



APRIL 12—VIDEO OF LAST SUPPER at 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm
APRIL 13—MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP at 7:00 pm
APRIL 14—GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP at 7:00 pm
APRIL 14—PRAYER VIGIL BEGINS at 9:00 pm
APRIL 16—EASTER WORSHIP at 6:30 am, 8:15 am, and 10:30 am
APRIL 17—OFFICE CLOSED
APRIL 26—26TH ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON AND BAKE SALE from 11:00 am—1:30 pm
AUGUST 6-AUGUST 9—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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First Lutheran Church

April 2017

► Easter Season

I must say, what an odd time to write a newsletter article for April. When you get this, we will still be in Lent. Then we have Holy Week, which includes Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil.

Easter is not until April 16 this year. You have to love those floating holidays based upon the sun, and in this case about the Son. That all being said, Halleluiah to the Lord that will rise on Easter morning, Sunday the 16th. God saw fit to raise the Son, so that as adopted brothers and sisters in Christ, we can also partake in the resurrection.

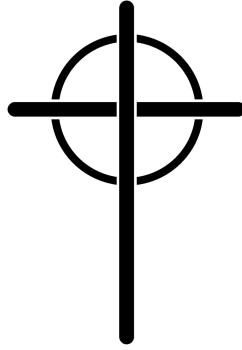
We walked through Lent and learned about taking care of ourselves, taking care of others, building new relationships with each other and with God. We learned the öPrinciples for Lasting Changeö, öGoal Settingö, öThe Group Factorö, öThe God Factorö and öBecoming who God Meant You to Beö. Now, because of Jesus, we get a new lease on life. The law is revealed in the cross and the law reveals our sin and the need for the cross. When we meet God in heaven, we will stand righteous in our version 2.0 bodies, because of Him, who gave of Himself.

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Hopefully we learned from each other, taught each other, supported each other, so that we can be the best we can for the Glory of God. We are not done and neither is God. A journey, which we are on, is never short and often full of setbacks. It is in being honest with each other that we can continue to grow towards what God wants us to each be.



We heard all sorts of instructions from God, as written in the scriptures, for us. Everything that God has done and will do, is for our good, not our harm. The Son's death was for us, and now his resurrection is also for us. God wants us to be happy and healthy and join with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in heaven. All God does is for us, for that end.


Every Sunday, we celebrate the rising of the Lord. Every Sunday, we can celebrate what God does for us in the Risen Lord. Every Sunday is a special day, but all days we can celebrate what God has done, what God is doing and what God will do for each of us, in the love of God for us through Jesus Christ. Christ has risen, He has risen indeed, Halleluiah.

What a beautiful day the Lord has provided. Can you see that the kingdom of heaven has broken through? Come, Holy Spirit. Come, Lord Jesus. HALLELUIAH, CHRIST IS RISEN!!!!

Peace and blessings to all my sisters and brothers in Christ.

May you experience the Love of God, always, in all that you do.

Pr. Doug



> NEW LIFE <

How did God work through Jesus to give us new life at Easter?

Directions: Use the puzzle pieces from the box to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.

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birth living Christ mercy great Jesus

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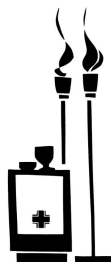
1 P E T E R 1 : 3 , N I V

Answer: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3, NIV

Worship at First Lutheran

April 2, Fifth Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14 Second Lesson: Romans 8:6-11
Psalm: 130 Gospel: John 11:1-45



April 9, Palm Sunday

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11
Psalm: 31:9-16 Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

April 16, Resurrection of Our Lord

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43 Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4
Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24 Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

April 23, Second Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9
Psalm: 16 Gospel: John 20:19-31

April 30, Third Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Second Lesson: 1 Peter 24:17-23
Psalm: 116:1-4, 12-19 Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

April Flower Chart



April 2 (Altar) open

April 9 (Altar) Given by Mark & Laci Chytka.

April 16 (Altar) Given by Carol Marmo in memory of her husband, Louis and daughters, Linda, Christine, Denise and Roxie Ann.

(Chancel) Given by Lee and Carrie Novak in honor of their blessings to children Marissa and Austin, and Colton and Kristyne.

April 23 (Altar) Given by Marv and Kathy Muirhead in honor of Bailey Johnson's 6th birthday April 26

April 30 (Altar) Given by Gordon and Jane Krogh in thankfulness for God's many blessings.

