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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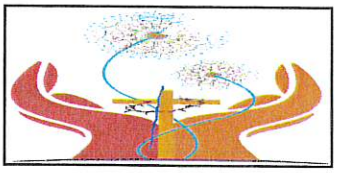
Lenten Worship Services schedule:

March 2nd: "Ash Wednesday" 5:30pm Worship/Holy Communion/Pastor Stev Rasmussen at Church and live streamed
March 9th: 5:30pm Worship at Church and live streamed
March 16th: 5:30pm Worship at Church and live streamed
March 23rd: 5:30pm Worship at Church and live streamed
March 30th: 5:30pm Worship at Church and live streamed
April 6th: 5:30pm Worship at Church and live streamed
April 14th: "Maundy Thursday" 7:00pm Worship at Church and live streamed
April 15th: Good Friday
April 17th: Easter 9:30am Worship at Church and live streamed

Scattering Seeds of ….love… worship….. and service



First Lutheran Church "Partners in Ministry"

"Partners in Ministry" is a new program at First Lutheran. We have people who will make 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 Johnso***
Becky Kaffar ***LaDonna Myers***
Mavis Pierson ***Judy Stubbe***

If you are interested in reading lessons on Sundays **OR you would be willing to read for Wednesday Lenten Services, scan the QR code and sign -up. *Thank you.***

Generous Congregations – February 2022
Stories of Generosity

Good news for families of First Lutheran youth! The FLCW, Sunday School and Youth groups have decided to direct some of their endowment funds to assist in paying for Shetek Bible Camp this summer. Families, please take care of registration and down payments (usually $75 – 100 depending on the camp) and the church will cover the rest. Bring your bill to the church for the remainder. This includes the canoe trip in northern MN which starts near Duluth and is for grades 9-12. You may have heard that the ELCA national youth convention in Minneapolis scheduled for 2022 is cancelled – so we hope our youth will choose to attend Shetek Lutheran Ministries instead.

Thank you to the confirmation youth who are serving as acolytes. Special thanks to Dave Dulas for giving them a lesson on the finer points of the job.

I want to express appreciation for our Council Secretary, Chris Hollingsworth. The Council decided to publish our council minutes after they are officially approved. There will not be minutes in this month's Voice - watch for February minutes in the April issue. I will continue to bring news from the Council to this "Generous Congregation" page.

Called to serve - First Lutheran needs you.

Take a look at the sign-up sheets in the Narthex. There is weekly need for readers, and communion assistants for worship. After taking a Covid break, we plan to provide coffee fellowship in the Narthex after services. You can sign up for that too. If you need a quick lesson in how to make coffee or what to provide ask Dave Dulas or Nancy Johnson. The in-person contact after services has been missed by many and is a good chance to visit with new and old friends you see in church.

By the time "The Voice" is published we should have a transition team appointed to develop our Ministry Site Profile. You can still help them by providing your input on the congregation survey. There is a return box in the Narthex, or you can drop them off at the church or in the mail to be sure the survey is returned by the first week of March. The transition team will want your opinion on what gifts of ministry and leadership needs are important to First Lutheran.

Financial Update

Just a reminder to keep First Lutheran in you giving plans. Even though we are not currently paying a pastor there are other expenses and obligations we need to meet year-round.

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.
James 2:18

Nancy Johnson – Congregation President

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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 / QR code image with a smartphone's QR decoder, it will instantly connect you to the mobile version of the church's web page.

"Scan to pay or give."

40 ways to love God and neighbor

APOLOGIZE.	PUT YOUR HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND BREATHE.	TURN OFF THE TV.	ASK A STRANGER A QUESTION.	GIVE SOMEONE THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT.
LET GO.	GIVE GENEROUSLY.	BE PATIENT.	DON'T TAKE THE EASY WAY OUT.	RESERVE JUDGMENT.
GIVE YOUR BEST.	FORGIVE SOMEONE.	FORGIVE YOURSELF.	MAKE PEACE.	REST.
PAY ATTENTION.	SAY "YES" TO SOMETHING NEW.	TAKE THE DAY OFF.	TAKE A WALK.	BE THANKFUL.
ACT JUSTLY.	SAY "NO" WHEN YOU NEED TO.	GO OUTSIDE AND COUNT THE STARS.	SHAKE THE DUST OFF YOUR FEET.	GRIEVE.
FACE A FEAR.	HELP SOMEONE.	LISTEN.	KEEP YOUR WORD.	SLOW DOWN.
BE THANKFUL.	CARE FOR THE PLANET.	THINK GRACIOUS THOUGHTS.	SING.	CELEBRATE.
LEARN.	CONSIDER SOMEONE ELSE'S PERSPECTIVE.	STOP LOOKING AT YOUR PHONE.	HAVE FAITH.	CHOOSE YOUR WORDS WISELY.

