



The First Messenger

March Highlights

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Schedule for Wednesdays in Lent

Starting on Wednesday, March 4



12:05 PM Lenten Worship Service
(Lunch will be served following the service)

5:15 PM Oasis Meal

6:00 PM Lenten Worship Service

6:45 PM Faith Formation Hour

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April
Newsletter Deadline:
Sunday, March 23

Blood Pressure Checks
March 15, 2020
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
Church Office



Gary's Report

By Senior Interim Pastor Gary Erdmann

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Forgiveness is at the top of the list when it comes to things preached. Jesus gave us example after example of forgiveness. But to us, it sometimes seems like more of a scandal than a healthy, necessary thing to do. Like more of a moral cease-fire that comes from the words, "I'm sorry."

When we are wronged, we can think of a hundred reasons not to forgive. He needs to learn a lesson. I don't want to encourage irresponsible behavior. She needs to learn that actions have consequences. I'm sure these all sound familiar. But think of this also.

Forgiveness alone can halt the cycle of blame and pain, breaking the chain of ungrace. In the New Testament, the most common Greek word for forgiveness literally means to release, to hurl away, to free yourself.

We must not forget, from the Gospel's account, forgiveness wasn't easy for God either. Remember when Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane and asked, "If it is possible, may this cup be taken from me," with sweat and blood rolling off his brow.

Yet finally in one of his last statements Jesus says, "Forgive them," all of them, the Roman soldiers, the religious leaders, his disciples, and those hanging next to him, and you and me. "Forgive them for they know not what they do."

Only by becoming a human could the Son of God truly say, "They do not know what they are doing." Having lived among us, he now understood.

Forgiveness may be hard, but it is the right thing to do. It is right for you, for the one who must be forgiven, and for God.

So as we enter this time of Lent, take a moment, as you reflect on the past, to consider an act of forgiveness in the future. And don't forget the greatest act of forgiveness that has ever taken place....and this act was just for you.

May God's blessing be with you.

Pastor Gary

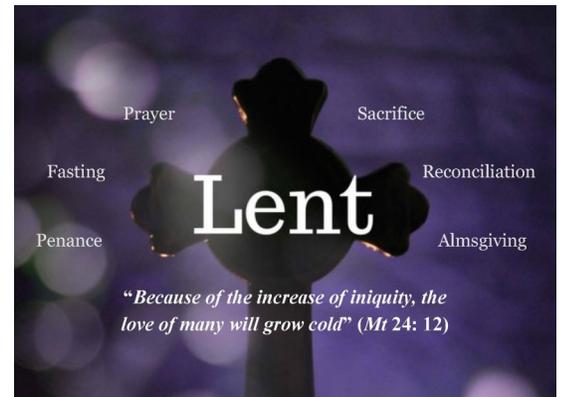


Lauryl's Report

By Interim Pastor Lauryl Ivers

WELCOME TO LENT, DEAR FAMILY AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Did you know Lent is about Spring? It's about preparing for Easter – “out of the darkness of sin's Winter, we prepare to be reborn in the Spring of the Lord's Resurrection”. Lent is a special time of 40 days (not including Sundays) starting with Ash Wednesday, to journey more deeply with Jesus. One of my friends said, “Lent isn't so much about fasting, as it is about feasting on Jesus/really thinking about our relationship with Christ”. It's a season set aside to consider how we're living the “new life” we received in Baptism, and affirmed in our Confirmation. It's a time to ask God to forgive us, and to help us make changes that will keep us on the right paths in our lives. Please make time during this Lenten season for refreshment in your life of faith - for the “Spring” of Jesus love with you. If you'd like a Lenten Devotional booklet, stop by the Church office and we can give you one.



Lent is also a very good time to invite and welcome people to First Lutheran Church – for our Special Wednesday noon and 6:00 Service – we'll have the Holden music again, Confirmation Youth Skits, delicious soup dinners, and time for good fellowship. It's a time to invite our families and neighbors who are not attending a church, to join us for our Lenten meals and Easter Celebration. Even people who don't regularly attend church, would like to go to church on Easter, but they're waiting for an invitation so they don't have to go alone. Invite them to come with you! This Easter, bring a friend... bring several friends, so they can have what you have – a home with God and his amazing people at First Lutheran Church.

And every Sunday and Wednesday, and the days in between, are important times for us to practice the good hospitality Jesus asks of us – to welcome all of our guests with a smile and a kind word, to care for their needs, to let them know we're glad they're with us! Please take time, when you see someone come through our doors, to say “Hello... I'm glad you're here”; and if they seem to be new: “Let me know if I can help you with anything...” You don't need to be the assigned Greeter – all of us can look for opportunities to welcome others. Think about what would make you want to visit a new church again – and let's do that here! If you have any suggestions for better hospitality, please talk with me.

Blessings on your Lenten Journey,
Pastor Lauryl



PIE AUCTION: Please join the fun in our first Pie Auction! On Sunday, March 8th, in the Dining Room between services: 9:45-10:45, our very own Auctioneer – Tom Klyve – will be auctioning fabulous, homemade pies in order to raise funds for our Youth Mission Trip this summer. Come ready to bid, take home a special pie or two, and support our Youth. And, in addition to the live auction, there will be Silent Auction of some of our Church art, craft items and delicious pies. If you are planning to donate a pie, please let the Church Office know, and if you can't join us that day, but want to donate, checks will be welcome to “FLC Youth Mission Trip”.

President's Post

Update from Cindy Brufloft, Vision Council Church President

We are God's Children Opening Doors
Inviting all people into a relationship with Jesus Christ
Equipping them through growth in faith, and
Sending them out to serve all of God's creation

MINISTRY TEAMS: To further honor the goals set forth from Vision 2020, the discussion continues as the Vision Council discerns how to define and implement the role of council members into the structure of ministry teams. Staff members will continue their roles with some of these ministries and are assisting in the process. In support, the Synod offers written guidelines for continuing resolutions to our constitution. Our goal is to put action into our Mission Statement and re-energize the congregation, inviting YOUR participation into all areas of ministry – Stewardship, Building and Grounds, Hospitality, Visitation, Faith Formation, Worship and Social Justice. Each of you are strongly encouraged to offer your time, talent and financial support. Identify your passion, jump on the band wagon and get involved!!

CONSTITUTION REVIEW: A task force will be formed to review and update our FLC Constitution. This document is 20 years old and it needs some updating. We are looking for 3-4 individuals that will commit to a few months of diligent evaluation – The synod does provide guidelines and samples to assist in the process. If this is something you would be interested in -please visit with me.

SANCTUARY SOUND SYSTEM: As mentioned in the January newsletter, over the past several months, many man hours have been spent researching, evaluating and trying different options to improve the sound quality in our sanctuary. You may have noticed the black speakers in the front of the sanctuary? The Sound/Tech team continues to evaluate the quality of sound – both for music and the spoken word. Please share your experience – have you noticed improvement or had challenges? Before we decide where and how to permanently mount the speakers, we want to be sure they are providing the best results. We may need to consider additional equipment – microphones and/or speakers, evaluate another location or direction for the speakers. In other words, it is still a work in progress, and we appreciate your input!

CALL PROCESS: Please read Jackie Buboltz's article for the update from the Call Committee. Things are going well, and we are very hopeful!!

THIRD ANNUAL POTATO DUMPLING DINNER AND KITCHEN REMODEL: The Potato Dumpling Dinner is scheduled for April 26 – Full details are included in this newsletter. This dinner began and continues as a fundraiser for the Kitchen and Dining Room Remodel project. The Building and Grounds team will have some design boards to view at the dinner as we prepare for fundraising to tackle this much needed project! I am hopeful this will encourage you to buy a ticket, attend the dinner and the support this much needed remodel project at FLC!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

*Annual Meeting is May 17th [Leadership vacancies will need to be filled, prayerfully consider serving]

*Feed My Starving Children is set for September 12-12, 2020 –there will be several fundraising and volunteer opportunities.

*"I will instruct you (says the Lord) and guide you along the best pathway for your life.
I will advise you and watch your progress." Psalm 32:8*

Trusting the Journey,
Cindy Brufloft

An Update from the Call Committee

Thank you for continued prayers and support. The committee continues to meet weekly working through the call process. In last month's newsletter article, we explained the process of receiving Rostered Ministry Profiles (RMPs) for candidates interested in the position of lead pastor at FLC. The committee would then determine, after reviewing the RMP, which candidates to interview.

May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you. Psalm 33:22

The committee decided to interview all the interested candidates. We did not want to rely on just the written profile to determine if a candidate might be the right lead pastor for First Lutheran. It was important to give each candidate an opportunity to provide further information to the committee as well as allowing the candidate the opportunity to ask questions to determine if they, in deed, wanted to be called to First Lutheran Church.

