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Larry Richmond

Holy Week Worship Schedule

• Maundy Thursday, April 1st 6:30 P.M.
with First Communion for 4th & 5th graders

• Good Friday, April 2nd - 6:30 P.M.

• Easter Sunday, April 4th - 8:00 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.

If you are planning to attend in-person worship on Easter Sunday, we ask that you please let us know how many will be attending and which service - 8:00 A.M. or 5:30 P.M. You can reply by calling 927-3420 or emailing the office. Please be sure to use the NEW church email address – thanks!

Cuthbertson Scholarship Application

\$\$\$ Deadline April 15th \$\$\$

Current college students and high school seniors – just a reminder to get your scholarship applications into the office on time. If you need an application form, call or email Lynne in the church office.

GODSPEED EQUINE PRESENTATION

On Sunday, April 11th, *Godspeed Equine* program coordinators Al & Kelly Lorenzen and two of their therapy horses will be visiting First Lutheran to share information about the organization, including the fencing project which is scheduled to take place in August. Everyone is invited to attend worship services that day. Parents with young children are especially encouraged to attend the 8:00 A.M. worship service. Following the service, Al & Kelly will be meeting with the Sunday School children, and there will be an opportunity for kids to get 'up close and personal' with the horses!

Be sure to mark your calendar so you don't miss out on this special day with your First Lutheran church family!

COFFEE WITH PASTOR TONY TUESDAYS 11-1



Join Pastor Tony mid-day on Tuesdays from 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. for coffee, check-in, prayer, or fellowship! Stay for as long or as short a time as you would like, and enjoy some time with Pastor Tony.

He is also available by appointment, either by calling the church office (563-927-3420) or by calling/texting his cell phone (319-290-2401). You can also catch him in his office after worship services.

April Radio & Flower Sponsors

KMCH Radio Broadcast

April 4.....Janis Creveling
April 11.....Rayma Huggins
April 18.....OPEN
April 25.....OPEN

Altar Flowers

April 4.....Karen Hartman
April 11.....OPEN
April 18.....OPEN
April 25.....Jo & Daryl Wilson, given in loving memory of their son, Craig Wilson

The cost to sponsor the radio broadcast is \$75. Check the sign-up chart by the office entrance, or call to claim a Sunday!

Prayers Concerns:

If you would like a prayer request sent to the e-mail prayer wheel, OR added to the prayers of intercession spoken during worship services, contact Lynne in the office:

firstlutheranmch@gmail.com or 927-3420

(please note that this is a new e-mail address)

April Acolytes

April 1, 6:30 – Torch Bearers: Rachael Hoefer & Grady Millenkamp
April 4, 8:00 – Cross Bearer: Owen Pettlon
Bible Bearer: Kaleb Willie
Torch Bearers: Karlee Wright & Nathan Hanson
5:30 – Cross Bearer: Alexandar Mesinovic
Bible Bearer: Ethan Bunting
Torch Bearers: Ava & Ella Pettlon
April 11, 8:00 – Aarebella & Carson Haynes
5:30 – Wes Devaney, Ben Palas
April 18, 8:00 – Rachael Hoefer, Lanni Beaman
5:30 – Lance Feldmann, Ashton Fangman
April 25, 8:00 – Griffin Lott, Landen Palmer
5:30 – Olivia Halverson, Natalie Beilby



Please be at church approximately 15 minutes prior to the service.



Mother's Day Shopping Event Sunday May 2nd!



Do you have a special lady you'd like to celebrate on Mother's Day, or just because it's spring time? We will have a lovely little shop set up in the Inspiration Room on Sunday, May 2nd, from 9:15-11:00 A.M. Come in and check out our variety of reasonably priced fun and pretty gifts.

~ Your EvangaTeam

From our treasurer, Sarah Maurer...

We have many avenues for you to support First Lutheran financially:



- Place your offering in the offering plate at the back of church after worship services,
- mail a check or cash to the church office,
- sign up for automatic giving through your bank,
- give online through our website,
- donate through Venmo.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF FIRST LUTHERAN

Attendance & Offering Report

Year-To-Date Contributions		YTD Total Expenses	Balance	Attendance	Weekly Avg.
December	\$237,693.56	\$230,197.09	+ \$ 7,496.47	219	55
January	\$ 11,837.00	\$ 20,233.20	- \$ 8,396.20	207	41
February	\$ 30,175.00	\$ 40,222.49	- \$ 10,047.49	188	47
Ash Wednesday attendance: 125					

Stewardship Update...

