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Maundy Thursday, April 1st – Service will be remote devotional and posted
on-line

Good Friday, April 2nd – In person worship in the Memorial Chapel at 12:00 PM

Easter Sunday, April 4th

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship

10:15 AM Prelude Music

10:30 AM Traditional Worship

Both Services will include Holy Communion

***Please note the time change for the Traditional Service**



The story of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus vividly describes the disciples' failure. Judas Iscariot betrays him then commits suicide in his remorse. Peter denies Jesus three times and weeps in his remorse. All the disciples flee Gethsemane after the Temple Guards arrest Jesus; one disciple stark naked after he wiggles out of his robe when a guard grabs hold of it. They are next to be found behind locked doors, afraid they too will be arrested.

But just as vividly, the Gospel's reveal those who remain faithful through it all: the women. Women are a vital part of the ministry of Jesus and it is they who are witnesses to his crucifixion, his burial and his resurrection from the dead. Mary Magdalen is the first to announce: "He is risen."

Best known of the women, Mary the Mother of Jesus is mentioned in all four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. John places Mary at the foot of the cross where Jesus entrusts her into the care of "the beloved disciple," the only male disciple present. Mary reveals to us a mother's deepest grief. Thirty-some years before, at Jesus' presentation in the Temple, Simeon took Mary aside and warned her, "a sword will pierce you own soul, too." At the cross, she watched as her son's heart was pierced with a spear to insure he was dead. Mary disregarded her soul-felt suffering. She remained with her son.

Mary Magdalen (or Mary of Magdala) also finds a place in all four Gospels. Mary Magdalen came from Galilee, most likely a woman of means. She is included among the women who financed Jesus' ministry and often traveled with the disciples. Luke speaks of her along with Joanna, "the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others" who supported Jesus. Of Mary, Luke tells us, "seven demons had gone

out." Most likely, she suffered a severe mental health condition. What we do know is that scripture gives her place of prominence among the women at the tomb, where her energy is so focused on finding out what happened to the body of Jesus she doesn't pay any attention to the fact she is speaking with angels. Then, after a tender conversation in which Jesus reveals himself to her, Mary Magdalen races to proclaim the Gospel to Peter and the others. Saint Augustine names her, "the Apostle to the Apostles." The disciples were not convinced.

Of the other women at the crucifixion, the Gospels variously include: Joanna the wife of Chuza; Mary the wife of Clopas; Mary the wife of Alphaeus and mother of James the Younger and Joseph; an unnamed sister of Mary the Mother of Jesus; the unnamed mother of the sons of Zebedee; and Salome. Salome, whose name means "peace," is often identified both as the unnamed sister of Mary and as the wife of Zebedee. Together, however they are identified, all these women supported Jesus in ministry, steadfastly remained at his side at Calvary, attended to his burial place, came to properly anoint him before dawn on Easter morning, heard the resurrection announcement of the angels, and greeted the resurrected Jesus. And, according to the Gospel of Mark, were just as frightened as the male disciples. But they were there.

They are to be remembered and cherished. Their story is woven into the fabric of Jesus' story in a unique and faithful manner, honored by the Gospel writers, celebrated by the church. And there is one more piece to their story: women were not considered reliable witnesses in Jewish court deliberations. Yet here they are, the first to proclaim: "Jesus is risen. He is risen indeed!"

Pastor Dan Rumfelt



April 2021 Library News

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THE FAMILY LIBRARY.**



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March, 2021

- Pastor Dan Rumfelt reports from the **Worship & Music committee** meeting that Holy Communion will be celebrated on Palm Sunday and Easter using the newly purchased personal wine/wafer self-contained kits. AND....the council approved the motion brought by the committee to begin celebrating Holy Communion the 1st Sunday of every month, beginning April 4th, 2021 which is Easter. Pastor Dan Has spoken w/ Brian & Kim on the Liturgy for Palm Sunday & Easter. Reminding that the service times for these two weeks are 9:00 and **10:30**. Confirmation classes have been well attended on ZOOM and Confirmation will be on Pentecost, May 23rd.
- Maundy Thursday service will be a remote devotional service
- Good Friday service will be an in-person service at 12:00 pm in The Chapel
- **Property Committee** reports that one of the two trees have been removed as the drive-thru construction is now showing signs of eminent development. The parking lot has not been patched as it would just be a “bad aid” fix, it is a much more costly expense than expected.
- **Call Committee** reports that they have reviewed the first candidate’s application and have chosen to not pursue, now waiting for the next application.
- **Treasurer’s Report** states that the YTD (Feb) numbers show that 75% of income is

met by current giving; salting for the winter so far is higher than snowplowing.

