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**First Lutheran Church**

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**First Lutheran Focus April 2022**

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**Join us again on April 6th and 30th at 6:00 pm**

***“In the same way, let your light shine before others,   
that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”***

**Matthew 5:16**

**PASTOR’S PAGE**

The calendar says that it’s spring. The moon says that it’s spring. We have pushed the clocks ahead for Day Light Savings time. And Lent has come and is almost gone as I write this brief article. So, what gives? We still have snow and the temperature is struggling to get above freezing. When all else fails, it’s time to go back to the ‘happy places’ in my memory.

One of the exciting parts of celebrating Easter as a little girl was buying a pretty new dress with the matching white shoes, socks, purse and hat. It was a big deal. It meant that we were celebrating Easter and that the cold winter was almost over.

Spring and Easter also brought the flower and seed catalogues into our home. My mom and dad both enjoyed gardening and it was fun to look through the catalogues and dream of beautiful flowers and wonder why they wanted to plant all those vegetables. There were some years where half of our back yard was garden and the other half ball field.

One of the many blessings of living in the part of the country is our appreciation of the seasons. A long and snowy winter leads to a much anticipated and loved spring. Our church year reflects a similar journey of ups and downs, joys, and sorrows. Lent serves as a time of reflecting on the journey of Jesus and his followers to the cross. Easter is a much-anticipated celebration of the resurrection following a thoughtful and agonizing Holy Week.

Easter is a day that we are invited to celebrate each day. It’s not necessary to go out and buy new clothes – but great fun to know that new life new hope and new blessings come to us each day because Jesus rose from the dead. Death has lost its sting. The earth knows it, as the snow melts, the earth warms, the tulips and other flowers poke through the dirt and the birds start to sing. Join the celebration.

Pastor Becky

**Easter Schedule**

**Palm Sunday** Sunday, April 10th at 9:00am

**Maundy Thursday** Thursday, April 14th at 6:00pm

**Good Friday** Friday, April 15th at 6:00pm

**Easter** Sunday, April 17th at 9:00am

**PASTORAL ACTS**

**Baptisms:**

Keagan Paul Brandt- 2/20/22

Buckley Taylor Haberman- 2/20/22

Suzanne Beata Elliott- 3/13/22

**Funerals:**Elaine Wanda Butler- 3/1/22

Scott Vincent- 3/11/22 Graveside Burial

**YOUTH NEWS**

While in the middle of Lent, Youth has been all about Vets vs Noobs. Each week after the Wednesday night service we have a trivia contest about what has been happening during the services, followed by a few games and a condensed lesson. The current 8th graders will join the Senior high students on April 6 to see what Wednesday night Youth is all about. All during Lent, the current 6th graders have been allowed to join us on Sunday nights for Junior high Youth. During the first 4 weeks we've had 14 of the 6th graders show up, with most coming back each week. Super excited to continue getting to know them and looking forward to them becoming a permanent part of Youth as soon as summer starts.

As we get closer to summer, the kids are getting more excited about Lifest in Oshkosh, WI from July 6 – 10. We currently have 62 people attending – 16 Chaperons, 31 Senior high students and 15 Junior high students.

DayCamp plans are coming along. The dates for this summer will be June 6 – 10, and registration forms will be available on the last day of Sunday School.

In non-Youth related news, I just wanted to share with everyone who watches our services on Facebook that we've recently changed many things on the technical side. We've been blessed to get additional cameras installed, as well as a new program to run them on. With any sort of change, there have been some growing pains, but I'm trying to get things ironed out. Bear with me (and please show grace and mercy!!!) if things don't go as planned the next few weeks. I'm learning, but sometimes this new technology gets the best of me!

**CARE GROUPS**

Who, What, When Where and Why? The **who** is everyone who makes the spiritual home at First Lutheran. Everyone will be placed in one of eleven groups. **What:** each Care Group will be assigned a month where they will be covering the many tasks of ministry that are needed. The groups will provide the readers for Sunday morning worship, ushers, altar guild/care (don’t panic, we will teach you), greeters, serve at funerals as needed. Your **when** will be soon so watch for letters/emails or phone calls when your group is coming up. **Where?** Usually at church but your group will include some of our members who are no longer able to get out so you will have an opportunity to reach out and include them in you Care Group. **Why?** This is a way to involve all members in the life and ministry of the church. We need to move away from a small group of people doing things like setting up for communion or serving at funerals. This invites you to be on duty for a month and teaches everyone the tasks of our work together. If you have questions, please talk to Pastor Becky who will connect with each group as it gets organized for their month.

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| **First Lutheran Missions** |  |
| **January 1 – February 28, 2022** | |
| Bremwood | $ |
| Operation Christmas Child | $ |
| Education Fund | $ 200.00 |
| Youth Fund | $ 510.00 |
| Youth Campership | $ 220.00 |
| Caring Tree | $ |
| Meals on Wheels | $ |
| Manna | $ |
| Heifer International | $ |
| Riverside Bible Camp | $ |
| Campers Fund | $ |
| Good Samaritan Fund | $ 125.00 |
| Lutheran Services | $ |
| Dayspring Children’s Village | $ |
| Northern Lights Shelter | $ |
| LRH Auxiliary | $ |
| **TOTAL** | $ 1,055.00 |

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| **First Lutheran Financial Update** | | | |
| **February 2022** |  | |  |
| Income | $12,835.36 | | |
| Electronic Income | $2,752.01 | | |
| Expense | ($25,891.20) | | |
| End of Month | ($10,303.83) | | |
| **YTD as of February 28** | |  |  |
| Income | $23,528.36 | | |
| Electronic Income | $5,919.69 | | |
| Expense | ($50,172.71) | | |
| End of Month | ( $20,724.66) | | |

**February General Budget Expenses**

PAYROLL: $ 15,367.10

E-GIVING EXPENSE $ 42.28

CHURCH MAINTENANCE $ 85.00

PARSONAGE MAINTENANCE $ 3,280.59

UTILITIES $ 3,419.52

TELEPHONE $ 212.68

OFFICE EXPENSE $ 433.94

INSURANCE $ 2,827.25

WORSHIP $ 10.02

INSPIRE $ 212.82

TOTAL EXPENSES $ 25,891.20

INCOME $ 15,587.37

NET ($ 10,303.83)

**Donations**

**$200.00 - Parsonage Maintenance**

**$25.00 - General Fund**

**$25.00 - Good Samaritan Fund**

**$88.40 - Church Maintenance**

**Memorials**

**Shirley Meyer $10 - Youth Campership**

**$310 - Youth Fund**

**Jerry Pixley $200 - General Fund**

**$200 - Youth Campership**

**$200 - Youth Fund**

**$200 - Education**

**$200 - Inspire**

**Elaine Butler $50 - General Fund**

**$10 - Youth Campership**

**$10**

**April Share Shoppe**

**LYDIA Circle will be working April 2nd**

**Mission Project for April**

**Dayspring Children’s School**

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**Staff Phone Numbers**

Pastor Sogge 612-718-9151

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**On Palm Sunday, April 10th,** the Sunday School children will be singing.

**Quilt Auction to end on Sunday, April 10th!** There is a lovely and colorful quilt for auction outside the sanctuary. All proceeds will go to the Property Fund.

**Lutheran World Relief Kits** will be collected on Sunday, April 3rd so be sure to bring any items you may have.

**Congratulations** to Amanda Elliott on the baptism of her daughter, Suzanne Beata Elliott. Her sponsors are Cymantha Bendickson and Nathan Elliott.

**Congratulations to the following students for taking their First Holy Communion:** Bryck Abrams, Owen Binnebose, Casey Gentz, Hallie Hanson, Jaxon Reyerson, Amaya Rugland, Maggie Rye, Aydan Schutz, Kenly Solberg, Ivy Toresdahl and Ivy Urbatsch.

**If you or someone in your family** is hospitalized and would like to be put on our prayer list (with permission), please notify the office at [flc@flcnorthwood.org](mailto:flc@flcnorthwood.org) or call 641-324-2984.

**We are starting to update household information in our church software.** Please contact the office with address, phone number and email address changes.

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Starting April 3rd we will start receiving offering as part of the worship service.

April 10th and 24th will be our  
Noisy Offering which will go to   
the mission of the month.

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**Catch Health Problems before they go too far!**

Life Line Screening offers a 5-screening package to provide peace of mind or early detection of risks of a stroke and cardiovascular disease- $150

**Join us in the Fellowship Hall on   
Tuesday, May 17th**

Call 877-754-9648 to register and receive a discount



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**Please turn in your Easter Donations by Sunday, April 10th. You may donate to a fund of your choice; suggested funds are on the backside. Donations will be printed in the Easter bulletin.**

**In Honor of:**

**In Memory of:**

**Given by:**

**Designated Fund:**

**Amount:**



[**First Lutheran Church and Sunday School Northwood**](https://www.facebook.com/flcnwdsundayschool/)

**1 Kimberly Odegaard, Heather Thofson, Kerry Urbatch**

**2 Jessica Bergsma, Damian LaPoint, Judy Lee, Wendell Meyer, Cary Van Veldhuizen, Jean Van Veldhuizen**

**3 Tanner Iseminger, Parker Iverson, Gaylen Quam**

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**5 Bradley Christianson, Jill Schutz**

**6 DeAnn Read, Ashlynn Van Sabben**

**7 Diane Hanson, Amy Petry, Kandie Shupe**

**8 DuWayne Bottleman**

**9 Todd Moore, Emelia Nelson, Arlyn Rustad**

**10 Season Anderson, Vivienne Vandell, Braxlee Iverson**

**11 Riley King**

**12**

**13 Brian Bestul, Judale Mills, Jamie Nelson**

**14 Clay Carter, Larry Gentz, Elizabeth Kenison**

**15 Douglas Hall, Robert Hengesteg, Mary Reyerson, Tristan Rothove, Dirk VanRyswyk**

**16 Mackenzie Costello, Levi Eilertson,**

**17 MaryJo Senne, Kyle Waller, Harris Waller**

**18 Brady Christianson, Amber Vogelgesang, Jordan Wright-Thofson, Westlynn Reinartz**

**19 Coni Butler, Misty Hakes, Corey Haberman**

**20 Koen Bachtle**

**21 Danielle Lickteig, Angela Senne, Jayne Wheeler**

**22 Renee Hartman**

**23 Rick Hanson**

**24 Ronald Christianson, Ashley Duvall, Jonathan Hickman, Madison Shoger**

**25 Cheryl DeArmoun, Scott Halbach, Kael Julseth, Jeremy Solberg, Darrell Hartman**

**26 Brad Brunsvold, Caleb Johnson**

**27 Deanna Halbach**

**28 Samantha Butler, Laurie Harris, Diane Meyers**

**29 Chad Mills, Helen Trenhaile, Cambry Schulz, Jacob Urbatsch**

**30 Kyle Baker, Eric Trenhaile**

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| **April 2022** | | | | | | |
| **Sunday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
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| **3 Lent 5**  9:00am- Service with H.C.  10:10am- Sunday School  6:30pm- JH. Youth | **4** | **5**  11:00am: Staff Mtng.  6:00pm: Worship Committee  7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon | **6**  4:30pm: 7th & 8th Confirmation  6:00pm: Inspire  7:00pm: Choir  7:00pm: SH. Youth | **7**  8:30am: Quilting  9:00am: Prayer Gr.  6:30pm: Taekwondo | **8** | **9** |
| **10 Palm Sunday**  9:00am- Service with N.O. Sunday School is singing  10:00am- Council Meeting  10:10am- Sunday School  6:30pm- JH. Youth | **11** | **12**  11:00am: Staff Mtng.  7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon | **13**  4:30pm: 7th & 8th Confirmation  7:00pm: Choir  7:00pm: SH. Youth | **14**  8:30am: Quilting  9:00am: Prayer Gr.  6:00pm: Maundy Thursday Service  **Maundy Thursday** | **15**  6:00pm: Good Friday Service  **Good Friday** | **16** |
| **17 Easter**  9:00am- Service with H.C.  10:10am- Sunday School  6:30pm- JH. Youth  **Easter** | **18** | **19**  11:00am: Staff Mtng.  7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon | **20**  2:00pm: Sr. Comm.  4:30pm: 7th & 8th Confirmation  6:00pm: Inspire  7:00pm: Choir  7:00pm: SH. Youth | **21**  8:30am: Quilting  9:00am: Prayer Gr.  6:30pm: Taekwondo | **22** | **23** |
| **24 Easter 2**  9:00am- Service with N.O.  10:10am- Sunday School  6:30pm- JH. Youth | **25** | **26**  11:00am: Staff Mtng.  7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon | **27**  4:30pm: 7th & 8th Confirmation  7:00pm: Choir  7:00pm: SH. Youth | **28**  8:30am: Quilting  9:00am: Prayer Gr.  6:30pm: Taekwondo  7:00pm: Pub Theology | **29** | **30** |