



Moment of Contact

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Pastor's Message

God makes a covenant with us

In the ancient world, covenants were legal documents, cementing a relationship of mutual obligation, usually between a greater power and a lesser power. A covenant, or a promise, from God is a powerful thing. God's word sealing the relationship between God and all of God's creatures.

The five Sundays in Lent focus on God's covenants with us. Our sermon series during Lent will connect us to our baptismal vocation to care for the waters and all of God's creation. The covenant with Abram and Sarai results in a change in name and destiny that, again, has significance for all people and all the earth. As we consider our responsibility to live into that covenant, we are called to think about "future generations."

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The Ten Commandments, given to Moses and to us, are essential to our baptism. We are called to share God's love, and to strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world. The fourth of the Old Testament covenants is one God makes to Moses. Those who look on the bronze serpent in the wilderness will live. We know that looking to Jesus who died for us brings us eternal life. And on the fifth Sunday God promises the prophet Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future. This covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart.

God's covenants are made with us, sinners, who are challenged to keep our side of the bargain. God knows we will never be able to keep our promise to him. It doesn't matter. God makes a covenant with us anyway. Because God loves us.

As we gather for worship on Sunday mornings, and again on Wednesday evenings, let us gather to give thanks and praise to the One who loves us and enters into covenants with us to save us!

Pastor Kristine

On Wednesday evenings at 7 pm during Lent, March 3 - 24, Facebook livestream will be the format we use to focus on "Becoming the Story We Tell." This thirty minute offering will highlight stories from the Bible from well-known characters who encountered or witnessed to Christ. Their encounter with Jesus became the story they told to others. We will conclude our time with Confession and Prayer.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

This weekly offering will take a hiatus during the Lenten Season. We will resume study in April.



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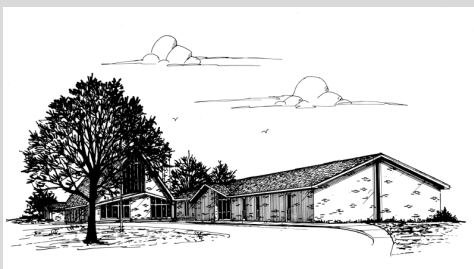
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Worship in the Time of Pandemic

In-person worship limited to 60 individuals has resumed. Each Sunday we will welcome those who have been vaccinated and those who feel comfortable and safe gathering in our space. We will observe safety protocols, masks are required, safe distancing is expected. Facebook Livestream and radio broadcast for 45 minutes each Sunday will continue.

If you would like to receive holy communion on the Sundays in Lent, go to our website and download the "Lenten Kit." There you will find a list of items for your home altar, including a recipe for making communion bread. Pastor Kristine will describe what you will need each Sunday morning to participate in the service. We hope you will find this helpful during the season of Lent.

There are many opportunities to enter into the season of Lent as we prepare our hearts and minds for Holy Week, Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his last supper, death and resurrection. You are encouraged to set aside the time to gather on Sundays and Wednesdays during this Lenten season, to grow in faith, by returning to the central things. All services, held each Sunday and Wednesday, will be streamed live and will be archived on our website, allowing you to view throughout the Lenten season as you are able.



Come for Coffee and Conversation, on Thursdays in March, 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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE





The congregation council has not yet determined the schedule for worship services during Holy Week, March 28 – April 4, 2021. As soon as a decision is made we will broadcast, place on our website and send you an email. Thank you for your flexibility and patience as we seek to safely return to worship at First Lutheran and offer meaningful and relevant ways to participate in the life of the congregation.





March 2021



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym 7:00 Scouts in FH | 2 5:00 First Responder Support Mtg. in CR 5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym | 3 9-11:30 Food Pantry 7:00 Lenten Mid-Week Worship via Livestream | 4 10:00 Coffee in FR 6:30 Worship & Music Mtg. in FR | 5 | 6 9:00 - Noon Council Retreat in FR |
| 7 10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/ Radio w/Holy Communion | 8 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 7:00 Scouts in FH | 9 6:30 Exec in FR | 10 9-11:30 Food Pantry 7:00 Lenten Mid-Week Worship via Livestream | 11 10:00 Coffee in FR | 12 | 13 |
| 14  10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/ Radio w/Holy Communion | 15 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 7:00 Scouts in FH/ Gym | 16 7:00 Kaia in Comm. Rm. | 17 9-11:30 Food Pantry  7:00 Lenten Mid-Week Worship via Livestream | 18 10:00 Coffee in FR | 19 | 20 |
| 21 10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/ Radio w/Holy Communion | 22 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 7:00 Scouts in FH | 23 | 24 9-11:30 Food Pantry 7:00 Lenten Mid-Week Worship via Livestream | 25 10:00 Coffee in FR | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Palm Sunday 10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/ Radio w/Holy Communion  | 29 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 7:00 Scouts in FH | 30 | 31  Holy Week | | | Key FH = Fellowship Hall FR = Fireside Room YR = Youth Room SS = Sunday School Room CR = Comm. Rm |



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Return Service Requested



2021 dates available to sponsor a radio broadcast.
 Please call the church office to reserve between 9 –
 1 pm Monday through Friday.

FLC Finance Update

Needed weekly per budget \$5,442.31 / for the month of February \$21,769.24. As of 2/22 income is \$12,434.40.

HELPING IN THE HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Casandra & Catrina Tounjian preparing bags for Wednesday distribution.

| March 3 | March 10 | March 17 | March 24 | March 31 |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| Dorothy Chauncey Nadine Holst August Schenzel | Mary McCoy Chris Taylor August Schenzel | Ann Doellinger TBD August Schenzel | Katherine Henshaw Nadine Holst August Schenzel | Dorothy Goetsch LaVonne Lundgren August Schenzel |