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Regular Worship Schedule

5:30 pm Saturday

9:00 am Sunday

TV Worship Times

Sun. 5:30 pm, Mon. 11 am,

Tues. 9:30 am, Thurs. 4 pm & Fri. 8 pm



Living in God's amazing grace

The mission of our congregation shall be to motivate, equip and support our members for the ministry of Jesus Christ in our congregation, our community and our world.

Wednesday Lenten Worship

April 5

Worship 5:30pm

Soup Supper 6:15pm

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, April 9, 9:00 AM

THE PASSION OF CHRIST MOVIE

Wednesday, April 12, 6:00 PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 13, 7:00 PM

ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 14, 7:00 PM at St. Mary's Church

EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, April 15, 5:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Sunrise Worship Service at 7:00 AM

Easter Worship Service at 9:30 AM

EASTER BREAKFAST

8:00 - 9:30 AM

The Cross

During the six weeks of Lent we focus on Jesus' journey to the Cross. This year at the close of our Lenten worship services we gather around the Cross in the front of the church and we sing "Jesus, keep me near the Cross." The Cross is a powerful symbol for our Christian faith. What does the Cross symbolize for us?

First, the Cross reminds us of our sinful nature. If we are honest with ourselves we must admit that we do not love God with our whole heart and we do not love our neighbor as ourselves. It is our sins that put Jesus on the Cross. So the Cross is a reminder of our guilt.

The Cross is a symbol of God's justice. There are consequences for our sin and unfaithfulness. Jesus suffered and died on the Cross for our sins. The penalty has been paid. God is satisfied and justice has prevailed.

The empty Cross is a symbol of victory. Jesus died on the Cross but he rose from the grave. He conquered sin, evil, and death for us. The empty Cross declares Jesus' victory and consequently our victory!

The Cross is also a symbol of an example for how we are to live as followers of Jesus. The Cross reminds us of the kind of selfless love we are to share with one another.

Thank you to every person who gathered around the Cross with all of us during our Lenten worship. Gathering around the Cross with fellow believers gives us strength, hope, and peace.

During Holy Week we invite you to continue to gather for worship.

On Maundy Thursday we gather around the table of our Lord as we receive the body and blood of Jesus which bestows forgiveness and builds us up in our faith.

On Good Friday we gather around the Cross with fellow Christians in our community at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

On the Easter Vigil we gather for the oldest worship service of the church, with a hint that the promise of New Life and Resurrection Hope is just around the corner.

On Easter morning we gather around the empty Cross and the empty tomb to celebrate Jesus' and our victory over sin, evil, and death!

May the Cross of Christ always be a symbol of peace and joy!
Pastor Duane



At Christmastime First Lutheran Church collected gifts and supplies for the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester. Tom and Karen Heise delivered the goodies to the house Dec. 19. In partnership with the community, RMH provides a comfortable and caring home-away-from-home that supports **keeping families together and reduces stress during a child's serious illness.**



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

BOB POLK SCHOLARSHIP

Bob Polk, a long time faithful member of First Lutheran Church who died in July 2015, has generously given money for a scholarship to support a student who is going into a medical or health related career. Applications for this scholarship are due by June 1, 2017.

In accordance with the wishes of Bob Polk and his family this \$1,000 scholarship is to be awarded to a deserving student who is a confirmed member of First Lutheran Church and who plans to enroll or is presently enrolled in an undergraduate 2 or 4 year college, university or technical school educational program in a medical or related health care program.

The application requirements include: High School or college GPA of 3.0, acceptance into a 2 or 4 year accredited college, university or technical school for preparation for a medical or health related field, completion of the application form, personal statement and release of student records form. Financial need will also be considered.

Candidates can reapply for up to 4 years during their undergraduate study. Scholarship applications can be obtained from the First Lutheran Church office. Completed applications can be returned to the First Lutheran Church office by June 1, 2017. The scholarship will be awarded by July 1, 2017. Questions, contact Patty Svien, 651-345-4383.

FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

If you are a confirmed member of First Lutheran Church, you may qualify for a scholarship if you are going to attend an ELCA affiliated college or university. The scholarship from First Lutheran will be matched by the ELCA college you attend and can be applied for up to 4 years.

Colleges in the Midwest who are ELCA affiliated include:

Luther College, Decorah, IA.	Epic Scholarship
Wartburg College, Waverly, IA.	Epic Scholarship
Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN.	Church and College Grant Program
St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN.	STEP Grant Program
Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN.	PRIME Scholarship
Concordia College, Moorhead, MN.	Congregational Grant Scholarship
Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD.	PACT Program

If you are planning to attend one of the colleges listed above you can find out about the First Lutheran Scholarship policy and application process by going to the church website and searching under the Youth & **Family Ministry tab and clicking "college" under this tab.**

You can also learn more about each of the colleges requirements for this opportunity by looking up the name of the individual scholarship on the college website. (Name of scholarship by college listed in **BOLD** type above.)

