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Pastor's Message

Listening to the stories of God's love.



This is what the great Three Days are all about. Maundy Thursday we hear of Jesus lovingly kneeling at his disciples feet to wash them. This humble act of service from their rabbi is a reflection of the love Jesus had for those who would bear witness to his death and resurrection. He taught them what he lived...love one another as I have loved you. Then he was betrayed by one of his own while he went to the garden to pray, asking his father to "let this cup pass." And in one of the humblest acts of his life, he declared, "not my will, but yours be done."

He was led away and placed on trial. An all night inquisition about his recent behavior, egged on by the religious leaders of his own faith. Under Roman oppression, he was sentenced to death. Within twelve hours he was marched to Golgotha, the place where numerous criminals and innocents were led to face their deaths. After being beaten and taunted, Jesus hung in humiliation on a cross.

The Lamb of God was put to death in order that we might live. On the weekend of Passover, the festival celebrating the liberation of the slaves of Israel, Jesus became our sacrificial lamb. What wondrous love is this?, we sing. Jesus dying a cruel death to save us.

Early on Sunday morning some of the women who were followers of Jesus went to his tomb to care for his body. Concerned about rolling the stone away from the entrance, they were astonished when they discovered it was already accomplished. And Jesus was not inside. He is not here, they were told, he has arisen.

Each of these stories tells the love of God. A God of love who sent his only Son into the world in order that those who believe might have eternal life. As believers of the good news, we gather together during Holy Week to hear these stories once again. To remind ourselves of the love of God. I invite you to come to discover a part of the story you had forgotten or have never heard. Come to celebrate the resurrection of the one who loves you, who died to save you and all of creation!

Pastor Kristine

Congregation Council Communication Meeting, March 21st

If you missed the Council's Communication Meeting, held on Sunday, March 21st following worship, you can access by way of YouTube (the last 20 minutes of the Fifth Sunday In Lent service). The congregation council is taking the next few months to assess and review our practices as we move into the future. We intend to keep you informed and welcome your feedback.



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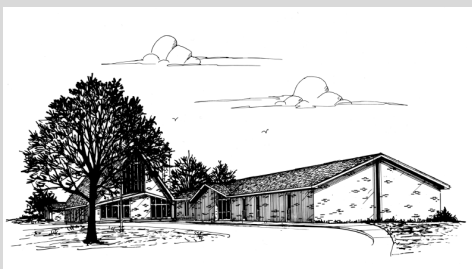
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Worship in the Time of Pandemic

As we return to in-person worship in the coming weeks we continue to gather safely. Please remember to bring and wear a mask. The pews in the sanctuary are taped off to help you safely distance from other worshippers. This may mean you will be unable to sit in the same pew you have always sat in! Oh my! It will be okay.

We are delighted to have worshippers return in-person. We are grateful for those who have joined us by way of livestream and find for many reasons this is the best way to offer their thanks and praise to God each week. However, you come, all are welcome! God is present with us in the pew, in the car, in your armchair, on your walk. May God bless the ministry of this congregation in the coming days and weeks as we pivot once again in our worship and ministry programs.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021

7 pm The service of Christ

In-person and Facebook Livestream

The Great Three Day observance of Christ Jesus' death and resurrection begins this night with absolution from sin as our Lenten journey concludes. We'll celebrate the Lord's Supper remembering Christ's Last supper with his disciples, and remember Jesus' new commandment to them (and to us) to love one another as he washed their feet. As the service concludes, the altar is laid bare in anticipation of Good Friday observances.



Good Friday, April 2, 2021

7 pm Prayer around the Cross

In-person and Facebook Livestream

This quiet, reflective and prayerful service features the passion reading from John, and a reflection on Jesus' life and death. It finishes in the darkness with adoration of the crucified as we celebrate the triumph of the cross. We light candles, pray in the darkness, and depart in silence.

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

10:00 am Festival Holy Communion

In-person and Facebook Livestream

This celebration will include favorite Easter hymns, the marvelous Easter Gospel proclaimed, a special message for the children, Holy Communion, and the wonderful company of celebrating believers.

Come for Coffee and Conversation, on Thursdays in April, at 10 am, stop by the church for a cup of coffee and conversation with friends. If you feel comfortable after receiving your covid vaccines and want to gather for a time of fellowship with others, join Pastor Kristine in the Fireside Room. We will wear masks and safely distance ourselves, yet enjoy some "together" time.



FLC Finance Update

Needed weekly per budget \$5,442.31 / for the month of March \$21,769.24. As of 3/22 income is \$14,030.69.



House & Grounds



Members, FLC has a variety of items that need attention inside and out. Please call Carla 712 239 3942 or Lee 712 560 6265 to inquire.



First Lutheran Church Council Report, March 6, 2021

President:	Alison Hertenstein	Vice President:	Lori McClaren
Secretary:	Enola Peters	Treasurer:	Jen Snyder
Worship & Music:	Chris Taylor	Faith Formation:	Julie Thiele
Youth:	Jenny Denne	Mission:	Candy Johnson
Operations:	Lee Knop	Pastor Kristine	

The Council of First Lutheran Church met **Tuesday, March 6, 2021**. The highlights of the meeting were as follows:

Following the conclusion of the Annual Council retreat, a short Council meeting was called to order by President Alison Hertenstein to act on a couple of current concerns. All Congregation Council members were present for the Council retreat with the exception of Lee Knop. This meeting was called to order at 11:40 AM.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Julie Thiele, seconded by Lori McClaren to discontinue the necessity of RSVP's for the upcoming worship services. The RSVP process will be ended following the Worship of March 7, 2021. Masking will be required and people will be allowed to sit where they are comfortable. Social distancing will continue to be practiced. Motion carried. Prior to the March 7th Worship service, tape will be placed over the ends of alternating pews to encourage safe spacing.



The second item of business concerned the lifting of our current maximum attendance at Worship. Our limit currently stands at sixty persons. Motion Julie Thiele, second by Jenny Denne to set the maximum attendance for any event in the sanctuary at 250 persons. This limit will provide guidance for attendance at any event, including weddings, funerals, or special events. Motion carried.

It was decided to "table" any discussion of the boiler situation for a later meeting due to the hour of the day. Motion Candy Noonan-Johnson and second by Lori McClaren to adjourn at 12:10 PM. Motion carried.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	 HOLY WEEK			1 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 10:00 Coffee in FR 7:00 In - Person Worship/FB Live	2 <i>Good Friday</i> 7:00 In - Person Worship/FB Live	3 10:00 - 12:00 Worship & Music Prep
4 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/ Radio w/Holy Communion	5 Office Closed - Holiday 7:00 Scouts in FH	6 Pastor's Day Off	7 9-11:30 Food Pantry 6:00 - 7:00 Confirma- tion/LLC in FH	8 10:00 Coffee in FR	9 Synod Assembly via On-Line	10 Synod Assembly via On-Line
11 9:00 CE in FH 10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/ Radio w/Holy Communion <i>After Worship - Faith Formation Mtg. in FH</i>	12 Pastor's Day Off 7:00 Scouts in FH	13 5:00 First Respond- er Support Mtg. in CR 6:30 Exec in FR 7:00 Kaia in Comm. Rm.	14 9-11:30 Food Pantry 6:00 - 7:00 Confirma- tion/LLC in FH	15 10:00 Coffee in FR	16	17
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25 9:00 CE in FH 10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/ Radio w/Holy Communion	26 Pastor's Day Off 7:00 Scouts in FH	27	28 9-11:30 Food Pantry 6:00 - 7:00 Confirma- tion/LLC in FH	29 10:00 Coffee in FR	30 Lippke/Rommel Wedding Rehearsal	<u>Key</u> FH = Fellow- ship Hall FR = Fireside Room YR = Youth Room SS = Sunday School Room CR = Comm. Rm

News from the Faith Formation Committee

We are excited to announce that Sunday School and LLC (Life Long Confirmation) will begin in person at First Lutheran after Easter. Sunday School will be offered for all ages starting **April 11th** and will continue for 4 weeks. The last day of Sunday School will be **May 2nd**, and we will have fun with Sundaes on Sunday that day.



LLC and Confirmation will be held on Wednesdays for 4 weeks, **beginning April 7th – April 28th**. This is an opportunity for students in 1st grade through high school plus to gather for a lesson with Pastor Kristine followed by smaller group discussions/activities. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to attend with the students. The focus for this month will be parts of Luther's Catechism. We will meet from **6:00 – 7:00 pm**. A pizza meal will not be offered this time, but a take home treat will be provided. We will continue to wear masks and practice social distancing when we gather together.

Other important upcoming dates:

May 5th – Dinner and Rehearsal for Affirmation of Baptism for confirmands and their families at 6:00 in Fellowship Hall

May 9th – Affirmation of Baptism with reception following in Fellowship Hall

May 16th – Senior Recognition Sunday with reception following in Fellowship Hall

Covid Hosts	Lead	Narthex Door	Usher
April 4: Easter	Jay Schenzel	Enola Peters Jenny Denne	August Schenzel Emma Gross Emma Webb
April 11	Gary Johnson	Candy Noonan Johnson	Gary Troth
April 18	Gary Troth	Jen Snyder	Kaia Downing
April 25	Kaia Downing	Diane Baker	Gary Johnson



HELPING IN THE HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

April 6, 13, 20, 27

Casandra & Catrina Tounjian preparing bags for Wednesday distribution.

April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28	May 5
Mary McCoy LaVonne Lundgren August Schenzel	Ann Doellinger Chris Taylor August Schenzel	Candy Johnson Mary McCoy August Schenzel	Katherine Henshaw Dorothy Chauncey August Schenzel	LaVonne Lundgren Dorothy Goettsch August Schenzel



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2020 Sioux City CROP Walk Named a “Cream of the CROP” Walk

The Sioux City CROP Walk has ranked in the top 100 walks in the nation, making it a “Cream of the CROP Walk” for the second year in a row.

In 2020, the 44th Sioux City CROP Walk ranked #3 out of the 28 CROP event held in Iowa last year and #79 out of the 487 events held across the country. “The 2020 Virtual Sioux City CROP Walk had a different look and feel but that didn’t stop our community from helping fight hunger,” says Shelley Hexom, Sioux City CROP Walk committee member.

Due to the pandemic, the 2020 walk was virtual which meant participants could walk anytime they chose between October 4th-18th. 434 participants laced up their shoes to walk and help fight hunger. Together walkers from 23 different churches, schools and community groups raised \$19,617 and collected 1,320 pounds of food. A Drive Down Hunger Car Parade was held on October 18th as a fun and safe way to deliver the food donations to the Community Action Agency of Siouxland (CAAS). The donated food and 25 percent of the money raised was given to the CAAS to help fight hunger locally. The remainder of the funds raised was used to help fight hunger around the world.

The CROP Walk is Sioux City’s only annual inter-denominational event that raises money to help people both locally and in other countries. Walkers can raise money through in-person donations or online by registering at www.crophungerwalk.org/siouxcityia

Sioux City’s CROP walk is the second oldest consecutive CROP Walk in Iowa. Together, CROP Walks around the United States raise millions of dollars for Church World Service’s worldwide work to alleviate hunger.