

# First\* Things

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*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.*

Lenten Worship : Wednesdays at 5:30pm

Lenten Supper: 6:15pm

### **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

## **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES**

### PALM WEEKEND WORSHIP SERVICE

Saturday, March 24 at 5:30 PM

Sunday, March 25 at 9:00 AM

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 PM

### GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 30 at 3:00 pm

### ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 30 at 7:00 PM (place T.B.D.)

### EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, March 31 at 5:30 PM

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Sunrise Worship Service at 7:00 AM

Easter Worship Service at 9:30 AM

NO EASTER BREAKFAST

First Lutheran Website: [www.firstlc.org](http://www.firstlc.org)

#### 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



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Mar 1: Travis Bremer, Heidi Flugstad, Samuel Klipfel, David Moe, Paul Myers

Mar 2: Amber Davis, Rivers Detert, Candace Dudley, Laura Fitterer, Dana Gartner, Jackson Hinck, Paige Krueger, Amy Matanich

Mar 3: Justin Campbell, Theodore Gates, Peter Suby

Mar 4: Meg Fitterer, Kathy Rodester, Richard Severson, Teddy Thompson

Mar 5:

Mar 6: Adrienne Huber

Mar 7: Rob Nutt, Laurie Stoeger, Gary Yotter

*Lyle & Marilyn Mathison*

Mar 8: Morgan Dammann, Willow Dudley, Courtney Haviland, Robert Herron, Josie Kuchinka

Mar 9: Christine Anderson, Elizabeth Howard, Elsie Weinrich

Mar 10: Melissa Ferguson, Roger Mathison, Brooke Powers, Sam Rol, Wendy Schultze, Brandon Sell, Kerstin Suby, Megan Toole

Mar 11: Ross Bendickson, Andy Carlson, Aubree Chavez

*Randy & Stephanie Foss*

Mar 12: Brian Copp, Paula Davis-Lynch, Milly Gagnon, Jarid Groth, Jennifer Meyer, Jeffrey Swiggum

Mar 13: Braxton Berlin, Kylie Diethelm, Patrick Ebert, Criag Kohrs, Kylie Lehman, Richard Shequen

*Marian & David Dittfach, Lori & Joseph Morgan, Ralph & Wanda Wiebusch*

Mar 14: Liz Enger, Cole Kohrs, Josh Moechnig

Mar 15: Ron Stoerzinger

Mar 16: Avery Kasick, Brody Meyer, Trace Meyer, Helene Pflaum

Mar 17: Edith Hammer, Tom Kehren, Christian Oeltjen, Ryler Sell, Gary Smith

Mar 18: Barbara Muckenhirn, Lisa Oelkers, Troy Ziebell

Mar 19: Dave Ender, William Olson

*Lee & Sharon Eggenberger*

Mar 20: Roger Hollman, Marcia Holst, Jane Windhorst

Mar 21: Janet Carlson, Jill Dinsmore

*Don & Mary Foss*

Mar 22: Craig Harteneck, Cullen Kittelson, Kenny McEwen

Mar 23: Marlys Johnson

Mar 24: Mary DeGroat, Leota Dugstad, Justin Fuchs, Jeff Mund, Barbara Olson

Mar 25: Duane Boos, Bonnie Conway, Ashley Eichelberger, Jodi Hoyt-Haley, Mary King, Nate Larson

*Jon & Mary Gravenish*

Mar 26: Kristen Flugstad, Olivia Matzke, Gwen Schafer, Alyssa Wooding

Mar 27: Julie Deschneau, Joel Dose, Jon Gravenish, Samuel Lodermeier, Lindsay Peters, Tim Schlagenhaft

Mar 28: Jill Braaten, Michael Gravenish, Paul Haviland, Owen Kopp, Erin Lichtblau, Carter Meincke, Adelyn Meyer, Chase Rodewald, Scott Woolley

Mar 29: Don Dahling, Jesse Featherstone, Bentley Martius, Amanda Schmidt

Mar 30: Grayce Adler, Ava Eggenberger, Bryan Grimley, Naomi Mangold, Victoria Newman, Christina Zanto

*Jim & Kathy Zwiener*

Mar 31: Mya Kohrs, Samuel Mangold, Janet Reed, Odin Saby

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## OUTREACH BOARD

OUTREACH MEETING...Monday, March 19 at 5:30pm

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

PACKING FOR THE WEEKEND...For March we are asking members to drop off Pancake Mix and Syrup.

