

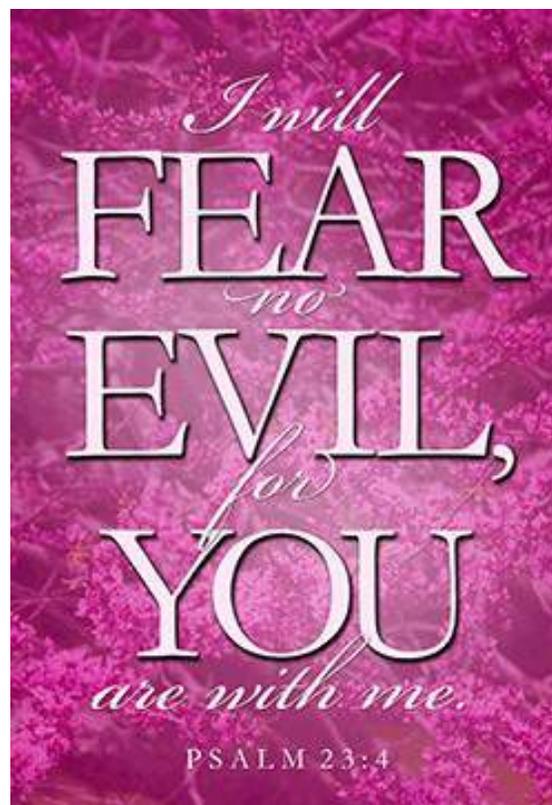
# The First Word

## March, 2020



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First Lutheran Church Mission Statement:  
Let all that you do be done in love.  
I Corinthians 16:14



Pastor Joel Bacon

# From the Pastor's Desk

March, 2020

As I sat taking in the environment of Maran's Godfather's funeral I was struck by several things. The funeral was held on the campus of Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN and it is a Lutheran College started by Swedish immigrants around the time of the Civil War. There were many outstanding elements to the service, not the least of which was the Gustavus Adolphus choir's time stopping rendition of ***I Need Thee Every Hour***. I was struck by how special these colleges are as they bring together talented young people and called and enlightened instructors in a setting that brings out their best. A college is a setting in which 25% of its body changes every single year, yet during those four tumultuous years a critical mass of learning and growth occurs before they go out into the world. All this talent and energy and potential comes together and mixes and percolates and then out it goes. That unique mix of humanity for that journey to a bachelor's degree will never happen again. Even if there were to be a funeral for a famous church figure next year in the Christ Chapel at Gustavus Adolphus College it would not be the same as what occurred there February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

I think about the coming together to learn and worship and grow and then the going out to work and serve that happens weekly. I realize that the body of people gathered together at that worship at that moment is a critical mass that will never happen again. Even though we gather weekly, and have done so for decades, each worship setting is unique and one-of-a-kind: it exists only for that moment.

What struck me is that we should never take any time we gather for granted. We should never just go through the motions. The proclamation of forgiveness, the gift of grace at Holy Communion, the sermon, the prayers, the peace, the singing may be for some the last time they experience it. It may be for some the pivotal moment that keeps them from sinning or making a life changing error. It may be for some the moment they meet a calling.

I came to realize that every moment we gather together is sacred and unique and important. Whether it be a worship, a family meal, a committee meeting, a reunion, or even the first person you greet in the morning. Every moment is unique and should never be taken for granted.

In Christ

*Pastor Joel*

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1:  
Soup at 11am, Worship at Noon, Worship at 6:00pm

## **Council Notes** **February 2020**

In addition to the normal monthly business there are two special items to highlight.

Council had its first session of the process to create a long-range plan for the congregation. This first session was spent daydreaming with members putting forward ideas for ministry and facilities. All of the thoughts were recorded. Next month we will sort them out into 1 year, 5-year, 10-year and 20-year categories and figure out which committee or task force would best carry them out. The plan is to have a rough draft of the plan ready by May for hearings in front of the congregation allowing for comment and questions from the membership. We hope to have the plan completed for presentation and adoption at the congregational meeting in July.

It was approved to have the lighting task force to be placed as a sub-committee as a part of the property committee and that they be encouraged to add additional members to assist with the final design phase. It was voted to move ahead with engaging Prism Designs of Mondovi, WI to do the final design and specifications of the plan and solicit bids. This will allow us to know exactly what the project will look like and what the detailed costs will be. We will then know exactly what additional funds will need to be raised. We are told that the design and bid process should be complete by early April.

Bruce Schmidt, President

## **Stewardship Message—** **March 2020**

### Stewardship

“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.”

Stewardship Committees are always searching for ways to promote giving. One subtle way is using humor. Humor can be an effective way to diffuse the inherent discomfort in discussing the subject of giving. Hopefully the following example will help us all feel well about giving and sharing.

There once was a strongman at a circus sideshow who demonstrated his power before large audiences every day. Toward the end of one performance, he squeezed the juice from a lemon with his powerful hands. “I will give \$200 to anyone who can get another drop from this lemon” he proclaimed.

A thin, older woman hobbled up to the stage, picked up the lemon, clamped it between her frail, boney hands and squeezed out a full teaspoon of lemon juice! Amazed, the strongman gave her the \$200 and asked “what is the secret of your strength?” “No secret,” she replied. “I have been the Treasurer of my church for forty-two years.

The old adage “Give ‘til it hurts” does not apply to church giving. Maybe, “Give ‘til it feels good” is more appropriate.

In Christ,



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First Lutheran In-House Missions: We here at FLC provide a variety of help through donated funds. Through our GRACE Fund, we help people through a rough patch. We may pay an electric bill, provide gas money to a medical appointment, etc. These are at the discretion of Pastor Bacon and/or the Council. Through our Community Supper Fund, we provide a weekly dinner to anyone. Operation Christmas provides needed food and gifts for those in need during the Christmas Season. These are all possible with your donations. If you would like to contribute to any of these funds, make the checks to "First Lutheran Church" with a memo notation of what they are intended for. You can put them in a PEW Envelope. Please **do not** include these gifts in the same check with your regular Sunday offering. All financial records are kept in the strictest confidence at the church office.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL  
GIVING TO THE LORD'S WORK THROUGH  
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Jeannette Siemers  
Business Manager**

# Outreach



**The Card Ladies**  
**March 3, 2020**  
**9:30am**

Our new greeting card creations are from donated birthday, anniversary and sympathy cards. Check out our display located in the Narthex near the main entrance. Our prices are reasonable!



**The Cover Girls will meet on Thursday, March 12 & 19 at 9:00 am**

Our group makes quilts which are given to Lutheran World Relief, as well as to various needs within the Hayward community.

**Everyone is welcome to join our group.** You don't need to be a seamstress — if you can tie a knot and enjoy fellowship, you can be a Cover Girl!

Donations of material and crochet thread are greatly appreciated.



**Purls of Prayer will meet on Saturday, March 21 at 9:30am**

We are an on-going outreach ministry for those in need of comfort and prayer, or are celebrating a special occasion.

We knit or crochet prayer shawls from yarn that has been donated to us. These beautiful creations are then blessed and given to friends and relatives so that they may feel the love of our Lord and Savior.

**Winter Relay for Life** We had 180 participants + 9 donors (not registered to volunteer or ski/snowshoe). The total amount raised was \$2010! Wow! What an amazing amount for a first-year event!!

Kym Kirk

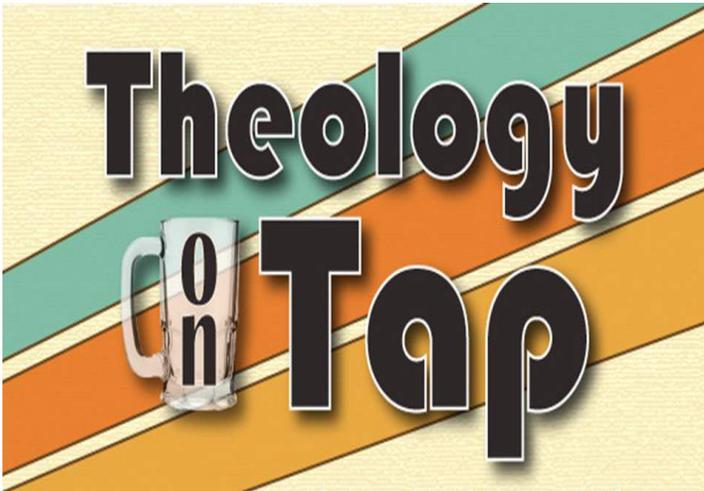
Co-chair, Sawyer County Relay For Life (along with the FLC Fellowship Committee)

Irene Ahrenkiel continues to be a part of the group by tying baby quilts at her place. She does 3 to 4 baby quilts a month. These blankets will eventually go to the hospital for newborn babies. We appreciate Irene and her continued involvement. **Cover Girls**





Next Meeting Wednesday  
March 11, 2020  
Second Wednesday every other month



**Theology on Tap**  
**"Coop's Pizza"**

**March 10, 7pm**

**Topic**  
**"Learning"**



**2020 Grief Support Schedule**  
**Six-Week Group (weekly)**

April 15, April 22  
April 29, May 6, May 13, May 20

September 10, September 17,  
September 24, October 1,  
October 8, October 15

*All meetings will be held at 1:00pm  
in the library at First Lutheran.*

**The Community Grief Ongoing**  
**Monthly Support Group**

continues to meet on the  
**2nd Thursday** afternoon  
from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at  
First Lutheran Church.

This is a program of education and  
renewal for any person who has  
experienced loss through the death of  
a loved one.

A food donation bin is located in the Narthex at all times and the food is  
picked up each Monday morning. Your food or monetary donations would be  
greatly appreciated. Please note that monetary donations for the food shelf  
should be brought to the  
Church Office.



As you can see, demolition has begun in the kitchen. Major demolition will start Tuesday, February 25th. Kitchen will then be closed until it is finished. We will be going from a home looking kitchen to a commercial kitchen

Some upper cabinets will be removed early, as we want to reuse them in the room next to the kitchen. They have been or will be emptied and moved before the gutting of the kitchen begins. This will not affect the use of the kitchen. Just no cabinets up above. New appliances and materials are being ordered and will be stored in the fellowship hall off to the side. (Same as we do with food for Operation Christmas) This will be an adventure. The kitchen will be closed from Monday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup> until the project is completed. The following is the schedule for various contractors to begin work.

Dates:

Monday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup> - removing all kitchen items

Tuesday Feb 25<sup>th</sup> - Demolition will begin

Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Electrician and Plumbing work will start

Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> - Air exchange unit will begin. (Outside work for this unit will be done in the spring)

We do not know when the project will be completed as it depends on contractors and the Men at Work who will complete the jobs not contracted for. Announcements will be made as we progress. We would like it done no later than April.

Wednesday night meals are planned for and will continue. Paper products have been bought so we do not need to be concerned about dishes. Other activities which would usually use the kitchen will need to figure out other arrangements. If concerned please talk with Betty Beckman and we will figure something out.

Thanks for your understanding at this time.

*Kitchen Task Force*

**Celia A. Anderson, April 24, 1943 - February 5, 2020**



Celia Ann Anderson (Anderson), age 76 of Hayward, WI Formerly of Eau Claire, WI passed away Wednesday, February 5, 2020, at Mayo Clinic Health Care System in Eau Claire.

