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April 2019

First Lutheran Church

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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

Living the unconditional Grace & Love of Jesus Christ

HOPE is a wonderful thing! When we are hopeless life is unbearable. But if we have HOPE, we can face anything. For millions of people who have lost their job, homes, savings, pensions, the future looks hopeless. For million suffering cancer, heart problems, disease or depression, life looks hopeless. For millions who suffer hunger, neglect, or abuse, life seems hopeless. This world filled with hate and greed, racism and prejudice, famine, war and death seems utterly hopeless.

Our broken, sinful world <u>is</u> hopeless. If we place our hope in politicians, government, money, the economy, technology, science, military strength or any human wisdom or institution, we will be disappointed because all of them will faith us.

However, we followers of Christ are not people without hope. "By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!" (1 Peter 1:3) As the old hymn says, "My HOPE is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness!" We Christians have this HOPE as the anchor of our faith!

Spring blossoms forth with abundant new life. Likewise, Easter is coming and it fills us with much HOPE because Jesus bestows new life on all who trust in him!

Come on Easter Sunday to celebrate the good news, the best news of all, that Christ is Risen and new life is available to all who will receive it!

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

PALM WEEKEND WORSHIP SERVICE: ONE PASSION Saturday, April 13 at 5:30 PM Sunday, April 14 at 9:00 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY: ONE LORD Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY: ONE DEATH Friday, April 19 at 3:00 pm

EASTER VIGIL: ONE LILY Saturday, April 20 at 5:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21: ONE WORD...RISEN!
Sunrise Worship Service at 7:00 AM
Easter Worship Service at 9:30 AM

NO EASTER BREAKFAST

ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO HELP AT ONE OF THE EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES...

We are looking for people to help out with the following:

7:00 service...3 for communion, 1 ushers

9:30 service...3 for communion, 3 ushers

Please contact Melinda Berkeland if you are available at berkeland88@gmail.com

College Scholarship: Polk Memorial

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, 2019.

In accordance with the wishes of Bob Polk and his family this \$1,300 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, 2019. The scholarship will be awarded by July 1, 2019. Questions, contact Patty Svien, svien65@hbci.com.

UPDATE: ELCA MATCHING FUNDS SCHOLARSHIP

ELCA Matching Funds Scholarship applications can now be submitted. To be eligible for this scholarship you must be a confirmed member of First Lutheran Church who has been accepted for admission or enrolled in an ELCA Lutheran college. Details and application can be found on the church website, go to "Youth & Family Ministry">College. Applications are due by May 1, 2019.



Easter Flowers

Orders are being taken through April 7. Please be sure to fill out an order form and make payment when submitting orders. Payments can be left in the locked drawer at the Welcome Center.

Winona Hims Concert

On Sunday afternoon, April 7th at 2:00pm the "Winona Hims" Men's Gospen Chorus is performing a concert at First Lutheran Church in Lake City, MN.

The "Hims" are dedicated to the quality singing of gospel, patriotic, and other music both old and new for the purpose of uplifting and encouraging God's people. They are a group of men that band together with one purpose: the common enjoyment of singing gospel music. It is their goal to sing for church services, charity events, and benefits an average of once per month.

A free will offering will be taken at the conclusion of the concert for the "Lake City Area Arts Organization".

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

Sara & Daniel Peterson

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

Apr 3: Josh Rolbiecki, Callie Soden

Apr 4: Lylleonna Boe, Michelle Carlson, Tom Olsen, Natalie Schlagenhaft

Jody & Bruce Carlson

Apr 5: Hayden Durgin, Nancy Herron

Apr 6: Reid Meyer, Linda Rasch

Apr 7: Liz Carlstrom, Caden Cobb

Apr 8: Megan Ahrens, Marian Dittfach, Kay Harms, Levi Harvey, Ashley Holmgren, Jerry Hultstrand, Ryan Pribyl, Patti Tackmann

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

Apr 10: Barb Gifford, Doug 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: Jessica Brunn, Tami Ender, Logan Thomas

Apr 14: Linda Cummings, Bradley Johnson, Nolan Kohrs

Apr 15: Melissa Ackermann, Ella Kohrs, Janet Moe, Sam Nutt, Jeff Steffen, Steve Swan, Chris Weinrich

Al & Julie LeCaptain

Apr 16: Jalen Dudley

Apr 17: Breyker Gravenish, Nathan Haviland, Jill Ziebell

LaVern Franke & Sylvia Hoffman

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

Apr 19: Tyler Ruiz

Dale & Betty Bluem

Apr 20: Colin Jackson, Lynette Matzke, Paul Moe

Apr 21: Scott Bignell, Rick Boos, Benjamin Dinsmore, Rick Frickson, Carol Siewert 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

Loren & Mary Prigge, Carol & Tom Proud

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

Apr 28: Hannah Alitz

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

Jack & Brigette Rol

Apr 30: Mary Berg-Prigge

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

FLC GROUPS

Wednesday Morning Bible Study...will meet at 8:30am in the Fireside Room. NO Bible Study 4/17.

