



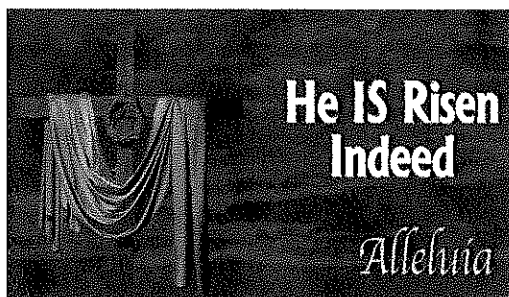
# THE VOICE

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## CHRIST IS RISEN, INDEED!

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Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

These are the first words spoken on Easter Sunday. Then the organ explodes with excited and festive music, perhaps instrumentalists and choirs add their notes to the jubilant cacophony. Christ is risen! Let all creation rejoice!

Christ's resurrection IS something to rejoice about. Because Christ rose, the estrangement breach between God and humans was repaired. Because Christ rose, our sins are forgiven. Because Christ rose, we no longer need to fear death. Because Christ rose, our lives do not need to be lived in a state of fear or anxiety.

But that wasn't immediately obvious. After Jesus was crucified, he was wrapped in a linen cloth, laid in a cave tomb, and a large rock was rolled across the entrance, to keep wild animals and robbers out. Women who had followed him saw where his body was laid, and then went back to where they were staying, to observe the Sabbath. Their plan was to, early on Sunday morning, when the Sabbath was over, take spices to the tomb, and finish preparing Jesus's body for burial. They expected to find things as they had left

them – body wrapped in linen, laid in tomb, rock sealing the entrance. But that is not what they encountered! Each gospel writer tells a version of the same story – women go to the tomb, find it open and empty, encounter someone there who tells them that Jesus is not there, but has been raised, so go and tell the others!

Mark's gospel ends there, but Matthew, Luke and John have stories of Jesus sightings by the disciples (in different places), and others. Jesus speaks to them, eats with them, and continues to teach them. Then, on Ascension Day (40 days after Easter, always on a Thursday, this year May 9), Jesus ascends into heaven, after telling the disciples to hang out until the Holy Spirit arrives. That happens on Pentecost (a harvest festival, 50 days after Easter, this year May 19), when we get the reading from Acts about the Spirit coming to the disciples, with what looks like tongues of fire on their heads, and they are telling Jesus' story in languages they don't know, but which is understood by people in Jerusalem for Pentecost.

During the 7 weeks of Easter, we will be hearing some of the stories of Jesus' appearance to different people, as well as stories of the early church, as written in the book of Acts.

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

# FINDING YOUR PURPOSE

*What is my purpose - what is God's plan for me? I am not an overly religious person but I DO have a strong faith in God. I have often prayed for God to direct me, to give me a clue as to what His purpose is for me. I have asked for Him to put me where he needs me. I firmly believe that we are all put on this earth for a reason - big or small. I hope this article can maybe help all of us to find our purpose. Lori*

Article from [psychology.com](http://psychology.com)  
October 19, 2023 by [Leo](#)

Finding your purpose can give you a sense of direction and fulfillment that can improve your overall well-being. Have you ever felt like you're just going through the motions of life without any real purpose? It's a familiar feeling but doesn't have to be permanent. In this article, we'll explore some practical steps you can take to discover your purpose and live a more meaningful life.

The first step to finding your purpose is to identify what drives you. What are the things that make you feel alive and energized? Is it helping others, creating art, solving complex problems, or something else entirely? By understanding your passions and interests, you can see patterns and themes that can guide you towards your purpose. In the following sections, we'll explore some exercises you can do to help uncover your passions and interests.

Once you understand what drives you, the next step is to apply your skills toward contributing to the greater good in a way that matters to you. This is where you can explore different career paths or volunteer opportunities that align with your purpose. It's important to note that purpose doesn't have to be tied to a specific job or career. You can also find purpose in your personal life, such as through hobbies or relationships. Throughout this article, we'll provide some tips on how to integrate your purpose into different areas of your life.

## Understanding the Concept of Purpose

### Defining Purpose

When we talk about purpose, we refer to the reason why we exist and why we wake up every day and do what we do. The driving force behind our actions is the motivation that propels us forward. The purpose is not a fixed destination but rather a journey that evolves. It is a personal and subjective concept that is unique to each individual.

Our purpose can manifest in different forms, such as career goals, personal relationships, or community involvement. It can also be a combination of various aspects of our lives. The important thing is that it gives us a sense of meaning and fulfillment.

### Importance of Purpose in Life

Having a sense of purpose is crucial for our overall well-being. It gives us direction and focus and helps us make sense of our experiences. Without purpose, we may feel lost or disconnected and struggle to find meaning.

Research has shown that a strong sense of purpose is associated with many positive outcomes, including better physical and mental health, increased resilience, and greater happiness and fulfillment. It can also help us navigate challenging times and overcome obstacles.

In short, purpose is a fundamental aspect of our lives that significantly impacts our overall well-being. We should strive to cultivate and nurture it throughout our lives.

## Finding Your Purpose: Self-Reflection

When finding our purpose, self-reflection is an important first step. Examining our thoughts, feelings, actions, and motivations can help us gain clarity about what truly matters to us. Here are some sub-sections that can guide us in our self-reflection journey:

### Identifying Your Values

Our values are the things that are most important to us. They are the guiding principles that shape our decisions and actions. Identifying our values can help us understand what we stand for and want to achieve. To identify our values, we can ask ourselves questions like:

- What makes me feel fulfilled?
- What do I care about most?
- What kind of person do I want to be?
- What kind of impact do I want to have on the world?

Once we have identified our values, we can use them to guide our decisions and actions and ensure that we align with what truly matters to us.

### Recognizing Your Passions

Our passions are the things that bring us joy and fulfillment. They are the activities we love to do and make us feel alive. Recognizing our passions can help us identify the areas where we can make the most significant impact and find the most fulfillment. To acknowledge our passions, we can ask ourselves questions like:

- \* What activities make me lose track of time?
- \* What hobbies do I enjoy the most?
- \* What topics do I love to learn about?
- \* What kind of work would I do even if I didn't get paid for it?

Once we have recognized our passions, we can look for ways to incorporate them into our daily lives and pursue them more intentionally.

### Acknowledging Your Strengths

Our strengths are the things that we are naturally good at. They are the skills and abilities that come quickly to us and that we enjoy using. Acknowledging our strengths can help us identify the areas where we can make the most significant impact and find the most fulfillment. To recognize our strengths, we can ask ourselves questions like:

- ◇ What tasks do I excel at?
- ◇ What skills do I enjoy using?
- ◇ What do others compliment me on?
- ◇ What accomplishments am I most proud of?

Once we have acknowledged our strengths, we can look for ways to use them more intentionally and develop them further. By leveraging our strengths, we can significantly impact and find more fulfillment in our work and lives.

Self-reflection is an ongoing process that can help us discover our purpose and live a more fulfilling life. By identifying our values, recognizing our passions, and acknowledging our strengths, we can gain clarity about what truly matters to us and find the right path.

## Finding Your Purpose: Setting Goals

Setting goals is an essential step in finding purpose. It helps us identify what we want to achieve and directs us to move forward. In this section, we will discuss short-term and long-term goals.

### Short-Term Goals

We want to achieve short-term goals in the near future, usually within a few months to a year. They are steppingstones towards achieving our long-term goals. Here are some tips for setting short-term goals:

- ⇒ Be specific: Define your goals clearly and make them measurable. For example, instead of saying, "I want to exercise more," say, "I want to exercise for 30 minutes three times a week."
- ⇒ Be realistic: Set goals that are achievable within your current situation. Don't set yourself up for failure by aiming too high.
- ⇒ Write them down: Putting your goals in writing makes them more accurate and helps you to stay accountable.
- ⇒ Break them down: If your long-term goal seems overwhelming, break it down into smaller, more manageable short-term goals.

### Long-Term Goals

We want to achieve long-term goals over a more extended period, usually several years. They are the big-picture goals that give us direction and purpose. Here are some tips for setting long-term goals:

- ⇒ Be specific: Just like with short-term goals, define your long-term goals clearly and make them measurable. For example, instead of saying, "I want to be successful," say, "I want to start my own business and make a profit of \$100,000 within five years."
- ⇒ Be realistic: Set achievable goals within your current situation but also challenging enough to push you out of your comfort zone.
- ⇒ Visualize: Picture yourself achieving your long-term goals and what it will look like. This will help motivate you to keep working towards them.
- ⇒ Write them down: Putting your goals in writing makes them more real and helps you to stay accountable.
- ⇒ Break them down: Break your long-term goals into smaller, more manageable short-term ones. This will help you to stay on track and measure your progress.

Setting goals is an essential step in finding purpose. Short-term goals are steppingstones toward achieving long-term goals. When setting goals, be specific, realistic, and write them down. Break down your long-term goals into smaller, more manageable short-term goals.

## Finding Your Purpose: Taking Action

When it comes to finding our life purpose, taking action is crucial. Without action, our dreams and aspirations will remain just that – dreams and aspirations. In this section, we will discuss two essential sub-sections to help us take steps toward finding our life purpose.

### Creating a Plan

Creating a plan is the first step toward taking action. With a plan, we may feel safe and confident about what to do next. To create a plan, we need to identify and break our goals into smaller, manageable steps. We can use a table or a bullet point list to organize our plan and make it easier to follow.

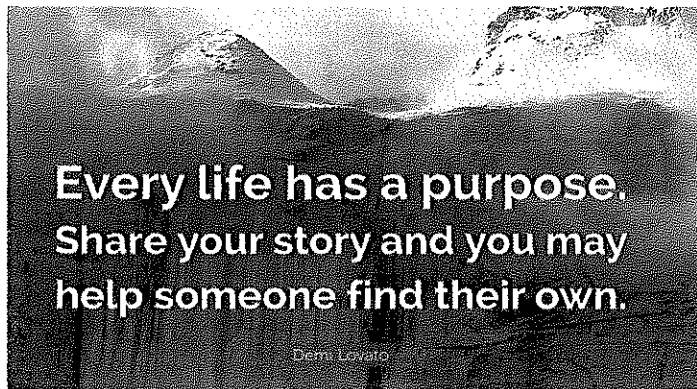
Breaking down our goals into smaller steps makes them more manageable and helps us stay motivated as we can see our progress along the way.

### Staying Motivated

Staying motivated is the second crucial step towards taking action. It can be easy to lose motivation when we encounter obstacles or setbacks. To stay motivated, we need to remind ourselves of our why – why we started on this journey in the first place.

One way to stay motivated is to create a vision board. A vision board is a visual representation of our goals and aspirations. We can create a board using images, quotes, and affirmations that inspire and motivate us. We can place the board somewhere we will see it every day, such as our bedroom or office.

Another way to stay motivated is to find an accountability partner. An accountability partner will hold us accountable for our actions and provide support and encouragement. We can share our goals and progress with our partners and vice versa.



## Finding Your Purpose: Overcoming Obstacles

When trying to find our purpose, we will inevitably encounter obstacles. However, it's important not to let these obstacles hold us back and prevent us from achieving our goals. This section will discuss two important sub-sections to help us overcome obstacles: Handling Failure and Maintaining Resilience.

### Handling Failure

Failure is a natural part of the journey towards finding our purpose. It's important to reframe our thinking about failure and view it as an opportunity for growth rather than a setback. When we fail, we can learn from our mistakes and use that knowledge to make better decisions in the future.

One way to handle failure is to practice self-compassion. We must be kind to ourselves and recognize that failure does not reflect our worth as individuals. We can also seek support from others, whether it be through talking to friends or family or seeking guidance from a mentor.

### Maintaining Resilience

Resilience is the ability to bounce back from adversity. It's an important trait to develop when overcoming obstacles and finding our purpose. To maintain resilience, we must care for ourselves physically and mentally.

One way to maintain resilience is to prioritize self-care. This can include getting enough sleep, exercising regularly, and eating a healthy diet. We can also practice mindfulness and meditation to help us stay present and focused.

Another way to maintain resilience is to cultivate a growth mindset. We must believe that we can learn and grow, even in the face of challenges. This can help us stay motivated and focused on our goals, even when things get tough.

In conclusion, overcoming obstacles is an integral part of finding our purpose. By handling failure with compassion and maintaining resilience through self-care and a growth mindset, we can overcome any obstacle that comes our way.

## Finding Your Purpose: Continuous Learning

Continuous learning is an essential part of finding purpose in our lives. It is the process of acquiring new skills and knowledge continually over time. By constantly learning and upskilling, we can develop personally and professionally, open doors to new opportunities, and achieve our full potential. This section will discuss two sub-sections that can help us in continuous learning.

### Seeking New Experiences

One of the best ways to learn is by seeking new experiences. Trying new things can help us gain new perspectives, learn new skills, and develop new interests. For example, we can take up a new hobby, travel to a new place, or attend a workshop or conference related to our field of interest. By stepping out of our comfort zone and experiencing new things, we can broaden

our horizons and learn more about ourselves and the world around us.

### **Constant Self-Evaluation**

Another important aspect of continuous learning is constant self-evaluation. We must reflect on our experiences, successes, and failures. We can identify areas where we need to improve and set goals. We can also seek feedback from others, such as mentors or peers, to gain new insights and perspectives.

