

THE VOICE

of First Lutheran Congregation



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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 faithful Lenten pilgrims:

Ash Wednesday, March 6th, begins our journey of 40 days of Lent. Lent is a rich time of preparing our minds, bodies, and spirits, for the resurrection of Jesus. Lent calls us to ponder on the meaning of Christ's death and resurrection. Lent begins with the imposition of ashes reminding us that we are from dust and to dust we shall return. We are reminded that we will die. Yet, the ashes are placed on our forehead in the shape of a cross reminding us that Christ conquered death and as baptized children of God we live with the promise of life, forgiveness and grace.

Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 for worship. Supper will be served beforehand at 5:30. Our Wednesday evening worship theme is: ***Sensing the Gospel: A Five-Part Series of Meditations for Lent.*** Each week we will look at how Jesus interacted with different people. We encounter God in many different ways. We will look at how did Jesus touch people? How did he see people? How did Jesus listen to people? What were some of the meals (taste) Jesus ate with people? As Jesus went to the tomb of his friend Lazarus what was the smell of death was surrounded him?

We meet Jesus through our senses and our bodies. Come and hear and see and taste, and let Jesus touch your life this Lenten season.

Holden Evening Prayer will be the liturgy that we will be using. I know many of you are familiar with that. Also each week you will be given something to take home with you to remind you of how Jesus has touched your life.

Starting on **Sunday, March 10th** our worship theme will be: **“Busy: Reconnecting with an Unhurried God.”** No matter what our life is like, working or retired, young children, empty nesters, no children, married, single, divorced widow or widower, all of us are busy. I hear over and over that people are longing for space and time to just to catch up with themselves. I know some of you may say you are busy doing nothing. Well, come to worship Sunday mornings for a time to unplug from e-mails, texts, phone, work, and demands. Make time for the God who calls us to cease from struggles and our calendar demands and the sense of trying to do more or be more. Think of the image of an empty and that is God calling you to just sit and be in his presence. The worship service will look and feel different as we gather and slow down and take a breather and just be with God and one another. I look forward to this journey of reconnecting with the God who calls us, who loves us, forgives us, and renews us.

Heavenly Father,

As I enter my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you.

Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace.

Give me rest in you.

Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment.

Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you.

Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving, and come closer to you through prayer this Lent. Amen.



Pastor Joyce

Busy.... Reconnecting with an Unhurried God.

The season of Lent has often been a time when we think about “giving something up”. But what is we thought less about “giving up” and more about “making room?” In this Lent series we will find out what it really costs to be so busy. Let us reconnect to an unhurried God. The theme draws on the need for self-care in order to continue our work of caring for others. It addresses the growing intensity and frenetic pace of life. The series will invite folks to practices of making room, clearing out. Slowing down, and prioritizing for the sake of holistic lives. The holistic life involves living with the rhythms that allow us to thrive, finding a balance between work, play, rest, and reflection.

Here are our themes for ***Sunday morning worship*** that I encourage to come and experience worshipping God and letting go.

March 10th: “The Right Tempo”: Matthew 11:28-30

March 17th: “Preparing a Table”: Psalm 23

March 24th: “Turing In”: Luke 10:38-42

March 31st: “Living Light”: Luke 29-34

April 7th: “A Time for Every Matter” Ecclesiastes 3



MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

We are people who have five senses: taste, touch, smell, hear, and see. We use them all the time and we do not ponder about how God uses those senses to communicate and connect with us. Our Wednesday evening Lenten services will focus on these five senses. We invite you for a time of supper & fellowship at 5:30pm to taste and

listen as we engage in conversations. Worship will begin at 6:30 where we will experience one of the five sense each week.

March 13th: TOUCH We will look at Jesus' encounter with as he reached out and touched at young man who had died. (Luke 7:11-15). Jesus enters into the pain and grief of a family and by his touch he brings life and healing. Where in your life do you need to experience the life-giving touch of Jesus?

March 20th: SIGHT In the Bible sight is used as a metaphor for faith. In John 9 we hear of the man born blind. Jesus restores his sight but more important the man finds his place in the family of God. We are blind to many things in our own life and in the lives of others. Lent is a time to take the blinders off of our life and look at our own spiritual need for Jesus healing touch.

