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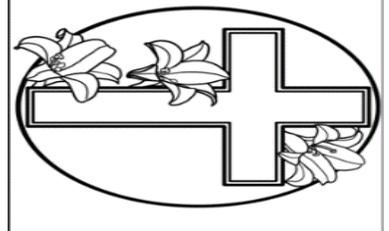
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First Lutheran Focus

March 2022

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Orders for Easter Lilies can be made in honor of or in memory of loved ones. The price of the lilies is \$15.00 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, April 1st.

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by _____

of plants _____ **x \$15 = \$** _____

PASTOR'S PAGE

Lent is an important time in the church year of hearing and living into our connection to the whole story of faith. The forty days of Lent connect us to the **forty days** Noah and his family spent in the Ark with all those animals. It is but a small amount of time compared to the **forty years** that the Hebrews wandered in the wilderness. It also connects us to the **forty days** Jesus spent fasting and praying in the wilderness before he began his public ministry.

Ash Wednesday is just a few days away where many of us who will worship will leave with the smudge of ash in the shape of a cross remembering that we are dust and to dust we will return. Other years have included a Shrove Tuesday pancake meal to use up the rich foods such as eggs, milk, and sugar, before the fasting period of the **forty days** of Lent. For some Christian traditions liturgical fasting calls for eating simple food while abstaining from meat, dairy products, or eggs. In the Lutheran tradition we have emphasized focus on self-examination.

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I invite you to spend an extra **forty minutes** in worship each week during Lent. Worship on Wednesdays won't be quite 40 minutes but will help give focus and be more intentional in our life of faith. If you are looking at the big picture, this is very do-able.

The **forty days** of Lent and **forty** extra minutes of worship are very do-able for us as it strengthens faith, builds community, and gives voice to our life as God's people. This fits well with the invitation and/or challenge to give up something for Lent or take on a new task. Whichever is challenging and life-giving is a great place to begin. To be honest I am glad the call is not to hang out in an Ark with a bunch of animals or a call to wander in the wilderness. Our call is to faithfully journey with Jesus to the cross and resurrection.

Pastor Becky



YOUTH NEWS

On Superbowl Sunday many of our Jr and Sr High students came to the Church to watch the big game. Throughout the night, we had lots of food and snacks, hung out, played a lot of shuffleboard, and a few people even watched the game.

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This past month we had a lesson called "5 Words" where we had to pick out five positive traits or things about ourselves that we liked and share them with the group. It's hard for some kids to pick out a few things about themselves that are positive, much less five. With the help of others, the lists were completed and then we focused on why God gave them to us and how we can use them to glorify Him with them.

The Heat was another fun lesson that we do each year right around Valentine's Day. The lesson starts with eating some normal snacks and progressively things get hotter and spicier! That leads into a discussion on Hell and what we know about it. I'm sure many of our students can't look at anything spicy for a while without thinking about a lesson like that.

Vets vs Noobs has officially started for both Youth Groups. During the entire Lent season, we have many competitions and games that go along with the church services that week. One of my favorite things about this is the Senior High students trying to learn as much as they can during the upstairs service, as they have a group quiz afterwards. Each week they have to not only remember what each service was about but continue to remember it as questions may be asked six weeks later! It's amazing how much they do absorb.



Looking forward into March we'll keep our normal schedule throughout Spring Break week. Even though we'll have many people on vacation, Youth will carry on as normal.



First Lutheran Mission

January 1 – December 31, 2021

Bremwood	\$
Operation Christmas Child	\$ 225.35
Youth Fund (Bibles & Catechisms)	\$ 990.00
Caring Tree	\$ 450.37
Meals on Wheels	\$ 401.62
Manna	\$ 1,635.13
Heifer International	\$ 36.00
Riverside Bible Camp	\$ 25.00
Campers Fund	\$ 50.00
Good Samaritan Fund	\$ 1,803.94
Lutheran Services	\$ 72.14
Dayspring Children's Village	\$ 575.00
Northern Lights Shelter	\$ 459.92
LRH Auxiliary	\$ 20.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,744.47

Donations

\$3,007.31 - Parsonage Maintenance
\$200.00 - Inspire Fund

Memorials

Shirley Meyer \$25 - General Fund
\$100 - Education
\$100 - Good Samaritan

Mission Project for March

Lutheran Services of Iowa

First Lutheran Financial Update

January 2022

Income	\$10,693.00
Electronic Income	\$3,167.68
Expense	(\$24,281.51)
End of Month	(\$10,420.83)

YTD as of December 31

Income	\$199,138.91
Electronic Income	\$36,918.54
Expense	(\$229,073.84)
End of Month	\$6,983.61

December General Budget Expenses

PAYROLL:	\$ 15,452.34
E-GIVING EXPENSE	\$ 42.78
CHURCH MAINTENANCE	\$ 295.19
UTILITIES	\$ 4,837.33
TELEPHONE	\$ 213.99
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$ 1,025.99
NE SYNOD	\$ 1,125.00
WORSHIP	\$ 258.50
MISC. EXP	\$ 4,328.35
BANK CHARGES	\$ 135.35
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 27,841.04
INCOME	\$ 42,318.90
NET	\$ 14,477.86

March Share Shoppe

LEAH Circle will be working March 5th

Staff Phone Numbers

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



Thank you to Thofson Plumbing and Heating for donating the labor cost for installing the new furnace at the parsonage.

Please take advantage of calling Thrivent throughout the year or your Choice Dollars are lost. Call by March 30th of each year and direct the dollars to First Lutheran Thrivent Fund. Directions: Call 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted say "Thrivent Choice". Have your policy number available. A representative will work with you to direct your dollars.

We extend our sympathy and prayer to the family of Bonnie Brevig who passed away Thursday, February 10th.

Thank you for your generous gift of money to Manna. It is greatly appreciated. -*Manna of Worth County*

Congratulations to Marcus and Madison Brandt on the baptism of their son, Keagan Paul. His sponsors are Heather Tobin and Josh Bartusek.

Congratulations to Bradly and Samantha Haberman on the baptism of their son, Buckley Taylor. His sponsors are Kyle Buehrer and Terran Haberman.

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Catechisms: Baylor Abrams, Harper Baker, Ethan Binnebose, Callan Brunsvold, Harper Haxton, Kash Hickie, Kaelix Iverson, Parker Iverson, Aubrey Johnson, Avery LaRue, Perkins Lawson, Keeghan Severson, Blake Stevens, Kinley Thompson, Mary Toresdahl, Abel Wheeler and Hudson Ziebell.

2022 Church Council

Tim Knutson, President

Kris Kenison, Vice Pres. & Social Ministry

Nikkole Koenig, Secretary & Worship/Music

Matt Johnson, Treasurer & Finance

Doug Fallgatter, Property

Mary Jo Senne, Care Groups

Mariah Ballantyne, Education

Megan Ott, Fellowship

Rich Selvig, Stewardship

Hayden Moore, Youth Representative

Annual Meeting for Shell Rock Cemetery Association

Is to be held on Sunday, March 6th at 2 pm at
Harlan and Barb Helgeson's home.

Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School class on
March 13th & 20th because of Spring Break.
Class will resume on March 27th

Wednesdays in Lent
The Journey of Forgiveness

March 2 – Ash Wednesday

10:00AM at the Lutheran Retirement Home

6:00PM Worship with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

March 9

12:00 in Chapel – Holden Evening Prayer

6:00 in Sanctuary – Inspire

March 16

12:00 in Chapel – Holden Evening Prayer

6:00 in Sanctuary – Holden Evening Prayer

March 23

12:00 in Chapel – Holden Evening Prayer

6:00 in Sanctuary – Inspire

March 30

12:00 in Chapel – Holden Evening Prayer

6:00 in Sanctuary – Inspire

April 6

12:00 in Chapel – Holden Evening Prayer

6:00 in Sanctuary – Inspire



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Please join the Confirmation Class as during this Lent, we're putting God's love in action by making Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits and Baby Care Kits. The loss and uncertainty of COVID-19 continues to hit our poorest neighbors around the world even harder. And we ourselves are restless after two years of wandering in the wilderness of a pandemic. We want to announce to the world that Christ makes a new season possible, a Season of Hope. We're excited to engage in this project as a community during our Lenten journey this year.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT: ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended. TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping. ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*. ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging. ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging*. Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope, no plastic bags or wrap.



- 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 Hickle,**
- 26 **Ethan Adams**
- 27 **Dani Gentz**
- 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 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 11:00am: Staff Mtng. 7:00pm: AA-Al-Anon	2 10:00am: LRH Ash Service 4:30pm: 7 th & 8 th Confirmation 6:00pm: Ash Wed. Service 7:00pm: Choir 7:00pm: SH. Youth	3 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	4	5 Baptism 
6 <u>Lent 1</u> 9:00am- Service with 1 st Communion for 5 th -6 th grade. 10:00am- Council Meeting 10:10am- Sunday School 6:30pm- JH. Youth	7 2:00pm: Julia Circle in Fireside Rm.	8 11:00am: Staff Mtng. 7:00pm: AA-Al-Anon	9 Noon: Holden Service 4:30pm: 7 th & 8 th Confirmation 6:00pm: Inspire 7:00pm: Choir 7:00pm: SH. Youth	10 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo 7:00pm: Pub Theology Pastor's Conference	11	12
13 <u>Lent 2</u> 9:00am- Service with N.O. 6:30pm- JH. Youth Daylight Savings Time Begins	14	15 11:00am: Staff Mtng. 7:00pm: AA-Al-Anon	16 Noon: Holden Service 2:00pm: Sr. Comm. 6:00pm: Holden Service	17 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo St. Patrick's Day	18 	19
20 <u>Lent 3</u> 9:00am- Service with H.C. 3:00pm- LRH Worship 6:30pm- JH. Youth 1st Day of Spring	21	22 11:00am: Staff Mtng. 7:00pm: AA-Al-Anon	23 Noon: Holden Service 6:00pm: Inspire	24 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo 7:00pm: Pub	25	26
27 <u>Lent 4</u> 9:00am- Service with N.O. 10:10am- Sunday School 6:30pm- JH. Youth	28	29 11:00am: Staff Mtng. 7:00pm: AA-Al-Anon	30 Noon: Holden Service 6:00pm: Inspire 7:00pm: Choir 7:00pm: SH. Youth	31 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo		