



First Edition



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST LUTHERAN MARCH 2021

Congratulations! You have made it through the season of Lent. I hope that the journey you have been on these past forty days has brought you into a closer relationship with Jesus and maybe God has taught you something that will help solidify your faith in Him.

Now we are in April. We celebrate the first Sunday of this month by rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. This is the event in history that Christianity clings to. Without it, the story of Jesus would just be like a fairytale. But the resurrection of Jesus proves that He is still alive and active. The resurrection has the power to change people from death to life, from lost to found.

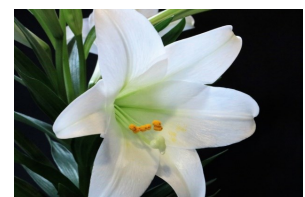
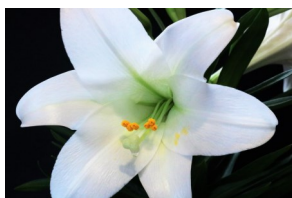
The Apostle Paul is a great example of this. He talks about how we were dead in our sins and transgressions, but now we are alive in Christ. We are only alive in Christ because He is alive. Paul saw the resurrected Jesus on the road to Damascus and his life was never the same again. This man was probably the biggest enemy of the early Christian church. His mission was to hunt down Christians and put a stop to their movement. Once the resurrected Jesus got ahold of Paul, his life took a 180 degree turn. The one thing Paul set out to destroy was the one thing he became: a Christian.

This same 180 degree turn happened in the disciples of Jesus as well. Everyone of them abandoned Jesus in the garden when He was being arrested, but three days later they all saw the resurrected Jesus (except Judas of course). Instead of running away from Jesus, the disciples clinged to Jesus until they were killed for their faith. Why would they die for Jesus if they knew He was still in the tomb? It is because He is not in the tomb anymore.

He is alive! What great news we have! So how has your life been changed because of the resurrection of Jesus? Maybe you feel like it hasn't changed much. Or maybe you also made that 180 degree turn. Sometimes we as Christians often forget just how much the resurrection impacts us. It also seems like the longer we are a Christian, the more we tend to forget the power of the resurrection.

It is my hope and prayer that this year's celebration of Easter will awaken your soul and ignite that fire inside of you to remember why you even said "yes" to Jesus in the first place. Let's try and remember that first time we accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior. May anyone who is reading this be blessed and be filled with joy in knowing that Jesus is risen. He is risen indeed!

Pastor Matthew



PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Bonnie Anderson
Lindsey Kennedy (cancer)
(Pat Long's granddaughter)
Jessica Nornberg
Roxanee Kaiser (cancer)
(Marlene Lindeman's daughter)
Adam Long (grandson of Dan Long)
JoAnn Artmann
(Karen Fundine's daughter)
Tamara Mack (COVID)
(relative to Clint and Lynda Converse)

Wanda Beimert (cancer)
Darlene Zabel
Tim Litsheim (cancer) Dan Long's nephew
Rita Peterson (cancer)
Amber Baerg (Chris & Julie Warren's daughter)
Gary Beimert (Cancer)
Penny Stumvold (surgery) (sister to Wanda Beimert)

PEOPLE IN NURSING AND ASSISTED LIVING HOME

Riverside Assisted Living

Irene Pietz
Barb Reimer
Ken Kelling

Harmony House/Brainerd

Char Brattlund

Remer

Larry Wright

PRAYER CHAIN

When you need prayer support, there is a group at our church who will pray diligently for whatever the need is. Please call Marlene Lindeman at

218-746-3541.

MILITARY

Jennifer Vasquez—Navy, Daughter to Don and Sharon Gehrke
Chad Hagg—Army, Son of Arlene Hagg, Nephew of Eileen Ausland
Joseph DeLude—Army, Grandson of Don DeLude
Isaac Jacobson—Navy, Son of Dan & Wendy Jacobson
Sonja Larson—Army, Granddaughter of Mel & Gwen Larson

UPDATING

If the military, those who are ill or in the hospital, or people in nursing homes is not up to date or if names need to be added or deleted, please contact Sharon Gehrke so that these lists can be updated.

