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# **First Lutheran Church**

**April 2023**



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The deadline for the April Newsletter is March 16.

## CHURCH COUNCIL (\*Executive Council)

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|---------------------|---------------------------------|
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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wow, I can't believe it's April already. Hopefully this snow is behind us and we will start to see the grass getting green and the flowers start to bloom. We have several projects underway at the church. While I am writing this, our bathroom project is in full swing. Rod Bligh is doing a fantastic job. We have hit a few snags, but we are moving forward. One of our scouts from troop 149 will be starting to work on his Eagle Project in the fellowship hall very soon.

As we travel through the journey of Holy Week, I will remind everyone that we will have services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Bishop Scott Johnson will be at FLC to deliver our Easter message, so please come and hear the good word from our newly elected bishop.

Through Christ all things are possible.

– Jarrold Knudsen  
Council President

*Prayer: Don't give God instructions, just report for duty.*

## APRIL GREETINGS from Pastor Halaas

INDEED! "Indeed" is an interesting word. Synonyms are: CERTAINLY. SURELY. CLEARLY. UNDENIABLY. UNQUESTIONABLY. INDISPUTABLY.

When we gather for worship on Easter Sunday, we proclaim Christ is Risen INDEED! Indeed, Jesus brings new life to our weary world and lives. Indeed, death will never have the last word for God's faithful people. Indeed, nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Indeed, we should all look forward to Holy Week and Easter here at First Lutheran. It has undeniably been a challenging time for this community of faith in the past few years. I pray that Easter will remind us that God calls us to forgive, reconcile, walk together in faith and to find comfort and confidence in God's promises. The good news of Easter (indeed!) can give us all the courage and strength to walk together into the future as a Christian community, and with our unique responsibility to "be the church" for our neighbors in South Sioux City. YOU who read this newsletter are ALL needed! YOU are loved and important to this community of faith.

We'll see you in worship during the holy days of April. Invite others! And – please reach out to me if you would like to visit!

– Pastor David Halaas

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

|               |                      |
|---------------|----------------------|
| April 2       | Pastor David Halaas  |
| April 6 and 7 | Pastor David Halaas  |
| April 9       | Bishop Scott Johnson |
| April 16      | Pastor David Halaas  |
| April 23      | Janell Norton        |
| April 30      | Janell Norton        |

## LECTORS

|          |                  |
|----------|------------------|
| April 2  | Jake Gill        |
| April 9  | Tristan Kinnaman |
| April 16 | Terri Gotch      |
| April 23 | Pam Knudsen      |
| April 30 | Mary Wolf        |

## WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

- April 2 Palm Sunday  
First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11  
Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11
- April 6 Maundy Thursday  
Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31-35
- April 7 Good Friday  
Gospel: John 18:1—19:42
- April 9 Easter  
First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43  
Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4  
Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10
- April 16 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-32  
Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9  
Gospel: John 20:19-31
- April 23 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-23  
Gospel: Luke 24:13-35
- April 30 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47  
Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25  
Gospel: John 10:1-10

## FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE

|             |    |
|-------------|----|
| February 5  | 75 |
| February 12 | 49 |
| February 19 | 60 |
| February 26 | 66 |

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| April 4  | Scott Koeppe      |
| April 4  | Brandon Lieber    |
| April 10 | Nolan Oss         |
| April 12 | Carrie Novak      |
| April 13 | Julie Geveshausen |
| April 14 | William Weiland   |
| April 15 | Del Lieber        |
| April 16 | Michael Sigsbee   |
| April 19 | Flo Frey          |

## BIRTHDAYS CONTINUED

|          |                 |
|----------|-----------------|
| April 22 | Angel Ruvalcaba |
| April 26 | Tom Durant      |
| April 26 | Lucy Gagnon     |
| April 26 | Bailey Johnson  |
| April 27 | George Weiland  |
| April 30 | Kimon Litras    |
| April 30 | Ellen Prescott  |

## YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

|          |                |
|----------|----------------|
| April 5  | Tyrese Gill    |
| April 7  | Bella Hunter   |
| April 14 | Brielle Taylor |

## ANNIVERSARIES

|          |                             |
|----------|-----------------------------|
| April 6  | Susan and Roger Monk        |
| April 14 | Kim and Merle Long          |
| April 15 | Betty and Bob Barto         |
| April 17 | Joey and Kelly Robinson     |
| April 17 | Colleen and Ray Schleusener |
| April 21 | Jaimee and Shane Benson     |
| April 21 | Lynnelle and Ken Conley     |
| April 24 | Betty and Bill Bass         |
| April 29 | Jean and Lance Hedquist     |

If we have missed any birthday or anniversary, please let us know.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT FLC

**Palm Sunday**, April 2 – Worship at 9:30 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday**, April 6 – Worship at 5:30 p.m. (there will also be a Maundy Thursday worship service in the morning at 9:30 at St. Mark Lutheran Church if this works better in your schedule)

**Good Friday**, April 7 – Worship at 5:30 p.m.

**EASTER SUNDAY**, April 9 – Worship at 9:30 a.m. Our guest on Easter Sunday will be Nebraska Synod Bishop Scott Johnson. Bishop Johnson, native of Wakefield and recently the Campus Pastor at Midland University, was elected Bishop of the Synod last summer.

*Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.*

### YOU ARE INVITED!

All are welcome to join us for Gabbi Durant's Baptism on Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023, and helping us welcome her into God's family. Fellowship brunch after church.

### CIRCLE I

Circle I met on March 20, 2023 with dessert, coffee, fun fellowship and Bible study. We will meet again at 2:00 p.m. on April 17, 2023. Everyone is welcome.

### LYDIA GROUP

Lydia Group will meet April 13 at 6:30 p.m. for fellowship, dessert, and a study from Women of Faith "Encouraging One Another." All women are welcome to attend.

### WELCA

Easter plants will be delivered April 3 and April 4 to shut-ins.

### FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Biscuits and gravy will be served following service on Sunday, April 23. Please join us.

### THANK YOU

We want to thank the church family for all they did for Lonnie Slaughter's family during this difficult time. The cookies were very delicious and lunch was greatly appreciated. Also thank you to Pastor Halaas for the wonderful service. Your kindness as a church family was very comforting for us. – Carolyn Slaughter

THANK YOU to all who shared gifts with the "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" bed-making project. This new group in Sioux City makes bed frames (and provides bedding) for children in Siouxland that do not have a bed of their own!

THANK YOU to all who so faithfully work on Food Pantry and Food Bank days!

### NEWS FOR FAMILIES AND KIDS

– Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays! (Thanks to Rita and other helpers.)  
– Contact Pastor Halaas about First Communion instruction class  
– Summer Vacation Bible School possibility is being discussed: June 5-8 in the evening in cooperation with other churches (and held at Riverside Lutheran)

### FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

Pastor Halaas will be offering an "event" to learn about Holy Communion. Kids of all ages (and parents and grandparents, too) are invited to come! Please let Pastor Halaas know if you are interested.

### NOTES FROM THE MARCH CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

– Agenda, Pastor's Report, Financial reports and previous minutes are posted on the bulletin board  
– New office copier to be leased  
– Fellowship breakfasts on March 26 and April 23  
– Bathroom renovation project is underway!  
– Memorial Fund giving and procedures discussed. (As always, thanks to those that share memorial gifts to First Lutheran Church!)  
– Update on Eagle Scout projects  
– "Siouxland Magazine" current issue includes a half-page advertisement inviting all to one of the ten ELCA churches in Siouxland (including First Lutheran)

### PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a concern or need for which you would like prayer, please contact Sandy Larson at 402/494-2135 or Mary Wolf at 402/494-4697.

"The resurrection ... was only the beginning of a great, grand and vast outreach that has never ended and will not end until our Lord Jesus Christ comes back again." – A. W. Tozer

# April 2023

| Sun  | Mon                            | Tue | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat |
|--|--------------------------------|-----|--|---|---|-----|
|  |                                |     |  |   |   | 1   |
| 2<br><b>Palm Sunday</b><br>9:00 a.m. SS<br>9:30 a.m. Wor-<br>ship<br>(Communion)             | 3                              | 4   | 5<br>Food Pantry<br>9:00-11:00 a.m.<br>5:00-7:00 p.m.  | 6<br><b>Maundy Thurs.</b><br>Food Bank<br>1:00-3:00 p.m.<br>5:30 p.m. Wor-<br>ship<br>(Communion) | 7<br><b>Good Friday</b><br>5:30 p.m. Wor-<br>ship | 8   |
| 9<br><b>Easter</b><br>9:00 a.m. SS<br>9:30 a.m. Wor-<br>ship<br>(Communion)                  | 10                             | 11  | 12<br>Food Pantry<br>9:00-11:00 a.m.<br>5:00-7:00 p.m. | 13<br>Lydia<br>6:30 p.m.  | 14  | 15  |
| 16<br>9:00 a.m. SS<br>9:30 a.m. Wor-<br>ship<br>(Communion)<br>11:30 a.m.<br>Council Meeting | 17<br>Circle I<br>2:00 p.m.    | 18  | 19<br>Food Pantry<br>9:00-11:00 a.m.<br>5:00-7:00 p.m. | 20<br>Food Bank<br>1:00-3:00 p.m.   | 21  | 22  |
| 23<br>9:00 a.m. SS<br>9:30 a.m. Wor-<br>ship<br>Breakfast<br>Biscuits/Gravy                  | 24<br>WELCA Exec.<br>7:00 p.m. | 25  | 26<br>Food Pantry<br>9:00-11:00 a.m.<br>5:00-7:00 p.m. | 27  | 28  | 29  |
| 30<br>9:00 a.m. SS<br>9:30 a.m. Wor-<br>ship   |                                |     |  |   |   |     |