Celia was born on April 24, 1943 to Lawrence and Eunice Anderson in Eau Claire, WI. On Jan 5, 1963 Celia and Gary were united in marriage at Grace Lutheran Church in Eau Claire. Their union produced two daughters, Lawrel Charlotte, and Michelle Kelane.

Celia is survived by her husband Gary Anderson, Daughters Lawrel (Rob) Sabelko, Michelle Olson (Jay Roberts). Sister Jennifer (Geoff) Dieter, Grandchildren Katelyn and Abigale Sabelko, Angus Olson, Thomas and Andrew Sabelko. Nieces Kristine Deehr, Stephanie Nestigan, and Nephews Mike Anderson and Chris Dieter.

Celia was preceded in death by her parents, mother-in-laws Evelyn Carlson and Carol Anderson, father-in-laws Kenneth Carlson and Charles Anderson, Brother and sister-in-law William and Alice Anderson. As well as several aunts and uncles.

A memorial service will take place at 11 am on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at Hulke Family Funeral Home in Eau Claire with Pastor Joel Bacon officiating. Memorial visitation will take place at the funeral home on Thursday, February 27, 2020 from 9:30 am until the time of service.

Hulke Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 3209 Rudolph Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701 is assisting the family with the arrangements.



**Edith Louise (Louis) Vallem January 31, 1930 ~ February 16, 2020 (age 90)**



Edith Louise Louis was born January 31, 1930 in Hayward, the daughter of William "Bill" Henry and Letitia Ann (Edwards) Louis. She attended school in Hayward until 1942, when the family moved to Indiana. Edie returned to Hayward in 1948 where she met her soul mate Raymond (Ray) Arthur Vallem. They were married on January 15, 1949 and enjoyed 55 years together. Together they raised six children. Edie was the maternal head of five living generations. She was a devoted wife and mother who loved to travel, volunteered for church functions, Scouts, and 4-H. She was also a member of Hayward Piece Makers Quilt Guild and ALCW group. Additional hobbies included sewing, painting, jewelry making and baking.

Edie is survived by her children, Elaine (Charles) Grainger, Paul (Jackie Hargett) Vallem, Irene (Chuck) Graves, Judy Hooker, and daughter-in-law, Emily Hunt Vallem.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray; and two sons, Lawrence and Craig.

To celebrate Edie's life, a reception will be held at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, July 18, at First Lutheran Church, Hayward, WI.

# Bible STUDY Groups

## FAITH & HOPE & LOVE

Faith, Hope and Love Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 10 in the Church Library at 1:30 pm.  
Hostess:  
Liz Dokkestul  
Leader: Maxine Poppe

## Jubilee Circle

Jubilee Circle will meet March 17 at 6pm in the library.

We welcome anyone interested to join us.

Please contact Rhonda Passolt at 715-634-1062 or 715-563-2502 or [passolt0826@yahoo.com](mailto:passolt0826@yahoo.com) with any questions.



**Peace Circle:** will meet on March 10 at 9:45 am in the church library.  
Hostess: Sandy Klevgard Leader: Ardie Littlefield

**Koinonia\*** (formerly Women's Weekly Study) meets every Tuesday at 8:00am in the library at First Lutheran.

This group meets each Tuesday morning for a light breakfast, fellowship and a study.  
They are currently watching faith-based DVD's



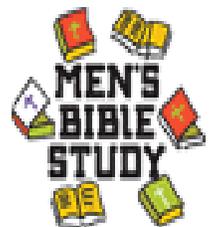
ADULT FORUM ON SUNDAYS

ADULT FORUM from approximately 9:05 - 9:55 in the Fellowship Hall. Grab a cup of coffee and a treat and join us for an interesting 50 minutes!

## Men's Bible Group

meets every week on Tuesdays at 8am. They are currently watching a video series on the New Testament.

You are welcome to come join them!





## From Brown to Red

It was a Sunday evening and our home was starting to quiet down from the weekend. I was cleaning up the kitchen after dinner when my stepson comes up to me and tells me that if he could only have one wish it would be to see the colors like everyone else. My heart broke instantly. I gave him a hug and told him I wish he could as well, and we went back to what we were doing. As I finished the cleaning, I couldn't take it anymore. It was time for some research.

I plopped down into my chair and started scrolling through Amazon to see about color-blindness glasses. My husband asked me what I was doing, and I broke down in tears and told him what was said. We both knew it was going to be a long shot since we had looked before, and the price was just something we couldn't pull off. And there it was, a pair of glasses in our price range with great reviews. We took the plunge and bought them. Both of us were very skeptical and figured we could return them if they didn't work.

The next two days were brutal waiting for the delivery. Before leaving for practice I asked my stepson to tell me the colors of my shirt and he said brown, purple, white and grey. (WRONG!) While at practice the glasses arrived and it would be show time soon. The house was excited and nervous, and no one could sit still. It was time!

He put the glasses on and looked around. At first, he wasn't sure what he was seeing and couldn't tell a difference. It was overwhelming. I asked him again what colors my shirt was and he started to cry and said: blue, red, white and grey! (CORRECT!!!) There was cheering and crying and laughter and just pure excitement! He ran through the house looking at everything...his room was red! (The color he knew it was but before the glasses just looked brown). Corn was actually yellow! Pink was pink! The plants were green and alive!

For 11 years this boy knew what colors things were supposed to be, but he couldn't see what that really was. And it wasn't until he could see them for real that we fully understood his frustrations. Lights weren't dull anymore. Blood was red, not brown. The world was alive and bright and full of color!