EASTER FLOWERS...Orders are being taken through March 11. 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.

BREAKFAST BAGS...The Outreach Board is organizing breakfast bags for the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester. Each bag contains grab it and go items for families using the house while their children are going through medical treatments in Rochester. We are making 100 bags. The Sunday school kids will decorate the outside of the bags. The bags will be assembled in April. During March we will take a collection to fill the bags. We need the following items: Fruit or Applesauce Cups. Juice Boxes and 100% Fruit Snacks. There will be a designated box located at the Welcome Center for donations. We will also accept monetary donations to offset the cost of the bags and napkin packs. Upon completion the 50 or Better group will deliver the bags to the house.

NOISY OFFERING...A noisy offering will be taken March 10 and 11 during worship services, sponsored by the Outreach Board. The proceeds will go to the Lake City Food Shelf to support their March FoodShare campaign. Make sure you bring your change to church. Cash and checks also will be accepted.

## 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, 2018.

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, 2018. The scholarship will be awarded by July 1, 2018. Questions, contact Patty Svien, 651-345-4383.

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## 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.**

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### The Dine Around chairs were empty this fall

In order for this fellowship to be effective, we would like to have at least 20 couples participating. As we had less than usual interest this fall, we decided to try a different approach. We are going to start up Dine Around in the Spring and open with the large group gathering in April. We will then meet in the small groups from May through October.

The summer months may give a little more variety to our dining experiences, limited only by the imagination of the host family...picnics, outdoor pizzas, campfires, pool parties, pontoon ride, etc. We also won't have to fight the snow and ice and can welcome our "winter getaway folks" back to the program.

The Spring signup STARTS NOW... those who signed up this fall should re-enroll so I am assured of your correct phone and email address. If you have missed this great dining experience in the past, I urge you to join in this season. Every one is welcome but a couple or a pair of singles hosting together is ideal.

I encourage all who are participating in the program, try to come to the April 19th potluck at my house...1052 Harvest Way. Hopefully, you can meet some new people and get your May Dine Around setup at that time.

If you have questions about how this works, feel free to call me at 651-345-2343.

Mavis Hawkins



Love God. Love People.



## From our Youth:

### Thank You for Your Wonderful Support!

We invite you to join us for refreshments immediately following worship on Saturday, March 10 / Sunday, March 11. Confirmation age youth will serve treats as a small gesture of thanks for the generosity and support of our congregation.

**We look forward to serving you!**

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### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

**Friends and Family...**Jeroy & Lorraine Carlson, Mary Ellen Miller (Eloise Blattner's sister), Morgan Wurst, Nick Roussopoulos, Joyce Volk (Carol Dollar's sister), Joyce & Orville Hegseth, Larry Holmgren Jr, Susan Fish (Sandy Swan's sister), Shirley Pierson, 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, 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, Shelley Peterson, Jean Carlson

Couples getting Married...Nick Oeltjen & Jamie Redmond, Ryan Grobe & Haley Spring, Jarid Groth & Taylor Bremer, Josh Perkins & Taylor Skoglund, Kara Stevenson & Nick Thornburg, Cassie Dittfach & Justin Campbell

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### Help Wanted

Looking someone to create a new website for First Lutheran. Please contact the office at 651-345-5003 if interested.

### FLC GROUPS

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

Esther Bible Circle: **will meet at Florence Lyon's Home** on Wednesday, March 14 at 1:30pm.

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

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

## YOUTH & FAMILY HAPPENINGS



No Class on Sunday,  
April 1



5th Grade Students  
and Parents

Spring Confirmation  
Sessions:

Wednesday, Mar. 8

Wednesday, Mar. 15

Wednesday, Mar. 22

5:30-6:30pm



National Youth Gathering Attendees:

- Wednesday, March 14th 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, March 28 and  
April 4.

K.F.C. will be singing  
on  
Sunday, March 11  
and April 22.  
Meet at 8:45am.



Senior High  
Youth!

You're Invited:

Contact Melissa for More Info



10-12 Grade  
Wed, Mar. 28

7:30-9pm

Snacks and drinks  
provided

# March 2018

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue                       | Wed   | Thu  | Fri  | Sat   |
|---|--|---------------------------|---|--|--|---|
|   |  |                           |   | 1<br>Bible Study 8:30am<br>Stepping On 12:30pm,<br>Fireside  | 2  | 3<br>Worship 5:30pm                               |
| 4<br>Worship 9am<br>Sunday School 10:15-<br>11:15am<br>MOPS 4-6pm<br>Boy Scouts 7pm   | 5<br>Expressions 5pm<br>Cub Scouts 6:30pm              | 6                         | 7<br>KFC 3-5pm<br>Lenten Worship 5:30pm<br>Lenten Supper 6:15pm<br>Confirmation 5:30-<br>7:30pm<br>Handbell Choir 6:15pm<br>Senior Choir 7pm  | 8<br>Bible Study 8:30am<br>Stepping On 12:30pm,<br>Fireside<br>5th gr confirmation<br>5:30-6:30pm  | 9  | 10<br>Worship/Food Shelf<br>Noisy offering 5:30pm |
| 11 EASTER FLOWER<br>ORD DUE<br>Worship/Food Shelf<br>Noisy Offering 9am<br>KFC sing 8:45am<br>Sunday School 10:15-<br>11:15am<br>Boy Scouts 7pm | 12<br>Expressions 5pm<br>Cub Scouts 6:30pm             | 13<br>FLC Quilters 8:30am | 14<br>Esther Circle 1:30pm at<br><b>Florence Lyon's</b><br>KFC 3-5pm<br>Lenten Worship 5:30pm<br>Lenten Supper 6:15pm<br>Confirmation 5:30-7:30<br>Handbell Choir 6:15pm<br>Senior Choir 7pm<br><b>Nat'l Youth Gathering</b><br>Mtg 8-9pm | 15<br>Bible Study 8:30am<br>Stepping On 12:30pm,<br>Fireside<br>5th gr confirmation<br>5:30-6:30pm<br>Church Council<br>6:30pm, Fireside | 16   | 17<br>Worship 5:30pm                              |
| 18<br>Worship 9am<br>Sunday School 10:15-<br>11:15am<br>MOPS 4-6pm<br>Boy Scouts 7pm  | 19<br>Outreach Mtg 5:30pm<br>Cub Scouts 6:30pm         | 20                        | 21<br>KFC 3-5pm<br>Lenten Worship 5:30pm<br>Lenten Supper 6:15pm<br>Confirmation 5:30-<br>7:30pm<br>Handbell Choir 6:15pm<br>Senior Choir 7pm   | 22<br>Bible Study 8:30am<br>5th gr confirmation<br>5:30-6:30pm   | 23   | 24 PALM WEEKEND<br>Worship 5:30pm                 |
| 25 PALM SUNDAY<br>Worship/SS Sings 9am<br>Sunday School 10:15-<br>11:15am<br>Boy Scouts 7pm   | 26<br>Cub Scouts 6:30pm<br>Care Center Bingo<br>6:40pm | 27<br>FLC Quilters 8:30am | 28<br>Handbell Choir 6:15pm<br>Senior Choir 7pm<br>Senior High Youth<br>Group 7:30-9pm<br>No KFC<br>No Confirmation   | 29 MAUNDY THURS-<br>DAY<br>Bible Study 8:30am<br>Worship 7pm   | 30 GOOD FRIDAY<br>Worship 3pm<br>Ecumenical Worship<br>7pm TBD | 31 EASTER VIGIL<br>Worship 5:30pm                 |

