

The Parish News

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The Thief and His Savior

Jesus had company when he died. Two criminals shared his fate. Three crosses formed a small group on the ridge of Calvary one afternoon. The brief and painful conversation between three dying men led to a change of eternal destination of one of them.

One thief mocked Jesus with a challenge, "If you are the Christ, save yourself and us." His words convey a desperate bitterness. He had no thought of responsibility or remorse. He died bitter, mocking, and unrepentant.

The other thief reached a different conclusion. He heard Jesus forgive His executioners. He sensed Jesus' innocence. Perhaps he had heard about Jesus elsewhere. He was shocked by the other thief's lace of conscience. "Do you not even fear God, seeing that you are under the same condemnation?" he said. The second thief made a beautiful statement of faith that Jesus readily acknowledged. His words illustrate the heart of repentance:

- He accepted responsibility for his own sins. "We receive the due reward of our deeds." – Luke 23:41
- He recognized that only Christ could save him. "This man has done nothing wrong." – Luke 23:41
- He called out for salvation from his moral condition, not rescue from the cross. "Remember me when you come into your kingdom". – Luke 23:42
- He placed his life at the mercy of Jesus.

What a difference between the two men! What a difference between their eternal destinations! Yet, when you really boil it all down, the only thing that really was different was their response to Jesus Christ.

As the Easter Season approaches, the Savior's response to a dying thief gives us a reassuring picture for our own life. Jesus' response to the faith of His dying companion is the same response that He gives to anyone who believes in Him, whether the conversion occurs in the last moments of life, or at the very beginning. "Today, you will be with me in Paradise." It's the promise to a thief from His Savior, it's a promise to you and me from our Savior.

A blessed Easter Season to you!

Pastor Krueger

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 28, 2024

(Please note that minutes are not approved until voted on at the next annual meeting in 2025.)

President Mac Beaudry called the meeting to order.

A quorum was met; there were 57 members present.

Pastor Paul Krueger opened in prayer.

Mac called to approve last year's minutes. Randy Hall made the 1st motion, 2nd by Arden Wagner. Carried

Pastor's report: Pastor Paul's report is on pages 5-8 of the annual report. We as a church family need to hear his gratitude and the blessing it is to be here serving First Lutheran family. He thanked us for this church family, having so many to help out with anything that comes up, etc.

Treasurers report: Aaron Solomonson's report is on pages 9-12 of the annual report. He thanked everyone for the donations we've received this year, with more to come in the future.

Financial Compliance Review Committee Report: Mike Nelson reported that he, Arden Wagner and Donna Sommer met with Jeannette and everything is in good order. Also, thanked Jeannette for all she does.

President report: Mac Beaudry thanked everyone for their support. His report is on page 14 of the annual report. He reviewed the year: Pastor Mann resigned, Intern Pastor is great, Call committee was formed and doing a great job, all the bills are paid, Endowment Committee is moving forward and in a good spot. Education and all other events of the church have been growing which is great, but there is a need for room. This church is fantastic and growing, our council is young and great to work with. Mentioned about hiring an architect to see where and how to expand the church. Cost is around \$10,000 and we will cover that part further in the meeting.

Committee reports:

Stewardship: Julie Bentz, report is on page 15 of annual report. Thanked everyone for sharing their Thrivent dollars with the church.

Worship: Jeff Schmidt, report is on page 16 of the annual report. Thanked everyone for making the

church what it is for the last 6 years he served. We have all glory and honor to God for being here and serving others. Asked us to continue to share the word with others, sharing the good news. Gave blessings to the council.

Education: Sarah Kadrmas, report is on page 17 of the annual report. PK-6 has over 60 students registered. The growth is a good thing to see, creativity is being used to solve the puzzle of the space we have. Thanked everyone including the new faces for their help and support in the Sunday School program.

Evangelism report: Kacy Hardt, report is on page 19 of the annual report. She quickly reviewed the events of the year. Some new things are trying to get a church carnival committee together. Wanted to give a shout out to those who have helped out. Sarah Rosenquist and daughter for redoing the busy bags every week. Judy Beaudry, Carla Bickert, Melissa Rothe and the FLY for helping with the carnival this year. If you have any questions or comments just let her know.

Property: Chris Albers, report is on page 20 of the annual report. Everything is on the report. Thanked Jeannette and Jeff for keeping things rolling around the church. Also, to everyone who pitches in to help with all the projects. Some new things that are being looked into:

- The thermostats in the sanctuary are old and he had H&A Thompson & sons to come up and take a look at them. He is waiting to hear back on an estimate.
- The lights in the sanctuary, some thought are dim, more powerful light bulbs will not work, so will need to look into a lighting store to see what can be done.
- The water fountain has been removed, so if anyone would like to tackle a little sheetrock project, feel free to talk to Chris.
- Need to have toe kick trim put on underneath cabinets in the parsonage.

Projects that have happened and some still need finishing in the parsonage since Pastor Mann has left:

 Tore out some carpet and linoleum, entry way to kitchen, dining area, entrance room off the garage and main floor bathroom. This was replaced with wood planking.

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- Painted the upstairs walls.
- Replaced 2 toilets.
- Carpets and air ducts were cleaned.

If anyone would like to be on the property committee let Chris know.