March 27th: TASTE Jesus ate many meals with many different people. He was invited to be the guest at a wedding. People attended a wedding and experience a feast and the best wine. Jesus comes to offer us a taste of life and forgiveness and grace. Come and ponder and taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

April 3rd: HEARING There are so many voices and sounds that call to us each day that sometimes the voice of God is drowned out. In John 7:31-37 we hear of Jesus restoring the hearing to a deaf man. Just image the joy and freedom he had at hearing sounds of family, singing, laughter, and joy. How are we deaf to the words of life that God offers.

April 10th: SMELL Sometimes we take the sense of smell for granted. We only notice when things smell bad. Jesus and the disciples and family of Lazarus knew the smell of death John 12:1-3. The Apostle Paul reminds us that we are the aroma of Christ. Come and sense the presence of Christ as he leads us from death to life.

April 17th MAUNDY THURSDAY All of the senses come together as experience Jesus presence in the Last Supper with his disciples. This is the night to be remembered and celebrated. This is the night we celebrate with young people who will receive the gift of bread and wine, in the gift of Holy Communion. A time to celebrate life and all the gifts of the senses.

40 Ideas For Keeping a Holy Lent

www.houseforall.org

- Day 1: Pray for your enemies
- Day 2: Walk, carpool, bike or bus it.
- Day 3: Don't turn on the car radio
- Day 4: Give \$20 to a non-profit of your choosing (Sunday) Worship God
- Day 5: Take 5 minutes of silence at noon
- Day 6: Look out the window until you find something of beauty you had not noticed before
- Day 7: Give 5 items of clothing to Goodwill
- Day 8: No complaining day
- Day 9: Do someone else's chore
- Day 10: Buy a few \$5 fast food gift cards to give to homeless people you encounter (Sunday) Worship God
- Day 11: Call an old friend
- Day 12: Pray the Paper (pray for people and situations in today's news)
- Day 13: Read Psalm 139 <http://bible.oremus.org>
- Day 14: Pay a few sincere compliments
- Day 15: Take your favorite mug...pause & have a warm cup of coffee, tea, hot chocolate while thanking God
- Day 16: Educate yourself about human trafficking www.praxus.org (Sunday) Worship God
- Day 17: Forgive someone
- Day 18: Fast from spending time on the internet & Facebook
- Day 19: Change one light in your house to a compact florescent
- Day 20: Check out morning and evening prayer at <http://dailyoffice.wordpress.com>
- Day 21: Ask for help
- Day 22: Tell someone what you are grateful for (Sunday) Worship God
- Day 23: Introduce yourself to a neighbor
- Day 24: Read Psalm 121
- Day 25: Bake a cake
- Day 26: No shopping day
- Day 27: Light a candle and say a prayer for peace
- Day 28: Light a candle prayer for our nation (Sunday) Worship God
- Day 29: Write a thank you note to your favorite teacher
- Day 30: Invest in canvas shopping bags
- Day 31: Use Freecycle www.freecycle.org
- Day 32: Donate art supplies to your local elementary school
- Day 33: Read John 8:1-11 <http://bible.oremus.org>
- Day 34: Worship at a friend's mosque, synagogue or church and look for the beauty (Sunday) Worship God
- Day 35: Confess a secret
- Day 36: No sugar day – where else is there sweetness in your life?
- Day 37: Give \$20 to a local non-profit
- Day 38: Educate yourself about a saint www.catholic.org/saints
- Day 39: Pray for peace
- Day 40: Pray for your enemies (you probably have new ones by now) then decide which of these exercises you'll keep for good



First Lutheran Church 2019 Officers, Council Members & Elected Committee Members

Officers

President – Paul Henriksen

Vice President – Nancy Johnson

Secretary – Patti Peterson

Treasurer – Shar Ludolph

Financial Secretary - Lori Alderson

Council Members

Adult Education – Gail Barduson

Committee members – Brenda Kellen, Craig Thies, Nancy Johnson

Sunday School – Kristen Brockberg

Committee members - Lisa Sneller, Ingrid Wielenberg, Erin Gordon, Kim Bosma

Congregational Life – Teresa Jansen

Committee members – Kelli Velde, Sheila Johnson, Doreen Henderson

Outreach & Mission – Gen Velde

Committee members – Joyce Colvin

Property Management – Neil Johnson

Committee members – Craig Thies, Darrell Foss, Val Johnson, Mike Straw

Worship – Tami Taubert

Committee members – Dorie Sendelbach, Cristy Appel

Youth - Debbie Reinert

Committee members – Mari Wagner, Kevin & Erin Musch, Nicole Weber

Committees

Endowment – Chuck Sendelbach, Patti Peterson, Steve Werner

Nominating – Robert Douty, Mark Zinnel

Shetek Bible - Darlene Muller

Audit – Jake Velde, Steve Werner

Convention Delegates – Paul & Kristy Henriksen



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thousands of organizations are using Tithe.ly all over the world to increase giving and generosity.

Free Mobile Giving App

The Tithe.ly iOS & Android native mobile giving apps enable our church to give securely from anywhere, at any time, with 1-tap. Plus, it's completely FREE!

You will be able to:

Give in seconds with just a couple taps

Designate a gift to one or more funds in a single transaction

Schedule regular automated giving (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, etc.)

Manage account & payment information

View giving history

***More details will be coming.

2019 February Offering

Operating	\$	17,800.00
Mortgage Principle	\$	4,400.00
Income Needed	\$	22,200.00
Weekly Offering - Feb3	\$	4,058.08
Weekly Offering - Feb 10	\$	1,392.62
Weekly Offering- Feb 17	\$	4,723.00
Weekly Offering - Feb24	\$	2,044.00
Monthly Offering	\$	12,217.70
Other Income	\$	1,740.00
Total	\$	13,957.70

******* If you want to designate your offering to used toward the Building fund - your offering will go to the monthly mortgage, unless you write on the envelope to be used toward Building principle.**



First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes February 13, 2019

Members Present: Pastor Joyce, Paul Henriksen, Nancy Johnson, Patti Peterson, Shar Ludolph, Teresa Jansen, Gen Velde, Debbie Reinert, Tammy Taubert, Kristen Brockberg, Gail Barduson, Mark Zinnel, & Neil Johnson.

Members Absent: None.

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

Devotions: Devotions were given by Nancy Johnson.

REPORTS

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the January 2019 meeting were reviewed by the council. A motion was made by Tammy Taubert & seconded by Gail Barduson to approve the minutes as written. The minutes were accepted by Council.

Treasurer's Report: Shar Ludolph reviewed the financial reports for January. An additional payment was made for Pastor's retirement. Discussion followed. It was decided to pay the Marco (copy machine) bill each month unless the payment amount changes. It was noted that the pre-school rent has been paid for December, January, & February. A motion was made by Gen Velde to approve the financial report including the changes, seconded by Tammy Taubert & approved by Council.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor asked the council members to complete a short survey for the Synod.

She reviewed Bishop Eaton's article & how we can use the information to help our congregation grow.

Reminder about the Adult Education movie night – the movie is: Apostle Paul.

For Lenten Services we will be using the Holden Evening Prayer.

Confirmation Retreat is March 15 & 16.

Superintendent Kevin Enerson would like to meet with church members to talk about information regarding the upcoming vote for a new school. It was suggested that he could come to the coffee hour & talk with members at that time.

Kristy Henriksen has suggested that at the Lenten suppers we serve Fairtrade coffee & have the coffee & Fairtrade chocolate available for sale. The cost will be \$115 to support this project. The council agreed to the request & cost.

After a short discussion about the weekly devotions that Pastor has been putting in the bulletins it was decided to continue with them.

President's Report:

Council members made updates to the member list if necessary. We will be using electronic communication as much as possible.

There will be installation of council & committee members on March 3rd. There will be a meeting of all council & committee members following church that day. Hopefully a full meeting of these members can happen 2 or 3 times this year.

