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of First Lutheran Congregation



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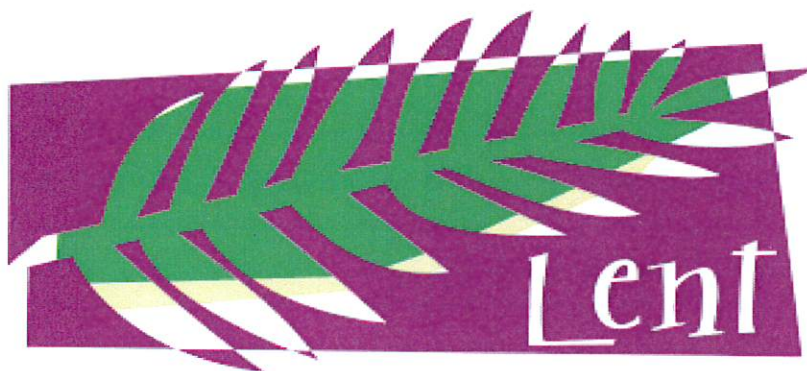
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*We are all one body, one spirit, compelled by Christ to share his Word
and the promise of salvation. Matthew 28*

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Greetings pilgrims on the journey,

I love the word pilgrim and journey. A pilgrim is a person who journeys or is a wayfarer, or is one who travels. During the season of Lent, we travel with Jesus from the wilderness to the upper room and to the cross. We take time to be with Christ and ponder his love for us. His love was made known as he taught people, healed people, and journeyed with his disciples. In Lent, we are not only pilgrims but we are on a journey. A journey is a passage from one place to the next. We journey with Jesus and one another as we prepare our hearts.

Our theme for Wednesday night worship services will be: **"THE BODY OF CHRIST."** **Worship will be at 5:30 starting on Ash Wednesday, February 17th.** Our worship service will help us to consider our Lord's humanity, the human body in which He lived, suffered and died. The question of us for this Lent is, "How are we to live as the body of Christ today?" Another question we will seek to answer is, "How do we use our body to serve Christ?" Join us for this time of worship and meditation.

Ash Wednesday will be a traditional service with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. Here are themes for each week of Lent:

February 17th: Ash Wednesday- traditional service

February 24th: Feet of Christ

March 3rd: Hands of Christ

March 10th: Mouth of Christ

March 17th: Ears of Christ

March 24th: Eyes of Christ

March 31st: Heart of Christ

April 1st (Maundy Thursday) Blood of Christ

April 2nd: (Good Friday) Body of Christ

April 4th (Easter) The Risen Body of Christ

SPECIAL ASH WEDNESDAY OPTION....

Pastor Joyce will be offering times during Ash Wednesday for you to come during the day to receive the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. The Worship Committee recognizes that not everyone is comfortable coming to worship during this time of COVID and also, that due to busy schedules 5:30pm may not fit into your schedule. During the day at 20 minute intervals, you are welcome to come for a brief 20 minute period to receive the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. Please call the church office so we know what time you are interested in coming and to know if we will need to add more time. We are limiting the time to five people at a time. Masks will be required as will be social distancing. If you have questions please call Pastor Joyce.

Here are the times that Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion will be served:

9:00am	1:00pm
9:20am	1:20pm
9:40am	1:40pm
10:00am	2:00pm
10:20am	2:20pm
10:40am	2:40pm

From 2-3:00pm, we will be offering drive thru Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. Simply come to the east parking lot and drive up to the door and we will come out to share the blessing of the presence of Christ with you.

I look forward to connecting with you and serving you.

So journey with us during this season of Lent as we travel alone yet together as the body of Christ and embrace the love of Christ.

+Pastor Joyce





Cultivating Generous Congregations – Jan. 2021

Stories of Generosity

First Lutheran is starting 2021 with four new Council members. They are Craig Thies, Kristy Henriksen, Dave Dulus and Tonya Schroyer. We thank them for offering their time and talents to the congregation in this way. Please include them in your prayers for wise leadership and a passion for the mission of our congregation.

