



First Lutheran Church - ELCA

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# The Voice

of the First Lutheran Congregation

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† Palm Sunday - Sunday, March 29th

† Maundy Thursday - Thursday, April 2nd  
 With communion – 5th grade students receiving their First Communion  
 Service at 7:00pm

† Good Friday - Friday, April 3rd  
 12:15pm - Soup lunch  
 1:00pm - Good Friday service

† **EASTER SUNDAY**  
 Sunday, April 5th  
 Come celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!  
 9:30am

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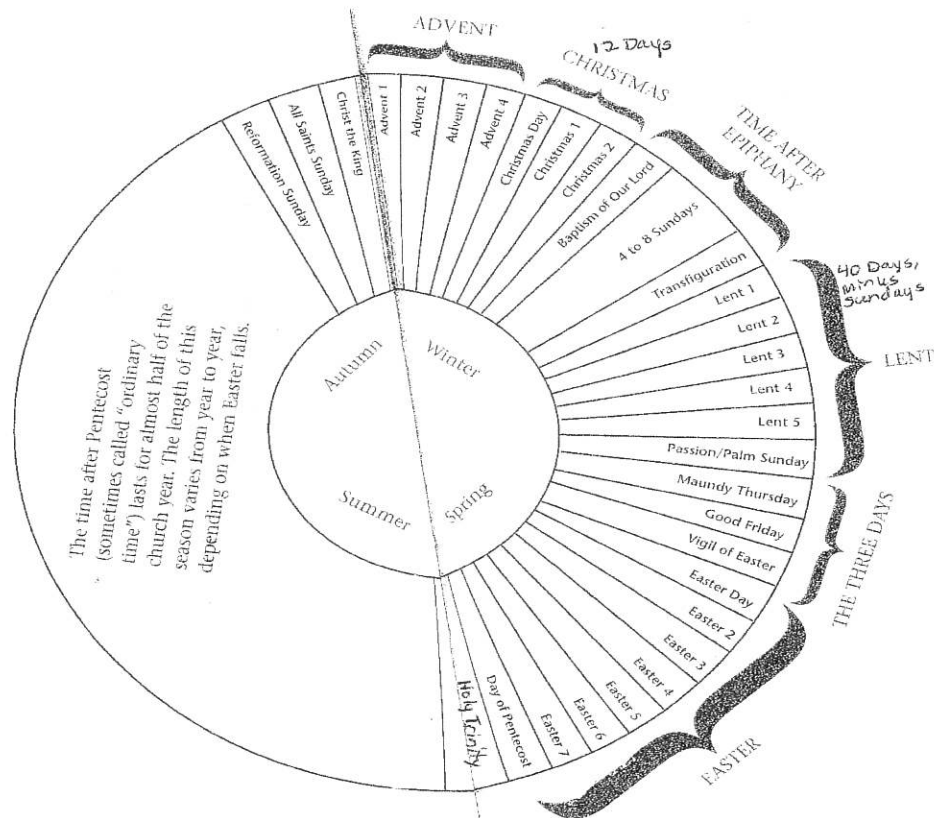
Happy Easter!!

Like Christmas, Easter is more than just one day—it is a whole season! The season of Christmas is 12 days, and then comes Epiphany. The season of Easter lasts 50 days and ends with Pentecost (the prefix pente- means five). This year, Pentecost is May 24th. Then comes the long Season After Pentecost, which basically lasts until Advent begins. (This year, the First Sunday of Advent will be November 29th, the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend).

This year is the year where most of our Gospel readings are from Matthew, but during Easter, we spend much of the time in the book of John and our first readings will be from Acts. In John, we will hear some of Jesus’s teachings to the disciples and parts of his prayer to God his last night with the disciples before he is arrested. In Acts, we will hear a variety of stories about the early church, especially Peter’s first sermon, from the Day of Pentecost.

Happy Easter to you all!  
Christ is Risen!! Christ is Risen indeed!  
Alleluia!!!

See you in church! *Pastor Ann*



## Council Highlights from Annual Meeting

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Pastor Ann Zastrow, Sarah Meyer, Nicole Weber, Robert Baerenwald, Karen Boehm, Danielle Ossefoort, Cristy Appel, Marit Sterud

**Absent:** Jim Hartke, Thad Reinert, Al Hollingsworth

- ◆ **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Motion made to pay ABC (Automated Building Controls), Building Sprinkler & Progress from the Building Fund. The remainder of bills plus \$300 to Pipestone Ministerial for a total of \$4,118.55 to be paid out of the general fund. Motion passed.
- ◆ **PASTOR'S REPORT:** Ministerial Committee will hold an outdoor service during Watertower Festival weekend to be held at the Pageant Grounds. Participating churches are asked for a \$150 donation for associated charges for rental fees. Since this will be a family event, LIFT volunteered to cover these charges. A motion to accept LIFT's donation made and accepted.
  - ◆ **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** New ideas coming in for our confirmation kids!

**New Business:** a. Fireside Room: It's great we have so many children attending church and playing with toys, but it has been left messy many times. A new tote for the kids will be placed for easy clean up and a sign hung as a gentle reminder to pick up when kids are done playing.

b. Financial updates: it was discussed and decided to add more church financial details to the quarterly giving statements. It will include overhead categories with a summary of expenses and account balances so members can see a more up to date bottom line expense/income statements.

- ◆ **Future Business:** Cost-saving measures discussed.
- ◆ **LIFT:** Make-It/Take-It Resurrection Gardens were made!! There are plans to do another before end of the year. Kids singing on Palm Sunday.
  - ◆ **Youth & Congregational Life:** Plans are in the works for the Canaries baseball game on Wednesday, June 17th for Faith and Family Night!
  - ◆ **Worship:** Maundy Thursday still need help for communion - Marit & Danielle volunteered. Good Friday will serve soup lunch at 12:15, service at 1pm. Senior Sunday will be May 17th.
- ◆ **Property Management:** Xcel Energy coming soon to replace thermostats and lights to LED. Still contacting tuck-pointers (they are not returning calls).
- ◆ **Adult Education:** David & Goliath series was given this past Sunday. Stay tuned for more.

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 8th, 2026 @7:30pm

Noisy Offering for February & March was collected for:

**Pipestone County Food Shelf**

The total amount collected was: **\$365.26**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THESE IMPORTANT OUTREACH NEEDS.

**March 2026 Offerings**

Monthly Offering needed:	\$17,505.53
Weekly Offering – week 1	
Lent offering	
Weekly Offering – week 2	
Lent offering	
Weekly Offering – week 3 (no service/weather)	
Lent offering	
Weekly Offering – week 4	
Lent offering	
Weekly Offering – week 5	
MONTH-END TOTAL:	

**Needed / week:**  
 4-week month = \$5,288/week      5-week month = \$4,230/week  
 \*\*NEW AMOUNTS WILL BE POSTED ONCE THE 2026 BUDGET IS APPROVED.

There are now THREE METHODS to use Simply Giving:

- 1) Your church offerings can be made weekly, every other week (bi-weekly) or monthly automatically through electronic funds transferred from your checking or savings accounts or by using your credit card.
- 2) To the right (>) is a Quick Response (QR) code. When you scan the QR code image with a smartphone's QR decoder, it will instantly connect you to the mobile version of the church's Vanco/Simply Giving offering site. Just follow the directions on your screen.
- 3) Be watching for other options as they become available.
- 4) Good ol' offering envelopes - they are tried and true still today!!



**Current Bell Tower fund balance (3/27/2026): \$**  
**THANK YOU to all who have donated!!!**

# Church News, Events & Happenin's

## 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.



Mildred Carstensen	Pipestone County Hospice - 309 10th St SW #2, Pipestone
Vera Newgard	734 W Church Av - Apt 2, Buffalo Lake, MN 55314
Joyce Kunz	Good Samaritan Communities, Pipestone
Darrell Foss	Good Samaritan, Sioux Falls
Kay Dubbelde	The Lodge Assisted Living - Mankato, MN <i>Send any letters or cards to: Kay Dubbelde</i> Mankato Lodge Senior Living 1360 Adams St Apt 103 - Mankato, MN 56001



† We keep Pastor Joyce & Ron Capp in our prayers on the passing of Joyce's dad, Chester on March 23rd, 2026 in Anoka, MN. Chester was 103!!

# 2026 Radio Sponsorships



Radio Sponsorships for 2026 are posted on the bulletin board by the office. If you have a recurring yearly sponsorship, please let the office know if you would like to change the date as listed on the schedule. There are 2 open slots (listed below) so if you would like to get signed up for one, please add your name to one of the open slots on the sheet. If you would like to check your recurring sponsorship, OR signup online, scan the QR code >>>.

**THANK YOU** all who give to the radio sponsorship – it is a GREAT way to share the ministry here at First Lutheran!!



Available Dates:

June 28th

September 20th

## Communion Assistants, Lesson Readers & Acolytes are needed!!!



If you are able to help us out, please sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex  
OR you can sign up online by using the QR code down on your left.

PS - DID YOU KNOW that you can also check to see when you are signed up by just scanning the code!!

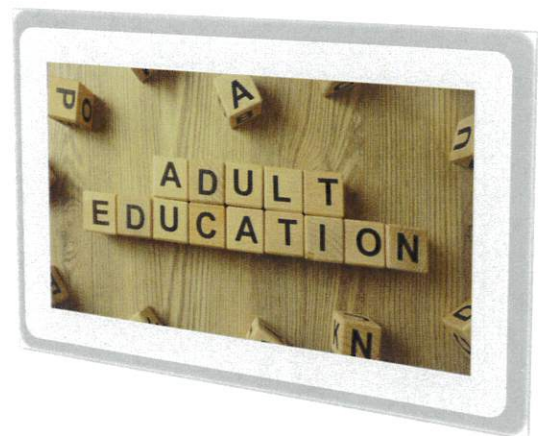
## Adult Ed Suggestion:

For a great celebration of Easter, go to YouTube to search for the video:

“The Champion” by Carman

Let us know what you think of our suggestion!

*the Adult Ed Committee*

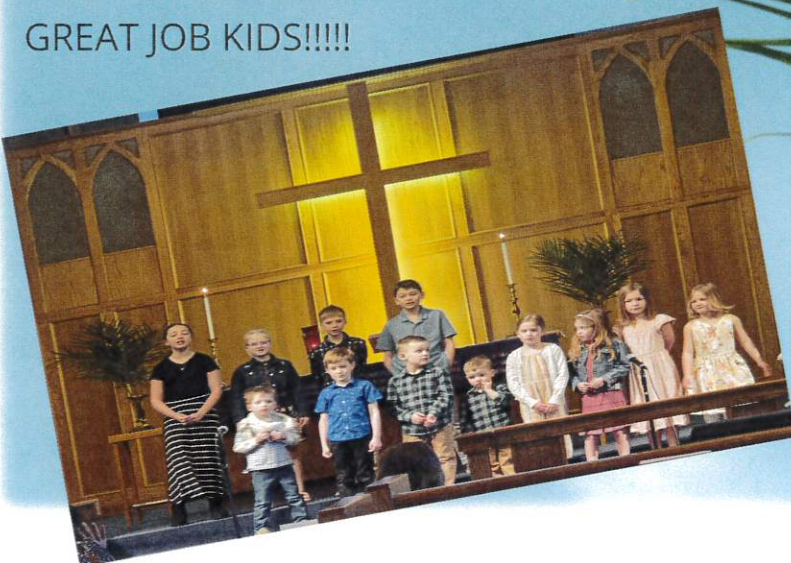




Fifth Grade First Communion students had the opportunity to make communion bread on Sunday afternoon, March 22nd. Tami Taubert helped them with instructions on how to measure out all the ingredients, mix them, shape and roll them in preparation for baking. The kids had a good time learning what all goes in to the making of the actual communion bread.



On Palm Sunday, we had a small but MIGHTY group of kids that sang the B.I.B.L.E. song with the bigger kids later singing the Books of the New Testament. GREAT JOB KIDS!!!!



# **F.L.C.W News**

## **& Activities**



### **FLCW Activities For April 2026**

**Outreach and Mission Noisy Offering for April:**

Shetek Lutheran Ministries

April Noisy Offering will be collected for Shetek Lutheran Ministries.

Shetek Lutheran Ministries is a place where Christ empowers and renews through experiencing God's word and fellowship in natural settings. Shetek is for people of all ages who want to spend time having fun in the beauty of God's creation. Shetek provides summer camp for youth and many programmed retreats for youth, adults, senior adults, women's groups, men's groups and families throughout the year.

Additionally, its setting is ideal for family gatherings, reunions, business meetings, weddings, and more.

Many activities and adventures are available, including canoeing, swimming, fishing from the causeway, cross country skiing. Lake Shetek State Park, broomball, hiking, or just relaxing. And, of course, Bible Study.

The Eagle's Nest Lodge is a new addition for small groups and family reunions. One of the cabins has been replaced with one that includes bathroom facilities. There is also The Lakota Retreat Center and the Environmental Education Center for science learning for all ages and school groups.

Please contribute generously to Shetek in April. They do a great job. There is always so many more things needed.

Shetek Lutheran Ministries was established in 1947. Celebrating 80 years in 2027! Since the beginning First Lutheran has been a partner in faith with the camp. It is beneficial for both faith communities.

See you in church!!

*Kristy*

# Shetek Happenings

April 2026



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

## Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



Apply to work at Camp this summer!



*Siding is getting put on the new cabin!*

## Wish List

- Extension Cords & Power Strips
- New Vacuum
- Children's Books
- Spark Bibles
- Office Supplies-Dry Erase Markers, paper
- Arts & Crafts Supplies
- Board games

## Upcoming Events

Confirmation Retreat April 10-11

Hiking Club April 19

Quilt & Craft Retreat April 20-23

Hiking Club May 17

Register online at [Shetek.org](http://Shetek.org) or

Call 507-763-3567



**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!**



**S H E T E K**  
LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

# Spring Quilting & Crafting Retreat

**April 20- 23, 2026**

**Fabric**



**Fun**



**Fellowship**

Registration Fee includes lodging and meals.  
You provide the project and creativity!

For more information  
contact Elizabeth at 507-763-3567  
or elizabeth@shetek.org

## Quilting & Craft Retreat April 20-23, 2026

You provide the projects and creativity!

**ARRIVAL :** Monday, any time after 1:00pm  
Tuesday: Brunch 9:30am, Supper 5:30pm  
Wednesday: Brunch 9:30am, Supper 5:30pm  
Thursday: Brunch 9:30am, No set time for departure

Register online at [www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org) or complete the registration form below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE ONE**  
**Private Room:** \$ 230 (Monday -Thursday), \$200 (Tuesday - Thursday)  
**Semi-private Room:** \$210 (Monday - Thursday), \$180 (Tuesday-Thursday)

Registration fee includes lodging & meals  
Please mail your registration & \$50 non-refundable deposit by April 8, 2026

As a participant in a SLM Retreat Program, I agree that the camp or its personnel will not be held responsible for accidents arising while at camp. I also give permission for the use of photographs, videos, and electronic images of myself.

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Remind

The REMIND app is used here at  
First Lutheran for our Youth activities!

To join, send a text to 81010 with the message:  
@8728964

OR

Visit: <https://www.remind.com/join/8728964>

It's a GREAT way to see opportunities for First Lutheran Youth in grades 6-12! Both students & parents are welcome to join!



We are on the home stretch - about 8 more weeks left of school before summer break! Spring sports are in full swing and everyone is getting busier by the day! With that, we will be winding things down here a little earlier this year. Confirmation will be on hold for the time being for some re-vamping and will start fresh in the fall. Be watching our FB page, church website and your emails for any updates, news, etc! Just remember a couple of the following things that will be happening this summer:

- ⇒ Wednesday, June 17th - Faith & Family Canaries game in Sioux Falls (free tickets)
- ⇒ June 25th to 28th - Watertower Festival
- ⇒ August (?) - Pipestone County Fair (& our the Fairstand!)

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all of the confirmation students for all of your help during Lent. You all did such a great job and it was awesome seeing all of you working together to get the job done. You are all such an AMAZING group of young people - THANK YOU again!!!!

# Kidz Korner



Every Child is designed  
by God to be a

## He'll Be Back

"You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. John 14:28-29 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 14:23-29



G D I B F P E A C E R Q S A W  
P S S B E S O Q U X W F Y H S  
F V O G A L T X C A W A Y J J  
M P B R G O I A K A K J C G H  
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S Z S X I D I N Y Y E T A J T  
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AWAY  
HEART  
PEACE

GREATER  
TEACH  
GLAD

AFRAID  
FATHER  
COMING

BELIEVE  
OBEY  
GOING

HOME  
BACK  
LOVE



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## Worship Assistants

Date	Time	Reader	Acolyte	Communion Assistant(s)	Ushers	Sound Room
<b>April 2nd</b> Maundy Thursday	7:00pm	<i>Acolyte:</i> Connor Thode <i>Greeters:</i> Kale Mastbergen & Oliver Sterud <i>Bulletins:</i> Coral Dengler & Elliott Sterud <i>Offering:</i> Tyrone Carpenter & Kynlee Ilse <i>Attendance counter:</i> Rowan Heidebrink <i>Communion Ushers:</i> Connor Ilse & Kelsey Sneller		1. Marit Sterud 2.	*Mark Christensen (cpt) ~Tom Dunn ~Bob Hubner ~Tom & Amy Willey family ~Cory & Jessica Chaulsett family	Mark Zinnel
<b>April 3rd</b> Good Friday	1:00pm	n/a	n/a	n/a		Mark Zinnel
<b>April 5th</b> Easter Sunday *Communion	9:30 a.m.			1. Cristy Appel 2. 3.	*Mark Christensen (cpt) ~Tom Dunn ~Bob Hubner ~Tom & Amy Willey family ~Cory & Jessica Chaulsett family	Neil Johnson
<b>April 12th</b> *Communion	9:30 a.m.	Wielenberg family	Kelsey Sneller	Ingrid Wielenberg	*Mark Christensen (cpt) ~Tom Dunn ~Bob Hubner ~Tom & Amy Willey family ~Cory & Jessica Chaulsett family	Mark Zinnel
<b>April 19th</b>	9:30 a.m.	Tami Stevens		_____	*Mark Christensen (cpt) ~Tom Dunn ~Bob Hubner ~Tom & Amy Willey family ~Cory & Jessica Chaulsett family	Ryan Wielenberg
<b>April 26th</b>	9:30 a.m.		Elle Brockberg	_____	*Mark Christensen (cpt) ~Tom Dunn ~Bob Hubner ~Tom & Amy Willey family ~Cory & Jessica Chaulsett family	Jason Weber



# April Anniversaries

May God's love continue to shine upon your marriage, filling your hearts with joy and peace!

<i>April 7th</i> Jim & Pam Schloendorf	<i>April 8th</i> Troy & Shannon Bouman	<i>April 19th</i> Patti & Dennis Peterson
<i>April 20th</i> Ron & Karen Hellie		<i>April 26th</i> Neil & Katie Johnson



April 1	Luka Alfson      Jessica Chaulsett	April 13	Kaleb Stevens      Judy Stubbe
April 2	Laura Rudie      Rob Schloendorf	April 14	Bryer Evans
April 3	Chris Evans      Elliott Sterud Bianca Johnson	April 17	Mike Thode
April 6	Kaitlyn Ilse	April 18	Becky Kaffar
April 7	Nick Schulze	April 20	Dar Eslick      Shelly Kozlowski Connor Wagner
April 8	Braeden Benz	April 21	Mick Myers
April 9	Brian Danks      Tracie Merriman	April 22	Chris Hummel
April 10	Judy Hansen	April 24	Aubrey Brockberg      John Dalen Brittney Gorter
April 11	Kiley Houselog	April 25	Cheryl Greenhoff
April 12	Joyce Kunz      Maxten Schulze Gene Spicer	April 29	Millie Danks      Kash Schroyer

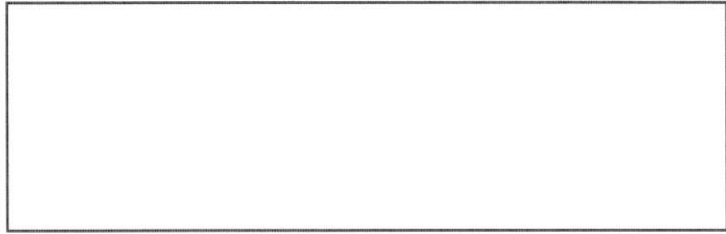
On your special day, you are wished all the very best, all the joy you can ever have and may you also be blessed abundantly today, tomorrow and the days to come!





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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*

Worship schedule:

- ◆ 9:30am Sundays at Church & live-streamed on Facebook
- ◆ Radio Worship Broadcast: 10:30am Sundays on KLOH 1050AM
- ◆ TV Public Access: Wednesdays @12pm & 5pm on Channel 3

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First Lutheran Church Council meets on the  
second Wednesday of each month  
@ 7:30 p.m.