THE VOICE

of the First Lutheran Congregation

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Words From Pastor:

April 2023

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



HOLY WEEK - EASTER 2023

~Palm Sunday, April 2nd, 2023 9:30 worship, with Holy Communion

~Maundy Thursday, April 6th, 2023

7:00pm worship, with Holy Communion First Communion for 5th grade students

~Good Friday, April 7th, 2023 7:00pm worship

~Easter Sunday, April 9th, 2023

9:30 worship with Holy Communion

He has risen, He has risen INDEED!!

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What's In a Name – Just have Faith!

People often have nicknames, names they are called by family or friends. Sometimes these names come from a physical characteristic (such as someone with red hair being called "Red," or someone who is short being called "Shorty"). Sometimes nicknames are shortened versions of given names (someone being called Mike instead of Michael, or Beth or Betty or Liz instead of Elizabeth).

Biblical characters can have nicknames, too. For example, disciples James and John were sometimes called the Sons of Zebedee, and they also were known as "The Sons of Thunder." The disciple Simon was also known as Peter. There is one of Jesus' disciples whose nickname gives him a bad rap, and that is Thomas. Sometimes he is called "The Twin" (which isn't bad – apparently, he had a twin sibling?), but he is more commonly known as "Doubting Thomas," based on the story from John 20:19-31 we always hear the week after Easter.

We know the story: On Easter evening, the disciples are locked in the upper room, afraid, and Jesus appears. They think he is a ghost, but he shows him his crucifixion wounds, and they believe him. Unfortunately, Thomas was not there that night, and he refuses to believe what his friends have said (that they have seen a risen Jesus), but he <u>was</u> with them the following week, when Jesus appeared among them again. Once he sees for himself, then he believes. Because he didn't believe initially, he got the nickname of "doubting" Thomas.

But Thomas was not always, or only, a doubter! For example, in John 11:16 (in the story of Jesus raising Lazarus), it is Thomas who, when Jesus tells them plainly that Lazarus is dead, says, "Let us also go (to Judea/Jerusalem), that we may die with him (Jesus)." Thomas is backing Jesus up, saying, "We will continue to follow you, even as you walk into a dangerous situation, and if you die, we will die, too!" This does not sound like the proclamation of a doubter!

In John 14:5, Thomas shows himself to be a questioner. Jesus has just told the disciples that in his Father's house there are many dwelling places, he will go to prepare a place for them, then will return and take them with him to that place. He finishes, "And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" He isn't doubting that Jesus will go away and come back, but he is not quite clear on how this all works. He is asking for clarification or more information.

Thomas's unfortunate nickname "Doubting Thomas" sticks with him much more than if he would have been called "Brave Thomas" or "Questioning Thomas." Doubt does NOT mean unbelief or lack of faith! The dictionary says doubt is uncertainty or lack of confidence. Thomas was uncertain that his friends were telling the truth when they said they'd seen Jesus. He still believed in Jesus but wasn't merely going to take their word for it!

How often are we like this in our faith lives? We have faith, we believe, but we may be uncertain. Jesus' return to the upper room the following week, when Thomas was present, showed that Jesus

had faith in Thomas's belief in him. Jesus has faith in our belief as well, showing up in ways that make sense to us and our faith, to reassure us when we need a nudge, so we, too, can believe, as Thomas did.

Pastor Ann

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Doubting God - how can I overcome doubt in my relationship with God?

From: www.gotquestions.org

There are two primary ways Christians can stop doubting God. The first is reading the Bible. In order to stop doubting, trust must be built. But it is hard to trust a stranger, or even an occasional acquaintance. When salvation occurs and the Holy Spirit takes up residence in one's heart, it is just the beginning of a lifelong journey (and beyond) of getting to know God. The primary way of knowing God is <u>reading the Bible</u>. One thing that the Bible makes abundantly clear is that God is faithful, trustworthy, and good. As we fill our minds with the proofs of God's power and love through history, we are better able to overcome doubt. "Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ" (Romans 10:17).