# March Ministry Assignments

## Saturday, March 3 at 5:30pm

Reader: Steve Johnson  
Communion: Steve Johnson, Dale Nibbe, Dave Harms  
Usher: Paul & Wanda Myers  
Greeter: Jon & Sonda Featherstone  
Altar: Sandy Anderson, Angie Dwelle  
Coffee:

## Saturday, March 10 at 5:30pm

Reader: Cheryl Luettinger  
Communion: Cheryl Luettinger, Tim Schlagenhaft, Kenny McEwen  
Usher: Art Harteneck, Craig Harteneck  
Greeter: Jenny Gabor, Carole Helgerson  
Altar: Sandy Anderson, Angie Dwelle  
Coffee: Confirmation

## Saturday, March 17 at 5:30pm

Reader: Bruce Carlstrom  
Communion: Bruce & Liz Carlstrom, Jenny Schlagenhaft  
Usher: Kenny & Judy McEwen  
Greeter: Dick & Marvel Klein  
Altar: Arlis Meincke, Karen Heise  
Coffee:

## Saturday, March 24 at 5:30pm

Reader: Bonnie Conway  
Communion: Bonnie Conway, Carole Helgerson, Kathy Hollman  
Usher: Thoren & Naomi Mangold  
Greeter: Lyle & Marilyn Mathison  
Altar: Arlis Meincke, Karen Heise  
Coffee: Marion & Dave Dittfach

## Thursday, March 29 at 7:00pm Maundy

Thursday  
Communion: Sandy Anderson, Janet Reed, Mary Jane Rasmussen  
Usher: Jim Fritz, Randy Meincke

## Saturday, March 31 at 5:30pm EASTER VIGIL

Reader: Deb Mickelson  
Communion: Deb Mickelson, Wanda Myers, Dale Nibbe  
Usher: Roger & Kathy Hollman  
Greeter: Jim & Linette Meincke  
Altar: JoAnn Thompson, Dawn Barwald  
Coffee:

## Sunday, March 4 at 9:00am

Reader: Sandy Bendickson  
Communion: Sandy Bendickson, Deb Grimley, Sandy Anderson  
Usher: Neil Stolzenberg, Cindy & Pat Ebert, Randy Meincke  
Greeter: Stolzenberg Family  
Coffee: Brad & Mary Nelson  
Video: Ric Wallace

## Sunday, March 11 at 9:00am

Reader: Kathie Majerus  
Communion: Kathie Majerus, Claudia Howard, Marcia Holst  
Usher: Duane Howard, Bruce Lichtblau, Erin Lichtblau, Chris Matzke  
Greeter: Ross & Sandy Bendickson  
Coffee: Confirmation, Ross & Sandy Bendickson  
Video: Randy Zanto

## Sunday, March 18 at 9:00am

Reader: Sue Benson  
Communion: Sue Benson, Rick & Edie Sward  
Usher: Jack Rol, Sam Rol, Carl Rol, Joe White  
Greeter:  
Coffee: Angie Dwelle, Tami Ender  
Video: Mark Bailey

## Sunday, March 25 at 9:00am

Reader: Luther Berkeland  
Communion: Luther Berkeland, Eunice Blattner, Steve Heise  
Usher: Jerry Benson, Marv Blattner, Al Blattner, Scott Breuer  
Greeter: Wanda & Ralph Wiebusch  
Coffee: Darlene & Dean Saby  
Video: Ric Wallace

## Sunday, April 1 at 7:00am EASTER

Communion:  
Usher: Steve, Mac, Will Heise  
Video:

## Sunday, April 1 at 9:30am EASTER

Communion: Sandy Anderson, Jeff Rogness, Luther Berkeland, Andrea Berkeland  
Usher: Jeff Chestnut, Dennis & Marlys Johnson, Bob Johnson, Rick Sward  
Video: