



The First Messenger

March 2025

Introducing a Theology of Play

By Pastor Joe Skogmo

Happy March, everybody!

I haven't written in the newsletter in a while, so I thought I'd better offer something up at some point. Moreover, Lent is coming, and I am looking forward to the theme of the season.

Pastor Matthew and I decided upon the theme of *a theology of play*. We will weave that theme into our noon Wednesday Lenten services (starting Wednesday, March 12th – Ash Wednesday is March 5th) which we plan to have livestreamed. Be sure to tune in on our YouTube channel or Facebook if you can't make it in person!

Not only that, our very own 'Adult Faith Formation' team has taken our Lenten theme and run with it. With some incredible effort and coordination, they are putting together a devotional booklet for all of you, with contributions from people throughout the congregation. These devotions guide us into our Lenten theme by providing multiple personal and thoughtful perspectives on the relationship between our faith and play. Genuinely, I cannot wait to dive in.

To perhaps build your intrigue for the upcoming devotional booklet, I want to share the introduction I wrote for it:

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March Events:

March 4

Theology on Tap

March 5 — Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday services

12:05pm, with lunch to follow
6:00pm

March 8-9

Middle School Lock-In

March 9

Daylight Saving Time —
Spring Forward!

March 12—April 9

Wednesday Lenten Service

Wednesdays @ 12:05pm,
with lunch to follow

March 20

High School FREE Pizza Lunch

THEOLOGY OF PLAY

A LENTEN SERMON SERIES

BEGINS MARCH 9TH



Sunday @ 9:30am
Wednesday @ 12:05 & 6pm

Introducing a Theology of Play *continued from page one*

What is a *theology of play*? The German theologian and philosopher, Jurgen Moltmann (d. 2024), is a massively influential thinker in Christian theology, responsible for landmark works such as *Theology of Hope* (1981) and *The Crucified God* (1973). Moltmann also wrote a lesser-known book: *Theology of Play* (1972) where he contended a theology that *play* is an ultimate fulfillment of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He argues this because play is freedom, connection, and joy – all the things for which Jesus came, lived, died, and rose again.

It may seem silly but play as a Divine ideal is quite prevalent in Scripture. Read Genesis and tell me that the act of creation wasn't playful? Read God's reaction to what God had made, seeing the universe, the world, the earth and elements, and living things as *good*, and tell me that Divine adoration and awe isn't playful? Read the poetry of Job and tell me that isn't playful? Read some of the Psalms of thanksgiving and joy, and tell me those are not playful songs! Read Jesus' words revering the faith of a child and preaching that the kingdom of God belongs to children, and tell me that isn't playful?

Playfulness is within the nature of God and play is a divine ideal to which God calls us.

We are loved and embraced by Jesus to freely dive into the playfulness of life. It is hard for me to come up with any other conclusion when I consider foundational passages from all over the Bible. I mean, my friends, just look:

So I commend enjoyment, for there is nothing better for people under the sun than to eat and drink and enjoy themselves, for this will go with them in their toil through the days of life that God gives them under the sun. -Ecc1 8:15

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. -Jn 10:10

For freedom Christ has sent us free. -Gal 5:1

In other words, the universe wasn't created, we weren't created, and Jesus didn't live and die and rise again for the world that he loved just so that we might prudishly live in fear, guilt, and shame or that we might only live obsessed with productivity and the amassment of achievement, status, and wealth! We exist for experience! For connection! For expression! For love! For joy! FOR PLAY! These are the things for which God sets us free; these are the things that happen when we trust God deeply.

Play is the ultimate expression of freedom, it reflects the heart of the Divine, it brings us in touch with the goodness of nature and life that God has created, it challenges the things that burden us, it brings joy and love into the world, and it connects us to one another. Therefore, play is a sacred, spiritual act and it is a sign of a beloved and free people.

Thus, we delve into this season of Lent with an absurd pursuit of the connections between faith and play. Lent is a season of repentance and acknowledging mortality – which makes it a perfect season for emphasizing play. Trust God and God's grace so much that you have nothing to prove, and go play. Love your children and your friends so much that you choose to prioritize playing with them! Love your community so much that you might emphasize fellowship and connection with your time and energy. Play is your call to repentance!