The Bible is unique because it is God-breathed (2 Timothy 3:16), which means the words on the pages may look ordinary but they are inspired by the Holy Spirit. God's Word even "judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). Bible reading encourages us (Romans 15:4), satisfies and sustains us (Matthew 4:4), and guides us through life better than any GPS (Psalm 119:105). The Bible simultaneously reveals God to us—what He is like, what He loves, and what He hates. And the more a believer learns about the person of God, the more his faith will increase—and the less he will doubt.

The second way Christians can stop doubting God is <u>prayer</u>. Prayer may be the most difficult discipline to develop in the believer's life, but it is also the most rewarding. Our reading of Scripture should prompt our praying. In <u>Daniel 9:2–3</u>, we read, "I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the Lord given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years. So, I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes." In other words, Daniel knew from Scripture that God was going to end Israel's captivity, and that knowledge spurred him to pray. Why did Daniel pray for what he already knew would happen? Because Daniel knew that God uses the prayers of His people in the working out of His eternal purposes. If God is so benevolent that He would allow us such an important place in His plan for this world, surely we can trust Him to hear our prayers and answer them.

Not only does God hear our prayers, but whatever we ask in accordance with His will shall come to pass (<u>Luke 11:9–13</u>). In the words of Andrew Murray, "Let no delay shake our faith. Of faith it holds good: first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear. Each believing prayer brings a step nearer the final victory. Each believing prayer helps to ripen the fruit and bring us nearer to it; it fills up the measure of prayer and faith known to God alone; it conquers the hindrances in the unseen world; it hastens the end."

Our prayers should be made daily, in a quiet place with no distractions. It's good to keep a <u>prayer journal</u>. There's no need to write down every detail of your prayers, but do write some of your petitions, and, when God answers, write that down also. It won't be long before you have a bona fide record of how God supernaturally speaks into the lives of His children through answered prayer. This can be a tremendous help in overcoming doubt.

God doesn't want His people to doubt Him; He wants them to be confident in His love, watchfulness, and protection. Do not hesitate to call to Him; He has promised to answer (<u>Jeremiah 33:3</u>).

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March 2023 Offering

Monthly Income Needed to Operate	
Lenten Service (Ash Wednesday) – March 1 st Weekly Offering – March 5 th	
Lenten Service – March 8 th Weekly Offering – March 12 th	
Lenten Service – March 15 th Weekly Offering – March 19 th	
Lenten Service – March 22 nd Weekly Offering – March 26 th	

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If you need more offering envelopes, please stop into the church narthex or contact the church office to get another book.



<u>First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes</u> February 8th, 2023

Members Present: Craig Thies, Pastor Ann, Kristy Henriksen, Thad Reinert, Cristy Appel, Ingrid Wielenberg, Mike Straw, and Chris Hollingsworth.

<u>Call to Order:</u> President, Craig Thies, called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

Devotions: Craig T. suggested doing an ongoing Bible story as the devotions. There was discussion. People volunteered to do the monthly devotions instead. Devotions will be done as follows: Cristy A. – March, May & Oct., Ingrid W. – April & Nov., Kristy H. – June & Jan., Craig T. – July & Dec., Thad R. – Aug., Pastor Ann – Sept.

Treasurer's Report: Thad R. presented the financial reports, the reserve fund report, and the accounts payable report. The Council discussed the reports. Craig T. will check out the timing of the Kinner bill and the calculation on it. Discussed the value of the parsonage and how it will be changed in the reports next month. Kristy H. said that the \$5,000 donation to Shetek Camp is supposed to be made yearly. Cristy A. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and to pay the AP Report with clarification on the Kinner bill and to add the First Fruits payment of \$209.92. Ingrid W. 2nd the motion and it was approved. The Council discussed the First Fruits payments. It is distributed quarterly, and it is 1.5% of the offering. Next month the Council will decide the donations for the year and how to pay the \$5,000 donation to Shetek Camp.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed. Cristy A. made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as written. Kristy H. 2nd the motion and it was approved.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor Ann handed out her report for January and this was reviewed. She will be doing this every month going forward. Pastor is the Synod Secretary, so she attends all those meetings.
- Her office had a water leak yesterday. Craig & Mike stated that this happens every year. Griebel will be at the Church on Friday to look at the bell tower and the roof over the office.
- Pastor Ann explained the PAS homework folders donation, that she was approached about. Cristy A. made a motion not to advertise in the PAS homework folders this year. Mike S. 2nd the motion and it passed.
- Pastor Ann explained that the Classical Conversations group inquired about using our Church space next school
 year. The Council discussed this. Cristy A. made a motion to reject the request from the Classical Conversations
 group. Ingrid W. 2nd the motion and it passed.
- Pastor Ann went over the list of new members. New members will be received on 2/19/23. Kristy H. made a motion to accept the new members as listed. Cristy A. 2nd the motion and it was approved.
- The Council reviewed Pastor Ann's upcoming date list, from her January report.