Focusing on a Stone

I once read in one of my morning daily devotions, that we tend to focus mostly on our problems. It said, it is as if we are holding a tiny stone and staring at it so intently that we see nothing beyond it. We can't see the beauty of life, because our hearts and minds are so consumed with the problems at hand. Sometimes in life, our cares and concerns seem overwhelming, and all our energy is swallowed up daily by struggles, heartbreak, or illnesses.

I would agree with their assessment. I would say that is what most of us have experienced this past year due to Covid. We focused too much on how Covid was affecting our lives.

My reply to the writer would be, maybe we are looking at the wrong stone.



Matthew 21:42 – *Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes."* That is the stone we should be focusing on so intently.

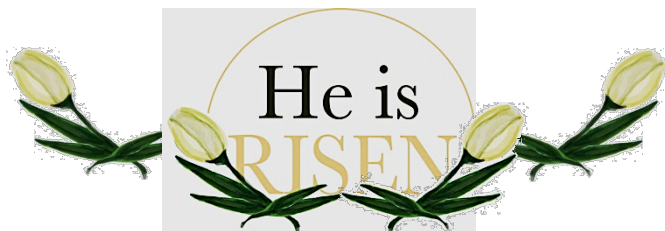
Matthew 16:18 - *And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it.*

Did you catch the three important directives in the two readings?

1. Read the scriptures.
2. Jesus is the stone you should focus on.
3. Jesus built the church.

Make all three a priority in your life. Focus on those three stones and you will SEE the beauty of life.

Larry Richmond, Stewardship Chair



Looking Ahead...

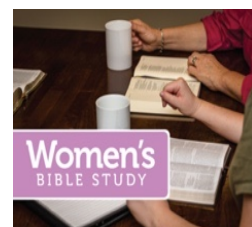
Sunday, April 18th – Church Clean-up Day
(More details to come – be sure to check announcements on Facebook, our website, and at worship services.)

West Delaware Student Council Red Cross Blood Drive

**Delaware County Fairgrounds
April 15th from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

Visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment! Special Incentive: All donors ages 16-24 who donate in April will receive a free \$10 gift card from the Red Cross!

Girlfriends in God (G.I.G.) will start our next study on Tuesday, April 6th at 6:00 P.M. via Zoom, and if there is interest, in person in the First Lutheran Church Inspiration Room.



We will be studying Angie Smith's DVD-based study, "Matchless: The Life and Love of Jesus". Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us in this 8-session search for truth, as Angie unfolds the story of our matchless Savior—His mission, miracles, and message. Whether you've walked with Him for years or are meeting Him for the first time, this study will deepen your understanding of Jesus through biblical, historical, and cultural insight and help you see Him less as an iconic figure and more as an intimate friend. Please see Tanya Burnett if you are interested in joining us in this study. All women are invited to join.

Are you feeling called to lead us in a study? Is God calling you to step forward to gather a group of girlfriends to learn more about the Living Word or to share in fellowship with one another? If so, and would like some help please contact Tanya Burnett. She will help you get started and continue to support you. *"When two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."* - Matthew 18:20

First Lutheran Church Council Minutes ~ March 8, 2021

The regular meeting of First Lutheran Church Council was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Members present: Pastor Ede, Karen Nieman, Sara Hamm, Sarah Maurer, Brenda Saunders, Lisa Guetzko, Mark Guetzko, Doran Zumbach, Vicki Zietlow; absent - Larry Richmond, Troy Askeland

Opening devotions were given by Vicki.

Church Growth: Reading of Constitution on hold for now; Part VI 'Officers and Boards' when continued.

Approval of February Council Minutes: Motion to approve minutes was made by Sarah; seconded by Vicki. Motion carried.

