



# Moment of Contact

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## Pastor's Message

### Blessing: Be and Do

During Epiphany the appointed gospel readings find Jesus teaching his disciples and the crowds about blessing. The Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's gospel is a long discourse on what we as children of God are blessed to *be and do*.

What Jesus calls blessed is not what we might want to be blessed with! Blessed are those who mourn, who are meek, who are merciful. Being blessed sends us out from worship blessed by God, into the neighborhood, into our families, into our places of work, into the world. We are blessed to be a blessing.

This Lenten season, during our mid-week Wednesday services, beginning March 4<sup>th</sup>, we will explore what it means to be blessed in our vocations. That is in daily life. We have invited members of the congregation to share with us how what they do, their vocation, has been shaped by their faith. In what ways have they been blessed with gifts for service. Gifts which have propelled them to choose a vocation of service to others.

Each of us is blessed to be a blessing. In our baptism we are raised to new life in Christ. We are exhorted

to let our light so shine before others, that they may see our good works and give glory to God. Letting our light shine is not about what *we* do, it is about what *we do* which gives glory to our Father in heaven.

This Lenten season is full of imagery about baptism. Together we will journey through the waters of our baptism along with Jesus in the desert, Nicodemus in the garden, the Samaritan woman at the well, the blind man in the courtyard and Lazarus in the tomb. Our baptism calls us out of the waters and sends us into the world to serve.

Pastor Kristine



## Cone Park

Youth Group is inviting Family and Friends to go Tubing at Cone Park **Sunday, March 1st from 2:30-5:30** with dinner at Pizza Hut following. Youth group will buy dinner and all attending are responsible for costs at Cone Park. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex or contact Jenny if interested at 712-251-3069 or [jennnenne@yahoo.com](mailto:jennnenne@yahoo.com).



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**SEASONAL WORSHIP**

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 26, at 7 pm** in the sanctuary. For forty days, we journey to Easter and the resurrection of our Lord. But along the way we will encounter a variety of people who seek and find Jesus. Abraham and Sarah, faithful servants of God, trust in God's promise. Nicodemus, overwhelmed with questions about who Jesus is, comes in the night to inquire. The overly enthusiastic woman at the well in Samaria can't wait to tell her community about Jesus. Each character we encounter this Lenten season is complicated, interesting and not unlike each of us. We will wonder, along with them, who is this Jesus? Sunday after Sunday, Jesus reveals himself within the texts of John until we arrive at an empty tomb. Come to worship and bring your inquiries, Jesus, who invites all our wonderings, will be there to greet you.

**UPCOMING PROGRAMMING EVENTS**

**ADULT FORUMS IN FIRESIDE**

On **Sunday, March 1**, join Director of Music Ministry, Mallorie Egbers, for a "get to know" forum. Grab a treat and a cup of coffee in Fireside and settle in for a Q&A on who she is, where she is from and what she will be doing among us.

On **Sunday, March 8**, the Adult Forum will feature, Rev. Joy Gonnerman, a new member of First. Joy serves at Rosecrance Jackson Centers, which provides treatment for substance abuse, co-occurring and mental health disorders in Sioux City. Join Joy to learn about this important ministry in our community.

On **Sunday, March 29**, join Pastor Kristine for a discussion on Matthew's gospel and Jesus journey beginning on Palm Sunday, his disruptive days teaching in the temple, his meal with the disciples, his trial, crucifixion and resurrection.



## LOOKING AHEAD

Mark your calendars for **Holy Week, April 5 – 12, 2020**. **Palm Sunday, April 4 at 10 am**, worship will begin outside, weather permitting!, with a hosanna parade.

On **Maundy Thursday, April 9 at 7 pm**, we gather with Jesus where we are invited to have our feet washed, as Jesus' disciples had their feet washed. We will receive a simple meal of bread and wine, in remembrance of Jesus sacrifice.

On **Good Friday, April 10 at 7pm**, we gather in silence, remembering Jesus' death on a cross. We will have an opportunity for quiet meditation, to reflect on what Christ's death means for us.

On **Easter Sunday morning, April 12 at 7:30 am and 10 am**, we will celebrate Christ risen from the dead. Holy Week is a time set aside to remember, reflect, and recognize the abundant mercy and grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

Thank you very much for warmly welcoming me to First Lutheran and to Sioux City. We were greeted with people helping us unload our Uhaul truck, and we have continued to receive wonderful food and delicious cookies and other treats. Thank you for making Sioux City feel like home! My family and I appreciate your hospitality very much.

I am excited to begin as your Director of Music Ministry here at First Lutheran. I look forward to meeting all of you and getting to know your musical abilities. Mostly, I look forward to our music together in worship, telling the story of the good news of Jesus Christ. One of the purposes of the music in our worship is to tell the story of Jesus. I believe the music works alongside every other component of our worship, continuing to tell of the good news and pointing us toward Jesus Christ, turning our ears and hearts toward this good news. Even if the music does not have words, it gives us a picture of who God is. This is important work, and sharing your musical gifts helps us to tell the story in an even

fuller, more vibrant way. On Sunday, March 1st, during the adult forum time following worship, I will be sharing more about the future of our music at First Lutheran. Please consider attending and help me in creating this vision for our music ministry together.