That night was intense. And as he went to bed, he gave us hugs and thanks us. For a moment afterwards he just stood still. When my husband asked him what he was doing he just smiled and said, "You know what, Tiff, God really is good!" And without skipping a beat I replied, "All the time!"

Many blessings~

Tiffany Chipman

**Youth Calendar of Events March, 2020:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Easter Lily Sales Begin
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Hayward Youth Network 1:30
- 13<sup>th</sup>: K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Lock-in
- 15<sup>th</sup>: Easter Lily Orders End  
Easter Candy Sales Begin  
Youth Led Worship
- 16<sup>th</sup>: Youth Committee 5pm
- 24<sup>th</sup>: Parent Squad 6pm @ Fellowship Hall
- 27<sup>th</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Lock-In
- 29<sup>th</sup>: Fifth Sunday Fun Day
- 31<sup>st</sup>: TT Bowling Day (Angler's)

March 2020						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Kindergarten—5th Grade

Let's spend the night at the church!

Drop-off: Friday, March 13th @ 7pm

Pick-up: Saturday, March 14th @ 8am

Invite your friends for a fun night of games, crafts, movies, snacks and so much more!

\*\*\*a minimum of 10 children for this event to happen\*\*\*

Sign up at the Welcome Center (Youth Activities) by Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.



6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth:

Hey middle & high school students!!! Want to take over the church for a night???

Friday, March 27th @ 6pm - Saturday, March 28th @ 8am

Ghost in the Church - Nerf War - Grog - Snacks – Movies

Invite your friends and let's get crazy! (10 youth minimum is required)

Sign up at the Welcome Center (Youth Activities) by Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Intergenerational Lenten Series:**

Let the fun begin!

Confirmation students will work with adult mentors throughout the Lenten season.

Time CHANGE: 6pm-8pm

Students and mentors start with worship at 6pm and continue activities until 8pm.

Light snack and refreshments will be served on most nights.

### **Terrific Tuesday Bowling Party**

Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> @ Angler's

It is time for our annual bowling and pizza party and Angler's.

Cost: \$5/student

Students will be picked up at both Primary and Intermediate Schools and walk to Angler's. Parents will pick up students at Angler's at 5pm.



### **Easter Lily Sales:**

Once again it is time to purchase your Easter Lily in dual help of decorating our altar for Easter morning and giving a time of remembrance or honor to loved ones. Lilies can be purchased before Saturday worship services or in-between Sunday worships: March 1<sup>st</sup> – March 15<sup>th</sup>. Cost of plants is \$10. Proceeds will go to youth roster accounts.



### **Easter Candy Sales:**

Did someone say chocolate???

First Lutheran youth are selling delicious chocolates from Lynn Marie's in honor of Easter.

Sales begin Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> and continue until Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Proceeds will go to youth roster accounts.



### **Parent Squad:**

Tuesday, March 24 @ 6pm

Topic: Game Night.

Location: Fellowship Hall

All parents are welcome.

### Easter Breakfast:

FLC Youth will again serve breakfast on Easter morning. Food donation help is needed. Please see the clipboard at the Welcome Center for ways to help.

Easter Breakfast is Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am – 9:30am in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars NOW! And bring your families with you!

This is a fundraising event for our youth's roster funds. *These accounts help our youth attend camps, outings and other activities for the growth of their faith.*

### 5th Sunday Funday

Join us Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Cross † Gen activities.

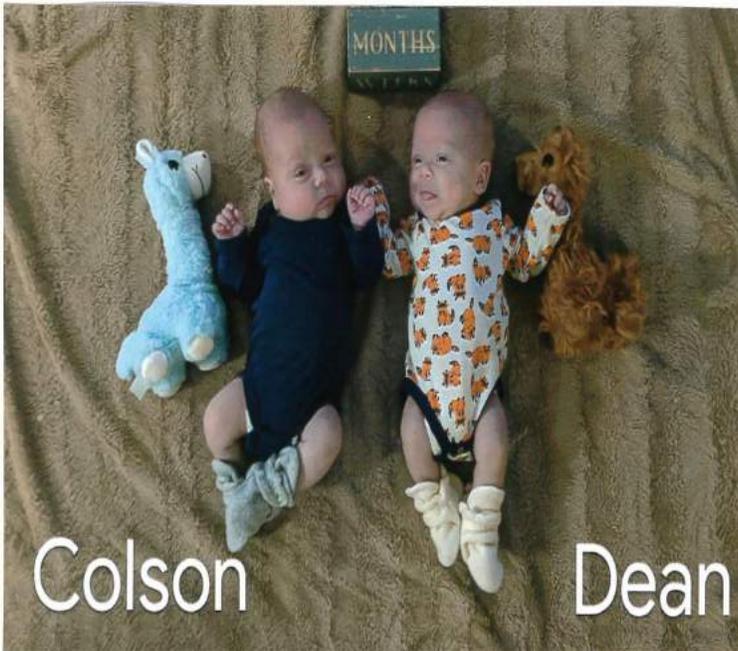
9am: Meet in Fellowship Hall for a Checkers tournament of Generations.  
10am: Worship with a twist

Let's take up the cross together. Children of God. Family of church.



### Holy Week, April 5-12, 2020

- Palm/Passion Sunday, April 5, 2020      5pm      8am      10am
- Maundy Thursday, April 9, 2020      6pm
- Good Friday, April 10, 2020      6pm
- Vigil of Easter April 11, 2020      5pm
- Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020      Sunrise      6:30am      8am      10am  
    Easter Breakfast      7:00am—9:30am  
    Easter Games      9:00am



Colson

Dean

Thank you First Lutheran congregation for all your prayers for our twin boys who were born three months early. Colson and Dean are now home and thriving thanks to you're your prayers. Prayers do work.

*Sincerely Brent & Brittani Bjelland*



Colson  
9lb 13oz

Dean  
8lb 11oz

**Country Capers with Jan *presents***



**PORTUGAL & SPAIN: TREASURES ALONG THE GOLDEN DOURO**

Departure Date

***April 9, 2021 - April 23, 2021***

Join us on this picturesque cruise & tour into the heart of the Douro Valley. You will revel in beautiful landscapes and verdant countryside, where roads lead to medieval hillside towns. Discover the cultural capitals of Spain and Portugal, including Lisbon, Madrid, and Porto. From town to country are 29 included sightseeing tours and Cultural Connections. We have fifteen days to learn about the economy and lifestyle of these beautiful countries. Please join us.

Contact:

Jan Wege at 715/634-8101, Email: muskymania@centurytel.net

*Brochures are available in the church office.*

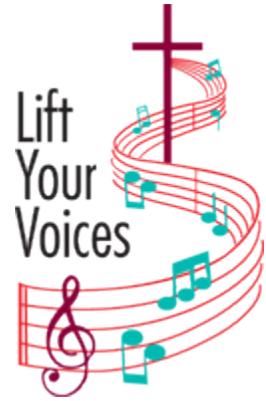
*Orientation Meeting for traveling to Portugal and Spain will be held on March 15, 2020, 3pm, at First Lutheran Church*

## Choir Schedule

The Choir will be singing at the following worship services

10am	March 8
8am	March 15
10am	March 22

Rehearsals Wednesdays at 7pm during Lent



First Lutheran Church has inherited a four-octave set of Schulmerich Handchimes.

Rehearsals will be held on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday at 9:05am, between services

The Spirit Within will be playing at the following services;

10am	March 1
5pm	March 14
10am	March 15

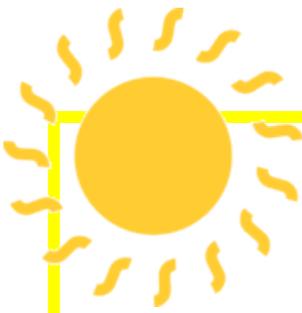
Thank you...Shelley, Julie, Ann, Rhonda  
Randy, Pete, Mike, Ray  
Lea and Dennis

Practice times are every Thursday at 5:15pm

# The Spirit Within

## An Evangelical Minute

### Look on the Sunny Side



I overheard someone recently, during a few days of sunshine, ask, "What is that strange light in the sky?" Those around smiled and laughed a little. "Why?" Do you mean the sun?" It has been a mostly absent element in our winter weather thus far. But, oh how beautiful to look out at a sunrise and sunset; at the play of the tree and shrub shadows upon the snow; and the clear blue skies.

Upon returning home, I got out my copy of Helen Steiner Rice's book, a collection of Love Gifts. I love to read through her poems from time to time and would like to share this love gift "Look on the Sunny Side, as we prepare ourselves for the beginning of our Lenten Season.

There are always two sides,  
The good and the bad,  
The dark & the light,  
the sad & the glad.  
But in looking back over  
the good & the bad,  
We're aware of the number  
of good things we've had,  
And in counting our blessings,  
we find when we're through,  
We've no reason at all  
to complain or be blue.  
So thank God for the good things  
He has already done,  
And be grateful to Him  
for the battles you've won,  
And know that the same God  
who helped you before,  
Is ready & willing  
to help you once more.  
Then with faith in your heart,  
reach out for God's Hand  
and accept what He sends,  
though you can't understand.  
For our Father in Heaven  
always knows what is best,  
And if you trust in His wisdom,  
your life will be blessed.  
For always remember  
whatever betides you,  
You are never alone,  
for God is beside you.



Holy Father, we thank you for Helen Steiner Rice's God-given talent; the ability to convey the essence of your love in a simple and down to earth manner. We pray her words speak to us as we face our day to day lives and prepare ourselves once more to realize the full extent of your love for us in Your Son, Jesus.

In Christ, Amen



**Communion Bread Makers  
for the Month of March**

Mar 07/08 - Grete Schuenzel  
 Mar 14/15 - Jean Purtell  
 Mar 21/22 - Kris Neumann  
 Mar 28/29 - Kay Sieh

Altar Guild  
members for the month  
of March are:

Liz Dokkestul\*  
 Patti Stone  
 Donna Gilbertson  
 Amy McDonald  
 Rose Frisch  
 Kaye Cammack  
 Nancy Woodbeck

\* Team Leader  
 \*\*Thank you for your willingness  
 to serve\*



**Eternal Candle Sponsors for March**

	Michelle Forrester Sandy Klevgard Carol Nelson	Memory of Vivian Ogren Memory of Dale Klevgard Memory of her mother, Edna Webber
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Please sign up on the Eternal Flame clip board if you wish to be a sponsor.  
 Please give Jeannette the sponsor funds when you sign up.

There is room for more Eternal Candle Sponsors, please sign up and let  
 the office know. Thank you!!!

Photo of proposed  
lighting pendants.

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Sanctuary Lighting  
Project  
 We have met  
 \$30,915.52  
 of our 48,000 goal!



## First Lutheran Church Women March 2020

I find myself writing of March still in February . March is the month we begin our Lenten Journey as we watch, listen, and mourn our Saviors walk to the Cross for our sins. First the last week in February we have Ash Wednesday's Service when our vulnerability is felt as we receive the ashes "Dust to dust and to dust you shall return". A sobering time as we begin the journey of Jesus, as he takes on our sins, and gives them up on the cross. The month is long and His walk was long teaching and telling His followers what He had to do and what they were to do . They were in disbelief and I think today we too just can't really comprehend the gift we received. The gift of all gifts Eternal Life for all who believe. May we all spend this month with worship and gratitude Praising our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. April will bring us the Joy of the Resurrection.