To help us with self-evaluation, we can create a personal development plan. This plan can include our goals, strategies for achieving them, and timelines for completion. We can also track our progress and make adjustments as necessary.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What are some practical steps to finding your life's purpose?**

Finding your life's purpose can seem like a daunting task, but there are practical steps you can take to help you along the way. First, take some time to reflect on your values, interests, and passions. Consider what activities bring you joy and fulfillment. Next, set some goals and take action towards them. Don't be afraid to try new things and explore different paths. Finally, seek out support from friends, family, or a mentor who can provide guidance and encouragement.

### **How can taking a purpose quiz help you discover your passions?**

Taking a purpose quiz can be a helpful tool in discovering your passions and interests. These quizzes are designed to help you identify your strengths, values, and goals. They can provide insight into what motivates you and what you find fulfilling. However, it's important to remember that these quizzes are not a definitive answer to finding your life's purpose. They are simply a starting point for self-reflection and exploration.

### **What are some common misconceptions about finding your purpose?**

One common misconception about finding your purpose is that it is a one-time event or that it can be found through external validation or success. In reality, finding your purpose is an ongoing process that requires self-reflection, exploration, and growth. Another misconception is that your purpose is a specific job or career. While your career can certainly be aligned with your purpose, it is not the only way to fulfill it.

### **How can faith or spirituality play a role in finding your purpose?**

Faith or spirituality can provide a sense of meaning and purpose for many people. It can help you connect with something greater than yourself and provide a framework for making decisions and living a fulfilling life. If you are exploring your purpose and feel drawn to a particular spiritual tradition or practice, consider exploring it further and seeking guidance from a trusted spiritual leader or community.

### **What are some ways to overcome obstacles in finding your purpose?**

Obstacles are a natural part of the journey towards finding your purpose. Some common obstacles include fear, self-doubt, and external pressures. To overcome these obstacles, it can be helpful to practice self-compassion and self-care. Take time to reflect on your values and goals and remember that setbacks and failures are a natural part of the process. Seek out support from friends, family, or a therapist if needed.

### **How can identifying your values and strengths lead to finding your purpose?**

Identifying your values and strengths can be a helpful starting point in discovering your purpose. Your values represent what is important to you, while your strengths represent what you are good at. By aligning your values and strengths with your goals and actions, you can create a sense of purpose and fulfillment in your life. Take time to reflect on what matters most to you and what you excel at and consider how you can use these to make a positive impact in the world.

"Many are the plans  
in a person's  
heart, but it is  
the Lord's purpose  
that prevails."

Proverbs 19:21



**Noisy Offering for February & March was collected for:**

***The Pipestone County Food Shelf***

The total amount collected was: **\$2,977.57.**

This total will be matched so what we collected will be **DOUBLED!** GREAT JOB First Lutheran and **THANK YOU** for all you give!!!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THESE IMPORTANT OUTREACH NEEDS.**

# March 2024 Offerings

<b>March 2024 Offering</b>	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$21,265.00
Weekly Offering – March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Lent Wednesday Offering – March 6 <sup>th</sup>	
Weekly Offering – March 10 <sup>th</sup>	
Lent Wednesday Offering – March 13 <sup>th</sup>	
Weekly Offering – March 17 <sup>th</sup>	
Lent Wednesday Offering – March 20 <sup>th</sup>	
Weekly Offering – March 24 <sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday)	
Maundy Thursday Offering – March 28 <sup>th</sup>	
Good Friday Offering – March 29 <sup>th</sup>	
Weekly Offering – EASTER – March 31 <sup>st</sup>	
<b>MONTH-END TOTAL:</b>	

Needed / week:

4-week month = \$5,316/week

5-week month = \$4,253/week

There are now THREE METHODS to use Simply Giving:

- 1) Your church offerings can be made weekly, every other week (bi-weekly) or monthly automatically through electronic funds transferred from your checking or savings accounts.
- 2) To the right is a Quick Response (QR) code. When you scan the QR code image with a smartphone's QR decoder, it will instantly connect you to the mobile version of the church's Vanco/Simply Giving offering site. Just follow the directions on your screen.
- 3) Be watching of some other options as they become available.
- 4) Good ol' offering envelopes.



**THANK YOU for all you give to First Lutheran and it's ministries!**

**Christian stewardship** involves the faithful management of all gifts God has so generously given us including accumulated, inherited and appreciated resources. Creating a new endowment fund or contributing to an existing fund is a diligent way to ensure these gifts continue in perpetuity and the legacy of the giver lives on forever. Gifts of cash; partial or full value of securities, stocks and bonds; personal property or real estate; life insurance policies; trust agreements; or charitable gift annuities are some examples that can be used to fund a new or existing endowment. The principle amount given from any of these assets is always retained with only the earned income used to meet the endowment's stated objectives thereby making the gift perpetual. Please contact your estate or financial planner or First Lutheran Church's endowment committee with questions.

# CHURCH COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - February 14th, 2024

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Craig Thies, Pastor Ann Zastrow, Ingrid Wielenberg, Cristy Appel, Kristy Henriksen, Karen Boehm, Robert Baerenwald, Jason Weber (filling in for Nicole Weber), Lori Ilse. ABSENT: Marit Sterud & Thad Reinert

### A. DEVOTIONS BY PASTOR ANN

B. TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Liaison, Thad, was absent. Budget items were discussed, Cristy made a motion to not pay \$550 to Shetek. \$1000 charged quarterly was discussed. Make sure it can be paid quarterly as Pastor Ann stated that she thought the \$1000 was set up to pay quarterly. The Dalin check has been received. Still waiting for the ERC (Covid) check to come in from last year. Cristy asked if Kinner has met with Thad regarding the budget. The only one listed is for contact is Craig. Cristy made a motion to add Thad to Kinner. Motion was seconded by Robert B. Motion carried unanimously.

C. SECRETARIES REPORT: No discussion. Cristy A. made a motion to accept the secretary's report. Motion was seconded by: Robert Baerenwald. Motion approved unanimously.

D. PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Ann stated that there is an incorrect amount included in the approved budget regarding her salary. Her rate of pay was not updated for 2023. The church owes her \$3071 for back pay from last year. Her rate was increased this year also. She needs to get regular income for this year plus the \$3071 which will be included in her paychecks for 6 months. A motion and a second was made to accept the change. Motion passed unanimously. Change need to be noted in the budget.

E. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Kristy H will be updating the Constitution which needs to be updated every 3 years. Last update was submitted in 2018. The update goes to the Synod for approval.