I'm happy to report that we have received the profiles of eight (we reported seven during the February ministry moment but since then we received one more!) interested candidates! The committee has conducted interviews via video conferencing and interviewed all eight candidates. Now that the first interviews are completed, we will ask God's guidance to decide which of these candidates to bring back for more in depth interviewing and site visit. The site visit will include an informal meeting with the staff, a tour of our church, and a formal second interview with the call committee. Each candidate will be offered a community tour as well.

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Thessalonians 5:16-18

The call committee has gotten some questions about the candidate information we are receiving and the candidates we are interviewing. As much as we would like to share information, we are asked to keep the names and information of the candidates in confidence. Some of the candidates have not expressed to their current congregation their interest in being called to another church. This is common practice. It is important that the candidates tell their congregation about their decision and not their congregation learning through the grapevine, so to speak, because we shared information that got back to someone in their congregation. As candidates work through the call process, they will discern the right time to share with their congregation. What we can tell you is that we are excited by the slate of candidates presented and we know God is present in our discernment process.

We also know there is no perfect candidate and each candidate has strengths and areas of growth. So, our prayer and our hope is we find a warm, compassionate, loving person who will simply and clearly proclaim the glory of God, bring energy and passion to our church, provide leadership to move us forward and build relationships to further our faith journey together. And we will ask our congregation to receive the person we bring forward with an open heart and open mind.

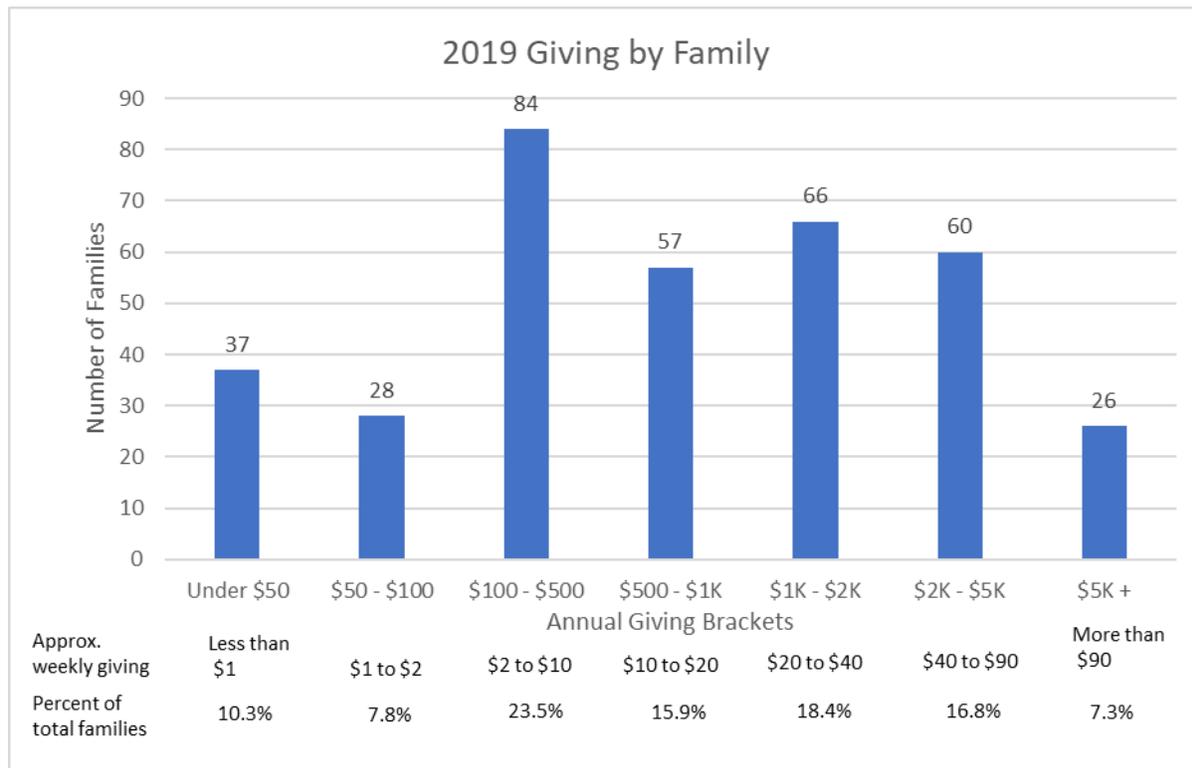
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

We have been affirmed through this process that our church and our congregation, as well as the Detroit Lakes community, has much to offer anyone considering joining First Lutheran.

Family Giving Information & Challenge

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. (1Peter 4: 8-10)

Christian stewardship is our gratified and obedient response to God's redeeming love. Stewardship is expressed by using all the resources that God has given us to bring Christ's mission focus to the world. With that stewardship concept in mind, please look at the information reflected in the chart below.



This chart was developed based on giving by 358 family units in 2019. Cash gifts not in an envelope are not reflected in the data.

This chart is both informational and challenging. To use the chart, find the annual giving bracket where your family fits on this chart. Example: If you give \$5 a week you would be in the 3rd bracket on the chart. Five dollars could be compared to a cup of coffee at a coffee shop. Prayerfully consider what God may be calling you to give this year. Would you be able to jump into the next bracket, say giving \$10 a week instead of \$5? Or, if jumping a bracket is not feasible right now, perhaps moving inside the bracket fits your situation say giving \$7.50 a week rather than \$5. Be assured that all gifts are valued.

Another option to consider this year is electronic giving. Stop in the church office to see how easy it is to set this up.

Many thanks to you for giving of your time, talent, and treasure to grow God's mission through First Lutheran Church. Our church family is blessed to have you as a member.

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. (Romans 12:6-8)

Pillars

*Ministries that support our pastors and one another
in faith growth through worship and fellowship.*



By, Mackenzie Hamm



LENT: Wow time sure flies! Lent has begun. If you have time to help with our wonderful Lent Lunches please stop in the office and sign up to help! We are always in need of people willing to make sandwiches, set-tables & wash dishes. A huge thanks to Dave Johnson with the help of Denise Gaard and many other helpers who have already signed up! We couldn't have a wonderful meal without you!



Fellowship Time: As you have noticed, we are making a few changes to how we are setting up for fellowship time. We have a beverage table that will be designated to have more of a self-serve style like at hotels. Coffee cups and water cups will be set on the table for you to fill with your beverage of choice. We will be using our pump pots with regular coffee, a couple carafes with decaf coffee, white carafes with hot water for tea, water dispensers & choices of sugars & creamers. This helps limit the time commitment of having to set up all the round tables. This also eliminates the washing of unused cups that were remaining on the round tables. So, thank you for being understanding of this change.



Dishwashers & Creation Care Team: What a wonderful team who comes together to find ways to care for God's Creation. How can we here at First Lutheran help? We can help with washing dishes during Funerals, Oasis, Lent, & Special events so that we can use our kitchen dishes instead of paper products. Let me know if you want to be apart of caring for our Earth by doing dishes!



Sunday morning coffee fellowship time: March Action Corp Leader NEEDED! Fellowship is a time that everyone from the congregation enjoys and looks forward to. The Leader schedules volunteers to set-up, server & clean-up on Sundays. The Leader lines-up treats and/or donations for the Sundays in March.

I have been trying to make it easier for people to sign up online which has helped eliminate the number of phone calls the leader needs to make. I encourage people to volunteer prior to being called upon by sending out a reminder post card & email/text with a sign-up sheet attached.

If this is a ministry that you can be apart of I would greatly appreciate it! Please contact Mackenzie in the office if you can help.



*May you find your spiritual and divine gifts
given to you and bless them with the world,*

Mackenzie Hamm
Support Ministries Coordinator

Matthew 6:16-18

[*Concerning Fasting*] "And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you."



Parish Health

Denise Gaard ♦ 218-847-5656 ♦ denise@firstlutheranchurch.com



What is Low Vision?

Low vision means that even with regular glasses, contact lenses, medicine, or surgery, people find everyday tasks difficult to do. Reading the mail, shopping, cooking, seeing the TV, and writing can seem challenging.

Millions of Americans lose some of their vision every year. Irreversible vision loss is most common among people over age 65.

Is losing vision just part of getting older? No. Some normal changes in our eyes and vision occur as we get older. However, these changes usually don't lead to low vision.

Most people develop low vision because of eye diseases and health conditions like macular degeneration, cataracts, glaucoma, and diabetes. A few people develop vision loss after eye injuries or from birth defects. While vision that's lost usually cannot be restored, many people can make the most of the vision they have.

Your eye care professional can tell the difference between normal changes in the aging eye and those caused by eye diseases. It is important to talk with your eye care professional about your vision problems. Ask for help if needed. Find out where you can get more information about services and devices that can help you. Prescription and non-prescription devices that help people with low vision enhance their remaining vision. Some examples include magnifiers, large print books, check-writing guides, white canes, and telescopic lenses. Some non-prescription devices can be found in the Parish Nurse office. Ask Denise if there is a device or assistance you may need.

For further information on low vision contact your eye care provider or Denise, Parish Nurse.

Advanced Healthcare Directives

March 22, 2020 9:35 AM

Library

Let your family and healthcare provider know what your wishes are for end of life care. We will discuss how to have that discussion about end of life care with your family and answer any questions you may have about your Advanced Healthcare Directive. Everyone ages 18 and older should have a Healthcare Directive. Everyone is welcome to attend this forum.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

We have received many new prayer shawls made by volunteers from First Lutheran church. A special blessing will be held over these prayer shawls on Sunday March 29th. Thank you so much to all who made these prayer shawls. If you would like to make a shawl and need a pattern, see Denise. We have both knit and crochet patterns available.



Blood Pressure Checks
Church Office
Sunday, March 15 - 9:30 AM



Children's Ministry

By, Emma Duncan



Luther Crest Camp Promo Day!— If you are interested in Summer Camp at Luther Crest, or want more information on our VBS here at First, make sure you are at one of the services on either March 8th or March 11th! There will be a few camp counselors here to give you more information as well as a little sneak peak of camp during each worship service and Faith Formation!



1st Communion Classes—5th Graders will have their 1st Communion classes every Wednesday from February 26th to April 1st at 6:45pm in the Chapel. If you are a 5th grader and have not received this information yet, please contact Emma immediately.



Children's Carnival and Potluck— will be held on Sunday, March 29 at noon. All are welcome. Bring your families and a food item to share. Please contact Terry or Sandi Kemmer if you'd like to have a booth.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

If any parents are willing to sub on Wednesday nights through lent, or volunteer to help with large group, please contact Emma ASAP. There are still a few spots that need to be filled.

Creation Care Update

The Psalmist wrote, "The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers" (24:1-2). God's intent is for us to take care of His creation. Creation care is an important mission for individual Christians and the Church as a whole. In response, First Lutheran Church is in the process of starting a Creation Care movement. You can be part of the movement! How? First, go to www.coolcongregations.org. You'll find "25 Steps under \$25" you can take in your own home and in the church to care for the environment. Second, join us at the Creation Care Focus Group in the church Conference Room on March 18 at 1:00 PM. Bring ideas for ways the church can be more environmentally friendly. Third, sign up in the church office for the Creation Care Retreat at Maple Hills Orchard on April 3-4 to help draft First Lutheran Church's Creation Care strategy – it will be informative, fun, and free!



Sunday, March 29
Noon Potluck
Carnival Booths, Games, Prizes!

Various groups within First Lutheran Church will be sponsoring carnival-type activities in the dining room and rec room during a noon potluck on Sunday, March 29. Bring your family and a dish to share! Enjoy fun and fellowship time as we all express appreciation for the children in our congregation!

If groups, couples, families... would like to host a booth, contact:
Terry Kemmer 701-330-3087
Sandi Kemmer 218-779-4679
tsk@arvig.net





Youth Ministry News

By, Maddie Hanson



Pancake Breakfast - Our youth put on a pancake breakfast between worship services each month throughout the school year. Our next pancake breakfast will be on Sunday, March 15th. Everyone is welcome to come through and support our youth program by grabbing some delicious pancakes! All of the money raised goes straight to the youth for future mission trips, retreats, lock ins, etc. Hope to see you there!



Pie Auction - Our High School youth who are preparing for the 2020 mission trip to Portland, Oregon this summer are hosting a pie auction fundraiser for our trip! We will be having the auction in between worship services on Sunday, March 8th in the dining room. Come and join us for some delicious pies and fun! Outbid your friends on pies to help raise funds for our mission trip!

We are in need of pie! If you would like to help us by donating some pies for our auction, please stop by the church office or give us a call to sign up. You can bring as many pies as you would like! The sign-up sheet will be in the white binder. Thank you in advance for your donations and support!



Lent Skits – During our Wednesday evening Lenten worship services, some of our Confirmation small groups will be performing a skit! Please come and join us on Wednesday’s at 6pm to support our youth who have been working hard on their skits. Hope to see youth there!

Congratulations to Kristina Johnson Dernier

Kristina Johnson Dernier is the new Director for Communications, Events and Youth Ministries for the Northwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA.

Kristina is well-known to many across the synod, having served the last 10 years as the Lutheran Youth Organization Advisor and Synod Youth Gathering Coordinator. Kristina will continue to serve the LYO and the Youth Gatherings, but in a more limited capacity.

Kristina grew up in Detroit Lakes and was member here at FLC. She is the daughter of Dave Johnson, our chef extraordinaire on Wednesday nights. Kristina began her new role on February 16. We congratulate her and will be praying for her continued success in ministry.



Our financial year runs from 7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020

General Cash Balance 7/1/2019	\$	-8050.66
Income to 1/31/2020	\$	336,814.77
Expenses to 1/31/2020	\$	324,644.69
Payroll Liability Adjustment	\$	1,343.56
General Fund Cash Balance 1/31/2020	\$	5,462.98

First Lutheran Church

Youth Pie Auction

Sunday, March 8th



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We hope to see you there!

Update From Trinity Hope



News from Trinity HOPE

This is one of a series of articles which we make available each month to keep our supporters informed about our activities. Trinity HOPE, a not-for-profit charitable organization, raises funds and administers feeding programs that provide a noon meal for the hungry children who attend our schools in Haiti where the Good News of Jesus is shared daily.

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Web Page: www.TrinityHope.org • Facebook: [trinityhopehaiti](https://www.facebook.com/trinityhopehaiti)

Mission Trip! Haiti

Blessing the children of Haiti one bowl of
beans and rice at a time.

May 23-30, 2020

\$1500-\$1800

Estimated cost based on the team's number (7 spots available)

The team will visit a minimum of 5 schools in the JACMEL & LES CAYES districts, experience a Haitian worship service Sunday morning, participate in two home visits with local families, participate in a meeting with a local food vendor used by Trinity HOPE, and much more!



To reserve your spot, contact
Trinity HOPE at: admin@trinityhope.org or 615-394-4950

The Link

Update from the Women of First Lutheran Church

Welcome to March! We begin to look forward to spring. The warm days in March brings us bursts of energy, a boost of the spirit, and we think of shopping for spring clothes or redecorating somewhere in the house. Then comes a “northerner” and puts us back to reality. I remember as a young girl walking home from the country school with my two brothers, how fascinated we were to watch the ice and snow melt on its way to a slough.



That reminds me of Jesus who gives us living water, water that calms, soothes, refreshes and restores. May the Lenten season help us spend time by the water to be refreshed and restored.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Valentines for Vets, the response was great. A box was sent to the Veterans Home in Fergus Falls and one to the VA in Fargo.

World Day of Prayer is being celebrated here at First Lutheran on March 6 at 12:00 PM with a light lunch to follow. Women, men, and children in about 170 countries gather each year on the first Friday in March to pray and sing to support ecumenical efforts toward justice, peace, and healing. Each year a different country's committee writes the worship service. This year the program was written by Zimbabwe. Each year a church in Detroit Lakes hosts this event and this year it is here at First Lutheran. All are invited to come.

The Spring Conference Gathering will be at Bakke Lutheran church and hosted with Richwood Church. The event will be April 25 at 9:00 AM. Registration is \$10.00 and starts at 8:30 AM. More information will be available soon.

Next Co-Council meeting will be April 15, 2020 in the CR at 9:30 AM.

Looking forward to spring.
Norma Smith

FLC Happenings



Lent is fast approaching! Starting with Ash Wednesday on February 26 we will offer a 12:05 PM and 6:00 PM Worship Service. Lenten services will continue on Wednesdays at 12:05 PM and 6:00 PM through April 1. The 12:05 service will be followed with a free will offering soup and sandwich lunch in the dining room. The Oasis Meal will be offered at 5:00 PM before the 6:00 PM Worship Service. **Lent Worship Service Assistants are needed!** We need ushers & greeters for the Lenten services at both 12:05 PM and 6:00 PM. Please sign up in the church office if you are able to help. **Lent**

Lunch Helpers. Dave & Denise will be blessing us with their Kitchen skills making soup and sandwiches following Lenten Services. **Help is needed** in prepping, serving & cleaning up. Please stop in the office to sign up.



ALTAR GUILD: The Altar Guild signup is now available in the Sacristy for the months of March through August. Please sign up if you are able to help, all volunteers are greatly appreciated!



YOUTH PIE AUCTION! Our High School youth are hosting a pie auction fundraiser for their trip to Portland! We will be having the auction in between worship services on Sunday, March 8th in the dining room. Outbid your friends on pies to help raise funds for our mission trip! **DONATIONS...** We are in need of pies! If you would like to help us by donating some pies for our auction, please sign up in the church office.



Your Travel Guide to Visit Jesus' Kingdom - Join us for an unforgettable, life-changing, month-long tour to a place unlike anywhere you've been - the Kingdom of God. The four-week tour begins at the home of Jonna & Gary Goreham from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on Tuesday evenings in March. For more information or to sign up, check in the FLC office. **ONLY ONE SPOT LEFT!**



Easter Flower order forms can be found with the ushers or in the church office. If you want to order flowers, please return slips and payment to the office by Monday, March 30. Please make checks payable to: First Lutheran Flower Fund. Flowers can be picked up after the 10:45 AM service on Easter Sunday and before Sunday, April 19th.



March Food Share Campaign - We are collecting monetary donations to benefit the Becker County Food Pantry! Bring your cash, check or non-perishable food items the month of March to donate. Monetary donations allow the Food Pantry to purchase reduced-cost foods, including ground beef, cereals, and canned vegetables for as little as 14 cents a pound! Donations can also be dropped off at the Food Pantry on Tuesday and Thursdays anytime from 8:00 AM-3:00 PM, at 1308 Rossman Avenue in DL.



World Day of Prayer is Friday, March 6—This service will be held at 12:00 PM at First Lutheran Church in the sanctuary. This is a time of ecumenical celebration of informed prayer and prayerful action. Please join us.



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of Detroit Lakes,
invites you to the



3rd ANNUAL POTATO DUMPLING DINNER

Sunday, April 26, 2020
10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Menu:

*Potato Dumplings or Baked Potato
Ham ♦ Coleslaw ♦ Bread ♦ Dessert*

Adults: \$12

Ages 5-12: \$5

Ages 4 & Under: FREE

MEALS TO GO AVAILABLE!
\$12 EACH!

**All proceeds benefit First Lutheran Church
kitchen/dining room renovations**

'Action Corp' Monthly Hospitality Teams

March

Leader: STILL NEEDED!

Sara & Jared Aelony
Andrew & Meagan Barker
Claire Beardsley
Dean & Susan Berg
Alan & Brenda Bergum
Mitchell & Jaquelyn Buboltz
Brian & Jessica Burhans
Christopher Dahlsad
Johnathen Dahlsad
Melissa Stalberger
Virginia Earley
Brad & Erin Erickson
Daniel & Angela Erickson
Troy & Skye Fingalson

Stephen & Jennifer Frank
John & Kim Green
Ben & Jodi Greisen
James & Sandra Hedstrom
Steven & Elizabeth Hedstrom
John & Lori Hinrichs
Timothy Hunnel
Gladys Johnson
Larry & Kimberly Kjono
Robert & Jill Larson
David & Kathryn Larson
Esther Lindgren
LaVon Loerzel
Christopher & Miranda Mahlum

Jessica Moench
David & Melissa Opsahl
Jeremy & Jessica Peterson
Judith Peterson
Bonnie Price
Steven & Courtney Schantzen
Diane Schjervheim
Vonnie Stenger
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Action Corps serves the Coffee Fellowship time on Sunday mornings, provides desserts for funerals and serves other congregational events.

The month you are on Action Corps, you will be called by your Action Corps leader to see when and how you would like to participate. For Sunday mornings: You **can serve** (set-up, serving and/or clean up). You **can donate food** items or you **can donate money** to purchase food items. You will only be called as the need arises for funerals & other events.

We accomplish big things when everybody does a little bit! Thank You!!



April

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Maycen Kirchner
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Bruce & Marjorie Schroeder
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LuVern & Ruth Seal
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Bradley & Jennifer Wentz
Sharron Wolf

Each family/person has a 3-month quarter in which they will be called upon for serving. If you are on the list for December or January you will rotate each year between December, January and February. If you know which Sunday you would prefer to help serve during Sunday Coffee Fellowship time, please contact your leader and let them know! Call the office, 847-5656, if you would like to change the season in which you serve.

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday Schedule <i>Communion</i> 8:30a Traditional worship 9:30a Fellowship 9:30a Faith Formation Hour 10:45a Contemporary worship 12:00p Lakes Area Chorale Prac	2 8:30a Helping Hands (Hol Inn) 5:00p Al Anon (Library) 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	3 8:30a Quilting, Rec Rm 9:00a AA (Library) 9:00a Office Staff Meeting 9:30a Rebekah Crc, Ecumen 10:30a Comm Svc, Oak Cross. 12:00p OA Serenity Group (Lib) 2:00p Rachel Circle, Lounge 5:00p Crisis Center Mtg 5:30p Tae Kwon Do (Rec Rm) 7:00p Personnel Committee Mtg 7:30p Young Men's Bible Study	4 Wednesday Schedule <i>Communion</i> 6:30a Men's "Daybreak" 7:00a Women's Bible Stdy 10:00a LSS Respite Care 12:05p Lenten Worship Service 4:45p Worship Team Reh 5:15p Oasis Meal 6:00p Worship 6:15p Alleluia Ringers Practice 6:45p Faith Formation Hour 6:45p 1st Communion Class 7:15p Jubilate Choir Practice	5 1:30p Ruth Crc, Din Rm 6:30p Call Comm Mtg, Library	6 12:00p AA (Library) 12:00p Prayer Time, Chapel 12:00p World Day of Prayer 4:30p Tae Kwon Do (Rec Room)	7
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15 Sunday Schedule <i>Communion</i> <i>Pancake Breakfast</i> <i>Blood Pressure Checks</i> 8:30a Traditional worship 9:30a Fellowship 9:35a Faith Formation 10:45a Contemporary worship 12:00p Lakes Area Chorale Prac	16 8:30a Helping Hands (Hol Inn) 5:00p Al Anon (Library) 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm 6:00p Nordic Ski Club	17 8:30a Quilting, Rec Rm 9:00a AA (Library) 9:00a Office Staff Meeting 12:00p OA Serenity Group (Lib) 12:30p Tai Ji Quan 5:00p Crisis Center Mtg, CR 5:30p Tae Kwon Do (Rec Rm) 7:30p Young Men's Bible Study	18 Wednesday Schedule <i>Communion</i> 6:30a Men's "Daybreak" 7:00a Women's Bible Stdy 10:00a LSS Respite Care 10:00a Comm Svc, Ecumen 12:05p Lenten Worship Service 1:00p Creation Care, Conf. Rm 4:45p Worship Team Reh 5:15p Oasis Meal 6:00p Worship 6:15p Alleluia Ringers Practice 6:45p Faith Formation Hour 6:45p 1st Communion Class 7:15p Jubilate Choir Practice	19 9:30a Comm Svc, Park Mnr 9:30a Linc Park Bible Study 10:15a Comm Svc, Marigold 10:30a Knit & Crochet Club 12:30p Tai Ji Quan 6:30p Call Comm Mtg, Libr	20 12:00p AA (Library) 12:00p Prayer Time, Chapel 4:30p Tae Kwon Do (Rec Room)	21
22 Sunday Schedule <i>Healing Service</i> 8:30a Traditional worship 9:30a Fellowship 9:30a Adult Frm: Advanced Dir 9:30a Faith Formation Hour 10:45a Contemporary worship 12:00p Mission Trip Mtg 12:00p Lakes Area Chorale Prac	23 8:30a Helping Hands (Hol Inn) 12:00p Exec Council, Hub 41 5:00p Al Anon (Library) 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	24 8:30a Quilting, Rec Rm 9:00a AA (Library) 9:00a Office Staff Meeting 12:00p OA Serenity Group (Lib) 12:30p Tai Ji Quan 5:00p Crisis Center Mtg, CR 5:30p Tae Kwon Do (Rec Rm) 5:30p Vision Council 7:30p Young Men's Bible Study	25 Wednesday Schedule 6:30a Men's "Daybreak" 7:00a Women's Bible Stdy 12:05p Lenten Worship Service 2:30p Comm Svc, Golden Mnr 4:45p Worship Team Reh 5:15p Oasis Meal 6:00p Worship 6:15p Alleluia Ringers Practice 6:45p Faith Formation Hour 6:45p 1st Communion Classes 7:15p Jubilate Choir Practice	26 12:30p Tai Ji Quan 6:30p Call Comm Mtg, Library	27 12:00p AA (Library) 12:00p Prayer Time, Chapel 4:30p Tae Kwon Do (Rec Room)	28
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Easter is made more beautiful with a lovely garden of flowers in our sanctuary. If you would like to share flowers, fill out this form and leave it at the church office.

Type of Flower: **\$8.50 each** Azaleas Asiatic Lilly Mums

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

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Attached is \$ _____ for the total order above.
Return Slip into Office before Monday, March 30th.
Please make checks payable to: First Lutheran Flower Fund.
Flowers can be picked up after the 10:45 am service on
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