



“Bringing the hope we share in Christ to others.”
+ Drenched in God’s Presence
+ Grabbed by God’s Word
+ Propelled by God’s Mission

April 2023

From: Pastor Lynn Melchior

*He is not here;
for he has been raised.”*
Matthew 28:6



James W Moore tells this true story

that happened some time ago: A young boy's father died in a car wreck when he was twelve years old. He read it in the newspaper before anyone got word to him to tell him about it. When he saw that picture of the family car smashed-up on the front page of the newspaper... and read that his dad had died in that accident, he was thrust immediately and painfully into the shocked numbness of deep grief.

Strangely, one of his very first feelings were those of guilt. He had remembered how some months before at a family picnic he was showing off with a baseball. At one point he got careless and threw wildly; it hit his dad in the hand and broke his thumb. The young boy felt horrible. He said to himself, "What a terrible son I am! I have caused my dad great pain."

It seemed that was all he could remember after his father's death—the pain he caused his dad. Finally, the young boy went to see his pastor and told him about the deep feelings of guilt and about breaking his dad's thumb.

The young boy... well, let me tell you in the boy's own words, he said: I'll never forget how my pastor handled that. He was so great. He came around the desk with tears in his eyes. He sat down across from me and said:

"Now, Jim," that was the boy's name, "you listen to me. If your dad could come back to life for five minutes and be right here with us... and if he knew you were worried about that, what would he say to you?"

"He would tell me to quit worrying about that," Jim said.

"Well, all right," the minister said, "then you quit worrying about that right now. Do you understand me?"

"Yes sir," he said... and he did.

That minister was saying: "You are forgiven. Accept the forgiveness... and make a new start with your life." The young boy did make a new start. And many years later, he served a 9,000 member church: St Luke's in Houston. The young Boy? James W. Moore, the author of over 30 books on Christian living.

That's Easter. The Risen Lord comes back to life... and assures the disciples that they are forgiven.

- Peter had denied his Lord three times.
- Thomas had doubted.
- All the disciples had forsaken Him.

But, Christ came back and forgave them. He came back 2,000 years ago and he comes back today to forgive you. Jesus shares with you the joy, the encouragement, and the forgiveness of Easter.

Remember the true meaning of Easter - the resurrection. As the world brings out fluffy bunnies, sweet treats and eggs, be rooted in the promises of forgiveness and grace that comes from a crucified and risen Christ.

Remember when the work week resumes, we are still covered in God's abundant grace. Remember that as we go about our daily lives, God is still loving us, and Christ still died and rose again so we might know this AMAZING GRACE.

How has COVID changed First Lutheran?

The National Library of Medicine published a research article which concluded: "The COVID-19 pandemic crisis has caused widespread unrest in society and unprecedented changes in lifestyle, work and social interactions, and increasing social distance has severely affected human relations."

In amongst all this change, one thing remains the same: God and God's love for you.

While the unrest may be calming down and more and more people are venturing out, COVID has changed our lives. And it has changed our church too – because people make up the church. So how do we go forward? How do we still carry out First Lutheran's Mission Statement of "*Bringing the hope we share in Christ to others?*"

To explore our future at First Lutheran, we will be putting together a team to brainstorm, dream and enact what God is doing at First Lutheran. If you are interested in joining this team, please contact Pastor Lynn at pastorlynn@blfirstlutheran.org or 218-298-0396.

Thank you for LOVING your neighbors! Every dollar and item you donated is sincerely appreciated.



Want to serve God? And your Church?

Both the Altar Team and Outreach Team are looking for members. You can join for a short time to try it out. Both teams meet monthly – but attending each meeting is not a requirement.

The Altar team is responsible for the worship attire at the Altar and communion. The Altar team is an important part of our worship services.

The Outreach Team is responsible for new members as well as outreach in the community, region and worldwide. This is a great way to love your neighbors and your neighborhood! Let the office or Pastor Lynn know if you are interested in either of these service opportunities.



New Member Sunday April 30th

All you need to do is stand when we introduce you and fill out a form. It's easy! Let the office or Pastor Lynn know if you or someone you know are interested in joining!

Craft Weekend at First Lutheran April 14 – 15

Never have time to finish a project? Lacking space to sew, quilt, scrapbook, make cards, or any other FUN crafts?

First Lutheran is hosting 2 days of BYOC "Bring Your Own Crafts" on Friday, April 14 (9 am to 8 pm) and Saturday, April 15 (9 am to 2 pm).

Cost is \$10 to reserve your spot. Coffee provided, bring your own drinks and snacks to share. First Lutheran will provide a meal of pizza on Friday evening.

Contact the office at 218-864-5686 to reserve your spot. Space is limited!!



Noisy offering will be going towards modifications to the home of Olivia Bush, age 7, of Underwood. Olivia was critically injured in a car accident and is confined to a wheelchair. We thank you in advance for your support.



WAFL HAPPENINGS.....



Making blankets and preparing snacks for Churches United.



Students preparing to sing at the March 22 Lenten Service, doing puzzles and enjoying classroom time.



Thanks for all you do to make WAFL happen!

Lydia Circle and WAFL students will collaborate this spring to send **Personal Care Kits to Lutheran World Relief**. They request LIGHTWEIGHT towels in dark colors... not luxury towels like we've sent in the past, so this will spread donation dollars further! DG is a good source for these towels. Soap should be 3-4 oz per bar. Toothbrushes can be purchased in bulk and we will package them individually in an envelope. Avoid pointed, long handles on combs, and choose sturdy combs, please. Donations can be left in the donations box near the door by April 15, please. Items that arrive after the project will be saved for next year! Thank you for supporting this joint collaboration between Lydia Circle and WAFL!

Newsletter
DEADLINE

All articles are due by Monday, April 17th.
Thank you!

Good Sam Nursing Home thanks all the volunteers that have come to help with these:

- Walk around with the library cart
- Read one on one
- Play cards or games
- Baking
- Polish Nails
- Help with Scrabble and Bingo

Please call the nursing home at 218-864-5231 to volunteer and find a way to support our community. (We currently have 6 members of First Lutheran at Good Sam.)

Notes from the Church Library:

Library April 2023

In "**American Gospel**", best-selling author John Meacham relates how the Founding Fathers viewed faith and how they created a nation in which belief in God is a matter of choice. Under the American system, citizens have God-given rights to practice their beliefs while protected from government interference.

Three works of fiction by favorite authors are;

1. "**Heartwood**", a tender story of relationships by Belva Plain.
2. "**Breakfast at the Honey Creek Café**", a heartwarming tale of small-town friendship, mystery, and love by Jodi Thomas.
3. "**Friends, Lovers, Chocolate**" by Alexander McCall Smith set in Scotland is a highly unusual mystery.



OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Outreach Proposed Schedule for 2023

March 26th Souper Sunday / New Member Sunday. Help where we can, introduce new members, hand out packet of Information before service and give tour of church.

April

4 Meeting 6:30 in Library. Advertising needs to be ready to order

30 Souper Sunday / New Member Sunday

May

2 Meeting 6:30 in Library. Who distributes flyers, etc.

27 Meet at Sand Bay Park for clean up at 9:30. Bring Rakes and gloves

28 Salad Sunday / New Member Sunday

June

6 Meeting 6:30 in Library. Sign up for Park clean up. Wenonga Days. Ice Cream Social with Sr. Citizen's. Parade Float. Stand?

25 Salad Sunday / New Member Sunday

July

5 Meeting 6:30 in Library. Sign up for park clean up. Finalize Wenonga Days. Art in the Park booth.

22 Parade

30 Salad Sunday / New Member Sunday

August

1 Meeting 6:30 in Library. Finalize Art in the Park booth. Sign up for park clean up. Our responsibilities for 150th Celebration.

5 Art in the Park

27 Salad Sunday / New Member Sunday

September

5 Meeting 6:30 in Library

17 150th Celebration

24 Souper Sunday / New Member Sunday / Annual Meeting

October

3 Meeting 6:30 in Library. Trunk or Treat in conjunction with WAFL on the 25th? On the 29th after church? Make contact with Churches United and Dancing Sky for Presentations.

29 Souper Sunday / New Member Sunday

November

7 Meeting 6:30 in Library. Dates for presentations this month and next. Plan a cook off. Chili/Dips/Soup/Desserts

26 Souper Sunday / New Member Sunday

December

5 Meeting 6:30 in Library.

9 Breakfast together?

No Souper Sunday

Part of our responsibility is to invite the community to church. Reaching out to those who have not been in attendance, friends who are not members of a church inviting them to our Souper Sunday is one way to do that. We are also responsible for being involved in the Community. Advertising falls in our area. I am hoping to see some Bible Studies developing and other social events.

We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at church.

Andrea Malmstrom Everts 218-282-0174 Or the church office 218-864-5686



MEETING MINUTES

MARCH MEETING

Church Council:

Scot Englin, President/Property

Mike Youngblood- Vice President (Faith Formation)

Amy Severson (Faith Formation) (Secretary)

Peter Eggen- Treasurer

Gordon Fuchs, (Worship & Music/ Endowment)

Mike Fielding (Faith Formation)

Cindy Harms (Faith Formation)

Margaret Dahl (Mutual Ministry/ Faith Formation)

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH Battle Lake

Meeting Agenda

Meeting: Church Council Date March 14, 2023

Members Present: Pastory Lynn, Mike Fielding, Cindy Harms, Margaret Dahl, Mike Youngblood, Gordy Fuchs, Scott Englin

Members Absent: Pete Eggen

Purpose: General Oversight of the life and activities of the congregation.

Agenda Additions:

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by the President of the Council - Scott Englin at 6:40pm.

Devotions: Pastor Lynn

Approval of Minutes: M/M by Mike Youngblood to approve the minutes from the January 2023 meeting. M/S by Margaret Dahl. Carried

Financial Report: M/M by Cindy Harms to approve the financial report. M/S by Mike Fielding. Carried.

Correspondence: NONE

Pastor's Report: Pastor shared a written report of accomplishments, looking forward items, and thoughts/concerns.

Committee Reports:

Faith Formation has designated the Noisy Offering for three months to benefit Olivia Bush. The Endowment committee will match those funds up to \$500.

Old Business:

Bell Tower: Keep on old business until spring

WAFL Administrator HIred

Pew in Narthex update: Pew is being taken to the Community Center. It needs to be out of the fellowship hall by April 17th.

Share and Care updates: Done with some questions on current format.

Emergency lighting for storm shelter: Scott is getting a bid on this in the near future.

AED Replacements: Pete is working on this project.

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WEEKLY MONEY COUNTING

March 20: Amy Severson, Scot Englin

March 27: Mike Youngblood, Gordy Fuchs

April 3: Amy Severson, Margaret Dahl

April 10: Cindy Harms, Margaret Dahl

New Business:

Organ: Add to April's Meeting Agenda

Pest Control: M/M by Margaret Dahl to approve the \$385/year to maintain our pest control. M/S by Mike Youngblood.

Great Synod Get-Together: In Bemidji - Pastor is attending this Saturday March 18, 2023.

Grants Available: 2 Grants available. Green Grant and Online Worship Technology

Any interest and discussion would be great.

Sprinkler System/Fire Controls: M/M by Mike Youngblood to approve our 5 year sprinkler system inspection to be done for \$1751.10. M/S by Mike Fielding. Carried

Copier: Looking into adding finisher to our copier to assist with folding and stapling.

Goals from Ministry Site Profile: M/M by Mike Youngblood to put the desired ministry outcomes and vision for the future out to a creation of a committee of our church members to discuss and create a map for the future of First Lutheran. M/S by Gordy Fuchs. Carried

Next Meeting: April 11, 2023 6:30 pm

Devotions: Cindy Harms

Respectfully submitted by Amy Severson - Council Secretary

Carol Boyum is the leader for the FLC prayer chain. Please contact Carol with your PRAYER CHAIN requests.

Carol's # is: 218-770-4168. Thank You Carol! Please call the church office with Prayer Requests: 218-864-5686 or email: office@blfirstlutheran.org



ALTAR GUILD MINUTES

March 6, 2023

Members Present: Winnie, Collins, Pastor Lynn, Holly Johnson, Ann Rasmusson, Carol Sagerhorn

Visitor: Craig Johnson, Amor Church

Devotions – Ann

Old Business – Craig Johnson was invited to join us to talk about candle wicks and showed us what they do. Different style of wick. We could cut the cost of our oil in half by ordering from Restaurant Supply. They just started using plastic communion cups. No advise.

New Business:

Backups for March – Ann and Holly

Backups for April – Winnie and Carol

Easter preparation -

Holly will order 75 palm branches. Holly will get information on ordering lilies in church bulletin and screen up front. Cost is \$18. Deadline to order is March 30th.

Holy Week -

Sunday April 2nd –Palm Sunday - Communion – change colors to white for Maundy Thursday – Sand box and candles cannot be set up til Friday afternoon after Good Friday Service.

Maundy Thursday – Wear dark – Ann and Winnie will strip the Altar, Pastor Lynn will do a reading while they are doing this. Holly and Carol will retrieve items. Small cross will be draped in black. Crown will be placed on Altar. Everything else bare. Leave in silence.

Easter lilies will be delivered to church library Friday morning.

Community Good Friday Service at 2 p.m. Refreshments served. Pastor Lynn will check with Outreach on bars. Will do Easter decorating after service. Change everything to white, arrange Easter lilies. Colors stay white til May 28th. Paschal candle for Easter.

Easter Sunday – services 8 and 10. Refreshments between services. Rolls suggested. Pastor Lynn will check with WAFL to see if they are interested in serving.

May 21st change colors to red for Pentecost.

May 28th change colors to white for Holy Trinity Sunday June 4th.

June 4th change colors to green til October.

Continue to look for new members. Closed with Altar Guild Prayer.

Carol Sagerhorn, Secretary

February 2023

Monthly & Year-to-Date

	<u>February</u> <u>Actuals</u>	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u> <u>Actuals</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>Budget</u>
Total Budgeted Income	\$ 27,859		\$65,411	
Total Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$ 25,095</u>	\$33,428	<u>\$ 52,467</u>	
Budgeted Income Minus Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$2,764</u>		<u>\$12,944</u>	
Other Designated Income—(Designated Income cannot be used for gen. operating expenses.)	\$ 200		\$ 260	
Total Unbudgeted Expenses	\$1000		\$1360	

Mortgage Report—First National Bank of Battle Lake

Prior Month-End Mortgage Balance	\$ 249,032
Bank-Scheduled Interest Payment	\$ 691
Bank-Scheduled Principal Payment	\$ 2,842
Addn'l. Principal Payment	\$
Current Month-End Mortgage Balance	\$ 245,561

Lenten Season — “Following Jesus Footsteps”

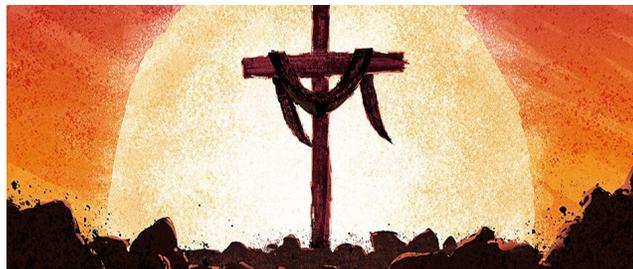
March 29th: Soup Supper @5:30 with Service following @6:30

April 2nd: Palm Sunday 10 AM

April 6th: Maundy Thursday 6:30 PM

April 7th: Good Friday 2:00 PM at First Lutheran

April 9th: Easter Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 AM (Breakfast served between services)



Men's Fellowship Minutes-

First Lutheran Men's Fellowship

Thursday, March 2, 2023

Lake Ave Cafe

- The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Gerry Nelson (8 members plus 1 guest).
- Pastor Lynn led devotions "False Advertisement" based from 1 John 2:16.
- The secretary's report was approved. MSP (Tom R./Scot E.)
- The treasurer's report was approved. MSP (Pete E./Dean N.). The checking account has a balance of \$1,125.23. The scholarship fund has a balance of \$3,935.05.
- Correspondence: None
- "First Cares" update: None
- Gerry N. reported that Pastor Brad had a heart attack. He passed around a card for all of us to sign. Thanks to Gerry's wife Barb for designing the card for us!
- Scholarship update: Waiting for applications to come in. We have 4 seniors this year.
- Arts & Craft Food Stand: Mike Y. provided us with a great study comparing making our own breakfast sandwiches from scratch or buying frozen breakfast sandwiches.
We discussed buying locally. Pete E. agreed to check pricing with Larry's.
- Mower & Shed: Plans are to keep the mower in our old shed and move our grills, tables, etc. into the new shed. Discussed training sessions for the mower, mower maintenance, volunteers, sign up sheets, trimming, and liability. Table until next month.
- Other business: Ditch walk, outside work, and the bell tower rejuvenation projects are on hold until Spring.
- Soup Supper - Wednesday, March 29: Men's Fellowship are serving. Gerry N. passed around a sign up sheet for soup, bread, deserts, and workers. Gerry N. will email the sheet as many members were absent.
- The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 6, 2023 at Lake Ave Cafe.
- The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Pete Eggen

Worship & Music Notes



We are finishing our journey through Lent, entering Holy Week and then reaching the Greatest Jubilee in the lives of Christians – Easter Sunday.

During Lent and Holy Week, the hymns we sing are somber and reflect the times we and Jesus live through. But on Easter, our hymns become joyous and celebratory. Perhaps we don't think seriously of the words we sing or don't fully understand them. I have selected four of the more common hymns we sing from Lent to Easter and provided a brief history of them.

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Author: Arnulf of Lauvain, died 1250

Melody: Passion Chorale by Hans Leo Has

Who wrote the hymn O Sacred Head Now Wounded?

In 1830 a new translation of the hymn was made by an American Presbyterian minister, James Waddel Alexander (1804-1859). Alexander's translation, beginning "O sacred head, now wounded," became one of the most widely used in 19th and 20th century hymnals. Another English translation, based on the German, was made in 1861 by Sir Henry Williams Baker.

What is the meaning of O Sacred Head Now Wounded?

James W. Alexander then translated the German into the English "O Sacred Head Now Wounded." Originally from a Latin poem beginning "Salve mundi salutare" and attributed to either Bernard of Clairvaux (twelfth century) or Arnulf von Loewen (thirteenth century), "O Sacred Head" is one of seven sections to be used for meditation during Holy Week.

First Verse

O Sacred Head, now wounded with grief and shame weighed down
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown
O sacred head what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

“Were you There?”

An African American spiritual that probably predates the Civil War, "Were You There" was first published in William Barton's Old Plantation Hymns (1899). The spiritual's earlier roots include a white spiritual known in Tennessee as "Have you heard how they crucified my Lord?" Additional stanzas are available from oral and written tradition.

The words to this hymn are self-explanatory.

First Verse

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they crucified by Lord?

“Now The Green Blade Rises”

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872-1958

Music: French Carol

What does now the green blade Riseth mean?

The simple phrase " Now the green blade riseth" reminds us that Jesus is risen today just as he rose on that first Easter morning. In the third line, we find "Love" being used as a metaphor for Jesus. We are now reminded why Jesus came to the earth in the first place: "For God so loved the world..." (John 3:16).

What does the Bible say about the green blade?

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain, Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green. What a metaphor for Jesus' resurrection!

First Verse

Now the Green Blade Rises from the buried grain
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain
Love lives again that with the dead has been
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Text: Latin carol, 4th century; Charles Wesley 1707-1788, verse 4

Music: J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708

Probably the most popular and most-sung hymn of Easter, the words are self-explanatory. I have printed the words to all four verses.

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

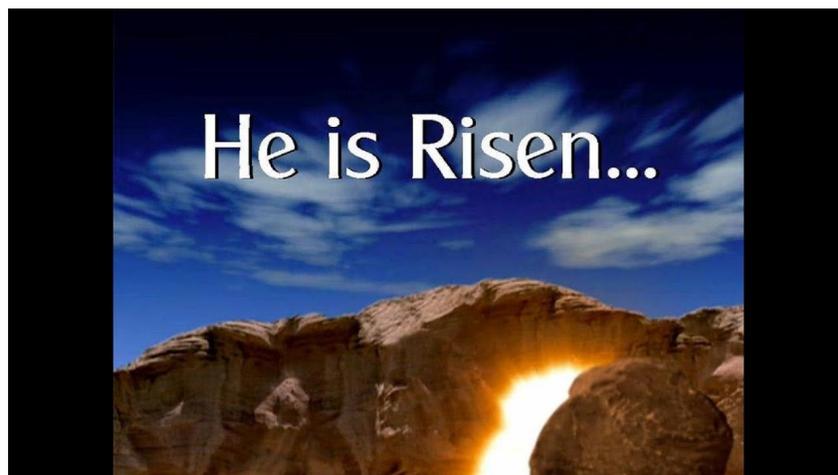
Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pain which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation hath procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!
Praise Him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Information obtained from Wikipedia and our red Worship hymnal.

Submitted by Gail N. Nelson, Organist and Worship & Committee Meeting Member



First Lutheran of Battle Lake is celebrating our 150th Anniversary!



God has blessed us over our 150 years of service – so let's celebrate! Pastor Harvey Pedersen will be our guest preacher. Pr Pedersen was First Lutheran's Pastor from 1980 to 1995. Mark your calendars for a special worship celebration and a festive catered meal following the service.

On September 17, 2023 First Lutheran will mark the 150th anniversary of its founding. An anniversary is a time to celebrate and give thanks for the past, the present, and the future. We will remember the founders and their vision, thankful that they felt God's call to establish a worshipping community. We will remember the many faithful pastors who served First Lutheran and its predecessor parishes. We will even remember the various buildings where congregants met to worship, hear God's word, receive the sacraments, study the bible and the catechism, praise God in song, and nurture children in the faith.

We will lift up our current witness by faithful members who seek to carry out God's call to service in the local church, the community, and the world. Behind-the-scenes tasks like folding newsletters or mowing the grass—or shoveling snow!—just seem to get done. Ongoing duties like teaching WAFL kids or streaming services or preparing communion need committed servants. Special projects like supporting the local food shelf or sending financial offerings to victims of disasters or providing supplies for a school in Africa happen because of the organizational skills of individuals or leaders on boards and committees.

Celebrating an anniversary should motivate us to ask God's blessing to serve him and his people in the future. How do we spread the good news of Jesus and forgiveness? How do we inspire our congregation to renewed commitment? How do we welcome strangers to become members of our church family?

More volunteers are needed with fresh ideas to help with anniversary planning, and we need your input. Watch for the notice of further meetings.

Andrea Everts, Carol Nelson, Gail Nelson, Kathryn Rickers, Jane Dixon, Carol & Jim Sagerhorn, Holly Johnson, Jon Tamke, Ann Rasmussen, Nancy Quam, Jane Dixon and Peter & Carol Boyum

* Kim & Deb Biederman 218-864-5575

Melvin Hanson 218-367-2697

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Don Walker 218-862-2606

JJ & Anne Cline 218-864-8899

Violet Evavold 218-747-2868

Doug & Doreen Stave 701-430-0353

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April
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And
Care

Brent & Jenny Cameron 218-282-0826

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Beth Davis 218-849-2133

Harriet Lundquist 218-864-5467

Anita Boyum 218-862-5115

Joseph & Julia Demars

Inez Flores 651-508-5639



Women of the



ELCA

April 3rd WELCA Board Meeting 1:00 pm

Circle Meetings: Lydia – April 11th at 10 am at the church

Mary – April 12th at 9:30

Naomi – April 12th at 1:30 am at the church

Next Meeting – Monday April 3rd at 1 pm. Lynda Glick will provide devotions.

April 17th, Conference meeting at First Lutheran starting at 4 PM with a supper.

We are still selling Rada Cutlery. Contact your WELCA person to order.

WELCA Monthly Board Meeting – March 6, 2023

Devotions were shared by Carol S. to begin the meeting.

The secretary's minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved.

Mission in Action: Carol S. reported that two quilts were given for Prom. The Food Shelf currently has six quilts available so no more are needed there at this time. Ten quilts will be donated to Churches United later this month.

Wedding: Margaret reported that there was a wedding held at the church in February.

Sunshine: Barb has Easter cards ready to send out.

Gather Magazine Subscriptions: One-year subscriptions were purchased for the five new members who joined the church in February. They are as follows:

Haley Himmelsbach, Julie Gronbeck, Pastor Lynn, Kathleen Baardsen, and Inez Flores

Giving Tree: At the last meeting it was decided we would continue with the Giving Tree this coming Christmas. More assistance will be provided to Jane to carry out the activity this year.

Unfinished Business: We continued the discussion about whether or not there is a need for a Funeral Coordinator to oversee funerals at the church. It was decided that the Share and Care groups can continue to handle the funerals for their month of serving along with assistance from Laurie in the office.

New Business:

Lenten Soup Suppers – Naomi Circle will serve on Wednesday, March 15th.

Mary and Lydia Circles will serve on March 22nd. Lydia will take care of bread and bars. Mary will provide the soup.

Good Friday Community Service - This service is at 2 pm at our church this year. Light refreshments and coffee are to be served after the service. Perhaps the Outreach Committee will be handling this.

Spring Gathering – April 17th – There is a sign up sheet for help needed in serving at this event. This will be shared with the Circles at the March meetings and also posted in the church for others to sign up. The program is two speakers from Pierced Heart Ministries who will share slides of their mission trip to Africa. Registration is at 4 pm, followed by the program and then dinner. Betty's Pantry is saving the date for catering. WELCA will provide bars. Estimated attendance is 60-80.

Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Linda Manikowske, Treasurer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
APRIL 2023		FIRST	LUTHERAN	CHURCH		
PALM SUNDAY 2 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee/Fellowship	3 9:00 AM Quilters 1:00 PM WELCA BD Coffee/Fellowship	4 2:00 PM WELCA Bible Study Leaders 5:30 PM Worship/Music 6:30 PM Outreach	5 3:15 PM WAF 5:30 PM Confirmation	6 8:00 AM Tops 8:30 AM Men's Fellowship 4:30 PM Executive Meeting 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service	7 2:00 PM Good Friday Community Service at First Lutheran	8
EASTER SUNDAY 9 8:00 AM Service 9:00 AM Breakfast 10:00 AM Service	10 OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 AM Quilters	11 9:30 AM Lydia Circle 10:00 AM Naomi Circle 12:00 PM Finance Meeting 5:30 PM Faith Formation 6:30 PM Council	12 9:30 AM Mary Circle 3:15 PM WAF 5:30 PM Confirmation	13 8:00 AM Tops 9:00 AM Conference 7 Pastors meet at First Lutheran	14 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM Crafter's Weekend Bring your own craft	15 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Crafter's Weekend Bring your own craft 10:00 AM Communion Lake Ave Apts.
16 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee/Fellowship	17 9:00 AM Quilters 4:00 PM WELCA Spring Conference	18 Newsletter articles due	19 3:15 PM WAF 5:30 PM Confirmation	20 8:00 AM Tops	21	22
23 10:00 AM Worship 21:00 AM Coffee/Fellowship	24 9:00 AM Quilters	25	26 10:00 AM Good Sam Communion 3:15 PM WAF 5:30 PM Confirmation	27 8:00 AM Tops	28	29 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM Tops Spring Conference
30 10:00 AM Worship/New Member 11:00 AM Souper Sunday						

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Sunday Worship 10 AM

Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays

New starting February 5th—Coffee/Fellowship 11 AM following service

Online worship @ Youtube-First Lutheran Church Battle Lake and Facebook



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