### NEW BUSINESS

A. Craig introduced a letter about giving to be sent to all members. Much discussion followed. Some changes were talked about and it was thought that a letter closer to Easter would be better and including it in the VOICE and maybe doing a Temple Talk would be sufficient so that everyone can see it. Venmo and PayPal were discussed. The consensus of the Council was to have Mark research it and tabled this until the next meeting. Craig stated he would like to add a new item titled "Future Business" to the agenda. Future events or business could be listed there.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT: Mike changed filters for the furnace. Shingles that need to be fixed will be completed as soon as funds are available.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE: Did not meet.

ADULT EDUCATION: Robert's goal is to add websites for kids and adults for Bible Studies.

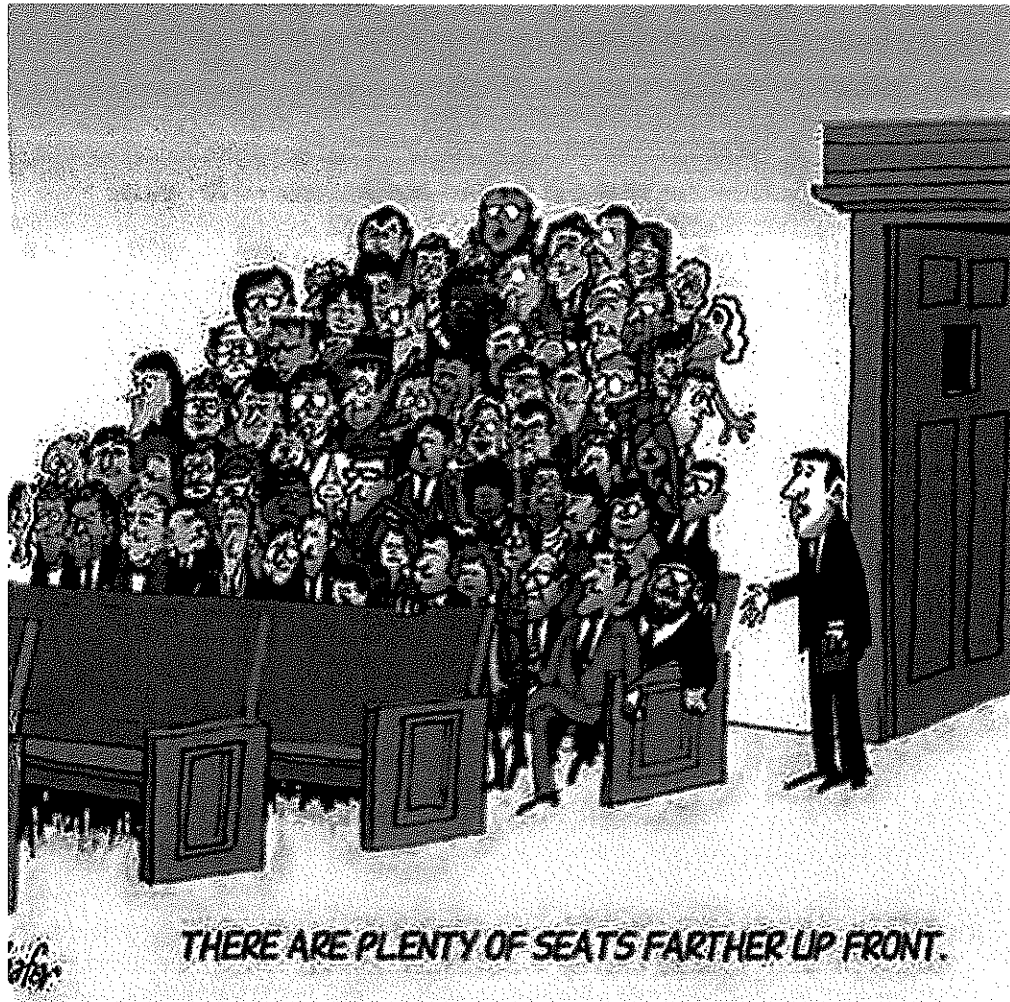
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE: Paint, Pop and Prayer had 11 signed up but only 6 showed up. Great Bear Tubing - discussion followed regarding possibly having a hymn-sing using the old green hymnals and having it in the Legion Hall. The bowling event had 21 participated. During Lent, regular Sunday school teachers have a break. Kristin B was taking over crafts and snacks.

OUTREACH & MISSION: The Noisy offering for February & March will go to the Food Shelf. They are also collecting for personal care kits. FLCW kitchen cleaning will be completed once Meals On Wheels has moved to the Schroeder Center. The kitchen will be cleaned and a coat of fresh paint. Youth will be asked to help with this as well.

MEETING ADJOURNED - motion made to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:24pm by Craig T.

*Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 13th, 2024 - same place, same time.*

Submitted by  
Karen Boehm - Council Secretary



# Church News & Events



† In loving memory of Janice Harkema, who passed away on February 29th, 2024. Jan's visitation was held at Hartquist Funeral home & the service was held at First Lutheran on Wednesday, March 6th. We keep her husband, Larry, his children and their families in our prayers.

† In loving memory of William 'Bill' Sorenson who passed away Saturday, February 24th, 2024. Bill's visitation & funeral were held at Hartquist Funeral home on March 15th.

† We also send thoughts and prayers to Jon & Shelly Kozlowski on the passing of Jon's mother, Marlene Kozlowski. Marlene passed away on Friday, March 15th in Little Falls, MN.

Sending all of these families our deepest sympathy and prayers of comfort.



## VISITATIONS

If someone is ill or in need of a Pastoral visit, please call Pastor Ann or contact the Church office @ 825-5837. Please remember the following First Lutheran Church members in your prayers, send them a card, or stop to visit them.



Kay Buranen & Joyce Kunz	Good Samaritan Communities, Pipestone
Darrell Foss	Good Samaritan, Sioux Falls



*Baptism*



We welcome through baptism, Oakley Michael Houselog who will be baptized on Sunday, April 14th, 2024. Oakley is the son of Jordan & Kiley Houselog. He was born on January 2nd, 2023 and joins a sister, Reece and a brother, Sailor. His grandparents are

Jon & Teri Klosterman.

The stork has been BUSY here at First Lutheran!!



It's a boy for Eric and Danielle Ossefoort!

Beau Isaac was born on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Beau joins 2 brothers, Caleb & Wyatt.

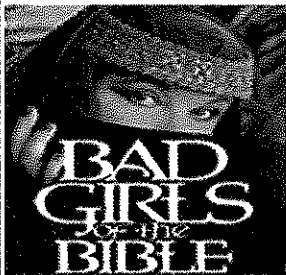
It's twin girls for Andrew & Kayla Royer! Olivia Ruth & Hazel Rae were born on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. Olivia & Ruth join 2 older sisters,

Harper & Quinn.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS TO ALL!

## BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Ann will be hosting a study on Bad Girls of the Bible on Sundays: April 14th, 21st, and 28th, after worship @10:45am. This is open to everyone!!



When we think of women in the Bible, we usually think of Mary, or Elizabeth, or Hannah, women who listened to and followed God's voice. We may try to be obedient and "meek and mild" like these women, but not all biblical women are like that – some are downright feisty! We will begin by talking about Eve, and then choose someone else for the following week. Some possibilities are: Potiphar's wife, Lot's wife, the Woman at the Well, Delilah, Sapphira, Rahab, Jezebel, Michal, and the Sinful Woman.

The format of the study will be to watch a DVD about the story, read a modern parallel of the story, read the scriptural version of the story, and discuss. The study is written by Liz Curtis Higgs, and is full of insights and laughs. There are books and workbooks that can be purchased (I can coordinate that, if people want to go that route), but neither will be necessary to participate in this study.

### This Month's Adult Education Tip:

To increase your biblical knowledge, you can go to youtube.com and search a variety of subjects. Some suggestions are: The Bible, Jesus, The Protestant Reformation, Martin Luther, a specific book of the Bible, etc. Many results will pop up, but you should be careful about what you choose to watch. Some videos are wonderful, with good information and praise of God, but others are not, with criticism of God and inaccurate information. If you are not sure if you are viewing something accurate, you can talk to Pastor Ann. Happy

Watching!

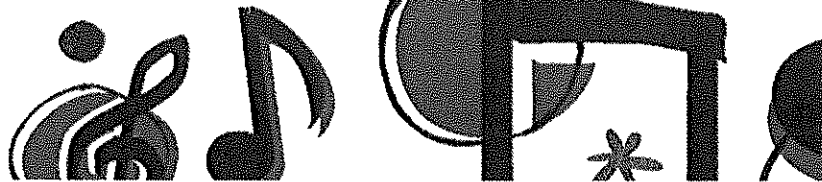
*From the Adult Education Committee*

*Community*   
*Hymn Sing*   
 *Potluck*

Join us for a hymn sing and potluck! Hymnals will be provided and song requests will be taken. Dari King BBQs, buns, paper products, and water/lemonade will be provided. Bring a side dish, dessert, or salad to share, if able. All ages welcome! Singing starts at 12:30. There will be a cash bar available.

Saturday, April 13th, 2024  
11:30 AM to 2PM  
Pipestone American Legion Hall

Organized by First Lutheran  
Church-Pipestone



Women of the  
**ELCA** 

**SW MN**

**Synodical Convention**

The SW MN Synodical Convention of Women of the ELCA will be Saturday, May 4th at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls, MN. Make plans now to attend and join your sisters in Christ as we gather to "Be the Light." Come to the one-day convention for worship, speakers, displays and fellowship! Contact Kristy Henriksen for more details.



**Make sure to join us for Fellowship in the Narthex after worship every Sunday!! It's a great time to visit with visitors to our church as well as other members. If you would like to bring goodies to pass or help serve, there are sign-up sheets in the Narthex or you can contact Lori in the office!!**

## **Are you looking for a great gift idea for a wedding or a shower gift?**

**We have beautiful quilts and sturdy jean rugs for sale here at the church. The rugs and quilts are displayed in the Fellowship Hall so stop in and take a look! Quilts are \$50 and rugs are priced on their individual tags.**

**DON'T FORGET: We also have our church cookbooks available for \$5.00!**

**Payments can be made to FLCW and put in the office mailbox.**

## **Open Radio Slots for 2024**

May 12<sup>th</sup>

June 30<sup>th</sup>

December 15<sup>th</sup>



If you would like to sign up for any of the open radio sponsorship slots, please contact Lori in the office or go to our website for the link to get signed up. Radio sponsorships are \$58.00 each and are a tax-deductible donation on your yearly contribution statements.

**THANK YOU** for your support of this important ministry here at First Lutheran!!!!

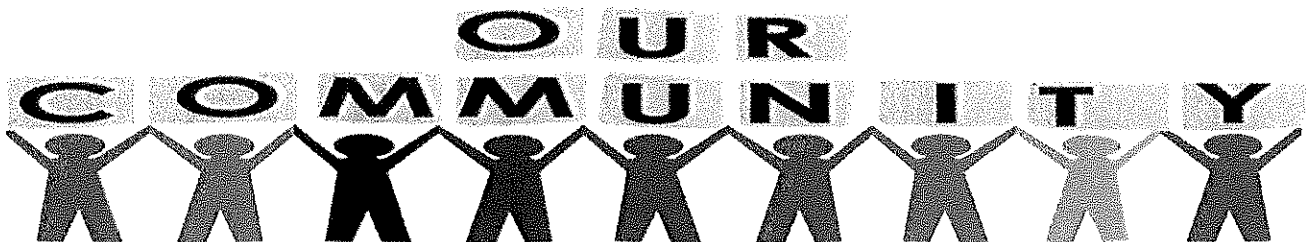
# Community Events

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Al Opland Singers: Ways of Peace		Annual Hospice Benefit Al Opland Singers: Ways of Peace	Al Opland Singers: Ways of Peace HPI Used Book Sale
7 Al Opland Singers: Ways of Peace	8	9	10	11	12	13 Community Hymn Sing & Potluck
14 Omelet Breakfast	15	16 First State Bank Southwest Community Pride Award Ceremony & Chamber After- Hours	17	18 Shred Day at First State Bank Southwest	19	20 Pipestone Sportsmen's Club Banquet
21 St. Leo's Spring Dinner	22	23	24	25 Pipestone Area Chamber Annual Banquet, Awards, & #OnlyInPipestone Trivia Night!	26	27
28	29	30				

**Be sure to check the Pipestone Area Chamber website for any updates to their calendar!**

<https://business.pipestoneminnesota.com/events>





Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
in America

February 23, 2024

*Thank You*

First Lutheran Church  
401 7th Ave SW  
Pipestone, MN 56164-1166

Dear First Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$2,170.59 to ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts.

*"[Jesus said,] 'Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' [The lawyer] said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"*  
(Luke 10:36-37)

As a church, we are freed by the transformative life of Christ, and this freedom emboldens us to love and serve our neighbors just as Christ has shown us. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power of God's love.

Your Good Gift is a very good gift indeed. Through resources such as seedlings and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bibles and blankets, you equip God's people — around the world and around the corner — with what they need to live abundant lives.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.

With gratitude,

*Rachel Wind*

Rachel Wind  
Executive for Development

**Gift date: 2/16/2024**

**Gifts are designated for:**

Chicks	\$30.00
Rooster	\$60.00
Family farm	\$715.00
Goat and flock of chicks	\$300.00
Piglet	\$240.00
Honey bees	\$60.00
God's Global Barnyard	\$42.59
Share of a safe water project	\$250.00
Water Filter	\$90.00
School supplies for a child	\$50.00
Seeds and gardening tools	\$50.00
ELCA Good Gifts - Hygiene kit	\$75.00
Blanket	\$100.00
Bible	\$48.00
Feed 10 people at a soup kitchen	\$60.00

**Total contribution:**

**\$2,170.59**

# F.L.C.W News & Activities



April 2024

Dear FLCW,

I hope you had a blessed Easter. Now we get to enjoy spring!