Thanks

Check out our Website at
firstlutheranpillager.net

We also have a Facebook page to check out!!!! Please free to post anything or post comments!!! Facebook page search type in First Lutheran Pillager and this should take you to the page. The Calendar will be updated as the schedule changes! Thanks to Kirstie for keeping our Web page updated!

Our sympathies go out to the Neal Hofius family on the loss of Neal's sister. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Our sympathies go out to the Arlene Schmit family on the loss of their mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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Thou Shalt Not Steal

Two little boys were known as troublemakers, stealing everything they could get their hands on, even from the church. One day a priest stopped one of the boys and asked, "Where is God?" The boy shrugged and the priest repeated, "Where is God?" The boy ran out of the cathedral crying. At home his brother found him and asked, "What's wrong?" The boy replied, "We're in trouble now! God is missing, and they think we took Him!"

Not Making the Grade

When you were in high school, did you feel as if your teachers failed to recognize your true talent and potential? This guy likely would have felt the same way.

Student: **Jesus Christ**

Grade 10

English	C	Tends to write in archaic form ("sayeth," "maketh," etc) and relies overly on outmoded figures of speech.
History	B	Excellent and enthusiastic pupil of ancient history but is baffled by the modern era.
Earth Science	Incomplete	Totally misinterpreted a major assignment on the age of rocks and instead reported on the "Rock of Ages". Needs to repeat.
PE	D	A trouble maker — for example, during our unit on swimming, refused to work on technique and instead tried to walk across the pool.

General Comments: A charismatic boy but social concerns persist. Most disturbing is that he has organized a gang of 12 of his peers. Also, he should keep his hair at a tidy length and not wear sandals in accordance with the school

Why English Is So Hard!

We'll begin with *box*; the plural is *boxes*,
But the plural of *ox* is *oxen*, not *oxes*.
One fowl is a *goose*, and two are called *geese*,
Yet the plural of *moose* is never called *meese*.

You may find a lone *mouse* or a house full of *mice*;
But the plural of *house* is *houses*, not *hice*.
The plural of *man* is always *men*,
But the plural of *pan* is never *pen*.

If I speak of a *foot*, and you show me two *feet*,
And I give you a *book*, would a pair be a *beek*?
If one is a *tooth* and a whole set are *teeth*,
Why shouldn't two *booths* be called *beeth*?

If the singular's *this* and the plural is *these*,
Should the plural of *kiss* be ever called *keese*?

We speak of a *brother* and also of *brethren*,
But though we say *mother*, we never say *methren*.
Then the masculine pronouns are *he*, *his*, and *him*;
But imagine the feminine . . . *she*, *shis*, and *shim*!

- 1. The bandage was wound around the wound.**
- 2. The farm was used to produce produce.**
- 3. The dump was so full it had to refuse refuse.**
- 4. We polish Polish furniture.**
- 5. He could lead if he would get the lead out.**
- 6. The man decided to desert his dessert in the desert.**
- 7. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.**
- 8. A bass was painted on the bass drum.**
- 9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.**
- 10. I did not object to the object.**
- 11. The insurance for the invalid was invalid.**
- 12. There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.**
- 13. They were too close to the door to close it.**



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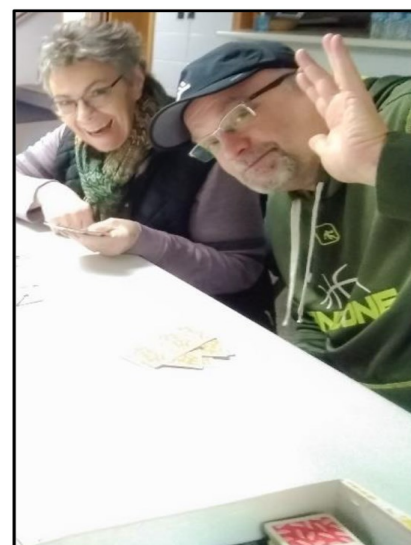
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Game Night

Come join the fun 7-9 p.m. every other Thursday in the church fellowship area. Bring a table game or hop in on one here. During the three sessions held so far – February 11 & 25 and March 11, we have learned lots about the games as well as the competitors. Fun for all! Mark your calendar for the next session, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 25th!





Lap Quilting

After their three-month winter session, the ladies are on track for an Easter delivery of more than 30 lap quilts to those in need.

Let us know if you know someone!



