

# THE VOICE

of the First Lutheran Congregation



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**March 2023**

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



## 2023 Lenten Worship Schedule

The Lenten Wednesday Worship will be held at 5:30p.m. with LIFT and confirmation meeting afterwards. Please see the schedule as listed below. See you at church!

**~March 1, 2023** – Genesis 1:1-2:4a; 2:7, 18-22 (moved Ash Wednesday), reflection by Pastor Ann

**~March 8, 2023** – Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13, reflection by Cynthia Portz

**~March 15, 2023** – Exodus 14:10-31, reflection by Ingrid Wielenberg

**~March 22, 2023** – Jonah 1:1-2:1, reflection by Samantha Davis

**~March 29, 2023** – Daniel 3:1-29, reflection by Kristen Brockberg

**~Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023**

Usual 9:30 worship, with communion

**~Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023**

Worship at 7:00 pm, with communion, fifth graders receive First Communion

**~Good Friday, April 7, 2023**

Worship at 7:00 pm, a service of readings, reflection, and hymns

**~Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023**

Usual 9:30 worship, with communion

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### **What is Lent?**

Lent is a season of the church year, which is the 40+ days before Easter.

### **When is Lent?**

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, and ends on the Saturday right before Easter, excluding Sundays (which are “little Easters”).

### **Why is the “color” purple?**

The liturgical color (the color of the cloths on the altar, the pulpit, and the lectern, as well as the color of the stole the pastor wears) is purple during Lent. The color purple represents royalty, as well as repentance. When Jesus was on trial, Herod had a purple robe put on him, to mock him, but he didn't realize that Jesus WAS a king.

### **Why is the “Alleluia” sometimes hidden?**

The word “alleluia” is a joyful word, meaning “Praise the Lord!” During Lent, such words of joyful praise are just too happy for the mournfulness and time of reflection that happens during Lent. The word “alleluia” is not sung during Lent in hymns or liturgy, and sometimes a piece of paper with “alleluia” is hidden away. On Easter morning, the alleluia returns, proclaiming Christ's rising from the dead.

### **What's up with the ashes on Ash Wednesday?**

In the Old Testament, if someone was really sorry for what they had done, they would repent, and as a way of showing their sorry-ness, they would dress in sackcloth (a rough cloth, like burlap) and sit in ashes, or put ashes on their head, as an outward sign of their repentance. We don't do that these things these days, but the ashes are a throwback to that time. They are in the shape of a cross, reminding us of the cross Jesus died on.

### **Why is it 40 days long?**

The number 40 is an important number in the Bible. It may be literally 40 days or 40 years, or it may be a way of saying “a very long time.” The water for the Flood (of Noah's fame) came from the sky for 40 days. The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Jesus fasted for 40 days before his temptation. There are other “40s” as well.

### **What was the original purpose of Lent?**

Originally, the 40 days before Easter were when new converts to Christianity were taught about what it means to be a Christian. It would be similar to today's confirmation class, where they learn church history, the stories of Jesus, and the seriousness of being a Christian in a world where Christianity was often a crime. They could come to church but had to leave before Communion. They would attend the Easter Vigil service on the day before Easter, and that is when they would be baptized, usually by

immersion, and they would put on a white robe, showing that their sins were washed away in the waters of baptism. (This is why pastors and acolytes wear white albs, or robes, as a reminder of baptism.) After their baptism, they would be allowed to receive communion.

### **Why do people “give something up” for Lent?**

In some traditions, especially traditionally the Catholic church, people are supposed to give something up for Lent, such as coffee or playing video games or swearing or eating certain foods. You are supposed to use the time you did the activities in prayer and study or give the money you spent on them to a worthy organization, such as the food shelf or for missionaries or cancer research, something that helps others. The thought behind this was to deprive yourself of something, and do something good with it, helping others, or to get closer to God through prayer and study.

### **Why do people eat fish on Fridays in Lent?**

Eating fish on Fridays in Lent is an example of giving something up – giving up meat (red meat and poultry) and only eating fish. Some people eat fish every Friday, Lent or not. In some places, the Catholic church, or a local bar or restaurant, will have a fish fry on Friday night, to encourage the eating of fish, as a fundraiser, and as a time for family and friends to get together over a meal of fish.

### **Why do we have mid-week Lent services on only 6 Wednesday nights, not all 7 Wednesdays in Lent?**

The 7th Wednesday in Lent falls during Holy Week, the week between Palm Sunday and Easter. There are special services on Thursday and Friday nights, so there is no service also on Wednesday.

### **What is Holy Week?**

Holy Week is the week between Palm Sunday and Easter, and special focus that week is on the last week of Jesus' life. On Palm Sunday, we remember that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, people shouted “Hosanna!” as they put their coats and/or branches from nearby trees (we use palm branches) on the road in front of Jesus. The people saw Jesus as a political savior, one who would overthrow the Romans, and take Israel back from the Romans. During that week, Jesus taught and did some miracles. On Thursday night, he celebrated Passover with his disciples, washing their feet, and doing communion for the first time, repurposing some of the Seder meal that was eaten on Passover. Later that night, he was arrested and tried by the Jewish court, then turned over to the Romans, to Pontius Pilate, who ultimately sentenced him to death on the cross. He was killed on Friday and put in a tomb Friday night. Saturday was the Sabbath day, but Sunday morning women went to the tomb to finish the burial traditions, but Jesus was not there – he had risen, as he had said he would. We have special church services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday evenings. Sometimes there are services on Good Friday afternoon, 3 hours long, for the 3 hours that Jesus hung on the cross. Often the service includes the 7 Last Words that Christ spoke from the cross, silence, and mournful music. Often churches are open 24 hours from Thursday night to Friday night, so that people can pray in the church. There is an Easter Vigil service on Saturday night that some churches do, but we don't do that here at First Lutheran. It has at least some of 15 readings, sometimes it has confirmation, and sometimes it has baptisms. It ends with an announcement of Easter, and often afterwards there is a potluck of delicious food and beverages (such as chocolate and champagne), which people have “given up” for the previous 6 weeks.

# February 2023 Offering

<i>Monthly Income Needed to Operate</i>	
Weekly Offering – February 5th	
Weekly Offering – February 12th	
Weekly Offering – February 19th	
Weekly Offering – February 26th	

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



## **1 John 3:16-18**

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.



## **First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes**

**January 11, 2023**

**Members Present:** Nancy Johnson, Craig Thies, Chris Hollingsworth, Pastor Ann, Tami Taubert, Kristy Henriksen, Scott Sterud, and Thad Reinert.

**Call to Order:** President, Nancy Johnson, called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

**Devotions:** Kristy H. lead the devotions from the Nehemiah Study book, chapter 4. Craig T. will lead the devotions next month, ch.5. Nancy asked that the Council members, who will be leaving the Council, to bring back their Nehemiah and Growing Young books so they can be given to the new Council members.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tim S. was absent. Nancy J. presented the financial reports, the reserve fund report, and the accounts payable report. The Council discussed the reports and it was noted that the Kinner bill was for multiple months. Tami T. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and to pay the AP Report. Kristy H. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was approved.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the December meeting were reviewed. Thad R. mentioned that his last name was misspelled in the minutes. Tami T. made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report with the spelling correction of Thad's last name to "Reinert". Scott S. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was approved.

### **Pastor's Report**

- Pastor Ann said there were 175 people at the Christmas Eve service and 20 on Christmas day. Crappy weather may have been a factor for attendance.
- Pastor's piano was moved into the parsonage over Christmas, while she was out.
- Pastor Ann has been looking at Lent worship. She will be meeting with the Worship committee next week. Pastor has done 1 funeral in the last month. She has been approached about 2 baptisms and 1 was scheduled. Confirmation is continuing. Pastor visited a member in the hospital.

### **President's Report**

- Plans for 2023 Council election/nominations – Still need VP, Secretary, and Youth Group Committee candidates. The Council discussed the Committee candidate search.
- Budget Committee – Nancy, Craig, and Pastor Ann have been meeting to work on the budget. Nancy handed out a proposed budget that was reviewed by the Council. Tami T. made a motion to accept the proposed budget with a formula correction and small tweaking. Kristy H. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was approved.
- Endowment Committee – The Council discussed this fund. It was requested to keep the funds in the Endowment fund and not transfer them to the Reserve Fund at year end, as done in previous years. It has been hard to get these funds out of the Reserve account to be used, but it can be done. No decision was made.
- Personnel Committee – The committee needs to meet to discuss salary changes.
- Audit Committee – Nancy sent them an email to do this before the annual meeting.
- Congregational Meeting Video – Nancy J. said there will be a video shown at the Annual Meeting that is a summary of the last year.
- Annual Meeting Agenda – Nancy distributed an agenda that was discussed by the Council. Scott S. made a motion to accept the annual meeting agenda as printed and make it a closed agenda. Kristy H. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was approved.