President's Report

- Parsonage remodel is done.
- Fair Stand Committee They found out that a building permit is not needed to build the fair stand. Craig T. passed around the building plans for the Council to review. The grill would be outside of the building. The Committee will meet again and then bring their idea to the Council. If the stand is rebuilt, the goal would be to have it done by fair time.
- Church Roof Griebel is coming to look at the ice jam issue and the bell tower repair. We can't take off the bell tower because of the roof line.

• Open Council/Committee Positions – There are many positions to fill. Appointed positions are for 1 year. The Council discussed who could fill all the positions. Cristy A. and Mike S. will let Craig T. know about a couple of the positions after they talk to some people. Kristy H. may have a couple of names for V.P. Craig T. will contact Merit S. about the main contact for the Sunday School Committee. Endowment Committee – Cristy A. will check with Tami T. about Bob T. as the 3rd member of this committee as was noted in the 5/11/22 Council minutes. If not, Paul H. may be interested in this committee.

Vice-President's Report - none

<u>Committee Reports – Round Table</u> – all committees are new, so new ideas were discussed.

- <u>Congregational Life</u> Ingrid W. Get Sunday coffee time going again, picnics.
- Worship Cristy A. They are planning Lenten services, 5:30 pm on Wednesday, 7 pm for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.
- <u>Mission & Outreach</u> Kristy H. Still doing noisy offering February & March will be together. Looking for more projects.
- <u>Property Management</u> Mike S. Pews were fixed after 8 days of work. Gaps in the pew backs were fixed and supports under the seats. There is some tweaking to do at the parsonage cupboards and sliding glass door. They are still looking at what can be done with the North Church steps and the choir entrance steps.
- Adult Ed none
- Youth none
- Sunday School none

Old Business - none

New Business - none

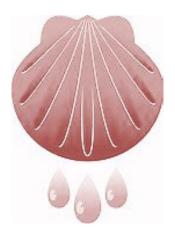
Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm, with the Lord's Prayer.

Chris Hollingsworth, Acting Secretary	

"The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things."

President Ronald Reagan

Church News & Events



Through Baptism, we welcomed:

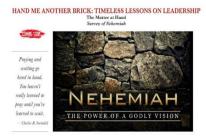
Amelia Kay Rohlk
into the family of First Lutheran on Friday, March 10th.
Her parents are Neal & Tishawnna Rohlk
Sponsors: Austin & Renae Carpenter
Austen & Kelsey Rohlk
Grandparents are Joel & Annette Carpenter

&

Mikaia Ray Alfson
on Sunday, March 19th.
Her parents are Brandan & Steph Alfson
Sponsors: Creighton & Tanya Schroyer
Laura Rudie
Grandparents are Scott and Carol Rudie



One more date remains for our Nehemiah book study. Our final date is Sunday, April 16th immediately after worship.



RADIO SPONSORS FOR 2023

If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast in 2023, we still have FOUR dates open:

**September 3rd

**October 29th

**September 10th

**December 3rd

Contact the church office to get signed up or send an email to the church office. The cost of the Radio Sponsorship is \$58 with the check being made out to First

Lutheran Church. Please make sure to write 'Radio' in the memo line along with the date you are sponsoring.

Pipestone County Hospice Grief Counseling

Pipestone County Hospice will be holding a 6-week adult grief support from April 13th to May 18th at the Pipestone County Hospice House. Grief support groups allow individuals mourning the loss of a loved one the chance to come together in a safe environment to discuss their experiences. Mourners are given a space to share his/her thoughts and emotions. The group will discover coping skills, discuss identity changes, and find support. Meetings will be on Thursdays from 7:00pm – 8:00pm. For more information or to register, please call (507) 825-6024.

CHURCH DIRECTORY 2022

Our church directory is a continual project that has no deadline. We are able to update the pictures and information on a regular basis. If you have any pictures that you take while attending church activities, please share them with the office so that we can add them to our directory. We hope to have much more added to the directory by the beginning of summer so that we can print out some copies for those members who are not able to view it electronically. If you have been able to get the directory app on your mobile devices or your computer, you can print a copy of the directory any time.

If you have any questions or problems accessing your directory, please contact the church office. Information is kept up to date on our website in case you have questions.

<u>Lutheran Men in Mission – SW MN Synod Spring Gathering – Saturday, April 15th, 2023 in Redwood Falls, MN (Gloria Dei Church):</u>

From 8:30am to 3:00pm, please register by Monday, April 10th. If you are interested, please contact John Woodford at 507-640-2472 OR email: johndiane@redred.com. Cost is \$25 per person or \$75 for 3 or more. Registration forms are available in the church office.



2023 SWO Convention
Date: Friday, May 5, 2023
@ Shetek Lutheran Ministries,
14 Keeley Island Drive, Slayton, MN
Theme: Renew, Redo, Rejoice
Theme Verse: Zephaniah 3:17b

F.L.C.W News and Activities

April 2023

Dear FLCW,

Welcome, Easter! We are finally seeing the hope of Spring!

Please to attend the worship services that celebrate this holy and special time of the church year.



FLCW was held on Tuesday, March 28th with coffee and rolls. The GATHER lesson was not available by mail, so copies were made from the website. I have been informed that due to the delay, each subscriber will be given a 2 issue extension on their subscription!

Our next FLCW meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25 at 11:30 am. We will be having a Luncheon Potluck. Bring those new recipe items that you want to try. I will be sending a text to those I can, but please also spread the word.

We are continuing to collect items for Personal Care Kits. The items are slowly arriving at church. We have a goal of 40 kits for the 40 days of Lent. We are not even close. Here are the needed items for each kit: 1 new bath towel; 2 (4-5 oz) bars of soap, any brand, in original packaging; 1 sturdy comb; 1 metal nail clipper (WE HAVE ENOUGH OH THESE); 1 adult-sized toothbrush in original packaging, may bring unopened multipacks.

These will be assembled after Easter. They will be taken to LWR later this year. There will be no truck at the Synod Convention this year to deliver them.

Our Salad Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 10. Watch for more details and how you can help make this a great event. We have not done this luncheon since 2019! I hope people are ready to attend this fundraiser and enjoy a lunch out at First Lutheran.

The Shetek Conference Spring Gathering will be held on Saturday, April 22 at American Lutheran in Windom. Katie Chapman, Environmental Ed Director for Shetek Lutheran Ministries will be the speaker. She is very knowledgeable and fun to hear. Reservations are needed for lunch. Darlene Muller and I will be attending, so we can all ride together. Cost is \$12. Let me know by April 15 if you would like to attend. Windom needs a number for lunch.

The SW MN Synodical Convention will be held on Friday, May 5 at Shetek Lutheran Ministries. It is so close to us this year! The theme is "Redo, Renew, Rejoice." The theme verse is Zephaniah 3:17, "He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will renew with His love; He will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival." We need a voting member for our voice on business matters. Katie Chapman will be the speaker as well as Pastor Heather Culuris, who led our Maundy Thursday service last year. Let me know if you want to attend.

May you celebrate this Easter season with the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

See you in church,

Kristy

Noisy Offering for APRIL will be collected for: Lutheran Emergency Response for flooding



Noisy Offering for February and March were raised for the Pipestone County Food Shelf. In the month of March, any monetary funds that were raised were MATCHED!

The total amount collected for the **Pipestone County Food Shelf** in February and March was: \$1403.11.

Thank you for your support of these important Outreach needs.

40 Days of Lent/40 Personal Care Kits

Since we did such a great job last year with the Personal Care Kit project during Lent, it is back for 2023!

A box has been placed in the Narthex for the needed items. The kits will be assembled after Easter and taken to the SW MN Synodical Convention in May for shipment to LWR.

Needed items are.

1 new bath-sized towel

2 bath-sized bars of soap (4~5 oz) any brand, in original wrapping
1 adult-sized toothbrush (in original packaging, multi-packs are accepted)
1 sturdy, wide-tooth comb

1 metal nail clipper (we have plenty of these already!)

Last year the 40 kits goal turned into 60 kits! Let's do that or better this year. Thanks for your help with this project.

Shetek Happenings



1 Corinthians 10:26

"For the earth is the Lord's and all it contains"

Shetek Conference Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering Saturday, April 22, 2023

American Lutheran Church

906 Prospect Avenue, Windom MN 56101

9:30 a.m. Registration/Coffee in Narthex & Skylight Court (east entrance to church)

Parking lot on north side of church

10:00 a.m. Gathering opens in Sanctuary

Singing, devotions, greetings, business (election of officers)

Featured Speaker: Katie Chapman, Environmentalist, Shetek Lutheran Ministries

Noon Catered luncheon in Fellowship Hall

Offering Objectives:

50% to Southwestern Minnesota Synodical Women of the ELCA 50% to Shetek Lutheran Ministries Capital Campaign



RSVP (for luncheon) needed by APRIL 15TH Send to Karen Skarphol 507.822.0785 jkskarp@windomnet.com

NOTE: Snow date is Saturday, April 29 - same place and times



Pre-Marriage Workshops

Saturdays – April 22nd OR September 30th, 2023 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Shetek Lutheran Ministries

14 Keeley Island Drive; Slayton, MN

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage! Shetek Lutheran Ministries would like to be a part of helping you get your marriage off to a strong start, by offering you and your fiancée a chance to think about some key marriage issues, together with other couples also ready to get married.

You probably know that the state of Minnesota offers couples a reduced rate on the marriage license if they put in at least twelve hours of pre-marriage instruction. This day will qualify for eight of those hours. The other hours you will want to spend with your pastor in planning your wedding and talking about your specific relationship.

Some of the topics we will cover will include:

- ✓ Communication skills and conflict resolution
- ✓ Financial matters and budgeting
- ✓ The spirituality of marriage

You can see that this is <u>not</u> a "wedding fair!" We won't be selling wedding gowns, or offering services for catering, etc. The focus on this workshop will be on what happens <u>after</u> you say "I do," and how to keep your relationship healthy.

Come and join us at camp on the shores of beautiful Lake Shetek. Directions and a printable registration form are available online also. You may also register online. Registration is only \$30 per couple. Included are rolls and coffee in the morning and lunch at noon. You don't have to be Lutheran to attend!

April 2023



14 Keeley Island Drive Slayton, MN 56172 507-763-3567 camp@shetek.org www.shetek.org

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



Work at camp this summer! - shetek.org/work-at-shetek



Have A Blessed Easter!

Mark your Calendar

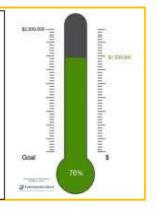
- April 1 Final Early Bird Registration!
- April 22 Pre-Marriage Retreat
- April 24-27 Quilt & Craft Retreat
- April 28-29 Confirmation Retreat Register at <u>shetek.org</u> or

Call 507-763-3567 for more information

Wish List

- 17 foot Aluminum canoe
- Vest style life jackets
- · Office supplies reams of paper
- Flat screen computer monitor
- Volunteers

We met our Phase 1 goal!
\$1,530,000 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/



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the ministry with a gift of \$100 - \$499 a
year and Timber Society members give
\$500 or more a year. Thanks for your
support!





SHETEK MINISTRIES

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

April 28th & 29th

6th to 8th Grade Parents: Be watching for more details coming your way soon.

This retreat will be attended by Pastor Ann and the students who are in grades 6th to 8th and are preparing for their confirmation!

Reminder that First Lutheran Youth will be serving at The Banquet in Sioux Falls on Wednesday, April 26th!!



5th Grade First Communion



Students in 5th grade and their parents met with Pastor Ann on Sunday, March 19th. Along with some instruction time, they were able to paint their own communion chalice and helped in the making of the communion bread that will be used for their First Communion. They closed out the evening with a potluck meal and some final thoughts from Pastor Ann. These students will have their First Communion during the Maundy Thursday worship service on Thursday, April 6th @7:00pm.