We also thank those members who will be going off the council for their contribution to the life of First Lutheran. They are Paul Henriksen, Kristen Brockberg, and Shelia Johnson.

Called to serve – First Lutheran needs you.

Our council has decided to continue First Lutheran's relationship with Pipestone Meals on Wheels. You may know that this group uses our kitchen daily to assemble meals and as a distribution point for the program. They are always looking for volunteers. Another suggestion from Meals on Wheels is to make a bag lunch that can be eaten over the weekend. This may be a project for a group in the church.

Our Council committee leaders are set up. There will be opportunities to help each committees work. If you were not able to commit to a whole term of service at this time, think about joining committee members for one day or for a short term project as your schedule permits. Be watching for announcements about activities and projects. The more help the better.

Financial Update

What is a narrative budget? It can be used as a story about how First Lutheran practices good stewardship of the gifts entrusted to us. The line item budget is still necessary but when you look at it there is little inspiration in building costs and salary for employees. These are necessary costs for maintaining and growing our congregation. A narrative budget looks different. It gives emphasis to how the spirit is at work in a congregation. By adding categories based on mission, faith formation, worship, stewardship and pastoral care we can see a better picture of how our money followed our congregation goals even in a year of isolation and mortgage payments. Be watching in the next couple months as a review of 2020 is completed and will be presented here as part of this financial update.

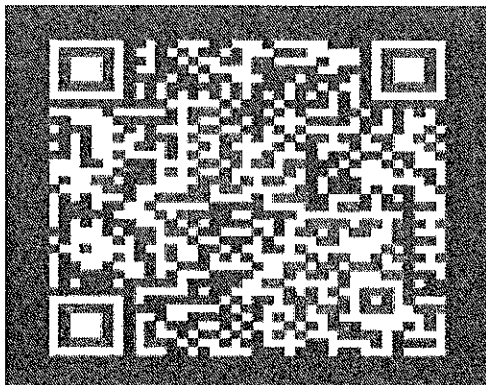
“The life of faith is entirely responsive, springing from gratitude rather than duty.” Theologian Sondra Wheeler

January 2021 Offering

Monthly Income Needed to Operate	\$	17,800.00
Weekly Offering – Jan 3	\$	8,620.56
Weekly Offering – Jan 10	\$	2,714.53
Weekly Offering – Jan 17	\$	4,357.65
Weekly Offering – Jan 17	\$	7,854.12
Weekly Offering – Jan 24	\$	8,749.53
Weekly Offering - Jan 31	\$	
Other Income	\$	2,400.00
Total Monthly Offering	\$	

Now there are Four Methods to use Simply Giving

1. Your church offerings can be made weekly, every other week, or monthly through electronic funds transfer from your checking or savings account
2. Free Mobile Giving App enables your church offerings to be made securely from anywhere, with 1-tap. Plus, it's completely FREE!
3. You will be able to use your Credit card at the Church.
4. Below is a Quick Response (QR) code. When you scan this barcode-like QR code image with a smartphone's QR decoder, it will instantly connect you to the mobile version of the church's web page.



The Value of Giving



The Pipestone County Food Shelf, like many other non-profit organizations in our Community, and the region, relies heavily and/or entirely on volunteers to provide its services. In the case of the Food Shelf, we also receive food donations from our local “food rescue” partners as well as individuals, businesses and organizations within the community. What is the value of these “gifts?”

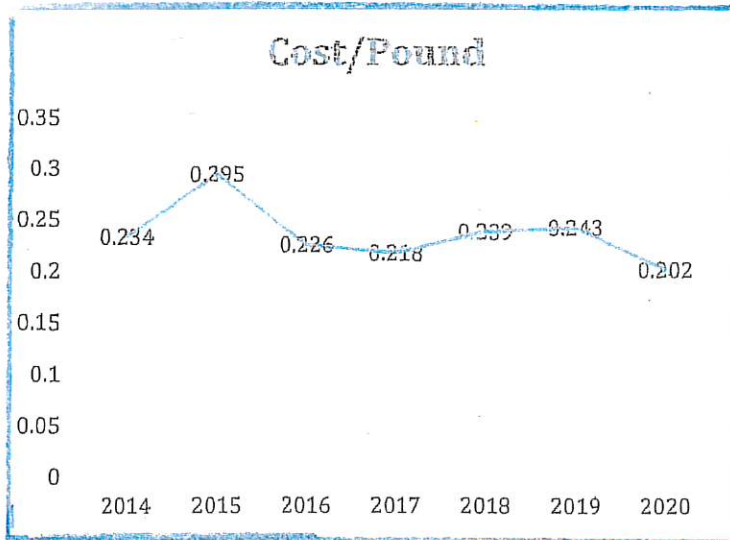
The Food Shelf relies on seventeen churches and one non-profit which compromise the board of directors to provide volunteers to work the distribution at the Food Shelf each week. These organizations provide volunteers each week on a rotating basis throughout the year. In addition, there are seven individuals that help with our deliveries from Second Harvest Heartland two times a month, by unloading the truck, break down pallets, inventory delivered items, and set up the produce area.

In total this means that a little over 350 individuals donate over 2500 hours each year to keep the Food Shelf operating. What is the value of this donated time? A United States membership organization says each volunteer hour is worth \$27.20. Using that metric, the value of hours donated at the Food Shelf would be \$68,000.

Our “Food Rescue” partners (Coburn’s and Hanks Foods) along with JB Foods, JBS, Pipestone Holdings, and numerous individuals and organizations from the local area donated 19,330 pounds of food in 2020. Feeding America, assisted by RSM, US, LLP, reviewed accounting records supporting the amount of donated product, as well as the recalculation of the approximate average wholesale value of one pound of donated product at the national level for all product donations for the calendar year 2018. This report is divided into 29 categories as well as an average valuation between \$1.60 - \$1.65 per pound of donated product. Based on a valuation of \$1.60 per pound of local donations would be valued at \$30,928.

On volunteering: “If you don’t volunteer during your working years, you probably won’t after you retire. Research indicated that while about 75 percent of people who volunteer while working continue their service in retirement, only about a third of people who don’t volunteer while working start after retirement. If you do volunteer, you might even feel better. Research shows that volunteers experience less depression, better quality of relationships, increased social interactions and social support, and less loneliness.”