Esther Bible Circle...will meet on Wednesday, April 17 at 1:30pm at Shirley Pierson's.

FLC QUILTERS...will meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 8:30am.

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

Women to Women...will tentatively meet Thursday, April 11 at The Family Restaurant for lunch at 11:30 am.



The First Lutheran Health and Wellness committee would like to invite anyone who would like to participate in this ministry to join us. Our mission is to provide opportunity for improving spiritual, emotional and physical health in our congregation through group activities and events, book studies and education. If interested in learning more or joining the committee contact Patty Svien at svien65@hbci.com.

Thank you...

Thanks to my FLC family for all of your prayers, best wishes, and support through this difficult time. I feel so blessed to have such a loving church family. You each mean more to me and my family than you will ever know. ~ Sandy Anderson

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Prayer Connection...Mary Nelson, firstlutheranprayerconnection@gmail.com or phone: 651-212-0144.

Friends and Family... Wally Dailey, Denny Richardson, Paul Johnson, Abby Peterson, Sandy Anderson, Jerry Narveson, Dean Kirkland, Mavis Hawkins, Marge Copp, Nancy Herron, Lori Meincke, LaVern Franke

All service men and women...Lt. Col. Spencer Rasmussen, Justin Fuchs, Nathan Fuchs, Peter Schliep, Matt Sikkink, Kate Blattner Holt, Ethan Meyer, Chris Breuer, Monty Vikdal, Alyssa Zuehl

Nursing Home, Home Bound & Assisted Living...Roger Helgerson, Mary DeGroat, Edith Hammer, Wendell Olson, Julia Nelson, Violet Stinson, Mary Hallenberger, Corrine Johnson, Marv Nelson

Couples getting Married...Ethan Logsdon & Ashley Atkinson, Matt Grimley & Maria Schmidt

OUTREACH BOARD

OUTREACH MEETING...No scheduled meeting.

CARE CENTER BINGO...Monday, April 22 at 6:40 to 8:10pm. Volunteers assist the residents to and from their rooms and help them with their cards as needed. Some of our volunteers are on winter vacations and we need more hands to make the task easier. If you can make it just show up at the activity room at the care center on February 25. This is not limited to adults, kids are welcome too. Questions can be directed to Becky Schultze at schultze.becky@gmail.com or text Becky at 651-380-2700.

PACKING FOR THE WEEKEND...For April we are asking members to drop off Oatmeal & Cereal. First Lutheran has been helping for over five years with this mission sponsored by United Methodist Church. 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 program is spearheaded by United Way. A drop box is located at the Welcome Center with a list of the items recommended each month. Any and all donations are welcomed.

Our Church History

Many of the first worship services were led by laymen. Vice Pastors of neighboring churches came only for baptisms, weddings, and occasional communion services because they had their own churches to serve. The pastors who helped were Rev. Peter Sjoblom of Red Wing, Rev. John Fremling of Stockholm, WI, and Rev. J. Wagner of Svea, WI. Unfortunately, we have very few church records of those first 10 years because there was no resident pastor.







Youth Ministry Happenings

* High School Sophomores *

Being a new driver feels *Exciting*
 *Scary*Freeing*Responsible*

Please join us at 9am Worship on
 Sunday, April 28 for

*Blessing of the Car Keys *





Confirmation "Thank You" Weekend

Our congregation is incredibly supportive of our youth ministries here at FLC. As a small gesture of thanks, 7th grade confirmation families will be serving coffee & baked goods following worship on Saturday, Apr. 6 and Sunday, Apr. 7. The 9th grade confirmation families will be doing the same on Saturday, Apr. 27 and Sunday, Apr. 28. Please join us so we can say thank you in person!

Senior High Youth! You're Invited:

Contact Melissa for More Info



10-12 Grade Wed, Apr. 24 8-9pm Snacks provided

Bring your own drink

Children's Ministry News

Looking for items for the
Silent Auction!
May 4th-5th
Please drop off baskets or items
to Heidi Berge.



If your family would like to donate a basket for the Silent Auction Fundraiser, please contact Heidi Berge (507) 398-7632 or heidi.berge@firstlc.org



April 7th:

Class 10:15am-11:15am

April 14th:

Sing at 9:00am service!

Class 10:15am-11:15am

April 21st:

No Class-Easter

April 28th:

Class 10:15am-11:15am

May 5th: LAST DAY!



Ages 3 yrs. Old—6th

April 3rd:

3:00-5:00pm

April 10th:

3:00-5:00pm

April 14th: (SUNDAY)

Sing at 9:00am service

April 17th:

No KFC—Holy Week!