In the near future there will be opportunities to sing in choirs, play instruments and contribute musically in various ways. If you are a musician willing to share your gifts, please talk to me! I am anxious to get started so we can tell the story of Jesus together through our music.

Mallorie Egbers



**Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8th. Remember to spring ahead!**

Easter Lilies will be needed for Easter Sunday. The cost is \$15. Please sign up in the narthex, listing of whom it is in honor or memory.





A reception for Terry Brooks was held on Sunday, February 16. If you would like to contribute to the gift of thanks for Terry, you may make a check out to "Dan Moore Trust Account" and drop off at the office.

### FLC Finance Update

Needed weekly per budget  
\$5442.31 / for the month of February \$21,769.24. Income as of Feb. 18 \$14,766.00



### First Lutheran Church Council Report, February 18, 2020

President:	Alison Hertenstein	Vice President:	Lori McClaren
Secretary:	Enola Peters	Treasurer:	Nate Frein
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, February 18, 2020**. The highlights of the meeting were as follows:

Mallorie Egbers was introduced before the meeting started and introductions were done between Mallorie and Council members who were present. Mallorie's first day at First Lutheran was February 18, 2020.

- \* We will be welcoming Mallorie Egbers with a coffee reception in her honor after worship on February 23, 2020.
- \* Mid-lenten week services will be held at noon and 7pm each Wednesday of Lent. This year's theme will be "Vocation in Daily Life". Six First Lutheran members will be invited to explain how their own life's vocation has been impacted by their faith.
- \* 2020 Congregation Priorities will be discussed and set during the upcoming Council Retreat held on Friday, March 6th. Alternate date will be March 20th.
- \* Election of Officers and Council Representatives resulted in the following positions: Alison Hertenstein-President, Lori McClaren-Vice President, Enola Peters-Secretary, Nate Frein-Appointed as Treasurer, Julie Thiele-Faith Formation, Chris Taylor-Worship and Music, Candy Noonan-Johnson-Mission, Jenny Denne-Youth, Lee Knop-Operations.
- \* On February 23rd, Installation of Council members will occur during the worship service.





## Notes from Cindy, Our Faith Formation Director



### Jesus and the Big Parade



The Faith Formation Team is sponsoring a “Pre-Palm Sunday Family Event” on Saturday, April 4 from 10:00—11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This family event is open to all “Working Together” congregations as we continue to look at ways to bring our local ELCA congregations together for events and activities. This is a great way to meet families from our neighboring congregations while preparing for Palm Sunday. We will offer a Bible Story, craft (making instruments for our Palm Sunday parade) snacks, a parade and worship! Mark your calendars now so you’re ready for a fun-filled morning of fellowship with families and friends. Please RSVP to Cindy by March 27. For more information, please call Cindy at 239-3942 or email her at <cindy.lippke@gmail.com>.



### LOOKING AHEAD...

Mark your calendars...the youth spring program is Sunday, April 26 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This program will be a little different than those we’ve had in the past. Each child will select a character from the Bible that they would like to learn more about, and then portray that person at our *Great People of the Bible* Spring Program. This is an interesting and fun way to explore the people of our great Bible stories! We hope you can join us!

### LUTHERAN LAKESIDE CAMP INFORMATION

Lutheran Lakeside’s 2020 summer schedule is out and if your child is interested in attending camp this summer, please check out their website at <[www.LutheranLakeside.com](http://www.LutheranLakeside.com)> for information about their program schedule and fees. There is an early-bird discount if you register by February 28 and additional discounts are also available. Please check it out. For more information, please contact Cindy.



#### **MARCH 2020**

Sunday, March 8:

Wednesdays (March 4,11,18,25)

#### **APRIL 2020**

Saturday, April 4:

Sunday, April 5:

Thursday, April 9:

Friday, April 10:

Sunday, April 12:

Sunday, April 26:

Youth sing in worship

Lent Evening Worship

“Jesus & the Big Parade” Family Event 10:00-11:30 FH

Palm Sunday / Youth sing

Maundy Thursday

Good Friday

Easter—No Sunday School

Great Characters of the Youth Spring Program-(9:00 a.m.)