We had a good meeting on Thursday, March 21st. Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 18th at 11:30am for a Potluck Salad Luncheon. The lesson will be "Scripture and Nature: Teachers of Faith Food." It is the second lesson in the March/April Gather magazine.

On April 20th, we will be serving coffee for the Shetek Conference Gathering for Women of the ELCA. The speaker is sharing information on Human Trafficking. Yes, it is here in our area! The poster is at the church. We need 4 coffeecakes for the event. Someone will be able to deliver them to Jasper on the 20th. We need 3 people to help serve also. Let me know if you can help. Registration fee for the day is \$12 and includes lunch.

The Shetek Quilt Auction will be Friday and Saturday, June 21st and 22nd, 2024. We will be donating 6 denim rugs and possibly other items. If you have something to donate, please let me know. May 1st is the deadline if you want the items included on the Shetek website for preview.

The SW MN Synodical Women's Convention will be held on Saturday, May 4th at Gloria Dei Lutheran in Redwood Falls. Registration is \$40 and begins at 8:00a.m. The theme is "Be the Light" using Psalm 82:4 as the theme verse. The day includes worship, business, guest speakers, 2 workshop sessions, and great food. Let Kristy know if you would like to attend. We will be taking our LWR kits and some quilts for shipment. The event ends at 3:45pm.

Quilting will be held on Thursday, April 11th and 25th beginning at 9:30am. We are busy getting quilts ready for graduates and buyers. Quilts will be presented to the 2024 Graduates in May. May your spring be faith-filled and fun!

See You in Church!!

*Kristy*

# Shetek Happenings

**April 2024**



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camp@shetek.org  
www.shetek.org

**Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers**



- **Apply to work at camp.**  
<https://shetek.org/work-at-shetek/>

*Happy Spring!*

## Wish List

- Glue and Glue Sticks
- Extension Cords
- Mini Vans
- Volunteers

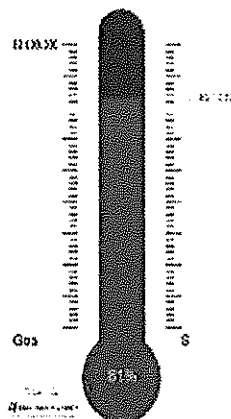
## Mark your Calendar

- April 19-20 Confirmation Retreat
- April 22-25 Quilt & Craft Retreat
- May 4 Spring Cleanup
- May 11 Spring Cleanup
- Register at [shetek.org](https://shetek.org) or

Call 507-763-3567 for more information

We met our Phase 1 goal! \$1,627,000 in gifts and pledges! Our challenge goal is \$2,000,000 and with increased costs, our budget has changed for our different phases. More info on our website.

<https://shetek.org/slm-master-plan>



**Help send kids to Camp...Become a Pelican Club or Timber Society member today. Pelican Club members support the ministry with a gift of \$100 - \$499 a year and Timber Society members give \$500 or more a year. Thanks for your support!**

## Summer 2024 Schedule

	Week	2-4 Grade	4-6 Grade	7-9 Grade	10-12 Grade	Specialty	Cross-Generational	Offsite Opportunities
1	June 9-14		4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Confirmation Camp 7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	CIT Training		ABC Camp June 9-10 GPGC June 12-14	
2	June 16-21	<i>4-H Camp</i>						10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Flambeau River Ramble
3	June 23-28	3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> Mini June 23-25	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Grade			GPGC June 26-28	
4	June 30- July 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> Mini June 30-July 2	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Mini June 30-July 2	7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Mini June 30-July 2			GPGC June 30-July 2	
5	July 7-12				Agape - Ages 14 + July 7-12	SOS Camp July 8-12		
6	July 14-19		4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Grade			ABC Camp July 14-15 Family Camp July 19-21	
7	July 21-26 Christmas in July	3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> Mini July 21-23	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Grade			GPGC July 24-26	
8	July 28- August 2	3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> Mini July 28-30	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Confirmation Camp 7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Grade			GPGC July 31-August 2	
9	August 4-9		4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade			Explorer Camp (5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	ABC Camp Aug 4-5 GPGC Aug 7-9	



**SHETEK**  
LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

2024 Summer Schedule

[www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org)

*We cannot always build the future*

**FOR OUR YOUTH,**

*but we can build our youth*

**FOR THE FUTURE.**

- FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

*KIDActivities.net*



**Thank  
You!**

...to ALL of the kids who helped out with the Lenten services and who provided music for the Easter Sunday Service this year!!!

We couldn't have done it without you!!  
Your work was appreciated more than you know!!

**F.L.Y.**  
FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH



**ATTENTION** Parents of graduating 2024 Seniors - May is only a few weeks away & we are looking for some photos of your graduate for our Graduation Sunday service. We would like to get a baby/baptism picture as well as a Senior picture for sure. If you have a pic of one of their favorite activities or a family pic, that would be GREAT!!!! No more than 4 pics per graduate please! Be watching for more information to be on our Facebook page or under the Youth activities tab on our website & here in The Voice.

# Inspirational Short Stories for Youth

## Nail On the Fence

The Story

Once there was a man who lived with his wife and young son. Despite their beautiful home, the man noticed as his son was growing up that he was developing a bad temper and would often get angry at his parents and other kids at school. The boy's words started hurting other people and his friends started to avoid him.

One morning, the man gave his son a bag of nails and a hammer and instructed him to hammer a nail into their wooden fence every time the boy lost his temper.

While this sounded odd to the boy, he followed the instructions. After the first day, he had already hammered 43 nails into the wooden fence. This was alarming to the boy and he decided to try to control his anger.

Over the next few weeks, the number of nails he was hammering into the fence slowly decreased because the boy discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive the nails into the fence.

Eventually one day, the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father the news, and his father responded by telling the boy that he should pull out a nail every day he keeps his temper under control.

Several weeks passed and the boy had removed all of the nails because he had changed his behavior.

His father took him to the wooden fence in the yard and said "You have done very well, but look at the holes in the fence—it will never be the same. When you say things in anger, it leaves a scar just like this one. No matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there."

#### The Moral

People can say things out of anger that they later regret. The wounds that hurtful words create are like holes in the fence, which cannot be repaired, even with an apology.

If you're mindful of your words, you will become aware of your behavior and notice the triggers that make you angry. This can help you change your response to those stimulants.

Having good emotional health and positive communication skills will help improve your relationships and work to build new ones, which will improve your overall well being.

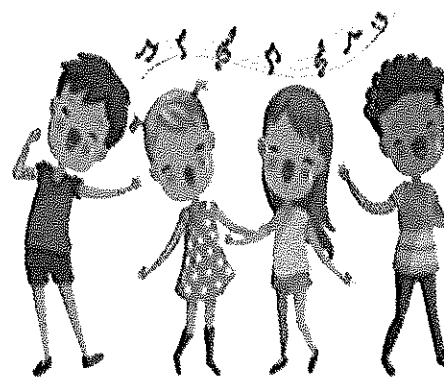
*Excerpt from: reportwire.org*

## REMAINING SINGING DATES FOR L.I.F.T. KIDS AND LITTLES

Just a quick date reminder for parents of our  
little members.

~**April 14th** ~ the LIFT Littles (PK-2nd gr)  
sing at 9:30am worship

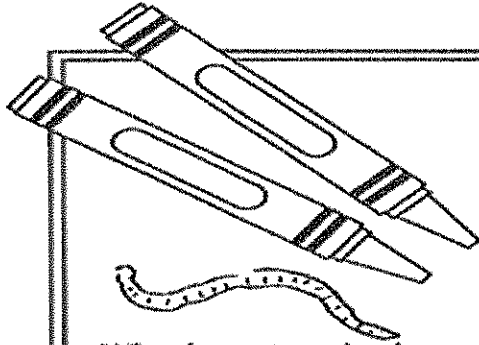
~**May** ~ all LIFT students will be singing for  
the LIFT Finale plus a party following wor-  
ship, time TBD.



# Kidz Korner



Every Child is designed by God to be a leader!!



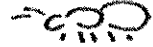
## Just for **KIDS**

### Bugs in the Bible



Whether at a picnic, on the beach or playing outdoors, it seems like we're always joined by uninvited guests – bugs!

Bugs and other little creatures are mentioned in the Bible.



*Fill in the blanks with the little creatures mentioned in each verse. Circle them in the puzzle below.*

Proverbs 6:6 \_\_\_\_\_

Exodus 16:20 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms 78:45 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Sam. 24:14 \_\_\_\_\_

Matt. 23:24 \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 50:9 \_\_\_\_\_

Judges 14:8 \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 59:5 \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 12:23 \_\_\_\_\_

Leviticus 11:22 \_\_\_\_\_

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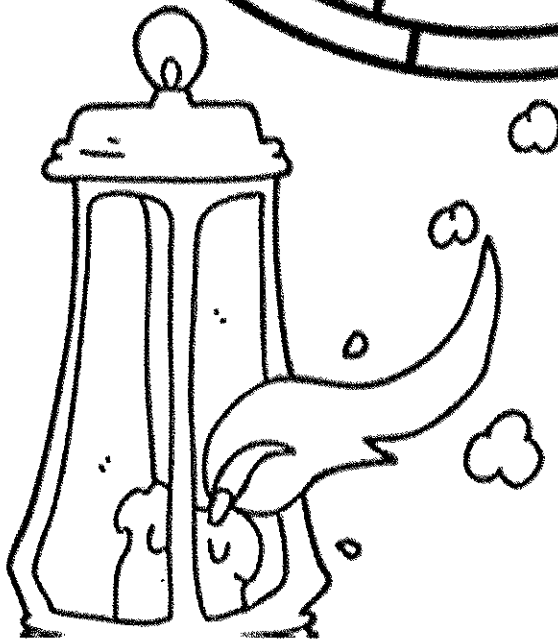
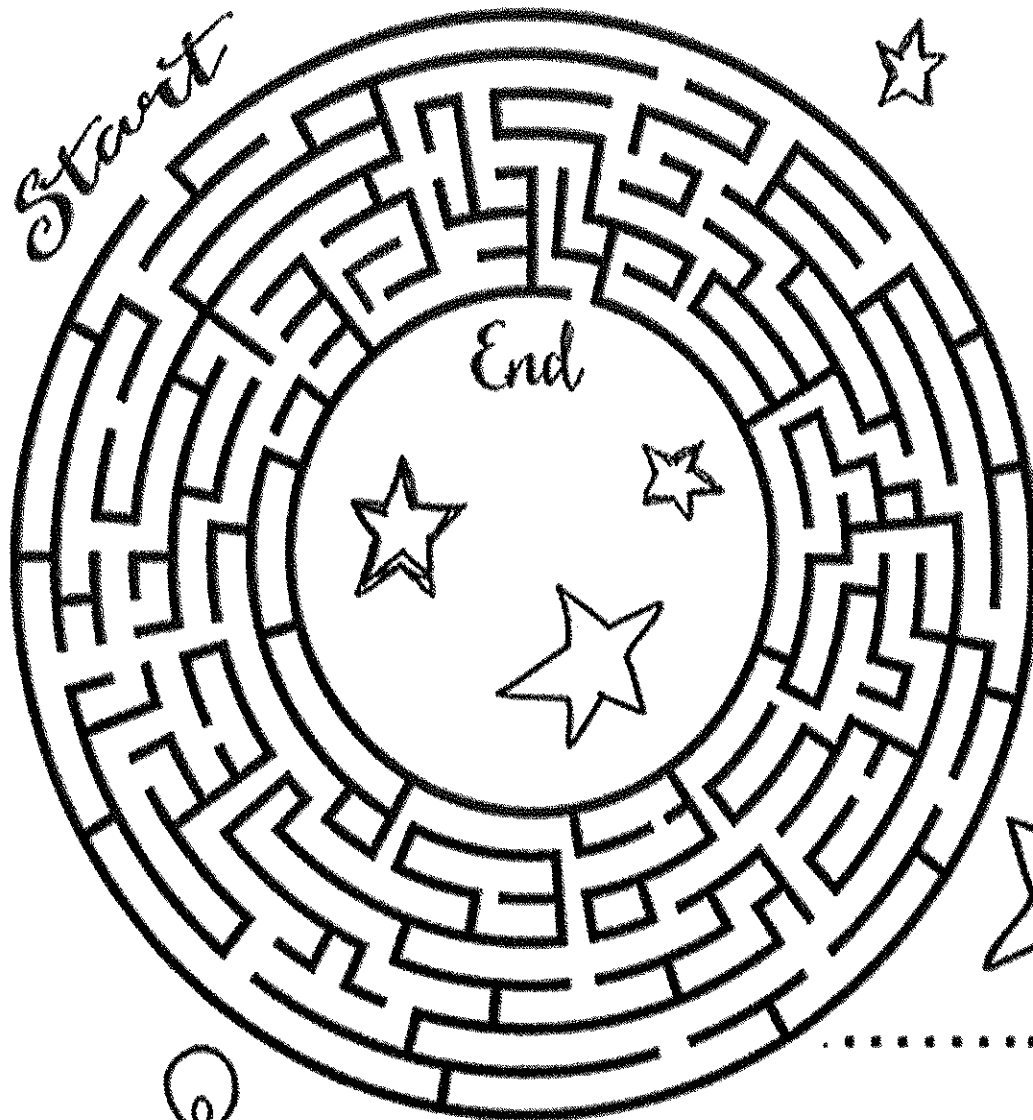
Deuteronomy 7:20 \_\_\_\_\_



