

"Welcome to Worship"

God is here for you,
In the word and sacraments, in the love
of this community.

Welcome- it's great to have you here!
Thank you for choosing to worship with
us at First Lutheran today.

Third Sunday in Lent
March 12th, 2023
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

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***Scattering seeds of love,
worship & service***

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship:

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: #658 – O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(a moment of silence for personal reflection)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved

our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Kyrie: Page 138

Hymn of Praise: Page 140

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin, the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So, Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Here ends the First Lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95 (please read responsively)

R: Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

C: Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

R: For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

C: In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.

R: The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

C: Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

R: For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

C: "Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.

R: There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

C: Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, 'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'

R: Indeed I swore in my anger, 'They shall never come to my rest.'"

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Here ends the Second Lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: Please stand in honor of the reading of the gospel.

The **Holy Gospel** is taken from **John** (John 4:3-42)

C: Glory to you O Lord.

[Jesus] left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria. So came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons

and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So, the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows, and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: #777 – Come To Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty (vs 1-4)

Responding to God's Word

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen

Offering / Offering Hymn: #692 – We Are an Offering

Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you
P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Hymns: #471 – Let Us Break Bread Together
#487 – What Feast of Love

Prayer After Communion

P: Let us pray.

C: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

God's People Sent Forth

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: # 807 – Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you. C: Thanks be to God.

Welcome! It is GREAT to have you here! Thank you for choosing to worship with us here today.

We practice open Communion at First Lutheran. If you believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, his body and blood shed for you, you are welcome to our table. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

The Worship Radio Broadcast is sponsored today in celebration of Max Taubert's birthday by his family.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns: We pray for Mavis Pierson on the passing of her brother, Case Vos and his wife Doris this past week. We also continue to keep Chuck and Dorie Sendelbach in our prayers on the passing of Chuck's mom, Beverly. We also continue to keep Carly Burkard, Lance Oye, Joyce Kunz, Sharon Blom and Jan Harkema in our prayers.

***** If you or someone you know has a Prayer Concern, please call the church office 825-5837 to have it listed in the bulletin and church webpage. You can also email the church office@firstlutheranpipestone.org.**

This Week's Schedule (March 12th to March 19th)

Today: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS (if you are here, you did your part!) 9:30am – Worship w/Holy Communion at the church live streamed; Nehemiah Book Study following worship; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Wednesday: 5:30pm - Lenten service; L.I.F.T. & confirmation will meet after the service; 12:00pm & 3:00pm- Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

Thursday: 9:00am – 1:00pm Pastor Ann hosting Conference meeting – Fireside Room

Friday: Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Saturday: AM – Baby shower (Ahlers) in Fellowship Hall

Sunday: 9:30am Worship w/Holy Baptism (Alfson); 3:00pm – First Communion Class (5th gr students and parents); Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

| March 2023 Offering | |
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| Monthly Income Needed to Operate>> | |
| Lenten Service (Ash Wednesday) – March 1st | |
| Weekly Offering – March 5th | |

Extra offering books are available on the table in the narthex. Please feel free to take another book if you are running low or contact the church office if you would like one sent to you!! Simply Giving is also available online.

Noisy Offering FEBRUARY & MARCH will be collected for: Pipestone County Food Shelf

The total amount collected for the Food Shelf to-date is **\$240.99**.

Please note that in March, donations will be MATCHED!!! Checks are accepted and can be made out to the Food Shelf.

Thank you for your support of these important Outreach needs.



TONIGHT (March 12th) at 7:00 PM, the local youth (middle & high school), college students and young adults will be coming together at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center for a time of youth & Spirit led Worship & Testimonies. The Spirit of God is moving throughout the country and the area youth leaders are hoping this opportunity will spur a Jesus Revolution among our young people.