**Vice-President's Report**

- Craig stated that the Narthex Christmas decorations looked very nice.
- Parsonage Update – The blinds are in and the invoice from Griebel was received. Craig stated that a Parsonage Remodel Report will be given at the annual meeting, showing all costs and revenue.
- Church Maintenance – They have started repairing the cracked pews. Craig received the pew cushion replacement estimate, which needs to be reviewed. The north side steps and sidewalk are being looked at to resurface this summer, so they are not as slippery. Still waiting for ideas as to what to do with the leaky bell tower. The sound system company was given an ultimatum to fix the system or remove it. The sound system has not worked right since it was installed.

**Committee Reports – Round Table**

- Property Management – Scott S. – Craig gave an update in his report.
- Worship – Tami T. – They are meeting next week and will figure out the Lent services.
- Adult Ed – Brenda K. told Nancy J. that they meet once per month.
- Mission & Outreach – Kristy H. – No report.
- Congregational Life – Dave D. - No report.
- Youth – Erin M. - No report.
- Sunday School – No report.

**Old Business**

- Online Church Member Directory – Nancy said that pictures are trickling in. She will work on this in February.
- Fair Food Stand – Craig said that the committee has been put together. They will probably meet after the Annual Meeting and then another time with all the outside parties to discuss what the options are. After that meeting, the committee will bring the options to the Council.

**New Business:** Diane L. was at the church earlier in the day working on the library books.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm, with the Closing Prayer.

*Chris Hollingsworth, Secretary*

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<p>We are still in need of a few more people to fill positions on our Church Council as well as a few of our church committees. Please contact the church office if you would be interested in helping out – we would love to have you!!</p>
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**FLC Council Officers – open position:**

**Vice-President:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Council Committee Members – open positions:**

**Adult Education:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sunday School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Committee Members – open positions**

**Congregational Life (2):** \_\_\_\_\_

# Church News & Events



**Through Baptism, we welcomed  
Lincoln Andrew Watts  
into the family of First Lutheran on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.  
His parents are Josh & Megan Watts  
Sponsors: Tyler and Madison Strandberg**

**We also welcomed new members to our family here at First Lutheran February!!**

Name	Occupation / other info
Ken & Karen Boehm	Ken – retired Karen – City of Pipestone
Samantha Davis	PAS Elementary Music teacher since 2021
Chris, Shelby and Bryer Evans	Chris – Lineman @ Xcel Energy Shelby – stylist at Plaza Salon Bryer – 6 <sup>th</sup> grade at PAS Middle School
Andrew, Kayla and Harper Royer	Andrew – H/R @Performance Food Group Kayla – Pharmacist / GuidePoint Pharmacy Harper – 2 years old
Leann Vos	Works in the deli at Coburn’s
Josh, Megan and Lincoln Watts	Josh – Pipestone Co Sheriff’s Office Megan – Pipestone Systems Lincoln – 7 months
Pastor Ann Zastrow	Pastor at First Lutheran!!

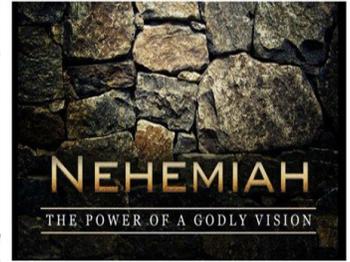


**Don't forget to change your clocks!!  
'Spring' them ahead one hour on  
Saturday night (March 11<sup>th</sup>)!!!**

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COMING SOON

*Praying and waiting go hand in hand. You haven't really learned to pray until you've learned to wait.*  
— Charles R. Swindoll



**All are welcome to join in on our book study! Books are available for purchase in the office or can be purchased on Amazon.**

**Dates for Book Study will be as follows right after worship:  
ONLY TWO DATES LEFT!  
March 12<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup>**



## RADIO SPONSORS FOR 2023

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

- |                                    |                                    |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>**May 14<sup>th</sup></b>       | <b>**September 17<sup>th</sup></b> |
| <b>**July 2<sup>nd</sup></b>       | <b>**October 1<sup>st</sup></b>    |
| <b>**September 3<sup>rd</sup></b>  | <b>**October 29<sup>th</sup></b>   |
| <b>**September 10<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>**December 3<sup>rd</sup></b>   |

Contact the church office to get signed up or send an email to the church office. The cost of the Radio Sponsorship is \$58 with the check being made out to First Lutheran Church. Please make sure to write 'Radio' in the memo line along with the date you are sponsoring.



## CHURCH DIRECTORY 2022

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



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

March 2023



Dear FLCW,

I hope you are surviving this eventful winter. We even had to postpone our Ash Wednesday service due to snow. At least it is March, and the end is in sight. We hope!

I hope you are attending the Wednesday night services which begin at 5:30 pm. Evening services are a great way to end the day. During Lent we are pondering the death of Jesus and awaiting the resurrection of Easter.

Our February FLCW meeting was held with dessert. The study was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Commandments, Sabbath and honoring parents and relatives from our past.

Our next FLCW meeting will be Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am for coffee and treats. You do not have to bring anything. Bring the March/April GATHER magazine for the next Bible study. I have not received my copy as of this writing. I know they are working on better delivery times for all.

During Lent we are collecting items for Personal Care kits. We did this last year and made more than our goal of 40 kits for 40 days of Lent. Let's do that again, please. Bring the listed items to the narthex and place them in the gray box. Here are the needed items per kit:

- ~1 new bath-sized towel**
- ~2 (4-5oz.) bars of soap, any brand, in original packaging**
- ~1 sturdy, wide-toothed comb**
- ~1 metal nail clipper (WE HAVE ENOUGH OF THESE FOR THE YEAR)**
- ~1 adult-sized toothbrush in original packaging (may bring multipacks, unopened).**

These will be assembled after Easter. They will then be taken to the SW MN Synodical Convention in May for shipment to LWR.

Our Salad Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 10. Watch for more details and how you can help make this a great event. It has been a while since we served one of these.

The Shetek Conference Spring Gathering will be held on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at American Lutheran in Windom. Katie Chapman from Shetek will be speaking on gardening, plants, and other similar topics. She is the Environmental Ed director and camp. She is very knowledgeable and fun to listen to with her enthusiasm for the earth. Reservations are needed for lunch. Check out the poster in this newsletter for dates, costs, details, etc. Darlene and I will be attending, so you can ride with us.

The sun has been shining and the snow has been melting. Spring is trying to arrive. Maybe by next month it will be here!

See you in church!

**Kristy**

# F.L.C.W News and Activities

**Noisy Offering for FEBRUARY & MARCH is being collected for:**  
**Pipestone County Food Shelf**



The total amount collected for the **Pipestone County Food Shelf** to-date is:

**\$74.50.**

*Thank you for your support of these important  
Outreach needs.*

## **40 Days of Lent/40 Personal Care Kits**

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

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

***Needed items are:***

- 1 new bath-sized towel
- 2 bath-sized bars of soap (4-5 oz) any brand, in original wrapping
- 1 adult-sized toothbrush (in original packaging, multi-packs are accepted)
- 1 sturdy, wide-tooth comb
- 1 metal nail clipper (**we have plenty of these already!**)

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



1 Corinthians 10:26

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

## Shetek Conference Women of the ELCA

### Spring Gathering

# Saturday, April 22, 2023

American Lutheran Church

906 Prospect Avenue, Windom MN 56101

- 9:30 a.m. Registration/Coffee in Narthex & Skylight Court (*east entrance to church*)  
*Parking lot on north side of church*
- 10:00 a.m. Gathering opens in Sanctuary  
Singing, devotions, greetings, business (*election of officers*)  
Featured Speaker: **Katie Chapman**, Environmentalist, Shetek Lutheran Ministries
- Noon Catered luncheon in Fellowship Hall

#### **Offering Objectives:**

*50% to Southwestern Minnesota Synodical Women of the ELCA*

*50% to Shetek Lutheran Ministries Capital Campaign*



**RSVP** (for luncheon) needed by **APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>**

Send to Karen Skarphol 507.822.0785 [jkskarp@windomnet.com](mailto:jkskarp@windomnet.com)

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

# Shetek Happenings

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



2023 Summer Schedule  
[www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org)

Early Bird registration is due by April 1<sup>st</sup>. To register online, go to:  
[www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org)

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**SHETEK  
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**3/25, 6-8PM**



COME HUNGRY -  
FREE WILL  
DONATION EVENT!  
**SUGARBUSH  
PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST**   
**3/26, 9AM-1PM**

**CALL CAMP AT 507-763-3567 TO LEARN MORE!**



## *Pre-Marriage Workshops*

Saturdays –

March 18, 2023, April 22, 2023 or September 30, 2023

8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Shetek Lutheran Ministries

14 Keeley Island Drive; Slayton, MN

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

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

Some of the topics we will cover will include:

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

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

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

**March 2023**



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

**Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers**



Work at camp this summer! -  
[shetek.org/work-at-shetek](http://shetek.org/work-at-shetek)



*Sugar Bush Pancake Breakfast  
March 26 9:00a-1:00p*

## Mark your Calendar

- March 10-11 Confirmation Retreat
- March 18 Pre-Marriage Retreat
- March 25 Square Dance 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- March 26 Sugar Bush Pancake Breakfast
- April 22 Pre-Marriage Retreat
- April 28-29 Confirmation Retreat

Register at [shetek.org](http://shetek.org) or  
Call 507-763-3567 for more information

## Wish List

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

We met our Phase 1 goal!  
\$1,530,000 in gifts and pledges! Our challenge goal is \$2,000,000 and with increased costs, our budget has changed for our different phases. More info on our website. <https://shetek.org/sim-master-plan/>



**Help send kids to Camp...Become a Pelican Club or Timber Society member today. Pelican Club members support the ministry with a gift of \$100 - \$499 a year and Timber Society members give \$500 or more a year. Thanks for your support!**



# SHETEK MINISTRIES

## CONFIRMATION RETREAT

April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

**Be watching for more details once they become available.**

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



### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade First Communion

Students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and their parents will be meeting on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> @3:00pm with Pastor Ann in preparation for their First Communion which will be held during the Maundy Thursday worship service (Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> @7:00pm).

Pastor Ann will be sending out more detailed information to parents and students closer to the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> so please keep your eyes and ears open!!

### *WORDS OF WISDOM FOR KIDS & TEENS*

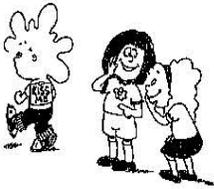


**~You are perfect because of your imperfections!**

**~At the end of the day, if you have done your best and have given it your all, then your day was a success!**

# Kids 'n Teens

**Q 617:** Why do friends talk behind your back?



**A:** Every person is sinful, so everyone does things that are wrong. Sometimes we even harm the people we love. It hurts when friends do that to each other, but it happens.

Most kids who say bad things about others don't realize that it's wrong and hurtful. They have never learned that they are not only hurting others, they are also hurting themselves by pushing friends away. Some kids give in to pressure from others and go along with what has been said, even if it's about a friend. Many times kids will repeat things they've heard about someone without talking to the person to see if those things are true. This is known as gossiping. Spreading rumors can really hurt people. The Bible says gossiping is wrong—it hurts people and breaks up friendships.

**KEY VERSE:** *I am afraid that when I come to visit you I won't like what I find, and then you won't like my response. I am afraid that I will find quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfishness, backstabbing, gossip, conceit, and disorderly behavior. (2 Corinthians 12:20)*

**NOTE TO PARENTS:** What kind of example do you set? Be careful not to gossip. A good time to teach your children the difference between gossiping and reporting facts is when they tell you about some trouble between them and another child. Teach your children how to report facts without making judgments.

How many days and nights did Jesus fast? Was it 22, 40, 365 or 12?

Answer: Matthew 4:2

After Noah got off the boat, what sign did God give to show his promise to never flood the world again? Was it a dove, an olive branch, a rainbow or a fire in a bush?

Answer: Genesis 9:12-16

When Jesus died, what three things happened? Pick from this list of five: earthquake, a plague on the house of Pilate, veil in the temple torn, all babies cried at once, tombs broke open.

Answer: Matthew 27:51-52

# March 2023 Worship Assistants

Date	Worship	Reader	Acolytes	Communion Assistant(s)	Ushers	Sound
<b>3-5-2023</b> *Holy Communion	9:30 a.m.	Dave Dulas	Bryer Evans	Cristy Appel	*Steve Werner (cpt) -Neil Johnson -Mastbergen family -Wendi Weber family -Jim Hartke	Mark Zinnel
<b>3-12-2023</b> *Holy Communion	9:30 a.m.	Paul Johnson	Aubrey Brockberg	Tami Stevens	*Steve Werner (cpt) -Neil Johnson -Mastbergen family -Wendi Weber family -Jim Hartke	Jason Weber
<b>3-19-2023</b>	9:30 a.m.	Lori Ilse	---	---	*Steve Werner (cpt) -Neil Johnson -Mastbergen family -Wendi Weber family -Jim Hartke	Brandon Willey
<b>3-26-2023</b>	9:30 a.m.	Gen Velde	---	---	*Steve Werner (cpt) -Neil Johnson -Mastbergen family -Wendi Weber family -Jim Hartke	Mike Straw

## VISITATIONS

If someone is ill or in need of a Pastoral visit, please call Pastor Ann or contact the Church office@ 825-5837. Please remember the following First Lutheran Church members in your prayers, send them a card, or stop to visit them.



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

# March 2023 Birthdays



1 <sup>st</sup>	Remi Wade	14 <sup>th</sup>	Brittany Heidebrink Lori Ilse
3 <sup>rd</sup>	McCaden Biever Jaxon Bosma	16 <sup>th</sup>	Madison Gunnink Jennifer Thode
4 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Johnson	17 <sup>th</sup>	Grayson Weber
6 <sup>th</sup>	Shannon Bouman Otto Johnson	20 <sup>th</sup>	Joyce Colvin Tom Willey
7 <sup>th</sup>	Alex Abrahamson Ellianna Derby	21 <sup>st</sup>	Tom Erickson
8 <sup>th</sup>	Shelly Maschino	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Brenley Kendall Kevin Wickland Megan Watts
9 <sup>th</sup>	Kay Dubbelde Lance Oye	25 <sup>th</sup>	Jordan Houselog
10 <sup>th</sup>	Darrick Baartman Maverick Burkard	26 <sup>th</sup>	Melissa Burnett Leah Ference Matt Griebel
10 <sup>th</sup>	Jacob Derby Janice Harkema	27 <sup>th</sup>	Naomi Gunnink
11 <sup>th</sup>	Carly Erickson Dylan Oye	28 <sup>th</sup>	Kat Heller Kelli Velde
11 <sup>th</sup>	Jacob Velde	29 <sup>th</sup>	Katie Johnson
12 <sup>th</sup>	Kristy Henriksen Marvin Hilgemann	30 <sup>th</sup>	Aaron Burnett Jason Woelber
12 <sup>th</sup>	Gaile Brockberg Sean Roelfsema- Hummel	31 <sup>st</sup>	Kendyl Houselog Lon Legler Teresa Staatz
13 <sup>th</sup>	Mari Wagner		



## HAPPY Anniversary

March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin & Erin Musch	March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Matt & Naomi Gunnink
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Tom & Tish Abrahamson	March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Andrew & Kayla Royer
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mark & Shannen Muller	March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Steve & Lisa Sneller
	March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Craig & Pam Thies	

# March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 ~Lent Service – 5:30pm  ~6:15pm – L.I.F.T  ~Church Committee mtgs	2  ~1:00pm – P.I.M. meeting	3	4
5  ~9:30am Worship *Holy Communion (live-streamed)	6	7	8 ~Lent Service – 5:30pm  ~6:15pm – L.I.F.T  ~8:00pm - Church Council mtg	9  ~9:30am– Quilting	10    ~1:00pm Baptism - Rohlk	11  ~9:00-11:00am Pastor Ann @Synod Council mtg
12    ~9:30am Worship *Holy Communion (live-streamed)  *10:30 Bible Study meets	13	14  ~8:30am – Pastor Ann @Ministerial Assoc. mtg	15 ~Lent Service – 5:30pm  ~6:15pm– L.I.F.T	16  ~9am – 1pm - Pastor Ann hosting Conference mtg.  ~2:00pm Pastor Ann in meeting	17    St. PATRICK'S DAY	18  ~AM Ahlers Baby Shower in Fellowship Hall
19  ~9:30am Worship (live-streamed)  ~3:00pm - First Communion Class (5 <sup>th</sup> gr & parents)	20	21	22 ~Lent Service – 5:30pm  ~6:15pm– L.I.F.T	23  ~9:30am– Quilting	24	25
26  ~9:30am Worship- (live-streamed)	27  ~7:00pm – Community Prayer @ Nokomis Apts. (top floor)	28  ~9:30 am -FLCW Group Circle	29 ~Lent Service – 5:30pm  ~6:15pm– L.I.F.T	30	31	

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

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

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

\*Facebook Page - Live-streamed every Sunday morning at 9:30am.

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