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S	A	E	F	K	A	T	Y	D	I	D
G	F	L	I	E	S	W	O	R	M	S

Answer: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggots, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket

Start



Thy word is a  
lamp unto my  
feet, and a light  
unto my path.  
Psalm 119:105

# April 2024

## Worship Assistants

Date	Worship Time	Reader	Acolytes	Communion Assistant(s)	Ushers *(captain)	Sound
<b>4-7-2024</b> *Holy Communion	9:30 a.m.	Paul Johnson	Coral Dengler	Cristy Appel	*Mark Christensen (cpt) ~Cory Chaulsett family ~Tom Dunn ~Bob Hubner -Tom Willey family	Neil Johnson
<b>4-14-2024</b> *Holy Communion	9:30 a.m.		Coral Dengler	Cristy Appel	*Mark Christensen (cpt) ~Cory Chaulsett family ~Tom Dunn ~Bob Hubner -Tom Willey family	Mark Zinnel
<b>4-21-2024</b>	9:30 a.m.		Tommie Chaulsett	—	*Mark Christensen (cpt) ~Cory Chaulsett family ~Tom Dunn ~Bob Hubner -Tom Willey family	Mike Straw
<b>4-28-2024</b>	9:30 a.m.	Gen Velde	Tommie Chaulsett	—	*Mark Christensen (cpt) ~Cory Chaulsett family ~Tom Dunn ~Bob Hubner -Tom Willey family	Jason Weber



We are always looking for Readers, Communion Assistants, Usher Subs and help in the Sound Room. These are all simple jobs but we are always in need of extra hands that are willing to learn a new skill! The more help we have the less work and time is needed by all who volunteer. Please contact the church office if you would be willing to give one of these things a whirl!! It may be funner and easier than you think!

# April Anniversaries



April 7th - Jim & Pam Schloendorf	April 20th - Ron & Karen Hellie
April 8th - Troy & Shannon Bouman	April 26th - Neil & Katie Johnson
April 19th - Dennis & Patti Peterson	April 28th - Aaron & Melissa Burnett

*Wishing you a day of special moments for thankful remembering of all that has made your adventure of love a blessing and a joy.*



## April Birthdays

On your special day, you are wished all the very best, all the joy you can ever have and may you also be blessed abundantly today, tomorrow and the days to come!

April 1st	Jessica Chaulsett	April 14th	Tom Abrahamson Bryer Evans Hayes Muller
April 2nd	Lacey Fritz Robert Schloendorf	April 17th	Mike Thode
April 3rd	Laura Rudie Tracie Skyberg	April 18th	Becky Kaffar
April 6th	Dave Buffington Chris Evans Elliott Sterud	April 20th	Dar Eslick Shelly Kozlowski Connor Wagner
April 7th	Bianca Claussen Sharon Petersen	April 21st	Alvin Huebner Mick Myers
April 8th	Carly Alderson Carla Stanga	April 22nd	Chris Hummel Kim Wolff
April 9th	Nick Schulze	April 24th	Aubrey Brockberg Calvin Musch Brittney Gorter Kevin Musch
April 10th	Braeden Benz Travis Boucher Wade Newgard	April 25th	Cheryl Greenhoff
April 11th	Brian Danks Tracy Musch	April 28th	Joyce Capp
April 12th	Judy Hansen	April 29th	Millie Danks Kashton Schroyer
April 13th	Kiley Houselog	April 30th	Alice Heller
April 12th	Joyce Kunz Maxten Schulze Gene Spicer		
April 13th	Kaleb Stevens Judy Stubbe		



# April 2024



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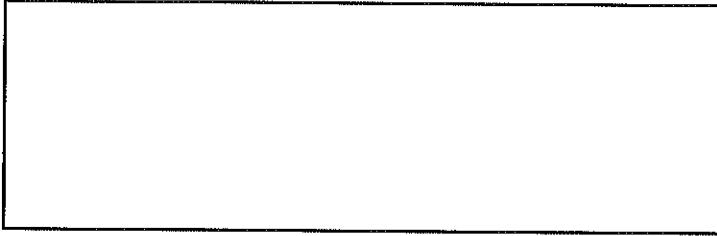
Fri

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 ~Easter Monday (Office CLOSED)	2 ~1:30pm - Food Shelf meeting	3 ~8:15am - Pastor's Prayer ~6:15pm NO LIFT Confirmation only ~7pm - Committee meetings	4 ~1pm - Pastor in mtg ~4pm - Worship Comm. mtg	5 ~4pm - Worship Comm. mtg.	6
7 ~9:30pm - Worship w/ Communion	8	9 ~8:30am - Ministerial mtg ~2pm - Pastor in meeting	10 ~8:15am - Pastor's Prayer ~6:15pm LIFT/ Confirmation ~7:30pm - Council meeting	11 ~9:30am - Quilting	12	13 ~ Pastor at Synod Council mtg in Rdwd Falls ~11:30am-2pm Hymn Sing & Potluck at Legion
14 ~9:30pm - Worship w/ Communion *Baptism - Houselog *LIFT Littles (PK-2nd gr) sing ~Bible Study	15 <b>Taxes Due</b>	16 ~10:30am & 3:30pm Pastor in mtg	17 ~8:15am - Pastor's Prayer ~6:15pm LIFT/ Confirmation	18 ~Pastor out of office (Conf. mtg) ~11:30am FLCW Salad Luncheon	19	20 ~9:00am - FLCW serves for Shetek Conf. in Jasper
21 ~9:30pm - Worship & Shetek Camp Sunday ~Bible Study after worship	22	23	24 ~8:15am - Pastor's Prayer ~6:15pm LIFT/ Confirmation	25 ~9:30am - Quilting	26	27 <b>PROM</b>
28 ~9:30pm - Worship ~Bible Study after worship	29	30				

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*We are all one body, one spirit,  
compelled by Christ to share His  
Word and the promise of salvation.  
~Matthew 28*

**Worship schedule:**

- ◆ 9:30am Sundays at Church & live-streamed on Facebook
- ◆ Radio Worship Broadcast: 10:30am Sundays on KLOH 1050AM
- ◆ TV Public Access: Wednesdays @12pm & 5pm on Channel 3

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**First Lutheran Church Council meets on the  
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