A reminder was made to committees to email their meeting minutes to Ellie.

Vice President's Report: As Vice President, Nancy's goal is to promote **Community, Hospitality & Fellowship.**

Adult Ed: Brenda Kellen is the new member on the Adult Education Committee. Council members were asked to think about things important for Adult Ed with all suggestions welcome. Reminder of movie night on Sunday, February 24th at 4:30 with pizza & discussion to follow. Gail also suggested that we start a movie library for the people who can't attend the movie nights.

Congregational Life: The committee is working on some changes for Coffee Fellowship on Sunday mornings. Some of the suggestions are: have a speaker once a month, maybe have sponsorships (similar to the radio broadcast) &/or family units sign up to serve, & to allow the servers to be able to designate where they would like the coffee offering used.

Outreach & Mission: Gen gave a report on the Heifer Project - \$1523.49 was collected in noisy offering. Gen & Pastor Joyce chose the livestock to purchase with the funds. In the future the committee is hoping for matching funds for all of the outreach projects from the recipient of the annual endowment funds.

For Lent there will be a new project called Forty Days of Giving – details coming.

The date for The Banquet will be decided – sometime in October.

Property Management: Neil reported that the committee is going over a list of changes that are necessitated by the insurance company.

Sunday School: The teaching schedule has been set up for the coming year. There will be special music on March 24th. The Sunday School is the recipient of the Olga Skiland Endowment Funds & are entertaining ideas for its use.

Worship Committee: Reported that the organ is capable of playing prerecorded music (in the event of no organist). Mark will be working with the organists to set this up.

Lenten services were discussed - Ingrid Wielenberg will be the cantor. Supper will be served at 5:30pm with the service starting at 6:15pm. The worship comm. will serve the first Lenten Supper & there is a sign up sheet for the following Wednesdays. All proceeds will go to the Youth Mission Trip & the youth will be helping with the meals each week. There is a need for Ash Wednesday assistants for anyone who wants to help.

Youth: Nicole Weber is the new committee member. The job description was reviewed. The Quad Parish Lock In had to be rescheduled because of the weather & the new date is March 10. There are 12 people schedule to go to the Stampede Hockey game. There is a need for a Safe Haven Procedure.

OLD BUSINESS: The church has to pay a fee to use licensed music in worship, etc. The cost has been \$500 but will be approximately \$130 in the future. The license fee will be paid.

NEW BUSINESS: A checking account will be opened at First State Bank SW in Pipestone for the endowment funds received by the Sunday School in the amount of \$16,767.66. Authorized signers will be Paul Henriksen, Council President, Kristen Brockberg & Ingrid Wielenberg, committee members. There need to be two signatures on each check. A motion was made by Neil Johnson, seconded by Gen Velde & approved by the council to open this account.

It has been decided that offering envelopes will not be mailed to the members who have not picked theirs up but will be available in the church office.

There has been a question about offerings that have been designated for the mortgage payment. A discussion followed. Paul will give a pulpit talk about the process on Sunday.

A motion was made by Debbie Reinert, seconded by Kristen Brockberg & approved by the council to approve Gail Barduson to a one year council term since she wasn't elected at the Annual Meeting.

Paul will write thank you's to last year's Council Members.

It was decided to hold the money collected for the Food Shelf until matching funds are available in March.

It was decided to use the money from the noisy offering for Shetek to offset the assessment payment that is paid annually.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by President Henriksen at 9:25pm.

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"Stewardship is a matter of the heart."

"I cannot think of a better definition of Christianity than that: give, give, give." - James L. McCord, former president, Princeton Theological Seminary

2019 Senior High Youth Gathering "Walk Humbly"

Who: All students, Grades 9-12

When: April 5-6, 2019

Where: Lake Geneva Christian Center, Alexandria, MN
Registration begins March 4th.

Cost: \$100 per person.

The Youth Committee will cover registration costs.

This is an excellent opportunity for senior high youth to meet new friends and enhance their service opportunities, religious learning and faith experience. If you are interested in attending, **please call Mark at 825-5837 for details.**



PIPESTONE COUNTY AREA FOOD SHELF

223 2nd St NW, Pipestone, MN 56164

Phone: 507-825-4414

MISSION:

The Pipestone County Food Shelf serves residents in our county who are experiencing an emergency or financial difficulty that limits their ability to purchase food for themselves and their family.

The Food Shelf was started in 1986 by Herb Schmidt. The Food Shelf receives no government funds. There are 16 churches involved and each church has a representative that sits on the Board of Directors. I started on the Board of Directors as First Lutheran's representative in 1987. I took time off for about 5 years and Esther Norgaard took my place. After the 5 years, I came back and I have been on the Board of Directors ever since.

The 16 Directors meet every 3 months. I have been Secretary of the Board for the last few years. The Directors are responsible to get volunteers to work, attend the meetings, promote the Food Shelf for donations, find workers to unload the trucks and stock the shelves. The Food Shelf is open every Thursday from 2-5pm. If you would like to be a volunteer - call Karen Hellie @ 820-0527.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Hellie



Thank You



Dear Friends:

Thank you so very much for your most recent gift of \$1,523.49 to the Heifer project. Your generous gift enabled us to purchase a Flock of Chicks and two Heifers.

I hope you know that your generosity does more than simply give food to those in need. It is a solution that gives families the tools they need to lift themselves out of hunger and poverty once and for all.

You see, whether you give families livestock or provide them with training that teaches them to grow healthier crops, you give them the gift of self-reliance. Because of you, they learn to provide for themselves and be successful for generations to come.

In short - through your support of Heifer, you give more than a cup of milk or a bowl of food - you create a lasting impact and permanently change lives around the world.

Sincerely, Pierre U. Ferrari, President and CEO



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
Gladys Ihlen.....	Good Samaritan
Bill Kunz	Veteran's Home, Luverne
Ike Madsen.....	Good Samaritan
Carmen Warner	Chancellor, SD



*I extend to you
my heartfelt sympathy
and my prayers.*

† Shirley Van Beek family - We extend our sympathy and prayers to Shirley Van Beek's family. Shirley died on February 14, 2019. Her service was February 18, 2019. May God comfort all of Shirley's family.

February 2019

Dear FLCW,

Hope you are handling the snow these days! Easter will be here soon.

Ash Wednesday is next week. Hallelujah!



Just a few things to bring to your attention.

National Quilting Day is Saturday, March 16th. We will be celebrating it by quilting on that day beginning at 9:30am. Come when you can. Lunch will be served. Come, learn, and enjoy some good company. Also that week, we will be inviting women from other churches to take some of the fabric we have that is in the basement. We have plenty and want to empty that room. It will be on Thursday, March 14 from 4-7pm. Letters will be sent to the churches in Pipestone, Jasper, and Lake Benton.

We will have quilts set up on Wednesday evenings during Lent for people to work on. We are hoping to have youth help, too.

We are now collecting items for the Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief until the end of April. The completed kits will be taken to the Synodical Convention in May along with the School Kits we assembled last fall. Items needed are: Bath Towel (dark color preferred), 4-5 oz size bath soap in original wrapping, adult toothbrush, sturdy comb, metal nail clippers. Thanks for your help.

"Bloom Where You Are Planted," our Salad Luncheon will be on Wednesday, May 8. The recipes and duty sheets will be sent to you as soon as they are available. You'll receive them before the March letter is out. Please call all your women! We need as much help as we can get!

Remember to attend the Lenten Services and Suppers coming next week. Feed your soul as well as your body. See you in church!

Kristy

PS: Quilting on March 14 will be in the afternoon starting at 1 pm. Quilting on March 28 will be in the morning at 9:30 am as usual. We are hoping to get more women with an afternoon session.



We are collecting items for the Personal Care Kits until the end of April.

† One light - or medium - weight bath size towel (approximately 52" x 27"), dark color recommended

† One sturdy comb, remove packaging

† Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping packaging

*Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing a toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags.