Source: Stanford Center on Longevity

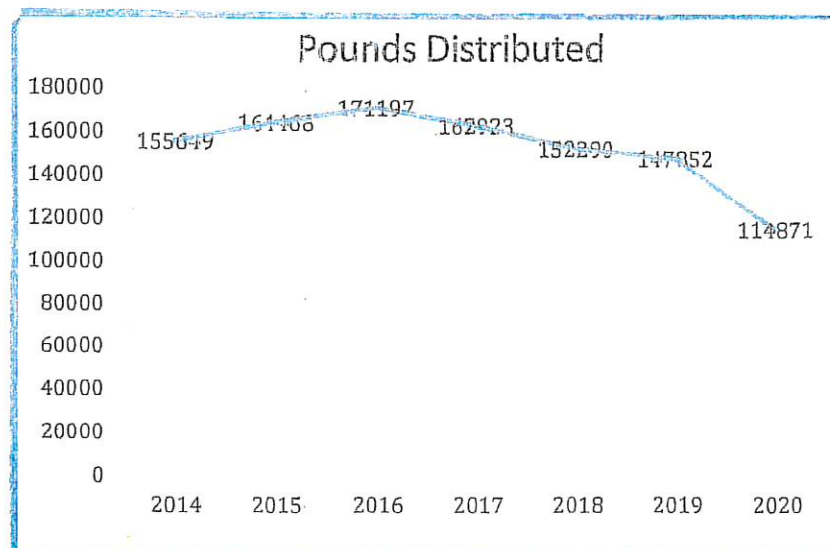
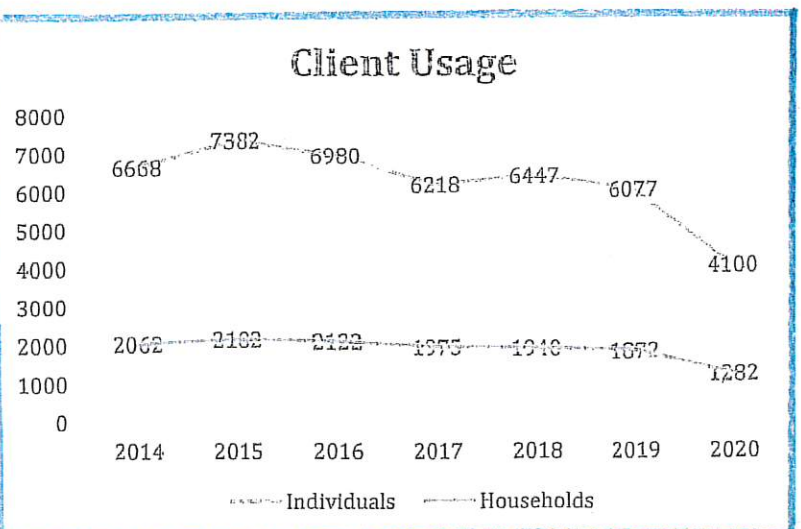
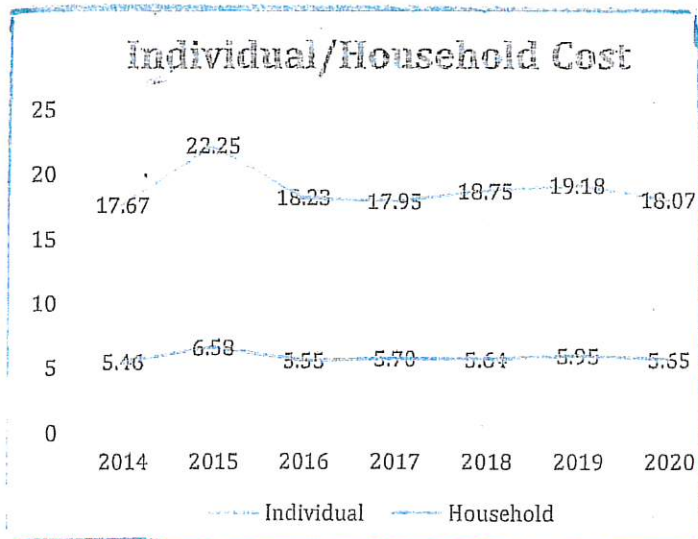


PIPESTONE COUNTY

FOOD SHELF

ASSISTANCE

DISTRIBUTION GRAPHS





February is American Heart Month

How to Observe American Heart Month

1. Get moving!

It's never been easier to start exercising. Our digital world is overflowing with all sorts of apps and information to help you find an exercise regimen that works for you — and to stick with it.

2. Cook up a tasty, heart-healthy meal.

There's plenty of good and healthy recipes out there. Why not whip one up? Maybe a chicken and bean tostada with avocado. Yum!

3. Wear red. Go red. Glow red.

The American Heart Association also encourages people to participate in "National Wear Red Day For Women" on the first Friday in February. According to the AHA, it's a "massive national public awareness day ... urging women, people from all walks of life ... to 'go red' and 'glow red'" in bringing attention to heart disease.

2021 RADIO BROADCAST OPENINGS

Thank you for your continued support of sponsoring the First Lutheran Radio Broadcast. The 2021 Radio Broadcast schedule is now posted in the office hallway. If you wish to sponsor a 2021 RADIO BROADCAST - please sign up for the Sunday of your choice. The cost of sponsoring a broadcast is \$58.00.



NOISY OFFERING for PAS Wellness Center Project

Thank you for your support of the 'Noisy Offering' that was collected for the PAS Wellness Center project. The total amount given to this date is \$79.90.

The Wellness Center (WC) project is a room that works to provide many different resources to care for the whole student. The WC is open to any student in the Pipestone School District. It has winter clothing, personal hygiene needs, food, clothing & other items. It also serves as a Counseling Center for students to go to when they need to talk with someone. The WC also helps to pay for families who struggle to pay for their school lunch account. The WC exists solely based on donations. Tanya Schroyer oversees this vital program in our school. This is another way for us to support our youth and the school.

CHURCH COUNCIL

First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes – January 13, 2021

Members Present: Pastor Joyce, Paul Henriksen, Nancy Johnson, Brenda Kellen, Scott Sterud, Tami Taubert, Sharleen Ludolph, and Chris Hollingsworth.

Call to Order: President Paul Henriksen called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

Treasurer's Report: Sharleen L. presented the financial reports, the reserve fund report, and the accounts payable report. These were reviewed and discussed by the Council. Brenda K. made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as written and to pay the accounts payables as noted with changes. Tami T. 2nd the motion and it was approved. It was mentioned that the audit was done last night and everything looked OK.

Devotions: We continued with the Growing Young Core Commitments video series. The topic was empathy. Nancy led the discussion and followed with prayer.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the December meeting were reviewed. Tami T. made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, 2nd by Scott S. Motion was approved.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Joyce talked about empathy and visiting members. Adult Ed needs to meet because people are inquiring about the next book study. Pastor & Brenda will get together to discuss.

Campfirmation is going well. It is hybrid – some are attending by Zoom.

Pastor is the Conference Dean and she has been working a lot with organizing a meeting to elect the new Bishop. The meeting to start this process is 2/21/21.

Pastor Joyce has been talking with pastors who are struggling during this time. People are being stretched. Tomorrow night, Pastor is part of a small group meeting, Cultivating Congregations. They will be discussing how to keep building generosity in the new year.

Pastor is looking ahead to the 5th graders and 1st communion. There are 5 weddings and a couple of baptisms on the calendar for 2021. Ash Wednesday is 2/17/21. There was discussion about options for putting ashes on people's heads. The worship committee will review this and the Lent services.

Pastor is continuing with technology improvements, how to get young families involved, how to get committees jump started again, and how to get people to come back to worship in the church. There was discussion about Facebook Live options – congregation viewing and greetings.

Pastor is taking the last Sunday in February off.

President's Report:

Still looking for someone to update the church's web pages on an ongoing basis. This will be a paid position. Paul thanked the Pastor for all her work during this wild year. He also thanked Tami, Mark, and all who helped with the worship services. Paul stated that there is a good Council group this year and it will be next year too.

Vice-President's Report:

Nancy asked if we should get more "Growing Young" books – Pastor will follow up on this. Nancy has been working on the Narrative budget.

Committee Reports

- Adult Ed – Brenda K. – Sent her year review to Ellie. 1 yr – book study. 3 yr – Growing Young.
- Property Management – Scott S. – handed out the 1 yr and 3 yr report. Report was reviewed.
- Worship – Tami T. – They have no 1 and 3 yr plans yet, but are meeting Wednesday to discuss.

Old Business – None**New Business**

- Brenda K. made a motion to use the Endowment Donation to pay the Food Shelf \$915.36. Tami T. 2nd the motion and it was approved.
- Scott S. made a motion to approve the change of the automatic transfer at First State Bank, from \$2,482.59 to \$2,517.36. Tami T. 2nd the motion and it was approved.
- Meals on Wheels – They have been using the church kitchen since April. They have asked if they can continue to use the kitchen, because there is no room at the new Senior Center for this program. The City does not fund this program. There was discussion – maybe church could do some extra Saturday bag lunches and help with deliveries. Tami T. made a motion to let Meals on Wheels continue to use the church kitchen through 2021. Brenda K. 2nd the motion and it was approved.
- Memorials – Paul distributed a handout for a new committee, the Memorial Committee. This committee would track the funds given as undesignated memorials. It would consist of 2 members, one who is a council member. Tami T. made a motion to set up a Memorial Committee. It was 2nd by Scott S. and approved.
- Undesignated Gifts – The percentages of how to distribute non-designated gifts was reviewed. A motion was made by Brenda K. to update the percentages as follows: Benevolence 15%, Debt Reduction 0%, Endowment 35%, Capitol Improvements 35%, Sabbatical 2%, Reserve & Misc 13%. Nancy J. 2nd the motion and it was approved.
- Annual Meeting – Council discussed the meeting. It will be January 24th at about 10:30 am. Need 22 people for a quorum and Zoom options were discussed.
- Pastor left the room. Paul stated that Pastor Joyce and Ellie had their annual reviews and both received satisfactory ratings. Council had discussion and we are pleased with their work. Discussion was tabled until next month.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 pm, with a prayer from Pastor Joyce, followed by the Lord's Prayer. Chris Hollingsworth, Secretary

FLCW Group Circle Potluck
Tuesday, Feb., 23rd @ Noon
Church Fireside room





SHETEK
LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

Valentines Day Drive Thru Dinner

Join us at camp for a special drive-thru meal on **February 14, 2021** from
11am-1pm!

\$10/plate

Menu: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Salad, a Breadstick, and Sugar Cookies

Reserve your plate by **February 8, 2021!**

Head over to www.shetek.org, email camp@shetek.org, or call
(507)-763-3567 for more information!

Please call (507)-763-3567, email camp@shetek.org, mail, or register online at www.shetek.org

Must pre-register by February 8, 2021!

Shetek Lutheran Ministries

14 Keeley Island Dr

Slayton, MN 56172

Name _____ Email _____

Number of Plates _____

Phone _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

SHETEK CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

Sunday, February 21, 2021

2:00 p.m.

Snow date: Sunday, March 7

American Lutheran Church

906 Prospect Avenue

Windom, MN

Zoom link will be provided to conference pastors.

All are welcome. Each congregation may have up to 6 lay voting members.

Items of business will include nominations for the Bishop's election, revisions to the conference constitution, and the conference election.



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God's work. Our hands.

*"Lead me from death to life,
From falsehood to truth;
Lead me from despair to hope;
from fear to trust;
Lead me from hate to love,
from war to peace.
Let peace fill our heart, our world,
and our universe."
+Celtic Prayer*

VISITATIONS

If someone is ill or in need of a Pastoral visit, please call Pastor Joyce on her cell phone @ 507-276-5543 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. If you know of someone with special needs of any kind, please contact Pastor Joyce or the church office.

Kay Buranen.....	Good Samaritan
Darline Dalin.....	Good Samaritan
Allen Houg	Good Samaritan
Fern Horton.....	Falls Landing



Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism Eve Lorraine Erickson was born on July 18, 2020, daughter of Carly & Tom Erickson was baptized at First Lutheran on Sunday, January 3, 2021. Eve's sponsors are Krista Johnson and Cody & Angela Fritz.

2021 Offering Envelopes

The 2021 Offering envelopes are available in the narthex. Please stop to pick up your Offering envelopes before or after Church.

The 2021 envelopes are not numbered, so be sure to include your name on the envelope to enable you to receive credit.