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8:50 Adult Choir 9:00 Christian Ed 10:00 Worship/ Baptism 11:00 Coffee Fellowship in FR 11:15 Adult Forum - Mallorie Egbers	<b>2</b> Pastor's Day Off  6:00 Boy/Cub Scouts in FH 7:00 Co-Dep in Comm. Rm.	<b>3</b> 10:30 Pastor's Text Study  6:00 Girl Scouts in FH	<b>4</b> 9-11:30 Food Pantry  12 Noon Mid-week Morning Prayer in FR  7:00 Lenten Evening Prayer	<b>5</b> 10:00 Book Study in FR  12:30 Jeanine Ashmore in FR  7:00 Co-Dep in Comm. Rm.	<b>6</b> 9:00 Quilters in FH  6:00 - 9:00 Council Retreat in FR  7:00 AA in FH	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>  8:50 Adult Choir 9:00 Christian Ed 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee Fellowship in FR 11:15 Adult Forum - Rev. Joy Gonnerman	<b>9</b> Pastor's Day Off  6:00 Boy/Cub Scouts in FH 7:00 Co-Dep in Comm. Rm.	<b>10</b> 10:30 Pastor's Text Study at FLC  5:00 First Responders Support Group in SS Rm 6:00 Girl Scouts in FH	<b>11</b> 9-11:30 Food Pantry  12 Noon Mid-week Morning Prayer in FR  5:30 Faith Formation Mtg. in FH 7:00 Lenten Evening Prayer	<b>12</b> 10:00 Book Study in FR  7:00 Co-Dep in Comm. Rm.	<b>13</b> 9:00 Quilters in FH  7:00 AA in FH	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:50 Adult Choir 9:00 Christian Ed 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee Fellowship in FR	<b>16</b> Pastor's Day Off  6:00 Boy/Cub Scouts in FH 6:30 Mary Circle 7:00 Co-Dep in Comm. Rm.	<b>17</b>  10:30 Pastor's Text Study  6:00 Girl Scouts in FH 6:30 Council in FR	<b>18</b> 9-11:30 Food Pantry  12 Noon Mid-week Morning Prayer in FR  7:00 Lenten Evening Prayer	<b>19</b> 10:00 Book Study in FR 12:30 Rachel Circle  7:00 Co-Dep in Comm. Rm.	<b>20</b> 9:00 Quilters in FH  7:00 AA in FH	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:50 Adult Choir 9:00 Christian Ed 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee Fellowship in FR	<b>23</b> <b>Contact Deadline</b> Pastor's Day Off  6:00 Boy/Cub Scouts in FH 7:00 Co-Dep in Comm. Rm.	<b>24</b> 10:30 Pastor's Text Study  6:00 Girl Scouts in FH	<b>25</b> 9-11:30 Food Pantry  12 Noon Mid-week Morning Prayer in FR 1:00 Lydia Circle  7:00 Lenten Evening Prayer	<b>26</b> 10:00 Book Study in FR  7:00 Co-Dep in Comm. Rm.	<b>27</b> 9:00 Quilters in FH  7:00 AA in FH	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:50 Adult Choir 9:00 Christian Ed 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee Fellowship in FR 11:15 Adult Forum - Pastor Kristine	<b>30</b> Pastor's Day Off  6:00 Boy/Cub Scouts in FH 7:00 Co-Dep in Comm. Rm.	<b>31</b> 10:30 Pastor's Text Study  6:00 Girl Scouts in FH				<b>Key</b> FH = Fellowship Hall FR = Fireside Room YR = Youth Room CR = Choir Room SS = Sunday School Room Comm. Rm = Community Room

## ASSISTING ON SUNDAY MORNING

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
<b>Crucifer</b>	Maryn Frein	Rylie Hermelbracht	Tyler Hagan	Nissa Downing	Ian Hertenstein
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Liz Draisey	Orville and Roberta Thiele	Jim and Nancy McKenzie	Dan and Mary Kay Moore	Dorothy Goettsch
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Jason Denne Linda Nielsen	Kaia Downing Shae Downing	Wyatt and Stacy Hagan	Jenny Denne Jami Denne	Dan and Mary Kay Moore
<b>Greeters</b>	Sarah Biorn Jen Snyder Mavis Schubert	Pam Richards Bev Rosenkrans Marlus Mammen	Brad Downing Jim and Nancy McKenzie	Ann Doellinger Jack and Janice Bristow	Gary and Marcia Hopp Gary Troth
<b>Layreader</b>	Bruce Miller	Dan Moore	Catherine Lippke	Jim Lippke	August Schenzel
<b>Radio</b>	Dan and Mary Kay Moore	Jim and Nancy McKenzie	Jack and Janice Bristow	Craig and Sandie LaMaster	Nadine Holst
<b>Sacristan</b>	Julie Thiele	David Gross	Kaia Downing	Chris Taylor	Julie Thiele

**Ushers** Lee Knop, Larry LeClair, Joe Peters, Keith Ashmore

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement and let Carla know ASAP so the weekly bulletin is correct. Thank you.

**THANK YOU** to all that help make the Food Pantry such a success. If you're dropping off food to donate, picking up a load of food from the Siouxland Food Bank, helping unload food, bagging food, helping customers and donating bags, you are making such a difference! If you want to join in the fun, let Randy Burnight know or Carla in the FLC office.



## HELPING IN THE HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25	April 1
Mary McCoy Karen Tagatz	Pam Richards Ann Doellinger	Katherine Henshaw Nadine Holst	Dorothy Goettsch LaVonne Lundgren	Mary McCoy Karen Tagatz



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**AN EVENING OUT:**

1. **Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting at Candy Noonan Johnson and Gary Johnson’s house for cards and appetizers.
2. Please call Candy to let her know how many to expect: 712-251-9411 or Lori McClaren at 712-253-2322.
3. All are invited to bring their favorite board game or card game.
4. Bring an appetizer to share.
5. Gathering time is **6 PM at 3112 Viking Drive.**

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