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## First Lutheran Church

**April 2019** 



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Arise, shine, for your light has come...

Isaiah 60:1

## **Worship at First Lutheran**

#### April 7

#### Fifth Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:42-49

Second Lesson: James 4:1-3 Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

#### April 14

#### Palm Sunday

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Psalm: 31:9-16

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

### <u> April 21</u>

#### Resurrection of Our Lord

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24 Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

#### April 28

#### **Second Sunday of Easter**

First Lesson: Acts 5:27-32

Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4-8

Psalm: 118:14-29

Gospel: John 20:19-31



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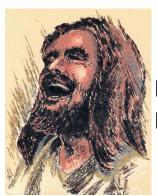
#### **Church Coordinators For:**

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# Prayer Pastor Doug

Gracious God, I am blessed and thankful for so many things you have provided me in my life. Even when I was not aware of your presence, you provided and blessed me. I see those times now, as I reflect back.

Lord Jesus, I thank you for the good and the bad times in my life. In the bad you were to make them better, in the good, you made them even better. While I wanted many things, you provided what I needed.

Thank you for my sister, my mother and father, who you saw fit to make us a family. Thank you for those you put in my life as teachers, who helped form and mold me to be who I am. It is from Your Spirit that they have helped me to be who You have called me to be.

Although, God, I did not know you were preparing me for a life of ministry, through the occupations I took up, you used those occupations to help me to minister to a large cross section of people. I am so fortunate for those experiences and keep looking to the future for what you have in mind for me.

God, I resisted going to seminary. I resisted Your call. I resisted seeing You present. I resisted the idea of being a pastor. I resist but you were and are relentless in Your love. You never give up.

My God, my Lord and Savior, I continue to resist what you want me to do. I resist Your call and I fail to see where you are active in my life. I know that you are active in my congregation, even when at times it seems like you are not. I

believe we, as a congregation ,resist your call for us. We resist seeing you active. I know Lord that when I resist, I resist because I often want things my way, rather than the way of Your Son, in the Gospel. You are persistent. You are loving. You are not forceful towards us.

Lord, you call us to love one another as You first loved us. Help me to see the blessings you shower upon me. Open my eyes to the blessings you gave, give and will give to me and my family. Open the eyes of our congregation to the blessings you have showered upon us, and will shower upon us.

Although no prayers of blessings were sent in to be included in our newsletter, I truly believe we are blessed. Keep being relentless. Keep pursuing us, so that we can see you more clearly. Come Holy Spirit, so that we can Love you more dearly. Father, open our eyes to the Lord, so that we can see the blessings, live in the blessings and so that we can be a blessing to others, with a free-willed heart responding to you, my God.

I lift these prayers up to You, O God. For the sake of the gospel, hear me, hear us, O God.

Amen

## **Anniversaries**

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

## **Happy Birthday**

Kris Dill—April 15 Tom Durant—April 26 Flo Frey—April 19

Lucy Gagnon—April 26

Jan Johansen—April 12

Scott Koeppe—April 4

Del Lieber—April 15

Kimon Litras—April 30

Bill McLarty—April 23

Carrie Novak—April 12

Ellen Prescott—April 30

Angel Ruvalcaba—April 22

Cindy Stastny—April 10

George Weiland—April 27

William Weiland—April 14

## **Youth Birthdays**

Calen Fischer—April 12
Julie Geveshausen—April 13

Tyrese Gill—April 5

Jayden Grove—April 11

Bella Hunter—April 7

Bailey Johnson—April 26

Aiden Kleinberg—April 29

Lucas Leiting—April 23

Branden Lieber—April 4

Michael Sigsbee—April 16

Aubree Van Berkum—April 2

Shelbee Van Berkum—April 29

## **Food Pantry**

Our food pantry is running low on funds! Every month, between 50 and 90 food boxes are given out of the office. We are able to buy food at a drastically reduced price from the Food Bank of Siouxland. If you can donate any money towards the pantry, please do so! Just write "pantry" on either your check or your envelope. We will also accept donations of nonperishable food items.



#### **WOMEN OF THE ELCA GENERAL MEETING**

#### Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**Program:** Brenda Zahnly **Devotions:** Jane Krogh

Hostesses: Kathy Anders and Kris Bergstrom

**����** CIRCLE MEETINGS ����

LYDIA GROUP: April 11, 2019 7:00PM

LEADER: Bev Rautenberg-Panko
HOSTESS: Marlene Heithold

CIRCLE I: April 15, 2019 2:00PM

LEADER: Group

HOSTESS: Linda Fischer

Jo Ann Garvey

**CIRCLE II:** April 9, 2019 9:15AM

LEADER: Mary Wolf HOSTESS: Lucy Gagnon



#### Bible Study

"The Gospel of John"

Lydia: "Living Above Worry and Stress"

## **Financial Reports**

# February 17 85 \$ 1,850.36 February 24 71 \$ 1,506.00 Online/Electronic Giving \$ 2,275.00

#### **Treasurer's Report - February 2019**

Beginning General Fund Balance: \$ - 60,615.10

#### Receipts:

TOTAL:	\$9,930.54
Misc. Income	31.11
Contributions	\$9,899.43

#### **Expenses**:

Pastor's salary	\$ 3,583.34
Pastor's allowances / exp.	4,057.07
Auxiliary staff salaries	5,082.08
Payroll Taxes	343.42
Parsonage Payment/Utilities	878.49
Utilities	1,872.10
Grounds Maint.	80.00
Building Maint.	70.43
Office Expenses	261.19
Worship & Music	1,065.33
Parish	559.35
Food Bank	400.00
Altar Care	60.40
Synod Convention	795.00
Insurance	2,741.00
Youth	39.00
Benevolence	980.00
TOTAL:	\$ 22,868.20

Transfer to Capital Improvement: \$ 100.00 Ending General Fund Balance: \$ -73,652.76

#### **February Attendance & General Fund Receipts**

February 3	135	\$ 3,030.00
February 10	103	\$ 1,238.07

## With Deepest Sympathy

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

Bob and Nellie May Anderson, on the death of their son, David Anderson, on Friday, March 15. Services were held Wednesday, March 20 at Sandhills Community Bible Church in Mullen NE.

#### **Thank You**

**First Lutheran Church Food Pantry**-Thank you to Bobier Studio, Circle I and Joyce Williams for their donations of food. Sixty-five boxes were handed out in February.

Knudsen Family-We would like to express our sincere appreciation for all your prayers, visits, words of condolences, thoughtfulness and support during this trying time for us. A special thank you to Pastor for all the time spent with Paul and for the service. To the ladies of the church who helped with the luncheon, nothing would have made Paul happier than having everyone together. Your genuine love has helped us at the time we need it the most and we are truly thankful to be part of such a loving church family. Paul so loved his church. Through the memories he gave us, he will live on forever in our hearts. You all have been a blessing to each of us.

## **Acolytes Needed**

We are in need of acolytes on Easter Sunday, April 21. If your child is available to help, please contact the church office.

## **Lenten Meals**

We are in need of people to help provide the Lenten lunches and Lenten suppers. Lunch follows the 12:00 p.m. service, and a supper pre-

cedes the 7:00 p.m. service at 6:00 p.m. There are Dear Friends in Christ: sign-up sheets in the entryway.

#### Office Closed

The office will be closed Monday, April 22 in observance of Easter.

## **Sound Cabinet**

To support our internal and external ministries, a new sound board was purchased and paid for by some generous donations and a grant from our Synod. John Koskovich has been approached to modify the existing cabinet, which he built, to accommodate the needed board. We have been advised that the cost of the modification is \$600-\$1,000. The sound board that was chosen cannot be a smaller one, if we are to adequately accommodate the ongoing ministries appropriately. If you would like to help fund the modification, which is to be installed before Easter, please consider a donation towards the cabinet work. This can be donated to the Live Stream or Music Ministries funds. Thank you in advance for your consideration of supporting our ministries.

## **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 after April 3. Please pick up your giving statement to help us further save on postage costs.

## Nebraska Floods

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup>For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

-Isaiah 43:1-2

The past week has seen record-breaking levels of devastation across the state, and even now many communities and hundreds of individuals still don't know what damage awaits them when flood waters drop and snow drifts are cleared away.

In compassion and generosity, congregations and individuals have begun to reach out to ask, "How can I help?" On behalf of the Nebraska Synod and our ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response partners and others, I'm writing to respond to that question.

It will take several days to know the extent of the damage, and to determine how most effectively to respond to the needs of those who've been impacted. Until then, there are three things that each of us can do:

- **Pray** for God's presence, protection and healing power for victims, first responders, caregivers and relief workers; for fair weather and favorable circumstances for recovery; for patience and endurance in the aftermath; and for sustained awareness and commitment to long-term recovery.
- **Contribute** to the Nebraska Synod Disaster Fund or Lutheran Disaster Response or a similar relief effort. Monetary Contributions are the most flexible resource to meet immediate and long-term needs, and 100% of your contribution goes to aid those in need.
- **Plan** now to set aside time in a month or later to volunteer for the continuing recovery effort that will stretch for months and in some cases, years.

The Nebraska Synod continues to stay in touch with congregations in affected communities around the state and will provide updates via enews and social media. As relief efforts are coordinated, needs assessed and opportunities for

specific assistance become clear, the Synod will make them known and work to coordinate resources and needs.

To date, we are aware of only one congregation experiencing severe damage: Our Savior's in Dannebrog has had its building condemned. Other congregations and leaders have reported water in church and parsonage basements, but no major damage. Of course hundreds of individual members of synod congregations have experienced damage ranging from minor to near-total came men of different moods. Actually, the only loss. We will continue to provide updates. For the time being, please help us help victims by citement, Judas overturned the container of salt, choosing to Pray, Contribute and Plan in the near term, and by staying tuned to respond to needs as they become clear. Though our human impulse is to "do something now," effective and truly helpful disaster response is patiently geared to the identified needs of victims. Once this recovery begins, it will truly be a long-haul effort. Use https://nebraskasynod.org/learn/nebraskafloods.html to see what response actions and efforts are underway.

With deep gratitude for your concern for those affected, and with prayers for all whose lives have been disrupted by these disasters, **Brian Maas** Bishop Nebraska Synod ELCA

## **Lenten Prayer Vigil**

The annual prayer vigil begins at 9:00 p.m. on Good Friday, April 19, and concludes on Holy Saturday, April 20. A sign-up sheet is in the entryway. Many slots are still open; please consider participating this year.

## **Living Last Supper**

Leonard, the versatile genius of the Renaissance, was born in Vinci, Italy, in 1452. As Vinci's most famous personality, he is known universally as Leonardo (of) da Vinci.

Even though he excelled as a sculptor, a scientist,

an inventor, and engineer, he is remembered, even after the passing of many centuries, primarily because of two famous paintings: the Mona Lisa, which hangs in the Louvre in Paris, and The Last Supper.

The focus of this painting was what he considered the most dramatic moment of The Last Supper, namely, that moment just after the Lord had said, "ONE OF YOU WILL BETRAY ME." After Jesus spoke these words, the twelve apostles becomposed person was Jesus himself. In the exwhile Peter drew his knife. Some of the apostles stared in utter amazement, while others looked at each other in stark unbelief!

In this living dramatization of Leonardo's "The Last Supper", the twelve apostles speak their minds to themselves, to each other, to the Lord, and to you! Who among us will betray the Lord?

Join us for The Living Last Supper on Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m.



## **Maundy Thursday/Good Friday**

On Maundy Thursday, April 18, and Good Friday, April 19, we will be having services at 7:00 p.m.

## **Palm Sunday Breakfast**

Breakfast will be served Sunday, April 14 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. On the menu is scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, fruit and beverages. Don't miss it!

## **Singing for Sanford**

You are invited to attend a free concert on Friday,

May 10 at the Orpheum Theater. The evening begins with a social hour at 5:00 p.m. and concludes with a performance at 6:00 p.m. Free will donations will be accepted to support the Sanford Community Center Programs. The concert will feature hit musical songs from: Rent, Dear Evan Hansen, The Greatest Showman, Once, Wicked, Be More Chill, A Star is Born and many more!

### **First Communion Classes**

Anyone in 5<sup>th</sup> grade or older that has not had a first communion class is invited to participate in this class. Do you want to learn more about the Eucharist? Come to this class and participate. The classes will be held on Sundays following the second worship service. Classes start April 28. We will meet for five weeks. We will also meet from 10:30-11:30 on Saturday, May 4 at the Sioux a.m., and 10:30 a.m. City Art Center, where we will be working on plates and chalices that will be used during your First Communion. First communion will take place Sunday, June 9.

## **Third Grade Bible Distribution**

On April 28, the 3rd graders will be presented with their own Bible. We do this because we. along with their parents, made a promise at their baptism to place God's Word in their hands.

## **April Flower Chart**

April 7 (Altar) Given by Mike and Sue Hunter in honor of Bella Hunter's 9th birthday.

April 14 (Altar) Given by George and Ruth Weiland in honor of William Weiland's 24th birthday on April 14.

April 21 (Altar) Given by Don and Lucy Gagnon in honor of April birthdays, especially the 40th, 59th and 80th girls.

April 28 (Altar) Given by Gordon and Jane Krogh in appreciation for God's many blessings.



**APRIL 9—WOMEN OF THE ELCA GENERAL** MEETING at 7:00 p.m.

**APRIL 14—PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST from** 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

APRIL 17—LIVING LAST SUPPER at 7:00 p.m.

**APRIL 18—MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP at** 7:00 p.m.

APRIL 19—GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP at 7:00

APRIL 19—PRAYER VIGIL BEGINS at 9:00 p.m.

APRIL 21—EASTER WORSHIP at 6:30 a.m., 8:15

APRIL 22—OFFICE CLOSED

APRIL 28—3RD GRADE BIBLE DISTRIBUTION

**APRIL 28—FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES** START FOR 5TH GRADERS

APRIL 28—FAMILY GAME DAY from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

**MAY 12—MOTHER'S DAY TEA & COOKIES FOLLOWING BOTH SERVICES** 

MAY 27—OFFICE CLOSED

**★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★** 

# LOVE ONE ANOTHER

LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU JOHN 13:34

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 2, 2019

What: National Day of Prayer

**Community Event** 

When: Thursday May 2<sup>rd</sup> - 6:30pm

Where: The Church of Jesus Christ

of Latter-Day Saints

1201 W. Clifton, Sioux City, IA

Followed by refreshments

Hosted by: Dakota County Ministerial Alliance

## All are welcome



#### For more information contact

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Dakota County Ministerial Alliance

the who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, and the will pay back what has been given. Proverbs 19:17



What: Listening to Veterans

Learn how to be involved, bring understanding and connect with others in our community through listening and sharing.

Who: Every day citizens and veterans

When: Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm

Where: St. Paul's United Methodist Church

2003 A St, South Sioux City, NE

Hosted by: Dakota County Ministerial Alliance



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 5:30pm Worship & Music Meeting 6:00pm Spirit Connection Practice 7:00pm AA 7:00pm Al-Anon	3 12:00pm Governance Committee Meeting 12:00pm Worship 1:00pm Acts Bible Study 6:00pm Meal 7:00pm Worship	4 2-4pm Food Bank distribution 6:30pm Fellowship Meeting	5 8:30am TOPS	6 9:00am Bridal Shower 1:30pm Dakota County Amateur Radio Club testing
7 8:15am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30am Acts Bible Study	8 6:00pm Bells 7:00pm Choir	9 9:15am Circle II 5:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00pm Spirit Connection Practice 7:00pm AA 7:00pm AI-Anon 7:00pm Women of the ELCA General Meeting	10 12:00pm Worship 1:00pm Acts Bible Study 6:00pm Meal 7:00pm Worship	11 8:00am Breakfast with the Pastors 7:00pm Lydia Group	12 8:30am TOPS	13 9:00am Saturday Quilting Group
14 Holy Communion 8:15am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Breakfast 10:30am Worship 11:30am Acts Bible Study 11:30am Church Council Meeting	15 2:00pm Circle I 6:00pm Bells 7:00pm Choir	16 1:00pm REACT 6:00pm Spirit Connection Practice 7:00pm AA 7:00pm Al-Anon	17 1:00pm Acts Bible Study 7:00pm Living Last Supper	18 Maundy Thursday Holy Communion 8:00am Breakfast with the Pastors 2-4pm Food Bank distribution 5:30pm Chamberettes 7:00pm Worship 7:00pm Dakota County Amateur Radio Club	19 Good Friday 8:30am TOPS 7:00pm Worship 9:00pm Prayer Vigil begins	20 10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry @ Parsonage
21 Easter Holy Communion 6:30am Worship 8:15am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	22 6:00pm Bells 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Women of the ELCA Executive Meeting	23 6:00pm Spirit Connection Practice 7:00pm AA 7:00pm Al-Anon	24 6:00pm Confirmation	25 8:00am Breakfast with the Pastors	26 8:30am TOPS	27
28 Holy Communion	Office Closed 29	30			May 2019	
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## Thanks to our April Volunteers

April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Fifth Sunday in Lent	Palm Sunday	Resurrection of Our Lord	Second Sunday of Easter
<u>Lectors</u> : 8:15 am 10:30 am	<u>Lectors</u> : 8:15 am 10:30 am	<u>Lectors</u> : 6:30 am 8:15 am 10:30 am	<u>Lectors</u> : 8:15 am 10:30 am
Cantor: 8:15 am Tim Niemeyer	Cantor: 8:15 am Joey Hartshorn	<u>Cantor</u> : 6:30 am 8:15 am	Cantor: 8:15 am Brandon Trautwein
AV Operators: 8:15 am Kaylana Pedersen 10:30 am Sue Hunter	AV Operators: 8:15 am Scott Koeppe 10:30 am Trevor Brass	AV Operators: 6:30 am 8:15 am Janell Sila 10:30 am Jenni Durant	AV Operators: 8:15 am Kaylana Pedersen 10:30 am Mike Hunter
Acolytes: 8:15 am Julie Geveshausen Brooklyn Sorem 10:30 am Branden Lieber Katelyn Lieber	Acolytes: 8:15 am Jacob Gill Ashlyn Rich 10:30 am Tyrese Gill Britton Taylor	Acolytes: 6:30 am volunteer needed volunteer needed 8:15 am volunteer needed volunteer needed 10:30 am volunteer needed volunteer needed volunteer needed	Acolytes: 8:15 am Jessica Baker Brooklyn Sorem 10:30 am Branden Lieber Katelyn Lieber
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10:30 am	10:30 am	8:15 am	10:30 am
		10:30 am	
Altar Care:	Altar Care:	Altar Care:	Altar Care: