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First Lutheran Focus

March 2021

Address Service Requested



Orders for Easter Lilies can be made in honor of or in memory of loved ones. The price of the lilies is \$14.00 per plant and your payment must be made with your order. Names will be printed in the Easter bulletins.

Please fill out your order completely and turn into the
office by Friday, March 19th.

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by _____

of plants _____ x \$14 = \$ _____

PASTOR'S PAGE

We are coming up on the one-year anniversary of the Covid-19 pandemic shut down. Do you remember where you were and what you were doing as the reality of what this meant for you started to sink in? I do. In good Lutheran fashion I asked, "WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?" There was plenty of scrambling, phone calls, emails coming and going and an increased level of fear and disbelief.

2020 was quite a year and 2021 is keeping up the chaos...challenges...change. This is where we were in the church year. In some ways the season of Lent has continued with small glimpses of Easter, Pentecost, Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Lent provides an opportunity for self-reflection. It is also a great opportunity for practicing new habits or letting go of something. As I mentioned in my children's sermon on February 21, it is a chance to tighten our core and find our balance.

The pandemic shutdown has been a time to sort out what is important in our day-to-day life and our life of faith. Who are the people that you miss the most and what are the parts of the pre-shutdown that you do not need to restart? What are the celebrations that you missed out on or that have been postponed? Who will be missing from your gatherings because they have died or moved away, and you did not have a chance to really say goodbye?

There are positive things that have come about. There are a lot of people who have learned how to bake bread. There are many people who have toilet paper for several years. Many folks have figured out how to use technology when they thought they never would or could. First Lutheran has embraced online worship and we will continue to have a virtual presence as well as our in-person worship.

The verse that pops into my mind is Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight." What is rolling around in your thoughts as we reach the pandemic one-year mark? What have you put on hold? What do you still need to grieve? What is God saying to you and through you? How are you trusting in the Lord these days?

The other gift of Lent is knowing that we are heading to Spring. What new things are ready to come to life for you and for First Lutheran? What are you setting aside to make room what the new things that are coming? Hope is in the air... thanks be to God!

Pastor Becky



Catching up on business from 2020: Pipe Organ Proposals

About this time last year, the council made plans to have congregational meetings to take the next steps in repairing the pipe organ. But, because of the pandemic shutdown those meetings have been on hold. The council hopes that by this summer we will be able to safely meet in person to continue the process and want to take time to catch everyone up to speed.

Just what is a pipe organ? Wikipedia defines it thus:

The pipe organ is a musical instrument that produces sound by driving pressurized air (called wind) through the organ pipes selected from a keyboard. Because each pipe produces a single pitch, the pipes are provided in sets called ranks, each of which has a common timbre and volume throughout the keyboard. Most organs have many ranks of pipes of differing timbre, pitch, and volume that the player can employ singly or in combination through the use of controls called stops.

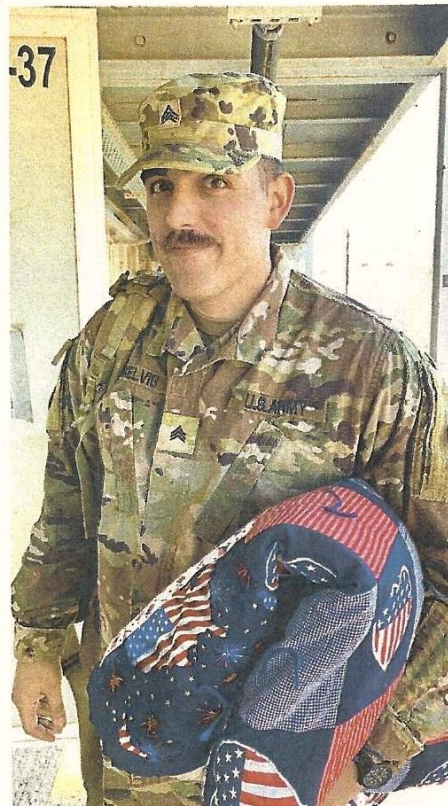
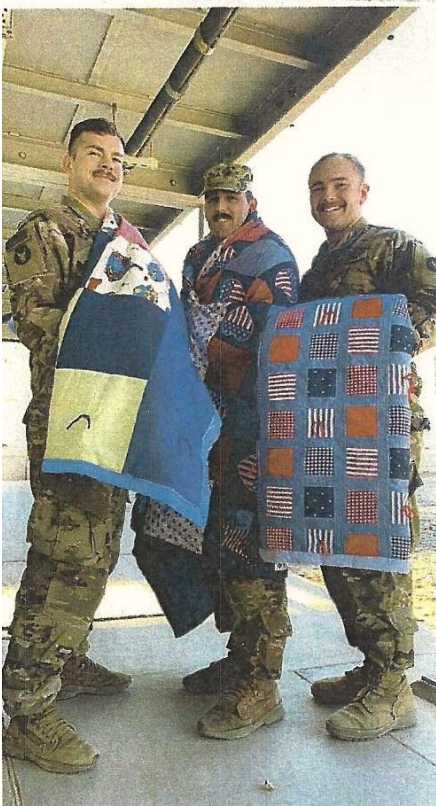
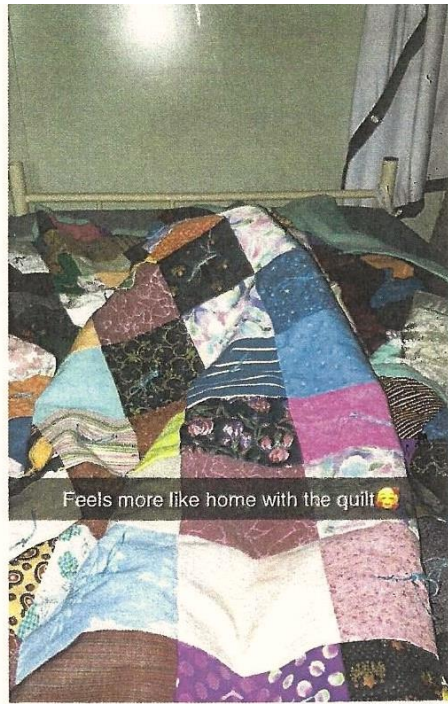
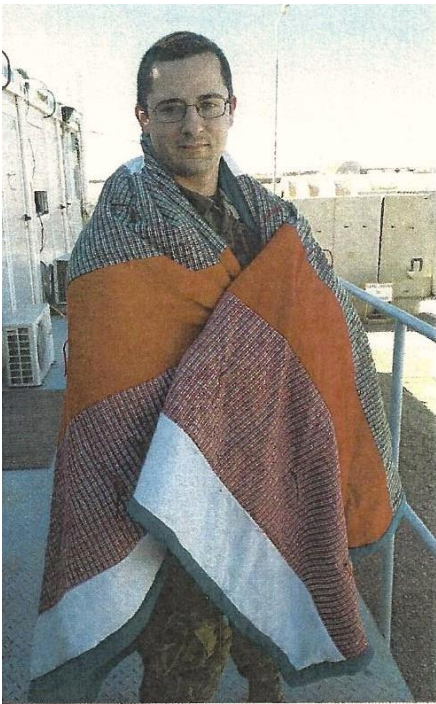
A pipe organ has one or more keyboards (called manuals) played by the hands, and a pedalboard played by the feet; each keyboard controls its own division, or group of stops. The keyboard(s), pedalboard, and stops are housed in the organ's console. The organ's continuous supply of wind allows it to sustain notes for as long as the corresponding keys are pressed, unlike the piano and harpsichord whose sound begins to dissipate immediately after a key is depressed.

As such, a pipe organ is a true acoustic instrument in that all notes produced by the instrument are from air driven through a pipe, much as a trumpet or a flute. A digital instrument, on the other hand, produces its notes via electronics as in a Moog Synthesizer.

First Lutheran was built to accommodate a pipe organ. When the original sanctuary was built (the largest Lutheran sanctuary between Minneapolis and Des Moines) the pipe organ from the old Northwood Lutheran was disassembled and re-assembled in the new church. The current pipe organ, installed by the Wicks Company in 1966 at an original cost of \$34,457, consists of 26 ranks with more than 1,586 pipes, each of different size and shape. The current console consists of two manuals and 21 stops.

-Provided by Tim Knutson on behalf of the Organ Committee





The quilters of First Lutheran Church were asked to donate 22 quilts to the Echo Det. Of the 1/194F who are stationed in Afghanistan. These quilts helped to keep these soldiers warm during the holidays and make it feel a little bit more like home.

Donations & Memorials

Donations:

Youth \$50
Good Samaritan \$120.00

Memorials

Library \$25 Mary Ihnen

First Lutheran Financial Update

January 2021

| | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Income | \$25,435.00 |
| Electronic Income | \$3,339.54 |
| Expense | (\$17,796.46) |
| End of Month | \$10,978.08 |

YTD as of Jan. 30

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|-------------------|---------------|
| Income | \$25,435.00 |
| Electronic Income | \$3,339.54 |
| Other Income | 0 |
| Expense | (\$17,796.46) |
| End of Month | \$10,978.08 |

First Lutheran Mission

January 1, 2020– February 28, 2021

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| Bremwood | \$ 150.00 |
| Operation Christmas Child | \$ 546.86 |
| Youth Fund (Bibles & Catechisms) | \$ 2,440.00 |
| Caring Tree | \$ 1,072.86 |
| Meals on Wheels | \$ 511.91 |
| Manna | \$ 3,267.83 |
| Heifer International | \$ 757.79 |
| Lutheran World Relief (Trust Fund) | \$ 7,000.00 |
| Riverside Bible Camp | \$ 164.95 |
| Camperships | \$ 45.00 |
| Good Samaritan Fund | \$ 2,417.49 |
| Lutheran Services | \$ 143.32 |
| Lutheran Disaster Relief –Iowa Storm | \$ 200.00 |
| Day Springs | \$ 230.00 |
| Northern Lights Shelter | \$ 100.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 18,878.01 |

January General Budget Expenses

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| PAYROLL: | \$ 12,812.97 |
| E-GIVING EXPENSE | \$ 68.11 |
| CHURCH MAINTENANCE | \$ 381.04 |
| UTILITIES | \$ 2,252.71 |
| TELEPHONE | \$ 213.29 |
| OFFICE EXPENSE | \$ 1,844.34 |
| MISC. EXPENSE | \$ 224.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 17,796.46 |
| INCOME | \$ 28,774.54 |
| NET | \$ 10,978.08 |

March Share Shoppe

LEAH Circle on March 6th

Staff Phone Numbers

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|--------------------------|--------------|
| Pastor Sogge | 612-718-9151 |
| Mark Willand | 641-390-1032 |
| Troy Bachtle | 641-430-8305 |
| Jan Thompson | 641-390-0883 |
| Christa Larson-Trenhaile | 641-390-0484 |



First Lutheran Church and Sunday School

Announcements

Congratulations to Jordan & Kally Reindl on the birth of their new baby.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jenny Wahl, who was recently injured in a snowmobile accident.

Congratulations to Ashley Leegaard and Travis Willier on the baptism of their son, Breckan David Willier on February 28th.

Congratulations to Sawyer and Michelle Schulz on the baptism of their daughter, Kennedy Jaymes Schulz on her birthday, February 28th.

Our condolences to Verna Weitzel and family on the loss of her brother, Art Kalvig, whose funeral was on Sunday, February 21st.

Our condolences to the family of Bob Reeder who's funeral was here at First Lutheran Church on Monday, February 22nd. May God comfort all who mourn his loss.

The new Lenten Banner is in memory of Lowell Gangstad from his family and Leila. ♥

If you or someone in your family is hospitalized and would like to be put on our prayer list, please notify the office at flc@flcnorthwood.org or call 641-324-2984.

We will no longer be collecting soup labels or stamps, no groups in our area use them anymore.

The First Lutheran Church Quilters could use more helpers. If you are interested in helping quilt, please come on Thursday mornings from 8:30-11:30am. We have a variety of tasks so you can choose if you'd like to pin, tie or sew. Please consider joining us, we also have a fun coffee break with snacks every week! For more information, call Lois Hogen at 324-1722 or Fran Olson at 324-2278.

Sunday School

***We will meet in the basement from 10:00-10:45am
and of course, masks required.***

March 7, 28

April 11, 18, 25

May 12, 19



- 1 **Jessica Butler, Sarah Odom**
- 2 **Kailey Eskildsen, Miranda Hodson**
- 3 **Piper Brunsvold, Richard Kraft**
- 4 **Larry Brekken, Jami Dahlby**
- 5 **Randy Severson**
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- 7 **Wanda Love**
- 8 **Arvin Lande, Keith Olson**
- 9 **Shawn Dahl, Levi Hanson, Janie Odegaard, Emmet Urbatsch**
- 10 **Jane Bloomingdale, Merle Hanson, Sandy Liljedahl, Amy Odom**
- 11 **Mark Johnson, Donna Tyrrell, Karli Watts**
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- 13 **Andrew Breitsprecher, Emily Christianson, Hannah Gentz, Dennis Johnson,**
 Hayden Moore, Blake Severson, Marilyn Skellenger, Melissa Thofson
- 14 **Allen Anderson, Mary Willand, Annika Sogge**
- 15 **Wesley Ballantyne, Alexis Halbach, Jaxon Tufte**
- 16 **Megan Ott**
- 17 **Gerald Hengesteg**
- 18 **Susan Cowell, Gary Nerlien, Craig Toft, Joan Watts**
- 19 **Kayla Hauge, Maynard Midtgaard, Jenna O'Neill Weitzel**
- 20 **Valerie Abrams**
- 21 **James Bloomingdale, Leila Gangstad, Brianna Schroader, Wyatt Willand, Laurie Camarigg**
- 22 **Cheryl Gentz, Paul Ubben**
- 23 **Nikkole Koenig**
- 24 **Hannah Severson, Hunter Julson, Samantha Haberman, Chad Trenhaile, Wyatt Turner**
- 25 **Sam Hengesteg, Jolene Hickie, Sharlene Stoddard**
- 26 **Sharon Aase, Ethan Adams**
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- 28 **Susan Grundel, Spencer Hulshizer, Molly Hunchis, David Penfold, Mark Tufte**
- 29 **Jay Hopperstad, Bruce Odden, Henry Horning**
- 30 **Marjorie Odden, Jayla Varner**
- 31 **Cindy Borcharding, Kollyns Kortan, Rose Marie Kruger, Evelyn Patterson**

MARCH 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--------------------------------|---|---|---|--|---|
| 28 | 1 11am: Staff Mtng. | 2 6:00pm: Worship Mtng. 7:30pm: AA – Al-Anon | 3 6:00pm: Bell Practice 7:00pm: Lenten Service 7:30pm: Choir Practice | 4 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Group 6:30pm: Taekwondo | 5  | 6 |
| 7 <u>Lent 3</u> 9:00am- Service with Holy Communion 10:00am- Sunday School 6:30pm- JH. Youth 10:15am- 9 th grade Confirmation | 8 11am: Staff Mtng. | 9 7:30pm: AA – Al-Anon | 10 6:00pm: Bell Practice 7:00pm: Lenten Service 7:30pm: Choir Practice | 11 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Group 9:30am: Conf. Pastors 6:30pm: Taekwondo | 12 | 13 |
| 14 <u>Lent 4</u> 9:00am- Service with Noisy Offering 10:00am- Council Mtng. Daylight Savings | 15 11am: Staff Mtng. | 16 7:30pm: AA – Al-Anon | 17  6:00pm: Bell Practice 7:00pm: Lenten Service 7:30pm: Choir Practice St. Patrick's Day | 18 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Group 6:30pm: Taekwondo | 19 | 20  1 st Day of Spring |
| 21 <u>Lent 5</u> 9:00am- Service with Holy Communion | 22 | 23 11am: Staff Mtng. 7:30pm: AA – Al-Anon | 24 6:00pm: Bell Practice 7:00pm: Lenten Service 7:30pm: Choir Practice | 25 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Group 6:30pm: Taekwondo | 26  | 27 |
| 28 <u>Palm Sunday</u> 9:00am- Service with Noisy Offering 10:00am- Sunday School 6:30pm- JH. Youth | 29 11am: Staff Mtng. | 30 7:30pm: AA – Al-Anon | 31 6:00pm: Bell Practice 7:00pm: Choir Practice | 1 Maundy Thursday | 2  Good Friday | 3 |