† One Adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*

† One metal nail clippers, remove



WORSHIP
ASSISTANTS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Acolytes</i>	<i>Communion Assistant</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Sound</i>
03/03/19	9:30	Dennis Peterson	Chase Wilson Max Taubert	Chris Hollingsworth	Steve Werner Doug Kaffar Scott Rudie Scott Crawford	Mark Zinnel Neil Johnson
03/10/19	9:30	Joyce Colvin	Kaden Mastbergen Traeten Rustad		Steve Werner Doug Kaffar Scott Rudie Scott Crawford	Brad Willey Mark Zinnel
03/17/19	9:30	Tami Stevens	Trevor Chaulsett Madison Gunnink	Tami Stevens	Steve Werner Doug Kaffar Scott Rudie Scott Crawford	Neil Johnson Mark Zinnel
03/24/19	9:30	Kristy Henriksen	Hudson Burnett Brandon Willey		Steve Werner Doug Kaffar Scott Rudie Scott Crawford	Mike Straw Brad Willey
03/31/19	9:30	Mark Zinnel	Alex Willey Caleb Velde		Steve Werner Doug Kaffar Scott Rudie Scott Crawford	Jason Weber Mike Straw



Outreach and Mission has scheduled **Annual World Hunger Giving** to start on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. We will be participating in the 40 Days of Giving drive. We will be passing out jars for families to take home and collect offerings in for the 40 days of Lent. These jars will be in the Narthex and be passed out during the Lenten season to all families who wish to participate.

Thank you in advance for your generous giving towards our mission, Outreach and Mission Committee

03/01 Remi Wade
 03/02 Ashton Carpenter
 03/03 McCaden Bieber
 03/03 Jaxon Bosma
 03/03 Bill Kunz
 03/03 Tom Newgard
 03/04 Nancy Johnson
 03/06 Shannon Bouman
 03/06 Otto Johnson
 03/07 Alex Abrahamson
 03/07 Ellianna Maschino-Derby
 03/07 Max Taubert
 03/08 Michelle Maschino
 03/09 Kay Dubblede
 03/09 Lance Oye
 03/10 Darren Baartman
 03/10 Maverick Burkard
 03/10 Jacob Derby
 03/10 Janice Harkema
 03/11 Carly Erickson
 03/11 Dylan Oye
 03/11 Jake Velde
 03/12 Kristy Henriksen
 03/12 Marvin Hilgeman
 03/13 Gaile Brockberg
 03/13 Sean Roelfsema-Hummel
 03/14 Brittany Heidebrink
 03/14 Lori Ilse
 03/16 Madison Gunnink
 03/16 Jennifer Thode
 03/17 Grayson Weber
 03/18 Nicole Hartke
 03/19 Gladys Ihlen
 03/20 Joyce Colvin
 03/20 Tom Willey
 03/21 Tom Erickson
 03/25 Jordan Houselog
 03/26 Melissa Burnett
 03/26 Leah Ferrence
 03/26 Matt Griebel
 03/27 Naomi Gunnink
 03/28 Kelli Velde



03/10 Tish & Tom Abrahamson
 03/16 Carol & Dale Veen
 03/18 Shannen & Mark Muller
 03/25 Joyce & Bill Kunz
 03/29 Lisa & Steve Sneller
 03/31 Pam & Craig Thies





The Buzz on the FLY

March is an exciting month for many. March means tournament time for all our high school winter sports athletes as they compete for a run at a possible State Championship. And of course there is March Madness on the college side. I will be rooting and giving my support to my home teams for success during this time of year. Be it an Arrow or Rebel on the high school side; or Jackrabbit or Gopher on the college side. No matter how good a team is doing going into this time of year, victory is not always a guarantee. You can always expect the unexpected to happen. I always find myself pulling for that David versus Goliath upset. Win or lose, here is wishing the best success to all First Lutheran athletes as the games begin. Remember to keep the faith as 1 John 5:4 states:*"and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith."*

As we head into March and begin the season of Lent; Confirmation Wednesday classes will be in recess until April 24th. All Confirmation youth are expected to attend Wednesday night services a part of their Confirmation requirement. The Confirmation youth will be asked to take part of the mid-week services as ushers, greeters, lesson readers and help serving the Lenten suppers.