Approval of February Treasurer's Report: Noted income and expenses were getting back on track in February. Moved by Mark; seconded by Sara to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Total Income Feb. 2021	\$18,338.00	Total Income Feb. 2020	\$14,497.00
Total Income budgeted	\$22,204.17		
Total Income vs. budgeted	(- \$3,866.17)		
Total Expenses Feb. 2021	\$19,989.29	Total Expenses Feb. 2020	\$19,813.90
Total Expenses budgeted	\$22,177.52		
Total Expenses vs. budgeted	(- \$2,188.23)		
Operating Loss Feb. 2021	(- \$1,651.29)	Operating Loss Feb. 2020	(- \$5,316.90)

Treasurer's Report – Sarah Maurer: none

President's Report – Doran Zumbach:

- Received requests from two members for use of Fellowship Hall for personal events; motion by Brenda, second by Karen to approve requests; motion carried;
- Godspeed Equine - Date set for Sat, 8/28/21 for the project. Prep work set for 8/26 and 8/27. Jeff State and Mark Guetzko working on fund raising. A video will be rolled out soon to view and use for temple-talks in surrounding or statewide NALC congregations.
- *Seeds For Hope* - Due to questions regarding recent donation, Doran reported that it is a local branch of *Growing Hope Globally*, a national organization to teach and help people in third world countries feed themselves. Since 2004, congregations from Strawberry Point, Manchester and Ryan have planted plots of ground; the proceeds then are distributed among various causes; last year's proceeds were distributed to Kenya, Haiti, Rwanda, and 1/10th goes back to the national foundation. 96% of donations given to this organization go to the intended cause. Since 2004, this local group has contributed \$685,339.66.
- Endowment Committee appointments – the motion made by Mark, seconded by Sarah M to appoint Tirzah Wedewer and Jean Conrad to fulfill open positions. Motion carried.

President-Elect - Troy Askeland: No report

Pastor Ede's Report

- Grateful to have children back in SS - adds new energy;
- Ash Wednesday, midweek services and Lent mentoring going well;
- Was able to return to GNH for short service and communion - first time in one year; services at The Meadows continue once a month; noon prayer service continues 2nd Wednesday of each month;
- Commended planners of the sledding/s'mores in February.
- Classes to be held 3/21 for 4th and 5th graders who will receive First Communion Maundy Thursday;

Christian Ed – Sara Hamm:

- Sunday School resumed live on Feb. 21 welcoming back 30 children. New curriculum - studying and learning the Lord's Prayer;

- Discussing possibly doing Easter egg hunt for Easter Sunday;
- Confirmation mentorship important part of confirmation program;
- Looking at space available for storage, repurposing some rooms. Council will do walk-through at April meeting.

Evangelism – Lisa Guetzko:

- Sledding event was well-attended with many member families and visitors. Suggest this becomes annual event with larger hills;
- Valentines for Vets - delivered 39 cards to vets at GNH, took cookies to American Legion; well received;
- College/military care packages - due to Covid, will again send gift cards to these groups; asking for names and addresses if congregation wishes to have cards sent to their loved ones;
- “Life Verse” – new Zoom book study started March 6 at 9:00 A.M. each Saturday for 4 weeks;
- Connection Team – monthly Zoom call for information to share/get feedback from calls; question regarding if paper bulletins can be restarted. After discussion, for many reasons, there are no plans to resume bulletins at this time. Will look at alternatives for other options for announcements;
- Youth rep for council - question regarding adding youth rep on council as was done in the past. Will consider for future. Council meetings (unless rare occurrence of closed meeting) are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Lay Ministry – Karen Nieman:

- New chalice will be ordered;
- Lent - Ash Wednesday services were held 12:00 and 6:30 P.M. Pastor only will do imposition of ashes. Viewed Skit Guys clips for midweek services; no setting change for Lent;
- “Easter in a Box” - offered as an alternative for those not ready to worship in person for Easter;
- For altar guild volunteers - will post pictures for set-up using new cruettes;
- Pastor will develop job description for worship accompanist;
- Committee for sound system - upcoming meeting to begin research for best option.

Properties – Mark Guetzko:

- Heater fan has been ordered for parsonage master bath; will be installed upon arrival;
- Ceiling fan in rear sanctuary needs to be replaced; have contacted electrician for repair/replacement;
- Found glass globe broken on floor in lower level; replacement ordered;
- Lamp for projector ordered;
- Will set up appointment for annual parsonage inspection;
- Spring cleanup around church to be scheduled, possibly April 3rd

Social Ministry – Vicki: No report

Stewardship – Larry Richmond: No report

Secretary – Brenda Saunders: No report

Old Business:

- LifeLine AV – committee met to study alternatives for sound system upgrade; have asked vendor for clarification on quote. Will continue to research options.
- Vision Planning – Lengthy report and discussion on 5 main focus areas identified as a result of the January meeting. More information will follow.