JOIN THE MINNESOTA FOODSHARE MARCH CAMPAIGN

The Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign is the only annual statewide food and fund drive of its kind in Minnesota. Between February 28 and April 10, 2022, 300 food shelves around the state come together with congregations, businesses, community groups and others to restock food shelves to help feed our neighbors in need.

Minnesota FoodShare also solicits donations throughout the March Campaign from corporate sponsors, congregations, and individuals for its Food Fund. In 2021, Minnesota FoodShare distributed $234,762 to participating food shelves.

Participating food shelves report cash and food donations throughout March to Minnesota FoodShare. In 2021, the March Campaign raised $13.0 million and 6.5 million pounds of food, ensuring that thousands of Minnesotans were fed.

At the end of the campaign Minnesota FoodShare distributes the balance in its Food Fund to participating food shelves based on their percentage of the total donations reported to Minnesota FoodShare.

Donations of cash or food can be made directly to:
Pipestone County Food Shelf, Inc.
223 2nd Street N.W.
Pipestone, MN 56164
ALL LOCAL DONATIONS REMAIN IN PIPESTONE.

March 2022

THE CANEWS FROM SHETEK

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

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers

Come to camp for pancakes March 20.

Fireplace going in the new lodge.

Our "Building on the Foundation" capital campaign is restarting after a pandemic pause. So far, we've raised over $1,383,000 in gifts/pledges towards our $1,500,000 goal! More info on our website. *https://shetek.org/slm-master-plan/*

Events at camp!

Register at shetek.org or Call 507-763-3567 for more information

Mark your Calendar

- **Sugarbush Square Dance: Saturday, March 19th, 2022 5:30pm-8pm**
- **Sugarbush Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, March 20th, 2022 9am-1pm**
- **Confirmation Retreat March 11-12**
- **Pre-Marriage Retreat March 12**
- **Early Bird Registration! (get your registrations in for camp) April 1**
- **Confirmation Retreat April 8-9**
- **Pre-Marriage Retreat April 9**

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!

March 2022

Dear FLCW,

Lent is here! We now begin our journey toward Easter 2022. Watch for the new purple Lent paraments that FLCW purchased with our Olga Skailand money. The white for the Easter season are going to be beautiful, too. We have Wednesday evening services as well as Sunday worship services. Bishop Dee Pederson will be with us on Sunday, March 6. Be there to get to know her and hear her preach.

Thank you to all who helped with Betty Johnson's and Sheila Johnson's funeral lunches. We served a lot of people in 2 days. You are the BEST!

Our Group Circle meeting on 2-22-2022 at 2pm had to be changed due to weather. The weather was not as nasty as they had said, but better safe than sorry. We will meet on Tuesday, March 1 at 2 pm for potluck treats. We will use the February Gather Bible Study. Our regular March Group Circle will be on Tuesday, March 22 at 2 pm. We will use the March Gather Bible Study on that day with potluck snacks.

Outreach and Mission and FLCW are working together with a Lenten project. We are collecting items for Personal Care Kits and Baby Care Kits. It is called 40 Days of Lent/40 Kits. Collect and bring to church items for these kits, which include: Personal Care items-bath towel, 4-5 oz bars of soap, nail clipper with file, sturdy comb, and toothbrush (we have plenty). Baby items-cloth diapers, cotton t-shirts, gowns or sleepers without feet, receiving blankets up to 52" square, baby socks, jacket/sweater/sweatshirt with hood or include cap, hand towel, diaper pins, bath soap. We have some items in storage upstairs.

Bring in your old jeans for our rug project by April 1. It has been a good winter for rugs sales, so we need to get some more going.

Fair Trade Sale will go through Easter. Get some coffee, tea, or chocolate for those Easter baskets or treat yourself now!

Quilting in March will be held on Thursdays March 10 and 24. There is a 5th Thursday in March that may be used as well. Start time is 9:30 am. No experience needed!

We will be hosting the Shetek Conference Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering on Thursday, April 21 at 5 pm. We are serving a supper in the Fellowship Hall before the program. The program is Rosie's Sit-a-Minute in Rock Rapids, IA. We visited the shop a few summers ago. It is a coffee and gift shop that supports an orphanage and school in Haiti with goods made by mammas in Haiti. It is a fun place. We will be paid for the meal. Jasper will be making and serving the dessert. We will decide what we will serve at one of our Group Circle meetings.

Stay warm during these last weeks of winter as we prepare for lent and the coming of Easter!

See you in church!

Kristy

Find your
LOCAL FOOD SHELF
or DONATE at
gmcc.org/march-campaign

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March Campaign Sponsors and Major Supporters

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MN Food Share

MARCH CAMPAIGN

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CULTIVATE COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITIES

Lent is that time of year we prepare young people to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. This is a special time for the youth and their families. This is also a time for parents and their children to remember their baptism and the promise that parents make to pass on the faith. Typically youth receive First Communion in 5th grade. However, I know that there are youth and parents who are open to Holy Communion at a younger age. If you are interested in your youth receiving First Communion please contact the Church office. Preparation will be during LIFT class. Watch the LIFT facebook posts for further information. First Communion is planned to occur during the Maundy Thursday Worship service.

Do you wish to contribute to the Easter Flower Fund this Easter? **Donations can be given in memory or in honor of your loved ones. These donations will then be used to purchase an appropriate number of Easter Flowers to decorate. You may bring your own from home — please put your name on it so you can take it home after Easter.**

Please complete this form & payment & return it to the church office or offering plate by Sunday, April 10TH.

Name

_____

Address _____

Contribution:
☐ in memory of ☐ in honor of

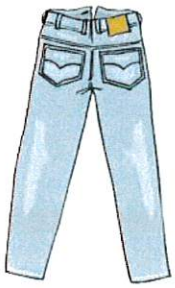
_____

_____
Please print name(s)

☐ **Will bring my own from home- please bring to the church by Noon on Good Friday, April 15**

☐ **Contribution to the Easter Flower Fund**

Amount $ _____



JEANS for Rugs

Bring in your old jeans for our rug project by April 1st . It has been a good winter for rug sales, so we need to get some more going.

Equal Exchange

Fair Trade coffee, chocolate bars and tea are for sale through Easter. They make good gifts for friends, teachers and to say thank you. Families use then for prizes during holiday games, Easter baskets or just treat youeself! They are available after worship in the Narthex and in the Church office during the week.

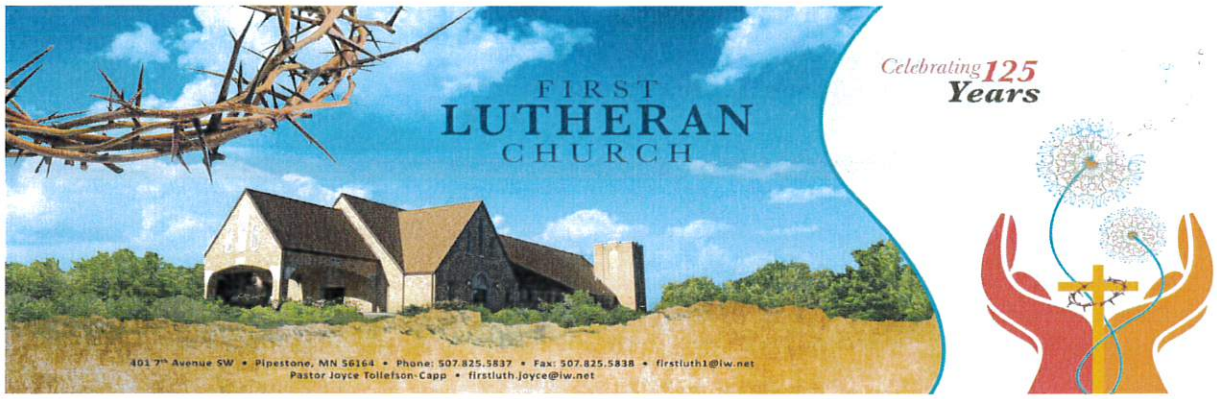
It's March Campaign Time

Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign runs from Monday, February 28, 2022,through Sunday, April 10, 2022.

Since 1983, Minnesota FoodShare has coordinated the largest fund and food drive in the state of Minnesota. Minnesota FoodShare distributes money to food shelves based on the March Campaign participation results both locally and statewide.

Every dollar or pound of food donated to the Pipestone County Food Shelf during the March Campaign will result in additioanl funding from Minnesota FoodShare.

ALL DONATIONS REMAIN IN PIPESTONE.



First Lutheran Church 2022 Officers, Council & Committee Members

Officers:

President - Nancy Johnson
Vice-President - Craig Thies
Secretary - Chris Hollingsworth
Treasurer - Tim Stenga
Financial Secretary - Melissa Burnett

Council Members/Committee Members:

Adult Education - Brenda Kellen
Committee members - Ingrid Wielenberg, Diane Leslie
Sunday School - Samantha Davis
Committee members - Danielle Ossefoort , Marit Sterud, Kristen Brockberg, Tanya Schroyer
Congregational Life - Dave Dulas
Committee members - Partners in Ministry group
Outreach & Missions - Kristy Henriksen
Committee members - Sheila Horton, Kennedy Maschino
Property Management - Scott Sterud
Committee members - Val Johnson, Al Hollingsworth, Mike Straw, Scott Rudie
Worship - Tami Taubert
Committee members - Lori Ilse, Cristy Appel, Mark Zinnel, Worship Leaders, Altar & Communion Committees
Youth - Erin Musch
Committee members - Amy Willey, Kevin Musch, Fair stand Committee, Youth room project leaders
Endowment - Chuck Sendelbach
Committee members - Steve Werner
Nominating - to be appointed from those going off of Council
Shetek Bible Camp - Darlene Muller/Kristen Brockberg
Convention Delegates - Henriksen, Paul & Kristy
Audit - Rob Woodbury, Wade Smith, Mike Kent

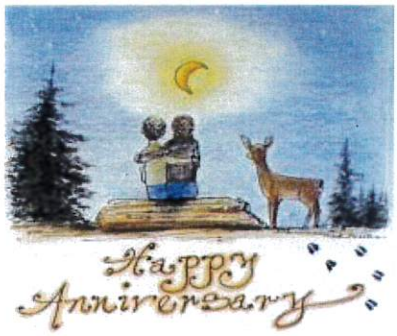
remember the **homebound**

VISITATIONS

If someone is ill or in need please call 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
Allen Houg .....Good Samaritan
Fern Horton.....Falls Landing



03/04 Erin & Kevin Musch
03/10 Tish & Tom Abrahamson
03/16 Carol & Dale Veen
03/18 Shannen & Mark Muller
03/22 Naomi & Matt Gunnink
03/29 Lisa & Steve Sneller
03/31 Pam & Craig Thies

NOISY OFFERING will be collected for the Pipestone County Food Shelf through the end of March. The amount given to this date is $27.28. *Thank you for your support of the Food Shelf.*

If you are interested in reading lessons on Sundays OR you would be willing to read for Wednesday Lenten Services, scan the QR code and sign -up . *Thank you.*

BABY CARE KITS

We are collecting the following items for the Baby Care Kit items through Easter - 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

Personal Care Kits

We are collecting the following items for the Personal Care Kits through Easter:

- One light - or medium - weight bath size towel (approximately 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- One metal nail clippers, remove packaging
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Time	Acolyte	Reader	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Sound
03/02/22 Ash Wednesday/ Holy Communion - Pastor Rasmussen	5:30am		Cristy Appel			Mark Zinnel
03/06/22 Holy Commnuion - Bishop Dee Pederson	9:30am	Austin Musch	Kristy Henriksen		Steve Werner Neil Johnson Tim Stanga Jim Hartke Kaden Mastbergen	Mark Zinnel
03/09/22 Lent service	5:30pm					Mark Zinnel
03/13/22 Speaker - Mark Carlson	9:30am	Olyvia Weber	Lori Ilse		Steve Werner Neil Johnson Tim Stanga Jim Hartke Kaden Mastbergen	Jason Weber
03/16/22 Lent service	5:30pm		Lori Ilse			Mark Zinnel
03/20/22 Speaker - Mark Carlson	9:30am				Steve Werner Neil Johnson Tim Stanga Jim Hartke Kaden Mastbergen	Mark Zinnel Brandon Willey
03/23/22 Lent service	5:30pm					Mark Zinnel
03/27/22 Speaker - Tera Elness	9:30am				Steve Werner Neil Johnson Tim Stanga Jim Hartke Kaden Mastbern	Mike Straw

03/01 Remi Wade
03/03 McCaden Biever
03/03 Jaxon Bosma
03/03 Tom Newgard
03/04 Nancy Johnson
03/06 Otto Johnson
03/07 Alex Abrahamson
03/07 Ellianna Maschino-Derby
03/07 Max Taubert
03/08 Shelly Maschino
03/09 Kay Dubbelde
03/10 Lance Oye
03/10 Darrick 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
03/13 Mari Wagner
03/14 Brittany Heidebrink
03/14 Lori Ilse
03/16 Madi Gunnink
03/16 Jennifer Thode
03/17 Grayson Weber
03/20 Joyce Colvin
03/20 Tom Willey
03/21 Tom Erickson
03/23 Kevin Wickland
03/25 Jordan Houselog
03/26 Melissa Burnett
03/26 Leah Ferrence
03/26 Matt Griebel
03/27 Naomi Gunnink
03/28 Kelli Velde
03/29 Katie Johnson
03/30 Aaron Burnett
03/30 Jason Woelber
03/31 Kendyl Houselog
03/31 Lon Legler
03/31 Teresa Staatz

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH		1	2 5:30pm Ash Wednesday/Holy Communion - Pastor Rasmussen 7pm Property Mgnt meeting	3 1:00pm Partners In Ministry	4	5
6 9:30am Worship/ Holy Communion - Bishop Dee Pederson at Church & live streamed	7	8	9 5:30pm Lenten Service 8:00pm Council meeting	10 9:30am Quilting 4-5:00pm Second Harvest	11	12
13 9:30am Worship/ Speaker Mark Carlson at Church & live streamed *Daylight Savings begins*	14	15	16 5:30pm Lenten Service	17	18	19
20 9:30am Worship /Speaker Mark Carlson at Church & live streamed	21	22 2:00pm Group Circle at the Church Potluck snacks	23 5:30pm Lenten Service	24 9:30am Quilting	25	26
27 9:30am Worship/Speaker - Tera Elness at Church & live streamed	28	29	30 5:30pm Lenten Service	31	May 1	2

<u>2022 - 23 *Pipestone Area Kindergarten Roundup*</u>

The preparations have begun for Kindergarten Roundup for students who will be of Kindergarten age for the 2022-23 school year! E-mails have been sent and phone calls have been made to the parents of the students who meet the age requirement (age 5 on or BEFORE September 1st, 2022) that we currently have in our system. If you did not receive a call or an email message and your child will be 5 (age 5 on or BEFORE September 1st, 2022), please contact Lori at Pipestone Elementary at the email or phone number listed below. THANK YOU!!!

Email: lori.ilse@pas.k12.mn.us

Phone: 507-562-5203

Please leave amessage if we are unable to answer.

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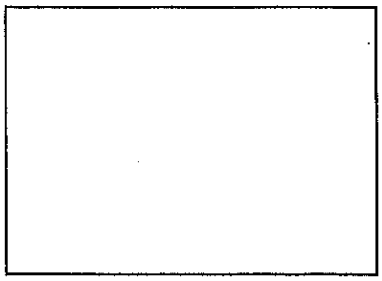

Worship schedule: 9:30am Sundays and live streamed
Radio Worship Broadcast: 10:30am Sunday on KLOH 1050 AM
TV Public Access: Wednesday @ 2pm & 7pm on Channel 3

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Secretary..... Darlene Muller

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

First Lutheran Church Committees meet on the first Wednesday.