Questions can be answered by contacting Patty Svien at 345-4383 or email at lsvien@centurylink.net

FLC GROUPS

Thursday Morning Bible Study: will meet at 8:30am in the Fireside Room.

Esther Bible Circle: will meet at **Mavis Sprick's Home** on Wednesday, April 19 at 1:30pm.

Women To Women... will meet on Thursday, April 13 at 11:30am at Port 104 for lunch.

FLC QUILTERS...will meet Tuesdays, April 11 & 25 at 8:30m in the FLC Gathering Area.

Lake City Food Shelf...Is in need of Canned Spaghetios. Please place items in the wooden bin by the Welcome Center.

Help Wanted

Looking for 2 people to help count collection money at the bank the 1st Monday or Tuesday of the month, it will take between 1 and 2 hours. If interested in please contact Kathy Jo Rodester @ kjrodester@yahoo.com or 651-210-1898.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Friends and Family...Dave Sontag, Kenny McEwen, Don Hoyt, Kendal Breyfogle, Vi Stinson, Jude (Karen Moses-Richardson's sister), Charlotte Roe, Ken Oliver, Jerry Narveson

All service men and women...Lt. Col. Spencer Rasmussen, Jedrick Sward, Justin Fuchs, Nathan Fuchs, Peter Schliep, Matt Sikkink, Kate Blattner Holt, Randal Holt, Ethan Meyer

Nursing Home, Home Bound & Assisted Living...Roger Helgersen, Mary DeGroat, Edith Hammer, Margaret Curtin, Wendell Olson, Leota Dugstad, Jane Johnson, Bob Webster, Julia Nelson, Violet Stinson, Mary Hallenberger, Corrine Johnson, Marv Nelson, Glenn Dwelle, Don Hoyt

Couples getting Married...Evan Holets & Kayla Vandewalker, Nick Oeltjen & Jamie Redmond, Matt Schneider & Heidi Burgeson, Heidi Myers & Cole Schwer, Erika Meincke & Tyler Blim

Prayer Chain 2017

God has given us a powerful resource in the gift of prayer. On many occasions, **people have felt God's mercy and grace** thru the collective prayers of others, as promised in James 5:13-16.

If you have a prayer request, contact the Chairperson listed for that week or call the church office at 345-5003.

April 2, 23: Prayer Chain #1:

Milly Gagnon 345-2388

April 9, 30: Prayer Chain #2:

Bonnie Conway 345-3926

April 16: Prayer Chain #3:

Karen Heise 345-3156

Thank you...

• Thank you to all who donated food and grocery bags to Packing for the Weekend. Presently we are serving 28 families and 71 children in the Lake City area. Your generosity is always appreciated. Blessings to all, Gay Thompson, Coordinator

OUTREACH BOARD

CARE CENTER BINGO...Monday, April 24 from 6:40 p.m. to about 8:10 p.m. There is a sign up sheet located at the Welcome Center.

PACKING FOR THE WEEKEND...*For April we are asking members to drop off Oatmeal & Cereal.* This is an effort to feed the hungry children in Lake City. When school is not in session, children miss out on key meals that the school provides. Packing for the Weekend tries to fill in the missing meals by providing **bags of food every Friday on the doorstep of the child's home. This is a program through United Way** and funding has come from Cargill/Horizon Milling in Lake City. Currently about 70 children are fed every weekend.

Outreach will meet Monday, April 17, 6:15 pm.

HAVEN OF HOPE women's shelter in Red Wing. Ongoing collection: Toiletry items such as shampoo, cream rinse, body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, baby shampoo, baby wipes, baby wash. There is a designated drawer(s) at the kiosk in the gathering area.

YOUTH & FAMILY HAPPENINGS

Congratulations!

We would like to extend our congratulations to the 9th grade class as they affirm their faith on April 30 & May 20!



Jackson Berge	McCabe Heise	Carl Rol
Ashlynn Dudley	Alexander Holmgren	Ava Wallerich
Elijah Ender	Ben Johnson	Elsie Weinrich
Thomas Frank	Charlie Johnson	Mason West
Reid Gastner	Julia Koplin	Morgan West
Andrew Green	Caron Lichtblau	Mason White

Next Learning & Youth board meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 6:30pm

Special Planning Meeting: Sunday, April 2, 11am

Upcoming Church Cookout/Silent Auction for Youth Fund: Sunday, May 21. More info to follow.



5th Grade Confirmation Sessions

Thurs, March 30 & Thurs, April 6 from 6-7pm at FLC

Mark Your Calendar!