April 24th:

3:00-5:00pm



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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Expressions 5pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm	2 Staff 10am	3 Bible Study 8:30am KFC 3-5pm Lenten Worship 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:15pm Confirmation 5:30-7:30 Handbell Choir 6:30pm Senior Choir 7pm	4 5th grade confirmation 5:30pm	5	6 Ehling 9am-4pm Worship 5:30pm L1 Confirmation "Thank You"
7 FLOWER ORDERS DUE Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15- 11:15am L1 Confirmation "Thank You" Winona Hims Concert 2pm Scouts 7pm	8 Expressions 5pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm	9 FLC Quilters 8:30am Staff 10am	10 Bible Study 8:30am Red Wing Grief Group 10:30am KFC 3-5pm Lenten Worship 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:15pm Confirmation 5:30-7:30 Handbell Choir 6:30pm Senior Choir 7pm	11 Women to Women 11:30am The Family Rest. 5th grade confirmation 5:30pm MELISSA OUT MOPS 6-8pm	12	13 PALM WEEKEND Worship 5:30pm
14 PALM SUNDAY Worship 9am KFC & SS Sings 9am worship Sunday School 10:15- 11:15am Boy Scouts 7pm	15 Expressions 5pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm	16 Staff 10am	17 NO Bible Study 8:30am Esther Circle 1:30pm Shirley Pierson's NO KFC 3-5pm Handbell Choir 5:15pm NO Confirmation 6-8pm Senior Choir 7pm	18 MAUNDY THURS- DAY Worship 7pm	19 GOOD FRIDAY Worship 3pm	20 EASTER VIGIL Worship 5:30pm
21 EASTER Worship 7am Worship 9:30am No Sunday School Boy Scouts 7pm	22 OFFICE CLOSED NO Expressions 5pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Care Center Bingo 6:40pm	23 FLC Quilters 8:30am Staff 10am	24 Bible Study 8:30am Red Wing Grief Group 10:30am KFC 3-5pm Handbell Choir 5:15pm Confirmation 6-8pm Senior Choir 7pm Senior High Youth 7:30-9pm	25 MOPS 6-8pm	26 MOPS Father/Daughter Dance 5:00-9:00pm	27 Peters Funeral 11am Worship 5:30pm L3 Confirmation "Thank You"
28 Worship/Expressions 9am Blessing of Car Keys Sunday School 10:15- 11:15am L3 Confirmation "Thank You" Boy Scouts 7pm	29 NO Expressions 5pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Care Center Bingo 6:40pm	30 Staff 10am				

April Ministry Assignments

Saturday, April 6 at 5:30pm

Reader: Steve Johnson

Communion: Steve Johnson, Deb Mickelson,

Lori Mortenson

Usher: Pris Converse, Craig Harteneck Greeter: Bruce & Trissa Wallerich Altar: Arlis Meincke, Jill Braaten

Coffee:

Saturday, April 13 at 5:30pm

Reader: Judy Bremer

Communion: Judy Bremer, Kathy Hollman,

Virginia Oliver

Usher: Thoren & Naomi Mangold Greeter: Amy & Ben Roberson Altar: LuAnn Otto, Shirley Pierson

Coffee:

Thursday, April 18 at 7:00pm Maundy Thursday

Communion (4): Paul & Barb Gifford, Ben &

Melissa Ackermann

Usher (2): Roger & Kathy Hollman

Saturday, April 20 at 5:30pm EASTER VIGIL

Reader: Deb Mickelson

Communion: Deb Mickelson, Sonda Feather-

stone, Kenny McEwen

Usher: Paul & Wanda Myers

Greeter: Jon & Sonda Featherstone Altar: LuAnn Otto, Shirley Pierson

Coffee:

Saturday, April 27 at 5:30pm

Reader: Bruce Carlstrom

Communion: Bruce & Liz Carlstrom, Dale

Nibbe

Usher: Lyle Mathison, Mackenzie Randall

Greeter: Carol & Dale Nibbe

Altar: Audrey Breuer, Janet Carlson

Coffee:

Sunday, April 7 at 9:00am

Reader: Ruth Wedge

Communion: Ruth Wedge, Shirley Pierson, Karen

Moses-Richardson

Usher: Tom & Karen Heise, Jim Menting, Al

LeCaptain

Greeter: Richard & Gwen Schafer

Coffee: Kristie Stolzenberg, Audry Plote

Video: Ric Wallace

Sunday, April 14 at 9:00am

Reader: Janet Reed

Communion: Janet Reed, Larry Watson, Steve

Heise

Usher: Joe White, Jerry Benson, Bob Johnson,

Marv Blattner

Greeter: Fred & Cheryl Mohn Coffee: Dean & Darlene Saby

Video: Randy Zanto

Sunday, April 21 at 7:00am EASTER

Communion (4): Mary Gravenish

Usher (3): Jon Gravenish, Rick Sward

Video: Mark Bailey

Sunday, April 21 at 9:30am EASTER

Communion (7): Janet Reed, Melissa, Ben, Grace

Ackermann

Usher (5): Jeff & Max Rogness

Video:

Sunday, April 28 at 9:00am

Reader: Melinda Berkeland

Communion: Melinda & Luther Berkeland, Randy

Meincke

Usher: LaVern Franke, Sylvia Hoffman, Jim Fritz,

Gary Yotter

Greeter: Wally & Susan Dailey Coffee: Chris & Lynette Matzke

Video: Ric Wallace