in for a chat and a warm or cold beverage.

Best,

Pastor Matthew Engum



FLC Foundation Update

The First Lutheran Church Foundation of Detroit Lakes serves the mission of the church through financial giving exclusively for charitable, religious, literary, or educational purposes. Our January quarterly meeting did not include any funding requests. However, other notes and reminders include:

- The FLC Foundation has approved and funds have been contributed to a new Capital Projects and Maintenance Fund
- Scholarships applications awarded by the Foundation are due March 31st. This may be contributed to by directing donations to this purpose.

Submitted by Ryan Manke

2025 Annual Meeting Notice

Annual Meeting Agenda Notice

If you would like to have a topic discussed at the Annual Meeting, you must have it submitted in writing to the Church Office by Friday, April 18. (See FLC Constitution C10.01.B24)

March Highlights

Service Project

In March our 2nd graders had their service project night. With the Humane Society of The Lakes we learned about all the cool things that they do to support our animals. We also had the opportunity to make various dog and cat toys to donate to the humane society.

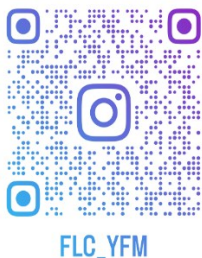


Middle School Lock-In

We had a blast at our middle school lock-in earlier this month! We played lots of games, which included Nerf Capture The Flag, Infinity Stone Battle, and the classic sardines. We also had amazing pizza from Woodfire Pizza to keep us going. Ended the night with movies, board games, and great conversations. We can't wait till next year!



Follow First Lutheran Youth and Family Ministry on Instagram!



EASTER BREAK:

April 16 | No Wednesday School or Confirmation
April 20 | No Sunday School.



If you have any questions or concerns, or want more info, contact Olivia at: 920-860-4655 or email: olivia@firstlutheranchurch.com | Typically in office M-Th 8:30am-4pm

April News

HIGH SCHOOL

Lunch w/Pastors @Pizza Ranch - due to Holy Week, the April Pizza lunch has been **moved to April 24** at 11:30am. Watch for next month when we'll have two lunches!

Senior Recognition Sunday

Graduating high school seniors will have a special recognition and blessing on their new journey. This recognition will take place on April 27th at our 9:30 service with a special fellowship time to follow. More information will be sent to graduating seniors' families soon.

If you would like to take part in this special day, we are looking for individuals or families to carry on the tradition of creating a homemade blanket to gift to a graduating senior. Please sign up at the volunteer table and/or contact Olivia for more information.



LAST Service Project of the Year!

April 2nd | 1st Grade - Helping out the Planet

Time: 6:30-7:30pm in the chapel. Parents and Guardians are encouraged to attend with their child.

Confirmation Sunday

This service will take place May 4th, in the sanctuary. Service will start at 12pm, with photos and light refreshments to follow. Please consider attending this special service to congratulate our 2025 confirmands on the work and dedication they've put into their faith journey.



End of the Year LAST day of Sunday School | May 4

LAST day of Wednesday School & Confirmation | May 7



Piecemakers

We are busy working on quilts to send to Lutheran World Relief in late May/early June. The shelves are full and some quilts have already been boxed in preparation for shipping. Quilts for sale will be on display soon – possibly the perfect gift for a graduation or Mother's Day gift? Pictured are two recently completed quilts.

The FLC Quilters meet every Tuesday morning from 8:30 - 11:30am in the Recreation Room. You are welcome to join us!



Conference 6 Women of the ELCA

SPRING GATHERING

Tuesday, April 29

**Calvary Lutheran Church —
Perham, MN**

**Theme: Philippians 4:13 " I can
do all things which He has
called me to do.."**

Program: BIO Girls

**Registration & Coffee:
9-9:30am. Followed by
devotions , program and lunch.**

**Cost is \$15. Please sign up by
April 21. The sign up is on the
volunteer table.**



First Lutheran Women Present

A Patio and Container Gardening presentation by

Country Fields Greenhouse

Saturday, May 3, 9:30am

In the FLC Dining Room

Join us for food, fellowship & prizes! Invite a friend ...or two!

A light breakfast of fruit salad, muffins, coffee to be served. There is no charge to attend. A freewill offering will be taken to help the various areas we support.



April Noisy Offering | Solar Sister

This month the noisy offering beneficiary is Solar Sister.

Founded in 2011, Solar Sister is a women-led empowerment movement aimed at encouraging female innovation and entrepreneurship through solar technology. The organization trains and equips participants with the necessary skills to create and distribute clean energy solutions that help combat community problems. The overarching goal is to increase electricity access in the world's most impoverished places. According one successful Solar Sister, "to progress, first you need light."

Solar Sister products include clean cooking stoves, regular solar lanterns, and solar-powered cell phone chargers.

Over the past several years, Solar Sister has worked diligently to digitize women entrepreneurs by improving access to digital tools, building digital literacy skills, and providing a practical application of digital tools and skills through clean energy businesses. This organization trains and supports women to deliver clean energy directly to homes in rural African communities. They provide essential services and training that enable women entrepreneurs to build sustainable businesses in their own communities.

Solar Sister entrepreneurs create a ripple effect impacting local women, their families, and the customers and communities who switch to using clean energy.

- Over 4.3 million people reached with clean energy products
- More than 10,000 local women entrepreneurs
- Generated over \$300 Million of economic benefit in off-grid communities
- Mitigated over 1,433,000 Metric Tonnes of CO₂e emissions

Families benefit from better health and economic stability thanks to the use of clean cookstoves and solar lights. Children have reliable, bright lighting to study by at night. Women in particular benefit from time savings thanks to increased lighting after dark and those who use solar lights report increased productivity after the sun sets. Families who switch to clean cookstoves significantly reduce time spent collecting wood, money spent on solid fuels, and smoke output, significantly improving the health of women and children.

Solar Sister values and invests in local leadership, collaborative approaches and building strong, diverse teams. Independent research shows that Solar Sister's model improves not only a woman's household income but also health, education, and a woman's status and control over resources.

Overall, Solar Sister empowers women in Africa to live safer, financially secure lifestyles.

Please help the efforts of Solar Sister through your noisy offering contributions during the month of April.



NOISY OFFERING TOTALS

The total from the February Noisy Offering, going to: **Global Health Missions is 756.45**

In the month of April the Noisy Offering will go towards: **Solar Sister.**

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thank you so much to the Thrivent members who directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to FLC. This year we are directing those funds to Dream Big to help us start turning our dreams into something physical.

Offering Envelopes

If you have not picked up your 2024 Giving Envelopes, please check with the office. Envelopes will be mailed by request.

Earth Day is April 22nd.

Ever wonder about how Earth Day started? The first Earth Day was held on April 22, 1970. Senator Gaylord Nelson, the junior senator from Wisconsin, had long been concerned about the deteriorating environment in the United States. Then in January 1969, he and many others witnessed the ravages of a massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California. He decided something needed to be done to help us care for our planet. He recruited Denis Hayes, a young activist, to organize the campus teach-ins and to scale the idea to a broader public, and they choose April 22, a weekday falling between Spring Break and Final Exams, to maximize the greatest student participation.



Hayes built a national staff of 85 to promote events across the land and the effort soon broadened to include a wide range of organizations, faith groups, and others. They changed the name to Earth Day, which immediately sparked national media attention, and caught on across the country. Earth Day inspired 20 million Americans — at the time, 10% of the total population of the United States — to take to the streets, parks and auditoriums to demonstrate against the impacts of 150 years of industrial development which had left a growing legacy of serious human health impacts. Earth Day 1970 became, and continues to be to this day, the largest secular day of protest in the world.

Every year, over 1 billion people across the planet observe Earth Day on and around April 22. They hold trash cleanups, they write to their elected officials demanding change, they hold vigils, organize marches, hold educational events, art competitions, nature walks, and more.

The theme for Earth Day 2025 is **OUR POWER, OUR PLANET**, inviting everyone around the globe to unite behind renewable energy, and to triple the global generation of clean electricity by 2030.

Here are 10 things you can do to celebrate and support our home on earth:

- Support our pollinators. Be conscious of pollinator-friendly plants.
- Clean up plastic in your neighborhood. Take and fill up a trash bag on your walks.
- Go to a park. Get outside.
- Plant a tree. Once the ground is thawed, of course.
- Use wildflowers and/or native plants. Check out FLC's pollinator plot for ideas.
- Reduce, reuse, and recycle. Saves money as well as cares for our home.
- Stop using chemicals in your garden or on your lawn. Seek out alternatives to control pests.
- Conserve water. Add water when needed, not every day.
- Think about your diet and wasted food. More plant-based food improves health. Compost food scraps.
- Get kids involved. Pass down your love and care for our planet to another generation.

The Creation Care Team of FLC wishes you a Happy Earth Day!
- Submitted by Tom Neuenfeldt

Ministry Reports

Are you in charge of a ministry at FLC? The Annual Report is coming up and we need your stories! What did your team or group do this year? What made 2024 memorable? The Annual Report is more than numbers, it is the story of all of us over the last year. Please submit your report, or story, of your ministry to Paul before April 21st. Please include pictures if you have them.





Meet the Kemmers!

Greetings, First Lutheran Church faith community! We are the Kemmers – Sandi and Terry. In 2012 after retiring from our careers in Mayville, North Dakota, we moved to Detroit Lakes and happened upon First Lutheran while church shopping. One Sunday of worshipping with the FLC faith community and its energy, music, worship, and hospitality . . . we were hooked and joined in the fall of 2012.

Since that time here at FLC, we have been involved in adult education, youth education, church leadership, as well as worship and kitchen assistance. Detroit Lakes is our fourth community during nearly 56 years of marriage. We have found that faith communities have played a paramount role in our lives, so thank you FLC for your role in our lives here in Detroit Lakes.

Sandi's formative years were spent in Nome and Valley City, North Dakota, with parents who had an entrepreneurial spirit, owning and operating small town cafes. Terry is a self-proclaimed "farm kid" having lived and worked on his parent's farm near Enderlin, North Dakota. Even with Nome and Enderlin being only 15 miles apart, Sandi and Terry didn't know each other until meeting at a dance at Valley City State University. At VCSU we were both pursuing education degrees, Sandi in elementary and Terry in secondary business. After Sandi's first year of teaching fourth grade at Warren, Minnesota, she joined Terry teaching in the Ulen-Hitterdal, Minnesota, school district. During our time in Ulen, we became familiar with Detroit Lakes.

In the mid-70s our young family moved to New Rockford, North Dakota (south of Devils Lake), where Terry found a position that was closer to his eventual teaching goal. Here our two youngest children – Jason and Lindsay – joined their big brother, Corby. Sandi became a stay-at-home mother who worked part time in the newspaper publishing business. Terry earned his Master of Science degree at University of North Dakota during his tenure at New Rockford and then pursued positions at the collegiate level.

The early 80s found the family moving to Mayville, North Dakota, where Terry joined the faculty at Mayville State University. Here our three children found their grooves within the community and the May-Port CG school district. Sandi went back to full-time work in food service (like her parents), managing the local Dairy Queen. She eventually joined the Goose River Bank (oldest state bank in North Dakota) as marketing director of the main bank and its two branches in Hillsboro and Hatton.

Our three children and their spouses have their homes and careers in North Dakota, Texas, and Minnesota and are doing an awesome job of raising and parenting our six grandchildren, ranging in age from 21 to 13. We try to follow our grandchildren's activities as well as possible while enjoying gardening, reading, volunteering, wine tasting, hosting book studies, and many other activities that come our way.

It's great to make this connection . . . thank you First Lutheran Church!



Meet the Camruds!

We both grew up in Fargo and graduated from Fargo Davies High School and Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. After PT school, we moved out to Detroit Lakes where Connor got a job as a Physical Therapist at Essentia and Kristin taught 1st and 3rd grade at Rossman Elementary. Our first son, Owen, was a preemie warrior and we spent 88 days in the NICU. Our second son, Anders, was born on the 4th of July! Kristin is now a stay at home mom and Connor has moved into a supervisor role. We have two rescue fur babies, love being with family, lake time, adventuring around MN and have been members at FLC since fall of 2024.

Face Paint

By Patti Cummins

Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. 1 Peter 5:5

Oaklyn's hands were full of all the trinkets given by local businesses during their town celebration. There would have been more, but some of the treasures proffered were edible and had already disappeared, leaving their evidence on her chin. Facepainting was the experience gifted kids at our last stop. The green, blue, and gold scales transformed her face into that of a mermaid.

As we turned the corner to her street, I spotted her family waiting by the car. There was a family birthday party, and they were already getting a late start. We only skipped two of the twenty-some businesses participating in the celebration, causing our tardiness.

"Hon, you can just jump in your family's car right away so you guys can get going."

"No, I can't, Grandma."

Thinking she was worried about the toys, crafts, and remaining candy, I suggested, "You can leave the prizes you got in my car, and I'll save them for you."

"No, Grandma. I have to wash my face," she replied.

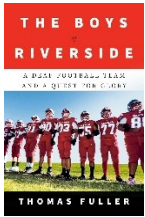
"You just had it painted! You aren't allergic to face paint, are you?" I hadn't thought to ask BEFORE her face was painted because we had done this activity before.

"No, Grandma, it's not fair because the other kids at the party won't have their faces painted." She was concerned about the feelings of those other kids. Her social instincts drifted toward building relationships with them, not setting herself apart. Philippians 2:3-4 instructs us to *"Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind, regard one another as more important than yourselves."*

I spent most of my career in healthcare finance, 20 years in skilled and long-term care. New residents to long-term-care facilities often feel intensely vulnerable. They gain safety but lose independence. They gain care assistance but have lost certain abilities. They are sometimes facing end-of-life. They gain a new community but may have lost their neighborhood support system. Staff are taught that changing their own stance so they are eye-to-eye with a resident, or dipping lower so the resident is looking down to meet staff's gaze, can empower the resident and relieve some of that sense of vulnerability and make them feel more whole.

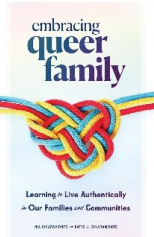
Always, God reminds us, as Oaklyn reminded me, to love others as ourselves, as we see the Christ in the other. Help me to always be mindful of what I do that affects others, seeking always to lift them in Christ's name.

NEW AT THE LIBRARY | Submitted by Patti Cummins



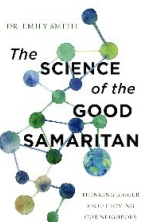
The Boys of Riverside: A Deaf Football Team and a Quest for Glory by *Thomas Fuller*.

The incredible story of an all-deaf high school football team's triumphant climb from underdog to undefeated, their inspirational brotherhood, a fascinating portrait of deafness in America, and the indefatigable head coach who spearheaded the team. Another example of how anyone can achieve their dreams, making what appears impossible, possible. Narrative nonfiction at its finest, filled with drama, detail and action.



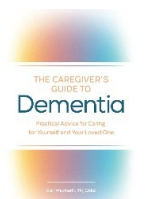
Embracing Queer Family: Learning to Live Authentically in our Families and Communities by *Nia & Katie Chiaramonte*.

A guidebook for Queer families on how to live into their true selves and strengthen their communities through radical love, acceptance, and mutual healing. With hands-on tools for learning and reflection in each chapter, this needed resource tackles issues of inclusion and acceptance and offers practical advice for how individuals and families can honor themselves and find transformation for their whole community through love.



The Science of the Good Samaritan: Thinking Bigger about Loving Our Neighbor by *Emily Smith*.

Dr. Emily Smith, global health expert, dives into what loving your neighbor--as illustrated in the biblical parable of the Good Samaritan--truly means. Find shared values with people from different backgrounds, faiths, and cultures than our own; reach outside our immediate circles to bring in those on the margins; redefine our concept of "neighbor" and love our neighbors in more practical and global ways; bridge the gaps of society's disparities and inequities. You can help reimagine and create a better world--and it all starts with authentically loving your neighbor.



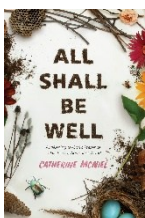
The Caregiver's Guide to Dementia: Practical Advice for Caring for Yourself and Your Loved One by *Gail Weatherill*.

A practical and comprehensive guide to understanding the illness, caring for someone, and caring for yourself. From understanding common behavioral and mood changes to making financial decisions, this Alzheimer's book contains bulleted lists of actions you can take to improve your health and your caregiving. Inspirational and compassionate, it focuses on the caregiver's underlying love and humanity that cannot be taken away by any disease.



Creating Moments of Joy Along the Alzheimer's Journey by *Jolene Brackey*.

When people have short-term memory loss, their lives are made up of moments. We are not able to create perfectly wonderful days for people with dementia or Alzheimer's, but we can create perfectly wonderful moments that put a smile on their faces and a twinkle in their eyes. Five minutes later, they will not remember what we did or said, but the feeling that we left them with will linger. Practical advice sprinkled with hope, encouragement, new stories, and generous helpings of humor.



All Shall Be Well: Awakening to God's Presence in His Messy Abundant World by *Catherine McNiel*.

God created this world, but sometimes we forget that he hasn't left—that his redemptive, creative work happens still today, right here under our feet. God made this world of light and darkness, summer and winter, life and death. What does he intend to teach us in these ever-repeating cycles and seasons? Seamlessly weaving biblical truths into everyday life, Catherine McNiel will help you discover an unbelievable reality: God meets and transforms you in the mess and abundance of every mundane moment.



Long Days of Small Things: Motherhood as a Spiritual Discipline by *Catherine McNiel*.

Dirty laundry, crayon-smudged bills, and smashed crackers . . . And there's your Bible—buried under a pile of diapers. Bleary-eyed from lack of sleep, without a moment of peace and quiet, you wonder if the spiritual life you crave is even possible. But God sees you. He designed this parenting journey, after all. He understands the chaos of motherhood. And he joins you in everything—whether you're scrubbing the floor, nursing a fussy newborn, or driving to soccer practice. Catherine McNiel invites you to connect with God right here, in the sacred mundane of every mothering moment.



Easter Flowers



Spring is just around the corner! The Beautification Team is once again offering the opportunity to sponsor flowers in honor of/memory of someone special and will enhance our worship celebration on Easter Sunday.

Flowers are **\$14 each**. They can be picked up after our 10:30 am Easter Service on April 20 and before Sunday, April 27.

Orders can be placed by scanning the QR Code below or by filling out the order form and returning it to the office. *The deadline to order flowers is Sunday, **April 6.***

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

In memory _____ In honor _____

Name of memorial/honoree (please print)

Given by: _____

Type of Flower: Azaleas _____ Asiatic Lily _____ Mums _____

Attached is \$ _____ for the total order above.

Checks can be made out to: *First Lutheran Church* and write "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.

The money collected from the flower sale is used by the Beautification Team to maintain our FLC outdoor summer gardens.



JOIN US FOR EASTER



● **MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 17**

SERVICES AT 12:05 & 6PM

● **GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 18**

SERVICES AT 12:05 & 6PM

● **EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 20**

SERVICES AT

8:30, 9:30 & 10:30AM



Lenten Devotion Books

Thank you, FLC faith community, for eagerly picking up the Lenten Devotional Booklets – hopefully by now you are reading and reflecting on each day's devotion. If you have missed the booklet, check with Sara in the office.

A special "thank you" to Ava Susag for her original artwork on the cover of the booklet. The booklet would not have happened without the "labor intensive work" of Gary Goreham and Sara Peterson – "thank you" for that effort!

And to all the devotion writers . . . "thank you" for taking our "faith and play" theme and incorporating it into your words and reflections. Blessings to all for making this opportunity happen!



FLC Church Directory Update

We are making a **NEW DIRECTORY** and need your help in updating **addresses and photos!**

Does FLC have your current address and phone number? Does FLC have a current photo of you/your family? If not, stop by our quick and easy "photo kiosk" after our worship service on **April 2, 6, 9 or 13**. We will update your information and take your - with fast and friendly service! These photo sessions are at no cost to you. And you do not have to sign up ahead of time.

Please note—if you **DO NOT** want your contact information printed in the new directory, please stop by the photo kiosk and let the attendant know or let the office know— by June 1. If we do not hear from you by June 1, we will print your information in the new directory.

If you would like a professional photo taken, **professional portraits by Wagoner Studio** available by appt. OR in studio(904 Lake Ave) on **Sunday, April 13 from 11:00-1:00**. The cost is \$25 for a directory digital and 8x10 print for you to keep.



The Ruth Circle recently gathered for their March meeting.

Surely, *they are* the pot 'o gold at the end of the rainbow!



Memorial Gifts Received

FLC acknowledges with appreciation the following memorial gifts which have been received this past month.

AGAPE

In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Madalyn Sukke
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Michael Stearns & Amy Stoller
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Kristie Shaffer
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Ladd Lyngaas
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Lynn & Beverly Hummel
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Marlys Douglas
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Terry & Sandi Kemmer
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Cathryn Moody
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Anonymous
 In memory of Kenny Christianson from Ardys Horner
 In memory of Kenny Christianson from Marlys Douglas

BUILDING

In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Paul Haarstick

BEAUTIFICATION

In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Darrell Bauder
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Belinda & Jon Freeman

FOUNDATION

In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Dan & Twylla Vickmark
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Donald & Pamela Steinmetz
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Cindy & Jim Bruflodt
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Joseph & Marsha Biddick
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Hugh & Marion Kershner
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Pat & Deb Nordick

In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Marc & Sandra Guiley
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Brad & Ginny Klein
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Anonymous
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Darrol & Grace Nichols
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Sharron Wolf
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Brad & Ginny Klein
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Linda & Jerald Engelman
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Betty Fischer
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from David & Rhonda Linner
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Wayne & Jean Benson
 In memory of Kenny Christianson, from Mike & Dianne Fillmore

FOUNDATION—BUILDING FUND

In memory of Ted Heisserer from Patti Cummins
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Mike & Dianne Fillmore
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Ardys Horner

GENERAL

In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Grace Dunham
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Susie Reitmeier
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Betty Johnston
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Glenn & Roxanne Schmitz
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Erin & Brad Erickson
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Bob Jernberg

KITCHEN

In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Adrienne & Larry Buboltz

MUSIC

In memory of Louise Berg from Karen & Cliff Bimberg
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Marilyn Tinjum
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Darlene Olson
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from LAIMTA
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Karen & Cliff Bimberg

RADIO

In memory of Virgil & Elsie Cummins, from Patti Cummins

YOUTH

In memory of Harriet Barrett from Dean & Sue Berg
 In memory of Sue Barrett Wolfe from Dean & Sue Berg
 In memory of Sue Barrett Wolfe from Kristie Shaffer
 In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Elaine & David Hedman

UNDESIGNATED

In memory of Ted Heisserer, from Bill & Nancy Henke

Reminder: when giving memorials to the FLC Foundation or FLC Quilters, please make separate checks.

FLC February Financial Snapshot

Actual Revenue*, Year to Date:	\$477,153.77
Budget Revenue, Year to Date	<u>\$510,948.00</u>
Favorable/(Unfavorable)	(33,794.23)
*unaudited	

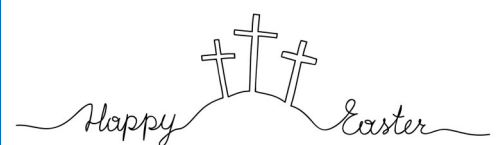


April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 8:30a Quilters 7p Theology on Tap	2 6:30a Men's Bible Study 12:05p Lenten Service/lunch 5p Worship team rehearsal 5-6p Oasis Meal 6p Worship service 6:15p Alleluilla Ringers rehearsal 6:30 Wed school/Confirmation/ Adult Devotions 7:15p Jublate Choir practice	3 9a Women's Bible Study	4	5
6 COMMUNION No Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:30a YFM Pie Auction	7	8 8:30a Quilters 9a Rebekah Circle	9 6:30a Men's Bible Study 12:05p Lenten Service/lunch 5p Worship team rehearsal 5-6p Oasis Meal 6p Worship service 6:15p Alleluilla Ringers rehearsal 6:30 Wed school/Confirmation 7:15p Jublate Choir practice	10 9a Women's Bible Study 1:30p Ruth Circle	11	12
13 PALM SUNDAY 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sun School & Fellowship Hr.	14	15 8:30a Quilters 7p Theology on Tap	16 6:30a Men's Bible Study 5p Worship Team rehearsal 6:15p Alleluilla Ringers rehearsal 7:15p Jublate Choir practice	17 MAUNDY THURSDAY 9a Women's Bible Study 12:05p Maundy Thursday Service 6pm Manuday Thursday Service	18 GOOD FRIDAY 12:05p Good Friday Service 6:00p Good Friday Service	19
20 EASTER SUNDAY COMMUNION 8:30a Worship 9:30a Worship 10:30a Worship	21 Easter Monday Church office closed	22 8:30a Quilters 5p Vision Council	23 6:30a Men's Bible Study 5p Worship team rehearsal 5-6p Oasis Meal 6p Worship service 6:15p Alleluilla Ringers rehearsal 6:30 Wed school/Confirmation 7:15p Jublate Choir practice	24 9a Women's Bible Study 11:30a High School FREE Pizza lunch	25	26
27 GRADUATE BLESSING SUNDAY 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sun School & Fellowship Hour	28	29 8:30a Quilters	30 6:30a Men's Bible Study 5p Worship Team rehearsal 5-6p Oasis Meal 6p Worship service / Mosher Baptism 6:15p Alleluilla Ringers rehearsal 6:30 Wed school/Confirmation 7:15p Jublate Choir practice	1	2	3

Please note: this Newsletter Calendar showcases and prioritizes the basic ministry schedule at First Lutheran and does not contain every congregational activity or the multiple ways our building is being used throughout the month.

Calendar is correct at time of printing. UP-TO-DATE CALENDAR AVAILABLE at firstlutheranchurch.com/calendar



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**KDLM-1340 AM and
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10:00 AM.**

**On the church website:
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**on TV: Saturdays at 9:00 AM
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