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Week of March 8

Living the unconditional Grace & Love of Jesus Christ

Lenten Worship: "Where the Rubber Meets the Road."

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

March 4 - April 1

Fellowship meals following each service.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Any choice dollars that you have with Thrivent must be directed before the end of the month or you will lose them. If you google Thrivent choice dollars it will take you to the link to direct them. Thank you.

We say a big **THANK YOU** to all the women & men who help serve the meals for our funerals here at First Lutheran, and for all who supply the cakes, bars, and cookies. We also thank the ones who operate the dishwasher. Everyone does a great job and we really appreciate their service!



Easter Flowers
Order Deadline Sunday, March 15
Order forms with details are at the Welcome Center.

Would you like to be a Bible Buddy?

- Donate \$20 to pay for a student's Lutheran Study Bible
- Present the bible to your Buddy in the fall
- Commit to pray for your Buddy throughout their faith journey
- If interested, take an envelope from the Bible Buddies Banner in the café area on March 22nd. Please contact Melissa Ackermann for more info.



QUILTERS

FLC Quilters...2nd & 4th Tuesday at 8:30am.

OUTREACH BOARD

LC Care Center Bingo...Monday, March 23 at 6:40pm...

YOUTH

Sunday School...from 10:15-11:15am.

KFC (K thru 6th grade)...Wednesday's from 3-5pm.

Senior High Youth Group... Wednesday, March 25 from 8-9pm.

Confirmation (7th-8th Grade)...Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30pm during Lent.

5th Grade Confirmation...Thursdays, March 19, 26, & April 2 from 5:30-6:30pm. Parents, please plan to attend the first lesson with your students.

MUSIC

Expressions...Mondays at 5pm.

Senior Choir...Wednesdays from 7-8pm.

Bell Choir...Wednesdays at 6:30pm during Lent.

BIBLE STUDIES

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

Esther Circle...Wednesday, March 18 at 1:30pm at Mavis Hawkins home. Everyone is Welcome to attend this Bible study!

Men's Bible Study...2nd & 4th Saturday at 8am.

Women's Bible Study... Mondays thru March 23 from 5:30-7:00pm.

Holy Spirit, help me recognize opportunities to serve others today.

FYI - FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Did you know that in 2019 the operating budget of First Lutheran was \$392,878 or \$32,740 per month. Thanks to your generosity, we averaged \$32,406 per month in income during 2019.

Did you know that we have a monthly mortgage payment of \$10,775. This cost is not part of the operating budget, but instead comes from the Building Fund. Your gifts to the building fund averaged \$11,391 per month in 2019, and our principal balance on 12/31/19 was \$1,329,014.

Five for Food 2020

Five for Food is the largest single fundraising event for the Lake City Food Shelf. Over the past five years, Five for Food has provided over \$102,000 to the Food Shelf, which has enabled them to purchase over \$400,000 in food for those in need. The matching funds are available for donations received by March 31st. The Lake City Food Shelf is an IRS recognized charity. Donations are tax deductible.

Make your contributions by check payable to the Lake City Food Shelf and mail it to Greater Lake City Community Foundation, P. O. Box 86, Lake City, MN 55041.

Forms at the Welcome Desk

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire.

Prayer Connection: Contact Person: Mary Nelson,

firstlutheranprayerconnection@gmail.com

Remember in Prayer...

Health

Marlis Lee, Linette Meincke, Shirley Pierson, Sheila Johnson, Kris Chederquist, Paul & Barb Gifford, Maria & Lee Schultz, Diane Morris, Orville & Joyce Hegseth, Denny Richardson, Jerry Narveson, Dean

Kirkland, Nancy Herron

Wedding Couples

Natalie Schlagenhaft & Anthony Armellino

All service men and women Lt. Col. Spencer Rasmussen

Justin Fuchs Nathan Fuchs Peter Schliep Matt Sikkink

Ethan Meyer Chris Breuer Monty Vikdal

Alyssa Zuehl Peace Corp.

Jeffrey Mund

Our Missionary in Chile Karen Anderson

We extend our sympathies to Heath Oeltjen and family upon the death of Heath's Grandmother. We pray for God's peace.

OUR CHURCH HISTORY

Pastor Hull reported in his 1953 report that communicant members was now over 300 for the first time in the church's history. He hoped the congregation could soon arrive at the goal of full support of the budget by thank offerings and pledges. Previously, the women's organizations gave a good deal of financial support to the budget in addition to paying the organist's salary. He felt women should not be responsible for the budget. Giving to the church should be by willing pledges and offerings. The church needed to be run more like a business.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Lake City Food Shelf is in need of Canned Stew for the month of March.

First Choice Clinic Father/Daughter Dance...Saturday, March 14 from 3-5pm. For more information go to the FLC Welcome Desk.

"What's Love Got To Do With It? Wednesday, March 25 5:30-7:30pm at St. Mary's. This chastity talk is for teens based on St. John Paul II's book "Love and Responsibility", Sacred Scripture, and Catechism about guarding and defending true love. This talk will give your people the tools to live out friendships with the opposite sex in a pure and chaste way. You must discover who your are in Christ before you can become a gift for the other. More info on the Kiosk.

FOOD FOR HUNGRY KIDS in an opportunity for your children to bring one item of food to the food basket at the altar during the offering every Saturday or Sunday. Any item or monetary donation will always be welcome. Thanks for helping.

CHURCH CALENDAR MARCH 9-15

Monday, March 9

Expressions 5pm

Women's Bible Study 5:30pm Fireside Rm.

Cub Scouts 6pm

Tuesday, March 10

FLC Quilters 8:30am Staff 10am

Wednesday, March 11

Bible Study 8:30am

Red Wing Grief Group 10:30am Fireside Rm.

KFC 3pm Worship 5:30pm

Supper 6:15pm Confirmation 5:30-7:3

Confirmation 5:30-7:30pm
Bell Choir 6:30pm
Senior Choir 7pm

Thursday, March 12

Boy Scouts 7-8:30pm

Friday, March 13

Saturday, March 14

Men's Bible Study 8am

Dailey Private Event 9am-3pm Worship 5:30pm

Sunday, March 15

Worship 9am

Sunday School 10:15am

We are offering enlarged bulletins. Please let the ushers know if you would like one.