**Pancake Breakfast
Easter Sunday
8 - 9:30am**

Pancakes-sausages-fruit

Hosted by Confirmation Families



April 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Worship 5:30pm
2 Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15-11am L&Y Planning Mtg 11am	3 Expressions 5pm Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	4 MOPS 9-11:15am Staff 10am Women's Bible Study 6-7:30pm, Fireside Room	5 KFC 3-5pm Worship 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Fire-side Rm NO Confirmation 6-8pm Senior Choir 7pm	6 Pastors Conference Bible Study 8:30am 5th Grade Confirmation 6pm	7 8 Worship 5:30pm
9 PALM SUNDAY Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15-11am	10 Expressions 5pm Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	11 FLC Quilters 8:30am Staff 10am LC Caregivers Group 10am Fireside Room Women's Bible Study 6-7:30pm, Fireside Room L&Y Mtg 6:30pm	12 Grief Group 10:30am, Fireside KFC 3-5pm Handbells 5:15pm Fire-side Rm "Passion of Christ" Movie 6pm Confirmation 6-8pm Senior Choir 7pm	13 MAUNDY THURSDAY Bible Study 8:30am Women to Women 11:30am at Port 104 Worship 7pm	14 GOOD FRIDAY Ecumenical Worship 7pm at St. Mary's 15 EASTER VIGIL Worship 5:30pm
16 EASTER Worship 7am Easter Breakfast 8-9:30am Worship 9:30am NO Sunday School 10:15-11am	17 Expressions 5pm Cub Scouts 6pm Outreach Mtg 6:15pm Boy Scouts 7pm	18 MOPS 9-11:15am Staff 10am	19 Esther Circle 1:30pm at Mavis Sprick's KFC 3-5pm Handbells 5:15pm Fire-side Rm Confirmation 6-8pm Senior Choir 7pm	20 Bible Study 8:30am Church Council 6:30pm	21 22 Worship 5:30pm
23 Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15-11am	24 Expressions 5pm Cub Scouts 6pm Care Center Bingo 6:40pm Boy Scouts 7pm	25 FLC Quilters 8:30am Staff 10am	26 Grief Group 10:30am, Fireside KFC 3-5pm Handbells 5:15pm Fire-side Rm Confirmation 6-8pm Senior Choir 7pm	27 Bible Study 8:30am	28 29 Worship 5:30pm
30 Worship/Confirmation 9am Sunday School 10:15-11am					

April 2017 Ministry Assignments

Saturday, April 1 at 5:30pm

Reader: Bruce Carlstrom
Communion: Bruce Carlstrom, Liz Carlstrom, Kathy Hollman
Usher: David Dittfach, Dave Harms
Greeter: Paul & Wanda Myers
Altar: Dawn Barwald, JoAnn Thompson
Coffee:

Saturday, April 8 at 5:30pm

Reader: Steve Johnson
Communion: Steve Johnson, Lori Mortenson, Dale Nibbe
Usher: Art Harteneck, Carole Helgersen
Greeter: Dale & Carol Nibbe
Altar: Dawn Barwald, JoAnn Thompson
Coffee: Judy & Chuck Bremer

Saturday, April 15 at 5:30pm Easter Vigil

Reader: Peggy Mathison
Communion: Peggy Mathison, Wanda Myers, Virginia Oliver
Usher: Jon & Sonda Featherstone
Greeter: Tim & Jenny Schlagenhaft
Altar: Shirley Pierson, Janet Carlson
Coffee:

Saturday, April 22 at 5:30pm

Reader: Deb Mickelson
Communion: Deb Mickelson, Dave Harms, Dale Nibbe
Usher: Roger & Kathy Hollman
Greeter: Dick Sitta, Mary Durst
Altar: Shirley Pierson, Janet Carlson
Coffee: Linette & Jim Meincke

Saturday, April 29 at 5:30pm

Reader: Judy Bremer
Communion: Judy Bremer, Tim & Jenny Schlagenhaft
Usher: Steve Johnson Family
Greeter: Bruce Wallerich Family
Altar: Mary Lee Stevens, Arlis Meincke
Coffee:

Sunday, April 2 at 9:00am

Reader: Randy Kirchner
Communion: Becky Ehling, Julie LeCaptain, Kathie Majerus
Usher: Janet Reed, Jeff Rogness, Max Rogness, Rick Sward
Greeter: Dick & Gwen Schafer
Coffee: Cassie Carlson, Jim & Jennifer Cobb
Video: Ric Wallace

Sunday, April 9 at 9:00am

Reader: Jim Menting
Communion: Cheryl Mohn, Shirley Pierson, Mary Jane Rasmussen
Usher: Dwight Pierson, Jack & Carol Rol, Fred Mohn
Greeter: Margaret Selleseth, Ruth Wedge
Coffee: Tami Ender, Laura Fitterer
Video: Randy Zanto

Sunday, April 16 at 7:00am EASTER

Communion: Eunice Blattner, Dave Harms, Steve Heise
Usher: Al Blattner, Art Harteneck
Video: Mark Bailey

Sunday, April 16 at 9:30am EASTER

Communion: Sandy Anderson, Mary Jane Rasmussen, Janet Reed, Claudia Howard, Jeff Rogness, Rick Sward, Kathie Majerus, Julie LeCaptain
Usher: Duane Howard, Bruce Lichtblau, Erin Lichtblau, Jerry Benson, Al LeCaptain
Video: Mark Bailey

Sunday, April 23 at 9:00am

Reader: Jeff Rogness
Communion: Jeff Rogness, Eunice Blattner, Debra Bremer
Usher: Joe White, Mason White, Jim Anderson, Jimmy Anderson
Greeter: The Ackermann Family
Coffee: Mavis Hawkins, Denise Jacobson
Video: Ric Wallace

Sunday, April 30 at 9:00am

Reader: Patty Svien
Communion: Patty Svien, Steve Heise, Claudia Howard
Usher: Jerry Benson, Al Blattner, Scott & Beth Breuer
Greeter: Jim Anderson Family
Coffee: Tom & Karen Heise
Video: Randy Zanto

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Apr. 1: Betty Bluem, Glenn Dwelle Jr, Nikki Wurst

Sara & Daniel Peterson

Apr. 2: Steve Breyfogle, Jonathan Grothe, Linette Meincke, Tim Plote, James Plote

Apr. 3: Vicky Malley, Josh Rolbiecki, Callie Soden

Apr. 4: Lylleonna Boe, Michelle Carlson, Tom Olson, Natalie Schlagehafft

Bruce & Jody Carlson

Apr. 5: Hayden Durgin, Nancy Herron, Lisa Lenth

Apr. 6: **Dick Carlson, Reid Meyer, Pam O'Hara**

Apr. 7: Liz Carlstrom, Caden Cobb, Dylan Pfeilsticker

Apr. 8: Megan Ahrens, Marian Dittfach, Lori Dougherty, Kay Harms, Levi Harvey, Ashley Holmgren, Jer Hultstrand, Ryan Pribyl, Patti Tackmann

Apr. 9: Melinda Berkeland, Elijah Ender, Delbert Goeman, Lori Lichtblau

Apr. 10: Barb Gifford, Douglas Pflaum, Allison Rigelman, Trissa Wallerich

Apr. 11: Amber Eggenberger, Tayte Kiecker, Tony Miller, Matthew Wooding

Apr. 12: Nessa Hoops, Michelle Kriett, Michelle Larson, Ashley Meyer, Janice Shequen

Apr. 13: Braxton Berlin, Jessica Brunn, Tami Ender, Collin Schneider, Logan Thomas

Apr. 14: Linda Cummings, Bradley Johnson, Nolan Kohrs, Hailey Spitzer

Apr. 15: Melissa Ackermann, Jan Moe, Sam Nutt, Jeff Steffen, Steve Swan, Christopher Weinrich

Al & Julie LeCaptain

Apr. 16: Jalen Dudley, Breanna Lindgren, Phil Malley

Apr. 17: Ben Bowe, Breyker Gravenish, Nathan Haviland, Jill Ziebell

LaVern Franke & Sylvia Hoffman

Apr. 18: Claire Gnotke, Taylor Heitman, Sylvia Jerdee, Michelle Knudsen, Janice Olson, Marlene Stoerzinger

Apr. 19: Molly Gates, Tyler Ruiz, Paul Schad, Jennifer Witte

Dale & Betty Bluem

Apr. 20: Colin Jackson, Lynette Matzke, Paul Moe

Apr. 21: Scott Bignell, Ben Dinsmore, Rick Frickson, Carol Siewert

Matthew & Amanda Kuth, Heather & Charles Plaetz

Apr. 22:

Apr. 23: Glenn Hartzell, Kaitlin McCarthy, Jacob Nibbe

Apr. 24: Marilyn Schad

Apr. 25:

Apr. 26: Daniel Diepenbrock, Lori Fick, Kathi Hoops-Soden, Haley Martin, Tiffany Nelson, Cynthia Peters

Mary & Loren Prigge, Carol & Tom Proud, Dennis & Terri Schumacher

Apr. 27: Carol Dollar, Mary Durst, Erica Hoops, Al LeCaptain, Alaina Meyer, Kaylin Solum, Nancy Spooner-Mueller, Daniel Tesch

Apr. 28: Hannah Alitz, Lorna Borchardt

Apr. 29: Jason Holst, Kristy Keim, Becki Schumacher, Lawrence Svien, Gordon Zanto

Jack & Brigitte Rol

Apr. 30: Mary Berg-Prigge

Paul & Barb Gifford, Tom & Liz Hallaway, Mal & Kristen McCarthy, Jacob & Samantha Suckow