Senior High Spring Youth Gathering

Registration begins March 4th for all students, Grades 9-12; for the 2019 Senior High Youth Gathering to be held on April 5-6, 2019 at the Lake Geneva Christian Center in Alexandria, MN. The 2019 theme is "Walk Humbly." This is an excellent opportunity for senior high youth to meet new friends and enhance their religious learning and faith experience. The cost of the gathering is \$100 per person. The Youth Committee will cover registration costs. If you are interested in attending, please get a hold of me at the church so I can submit the online registration.

2019 Summer Mission Trip

I am trying to finalize the plans for the proposed Mission trip this summer to Wisconsin with Shetek Lutheran Ministries. All the youth that have indicated their interest to participate and those youth still wavering, I will need a definite decision soon so arrangements can be made and fund arising activities begun. The cost for this mission trip is set at \$465 per person. We are looking for additional adult chaperones.

***Time to Buzz Out -
Mark***



Wisconsin Servant Trip

There is more to Wisconsin than cheese, dairy farms and the Green Bay Packers. Come and find out by traveling with Shetek to Wisconsin this summer. Experience God's love in action as we serve our Wisconsin neighbors. Mission trip scheduled for June 16-21.

Service opportunities may include: planting a garden, painting, serving a meal, or packaging food. In addition to serving, you'll have a blast bonding with your group and deepening your faith journey in daily devotions and worship. Along with time spent in service in the Racine, WI area, another highlight will be a day trip custom designed for your group exploring the big city of Chicago or Milwaukee.

Wisconsin here we come! Extra costs are involved for the custom designed day trips, contact Shetek for details. Cost for Mission Trip is \$465.00. (Note – Extra costs involved for custom day trips. We'll work with you on setting up your trip!)

**Lenten Suppers**

Once again suppers will be served for 6-weeks during Lent services beginning March 6th. The schedule for the Suppers has been changed. Suppers this year will be served from 5:30 to 6:15 prior to the weekly 6:30pm Lent service. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex for individuals or groups that would like to prepare and serve the weekly suppers. Cost of the Lenten Suppers will remain the same as past years: Children 4-years and younger – **Free**, Individual - **\$5.00** & Family of 3 or more- **\$15.00**. Proceeds to go towards 2019 Youth Mission Trip.

Sorry for the delay in getting this thank you out!

College is going great! Thank you for the beautiful quilt that the church made for me! It will be treasured long after I leave school and have a home of my own! Thank you again!

Sincerely, Hunter Burnett



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH 2019					1 7:00pm Youth & Family Hockey Event	2
3 9:30am Worship/Holy Communion/ Installation of Council & Comm. members 9:45am - Sunday school 10:30am Coffee Fellowship 2:00pm-Shetek Conf. Assembly in Jackson, Mn	4	5	6 4:30pm Adult Ed mtg. 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Worship 7:15pm Property Management mtg.	7	8	9
10 "Daylight Savings" 9:30am Worship 9:45am -SS 10:30am Coffee Fellowship 7:30-10:00pm Youth Lock-In	11 5:30pm Congregational Life mtg. @ Stonehouse Restaurant	12 8:30am Ministerial Assoc. meeting 10:30am Good Samaritan Worship service	13 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Worship 7:15pm Council meeting	14 9:30am Quilting 4-5:00pm Second Harvest	15 4:00pm Confirmation Retreat @ Shetek	16 6:00pm Retreat ends
17 9:30am Worship/Holy Communion 9:45am SS 10:30am Coffee Fellowship 3:00pm Edgebrook Service	18	19	20 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Worship	21 9:15am Praise Circle 9:30am Joy Circle 1:30pm Peace Circle Pastors Conference	22	23
24 9:30am Worship/SS Children sing 9:45am - Sunday school 10:30am Coffee Fellowship	25	26	27 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Worship	28 9:30am Quilting 2:00pm Sunrise Village Worship - Jasper	29	30
31 9:30am Worship/Noisy Offering 9:45am SS	April 1	2	3 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Worship	4	5	6

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