



During Lent, we will be having Lenten suppers at 5:15 pm and Holden Evening Prayer Service at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary.

LENTEN SUPPERS @ FIRST

March 18 – Worship & Music Team—Pasta

March 25 – Evangelism Team—Variety of Hot Dishes

April 1 – Church Council—BBQ's

The meal will be served from 5:15 to 5:45 pm.

Silent Auction

The Annual Silent Auction is happening. This is a fundraiser to help the youth get to their mission and adventure trips. Items will be on display until the bidding ends on April 5. This is the largest fundraiser the youth have and earn most of their fees through it. Please make plans to help with bids on the many items that are donated.

Thursday Lenten Luncheons for 2020

March 19– First United Methodist; Rev. Jeanette McCormick, First

March 26 – Westminster Presbyterian; Rev. Sandy Carpenter, American

Services will begin at 12:05 pm and end at 12:30 pm with lunch from 12:30 to 1:00 pm. Each service will feature a different pastor. These services are ecumenical in nature. Please come and bring a friend!

March is Minnesota Food Share Month. This means our faith community by registering for the March Campaign can increase donations to the local Manna Food Pantry. Place donated, nonperishable food items in the shopping cart/table in the lower narthex. Also consider donating cash or grocery gift cards. The food shelf can stretch cash donations further because of their access to discount products and programs. Help us feed more local families and end hunger in our community.

Blessing of the Seeds will be on Sunday, March 22. Bring some of your seeds for planting this season to church and receive a blessing.

EASTER LILIES will be used at our Easter service on April 12. If you would like to order one in memory or in honor of loved ones, contact the church office. Please indicate if you will be picking them up after the 9 am service or if you will leave them here. The cost for a Lily will be \$10. The deadline to have your order in is March 23. There will be **NO** orders taken after this date so get your order in early.

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March 15, 2020 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PEACE (p. 128)

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (p. 116)

*GATHERING SONG

ELW 455, “Crashing Water at Creation”

*GREETING (p. 120)

*KYRIE (p. 120)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (p. 124)

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7 (p. 11)

SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:1-11 (p. 917)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Jeanette

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p.124)

*GOSPEL: John 4:5-42 (p. 864-865)

SERMON

Pastor Jeanette

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 611, “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

*APOSTLES CREED (p. 127)

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING (p. 128)

OFFERTORY HYMN

ELW 182, “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

OFFERING PRAYER (p. 129)

*DIALOGUE/PREFACE/HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (p. 129-130)

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (p. 130)

*LORD'S PRAYER (p. 134)

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION (p. 134)

*LAMB OF GOD (p. 135)

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW 496, “One Bread, One Body”

ELW 623, “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

ELW 618, “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (p. 136)

SENDING OF COMMUNION (p. 136)

BLESSING (p. 136)

*SENDING SONG

ELW 843, “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

*DISMISSAL (p. 137)

SUNDAY SERVANTS
ACOLYTES: Ayden & Ashlyn Schaffer
USHER: Dylon Sholes
NURSERY Paula Laffrenzen/Diana Sletten
LECTOR: Erin Makela
GREETERS: Linda Towne/Sandy Poppema – N
 Aldyne Robinson – B
SOUND: Kevin Fleming
POWERPOINT: Ryan McGaughey
ORGANIST: Nancy Hofstee
ASSISTING MINISTER: Erin Makela
CHOIR DIRECTOR: Eric Parrish
COFFEE: Todd & Darcy Poppema/Sandy Poppema
VAN DRIVER: 3/15 – Leroy Merkel (360-6730)
 3/22 – Jay Larson (360-8373)
BUSY BAGS: March – Dana White/Swanson
 April – Lynette Demuth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: 122 Attendance a year ago: 136
 Attendance Last Wednesday: 72



Members: Bob Dieter, Mary Kraft, Marilyn Frisch, Julie & Denny Christensen, Dianne Sanderson, Dustin Poppema, Gene Wachter, Betty Nelson

Members in Nursing Homes: Dorothy Nord, Alice Hall, Ruth Yeske, Sandra Marsh, Nancy Zuehlke, Arlene Muse

Members in Care Facilities: Norma Radenbaugh, Jerry Anderson, Bobbie Elvin, Dorothy Hallstrom, Joan Doeden, Adeline Larson, Jean Bender

Family Members & Friends: Myril Ferguson (Mary Ferguson's husband), Dillon Robinson (Ron Almjeld's grandson and Aldyne Robinson's nephew), Lee Morrison (Terry Morrison's son), Karoline Wiebe, Ryan Lien (Lon Lien's son), Henrietta Lais, Tom Morgan (Sandy Randall's dad), Virgil Reed (Darcy Poppema's dad), Peggy Konold (Norma Radenbaugh's daughter), Brad Martens (Valerie Veen's son)

Our service men and women.

Our Missionaries: Chuck & Sybil Rounds in Costa Rica and Love INC.

FELC SCHEDULE FOR March 16 – March 22, 2020

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| Monday | | |
| 16 | | |
| Tuesday | 7:00AM | Early Risers Bible Study |
| 17 | 5:00PM | Stewardship Team |
| | 6:00PM | Finance Team |
| | 7:00PM | Church Council |
| | 7:00PM | GriefShare |
| Wednesday | 3:30PM | KFC |
| 18 | 5:15PM | Lenten Supper – Pasta |
| | 6:00PM | Lenten Worship – Holden Evening Prayer |
| | 6:45PM | Sanctuary Choir |
| | 7:30PM | Youth Group |
| Thursday | 9:30AM | Hannah Circle – Sandy Poppema, Hostess |
| 19 | 12:05PM | Lenten Luncheon @ 1 st Methodist |
| Friday | | Pastor's Day Off |
| 20 | | |
| Saturday | | |
| 21 | | |
| Sunday | 9:00AM | Worship – 4 th Sunday in Lent |
| 22 | 10:00AM | Sunday School |

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of Gloria & Aaron Widboom by their family.
 (Service time is 8:00 am on the radio.)

The following is the financial report for First Lutheran as of February, 2020:

General Fund:
 Bal. 1/31/20: (\$16,060.87)
 Inc.; February \$19,292.06
 Exp., February \$27,234.26
 Bal. 2/29/20: (\$24,003.07)
 (The amount shows behind budget.)

Gift Cards will not be available in the office from March 16 – 24.

Thank you for the healing thoughts, prayers, cards and kind words of encouragement after my surgery. – Bonnie Bents

Our sympathy goes to Craig & Melissa Randgaard & family at the recent death of Melissa's grandfather.

Our sympathy goes to Merle & Pat Elsing and family at the recent death of Merle's mom, Mary Elsing. Her funeral service will be on Tuesday, March 17 at 11:00 am at Benson Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 10:00 – 11:00 am at Benson's.

Beverages and Bibles will meet on Thursday, March 19 at Forbidden Barrel at 6:00 pm.

Join us for Air Madness Trampoline Park on Sunday, March 22 from 12:00 – 5:00 pm. All families are welcome to come. Cost is \$15 per jumper. Sign up on the youth bulletin board off of Centennial Hall. We will leave from the church parking lot at noon.

Youth Palm Sunday Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 5 from 9:45 – 11:00 am. Everyone is welcome and a free will offering will be taken for the youth trips this summer.

First Lutheran delivers meals the last two weeks in April. We have gone to seven routes now as more people are requesting meals. Please sign up on the sheet that is on the gift card table in Centennial Hall. The more that sign up; the less you deliver. If you have any questions, please contact Julie (Doug) Christensen.

The Worthington Christian School March Mixer (formerly Kindergarten Open House) will be March 19 from 4:30-7:30 pm. We welcome parents & students who will be entering kindergarten-8th grade next fall to join us for this come-and-go experience! Join us for drop-in tours, games, tuition incentive information, food & fellowship with WCS staff and students. If this evening does not work for your family, just call the school at 376-4861 to arrange a personal visit.