- **Old Business** - Church security & access with the magnetic door is almost ready to be implemented, as Mike Thompson fixed the problem of the door binding at the bottom hinge connection area. Once the visual doorbell is purchased and installed, the process will be ready with keypad entry to staff some selected key holders. Others will need to press the doorbell during business hours for entry on weekdays. Magnetic doors will not be closed on Sundays.
- **New Business** – due to several concerns, the council voted to sever ties with NA that has held their meetings here at First Lutheran. Jim will call the leader of the group 3-16-21 to alert them of our decision.
- Council members brainstormed mission ideas. One idea is vaccine assistance. Please give council your feedback. Details to be arranged.

Newsletter DEADLINE

The deadline for articles for the May 2021, *First Edition* newsletter is Friday, April 16th. Please have all information into the church office by that date. Thank you.

Community Outreach Store

The Community Outreach Store is now opened. The store will be open M - W - F, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. We are also accepting donations during that same time frame. Face Masks are required.



CHRIST IN OUR HOME

Devotional Booklets
April, May, and June

Now Available in the “**Little Library**” (*in box on stand between Center St. & Chapel*)

Call ahead to the church office to make sure a copy is available.
716-664-4601



Spring Has Sprung

With the change in the weather and the arrival of spring, it is time to begin thinking about the 23 Center Street Garden.

We will soon be making plans for a work party. Watch the church bulletin for details. Our primary goals will be to do a general clean up, mulch, and plant this year’s herbs and annuals.

We welcome anyone who wishes to help out in the garden. No special skills needed just a willingness to help with watering and weeding and can be done completely on your schedule.

Please contact Janet or Jim Wahlberg at 567-4064 or 400-2155.



NOTES FROM THE LOFT

April 2021

**Brian A. Bogey, Minister of Music
and Organist**

Easter will be celebrated on Sunday, March 4th with the Contemporary Service at 9 a.m. in the Worship Center down in the lower level of the church and the Festive Traditional Worship Service in the church nave at 10:30 a.m. Note the later time for the Traditional Worship at 10:30 a.m. due to both services observing communion that will lengthen each service. We will also have a 15-minute Special Musical Prelude that will precede our Traditional Worship that will occur at 10:15 a.m. The special music will include a Piano-Organ Duet with Julie Livengood and Brian Bogey; Julie Costantini, soprano soloist; Gail Espinoza, piano soloist; and Marika Koch, soprano soloist. Our Select Choral Ensemble will also sing festive anthems at the Traditional Worship Service. Let us celebrate our Lord's Resurrection on this glad Easter Day!

LECTOR/LITURGIST

April 4th Peter Larson

April 11th Brenda Ecklund

April 18th Fred Larson

April 25th Beth Johnson

HYMN CANTOR/SOLOIST

Select Choral Ensemble

Peter Larson

Beth Johnson

Marika Koch

Last month I started a new series on **THE SYMBOLS (AND THEIR MEANINGS) OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR**. Last month dealt with the Lenten Season and this month and the month of May will deal with the Easter Season that is seven weeks in length, from April 4th through May 16th.

Easter is an important holiday to Christians around the world. It celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This holy holiday is associated with a variety of symbols and icons. These Easter symbols are a blend of Christianity, Judaism, and paganism. Easter, to some people also observes the coming of Spring. This is because before Christianity was spread across the world the people celebrated the

coming of a new dawn, which is spring instead of Christ's resurrection. It is only when Christianity grew and its teaching spread across the world that the spring festival turned in to a Christian festival. Easter is also linked to the Passover, a popular Biblical Jewish holiday by symbolism and calendar position.

THE TEN EASTER SYMBOLS AND THEIR MEANINGS

(I will share the first five Easter Symbols this month and the last five symbols in May)

1. **EGG:** The egg was a fertility symbol signifying a new beginning in Spring. When Christianity spread globally, the egg became a symbol of man's rebirth rather than nature or spring. Decorated eggs date back to the ancient times in Babylonian times. Christians symbolize the egg to Jesus Christ's tomb from which he broke forth and triumphantly rose again.
2. **LILIES:** The lily is another Easter symbol used for decoration. Lilies are one of the favorite flowers of spring because of its pure white color that represents purity and honesty and most importantly symbolizes Jesus' purity and resurrection.
3. **EASTER LAMB:** Christians across the world celebrate Easter with great fervor. The lamb symbolizes Easter because Jesus represents the lamb of God who sacrifices his life for our salvation. He is "The lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."
4. **PALM BRANCHES:** The people welcomed Jesus when he arrived in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The palm branches symbolize the start of Holy Week and represents one way in which we exalt Christ the King, our beloved Messiah, the Savior of the world.
5. **THE CROSS:** The cross is a true symbol of life and sacrifices of Jesus Christ for all humanity. The cross symbolizes hope and new life, which is why it is one of the main symbols of the Christian Church and Easter.

We will include the remaining five symbols of Easter during our May issue as we continue on in our seven week observance of the Easter Season.

**JOYFULLY IN HIS SERVICE,
Brian**

April, 2021
First Lutheran Church
Contemporary Worship
Kimberly King
Worship Leader & Coordinator of Contemporary Worship
Sacred Fire – Praise Team

Hello Everyone,

It is hard to believe that Spring is here. But with all we have been through this last year, it could not come soon enough. Looking forward to the Easter season bringing resurrection and new life! Happy Easter to all!

Read through the words of a great song by Matt Maher and Mia Fieldes. Sacred Fire plays this song every year.

“Christ Is Risen”

Verse 1

Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame
But fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to Him who showed great love
And bled for us
Freely You've bled for us

Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead
Trampling over death by death
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead
We are one with Him again
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave

Verse 2

Beneath the weight of all our sin
You bowed to none but heaven's will
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown
No burden great can hold You down
In strength You reign
Forever let Your church proclaim

Bridge

O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light
The glory of God has defeated the night
Singing O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light
Our God is not dead He's alive He's alive

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Our “in person” Contemporary Worship Services continues in April each Sunday **at 9:00am** in our Worship Center in the lower level of the church. The service last 30 minutes.

REMEMBER: Masks are required and temperatures are taken at the door. Please keep 6 feet distance from others and use social distancing inside the church and entrance areas. Please exit the worship area from the back seats first, then to the front. Do not linger after worship. If not feeling well, please remain at home.

The service is planned with safety and health precautions for you and your family, while keeping a relaxed and friendly environment. Seating is spread out with variations for singles, couples and families.

We WILL continue to video tape the services each week and post on Facebook, Vimeo and on our new church website, for those who would like to remain at home. Everyone can have options to worship at their own comfort level during the Pandemic.

You have access to our current and past Contemporary Services on both our church Facebook page, Sacred Fire’s page and on Vimeo.com. On Vimeo, search First Lutheran Contemporary Service and Sunday’s date. For example, First Lutheran Contemporary Service 2.7.2021. Don’t forget to share these services with your friends and family!! **A GREAT Outreach Ministry!!**

You can continue to listen to contemporary music and inspiring messages everyday on FM radio channel 90.9 Family Life Network Or online at **fln.org**. Also, on **Sirius XM radio**, “The Message” on channel 63.

If you are looking for a devotional type inspiration, check out www.youversion.com
Great site! They have an “App” too.

Remember that God is ALWAYS with us!!

As God continues to shine Love and Blessings on you! ... Remember to share God’s Love with others!!

Take Care and Be Safe!!

God’s Blessings to you all

From All of Sacred Fire and

Kimberly King, Worship Leader and Coordinator of Contemporary Worship



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Faithful Learning And Teaching Together (FLATT)

Learning opportunities to encourage growth in faithful witness and service.

A way to notice who and how God is calling us to be.

- **My Neighbor is Muslim: Exploring the Muslim Faith:** Tuesdays at 4:00PM
5:00PM (April 6, 13, 20, 27 May 4, 11, 18, 25), Led by Barbara Cox, [SIGN UP HERE:](https://link.zixcentral.com/u/af34b4dc/Osmeg0yH6xGmZMH_hnsoMg?u=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.gle%2FQyHPUcamiEomyKpa6)
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- **Art and Spirituality: Visual Journaling and Conversation withIn My Grandmother's House: Black Women, Faith, and the Stories We Inherit by the Rev Dr. Yolanda Pierce** NOTE: This course is offered two times each week. Please sign up for just one session, either Thursday evening or Friday morning. Thursday Evenings, 7:00-8:15PM April 22, 29 May 13, 20, 27 (NO SESSION ON MAY 6) Friday Mornings, 9:30-10:15AM April 23, 30 May 14, 21, 28 (NO SESSION ON MAY 7) Led by Pastor Lori Kochanski
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- **Growing Young: Helping Congregations Authentically Engage Young People**
Thursdays at 7PM on May 6, 13, 20 and 27 Led by Abby Mandris, Nick Stroczkowski, Megan Wolling [SIGN UP HERE:](https://link.zixcentral.com/u/af34b4dc/Osmeg0yH6xGmZMH_hnsoMg?u=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.gle%2FQyHPUcamiEomyKpa6)
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Income & Expenses through February, 2021

Month	Income	Expense	Total
January	*66,770	40,226	26,544
February	18,785	19,887	-1,102
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
Total	85,555	60,113	25,442

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Attendance for March

March	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday
2020	137	140
2021	71	73
	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday
2020	N/A	N/A
2021	78	

*** 40,000 from Endowment**
Thank you to all who are mailing their offering!

On-Line Views of Worship Video

Date	Contemporary	Traditional	Total
2/28/21	4	35	39
3/7/21	2	39	41
3/14/21	8	63	71

PARISH RECORD

Funeral for Paul H. Lindquist on March 27, 2021



Sunday School News

We are continuing with Remote Sunday School with videos being posted weekly to the First Lutheran Sunday School Jamestown, NY page. We are posting videos for Preschool/Kindergarteners, Grades 1-3 and then Grades 4-6. All the students were given leaflets that go with the lessons. The children and their parents can send pictures on Messenger to Tracy Grey or post to the Sunday School page of completed pages. If your child didn't receive the leaflets, please contact the Church office of Tracy Grey 485-3754. Thank you to all the parents and kids who are working so hard this year!!

Thank You!
Tracy Grey

Confirmation Class Schedule for April via Zoom

Sunday, April 11th
Sunday, April 18th

PASTORAL CALL COMMITTEE

The Church Council would like to thank the following individuals who have accepted the Council's invitation to be on the Call Committee for a new pastor:

Hannah Dearman
Brenda Ecklund
Gail Espinoza
Sandy Forsberg
Julie Gable
Tracy Grey
Gregg Guichard
Peter Larson (Chairperson)
Lee Lindeman
Emily Ryberg
Glen Utter

(Jeanine & Mike Dearman – Non-Voting Members)

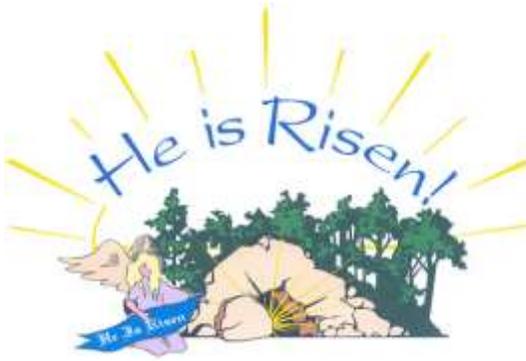
Thank You

Jim and I would like to thank all of you who shared your prayers and kind thoughts

during my brother's final illness and death. We are blessed to have such wonderful friends.



Thank you, Jim & Janet
Wahlberg



SCRIPTURE READINGS IN APRIL

**Baptismal
Anniversaries**

Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Day

April 4th

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

John 20:1-18

Second Sunday of Easter

April 11th

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18th

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25th

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

We celebrate with you!

*indicates birthday when baptism is not known

April Baptisms:

4/1 Mary Ann Bednarik

4/2 Cloey Linn

Marcia Rupp

4/4 Timothy Magnuson

Marilyn Seeley

David C. Walrod

Christine Wright

*4/4 Ruth Johnson-Sodeur

4/5 Kimberly Bentley

Donna Nagle

4/6 Diana Gronquist

Daniel Nagle

*4/6 Ruby Meyer

4/7 Jeffrey Hofgren

Emilia Larson

Brian Mlacker

*4/7 Phillip Hatfield

Matthew Lindstrom

4/9 Curtis Ecklund

Donna Johnson

4/10 Eric Larson

Svea Winchester

4/11 Robert Donato

Terrance Horner

4/12 Nicole Auge

Shannon Martino

4/14 Karen Femia

Leann Sweetheimer

4/15 Jax Kuras

David Peterson

*4/15 Caylee Shelters

4/17 Sandra Bogey

4/17 Currie Huntington
 4/18 Ellyson Baglia
 4/20 Barbara Goldman
 Harold Johnson
 4/21 Barbara Johnson
 *4/21 Karen Johnson
 4/22 Aubrey Main
 4/23 Margot Livengood
 4/24 Callan Skelton
 Daniel Wozniak
 4/25 Rachel Johnson
 Stephanie Marchincin
 Aaron Olson
 4/27 Steven Tedquist
 Andrew Winchester
 4/28 Alyssa Cusimano
 Gillian Dixson
 Michael Dixson
 Lukas Kraft
 4/30 Megan Goodwill
 Landan Graham
 Emma Peterson
 Olivia Peterson
 Nicholas Saeger
 Logan Schuler-Peterson

outreach has had to be curtailed because of the pandemic, but the mission of the Church goes on, with even greater need. Our larger ELCA church body continues to sponsor missionaries, feed the hungry, assist those affected by disasters, open new congregations, and so much more. Through your mission support, resurrection life is experienced all over the world:

- In Peru, Noemi persisted despite many challenges growing up. Then, she discovered an ELCA companion ministry which trains vulnerable people in tolerance, respect, equity, and social justice.
- At Bridge of Peace Community Church in New Jersey, a food pantry has adjusted its routine to account for the pandemic, while drastically increasing the number of people it serves.
- In Serbia, many Roma people are returning from migration. When the Salijevski family returned, they were homeless until they connected with Children on the Move, which aims to reduce the number of people living on the street, and ensures that children have access to education.
- In Milwaukee, the Strong Baby Program raises awareness about safe infant sleeping practices to reduce infant mortality, which is three times higher in African-American babies.
- In Tanzania, Eva got essential support from a palliative care program when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. 25 facilities across the country accompany people facing medical issues.
- In Chile, Maggie shares information about health topics through workshops and community events, and herself learned how to cultivate a vegetable garden in her tiny yard.
- In the US, newcomers like Tamara, who escaped poverty and violence in Haiti, receive shelter, food, help with travel, legal

Synod Mission Message



RESURRECTION PEOPLE

An old motto of our Synod was, “We are resurrection people who pray first, walk together, and change lives.” What are resurrection people? Since Jesus was raised and did not stay in the tomb, so are we resurrected. Our faith is not dead, dormant, or sleeping, but is alive in this world and active to help others. For the past year, some local

services, and connection to essential lifelines.

When you feel the joy of Jesus' resurrection this Easter, know that you are also bringing resurrection to so many others through your mission support. **Thank you!**

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

We are church together for the sake of the world. God's Work. Our Hands.



Prayer Ventures April 2021

1 As Paul said, our faith in Christ may seem like foolishness to some people but we can always trust in God's love for us through Christ because it is real, trustworthy and life-giving. Pray that God will embolden us to share our faith without hesitation or embarrassment and to invite others to believe even when doing so seems foolish.

2 *Good Friday* Remember the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus, the Son of God, for our sake and salvation. Give thanks that God looks upon us with concern, gracious love and mercy.

3 Lift up prayers of humble gratitude that through baptism our lives are conjoined with the life, death and resurrection of Christ, which enable us to "walk in newness of life" and be "alive to God."

4 *Easter Sunday* He is risen! Praise God! Give thanks that through Jesus' resurrection we are no longer constrained by sin and death but can celebrate salvation, new life and God's wonderful grace, which reclaims and changes us.

5 "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Look around and give thanks for the people, community, world, wonders of creation and signs of God's presence and work that surround you.

6 *Arab American Heritage Month* Remember in prayer the diverse gifts, cultures, heritages and stories of our Arab and Middle Eastern siblings in Christ, who remind us of the rich history and tradition of Christ's church in the world. Ask God to bless and further the work, witness and advocacy of Arab and Middle Eastern Ministries in the ELCA and the Association of Lutherans of Arab and Middle Eastern Heritage of the ELCA.

7 Give thanks for the generosity shared from across our church, which helps us respond to the needs of the world, live out our faith in service to our neighbors and proclaim the gospel everywhere.

8 Jesus continues to walk with us daily and to make his loving presence known when we gather with bread and wine, remembering the sacrifices he made for our sake and for the restoration of our relationships with God. Give thanks and praise to God for being in our lives!

9 Give thanks for the empathy and support expressed by the Rev. Martin Junge, general secretary of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), in his letter to Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton and our church in a time of political and social tension. "People need to talk and listen to each other again," he wrote. "Broken relationships need to be mended. People need to trust again so that they can live and work together. People need to heal from their pain and their wounds." Give thanks for the LWF, a global family who accompany one another in doing God's work in the world.

10 Pray for the humility to acknowledge and respect God's infinite power, presence and grace for the sake of all people.

11 Jesus is with us in times of fear and uncertainty, just as he was with his troubled disciples after the resurrection. Pray for the Spirit to encourage our faith, ground us in the good news of Christ and

grant us peace, reassurance, hope and direction throughout our baptismal journey.

12 Give thanks for signs of spring! Some places still have snow on the ground, yet others show signs of nature blossoming and new life emerging. Give thanks for the good, life-giving work of our Creator, who urges patience and stirs new life and hope in every season.

13 Pray for Creation Justice Ministries, Lutherans Restoring Creation and other ministries, organizations and networks that deepen our awareness and knowledge of creation and the environment and equip us to care for creation and our communities.

14 “How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!” Pray that God will help us better understand what living together in unity requires of us as siblings in Christ and as world citizens striving for peace, justice, reconciliation and mutual care.

15 Ask the Spirit to inspire wisdom, insight, compassion and boldness in the members of the ELCA Church Council as they gather online this week to guide and shape the work of our church in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ, serving our neighbors in need and supporting our congregations.

16 Pray that, as we share the gospel and serve our neighbor, we will recognize the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of our siblings in Christ who are also doing God’s work in the world.

17 Pray for our ELCA missionaries serving alongside companion churches and organizations in Asia and the Pacific region, including the Rev. Phillip Baker (Cambodia), the Rev. Chandran Paul Martin and Timothy Melvyn (India), the Rev. Charles Peterson and the Rev. Jeffrey Truscott (Indonesia), Hailey Brenden (Nepal) and the Rev. Suk Yeon Lee (Jang) (South Korea).

18 Lift up prayers of gratitude to God for the presence of the Spirit in our lives, which deepens our faith and trust in Jesus as the promised Messiah, helps us understand Scripture and moves us to

respond to God’s call that we bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ.

19 Give thanks for volunteers of all ages and gifts who serve in congregations, including teachers, assisting ministers, child care providers, committee members, greeters, singers, musicians, people who fix things and those who visit the ill or homebound. Praise God for the rich diversity of gifts, skills and passions we share in the body of Christ.

20 The Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) is a pre-event to the ELCA Youth Gathering. Pray for the MYLE leadership team of youth, young adults and adults planning the summer 2021 event on the theme “Made Free.” Ask God to bless their work of creating a community, inclusive and accountable to all, that is inspired and woven together by the Spirit.

21 What a joy it is to be called children of God because of God’s great love for us! We may not know or understand everything about God or what lies in store for us, but we are still loved, forgiven and claimed without condition. Thank and praise God!

22 *Earth Day* Give thanks and glory to God for the blessings and mysteries of creation, entrusted to us to sustain and enrich all generations. Pray that God will make us wise, generous and responsible stewards of nature and Earth’s resources for the glory of our Creator and the well-being of our neighbor.

23 Give thanks for our church’s partnership with Lutheran World Relief to support pandemic emergency response projects in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

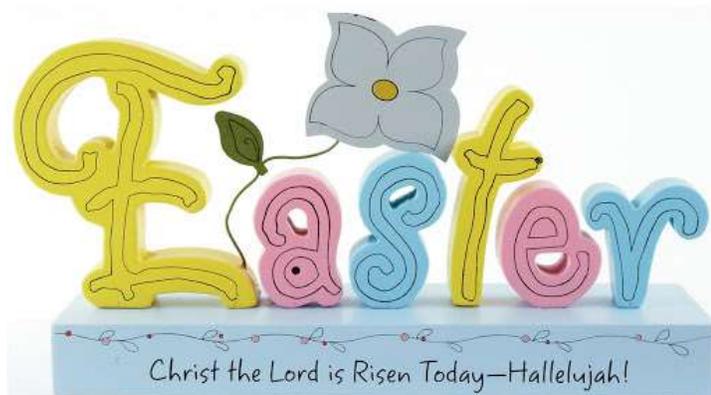
24 Remember in prayer people who are confined in our jails, prisons and correctional facilities. Pray that they will be treated humanely and justly, be renewed by the good news of Jesus Christ, and find hope and strength in God’s love and mercy. Pray for the Spirit to help us — as individuals and as faith communities — empathize with prisoners returning home and boldly extend our hospitality, acceptance and support as they do the difficult work of building new lives in our communities.

25 Give thanks that Jesus is the good shepherd who knows us, loves us, unites us, leads us through life and is willing to sacrifice his life for our sake.

26 Give thanks to God for the generosity and commitment across our church as it supports and funds global mission programs and accompanies companions in 45 countries through missionaries, companion church grants, the International Leaders Program and other programs.

27 In this sometimes lonely world, praise God that we always have Jesus, a loving shepherd who knows us and provides us with care, guidance, renewal, comfort and courage as we face the challenges of daily life.

28 Pray for the needs of people in your neighborhood and community, give thanks for their joys and recognize how their lives intersect with yours.



29 Pray that the Spirit will make us courageous and articulate in sharing the good news even in the most intimidating of circumstances, just as John and Peter did while in prison.

30 Give thanks for national and local leaders, health care workers and volunteers who continue to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and help us recover physically, economically, spiritually and emotionally. Pray that God will help them persevere and that we will generously express our support and gratitude.





E-Link - March 2021

Summer Camp Registration Opens March 15th!

It's time! Our 2021 summer camp registration portal will officially open on Monday, March 15th. As shared in recent communications, this summer's schedule has been pared down due to anticipated COVID-19 restrictions. For the health and safety of our camp community, we have also reduced the cabin capacity to 6 campers per cabin and no more than 42 campers per week. Consequently, spaces are limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis.

The modified summer schedule, information on how we plan to keep our campers safe during the continued pandemic, and the registration portal can [all be found on our website](#).



Please note that our schedule, capacities, and safety protocols are subject to change as mandated by the New York State Department of Health. Updates will be posted on our website as we receive them. For now though, we're planning for a safe, fun, and faith-filled summer!

For more information call 716-386-4125 or email contact@lclcenter.org.

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WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

**9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service
Contemporary Worship Center**

**10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
Main Sanctuary**

What's new?

- If you are ill, we ask that you remain at home out of concern for the health and wellbeing of others
- We will wear masks – Bring yours from home
- Temperatures will be taken when entering the building
- Hand sanitizer stations will be in place at entrances to the church and worship areas
- Everyone will be asked to fill out attendance cards
 - These cards will be used to contact individuals if someone tests positive for COVID19 at a later date
 - Please place the cards on the chair/pew where you are seated
- Social distancing will be practiced
 - Chairs will be spaced six feet apart
 - Two of every three pews will be blocked
- Offerings will be placed in a box at the entrance to the worship area
- The liturgy will be spoken, music will be sung by musicians
- Holy Communion will be celebrated on the first Sunday of the month with personal communion cups.
- We will video record both worship services and post the recordings online through: Vimeo, YouTube, Facebook and the First Lutheran website: flcjny.org
- Worship services will be approximately 30 minutes in length

We will adjust our practices as health concerns evolve.

We will celebrate Jesus Christ, risen from the grave!

We understand that some of our church family will refrain from attending worship due to health concerns. This is a personal choice and we support all our family in this decision-making process.

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