A Prayer for Pipestone will be held on Monday, March 13th (this Monday)

at 7 pm on the top floor of Nokomis Apartments. The Ministerial Association will be praying over the City of Pipestone. Feel free to join us if you are interested! (NOTE: the date was wrong on the calendar in The VOICE)

First Lutheran is part of the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations, and therefore we are able to attend the association's annual meeting. It will be Saturday, April 29, 2023, from noon-3 pm, at the college. It includes lunch (free), speakers, a tiny bit of business, and honoring of an alumnus. If there someone who is a graduate of Gustavus, or has/had a family member attending Gustavus who might like to attend this annual meeting, please see Pastor Ann!



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

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.

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Upcoming Events – mark your calendars!!

| Date | Event | Additional information |
|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| April 28-29, 2023 | Confirmation Retreat | More information will be forthcoming. |

*Register for these events online at: www.shetek.org or contact the church office for a registration form.

The 37th Annual Shetek Quilt Auction Fundraiser will be held Saturday, June 24 in the Activity Center at Shetek Lutheran Ministries camp. The quilt committee invites churches, individuals, quilting groups and Shetek friends to participate with the donation of quilts, wall hangings, table runners, wood crafts, needlework, theme baskets etc. We will be mailing out forms for you later. If you would like your items to be seen online, please drop them off at the camp by May 1st, 2023.

“ Items can be delivered to the camp office or mailed to the camp.

Shetek Lutheran Ministries - 14 Keeley Island Drive - Slayton MN 56172

| | Week | 2-4 Grade | 4-6 Grade | 7-9 Grade | 10-12 Grade | Specialty | Cross-Generational | Offsite Opportunities |
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| 1 | June 11-16 | | 4 th -6 th Grade | Confirmation Camp 7 th -9 th Grade | CIT Training | | ABC Camp June 11-12 GPGC June 14-16 | |
| 2 | June 18-23 | 4-H Camp | | | | | | 10 th -12 th Flambeau River Ramble |
| 3 | June 25-30 | 3 rd -4 th Mini June 25-27 | 4 th -6 th Grade | 7 th -9 th Grade | | | GPGC June 28-30 | |
| 4 | July 5-7 | 2 nd -3 rd Mini July 5-7 | 4 th -6 th Mini July 5-7 | 7 th -9 th Mini July 5-7 | | | GPGC July 5-7 | |
| 5 | July 9-14 | | | | Agape - Ages 14 + July 9-14 | SOS Camp July 10-14 | | |
| 6 | July 16-21 | | 4 th -6 th Grade | 7 th -9 th Grade | | | ABC Camp July 16-17 Family Camp July 21-23 | |
| 7 | July 23-28 Christmas in July | 3 rd -4 th Mini July 23-25 | 4 th -6 th Grade | 7 th -9 th Grade | | | GPGC July 26-28 | |
| 8 | July 30-August 4 | 3 rd -4 th Mini July 30-Aug1 | 4 th -6 th Grade | Confirmation Camp 7 th -9 th Grade | | | GPGC Aug 2-4 | |
| 9 | August 6-11 | | 4 th -6 th Grade | | | Explorer Camp (5 th -8 th Grade) | ABC Camp Aug 6-7 GPGC Aug 9-11 | |



2023 Summer Schedule
www.shetek.org

Early Bird registration is due by April 1st. To register online, go to: www.shetek.org

Additional Events at Shetek Lutheran Ministries:

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| Saturday, March 18th Saturday, April 22nd OR Sat., September 30th | 8:30am – 4:00pm | Pre-Marriage Workshops - \$30 includes rolls, coffee and lunch |
| Saturday, March 25th | 6:00-8:00pm | Shetek Square Dance |
| Sunday, March 26th | 9:00am – 1:00pm | Sugarbush Pancake Breakfast – free will donation! |

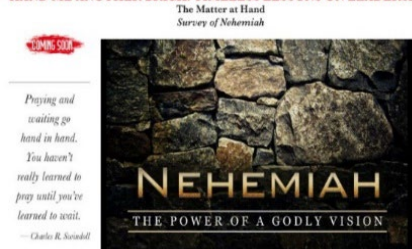
Shetek Conference for Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering – Saturday, April 22nd, 2023 in Windom, MN:
From 9:30am to noon, please RSVP for the luncheon by April 15th. Please send your RSVP to: Karen Skarphol
– phone: 507-822-0785 OR by email: jkskarp@windomnet.com.

CHURCH DIRECTORY 2022

All members should have received an email or a letter in the mail regarding log-in information as well as how to get your picture and family information updated in the online church directory. Information is also available on our website so make sure to check that out. Let the office know if you need someone to take your picture for the directory. We can help you with that as well!!



HAND ME ANOTHER BRICK: TIMELESS LESSONS ON LEADERSHIP



All are welcome to join in on our book study!
Contact the church office to sign up or to order a book.
Books can also be purchased on Amazon.
Dates for Book Study will be as follows right after worship:
(TODAY) March 12th and April 16th.

First Lutheran Church “Partners in Ministry”

“Partners in Ministry” is a program that is now available at First Lutheran. We are excited have people who will be making home visits, provide a listening ear, and prayer support to members of First Lutheran Church. The “Partners in Ministry” servants are also willing to bring communion to people who are unable to attend worship. These volunteers are here to serve the greater community of First Lutheran. Are you facing surgery and want prayer? We are here for you. Would you like a friendly visitor to share in your journey of faith and life? We are here for you. Call the church office 825-5837 to find out more information. The people who are willing to serve as your “Partners in Ministry” are:

Nancy Finzen
LaDonna Myers

Carol Johnson
Mavis Pierson

Becky Kaffar
Judy Stubbe

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During the month of March our congregation is joining people of good will from across the state to help alleviate hunger. Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign is the largest food drive in the state, and congregations like ours are the heart of the campaign.

Individuals in Minnesota accessed food shelves a total of 5,505,100 times in 2022. This was an increase of 1,900,000 visits from 2021. That's a 53% increase.

During 2022, the Pipestone County Food Shelf distributed 187,064 pounds of food, representing 143,895 meals, to 6841 individuals. That's a 75% increase over 2021.

This year our congregation will be collecting both food and cash contributions February 27 thru April 9, 2023. Donations made during the March Campaign are important to help the Pipestone County Food Shelf secure additional grant funding from Minnesota FoodShare and help provide nutritious food for those in our community that are in need.

Donations of cash or food can be made directly to:

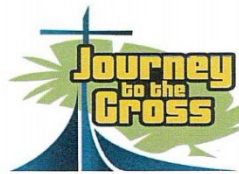
Pipestone County Food Shelf

223 2nd Street N.W.

Pipestone, MN 56164

ALL LOCAL DONATIONS REMAIN IN PIPESTONE

Journey to the Cross



Three Strands Lutheran Parish is sponsoring Journey to the Cross, an outreach and educational event for our parish congregations and community. This powerful program invites families to experience the road to Calvary and the path to the empty Easter tomb. Through activities based on Scripture, participants

experience the joy of Palm Sunday, the disappointment of Judas' betrayal, the devastation of the crucifixion, the jubilation of the resurrection, and so much more. Small groups of people will walk to 13 sites for activities that relate to the Passion event. At each station, they will engage their senses will be engaged through an experience-focused activity and interaction with biblical characters that teach the biblical Passion account. Site activities include:

- Tasting Passover foods and learning about the Lord's Supper.
- Praying with an olive garden owner who tells about the Garden of Gethsemane.
- Touching a crown of thorns and seeing a whip to imagine the true pain of Jesus' trials and suffering.
- Listening to an angel and Mary, wife of Clopas, report about Jesus' resurrection.
- and much more.

Sunday, March 26th

2:00 to 4:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

401 Wall St. E., Jasper, MN.

Free!

Free!

DAILY INSPIRATION:

*Spring into the day with
anticipation!*

*...a people that are his very own,
eager to do what is good.*

~Titus 2:14

Three Strands Lutheran Parish is a joint parish formed by Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Pipestone, St. John's Lutheran Church in Trosky, and Trinity Lutheran Church in Jasper, Minnesota. For more information check our website threestrandsparish.com or pastormoeller@threestrandsparish.com