



# Our Church

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## ***A Post-Easter Congregational Renewal Dream***

*“Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.”*

Philippians 2:4

Jesus spent much of his ministry challenging his followers to move beyond their self-interests: *“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”* John 15:12. *“Love your neighbor as yourself.”* Mark 12:31. He lived his challenge in his last days by washing the feet of his disciples after the Last Supper and dying on the cross and forgiving those who rejected him.

After Jesus’ resurrection, the early church took that servant-hearted mindset to heart as they planted churches across the ancient world. In Acts 2, they addressed the needs of the community around them and in the spirit of Paul’s challenge to the church in Philippi, *they looked not to their own interests, but to the interests of others*. The result of this outward focus was dramatic: *And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved!* Acts 2:47.

For the past year, First Lutheran’s 13-member Dream Team has met monthly to chart a path that will lead to congregational renewal and growth. Following the outward focused example of the early church and the advice of Thom Rainer, an author and church consultant, they interviewed 14 community agencies and leaders to better understand the needs of our community as a way to determine how we as a congregation could better serve our community and help meet some of these needs.

As we bask now in the resurrection hope of another Easter, we are finally ready to announce the launch of five new community outreach initiatives that have grown out of our community conversations. As you read the descriptions on the next page, we invite you to get involved in whichever initiative best aligns with your life passion and gifts! We are praying that your involvement will not only be personally fulfilling but will also contribute to the renewal of the congregation! If you have questions, please speak with me or contact the congregation members assigned to each ministry opportunity.

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Jeff Linman*

## **Renewal Volunteer Opportunities!**

### ***The Open Door @ First Lutheran...Launching April 5***

*The Open Door* is a small group mentoring / friendship / support for area high school students. Warren Dobry will be overseeing this program with the help of Doug Cruce. It will be open in our Fellowship Hall from 7:30 – 10pm every Tuesday and Thursday from April 5<sup>th</sup> through the end of school in May, with a plan to resume in the fall. Volunteers are needed to provide supervision and hang out with students. Snack volunteers are also needed. If you have a heart for high school students contact Warren.

### ***Multi-Cultural Food & Music Fest / Block Party / Summer Tutoring***

Our closest neighboring church is the Monmouth Chin Christian Church with over 250 members who fled the Chin Province of Myanmar (formerly Burma) because of religious persecution. Pastor Jeff initiated a conversation with their Pastor, Niceu Cinzah, last Easter, to extend a word of welcome, explore ways for our two churches to get acquainted, and to see if there were ways we could help them as they assimilate to life in a new country. ***The idea of FLC hosting a Sunday evening multi-cultural potluck in our fellowship hall followed by a music fest in our sanctuary is currently being explored by their pastor.*** Our hope is to host this event in May or June and invite our immediate neighbors to join us. Everyone will be invited to bring a favorite food from their culture to share at the potluck and then enjoy music from their worship band as well as our worship band and organ in the sanctuary. Since First Lutheran began as an immigrant church, it seems very fitting for us to reach out to these new immigrants as part of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. *If you would like to help plan this event, contact Kay Lovdahl, Jenny Sanberg, DeeDee Yez, or Patti Linman and then watch for further details.* In addition, since the English as a Foreign Language program at Willits School is not offered in the summer, ***the possibility of offering a simple tutoring program for adults at FLC during the summer is also being explored.*** Curriculum and training would be provided by Kang Hee Hong, the EFL coordinator for the Regional office of Education. *Contact Judy Sandberg to learn more about this volunteer opportunity.*

### ***Alternative School Projects***

After meeting at Willits School with Jodi Scott, the Regional Office of Education Superintendent, and the ROE social worker, we learned of several wonderful servant opportunities at the Alternative School located almost in our backyard. The Alternative School serves 40 middle and senior high students from Warren, Henderson, and Mercer Counties who were not succeeding in their home schools. The following ministry opportunities were identified:

- ***Birthday and Graduation Cakes:*** Many of the kids at the Alternative School come from challenging home environments. Over 25% are legally considered homeless because they are sleeping on couches at friend's or relative's or their cars. We learned at a recent synod event that First Lutheran in Galesburg provides birthday and graduation cakes for every student at the Knox County Alternative School. The people at First, Galesburg love it and so do the students whose special days are often not celebrated. Jodi Scott loved the idea as well so we offered to begin providing cakes this spring, focusing initially on those students who will be graduating soon. If you like to bake and would like to get involved, contact Diane Carlson or Betty Bruyn.
- ***Student Supply Needs:*** We also learned that the students are often in need of personal hygiene items, clothing, food, and other things. The school staff tries to meet their needs, but their closets are often bare. We have asked them to provide us with an ongoing list of needs, so we can try to meet the need. Patti Linman will initially be coordinating this project. If you would to get involved, please contact Patti. Watch for a list of needed items soon.
- ***Child Care Volunteers:*** We also learned that the Alternative School also operates a child care center for kids from birth to three to serve the children of Alternative School students as well as the English as a Foreign Language program. They are always looking for volunteers to rock babies and play with the kids. Patti Linman will initially be coordinating this project as well. If you would to help out please contact Patti.

### ***The Open Table...Community Conversation June 16-20 / Possible Fall Launch!***

A nationally recognized faith-based program that addresses issues of poverty through the creation of safety nets of caring community members who make a commitment to help a family or individual overcome their life challenges with a goal toward becoming self-sufficient. Pastor Jeff's congregation in Florida was just getting involved in this ministry when he moved. The closest Open Table program is in nearby Carthage. Jon Katov, the founder of this ministry will be hanging out with us June 16-20 to introduce this ministry to the Warren County community with the hope of getting wide-spread church and community support for launching this ministry. Check out [www.TheOpenTable.org](http://www.TheOpenTable.org) and then contact Pastor Jeff if you would like to learn more. Doug Cruce has also offered to lend a hand with this ministry.

### ***FLC Preschool / Day Care Volunteer Needs***

We have also decided to seek additional congregational volunteers for our own preschool / day care program. Patti Linman and Janice Algren will be providing occasional music this summer. Diane Carlson will take the lead in recruiting other volunteers to help with crafts, lead chapel time in the afternoon, play with the kids, or just provide an extra set of hands for the staff. If you love children and would like to get involved, contact Diane.

## ***Go in Peace, Serve the Lord, Thanks be to God***

Every Sunday as we leave our worship, we leave to some variation of "Go in Peace, Serve the Lord, Thanks be to God." It is a sending of us out into the world as Christians surrounded by the Peace of God and sent into the world to serve God with thankful hearts.

It is not always easy to be sent -- because when we are sent, we are sent from something -- the safety of our gathering and our worship and our fellowship -- to something -- the chaos of the world. We are sent by a God of Peace who commands us to love one another, period. God places or offers no conditions on His love or on His command for us to love. It is a command to love without limits, without exception, without judgement. It is a command to love as we have been loved by God. It is a command to be God's peacemakers in the world. Go in Peace.

It is not always easy to serve -- because when we are sent to service, we are sent to service in the world. It is service not just in the comfortable places -- warm and dry and safe -- but it is service in the most uncomfortable and vulnerable places -- homeless shelters, food kitchens and pantries, hospitals, nursing homes, and prisons. God calls us to serve have-nots of this world, wherever they are found. It can be dirty, difficult and disorienting. It can take us from our comfort zone to a place where we are not comfortable. The command to serve is a command to bring God's love to those the world sees as unlovable.

It is not always easy to give thanks -- because even though we are sent out with grateful hearts, we can easily look at what we do not have. We want for earthly stuff. We think we do not have enough of this or that. We strive for more, yet the proclamation "Thanks be to God" reminds us that we have been given so much -- so much more than we will ever need. We have been blessed with family, a place to call home, a full stomach, dry clothes and people who look out for us. Our thankfulness comes from knowing that we are known by God.

You are blessed -- go and bless others.

*Pastor Vince Marolla*

# ***Back to Our Future: A Never-Ending Story!***

Dear Members and Friends of FLC,

Our big 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Homecoming event will be Reformation Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for other events! In the meantime, this monthly anniversary page is a place for you to share special memories (funny, meaningful, hopeful, surprising, reflective, you name it), as well as hope and dreams for our future. Contributions from everyone, including pictures, are invited! Email them to [office@flcmonmouth.org](mailto:office@flcmonmouth.org) or drop them off at church!

Thank you!

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

When I messed up lighting the candles on the Thanksgiving service.

- *Elise Blaesing*

I really enjoyed having confirmation classes with Pastor Killinger. I will always remember getting to church in the evening, heading to the kitchen fridge to grab a can of (expired) pop, and sitting down in the lounge to talk about something that certainly was originally church related, but so often turned into off-topic tangents and discussions (like ghosts, or Glee). The youth trips to Chicago that he and Pam organized were also incredibly fun; I love Chicago and always appreciate spending time there.

- *Heather Ide*

"Zacchaeus was a Wee Little Man" song in Sunday School

- *Elise Blaesing*

I remember about two years ago my grandpa, sisters, and I were all going to Chicago with the church youth group. We were going to the Museum of Science and Industry. The coolest way that we were ever transported was by water taxi. I loved all of the fascinating architecture. I didn't like the bus ride. Once we got to the museum, I was ready for the mine cart ride. My grandpa and I had the exact time for it, but we missed it. It all was fun though.

- *Collin Nuckles*

Santa Lucia

- *Elise Blaesing*

My memory is from about nine years ago. I was only about three and we were all in Sunday School. These people came and talked about their every day life. They were talking about ant mounds and how they got electricity. They even had a slide show for it all. I remember them bringing ornaments for us and I still have a beaded elephant.

- *Collin Nuckles*

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Worship Volunteer Sign-Up Update!**

April – May worship helpers are now being recruited for the 10:30am worship service. If you would be willing to greet people before worship and serve as ushers, read the lessons and prayers, or set-up and serve communion, please check for specific openings on the sign-up sheet after worship or call the church office.

### **Participant Directory Update...More Info Needed!**

We are in the final stages of creating our new Participant Directory and need your help. We want to ensure that the information we include is accurate and complete. The spreadsheet we made available last fall for review was not reviewed by enough people for us to believe that our database is complete.

With this in mind, ***we have created a new Household Data Form for every household to complete*** so we can correct our current data and add the names of non-member spouses as well as cell phone and email addresses for everyone in the household. We are also seeking both home addresses and mailing addresses, if they are different. This is designed to help us stay better connected and to help our new pastor get connected. While we are at it, we also want to make sure that our membership records are complete so we are also requesting full names, birth dates, and wedding dates. Copies of the Household Data Form are available on Sundays and in the church office. ***We are asking that all forms be returned by April 15<sup>th</sup>.***

### **Constitution Update and Congregational Meetings!**

The Congregation Council has been revising our Constitution to bring it into alignment with the ELCA's Model Constitution for Congregations. The revised Constitution is available on our website ([flcmonmouth.org/resources](http://flcmonmouth.org/resources)) along with a Summary of Revisions. Both are also available in hard copy in the church office and after worship. Please review both documents in preparation for voting at a special Congregational Meeting, Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. A second vote will be held at the Semi-Annual meeting, Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.

Contact Rose Sandstrom or Pastor Vince with questions.



<- Pictured  
Wendy and Cohen Anderson,  
Steve Erlandson, Carl Hamberg,  
Ayla and Derek Johnston,  
Jeff and Patti Linman, Caleb,  
Camden and Coby Miller,  
Judy Sanberg, Grant Tate

Thanks to the Christian Education team for sponsoring the bowling and pizza party on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Everyone had a great time and some of us even broke 100!

- Patti Linman

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# BLANKET SUNDAY

## Church Women United

Blanket Sunday is celebrated in the spring and fall. This spring we are celebrating on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Your donation of \$10 will provide a blanket to someone in the world. To support newly arrived refugees, victims of floods or fires, homeless shelters and migrant workers.

God has blessed us with so much and we have much to share. Share this love by providing CWS Blankets to those in need.

- Betty Bruyn, FLC's Church Women United Representative

# APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Kathy Fillman	4/2/1971	47 years
Ronald & Debbie Manuel	4/28/1985	33 years
Todd & Kris Champion	4/25/1987	31 years

# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Gary Utter	4/1	Elise Blaesing	4/13	Lindsey Martin	4/23
Marlys Dobry	4/4	Chip Algren	4/18	Rob Ravel	4/23
Debbie Manuel	4/5	Diane Carlson	4/20	David Erlandson	4/25
April Icenogle	4/6	Warren Dobry	4/20	Sharon Edwin	4/28
Fred Burgland	4/7	Rachael Nuckles	4/20	Dixie Larson	4/29

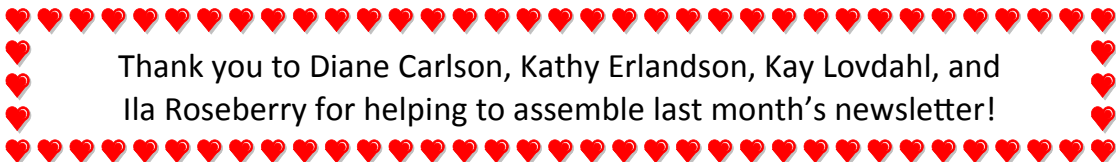
### Know a College Student's Address?

As we update and verify our entire database, college students - whose addresses can change annually - require special attention. If you, your child/grandchild, or your friend has entered or graduated college in the last several years, please contact the church office to share their current contact information so we can stay connected with them during this important season in their life.

### Our Church in Your Inbox

First Lutheran has recently started delivering the monthly newsletter via email. If you would like to receive your newsletter this way, send an email to [office@flcmonmouth.org](mailto:office@flcmonmouth.org). If you're intrigued, but not sure you're ready to switch, please email the office anyway - you can get the newsletter both ways (mail and email) while you decide!

<u><i>Sarah</i></u>	<u>WELCA Circles</u>	<u><i>Naomi</i></u>
<i>Ila Roseberry</i>	APRIL	<i>DeeDee Yez</i>


  
 Thank you to Diane Carlson, Kathy Erlandson, Kay Lovdahl, and Ila Roseberry for helping to assemble last month's newsletter!



## WORSHIP HELPERS FOR APRIL 2018

Altar Care: Connie Larimer

Altar Flowers: 1 - WELCA  
8 - Don Fillman  
15 - Dean & David Sandstrom  
22 - OPEN  
29 - OPEN

### Lectors

Chapel: 8 Elaine Sander, 15 & 22 Rob Ravel, 29 Robin Johnson

Sanctuary: 1 Wendy Anderson, 8 Kurt Volz, 15 Mark Shrader,  
22 OPEN, 29 Kathy Erlandson

### Communion Assistants

Chapel: 8, 15 & 29 Gary Martin, 22 Robin Johnson

Sanctuary: 1 & 15 Ellen Shrader, 8 Connie Larimer & Carl Hamberg,  
22 Diane Carlson, 29 OPEN & OPEN

### Acolytes

Acolyte: 1 & 22 Derek Johnson, 8 & 29 Collin Nuckles, 15 Elise Blaesing



### Please Remember in Your Prayers

Ryder Armstrong, Mary Beedle, Angela Bradley-Volz, Ruth Fluke, Shane Johnson, Kathy Bertelsen Kever, Peggy Kulczewski, Cathy Bush Raymer, Melvin Schlicker, Marjorie Swanson, Richard Reynolds, Bill Root, Evelyn Volz, Marjorie Smith, Austin Loving, John Petersen, Chris Schulthes, Carol Hanson, David Schlicker, Richard Rieck.

*If you have someone you would like included on the prayer list, please contact the church office. Please let Courtney know who you would like included, for how long, and if we can include their name on our website.*

# **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

## **K-5 Sunday School**

Sunday School for children in grades K-5 meets at 9:30am in the main floor Sunday School room in the education building with Judy Sanberg serving as the teacher. If you have friends or neighbors with children in that age group who do not have a church home, please encourage them to come to Sunday School!

## **Confirmation Wednesdays @ 7pm**

Weekly Confirmation for middle and high school youth resumes Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8pm in the Pastors' Office. New youth are always welcome as we seek to grow in our relationship with Jesus. Contact Pastor Jeff for further information.

## **Middle and High School Sunday School**

Ellen and Mark Shrader lead a weekly Sunday School class for middle and high school youth Sundays at 9:30am in the Pastors' Office. All middle and high school youth and friends are invited to this fun faith-building learning and sharing time.

Mark and Ellen usually bring treats to share...even more reason to attend!

## **FLC @ MC Campus Ministry!**

Thanks to connections made with five Monmouth College students attending our Ash Wednesday worship services, First Lutheran now has a weekly campus ministry at Monmouth College! FLC @ MC meets on Mondays at 6:30pm in the Student Center lobby to have dinner together. After dinner with Pastor Jeff and Patti everyone gathers in the Fulton Hall lounge for an hour of life and faith conversation, supportive prayer, and some music. Several MC students plan to get involved as mentors in the new Open Door high school outreach as well. We thank God for this new opportunity and invite your prayers! The current students are all freshmen and sophomores so we look forward to resuming the ministry in the fall. All college students are welcome. For further information, contact Pastor Jeff.

## **Weekday Heart to Heart Encounters with Jesus Study**

The Heart to Heart Encounter with Jesus study resumes Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the Pastors' Office. The study, facilitated by Pastor Jeff, is focusing on the parables of Jesus. Each week stands alone so guests are welcome any week!

Contact Pastor Jeff for further information.

## CHURCH LIBRARY NOTES

### **TWO books worth reading.....**

On November 11, 1984, engulfed in a dark tunnel of confusion, 18-year-old Andrew Chilstrom took his life. For Herb Chilstrom, his wife Corinne, and Andrew's siblings and friends, the world collapsed.

\* **Andrew, You Died Too Soon** by Corinne Chilstrom

In the most simple, straightforward language, this mother tells the heart's story: the love for her son which had to continue without that son; the embrace of speechless grief and of a murmuring, speaking community; the deep, spiritual events that occurred for her and her family when one son took his life.

It is the author's intent that reading this will be an experience which enhances life; one which will help make the encounter with grief not only more bearable, but actually growth-producing. Readers will find here therapy, catharsis, understanding, and even fresh grounding for faith, hope, and love – hope, being at such times and momentarily, "the greatest of these." ([www.augbergfortress.org](http://www.augbergfortress.org))

\* **When a Father Loses a Son** by Herbert W. Chilstrom

In *When a Father Loses a Son*, Chilstrom opens his heart, gathers together the essence of his journey and offers it to others. Though his aim is to help fathers – especially with the loss of a child – parents, siblings or friends will find this book helpful. (From the book's order form.)

(I recommend you read "Andrew, You Died Too Soon" first.)

Anna Lovdahl, Church Librarian

**THE LIBRARY IS OPEN** during regular office hours, before and after services on Sundays, and anytime there is an event at the church. Stop by to check out a book or two for some excellent reading.



## MAIL RECEIVED



Thank you for your generous donation to Strom Center. This past year has been a challenge with the ups and downs of funding. Your contribution will go a long way towards meeting the many critical needs of those we serve. We at Strom Center get to see the relief but YOU are the ones who make that possible.

Your generosity is and has already been such a blessing to so many. We appreciate your continued prayers as we realize how vital those prayers are to our center's mission. Thank you so very much.

I very much enjoyed visiting and sharing with Pastor Jeff and First Lutheran's Dream Team at Strom Center. It is rewarding knowing that you have placed your faith in our center, staff, and programs. We are truly blessed with that knowledge and will continue to remember that as we assist those in need.

Sincerely,

- Carol Neal McCrery, Director, Strom Center

### **Thank you for giving to the work of the church!**

Generosity is a sign of the fulfillment of the kingdom of God. It is a fruit of the spirit. It is a signal that God is at work in our lives. Your open-hearted giving continues to bless both our ministry leaders and the ones they serve following the upheaval of the hurricane disaster. Thank you for your prayers, words of encouragement and giving! With your help, we are making a difference in the world.

Yours in Christ,

- Michael Rinehart, Bishop of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod



Dear First Lutheran Members,

A big THANK YOU for opening your doors to us and the singers as we prepared for the contest. It was a treat to have acoustic pianos instead of keyboards and plenty of room to be comfortable! We sincerely appreciate your kindness and hospitality.

Thanks all you 'First' folks! We wish you God's continued blessings!

- Deb, Grace, Janise, JoAnne  
*(the pianists who used FLC's pianos to rehearse MRHS solo/ensemble singers during February)*

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## Call Committee Update

We are done with the Ministry Site Profile - the Synod is reviewing it.

## Tech Booth Volunteers Needed

We are creating a tech booth for sound and projection in the center of the balcony. If you are computer and/or sound savvy, we would love to have you on our new tech team to advance slides and adjust sound. If interested, contact Pastor Jeff.

## Want to Join the FLC Worship Band?

If you have musical gifts (vocal or instrumental) and would like to explore serving on FLC's worship band, please speak with Janice Algren (keyboardist) or any other member of the worship band after Sunday worship.

## Want to Become a Member/Disciple at FLC?

Are you new or returning to First Lutheran and excited about what's happening? If so, please consider joining the congregation by becoming a member/disciple!

Pastor Jeff will be scheduling a New Member / Disciple orientation soon.

To express an interest and offer your thoughts on the best time to meet, speak with Pastor Jeff in person or contact him by phone or text

(407-435-8525), or email ([jeff@flcmonmouth.org](mailto:jeff@flcmonmouth.org)).

## First Lutheran Church Council Highlights

**February 13, 2018**

(approved March 13, 2018)

*Living as Children of God;*

*Joyful in Worship, Faithful in Service*

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by President Steve Erlandson, followed with prayer by Pastor Jeff.

Present: Pastor Jeff, Steve Erlandson, Cecil Lovdahl, Connie Larimer, Ray Bruyn, Diane Carlson, Butch Johnson, Ben Sanberg, Rose Sandstrom, and Ellen Shrader.

Prayers by Pastor Jeff for Heidi Niemann & family and Bob Matson's family.

Monmouth Police Department Presentation has not returned the message as of February 13<sup>th</sup>. Will be contacting Joe Bratcher for follow-up.

Concerns: Day Care safety.

### Motioned, Seconded, and Approved

- Minutes from January 9<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting with revisions
- Minutes from the Congregational Meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>
- Treasurer's Report
- All Committee Reports
- \$120 annual expense will continue for binding both bulletins and the newsletter
- One service on Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30am
- Breakfast Potluck on Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 9am
- Two services on Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:15am and 10:30am

Message of Thanks: to Robin Johnson for organizing the Lenten Devotional books.

Courtney for her extra work on same. Members of the congregation who submitted devotions.

### Old Business

- Call Committee: Survey results were about the same, did change one main sentence. Ben Sanberg plans to present the change at a special meeting on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Lenten Midweek – planning on 20-25 people at 6pm. There will be a sign-up sheet for future food.

### Pastor's Report

- There are nine people/families on the shut-in list.

Committee Reports**Building & Grounds**

- No meeting this month due to weather.
- An internet booster has been installed by MTC in the Sanctuary.
- The door by the elevator (in the Sanctuary) has fallen down and the issue has temporarily been taken care of.
- More wiring needs to be installed to reach the TV on the balcony.
- Heating issues and a problem with an original boiler that may need to be replaced.

**Day Care** - Discussion on safety entrance to the Day Care. Further discussion with the Council on having a professional in for the correct solution.

**Memorial Committee**

- Pauline Sheridan memorial to be used for worship technology
- Dolores 'Dode' Johnson memorial to be partially used for a drum set to belong to First Lutheran Church
- The Memorial Committee will help support the replacement of flooring as discussed at the Congregational Meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup>

**Parish Life** - Strawberry Festival will be Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm with prayer by Pastor Jeff.

Next meeting is March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6pm.

-Connie Larimer, Secretary

*(FULL MINUTES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)*

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## DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Apr 4** - Heart to Heart Conversations w/Jesus Resumes @ 2pm

- Confirmation Resumes @ 7pm

**Apr 5** - *The Open Door* Begins @ 7:30pm

**Apr 22** - Blanket Sunday (Church Women United)

**May 4** - May Friendship Day (CWU) @ First United Methodist Church, 9am

## Our Church

The deadline for the next newsletter is  
**MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018 at 8AM.**

Please submit your articles by the deadline.

Articles for submission to Our Church  
*may* be edited to fit the format.

Whenever possible, please submit articles  
via e-mail (message text or attachment).

Thank you!