

"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.

Second Sunday in Lent
March 5th, 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: #618 – Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer

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: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children.

Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, 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: Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So, Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

Psalm 121 (please read responsively)

R: I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

C: My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

R: The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

C: Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;

R: the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

C: the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

R: The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

C: The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

Second Lesson: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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 3:1-17)

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever

believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: #323– God Loved the World (vs 1,2,4,5)

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: #496 – One Bread, One Body

#790 – Day by Day

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: # 660 – Lift High the Cross

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 by First Lutheran Church.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns: Our thoughts and prayers to Chuck and Dorie Sendelbach on the passing of Chuck’s mom this past week. 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 5th to March 12th)

Today: 9:30am – Worship w/Holy Communion at the church live streamed; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Wednesday: 5:30pm - Lenten service; L.I.F.T. & confirmation will meet after the service; 8:00pm – church council; 12:00pm & 3:00pm- Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

Thursday: 9:30am – Quilting

Friday: 1:00pm – Baptism (Rohlk)

Saturday: 9:00-11:00am – Pastor Ann at Synod Council meeting

Sunday: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS (spring clocks ahead 1 hour!); 9:30am Worship/Holy Communion at the church; Nehemiah Book Study after worship; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

February 2023 Offering	
Monthly Income Needed to Operate>>	
Weekly Offering – Feb. 5th	
Weekly Offering – Feb. 12th	
Weekly Offering – Feb. 19th	
Weekly Offering – Feb. 26th	

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 \$74.50.

Thank you for your support of these important Outreach needs.

Beautiful Life Women's Conference:

Growing Together, at American Reformed Church of Luverne, featuring Jennifer Dukes Lee and her book: *Growing Slow*. This in-person event will be April 15 from 9am-4pm. Doors open at 8am. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Register by calling 507-283-8600 or sign up at <https://bit.ly/BLWC23>. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Early bird registration is \$40 per person. Last day for early bird registration is March 12. Registration from March 13 to April 2 is \$50 per person. NO tickets available at the door. Follow us on Facebook at Beautiful Life Conferences.

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
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	<i>4-H Camp</i>						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:

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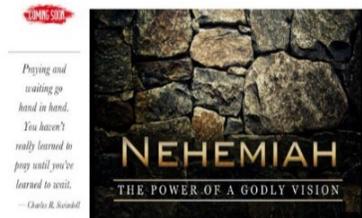
Saturday, April 22nd OR Sat., September 30th		
Saturday, March 25th	6:00-8:00pm	Shetek Square Dance
Sunday, March 26th	9:00am – 1:00pm	Sugarbush Pancake Breakfast – free will donation!

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
The Master at Hand
Survey of Nehemiah



ONLY TWO DATES LEFT!!

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:

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

Carol Johnson

Becky Kaffar

LaDonna Myers

Mavis Pierson

Judy Stubbe

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DAILY INSPIRATION:

Faith is unseen but felt, faith is strength when we feel we have none, faith is hope when all seems lost.

I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined me and heard my cry. He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my steps.

~Psalm 40:1-2