Church Mortgage

With the church mortgage having been satisfied, all future offerings/gifts designated to the Building Fund, will now be allocated to the Capital Improvement/Investment Fund (e.g., furnace repairs/replacements, installation of lights, carpet replacement, etc.,)

BABY CARE KITS

It's time to start thinking about collecting items for the Baby Care Kit items

- sizes up thru 24 months may be used:

- 2 lightweight cotton t-shirts
- 2 long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers without feet
- 2 receiving blanket, medium weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted up to 52" square
- 4 cloth diapers, flat fold preferred 2 pairs of socks
- 1 jacket, sweater, sweatshirt with hood, or include baby cap
- 1 hand towel 2 diapers pins
- 2 bath sized bars of gentle soap in original wrapping



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Time	Reader	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Sound
02/07/21	9:30am			Bob Fritz Jason Weber Michael Thode Dave Dulas Dan Wagner family	Mark Zinnel
02/14/21	9:30am			Bob Fritz Jason Weber Michael Thode Dave Dulas Dan Wagner family	Neil Johnson
02/17/21 ASH Wednesday	5:30pm				
02/21/21	9:30am			Bob Fritz Jason Weber Michael Thode Dave Dulas Dan Wagner family	Brandon Willey Mark Zinnel
02/24/21 Lent service	5:30pm				
02/28/21	9:30am			Bob Fritz Jason Weber Michael Thode Dave Dulas Dan Wagner family	Mike Straw

02/01 Aria DeZeeuw
02/01 Marli Taubert
02/04 James Skyberg
02/05 Ed Gustafson
02/05 Rowan Heidebrink
02/05 Kai Schroyer
02/05 Makhia Wilson
02/06 Dennis Hazelton
02/06 Nathan Schloendorf
02/07 Karli Buffington
02/07 Doreen Hansen
02/08 Megan Newgard
02/10 Sandy Roemmich
02/12 Mary Kuiper
02/15 Vivian Brockberg
02/15 Jennifer Mathews
02/15 Carol Rudie
02/15 Tylan Vanderwal
02/16 Liam Schroyer
02/19 Rob Woodbury
02/20 Darrell Foss
02/20 Noah Maschino
02/22 Raelynn Buffington
02/22 Melissa Scotting
02/22 Dusti Werner-Sabers
02/23 Mason Griebel
02/23 Mary Hartke
02/23 Dawn Heidebrink
02/23 Tish Kalla
02/23 Craig Stevens
02/24 Lindyn Houselog
02/25 Fern Horton
02/25 Graesyn Schulze
02/26 Alike Houselog
02/27 Neil Johnson
02/28 Bob Fritz
02/29 Mason Musch



02/01 LaDonna & Mick Meyers
02/05 Barb & Larry Rieck
02/08 Carol & Paul Johnson
02/14 Mildred & George Carstensen
02/16 Erin & Kris Mastbergen



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>FEBRUARY</u>	1	2	3 6:15pm Campfirmation 7:00pm Property Mgnt meeting	4	5	6
7 9:30am Worship/ Holy Communion at Church & live streamed	8	9 8:30am Ministerial Assoc. meeting	10 8:00pm Council meeting	11 9:30am Quilting 4-5:00pm Second Harvest	12	13
14 9:30am Worship at Church & live streamed 11am-1pm Shetek Valentines Day Dinner	15	16	17 <u>ASH</u> <u>Wednesday</u> 9-11am & 1- 3pm Imposition & Holy Communion 5:30pm Lenten Service	18	19	20
21 9:30am Worship /Holy Communion at Church & live streamed 2:00pm Shetek Conf. Assembly	22 Presidents' Day - Church office will be closed.	23 Noon FLCW Group Circle Potluck	24 5:30pm Lent Service	25 9:30am Quilting	26	27
28 9:30am Worship at Church & live streamed	<u>March</u> 1	2	3 5:30pm Lent Service	4	5	6

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First Lutheran Church Council meets on the
 second Wednesday of each month @ 8 p.m.

First Lutheran Church Committees meet on the
 first Wednesday.