New Business:

- Mediacom presented a quote for phone and internet services for church. After discussion, council agreed the present service through Windstream is reliable and speed is working for the online streaming such as Facebook live. At this time, no change will be made.

Next meeting will be held Sunday, April 11th at 9:30 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Saunders**

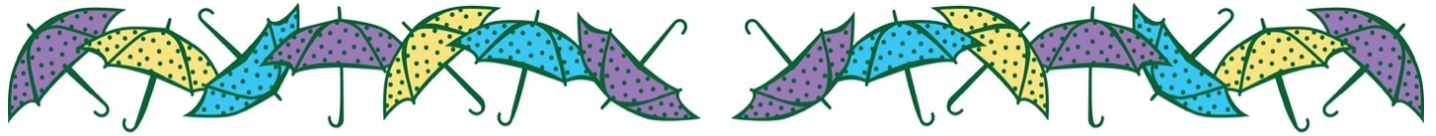
Scrip is sold after the 8:00 A.M. service and before the 5:30 P.M. service, or you may contact Lynne in the office (927-3420) if you need Scrip during the week.

Scrip Order Form

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2%	Amazon.com	___10___25___100	4%	Kwik Trip	___25___50___100
10%	American Eagle	___25	4%	Lowe's<*>	___25<*>___100
8%	Applebee's	___25	7%	Maurices	___20
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13%	Bath & Body	___10___25	8%	Olive Garden (see Darden Rest.)	___25
7%	Bed, Bath & Beyond	___25	8%	Outback Steakhouse	___50
4%	Best Buy	___25	5%	Palmer Hardware (L)	See Brenda
5%	Boubin's (L)	See Brenda	8%	Panera Bread	___10___25
2%	BP gas	___50___250	5%	JCPenney (CC)<*>	___25
8%	Buckle	___25	8%	Pizza Hut	___10
8%	Buffalo Wild Wings	___10___25	8%	Pizza Ranch (L)	___5___25
4%	Burger King	___10	5%	Posy Place (L)	___10
8%	Cabela's	___25	8%	Red Lobster	___10___25
3%	Casey's	___10___25___50	9%	Red Robin	___25
10%	Castle Theatre (L)	___5	2%	Schroeder's Lumber (L)***	See Brenda
3%	Cenex	___25	5%	Staples	___25
11%	Chili's	___25	7%	Starbucks	___10___25
10%	Chuong Garden (L)	___10___25	6%	Subway	___10
5%	Culvers	___10	10%	Sunset	___10___20
3%	Dairy Queen(L)	___5___10	3%	Target	___10___25___100
8%	Darden Restaurants (Olive Garden, Cheddars)	___10___25	8%	Texas Roadhouse	___25
8%	Dick's Sporting Goods	___25___100	7%	TJ Maxx	___25
2%	Edgewood Bldg. Center	See Brenda	4%	Uta Salons	___25
10%	Express	___25	1%	Visa pre-paid CC	___100
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14%	Gap/Old Navy	___25	10%	Widner Drug (L)	___5
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3%	Honey Creek Furniture (L)	See Brenda	***	See Brenda for special details ***	
5%	iTunes	___15___25	(L)	Local participating businesses (L) ***	
6%	Joanne Fabrics	___25	(CC)	Can be used to pay on credit card	
4%	Kohl's (CC)	___25___100		___5 & 10 - Limited time only	

For a full list of what can be ordered, go to: www.shopwithscrip.com >Learn More >Our Retailers

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April 2021 Weekend Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship Times ~ 8:00 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.

*(The 8:00 service is broadcast on KMCH Radio 94.7 FM
and live streamed on kmch.com and Facebook Live)*



OFFICE HOURS

Mon./Wed.: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Tues./Thurs.: 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

*(If you stop by the office and Lynne is out, please check the
board on her door to find out where she is and when she
expects to return. Leave a note or stop back later. Thanks!)*



Our Mission Statement

***"To GATHER and CELEBRATE God's saving love around Word and Sacraments,
to GROW in faith, love and service, & to GO into the world as Christ's disciples"***