

# First Things

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Evangelical Lutheran Church

*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.*

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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

## Lent is just around the corner....

As the Season of Lent begins this month here is a little teaser...Our Lenten worship services will start on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 5:30pm worship 6:15pm Supper (Yes we are having supper on Ash Wednesday). We will continue Wednesday night worship every week until Holy Week, the end of March. The theme this year will take a little different twist. Holden Evening Prayer will continue to be our order of worship, but the sermon time will have more of a "Ted Talk" feel to it. We will invite you to continue the conversation of the theme for the day around your dinner table with a few start up questions. Each week we will focus on:

### Where the Rubber Meets the Road...at the Intersection of Faith and Work.

Week One: The Mission Field Outside Your Door

Week Two: Everything Is Spiritual

Week Three: Balance and Order

Week Four: Meeting Jesus

Week Five: Changing the World

Week Six: Giving Our Time

Our hope is that the Lenten season will be a time for your own spiritual renewal. I believe the Lenten season is to deepen our Christian faith together and grow us to be more mature in our Christian faith practices in and outside of the church. May we all be blessed by the ways God will lead us.

God's strong and abiding presence be with you and your family.

Pastor Tim



**FIRST LUTHERAN  
ANNUAL MEETING  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4  
10:00am**

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Feb 1: Stephanie Breyfogle, Marlise Chandler, Riley Dittfach, James Dollar, Riley Fritz, Elizabeth Kittelson, Elizabeth Meyer, Crystal Sorenson-Wieck

Feb 2: Grace Ackermann, Lee Eggenberger, Madeline Mueller

Feb 3: Carter Kranz, David Oeltjen

Feb 4: Josie Campbell, Kindra Cannon, David Dittfach, Duane Howard, Julie Karlsrud, Evelyn Rogness

Feb 5: Kevin Horsman, Roxanne Horsman, Ruth Hutchinson, Gary Madison, Becky Schultze

Feb 6: Ben Ackermann

Feb 7: Pat Badzinski, Greg Gilman, Lee Hilleshiem

*Dick & Nancy Carlson*

Feb 8: Jon Featherstone, David Hinck, Jeff Rogness, Emily Ziebell

Feb 9: Gabrianna Gates, Sonny Marie Mangold

Feb 10: Roger Brooks, Heidi Burgeson, Connor Burgeson, Jacob Griebenow, Garry Harteneck, Cari Kohrs, Rowan Larson, Jodi Nilson, Nola Nilsson

Feb 11: Jordan Bremer, Nancy Ewald, Zachary Johnson, Marvin Nelson

Feb 12: Gail Davis, Sierra Janka, Larry Watson

Feb 13: Carol Haley, Eli Lindgren-Caves, Lyle Mathison, Karen Smith

*Jason & Emily Banks, Gary & Kathy Yotter*

Feb 14: Makayla Larson-Kingsley, Boyd Olson, Linda Pavlak, Dawson Skifton, Tiffany Vikdal

*Jeff & Laureen Swiggum*

Feb 15: Robin Bignell, Thomas Hallaway, Orieh Kehren, Paisley Meincke, Emily Moechnig, Ashley Olson

Feb 16: Mark Bailey, Betty Stori

Feb 17: Larry Holmgre Jr, Tiffanie Hoops

*Kevin & Kathy Gunhus*

Feb 18: Joseph Boehlke, Ryan Hanson, Alan Peters

Feb 19: Julie Dammann, Reeve Lodermeier, Jeremy Reese

Feb 20: Ellen Hinck, Gloria Hoth, Mary Rose

Feb 21: Kim Adler, Denny Barwald, Lily Dittfach, Loa Olson, Keston Reese, Isaiah Weinrich

Feb 22: Ezra Griffin, Brooks Holst, Nathan Klipfel, Bailey Skifton, Grace Weinrich, Mary Wintheiser

*Mike & Melissa Ackermann*

Feb 23: Mary Nelson, Nicholas Wallerich

Feb 24:

Feb 25: Duane Holst, Darin Lundell, Randy Vander Laan

Feb 26: Lori Mortenson, Robert Nafe

*Robert & Nola Nilsson*

Feb 27: Susan Jensen, Jeffrey Mund, Jack Rol, Nicholas Tackmann

*Brad & Nancy Rigelman*

Feb 28: Katie Bee, Mary Hallenberger, Kashlyn Kiecker

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## OUTREACH BOARD

CARE CENTER BINGO...Monday, February 26 from 6:40pm to 8:10pm.

PACKING FOR THE WEEKEND...For February we are asking members to drop off Canned Fruit, Vegetables, Spaghetti Sauce. *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.*

## 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, 2016.

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, 2016. The scholarship will be awarded by July 1, 2016. Questions, contact Patty Svien, 651-345-4383.

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### 2018 Lenten Suppers

There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk with each supper date (we will also have a supper after the Ash Wednesday service this year)...we are asking for families/individuals to sign up to lead on those particular dates. Then it is up to the leaders to decide what they would like to serve, it does NOT have to be soup. Once that is decided the leaders can either make a sign-up sheet for people to sign up to make food, serve, clean up, etc. Or a few families could work together for a dinner.

#### Please Let Pastor Know

- ...when a member of your family is admitted to the hospital.
- ...when you are planning elective surgery.
- ...when a new baby arrives in your family.
- ...when a family member dies.
- ...when a relative is seriously ill or dies.
- ...when you become engaged to be married.
- (set a date with pastor before finalizing it with anyone else.)
- ...when he/she can be of help to you.



## NEW...Prayer Connection

Regular prayer keeps us connected to God and to one another. The Prayer Chain will now be called will now be called Prayer Connection. A group of women and men have committed themselves to intentionally and regularly pray for people in our congregation, our community, and in the world as needs are brought to our attention.

We invite the congregation to let us know what you want us to pray about. It could be about health issues, needs of children and families, job hunting, relationships, safety, guidance in decision-making, thanking and praising God for a Blessing received.

We streamlined the process. Just let our contact person know by email or phone what you want everyone to pray for. Our contact person will then email everyone in Prayer Connection. This way everyone will be praying, not just on small group as we did in the past.

Contact Person: Mary Nelson, [firstlutheranprayerconnection@gmail.com](mailto:firstlutheranprayerconnection@gmail.com) or phone: 651-212-0144.

In the bulletin each week we list people who have requested prayer, couples preparing for marriage, and persons in the military. Everyone in the congregation is invited to pray for these people!

If you would like to become part of the Prayer Connection Team, please contact Mary Nelson.

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Friends and Family...**Denny Richardson, Don & Evie Dahling, Mavis Hawkins, Bob Majerus, Larry Holmgren Jr, Susan Fish (Sandy Swan's sister), Shirley Pierson, Margaret Ehling, Elmer Sprick, Ryan Dwelle, Ginger Morton

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

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

Couples getting Married...Nick Oeltjen & Jamie Redmond, Ryan Grobe & Haley Spring, Jarid Groth & Taylor Bremer

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## FLC GROUPS

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

Esther Bible Circle: **will meet at Shirley Pierson's Home on Wednesday, February 21 at 1:00pm.**

FLC QUILTERS...will meet Tuesdays, February 13 & 27 at 8:30m in the FLC Gathering Area.

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

# YOUTH & FAMILY HAPPENINGS



Middle School Ministry:

Did You

Raid Your Closets?!?

February's the time for our clothing drive! Go through your family's stuff (ask permission first!!) and pull out all the things no one wears anymore. We'll be donating all gently used clothing to the Pass It On Shop in Lake City, to benefit people in our own community. Let's all get together at FLC on Sunday, Feb. 11 from 3-5pm for a little fun - bring your donations and we'll figure out how many pounds of stuff we've collected!



National Youth Gathering Attendees:

- Wednesday, February 7 from 8-9pm
- Gathering Info and Prep
- All students and adult leaders will meet to continue preparing for our trip—can't wait!

There will be NO KFC on Wednesday, February 14th.

K.F.C. will be singing on Sunday, February 25th. Meet at 8:45am.



Senior High Youth!

You're Invited:

Contact Melissa for More Info



10-12 Grade  
Wed, Feb. 28

7:30-9pm

Snacks and drinks provided

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Bible Study 8:30am Stepping On 12:30pm, Fireside	2	3 Worship 5:30pm
4 ANNUAL MEETING Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15- 11:15am Annual Meeting following worship NO MOPS 4-6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	5 Cub Scouts 6:30pm	6 Staff 10am <b>Women's Bible Study 6-</b> 7:30pm, Fireside Rm	7 KFC 3-5pm Handbell Choir 5:15pm Confirmation 6-8pm Senior Choir 7pm <b>Nat'l Youth Gathering</b> Mtg 8-9pm	8 Bible Study 8:30am Stepping On 12:30pm, Fireside	9	10 Worship 5:30pm
11 Worship/Thornburg Bap- tism 9am Sunday School 10:15- 11:15am Middle School Ministry 3- 5pm <b>Boy Scouts 7pm</b>	12 Expressions 5pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm	13 FLC Quilters 8:30am Staff 10am <b>Women's Bible Study 6-</b> 7:30pm, Fireside Rm	14 ASH WEDNESDAY NO KFC 3-5pm Handbell Choir 5:15pm Confirmation 6-8pm Senior Choir 7pm Worship 5:30pm	15 Bible Study 8:30am Stepping On 12:30pm, Fireside Church Council 6:30pm, Fireside	16 MOPS Father/Daughter Dance 2-9pm Pine Derby Setup 9pm	17 Scouts Pine Derby Worship 5:30pm
18 Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15- 11:15am MOPS 4-6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	19 Expressions 5pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm	20 Staff 10am <b>Women's Bible Study 6-</b> 7:30pm, Fireside Rm	21 Esther Circle 1pm at <b>Shirley Pierson's</b> KFC 3-5pm Handbell Choir 5:15pm Confirmation 6-8pm Senior Choir 7pm Lenten Worship 5:30pm Soup Supper 6:15pm	22 Bible Study 8:30am Stepping On 12:30pm, Fireside	23	24 Worship 5:30pm
25 Worship 9am KFC sings arrive 8:45am Sunday School 10:15- 11:15am Boy Scouts 7pm	26 Cub Scouts 6:30pm Care Center Bingo 6:40pm	27 FLC Quilters 8:30am Staff 10am	28 KFC 3-5pm Handbell Choir 5:15pm Confirmation 6-8pm NO Senior Choir 7pm Lenten Worship 5:30pm Soup Supper 6:15pm Sr. High Youth 7:30-9pm			

# February Ministry Assignments

## Saturday, February 3 at 5:30pm

Reader: Cheryl Luettinger  
Communion: Cheryl Luettinger, Carole Helgerson, Kathy Hollman  
Usher: Kenny & Judy McEwen  
Greeter: Pris Converse, Carol Dollar  
Altar: Shirley Pierson, Sandy Bendickson  
Coffee:

## Saturday, February 10 at 5:30pm

Reader: Peggy Mathison  
Communion: Peggy Mathison, Wanda Myers, Dale Nibbe  
Usher: Steve & Jean Johnson  
Greeter: Dave & Kay Harms  
Altar: Shirley Pierson, Sandy Bendickson  
Coffee:

## Saturday, February 17 at 5:30pm

Reader: Bruce Carlstrom  
Communion: Bruce Carlstrom, Liz Carlstrom, Jenny Schlagenhaft  
Usher: Roger & Kathy Hollman  
Greeter: Steve & Jean Johnson  
Altar: Kathy Hollman, Pris Converse  
Coffee:

## Saturday, February 24 at 5:30pm

Reader: Deb Mickelson  
Communion: Deb Mickelson, Lori Mortenson, Kathy Hollman  
Usher: Tim & Jenny Schlagenhaft  
Greeter: Dick Sitta & Mary Durst  
Altar: Kathy Hollman, Pris Converse  
Coffee:

## Sunday, February 4 at 9:00am

Reader: Melinda Berkeland  
Communion: Melinda & Luther Berkeland, Patti Bross, Randy Meincke  
Usher: David Moe, Fred Mohn, Bill Otto, Bruce Lichtblau  
Greeter: Erin Lichtblau, Caron Lichtblau  
Coffee: The Matzke Family  
Video: Mark Bailey

## Sunday, February 11 at 9:00am

Reader: Shirley Pierson  
Communion: Shirley Pierson, Kristi Sprick, Patty Svien  
Usher: Brad & Mary Nelson, Randy & Linda Pavlak  
Greeter: Arlis Meincke  
Coffee: Audry Plote, Mavis Hawkins  
Video: Ric Wallace

## Sunday, February 18 at 9:00am

Reader: Janet Reed  
Communion: Janet Reed, Mary Jane Rasmussen, Jeff Rogness  
Usher: The Rol Family  
Greeter: Rick & Gwen Schafer  
Coffee: Dave & Becky Schultze  
Video: Randy Zanto

## Sunday, February 25 at 9:00am

Reader: Ruth Wedge  
Communion: Ruth Wedge, Rick & Edie Sward  
Usher: Dick & LaDonna Severson, Mac Heise, Steve Heise  
Greeter: Sheri & Jenna Sommer  
Coffee: Bill & LuAnn Otto  
Video: Mark Bailey