As to the Lenten themes of mortality, well...that one's easy. You're only here for a little while and life is often hard, scary, and cruel, and yet you are loved beyond measure and into eternity...so you might as well, in the name of the Gospel, let your hair down and live a little! You might as well stare down the powers and threats of this world and do the most freeing and revolutionary act I can think of...PLAY.

Play is faithful, pious, and necessary. For the love of God and in the love of God, have the faith of a child as Jesus commanded, and GO PLAY! And read this devotional to find out how and why others in your community are doing just that.

-Pastor Joe Skogmo



Thoughtful Tidbit by Pastor Matthew Engum

Thought Tidbit: By now, most if not all of you have heard about our two pilot programs! I, for one, am very excited. Individually, I'm excited to see how this makes life more sustainable, between professional and personal lives. Communally, I'm excited to see what these changes will mean for our community life. I believe that if we all lean into these changes, we will continue to grow into the one body we believe ourselves at FLC to be. Opportunities abound for service, fellowship, learning, worship, and fun together and I cannot wait to see those things happening in the new Pilots!

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:

- ♦ *Bluey* (Season 2, Episode 9 "Sleepytime") (Show on Disney+)
- ♦ *The Process* (Music album by "Judah and the Lion")
- ♦ *Ordinary People* (Film directed by Robert Redford)
- ♦ *James* (Book by Percival Everett)
- ♦ *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



234 Fellowship

On February 16, the 234 Fellowship held a family open gym time at the Boys and Girls Club. Forty people braved the cold weather for food, fun and fellowship! Stayed tuned for more events to be held in future (warmer!) months.



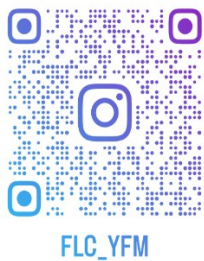
February Highlights

Service Project

In February our 5th graders had their service project night. With the help of Lakes Crisis & Resource Center they learned of ways to help victims of crime and abuse. They recycled broken crayons and made them into new shapes and colors. They also made stress balls to put in a small resource kit.



Follow First Lutheran Youth and Family Ministry on Instagram!



Middle School Retreat

Pr. Matthew and Olivia had a blast getting to hang out with not only our amazing youth but youth from all over the state. We took 6 FLC youth over to Luther Crest to attend their winter retreat. Our theme for the weekend was "Love in Action". We spent our time in worships, playing games, singing songs, Bible dives, meeting new friends, and so much more. It was a packed weekend and we couldn't be happier. Counting down the days until next year!

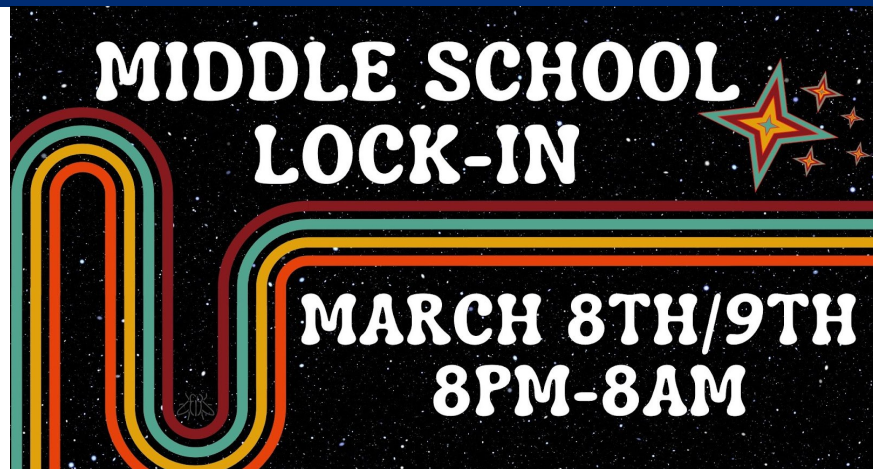


If you have any questions or concerns, or want more info, contact Olivia at: 920-860-4655 or email: olivia@firstlutheranchurch.com | Typically in office M-Th 8:30am-4pm

March News

Middle School Lock-In

March 8th/9th, 8pm-8am
6th-8th graders, get ready for a night to remember. Join us for an epic-filled Lock-in here at FLC, with tons of activities, games, fellowship, and pizza!



High School

March 20th - Lunch w/Pastors @Pizza Ranch

Service Projects

Held on Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 in the chapel; Parents and Guardians are encouraged to attend with their child.

March 19th | 2nd Grade - Helping Animals
April 2nd | 1st Grade - Helping out the Planet

March 5th

Ash Wednesday

Join us for worship at 6pm
No Wed school or Confirmation

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 or contact Olivia for more information.

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 put into their faith journey.

EASTER BREAK: April 16, No Wed school or Confirmation April 20, no Sunday school.

Mark your calendars!
Vacation Bible School is June 16 —19 open to kids completing grades K-5.

Women of the ELCA

PIECEMAKERS

Have you been hit with the winter blahs? The quilt room is a riot of color on Tuesday mornings.



Join us!

**Tuesday
mornings**

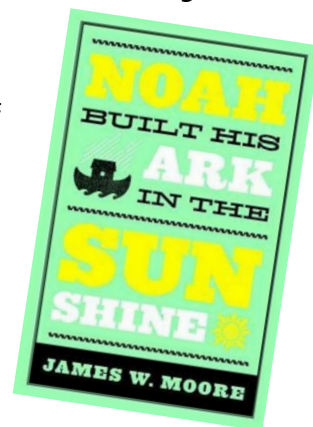
8:30 - 11:30am

**Recreation
Room**

Women's Thursday Bible Study

Are you interested in growing and sharing your faith and Christian life practices with other women? We invite you to join a small group of women in a Bible/book study each **Thursday morning from 9:00*-10:30** in the church library. (*note new start time) We share prayer concerns and pray before joining in a discussion of a book of the Bible or a Bible-related book. Currently, we are studying the book *Noah Built His Ark in the Sunshine* by James W. Moore.

For further information, text or call Phyllis Neuenfeldt at (218)770-4261.



Lutheran World Relief

The Women of FLC are currently hosting a drive to collect items for Health Care Kits. We recently had a very successful drive for School Kits & Baby Care Kits that were shipped in December along with a generous donation of quilts from the quilters. The need is great for Health Care Kits and we haven't collected these items recently. Items needed include:

- Dark colored bath towels (lightweight),
- Bath sized soap bars (in original packaging),
- Toothbrushes (in original packaging),
- Sturdy combs (no picks),
- Metal nail clippers.

Donated items can be dropped off in the box outside the church office and will be shipped later this spring.

-Submitted by Glenette



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

FLC January Financial Snapshot

Actual Revenue*, Year to Date:	\$409,465.52
Budget Revenue, Year to Date	<u>\$456,805.00</u>
Favorable/(Unfavorable)	(47,339.48)

*unaudited



March Noisy Offering | Becker Co. Food Pantry

It's the March Campaign!

Did you know that in 2024 the Becker County Food Pantry had 6,479 household visits - the most in its 41-year history? The need for emergency food in our community is on the rise - there's been a more than doubling of individuals served from four years ago. An estimated one out of every seven Becker County Residents was assisted by the Pantry at least once during 2024. The Pantry also plays a critical role in food rescue, saving over 2,500 pounds of food from the community each week.



Being hungry is hard. Help us feed those in need during the March Campaign! From March 1st to April 6, every dollar donated to the Becker County Food Pantry helps earn the Pantry an incentive prize from the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. Checks can be mailed to 610 Terry Street Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 or donate online through GiveMN.org (search for Becker County Food Pantry)



NOISY OFFERING TOTALS

The total from the January Noisy Offering, going to: **Lutheran Social Service is \$657.18**

In the month of March the Noisy Offering will go towards: **Becker County Food Pantry.**



Global
Health
Ministries

Global Health Ministries

The Noisy offering collected in February went to help support Global Health Ministries, which is an independent, Lutheran nonprofit that specializes in capacity-building for health systems in under-resourced countries, including such countries as Nigeria, Liberia, Ethiopia, Tanzania, with the belief that all people should have access to a healthy life.

Did you know that Global Health Ministries collects medical supplies such as new/unopened Ace bandages (elastic) and dressings - gauze, bandages, Band Aids: Orthopedic items such as braces, slings, and supports patient care items such as

walkers or crutches, etc. (for a full list go to their website: www.ghm.org/always-needed). If you have any of these items, you may leave them in the bin outside of the church office. For more information on other ways to give checkout their website: ghm.org

2025 Lenten Devotion Book



The FLC 2025 Lenten Devotional Book will be available at the church beginning March 2. This book was written by members of our congregation for YOU to enjoy. Be sure to pick up a copy!

Adult Faith Formation

MARCH ADULT EDUCATION

As we continue our focus on Love Your Neighbor, we invite you to join us in the library on **Sunday, March 30th at 10:30 a.m.** to learn how the **Becker County DAC** empowers adults with disabilities to thrive in the community. Executive Director Sarah Hill and VRS/Employment Specialist Brianna Johnson will share how the DAC programs provide integrated, person-centered services to assist individuals in developing and achieving goals. Learn how you can help.



Pr. Matthew engages with the Daniel Bible Study attendees. It was a great turnout and great discussion during the four week study in February.

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 Tom & Phyllis Neuenfeldt

BUILDING

In memory of Ted Heisserer,
from Tom & Joyce Klyve
In memory of Ted Heisserer,
from Kris Tovson

FOUNDATION

In memory of Ted Heisserer,
from Arlene Olson

FOUNDATION—BUILDING FUND

In memory of Harriet Barrett,
from Patti Cummins
In memory of Ted Heisserer,
from Rod & Sue Schaffer

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

GENERAL

In memory of Ted Heisserer,
from Sue & Dean Berg
In memory of Ted Heisserer,
from Mark Grimes
In memory of Ted Heisserer,
from Marlys Skogmo
In memory of Ted Heisserer,
from Sharlene Arvig

GENERAL

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from Marlys Skogmo
In memory of Ted Heisserer,
from Sharlene Arvig

KITCHEN

In memory of Ted Heisserer,
from Todd & Denise Gaard

MUSIC

In memory of Jami Hagen
Nylander,
from Karen & Cliff Bimberg
In memory of Ted Heisserer,
from Betty Fischer
In memory of Ted Heisserer,
from Howard & Carla Hansen
In memory of Ted Heisserer,
from Max & Judy Maxwell

UNDESIGNATED

In memory of Ted Heisserer,
from Ardis Hegna
In memory of Ted Heisserer,
from Henrietta Malchow
In memory of Ted Heisserer,
from Kevin & Carol Shipley
In memory of Ted Heisserer,
from Paul & Brenda
Muckenhirn

Children's Christmas Store Feature Focus: Gift Baskets

In the mood for a little spring cleaning? The Children's Christmas Store will gladly take your new or gently used items for men, women or kids off your hands. We will accept almost anything — big or small ...however, we are not able to take things that are size specific (such as clothing).

Did you know that we put together gift baskets? The Children's Christmas Team is great at putting baskets together of the little things that get donated. In most cases, we can use almost any donation! Do you have a half used art kit that your child played with ... we'll take that (you get the idea). We can re-purpose anything!

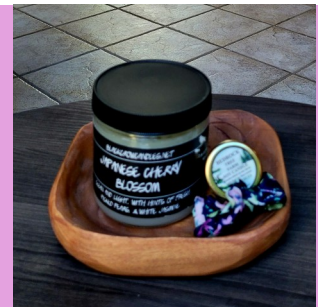
Take a look at the following pictures for examples of gift baskets our team has put together. May they inspire you! What items do you have that could be used in a gift basket? Craft supplies, spa products, grilling things, beach vacation themed goodies. Donations can be dropped off in the tote box located in the church office and are accepted all year.



Art kit made from all separately donated items - basket, watercolor pencils & paper, fun pen & scrunchie.



Table Runner made by our talented quilting group, candle holder, candle and cross ornament all paired separately together.



Spa Kit paired together from a jar of salt rub, a candle, a scrunchie and a wooden dish.



We are in need of pies and other baked goods!

If you would like to support this event by donating pies or baked goods for our auction, please sign up at the volunteer table or online with the QR code. You can bring as many goodies as you'd like!

We hope to see you there!



YFM PIE AUCTION

What's not to love about pie? The only thing better than pie, is pie that benefits the FLC youth!

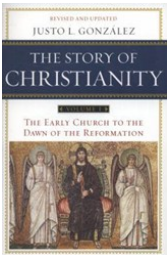
Join us on Sunday, April 6th for our annual pie auction.

The proceeds go to this summer's youth trip to South Dakota.

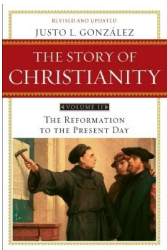
Also, we can't have a pie auction without pies, so if you are able to donate a pie or two please sign up using the QR code to the left or on the sign up sheet on the volunteer table at church.

We can't wait to see you AND your pie!

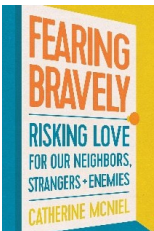
NEW AT THE LIBRARY | Submitted by Patti Cummins



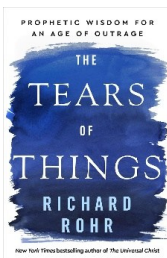
The Story of Christianity Volume 1 by Justo Gonzalez. This updated and expanded edition incorporates recent archaeological discoveries about the life of Early Christian Communities, as well as important contemporary research revealing the significant role of women throughout the history of the church. With lively storytelling, *The Story of Christianity* provides a fascinating and panoramic history of the dramatic events, colorful characters, and revolutionary ideas that shaped the first fifteen centuries of the church.



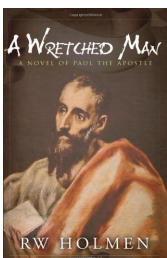
The Story of Christianity Volume II by Justo Gonzalez. Beginning with the Protestant Reformation of the sixteenth century, this second volume continues narrative history to the present. Historian Justo Gonzalez brings to life the people, dramatic events, and shaping ideas of Protestantism, Catholicism, and Orthodoxy during this period, keynoting crucial theological developments while providing fresh understanding of the social, political and economic forces that influenced the formation of the church.



Fearing Bravely: Risking Love for Our Neighbors, Strangers + Enemies by Catherine McNiel. The Christian community exists to declare and demonstrate God's love and to follow Jesus in practicing love over fear, even in unsafe times and places. It's time to reclaim our brave fear of God and risk transformative love for the sake of our neighbors, the strangers among us, and our enemies. Catherine McNiel writes with conviction, wisely guiding us to recognize our fear and, with God's help, not let it limit us to love courageously all who are among us.



The Tears of Things by Richard Rohr. Through astute critiques of culture and institutions, and their journey from anger to sadness, and ultimately compassion, the prophets exemplify what Rohr calls "sacred criticism"—a distinct approach to confronting evil and injustice that acknowledges the wholeness of history, the interconnectedness of every living being, and the reality of a divine and universal love. Drawing on a century of biblical scholarship and written in the warm, pastoral voice that has endeared Rohr to millions, *The Tears of Things* breathes new life into ancient wisdom. It paves a path of enlightenment for anyone seeking a compassionate way of living in a hurting world.



A Wretched Man by R. W. Holmen. Jesus authored no writings. Nor did any of those who followed him in Galilee. While a work of fiction, this just may be the most authentically historical novel ever written about the lives of the apostles. (*Donated copies are available at the church office—free, while supplies last!!*)



Check out these new reads!

Meet the Smiths!

We are the Smiths, Don & Norma.

We both grew up in Marion, ND, went to school together and graduated from Marion High School. We also got married their too.

Don joined the Army. After basic training we went to Fort Ord, CA. Very soon there learned he would be shipped out to Hawaii. It had not become a state and the barracks were up in the mountains above Honolulu—it was not a vacation!

Our family spent 2 years in Wahpeton while Don was enrolled in NDSCS. After graduation he took a job in Naperville, IL working at Bell Telephone Laboratories.

After 6 years we decided to go back to our roots so we packed up and headed north. We stopped at Frazee, found a Hobby Farm to buy and enrolled the kids in the Frazee school system. We started building up a flock of Suffolk sheep. The kids joined 4-H and we all got involved. Don served on the Becker County Fair Board for a few years. We both began working with the sheep project. The boys showed sheep and we spent some years going to the MN State Fair.

We joined First Lutheran Church and became active. At the time the "old" Work Groups were going. Every person got a hot meal served at their funeral. There were those who cooked and those of us available to serve. We worked at many funerals. I also taught Sunday School, helped Joy Peterson with youth projects, VBS, made senior blankets and in the fall our family brought in pumpkins for every kid. Don and I helped our daughter, Marlys make soup for Lenten and Christmas services—many big kettles of soup!

I was involved with WELCA, served as President for about 20 years. Also Chair for a Circle for about as many. My passion was making Baby Care Kits beside other LWR Kits.

Our family includes Jay (Danette) In Grand Forks, Deanne (Steve) who recently retired to Loon Lake by Vergas, Marlys is the Postmaster at the post office in Arthur, ND. Brian, (Kim) lives on Loon Lake also and works at MNDOT in DL. Jeffery (Heidee) lives in Willmar. They have blessed us with 13 grandchildren (1 in heaven) and 9 great-grand-children.

We have been married for 67 years. Don retired from the telephone company after 30 years. We have a grandson who plans to move to the farm and so the time has come for us to enjoy some Senior Living.



Deer Hunting

By Patti Cummins

Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

On our way home the second weekend of deer hunting, Oaklyn and I stopped by a family member's place to see if they got their deer. One foot into the garage and Oaklyn stopped sharply – there was a deer, field-dressed and hanging upside down.

"I'm not touching that!" Oaklyn declared as her walk across the garage took a wide arc, so she could stay as far away as possible from the deer. She stood beside her cousin and challenged her, "Are you going to touch it?"

After some back-and-forth discussion, they both vowed there was "no way" either would touch it. As Oaklyn turned back toward the deer, her head suddenly snapped back toward her cousin, "I will if you will!"

Deer Hunting, cont.

How did she get from "No way!" to "I will if you will!" so quickly. There's definitely strength in numbers. Encouragement from another person can give us a clearer understanding of a situation or help us *"run with endurance the race that is before us."* It can also give us courage to experience new things (like touching a deer) or even take us places we really should not go.

"Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." We are at times subtly led into temptation. As I am downsizing before moving, I find items I purchased because someone else said they needed it, loved it, or could not live without it. But I have never used some of it. Have I gone somewhere I had no interest in going because others chose it? What other temptations create bumps in my daily road?

But God who is faithful will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

Gratefully, I am usually surrounded by people who encourage me for good, and I try to reciprocate. We are a hunting family. Oaklyn will have opportunities in the future to "touch" a deer and maybe even help process it. Other temptations will come her way that are not so harmless, and when they do, I hope she remembers where to find the strength to overcome them. In the meantime, we keep encouraging her for good.



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** and can be picked up after our 10:45am Easter Service on April 20 and before 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.

Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Sat
2 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Sunday School & Fellowship	3	4 8:30am Quilters 5:15pm Personnel Meeting 7pm Theology on Tap	5 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30a Men's Bible Study 12:05p Ash Wed Service 12:30p Lenten Lunch 5pm Worship Team Rehearsal 5-6pm Oasis Meal 6:00p Worship Service 6:15p Alleluia Ringers Practice 7:15p Jubilate Choir Practice	6 9am Women's Bible Study	7	8 8pm-8am Middle school lock in
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