March will again find the Morning and Afternoon Circles Studying from the Gather Magazine: **We are Called! Session 3: Called to Serve.** The first session we recalled several of the old testament prophets session two, we saw how Jesus called His disciples, and now in the Third session we will discuss what we as his children are being called to do. Examining the story of the Good Samaritan. We have a very informal time of study together. We are all novices learning together. Those who would like to join, please come.

### All Study groups are Meeting in the Church Library

**Peace Circle** Meets March 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:45  
Leader: Ardie Littlefield  
Hostess: Sandy Klevgard

**Faith Hope and Love** Meets March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30  
Leader: Maxine Poppe  
Hostess: Liz Dokkestul

**Jubilee Circle** Meets on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm They are watching the DVD entitled **Seamless** followed by a discussion. This study is lead by Rhonda Passolt All are welcome, this time is for those who find it hard to attend a morning or afternoon session, working mothers and those who enjoy an evening time. All are welcome to attend as well.

Our newly named **Koinonia** (meaning Fellowship) women's bible study meets every Tuesday at 8:00 AM. They enjoy a light breakfast together and then watch an inspirational DVD with a discussion to follow. If you would like to join them come and enjoy the fellowship.

### UPDATES and INFORMATION

I hope you were able to come to our General Meeting to help us disperse our Love Gifts. This year we had \$4,000 in moneys to give to our missions. **Our Church** is helped by our gifts for the kitchen, lighting, flooring projects, and moneys for the yarn for our prayers shawls, and fabric for all the quilts that go to World Relief. We give to the needs in **Sawyer County**: Habitat for Humanity, Hayward abuse Center, Regional Hospice just to name a few. **the Northwest Synod**, and **the World**: through ELCA hunger, disaster relief, school supplies, clean water and the list goes on. These are moneys we collect through-out the year. The LCW's gifts of money, your gifts.

We are again invited to attend the **Day of Renewal WELCA Heart of the North Conference** , Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> 2020. I have left flier's in the outer church office if any of you care to attend. It is in Sand Creek, WI at New Hope Lutheran. It is just a morning session with a lunch to follow. We generally have a car going if we have enough planning to attend. It is always an enjoyable time with the WELCA sisters. If you would like to attend please let our Vice Pres. Linda Euneau or Maxine Poppe know.

May God Bless you all this Lenten Season, I will be keeping you all in my prayers as I take some time away.

*Your FLCW President, Linda Gordon*



**March 1, 2020**  
**First Sunday in Lent**

**Prayer of the Day**

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Gospel Acclamation**

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. (Matt.4:4)

**Readings and Psalm**

**Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

Eating of the tree of knowledge

**Psalm 32**

Mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord. (Ps. 32:10)

**Romans 5:12-19**

Death came, life comes

**Matthew 4:1-11**

The temptations of Jesus

**Preface** Lent

**Color** Purple



**March 8, 2020**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**

**Prayer of the Day**

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through you Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

**Gospel Acclamation**

The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. (John 3:14-15)

**Readings and Psalm**

**Genesis 12:1-4a**

The blessing of God upon Abram.

**Psalm 121**

I lift up my eyes to the hills, my help comes from the Lord. (Ps 121:1,2)

**Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

The promise of Abraham's faith

**John 3:1-7**

The mission of Christ: saving the world

**Preface** Lent

**Color** Purple



**March 15, 2020**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**

**Prayer of the Day**

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me this living water that I may never thirst again. (John 4:42, 15)

**Readings and Psalm**

**Exodus 17:1-7**

Water from the rock

**Psalm 95**

Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. (Ps. 95:1)

**Romans 5:1-11**

Reconciled to God by Christ's death

**John 4:5-42**

The woman at the well

**Preface** Lent

**Color** Purple



**March 22, 2020**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Prayer of the Day**

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Jesus says, I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will have the light of life. (John 8:12)

**Reading and Psalm**

**1 Samuel 16:1-13**

David is chosen and anointed

**Psalm 23**

You anoint my head with oil. (Ps. 23:5)

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

Live as children of light

**John 9:1-41**

The man born blind

**Preface** Lent

**Color** Purple



March 29, 2020  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Gospel Acclamation**

I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me will never die. (John 11:25,26)

**Readings and Psalm**

**Ezekial 37:1-14**

The dry bones of Israel

**Psalm 130**

I wait for you, O Lord, in your word is my hope (Ps. 130:5)

**Romans 8:6-11**

Life in the Spirit

**John 11:1-45**

The raising of Lazarus

**Preface** Lent

**Color** Purple



Welcome **First Word Last Bite** recipe sharing column.

If you have a favorite recipe, please submit to

**Carol Mooney Williamson at**  
[carolmw@firstlutheranhaywardwi.net](mailto:carolmw@firstlutheranhaywardwi.net)



**Crab Dish Hot Dish**

Melt 4 tbsp. of butter – add garlic salt or garlic powder to taste  
Chop up 1 small onion and add to the melted butter and garlic salt  
Get 1 package of imitation crab or sea stix – cut up into bite size pieces and add to the melted butter as well.

Combine all together in skillet over medium heat  
Heat until onions are sautéed and limp  
In another pan – use the pasta of your choice – I usually use large shells – cook about 1 ½ cups of pasta according to the package. After done, drain and set aside.

Prepare 1 small package of frozen spinach or broccoli according to the package.  
In a quiche dish or a small casserole – spray with Pam or any non-stick spray. Spread the bottom with the cooked pasta, then put the cooked imitation crab (juice and all) on top of the pasta, then put the spinach or broccoli on top of crab. Spread 1 can of undiluted cream of chicken soup over the top with a spoon. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese and dill weed (if you have it).  
Bake 1 hour at 250 degrees and then put the oven up to 350 degrees and bake for 25 minutes.  
Let stand 5 minutes and serve – Enjoy!  
*Submitted by Rhonda Passolt*



## COMMUNITY MEAL

Every Wednesday  
Night  
At 5:00 pm

~THANK YOU~

Rhonda Passolt  
For overseeing the  
month of February

Everyone is welcome!

A community meal is served in Fellowship Hall here at First Lutheran Church every Wednesday evening at 5:00pm.

The meal is free of charge, or if you wish, you may make a free will donation. The meals are nutritious and are prepared and served by volunteers from the Church congregation, as well as volunteers within the community.

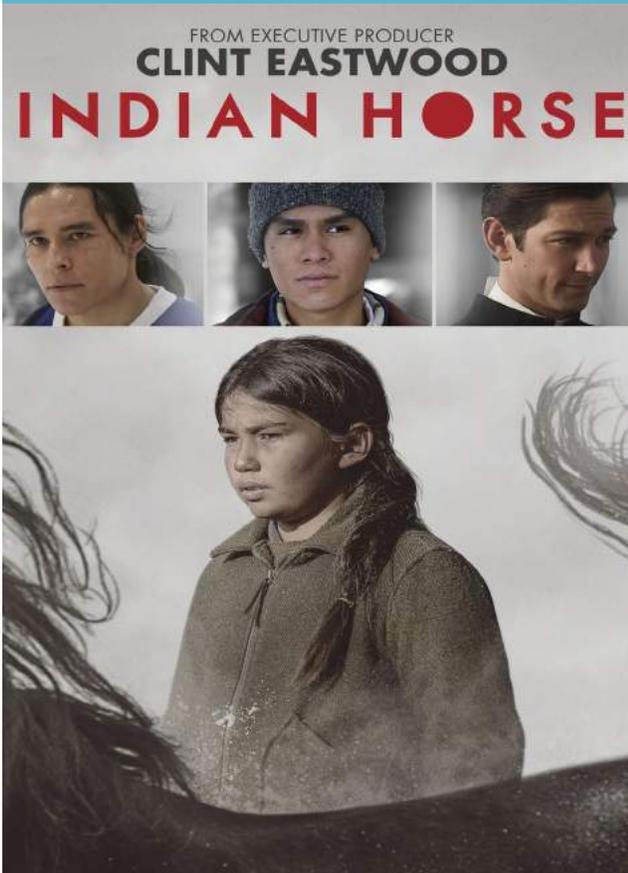
If you wish to help in this important ministry, please look at the sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center. See who is in charge for the month and give them a call or sign-up to help.

**February 5** *Rhonda Passolt and Spirit Within*

**February 12** *David Van Landschoot and Men's Bible Study*

**February 19** *Rhonda Passolt and Jubilee Circle*

**February 26** *Mary Wright and Hayward Lions*



## Friday Night Movie Friday, March 20, 2020

5:30pm  
Pizza & Beverages  
\$5.00 Donation

Saul Indian Horse, an Ojibway boy, is torn from his family and committed to a residential school. At the school, Saul is denied the freedom to speak his language or embrace his heritage and is a witness to abuse by the people sworn to protect him. But Saul finds salvation in the unlikelyst of places - the rink. His incredible hockey talents lead him away from the school to bigger and better opportunities, but no matter how far Saul goes, the ghosts of his past are always close behind.

Cast: Sladen Peltier, Forrest Goodluck, Ajuawak Kapasheslt, Michael Huisman, Martin Donovan, Michael Murphy.

Director: Stephen S. Campanelli

Genres: Drama

Moods: Inspiring, Emotional



Check out our First Lutheran Church Website at:

<http://www.firstlutheranhaywardwi.org>

We have several online ways to contribute to First Lutheran Church ministries.

#### **Give+ Mobile**

The Give+ Mobile app offers you a way to make convenient credit or debit card donations quickly through your Android or Apple phones.

The Give+ app is free, secure and easy to use. Simply go to the App Store and search for "**give plus Church**" to download and start donating today.

**Automatic withdrawal** from your banking account. You may set the amount of your contribution, the date, the frequency. Contact the office for more information.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Be sure to continue to visit First Lutheran's website for the latest in events that can be found in the box titled "Coming Up!" on the home page.

#### **Daily Devotionals**

Check out the home page: there is a new devotional every day sponsored by Luther Seminary titled **God Pause Daily Devotion**. Clicking on the devotion box will take you to the entire devotional.

#### **Weekly Sermons/Bulletin**

Sermons and weekly bulletins are available online the following Monday and are available for four weeks.

If you have additional ideas for our website or updates, please contact Sue Reinardy at [sreinardy@centurytel.net](mailto:sreinardy@centurytel.net)



"Day 1", a voice of mainline Christian Churches, presents messages by clergy representing mainline Christian faiths, including those of the ELCA. Peter Wallace, host for each broadcast, facilitates discussion with clergy on timely topics. This radio ministry reaches our shut-ins, visitors to the area, and others for whom regular worship and Church affiliation are not a part of their daily lives. The cost per broadcast is \$30.

We have First Lutheran members sponsor the "Day 1" weekly segments on radio station WRLS-FM (92.3). These segments air at 8:30am every Sunday. The sponsorship of a broadcast may be in honor of a person, or special occasion, or in memory of a loved one and is open to all.