Congratulations to these students on their First Communion:

Coral Dengler Rowan Heidebrink Kale Mastbergen Oliver Sterud



WORDS OF WISDOM FOR KIDS & TEENS

~If you are always comparing yourself to others, you will never find out who YOU really are!!

~Never forget, you have more courage than you know!!



Advice for Christian Teenagers

From T.J. Mousetis

Your popularity doesn't mean squat. - The hours and hours I spent worrying about being popular were a big, fat, giant waste of time! I used to get such anxiety over the fact that I couldn't shop at the popular stores because they were too expensive or when the beginnings of a pimple would surface. God wants us to be selfless and humble and worrying about our popularity is the exact opposite of those things. I've also found that when you lean into who you are people will love the authenticity of it.

Learn how to talk to people. - To their faces, more specifically. I have noticed that kids don't even ask other kids to homecoming with actual words anymore! They use signs, t-shirts and food. The art of a conversation has been lost in a world of Snapchat, texting, Instagram and so on. But, when your friends are hurting and in pain a text message, Snapchat or Instagram won't be enough. They will need to hear your words, feel your embrace and want real, authentic human interaction. Learn how to talk to people so that at the moment someone needs hope you can be confident and tell them about Jesus and give them the ultimate hope!

Never stop inviting your friends. - While I was speaking at a youth group, I asked how many people invited someone to come tonight and I would guess that maybe 7% of hands went up. Just imagine if every week every single student at your youth group was inviting someone. If 100 students are at your youth group and all 100 invited people... Even if only 10% came that is still 10 more people who will be presented with who Jesus is!

Stop listening to crap. - I listened to metal, hardcore and screamo music in high school. It was all about teenage angst and being broken hearted. So guess what I did? I walked around with my hair in my face being full of teenage angst and feeling all broken hearted. And if all you listen to is rappers talking about how awesome and bad*ss they are, how do you think you going to walk around? If all you listen to is Taylor Swift telling you how crazy and confusing love should be, how do you think you are going to feel about love? I am not one of those people who think you need to listen to worship music exclusively, cause my wife and I certainly love rocking out to T-Swzzy from time to time, but I definitely would advise you to start adding worship music to your playlist. Let your heart be uplifted with the music you listen to. Listening to music that acknowledges the truths of God will help you acknowledge the truths of God.

The Cross

- 1. What did Jesus say to the judge, Pontius Pilate, when he was asked if he was the King of the Jews?
- 2. Who was the man the judge released instead of Jesus?
 - a. Judas
 - b. Peter
 - c. Barabbas
 - d. His name remains unknown
- 3. The Roman soldiers put a robe and a crown on Jesus. What was the crown made of?
 - a. Flowers c. Silver
 - b. Thorns
- d. Gold

- 4. What did Jesus carry on his shoulders?
 - a. The weight of the world
 - b. Guilt
 - c. The cross
 - d. He did not carry anything
- 5. What does Golgotha mean?
 - a. The land of the wicked
 - b. The hill of the unlucky
 - c. The place of the skull
 - d. The meaning is unknown
- 6. What was written on the sign Pilate placed on the cross?

- 7. When Jesus was carried away, how did the soldiers decide who was to have his robe?
- **8.** Who was standing by Jesus' cross?
 - a. His mother
 - b. His aunt
 - c. Mary Magdalene
 - d. All of the above
- 9. Where was Jesus' mother invited to stay?
- 10. What promise had Jesus made before he went to the cross?

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The place where the soldiers took Jesus to be crucified:

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114 The EVERYTHING KIDS Bible Trivia Book

April 2023 Worship Assistants

Date	Worship	Reader	Acolytes	Communion Assistant(s)	Ushers *(captain)	Sound
4-2-2023 *Holy Communion	9:30 a.m.	Lori Ilse	Zack Sneller	Cristy Appel	*Mark Christensen -Doug Kaffar -Tom Willey family -Bob Hubner -Cory Chaulsett family	Mark Zinnel
4-6-2023 Maundy Thursday	5:30pm		Troy Chaulsett	Ingrid Wielenberg	Confirmation students	Mark Zinnel
4-9-2023 EASTER *Holy Communion	9:30 a.m.	Tami Stevens	Josie Danks	Tami Stevens	*Mark Christensen -Doug Kaffar -Tom Willey family -Bob Hubner -Cory Chaulsett family	Neil Johnson
4-16-2023	9:30 a.m.	Gen Velde			*Mark Christensen -Doug Kaffar -Tom Willey family -Bob Hubner -Cory Chaulsett family	Mark Zinnel
4-23-2023	9:30 a.m.	Kristy Henriksen			*Mark Christensen -Doug Kaffar -Tom Willey family -Bob Hubner -Cory Chaulsett family	Jason Weber
4-30-2023	9:30 a.m.	Cynthia Portz			*Mark Christensen -Doug Kaffar -Tom Willey family -Bob Hubner -Cory Chaulsett family	Neil Johnson

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.	Good Samaritan, Pipestone
Carol Foss	Good Samaritan – Prairie Creek, Sioux Falls
Darrell Foss	Good Samaritan, Sioux Falls
Joyce Kunz	Good Samaritan, Pipestone

April 2023 Birthdays

4/1	Jessica Chaulsett			Tom Abrahamson	Prior Evans	
4/2	Lacey Fritz Rob Schloendorf	Laura Rudie Tracie Skyberg	4/14	Hayes Muller	Bryer Evans	
4/3	Dave Buffington	Bianca Claussen	4/17	Mike Thode		
4/3	Chris Evans	Elliott Sterud	4/18	Becky Kaffar		
4/4	Brooke Harms			Dar Eslick	Chally Karlayyaki	
4/6	Carly Alderson	Kaitlyn Ilse	4/20	Connor Wagner	Shelly Kozlowski	
	Carla Stanga			Ŭ.		
4/7	Nick Schulze	DJ Scotting	4/21	Alvin Huebner	Mick Myers	
4.70	Braeden Benz	Travis Boucher	4/22	Chris Hummel	Kim Wolff	
4/8	Wade Newgard		4/24	Aubrey Brockberg	Calvin Musch	
4/9	Brian Danks	Tracy Musch	1/21	Kevin Musch	Brittney Reinert	
4/10	Judy Hansen	Dale Roemmich	4/25	Cheryl Greenhoff		
4/11	Kiley Houselog		4/28	Joyce Capp		
4/12	Joyce Kunz Gene Spicer	Maxten Schulze	4/29	Millie Danks	Kashton Schroyer	
4/13	Kaleb Stevens	Judy Stubbe	4/30	Alice Heller		









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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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PALM SUNDAY ~9:30am Worship *Holy Communion (live-streamed)	3	4	5 ~Lent Service – 5:30pm ~NO L.I.F.T ~Church Committee mtgs Lori in the office gone	Maundy Thursday service @ 7pm 5 th gr First Communion	Good Friday service @ 7pm	8
9 EASTER SUNDAY ~9:30am Worship *Holy Communion (live-streamed)	Easter Monday OFFICE CLOSED	11	~6:15pm- L.I.F.T ~8:00pm Church Council	~9:30am– Quilting	14	15
~9:30am Worship (live-streamed) *10:30 Bible Study meets	17	18	~6:15pm– L.I.F.T	~Pastor Ann out of office @Conf. mtg. ~9:30am- Quilting	21	~Shetek Spring Conf gathering @Am. Lutheran in Windom
23 ~9:30am Worship-(live-streamed) 30 ~9:30am Worship-(live-streamed)	24	25 ~11:30 am -FLCW Group Circle Potluck luncheon	~Youth serve at the Banquet ~6:15pm- L.I.F.T	27 ~9:30am– Quilting	OFFICE CLOSED ~Confirmation Retreat @Shetek	29

You can view or listen to First Lutheran Church Services on:

*Radio – on KLOH (1050AM) at 10:30am every Sunday

^{*}Television – Public Access TV (channel 3) at 12pm & 5:00pm every Wednesday.

^{*}Facebook Page - Live-streamed every Sunday morning at 9:30am.

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Worship schedule:

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- 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 second Wednesday of each month @ 8 p.m.