Anniversaries This Month



Bob and Betty Barto	April 15
Bill and Betty Bass	April 24
Shane and Jaimee Benson	April 21
Ken and Lynnelle Conley	April 21
Bart and Sara Gunderson	April 7
Lance and Jean Hedquist	April 29
Todd and Sheila Heitman	April 30
Gordon and Jane Krogh	April 29
Merle and Kim Long	April 14
Roger and Susan Monk	April 6
Kelly and Joey Robinson	April 17
Ray and Colleen Schleusener	April 17
Lonnie and Carolyn Slaughter	April 14

New Members

On March 5 we welcomed Kelsie Brown into our congregation.

On March 26 we welcomed Kathy Blair into our congregation.

Please greet them warmly!

Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 17, in observance of Easter.

Happy Birthday

Kris Dill—April 15
Rose Dudley—April 14
Tom Durant—April 26
Flo Frey—April 19
Lucy Gagnon—April 26
Richelle Guy—April 22
Jan Johansen—April 12
Scott Koeppe—April 4
Jackie Lacy—April 8
Del Lieber—April 15

Kimon Litras—April 30
Bill McLarty—April 23
Carrie Novak—April 12
Ellen Prescott—April 30
Kelli Rahn—April 22
Les Rahn—April 16
Angel Ruvalcaba—April 22
Cindy Stastny—April 10
George Weiland—April 27
William Weiland—April 14

Youth Birthdays

Nyamal Diew—April 12
Liam Fischer—April 17
Julie Geveshausen—April 13
Tyrese Gill—April 5
Jayden Grove—April 11
Bailey Johnson—April 26
Aiden Kleinberg—April 29

Lucas Leiting—April 23
Branden Lieber—April 4
Michael Sigsbee—April 16
Nicole Strong—April 15
Aubree VanBerkum—April 2
Shelbee VanBerkum—April 29

Giving Statements

We now have the ability to email giving statements. If we have your email address on file, we will email your giving statement to you. All others will be printed and available at the Welcome Center. Please pick up your giving statement to help us further save on postage costs.

New Life In Christ This Easter

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

2 Corinthians 5:17

Troops on the field and veterans at home desperately need hope – and what better time to share the power of Christ's resurrection than the Easter season! Join us this Easter as we provide chaplains with the gift of God's Word on the Military BibleStick to share with our nation's heroes. Through your support, service members, past and present, will open their hearts and find new life in Christ.

These small digital audio players are designed to military specifications for deployed troops; and they are beneficial for veterans as well. Each one contains the complete Audio New Testament along with 65 minutes of selected Psalms to bring comfort to those serving on the battlefield and those who have served in the past. Your gift today will provide hope found only in God's Word for our servicemen and women!



More than 760,000 Troops have already received God's Word on the Military BibleStick, but more Troops are waiting to receive this gift. Join with us this Easter season and share the message of a new life in Christ with our military.



Tear off this portion and return with your gift. Please make checks payable to the church.

I, _____, will give:

- \$25 to sponsor one service member and their family.
- \$50 to sponsor two service members and their families.
- \$100 to sponsor four service members and their families.
- \$_____ to help as much as possible.

MilitaryBibleStick.com | info@MilitaryBibleStick.com

Men's Work Event

A men's work event will take place at 8:15 am. We'll start off with breakfast and then do some of the miscellaneous "fix-it" jobs around the church. If you can help, please contact the church office or Pastor Doug. This month we will meet on April 19.

Military BibleSticks

First Lutheran has supported Military BibleSticks in the past, and we are asking if you would continue to support this ministry again this year. We are collecting money through Easter, April 16.

More than 600,000 troops are thanking God this month for the blessing of the Military BibleStick. These small digital audio players are loaded with the complete New Testament along with 65 minutes of selected Psalms.

More troops are still waiting to receive their own Military BibleStick. These brave men and women may resolve to draw closer to God in 2017 but lack the best tools to do so. By joining with us in April, we can equip our military with God's Word—the most valuable resource for growing with God.

This year, for every BibleStick sold for \$25, a member will donate \$5 toward our general fund deficit.

Women of the ELCA



☼☼☼ CIRCLE MEETINGS ☼☼☼

LYDIA GROUP: April 13, 2017 7:00PM

LEADER: Rita Todd

HOSTESS: Jennifer Durant

CIRCLE I: April 18, 2017 2:00PM

LEADER: Paula Verzani

HOSTESS: Jackie Gierman
Sandy Larson

CIRCLE II: April 11, 2017 9:15AM

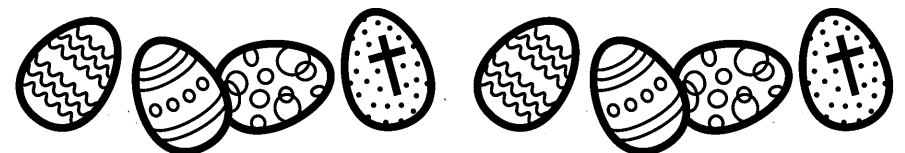
LEADER: Carol Marmo

HOSTESS: Lucy Gagnon



Bible Study

Lydia: Resting in Him: I Need to Slow Down But I Can't!



With Deepest Sympathy

*We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the following families.
Please keep them in your prayers.*

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Dick and Jan Durant and family, on the death of Jan's sister-in-law, Sharon Schuttler, on Friday, March 10. Services were held Thursday, March 16 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Ralston.

Lane and Carol Ostendorf and family, on the death of Lane's mother, Arlene Ostendorf, on Wednesday, March 15. Services were held Saturday, March 18 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Wayne.

Mike and Sue Hunter and family, on the death of Mike's father, Rodney Hunter, on Saturday, March 18.

WELCA General Meeting

Due to a scheduling mishap the Women of the ELCA General Meeting, which was scheduled for April 4, has been rescheduled to May 2 at 7:00 pm.

Social Ministry

The Social Ministry committee collects "Pantry" items each month to donate to the needs of our community. The Pantry items collected for April are women's and children's clothing, along with toiletries, pillows, and twin mattress pads for Haven House and the Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence. Food items for families in need will also be collected. Please leave your donations in the cart in the entryway.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH'S
26th ANNUAL

SALAD LUNCHEON



AND
BAKE SALE



First Lutheran Church
3601 Dakota Avenue
South Sioux City, Nebraska
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017
11:00 am to 1:30 pm

TICKETS:
\$7.00 Adults - \$2.00 Children
Tickets will be available in advance
or at the door

26th Annual Salad Luncheon

The time is coming for our 26th annual Salad Luncheon and Bake Sale! It will take place this year on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. Mark your calendars for this date. The church will be alive with great smells and fantastic tastes!

A variety of homemade salads and desserts will be available, and we will also hold the ever popular bake sale. Come join us for fabulous food and fantastic fellowship. This is not only a fundraiser for our church, but also a wonderful sharing of food and fellowship for our community.

We are looking forward to another successful salad luncheon, and this is only possible because of our dedicated members who respond so willingly when called! Volunteers are needed to bring food and also to work in the kitchen. If you are interested, please call Mary Wolf (494-4697) or the church office (494-5461). We would like for you to bring two items (salads, desserts, or items for the bake sale), and we are always looking for workers.

Our salad luncheon serves two purposes. Half of the proceeds will fund the treasury of the Women of the ELCA, and the other half will be added to our church general fund. Your contributions of salads and baked goods will be your part in this endeavor.

We hope to call every member to remind you of the luncheon, but please do not wait to be called. Mark your calendars, and plan to attend our 26th annual Salad Luncheon and Bake Sale on April 26 from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm.

Thank You

First Lutheran Church-Many thanks to The Flower Cart for their many years of providing our altar and chancel flowers, Easter lilies, palms and Christmas poinsettias.

First Lutheran Church Food Pantry-Thanks to Circle I, First Presbyterian Church and Salem Lutheran Church for their donations of food. Forty-nine food boxes were distributed in February.

Kay Lowell-Thank you for everything. Our family felt the whole service was a great tribute to our mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Last Supper Video

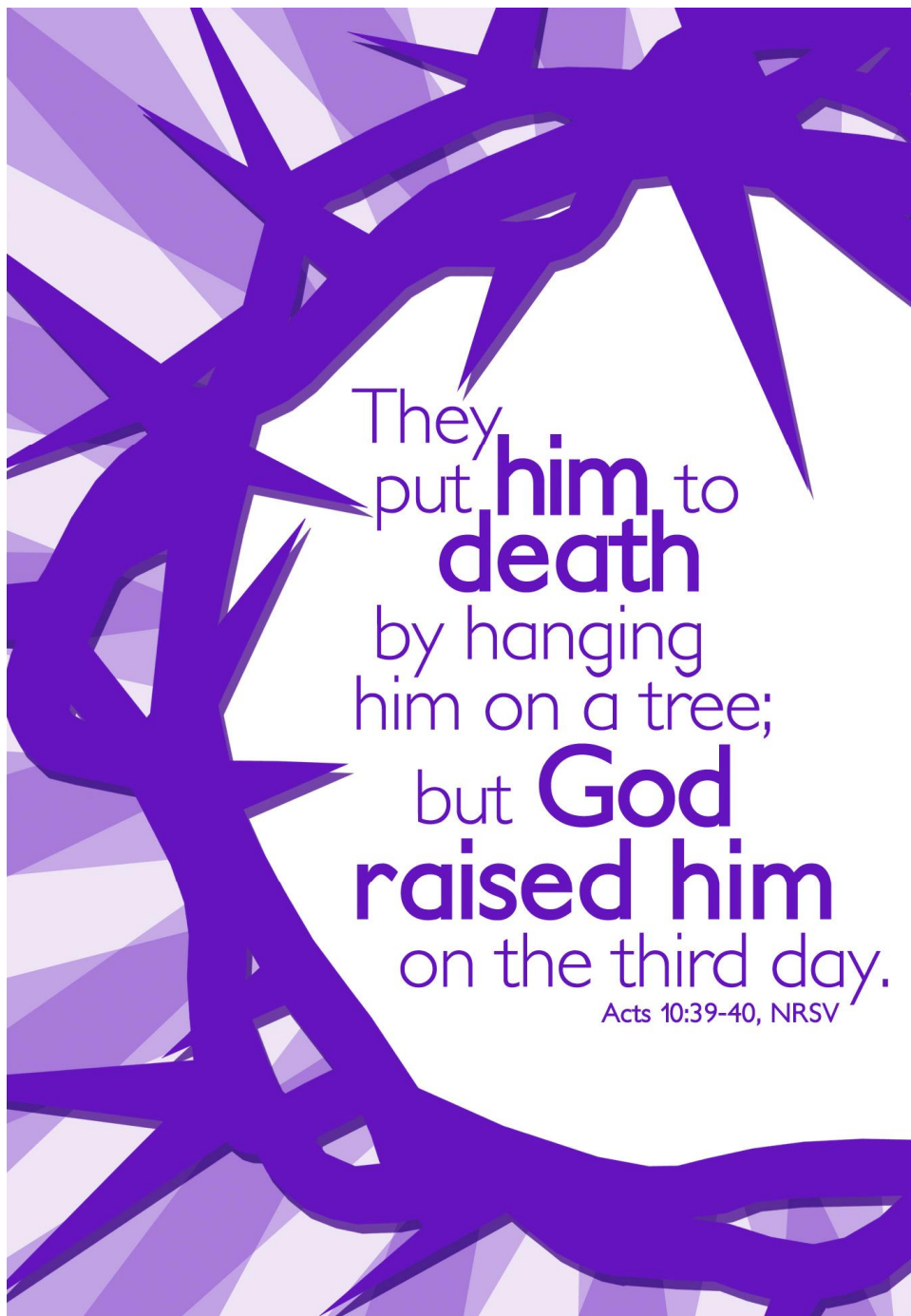
On Wednesday, April 12 at 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm, Pastor Doug will show a video of The Last Supper that he took part in. The video will last approximately one hour.

Maundy Thursday/Good Friday

On Maundy Thursday, April 13, and Good Friday, April 14, we will be having services at 7:00 pm.

Lenten Prayer Vigil

The annual prayer vigil begins at 9:00 pm on Good Friday, April 14, and concludes on Holy Saturday, April 15. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center. Many slots are still open; please consider participating this year.



They put **him** to
death
by hanging
him on a tree;
but **God**
raised him
on the third day.
Acts 10:39-40, NRSV

Four Lessons of Good Friday

The Rev. James Martin, S.J., author of *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* (HarperOne), writes that Jesus' suffering and death almost 2,000 years ago are very relevant to our 21st-century lives. He says Good Friday teaches us that:

- physical and emotional suffering are part of life;
- suffering isn't always the result of sin;
- Jesus was fully human—and thus understands our humanity; and
- suffering isn't the last word.

“The message of Good Friday is incomplete without Easter,” Martin writes. “The story of the Passion is not simply of a man being brutally tortured, nailed to a cross and executed by the Romans. It's the story of a man who turns himself fully over to the Father's will, trusts that something new will come out of this offering and receives the astonishing gift of new life.”

College Care Packages

The 9-12 Club will be packing college care packages on Sunday, April 9. Please contact the church office (494-5461 or office@firstlutheranssc) or Rita Todd (494-2968 or toddsix@aol.com) with your son or daughter's mailing address by Friday, April 7, even if it hasn't changed from the last time.

Monetary donations or donations of individually wrapped goodies will be accepted. Please bring your donations to the church no later than Sunday, April 2.