FLY and Confirmation Ministry: Melissa Rothe, report is on page 18 of the annual report. This year there has been more involvement. The youth is comfortable here. Pizza day is a great thing and this couldn't be done without the volunteers. Thanked everyone who helps out with this.

Linda Zeller spoke up and said it just brings a smile to her to see everything that is going on with the youth.

Mutual Ministry Committee: Joe Sheldon reported that there is really nothing to report. Everything and relationships going well. Gave thank you cards to both Mac and Jeff. They were thanked for their service on the council. Mac also added that if anyone is interested in joining this committee to reach out to anyone on the committee.

Super Sunday Supper: Judy Beaudry, report is on page 21 of the annual report. Judy says it's just great to be here at the church.

Call Committee: Report is on page 22. Melissa Rothe, reported that First Lutheran's profiles have been submitted in January to LCMC and NALC. There are 4-5 people who the committee will be reviewing. We are moving forward and in a good spot. If anyone has any question to reach out to one of the committee members and they will try to answer the best we can.

FLCW: Leann Richard reported that the report is in the annual report on pages 23-26 with the correction that on the financial statement the balance in checking account should say January 1, 2023 not 2024. Thanked all the women for all they do in the church.

Endowment Fund: Questions and answers are on pages 27-28 in the annual report. Mac reported that Hahn Financial was picked over Thrivent due to Hahn's flexibility of our needs. Lots of work still needs to be done with Hahn to make our investment buckets, etc. A motion was made by Randy Hall to use Hahn Financial as the endowment and it was 2nd by Elmer Schwarz. Carried.

New Business:

Budget 2024: Budget is on pages 30-33 of the annual report. Mac explained that when budget-

ing we have the tendency to over guess on what will be spent and under guess the income. Explained Pastoral Ministry budget numbers were the way they were. It is that we can have flexibility in the hiring process of a new pastor. Pastor Paul explained also, that if he would come to First Lutheran to be our Pastor, the numbers for medical insurance weren't as high as when Pastor Mann was here. Mac also explained the Vicar part which isn't figured into the budget. This was for future if First Lutheran ever thought about bringing in a seminary student to do their internship, etc. The architect was explained at this point. Brent Petersen asked about what became of the reports when the church looked into this years ago. Mac reported that they have looked for that information and nothing seems to be found. The money for this and work on our sound system can be found under Facility Management under building improvements. Sharon Chrest brought up issues with elevator and not having a rest room upstairs. Elmer Schwarz mentioned that the biggest problem with the elevator is people not knowing how to properly use the elevator. Leann Richard asked if something can be done to the basement ceiling like they have had in the past to cut down on the noise. Mike Aull asked if there has been an investigation about what we need, so the architect knows what we are thinking of. Suggestions are welcomed. We are hiring because we don't know where to go and maybe they can suggest to us how to add on. Architect is going to come up with options for us instead of this is what needs to be done. Gwen Hall made a motion to approve the 2024 budget and the idea of doing a survey to get ideas for the architect. Randy Hall 2nd the motion. Carried.

Nominating Committee: Gwen Hall, report is on page 29 of annual report. Three nominees: Janet Hanson, Vice President (2 years) & President (1year); Sheldon, Secretary (3 years); Sarah Rosenquist, Worship (3 years). Mac asked if there were any other nominees, there were none. Randy Hall made motion to accept Janet Hanson as Vice president (2 years) and President (1year), 2nd by Jesslyn Hall. Carried. Judy Beaudry made motion to accept Sheldon as Secretary (3 years), 2nd by Peggy Wollmuth. Carried. Randy Hall made motion to accept Sarah Rosenquist as Worship Deacon (3 years), 2nd by Leann Richard. Carried. Need 2 people to join the Nominating Committee. Gwen Hall and Brent Petersen volunteered. Thank you, Gwen and Brent.

Motion was made to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully submitted by: Julie Bentz for Janet Hanson



COUNCIL MEETING IN FEBRUARY 19, 2024

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



The Church Council met on February 19, 2024, at 6:30 PM. Present were Aaron Solomonson, Julie Bentz, Sarah Kadrmas, Joe Sheldon, Chris Albers, Janet Hanson, Kacy Hardt, Sarah Rosenquist, Pastor Paul Krueger and Alli Sheldon. Jeannette Rost was also present.

President Joe Sheldon called the meeting to order. Albers/Hardt to approve the agenda. Carried.

Pastor Krueger led in devotions based on Mark 4:35-41.

Randy Hanson gave a report from the Call Committee. There were five applicants. The Call Committee is looking to move forward with interviewing in the next several weeks. Joe Sheldon will no longer be on the call committee due to being elected as the council President. Agree to move forward with 11 members of the Call Committee, as the original six voting members are still present on this committee. After interviews are complete, the congregation will have to accept the call and then will be presented with a benefits and salary package.

Kadrmas/Bentz approve minutes from December 5, 2023. Motion carried.

Solomonson gave the treasurer's report. The following balances are on hand: CD's: \$150,000.00; Checking: \$166,359.13; Building: \$198,943.06; Cemetery: \$1,717.40; FLY: \$12,991.90; Interest: \$16,050.69; Music: \$1,833.33; Super Sunday Supper: \$4,191.71; Worship: \$2,603.44; Ameriprise Financial: \$39,995.60; Morgan Stanley: \$11,992.40. Total Assets: \$606.678.66. Hardt/Bentz approve to file future audit and pay non budgeted bills. Motion carried.

Pastor's report: He has administered private communions, continues to work with Call Committee, secured schedule for the Sunday's he will not be able to be present, and he has four baptisms scheduled in March. He has 9th grade confirmation classes assisting with mid-week Lenten worship services. Working as teams they are producing the lead-in for the objects used with Places of the Passion series. Lent services have begun and discussions have started on Easter Sunday worship service. He updated council on upcoming travel dates.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship Committee - Hardt had discussion on how to distribute information on Thrivent donations via email and the bulletin.

Worship Committee - No report

Education Committee - Kadrmas reports on Camp of the Cross Fees. Motion made by Hart to keep the same amount sponsorship as last year/ Solomonson second. Kadrmas motions to increase amount by \$5 and Hardt amends her motion to increase by \$5. Sheldon seconds the motion. Motion carried. Kadrmas discusses stepping down from her position as education chair in July. Council will then be able to appoint someone to this position at that time.

Evangelism Committee - Hardt reports that the quilting ladies will be providing new washable bags for the children to use during church. She is looking for people for the Carnival committee and the Carnival is scheduled for the first Sunday in August.

Property Committee - Albers reports there was a bid to replace thermostats and zone valves from K&D Services for \$2,298.62. This includes 10 thermostats, wireless sensor, zone valves, thermostat wire, and labor. Hardt/Kadrmas make motion to approve moving forward with this bid. Carried. Albers reports he is speaking with Front Street lighting for new fixtures for the sanctuary. He also discussed that he is working on a moveable handrail to allow for access to communion and seeking out bids to replace the double doors by the kitchen in the basement.

Executive Committee - No update

Old Business:

We have \$375.92 in Thrivent Choice Dollars.

Meeting will be set for the endowment committee to put buckets together for the Lavern Johnson trust money and then come back to council for approval.

Zion Lutheran Cemetery - Mac Beaudry reported to Sheldon that he will look for volunteers to remove the fence in the spring and replace with new post covers and chains.

We are looking at selecting an architect to look at future plans for the church structure.

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The 2024 budget was reviewed. Interim pastoral salary was discussed. Krueger agrees to keep it at the same amount. Albers seconds. Carried. Solomonson motions to remove evangelism income line as it is a double with the carnival income line. Hardt Seconds. Carried. Sheldon motions to budget \$5000 for Misc. Expense. Bentz seconds. Motion carried.

New Business:

Council needs to decide where benevolence money will be distributed by next meeting. Bentz will bring recommendations to next council meeting.

BIO Girls - Kadrmas will write a letter for the bulletin to help promote BIO Girls in the area as they are looking for a leader in the Washburn community. Hardt/Sheldon motion. Motion carried.

Discussion was had on coming up with a smoother process to run the council meeting. This planning session will occur after Easter.

Bid was received for a new audio and visual system by upgrading our current system. The bid came from More than Music based out of Minot. This includes sound board, choir microphones, sound rack wiring and controls in the back as well

as 2 new cameras, video mixer, and 2 controllers. This comes with install, training, and 1 year service warranty. The cost is \$22,800. Discussion of possible fundraisers to meet this amount. Hardt/ Sheldon motion to table until next meeting. Motion carried.

Dean and Sonja Bergstedt would like the church to store a Baby Grand Piano at the church while they are building a home. They will have movers to move the piano and assume all liability while the piano is at the church. Pastor Krueger will discuss with Randy and Gwen Hall. Solomonson/ Hardt motion to table until next meeting. Motion carried.

Krueger/Hanson to approve the transfer out of Natasha Peterson and Cindy Kuntz. Carried.

The next meeting will be on March 18th at 6:30 pm.

Sheldon/Rosenquist adjourn the meeting. Carried.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Alli Sheldon Church Council Secretary

CALL COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 2024 NOON

Minutes from the noon 2/11/2024 meeting.

Present: Randy Hall, Randy Hanson, Donna Sommer, Melissa Rothe, Emily Retterath, Julie Bentz, Sarah Rosenquist, Cathy Sheldon, Lexi Solomonson, Chad Hardt

Absent: Caden Albers

Randy Hanson opened with prayer.

Our purpose of this meeting was to go through our candidates we received.

Discussion was had on the candidates we went

through.

Please send Randy Hanson any questions for the interview process.

Please be watching your email for the next meeting. Should be sometime mid March.

Melissa closed in prayer.

Submitted,

Julie Bentz Call Committee

Raising Hope Ministry

Sunday March 10th@ 2:00 First Lutheran Church Washburn Hosted by: Kellie Sheldon

Join us for crafting and fellowship. The group is open for anyone wanting to lift the spirit of a friend or someone they may know going through a hard time.



You are a friend of the King.
You are saved and sanctified.
You are the light of the world.
You are loved.
You are chosen.
You are an overcomer.
You are redeemed.
You are protected.

Thank you for your continued donations and support!



CLASSES FOR FIRST COMMUNION

5th Graders at First Lutheran Church or anyone older that is not already taking communion are invited to join Pastor Krueger on Sunday afternoon, March 24th, for First Communion Classes. It is customary for our children to have the privilege of growing their faith through the Sacrament of Holy Communion alongside their family members. Pastor Krueger will take our kids through the meaning of Holy Communion and the benefits that our Lord Jesus gives us through receiving the sacrament with first communion happening for our children at our Maundy Thursday worship service on March 28th. Our First Communion class will be held from 2pm to 4pm on Sunday, March 24th. Mom's and dad's, please call the church office to let us know your child will be attending.

Lenten season is here. Here is a schedule of the Wednesday night meals. Serving is from 5:30 - 6:45 pm each Wednesday.

March 6 - Super Sunday Supper Pancakes, Sausage & Fruit

March 13 - Men's Bible Study Loaded Baked Potato, Salad & Dessert

March 20 - Evangelism & Stewardship Committees Sloppy Joes, Salads, Chips & Dessert

March 31 - Easter Breakfast 7:45 - 9:15 AM Served by First Lutheran Youth Menu yet to be determined



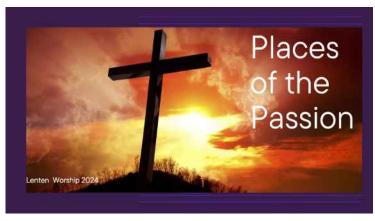
BRASS PLAYERS WANTED

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

THRIVENT CHOICE MEMBERS

Thrivent Choice Members, a reminder if you already haven't, March 31st is the last day to direct your remaining 2023 Choice Dollars. First Lutheran received \$1,031.00 in Thrivent Choice Dollars grant funding in 2023. Thank you to all that donated your choice dollars to First Lutheran.





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Week	Theme	Object for Remembrance	Message
Week 4 3/6	Pilate's Court: A Place for A Substitute	A Coin	PK
Week 5 3/13	The Way of Sorrows: A Place of Tears	A Tear	PK
Week 6 3/20	Golgotha: A Place of Suffering	A Nail	PK



We invite you to help decorate First Lutheran Church this Easter with your Easter Lilies & Easter plants.

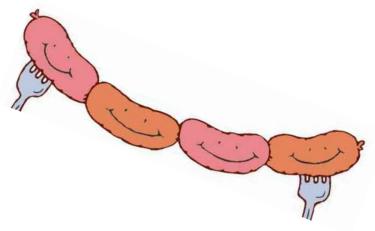
Please *print* the following information:



Name of person(s) giving the Lily or plant:	In Thanksgiving for (person or event):
In Memory of:	
in without of.	() To the Glory of God
	Would you like your Easter Lily back? Yes or No
	Attach this form to your Easter Lily or plant and bring it to the Secretary's hallway <u>no later than noon March 27.</u>

PANCAKES, SAUSAGE & FRUIT SUPPER





March 6, 2024 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm

> Served by Super Sunday Supper

Free-will offering Everyone welcome!

Join us on March 13, 2024 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm for







& Dessert

Served by the FLC Men's Bible Study Free-will Offering - Everyone Welcome!

SLOPPY JOES, SALAD,

CHIPS & DESSERT





March 20, 2024 5:30 - 6:45 pm

Served by Evangelism & Stewardship Committees

Free-will offering Everyone welcome!

FLCW NEWS

MARCH, 2024

Executive Board:

Co-Chairs:

Donna Gunderson

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Secretary:

Marlys Knell

Treasurer: LeAnn Richard

Growth (Confirmation &

Graduation Tea and 3rd Grade Bibles):

Janet Hanson Joan Holznagel

Committees:

Action (Quilts, LWR Kits):

Marlys Knell LeAnn Richard Gwen DeMontigny

Community:

Kathy Keller

Meals on Wheels

Lions Bake Sale Alli Sheldon

Goodies From the Heart

Altar Guild:

Theresa Petersen

Audit:

Mary Ann Beeks

Camp of the Cross:

Peggy Moran

Decorating, Receptions/ Bulletin Board Decorating:

Donna Gunderson

Good Cheer:

Mary Ann Beeks

Kitchen:

Arlene Schwarz Kathy Keller Linda Zeller

Library:

Sharon Chrest Sande Wagner Norma Petersen Arlene Schwarz

Prayer Chain:

First Lutheran Church Jeannette Rost

Service Secretary:

Sharon Chrest Donna Gunderson Thanks to all who donated to the Lion's Bake Sale.

Thanks also to the quilters for all their work!

The Secret Prayer Partner Tea was a great success! Thanks to Work Group 2 for the delicious lunch! New Prayer Partners were given out. Looking for 2 volunteers to plan the Prayer Partner Tea next year. Let Donna or Jeannette know if you are willing to do that.

February 21: The Lenten meal was served by all FLCW work groups. Thanks to all who helped and supported this!

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

11 7:00 PM - General Meeting

All women of the Church are encouraged to attend! There will be a program, discussion about upcoming events and refreshments by the Executive board.

28 9:00 AM - Quilting

29 9:00 AM - Quilting

April

Goodies from the Heart

25 Quilting

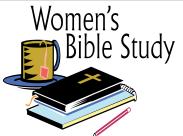
Donna Gunderson, Co-Chair



"Lord Jesus, during Lent, I seek spiritual Renewal and a deeper connection with you. Fill me with your Holy Spirit, cleanse my heart, and draw me closer to your love and grace. Amen."



March 28 & 29 9:00 AM



Deborah Bible Study

March 21 9:30 AM at the church Donna Gunderson & LeAnn Richard host

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

Study is Tender Warrior - Lesson 3



FLCW GENERAL MEETING MARCH 11, 2024 7:00 PM

All women are invited!
Refreshments served by the
FLCW Executive Board

PRAYER PARTNER TEA REVEAL February 18, 2024



L to R: Jeannette Rost (secret name keeper), Sharon Chrest, Kathy Keller, Norma Petersen, Audrey Pauling, LeAnn Richard, Arlene Schwarz, Donna Gunderson, Jeneen Loe, Brenda Ankenbauer, Mary Ann Beeks, Linda Zeller, Sylvia Thompson, Ivadell Larson, Judy Beaudry, Carla Bickert, Cathy Sheldon & Alexis Solomonson Missing was: Sonja Bergstedt, Val Swanson, Peggy Wollmuth, Sande Wagner, Kacy Hardt & Terri Leidholm



Emily Retterath & Theresa Petersen Food Servers - Thank you for the delicious food!



First two pictures are the youth group making tie-blankets. Third picture is the youth eating at Pizza Ranch after their ski trip.







YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS AND CONFIRMATION UPDATE

Melissa Rothe - Coordinator of Student Ministries fly@westriv.com



<u>Confirmation:</u> The confirmation students are ushering during the Lenten services as well as the ninth-grade students are sharing during the service. Confirmation classes will resume on April 3rd. As a reminder, all confirmation students need to complete 15 sermon notes and 6 Lenten notes by May.



<u>Tie-Blankets:</u> We are going to be doing a service project for the children's wings of the Bismarck hospitals. Thank you to everyone who donated fleece! We are busy making the tie blankets right now!

Ski Trip: We had 9 kids go on the ski trip and they had a blast! Thank you, Amanda, for driving!

<u>Easter Sunday Brunch:</u> We are serving brunch between the services on Easter Sunday morning. More details to come!

<u>Dates to Note:</u> All other dates will be posted on Remind.

March 6th: Pizza Day

March 26th: Potential day to deliver blankets to Bismarck

Every Wednesday night: 5:30-6:45 Meal, 7:00 Lenten Service, 7:45-9:00 Youth Group

Question to ask the youth and kids in your life: What is your favorite Easter memory? What makes it special?

<u>Pray for the Youth:</u> We offer to you, Loving God, the gifts and needs of youth. Bless them with your guiding love as they face the challenges and opportunities in their lives. Touch their hearts with your love and help them to remember they are valued by you! Amen!





Education Report

Sarah Kadrmas



Hello! We are approaching another busy time of year!

We continue Sunday School business as usual. Preschool through 6th grade will have a small program during the 9:30 am worship service on Easter Sunday. If you and your child will not be present, let me know! What an exciting time!

Please sign up for a Sunday to volunteer. Signup sheet is in the basement next to the Sunday school rooms on the bulletin board.

We are starting to plan Vacation Bible School! We are in need of volunteers. Please let Sarah or Kacy know if you are interested in volunteering or planning this fun event!

Sunday School is looking to fill the Education Chair beginning in August. If you are interested in this position or have questions about it, please reach out to Sarah or Jeannette. Education Chair is a council position with a three-year term. It is fun and rewarding!

Thanks for your ongoing support!







Hadley Brie Hiatt
Baptized February 20, 2024
Pictured: Pastor Paul Krueger, Matthew, Sydney,
Hadley & Cameron Hiatt and Alison Hiatt

We welcome Hadley as our newest member of First Lutheran Church.

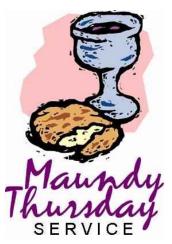


Quilts made by FLCW Quilters and given to Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.





March 24 9:30 AM Worship



March 28 7:00 PM Worship w/Holy Communion & First Communion



March 29 7:00 PM Worship Easter Sunday - March 31



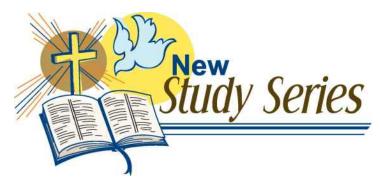
w/Holy Communion 7:00 AM



7:45 - 9:15 AM Served by FLY



w/Holy Communion 9:30 AM



NEW BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Led by Cathy Sheldon

"The Last Days of Jesus"

By Matt Williams

Six in-depth studies connecting the Bible to life.

Walk with Jesus as he prepares his disciples for his death, is gloriously transfigured, enters Jerusalem on a donkey, goes to trial, is hung on a cross, and then is victoriously raised from the grave. Discover how his power over the grave turned a tragic ending into a triumphant new beginning that transforms everyone who believes in him.

If you would like a participants guide, please order on your own.

Classes will meet on: March 3, 10, 17, 24 April 7 & 14

Everyone is welcome to join!



LOOKING FOR CONFIRMATION CAFÉ SERVERS

We are looking for a couple people each of the following Wednesdays to volunteer to make and serve a meal to our confirmation students and helpers. Serving begins between 5:15 pm and 5:30 pm and ends at 6:15 pm. You decide the meal you want to serve.

April 3, 10, 17 & 24

Contact Claudette Ness with questions or if you are willing to make and serve a meal.

People that have already served enjoy seeing the kids and how polite they are.

Thank you to all that have stepped up and helped out so far.



THANK YOU

- Thank you Wes Sauer and Sharon Chrest for helping tape the February newsletter for mailing.
- Thank you DJ Winter, Kyle Albers, Melissa Rothe, Wade & Stacy Boeshans, Dwight Rasmussen and Tanner Fiedler for making sure we had YouTube Live this past month.
- Thank you Brent & Theresa Petersen for so graciously serving a meal to our confirmation youth and helpers.
- © Thank you Brent Petersen and Rick Richard for filling in for Pastor Paul Krueger at worship services when he could not be here.
- In the passing of my sister, Marilyn Bergiman, we thank you for the kind words, prayers, cards and memorials given in her name.

Orlin & Ivadell Larson

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Thank you for your kind and generous donation to the Imagination Library Program in Washburn! Your donation positively impacts young children in our community by promoting literacy!

Thank you!

Jill Grumbo Washburn School





The following people were prayed for by request at worship from Sunday, January 28 - Sunday, February 25. If we missed you or your loved ones, or your prayer requests, please accept our apologies.

Please let the church office know before you enter the hospital for planned surgeries, during any hospitalization, or about your illnesses and any special needs that we may pray for you.

- Family of Steve Gieser
- Family of Sonja Petersen on her death
- Family of Dale Sennhenn on his death
- Perry Thyberg
- Huxlee Backman, son of Jade & Erica Backman
- Family of Tom Rothmann on his death
- ◆ Jackie Olson
- Family of Dean Vetter on his death
- Family of Darlene Holznagel on her death
- Mike Howes, Sadie Bloom & Baby
- Alton Krebsbach
- Melisa Chrest
- Howard Johnson
- Karen Goehring

Military Prayer and Card List

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

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

- SGT Bryce Rost Army National Guard
- SPC Olivia Retterath National Guard -Deployed
- ◆ SPC Christian Gardner Army National Guard
- SPC Cassidy Sommer National Guard
- SPC Jonathan Melvard Army National Guard

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

- SGT Dustin Enockson National Guard
- Emily Johnson Air Force
- Bryar Anderson Marines
- 1SGT Jordan Ternes Army National Guard
- ◆ TECH SGT Andre Austin
- Hunter Feigum National Guard
- Morris Duffy Medical Air Guard
- Brandon Searcy Navy Deployed
- Adam Walsvik National Guard

MARCH WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY USHERS/GREETERS - 9:30 AM

- 3 Glenda Scholl & Sarah Scholl
- 10 Arden & Sande Wagner
- 17 Cody Kroll Family
- 24 Luke & Emily Retterath Family
- 31 7:00 AM

Drew & Katelyn Petersen

9:30 AM

Luke & Emily Retterath Family

ACOLYTES

- 3 Tanner Fiedler & Noah Jaeger
- 10 Keaton Kadrmas & McKayde Baumann
- 17 Jaxon Solomonson & Miley Blackaby
- 24 Brooke Knutson & Bodie Winter

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

- 3 Randy Hanson
- 10 Julie Bentz
- 17 Rick Richard
- 24 Sarah Rosenquist
- 31 7:00 AM

Brent Petersen

9:30 AM

Remi Solomonson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- 3 Randy & Janet Hanson, Kacy Hardt
- 17 Rick Richard, Randy & Gwen Hall
- 31 7:00 AM

Mac & Judy Beaudry

9:30 AM

Brad & Cathy Sheldon, Melanie Beckman

ALTAR CARE

Claudette Ness & Maybell Job

VIRTUAL SERVICE TECHS

- 3 Dwight Rasmussen
- 10 Melissa Rothe
- 17 DJ Winter
- 24 Dwight Rasmussen

31 - 7:00 AM

9:30 AM

COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

- 3 Patty Winn Family
- 10 FLY
- 17 Kristi Olson & Rhonda Johnson
- 24 Tana Larsen & Kitty Tweeten
- 31 FLY Easter Breakfast

WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP

USHERS/GREETERS

FLY all Wednesday Services during Lent

ACOLYTES

- 6 Donavin Vetter & Gracie Omlid
- 13 Haylie Bentz & Noah Holznagel
- 20 Kesia Boeshans & Rebecca Scheresky

VIRTUAL SERVICE TECHS

- 6 Wade & Stacy Boeshans
- 13 Nate Fiedler
- 20 Kyle Albers

MAUNDY THURSDAY - MARCH 28

USHERS/GREETERS

Luke & Emily Retterath Family

SCRIPTURE READER

Haley Anderson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Brandon Anderson & Sharon Chrest

VIRTUAL SERVICE TECH

GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29

USHERS/GREETERS

Luke & Emily Retterath Family

SCRIPTURE READER

Peggy Moran

VIRTUAL SERVICE TECH

SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS

Emily Retterath, Suzy Jacobson & Beth Knutson



EVANGELISM



OPPORTUNITIES

The lists for ushers has been updated. There were nine groups and now there are six, so each group will be responsible for two months out of the year with the months rotating each year. The reason for the change was to provide more choices for the coordinators when looking for ushers. There are also two coordinators for each angelism group. My goal was to have all our local members in a group. If you have been missed, I sincerely apologize. Please let the office know, and you will be assigned to

a group. Also, if you have an updated phone number, please let the office know so our records can be updated. Thank you all for your willingness to say yes when called by the coordinators to assist with the church service. Also, please call the coordinator ahead of time and volunteer for a Sunday that works for you.

GROUPS	Year 2023	Year 2024	Year 2025	Year 2026
1	Jan./July	Feb./Aug.	March/Sept.	April/Oct.
2	Feb./Aug.	March/Sept.	April/Oct.	May/Nov.
3	March/Sept.	April/Oct.	May/Nov.	June/Dec.
4	April/Oct.	May/Nov.	June/Dec.	Jan./July
5	May/Nov.	June/Dec.	Jan./July	Feb./Aug.
6	June/Dec.	Jan./July	Feb./Aug.	March/Sept.

GROUP 3 - APRIL

Coordinators: Rick & LeAnn Richard Randy & Janet Hanson

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

Linda Wohlk

GROUP 4 - MAY

Coordinators: Randy & Gwen Hall Melanie Beckman

Chris & Nicole Albers Darwin & Pat Anderson Melanie Beckman Taiton & Kaitlynn Carlson Jane Gutknecht Cameron Hall Randy & Gwen Hall Dough & Mary Haugtvedt Dallas & Chance Havig Kristi Jaeger Dale & Ann Kadrmas Jim & Kathy Kaiser Josh & Sarah Kraft Alton & Brenda Krebsbach Mike & Sharon Nelson Claudette Ness Hunter Oberlander Jan Olson Darrell & Stacey Scheresky Jeff & Amanda Schmidt Joe & Aimee Schmit Tyge & Alli Sheldon Wes & Pat Sick **Brenda Suckow** Kollin & Char Syverson Kitty Tweeten Amanda Vetter Kirk & Shanna Vollmuth Paula Vollmuth

PIZZA DAY - February 7, 2024 - 90 YOUTH SERVED
Thank you to our volunteers!
Maybell Job, LeAnn Richard, Claudette Ness, Theresa Petersen,
Brenda Suckow, Arden & Sande Wagner,
Wes Sauer, Audrey Pauling and Randy & Janet Hanson





















CAMP OF THE

March 8-10 Being & Becoming: Exploring

the Enneagram

March 13-17 Crafting Retreat

April 5-7 Youth Spring Mega Bash

4th-9th Grades

April 17-21 Crafting Retreat

June 9-August 11 Summer Sundays
June 15 Prairie Lake Festival

August 13 Prairie Masters Golf Scramble

November 23 Scandinavian Supper

- * CRAFTING RETREATS Join scrapbookers, stampers, quilters, card makers, etc. for this fun event! Share projects, ideas, devotions, and lots of FUN! The food is homemade and delicious, and great memories are created each day!
- * BEING & BECOMING: EXPLORING THE ENNEAGRAM Personality influences our perspectives, decisions & behaviors and how we "show up" in the world. This weekend retreat will introduce you to the Enneagram, a tool which helps us understand personality through the lens of 9 different types/styles. The Enneagram brings to light the gifts and limitations of each style and illustrates how these styles interact to create our unique personality. Through interactive activities, learning & conversation, we'll explore why we think like we do, act like we do & what motivates each style as we deepen our self-understanding and self-awareness, which in turn leads to greater compassion, authenticity and empowerment.
- * YOUTH SPRING MEGA BASH Grades 4-9, \$50/camper, Chaperones free!
- * GIVING HEARTS DAY Thank you to all who contributed to CCM through Giving Hearts Day. Over \$25,000 was raised to renovate the hill cabins at camp, and there is still time to donate to help CCM reach the \$70,000 goal for that project. Thank you to all who have already donated, and for your continued support of Camp of the Cross Ministries!

CROSS NEWS

- * Watch for a report in April on the CCM Annual Meeting results from February 25, 2024.
- * SUMMER 2024 Registration is OPEN to explore who we are "CREATED TO BE"! Start planning for Summer 2024! Early bird discount registration deadline is April 1, 2024. At the time of this writing, I am still checking with groups for support to cover the camp fees.
- * SUMMER 2024 STAFF NEEDED If you know of anyone please let CCM know so they can be in contact with them. Staffing is one of the factors that helps determine the number of campers Camp of the Cross can accommodate at each session.

Thank you to EVERYONE for continuing to support OUR Camp of the Cross, whether it be through a special appeal or on a regular basis! Call 701-337-2246, Camp of the Cross office for questions. Go to www.campofthecross.com to register or for more information.

Thank you Peggy Moran

Summer Camp Chaplain Sign-up

Hello! Summer will be here before we know it! Camp is looking for Pastors, Deacons, and youth directors to sign up for a week of camp to be our camp chaplain.

Responsibilities include:

Resource for the worship team Provide staff devotions in the morning Pastoral counseling Have fun!

A detailed volunteer description will be sent out once signed up. Background checks will be completed prior to your arrival at camp.

Contact Camp of the Cross office at 701-337-2246 if you are interested.

CAMP OF THE CROSS SCHOLARSHIPS

THANKS to the FLC Church Council, FLCW, Evangelism Committee and an anonymous party, all registration fees will be covered for the FLC campers to Camp of the Cross Ministries this summer. There is an early bird discount for registering with CCM by **April 1, 2024**. Please let

Peggy Moran know by **May 19, 2024**, if you have any campers registered so funds can be sent to the camp before camp season begins. An information sheet and note to Parents of 2nd through 12th graders will be out in the next few weeks.



As of February 25, 2024:

Our envelope giving is \$36,338.42, with a yearly budget of \$301,345.00 \$13,525.44 behind budget

The plate giving is \$3,064.21, with a yearly budget of \$8,000.00 \$1,822.84 ahead of budget

Thank you for your giving.



Our sympathy goes out to:

- ⇒ Brad & Tonya Hanson and Todd & Steph Gieser and families on the death of Tonya and Todd's father, Steve Gieser
- ⇒ Terry & Norma Petersen and family on the death of Terry's sister, Sonja Petersen
- ⇒ Lowell & Karen Rothmann and family on the death of their son, Tom Rothmann

May God give them comfort in this time of sorrow.

First Lutheran March Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following First Lutheran members who have birthdays in March. We are sorry if we missed anyone this month. If your name has been missed, kindly report it to the church office so we can get your birth date for our records. Likewise, if we have printed your birthday and you do not wish to have it published in the newsletter, please let Jeannette know in the church office. We will remove it for next year. Thank you!



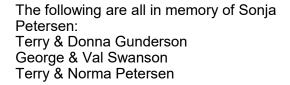
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3 Karen Goehring Wyat Klabunde Landen Lauf	4 Aaron Knutson Alisha Price Al Rall	5 Henry Hardt Cody Kroll Kollin Syverson	6 Chad Bengtson Ever Kugler	7 Brady Sheldon	8 Robyn Thomas	9 Tyge Sheldon
10 Gwen Hall Neil Kadrmas	11 Maddie Jaeger Rani Knecht	Brady Nelson Clay Price	Joe Schmit Tim Thiel	14 Haylie Bentz Jeannette Rost	15 Diane Blumhagen Andrew Kaiser Myla Vetter	16 Jean Braun Sage Hardt
17 Erica Backman Kailyn Hansen Kathryn Johnson Sierra Rodriguez	18	19 Brenda Borner Bill Lindell Kari Williams	20	21 Torie Reinhart Noah Wollmuth	Kayle Borner Bella Ficklin Dale Kadrmas	23 Bellamy Backman Kyle Hegre Samantha Schell
24 LilyAnne Beckman Kris Schmidt	25 Kristi Jaeger David Lindell	26 Aimee Schmit	27 Kathy Farstad Jamie Hanson Alex Merkel Tiffany Schmitz	28 Dean Bergstedt	29 Newell Zeller	30 Kaylene Strand Dani Wood
31 Tyler Cowan Barry Kinnischtzke						



Memorial Gifts Given to Special Funds (Sunday, January 28 to Sunday, February 25)



Fund given to & by whomIn Memory of	Fund given to & by whom In Memory of
Building Fund	Global Missions\$0.00
Larry & Kathy Keller Elaine Renfrow	<u>LWR</u> \$120.00
Larry & Kathy KellerDonovan Moran	Dewey & Wanda OsterWilma Wiedrich
Larry & Kathy KellerMarilyn Bergiman	Dewey & Wanda OsterRon Greenup
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<u>Decorating</u> \$0.00	Wes SauerTom Rothmann
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<u>General Fund</u> \$615.00	Arden & Sande Wagner Darlene Holznagel
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Elaine Carr	Arden & Sande Wagner Marilyn Bergiman
Sharon Chrest Elaine Renfrow	Virgil & Deb Wisdom Sonja Petersen
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Holznagel:	Relief Missions\$0.00
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Dick & Carla Bickert	Sunday School\$175.00
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Elaine Carr	Super Sunday Supper\$20.00
Alton & Brenda Krebsbach	Steve & Peggy Wollmuth Darlene Holznagel
David & Ruth Borlaug	
Jeneen Loe	<u>US/Local Missions</u> \$0.00
The following are all in memory of Tom	<u>VBS</u> \$0.00
Rothmann:	
Elaine Carr	<u>World Hunger</u>
David & Ruth Borlaug	
Terry & Donna Gunderson	<u>Worship</u> \$0.00
John & Helen Samuelson	
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Jim & Jan Stoppler







SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Third Sunday in Lent Holy Communion Holy Baptism 8:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School Fireside Bible Reading 7:00 PM AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	4	5 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	6 Noon - Pizza Day 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 5:30 - 6:45 PM Lenten Meal 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 7:45 PM Choir FLY	7	8	SPRING 11 12 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
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Palm Sunday Holy Baptism 8:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School Fireside Bible Reading 2-4 PM 1st Communion Class 7:00 PM AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	25	8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study Noon Easter Lily Deadline 7:00 PM Bell Choir 7:45 PM Choir FLY	28 Maundy Thursday 9:00 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship w/Holy Communion	Good Friday 9:00 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Good Friday Worship	30

31 Easter Sunday Holy Communion

7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Worship
7:45 - 9:15 AM
Easter Breakfast served by FLY
9:30 AM Easter Celebration
Worship
7:00 PM AA Meeting
Al-Anon Meeting

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Blessed Easter to:

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Bible Study - (Led by Cathy Sheldon) - 8:30 AM

Worship Service - 9:30 AM

Coffee/Fellowship Hour - 10:30 AM

Sunday School - 10:45 AM

Fireside Bible Reading
(Led by Alexis Solomonson) - 10:45 AM

AA Meeting - 7:00 PM

Al-Anon Meeting - 7:00 PM