

April Newsletter 2019



From the Pastor's Desk

Grace and peace to my brothers and sisters at First Lutheran!

For everything, there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven! This is the wisdom of the 3rd Chapter of Ecclesiastes, and reminds us that our Lord and God is in charge of all of our history!

Here we are, knee deep into Lent. The weather, we anticipate, will warm up at least a little. Preparations among and between families continue, looking at calendars, thinking ahead of celebrating Easter together.

May our good Lord bless you this Easter, with warm weather, family gatherings and Easter Worship. Easter, of course, is why First Lutheran Church exists. If Jesus hadn't been raised from the dead, we would have nothing to celebrate, nothing to look forward, no promise of life everlasting to hold on to.

So Easter proclaims that Jesus is Lord of all of us, all of our families, all of our activities, all of our hopes and dreams. He is Lord of our past and Lord of our future, which is why things happen when they're supposed to happen (For everything there is a season).

Happy Easter, dear sweet Jesus! Happy Easter, dear sweet FLC! Happy Easter to our future new Pastor, who will come when God says for him or her to come (For everything there is a season)!!

Blessings,

Pr Tim+

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesdays, April 3, 10

11 am Services

5:30 pm meal

Services @ 7 pm

April 14, - Palm Sunday

Regular Services

April 18 - Maundy Thursday -

5:30 meal w/Service @ 7 pm

April 19 - Good Friday -

2 & 7 pm Service (No Meals)

9 pm – Prayer Vigil begins

April 20, Saturday

Easter Egg Hunt @ 10 am

Easter Service @ 5:30 pm

April 21: Easter Sunrise Service -

6:30 a.m.

Easter Services @ 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 5, Blended Service @ 9 am

Confirmands Presentation @ 9 am (Only one service)

(Reception Following the service)

MISSION SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Mission Social Committee met Monday evening 3/26/2019, for the first meeting of the year. Our scheduled January meeting was cancelled due to weather. We reviewed the end of 2018 activities including our Living Nativity, our thanks to Julie Rapp and EVERYONE who participated in making this a wonderful outreach for our community. Also in December 2018 the Mission Social committee purchased and gave books to all Noah's Ark students and our own First Lutheran Church Sunday School students. A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who helped with the beautiful wrapping of these books including a candy cane and the story of its legend.

The committee discussed at length our plans for 2019 and adopted a budget for the \$24,000 that we were given by church council for support of our global and local mission projects as well as support of our governing church body the NALC, & Great River District, support of seminary, and our seminary students, and finally the local projects for our own church.

For many years First Lutheran has collected school supplies for school kits that we send to Lutheran World Relief along with our quilts in the fall. This project is transitioning to new leadership and needs 1-2 individuals to work this year with Lynnette Mundschenk who has done this on her own for several years. Last year we collected items for more than 70 school kits full of pencils, crayons, scissors, an eraser & ruler, and notebooks. The project starts in late summer when supplies go on sale and ends in September. This is a very meaningful project for children all over the world who live in poverty and gives them the supplies they need to go to school and learn. If you have any questions please see Lynnette or Vicki Day. We ask you to prayerfully consider being the champion for this project, and we thank GOD for you, so that we can continue this project at First Lutheran.

The committee has been in contact with 1 of 2 churches in Chicago which have been dedicated as Mission churches by the NALC. We have voted to support these churches with our Mission Funds this year. We are hoping that one of the pastors will come to visit us this year and share with us his ministry during a designated Mission Sunday. This may be connected with a revival of our previously successful Ministry Fair. Watch for details in the upcoming weeks.

We received a suggestion for a craft event for Ladies of First, and we are working on a date for a social event at our church involving a painted craft. PLEASE watch First Notes and FACEBOOK for an announcement which may come before the next newsletter. Additionally if you have an idea for a social event for any group within the church or see that a good concert/movie is coming to our area, please contact a committee member or our Council representative Joanne Swenson.

Finally we have set the dates for our meetings for the rest of the year. They are 5/20; 7/29; 10/7; and 11/18/2019.





April at Noah's Ark

DON'T FORGET...Registration for members of the church for the 2019-20 school year ends soon! Church members must have their forms turned in by Sunday, April 7th in order to receive preferred placement. Pre-Registration for the general public is on Monday, April 8th from 3-6 pm. The Lottery for the public will be held on Monday, April 15th at 7:00 pm for currently enrolled students and at 7:30 pm for new students.

Both the 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds will be learning about spring and Easter this month. The 3's will be reinforcing the numbers 1-5 and the 4's will be adding N, V, W, X, Y and Z to their list of letters this month. We hope April brings warm (and dry!) weather so that we can spend time on our playground!

We will not have classes on Maundy Thursday, April 18th and Good Friday, April 19th. We WILL have classes on Easter Monday, April 22nd. Happy Easter!

ANNA CIRCLE

Anna Circle will meet on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 1:00 in the Munson Room. Our current Bible study is "God is in the Laundry Room", by Susan Senechal. April's study will begin on page 28 of The Color Purple, Part 2. Lynnette will be our hostess. New members and guests are always welcome to join us on the first Thursday afternoon of the month.

APRIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Thurs., April 4

1 pm - Anna Circle
7 pm - Youth Meeting

Tues., April 9 @ 7 pm Council

Mon., April 15 @ 6:30 pm Relay for Life

Tues., April 16 6 pm - VBS Planning Meeting 7 pm - Worship Committee

Sun., April 28 @ 9:15 am Property Meeting



April Birthdays



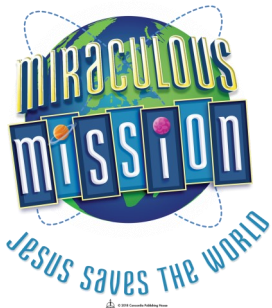
Connor Johnson	4/2	Ashley Branz	4/17
Loyce Stonecipher	4/3	Tisha Harty	4/18
Steve Rapp	4/4	Jim Robinson	4/18
Kathy Weber	4/6	Scott Highland	4/19
Sharon Carr	4/7	Jayden Jones	4/20
Weiland Torkelson	4/8	Steve Ray	4/20
Annika Von Holten	4/8	Meredith Diemer	4/21
Bobbie Vogel	4/9	Jacob Summers	4/21
Maddie Myers	4/10	Peyton Von Holten	4/23
Jim Drengwitz	4/13	Megan Lawrence	4/24
Dorothy Freeman	4/13	Cheryl Bamman	4/25
Abbiegail Rapp	4/14	Serena Von Holten	4/26
Gabriela Krueger	4/15	Scott Doran	4/28
Durelle Pritchard	4/15	Ron Cox	4/28
Jasmine Ray	4/15	Dixie Vogel	4/28
Hayley Lucas	4/16		



Needed in April:

Paper products again:

Paper towels, toilet paper, and Kleenex along with dish soap and laundry soap.



Vacation Bible School

Our God created our vast, amazing universe and also loves each of us with a vast, amazing love! He loved the world so much that He

sent Jesus, the promised Savior to live, suffer, die and rise again to save us—the most Miraculous Mission of all!

Many people are needed to provide a fun and safe VBS experience as our children learn about God's love and salvation.

Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16 @ 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone who is interested in helping with VBS is welcome to attend. Again we will use a team approach to plan and prepare. Please consider joining our team for this important mission!

Any questions? Contact Chris Lauritzen @ 815 842 3029 or 815 674 5326.



We meet 1st & 3rd weeks of each month

Everything's Possible In Christ!

Watch for details regarding upcoming events on our Facebook SITE – First Lutheran E.P.I.C. Youth Group, in the bulletin, First Notes and text messages.

April 6th – 9:30 am – Feed My Starving Children – ALL ARE WELCOME! Sign-up on bulletin board!

April 20th – 8 am – Easter Egg Hunt

WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL 6TH GRADERS THRU HIGH SCHOOL TO JOIN OUR EPIC YOUTH GROUP

FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING

March 7th 7 pm

Please Pray for our Members:



Nancy Willke, Katherine Harding, Steve Weber, Donna Burnside, Roger Leach, Jan Hackman, Debbie Villier, Terry Drengwitz, Sylvia Bashore, Deb Follmer, Don Moore, Judy L. Sykes, Keith Thrasher, Doug Saxton, Willie Willhoite, Donna Myer, Evan Rich, Doris Swenson, Larry Reelitz, Phyllis Bradley, Kim Slaton, Jalene Woolford, Elliot Buchheit, Jakob Miller, Jonathan Becker, Gail Shaffer, Bill Hall, David, Robinson, and Robert Schulz, Jr.

Homebound or Nursing Home Residents

Let us pray also for the following members who are homebound or nursing home residents:

Accolade: Victor Schroeder, Stacie Hensley, Bill Hall

Evenglow Lodge: Helen Rigg, Phyllis Bradley, Avis Schulz

Evenglow Inn: Delores Schultz, Nancy Willke and Marge Jacobson

The Pointe: Judy L Sykes

Pontiac Towers: Francis Schott

Homebound: Jim Jones and Stephen Weber

Citadel of Kankae: Sylvia Bashore



Hippa Laws...Because of the Hippa Laws, if you would like the Pastor's to visit you in the hospital, you must call the office or have the Chaplain at the hospital call the office

Attention Parents!

Please send us the names of your graduating 8th grader, Senior or College student or call the Church Office with the information. Thanks!

Joyful Women

Joyful Women have completed their Bible Study book for the year and will return next fall.

The WOMEN of JOY organization is having one of their conferences in Indianapolis Friday 8/16-Saturday 8/17. The meeting starts on Friday evening at 5pm ending Saturday afternoon.

Anyone who would like to join us on our trip to Indy should contact Sue Hiatt or Vicki Day @ 815-674-5420 no later than 4/15. If there are 10 people interested then there is a registration discount off the \$109.00 registration fee. Events by this group are usually sold out, and according to the website most hotels are already booked, so lodging may be an issue, but it depends how far out of town we will need to stay.

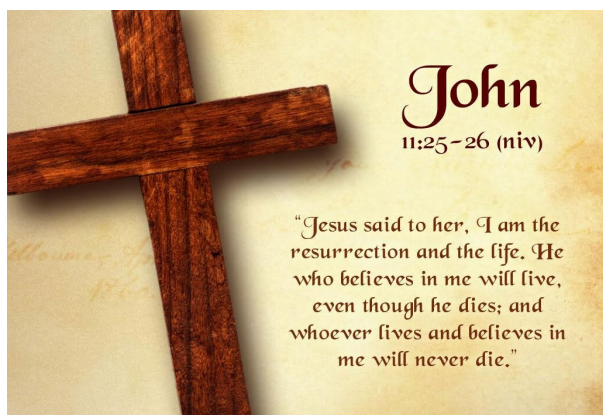


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“Worshipping Christ and Serving Our Neighbor”

Weekend Worship Schedule

Sat., 5:30 pm Sun., 8:00 am Sun., 10:30 am
Sunday School, 9:15 am

Our Staff

Pastor: Tim Hubert
Office Admin: Judy Sykes
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Vol. Coord: Beth Ray
Educ.: Stacy Eilts
Choir Dir: Joseph Durbin

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