#### **Day 1:**

February 9 in memory of Don Harms by Judy and Family

February 23 in memory of Doug Wikum and Bill and Diane Weinstock by Jane and Family



# Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*God's work. Our hands.*

*We are a Church that is deeply rooted—and always being made new.*

## If anyone is in Christ...

We are deeply rooted. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is still comparatively new as a Church body, and yet our roots are much deeper than our 25 years together. The taproot of our life extends through the histories of predecessor Churches in the United States, through the formative witness of the 16th century evangelical reformers and their confessional writings, to the Scriptures and the word of Christ. Our life is in Jesus Christ. We are deeply rooted in his word of forgiveness and the promises of God's steadfast love and mercy. The word of Christ dwells in us richly. God nourishes us as one body in Jesus Christ with companions from around the globe who meet us at Christ's table of grace.

## ...there is a new creation

We are being made new every day. In Jesus Christ we are not unchanged. What God does in Christ is as radical as the death and resurrection of baptism, where new creatures in Christ rise to live "no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them." God is bringing that new creation to life among us in the ministry of reconciliation. In that service we no longer see each other as we did before. We are no longer strangers, competitors or enemies to each other. We are beloved companions in one body, restored to a communion where the rich diversity of our experiences, wisdom and abilities serve the common good in Christ. The new creation in Christ rises to life **among us** every day.

### OFFICE HOURS

- Monday - Thursday  
8:30—4:00
- Friday  
8:30—12:00

### WEEKLY BULLETIN

If you would like to submit information for the weekly bulletin, it is due to

**Carol Williamson** by 4:00pm each Wednesday

### FIRST WORD

ALL ARTICLES for the First Word newsletter are to be sent to **Carol** at

[carolmw@firstlutheranhawyardwi.net](mailto:carolmw@firstlutheranhawyardwi.net)  
by 12:00 pm the 20th of March for the April First Word

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# Caring and Praying

## CARE CENTERS

### Aspen Acres

10214 Rock Creek Rd  
Hayward, WI 54843

Service Mar 5  
at 9:45 am

- ◆ Irene Ahrenkiel
- ◆ Mel Friske

### Care Partners Assisted Living

15497 Pinewood Drive  
Hayward, WI 54843

### Country Terrace

10260 White Birch Lane  
Hayward, WI 54843

### Hayward Health Center

10775 Nyman Avenue  
Hayward, WI 54843

- ◆ Liz Webber

### Water's Edge

11044 N State Rd 77  
Hayward, WI 54843

Service Mar 5  
at 11:15am

#### Care Center

- ◆ Irene Byerly
- ◆ Ralph and Carol Cornell
- ◆ Vi Jacobson
- ◆ Colleen Moreland
- ◆ Paul Pedersen
- ◆ Joyce Zaspel

#### Assisted Living

- ◆ Clare Jacobson
- ◆ Karen Luebke
- ◆ Dennis and Dolores (Dode) Marquardt
- ◆ Gene Nelson
- ◆ Dorothy Persson

## CHRONIC/LONG-TERM ILLNESS

John Jaeckel

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Lucille Ackley  
Shirley Arcand  
Jerry Bernard  
Billy Cline  
Mary Crippen  
Catherine Cushman  
Kay Edwards  
Carmen Gillis  
Brenda Hanson  
Scott Hootman  
Bonnie Larsen  
Denise Leasure  
Dode Marquardt  
Palmer McCoy  
Colleen Moreland  
Dawn Saxum  
Anna Suzan  
Liz Webber  
Jane Wikum  
Barbara Williamson



# 2020 March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Easter Lily Sales Start 8:00 AM Worship 9:00 AM Coffee & Fellowship 9:05 AM Adult Forum 9:05 AM Chimes 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship	<b>2</b> 6:00 PM Ski at "OO"	<b>3</b> 8:00 AM Koinonia 8:00 AM Men's Bible Group 9:30 AM Card Ladies 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:45 AM Music & Worship 3:00 PM Terrific Tuesday	<b>4</b> 8:45 AM GHAMA - Pastor 11:00 AM Soup 12:00 PM Lenten Worship 1:30 PM Hayward Youth Network 3:15 PM Kool Kidz Bellz 5:00 PM Community Supper 6:00 PM Wednesday Nite Live 6:00 PM Lenten Worship 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 9:45 AM Aspen Acres Communion 10:30 AM Hayward Health Communion 11:15 AM Water's Edge Communion 5:15 PM The Spirit Within Rehearsal	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5:00 PM Worship
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<b>15</b> End Lily, Start Candy Sales 8:00 AM Worship 9:00 AM Coffee & Fellowship 9:05 AM Chimes 9:05 AM Adult Forum 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM Orientation for Spain & Portugal Trip	<b>16</b> 5:00 PM Youth Committee 6:00 PM Ski at "OO"	<b>17</b> 8:00 AM Koinonia 8:00 AM Men's Bible Group 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 3:00 PM Terrific Tuesday 6:00 PM Jubilee Circle-Library	<b>18</b> 8:45 AM Pastor-GHAMA 11:00 AM Soup 12:00 PM Lenten Worship 3:15 PM Kool Kidz Bellz 5:00 PM Community Supper 5:00 PM Fellowship 6:00 PM Wednesday Nite Live 6:00 PM Lenten Worship 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> 9:00 AM Cover Girls 5:15 PM The Spirit Within Rehearsal	<b>20</b> 5:30 PM Friday Night Movie	<b>21</b> 9:30 AM Puris of Prayer 5:00 PM Worship
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<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Notes</b>				

# Worship With Us!

Saturday—5:00 pm

Sunday—8:00 am and 10:00 am

**Everyone is Welcome!**

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