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# Monthly Messenger

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Having had our Spirits Renewed  
We celebrate our Living Lord Jesus Christ  
Who Restores and Upholds Us

**The Social Ministry Commission will host its Spring Lutheran World Relief Ingathering on Saturday, May 14 from 7:30 am until 12 noon.** Quilts, School Kits, Baby Care Kits, Personal Care Kits, Sewing Kits, and Bars (bath-size) of Soap will be collected. Volunteers with the loading process are always appreciated!!

THE MISSION OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH IS:  
*TO GATHER, EQUIP, AND EMPOWER PEOPLE  
TO JOYFULLY DO CHRIST'S WORK.*



# Rejoice in the Lord!



Dear Friends in Christ,

He is Risen!

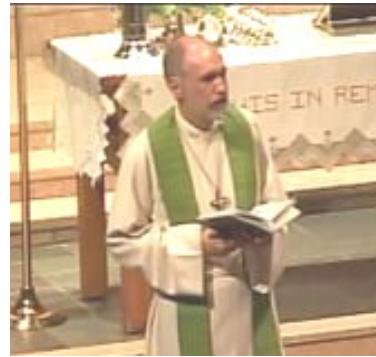
He is Risen, Indeed!

Alleluia!

We have sung the Alleluias again for the Resurrection of Jesus! Now it's the season of Easter for seven weeks. It culminates on the 50<sup>th</sup> day, Pentecost, when we celebrate the pouring out of Holy Spirit on all people who believe in the Resurrection of Jesus. There is a rhythm to our church worship life in our liturgical calendar.

When a married couple has been dancing together all of their life, it's a thing of beauty to see them glide across the dance floor. If they neglect it for a while, or listen to conflicting sounds, their dance can be ruined when they lose the rhythm. It can also happen with faith, if we neglect or lose the rhythm of worship together in our lives.

Community life in church is not just an empty religious exercise. It is a call to be fully embraced by grace in the One who loved us by giving His life for us. And yet, He lives! God calls us to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (II Peter 3:18a) It's the rhythm of new life!



I like Matthew 11:28-30 in *The Message* Bible:

*"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."*

That's what can happen as we get into a healthy rhythm of worship—together each week in church, and at home, with His Word, prayer and music. That's how we get in touch with the rhythm of new life that is possible in Jesus.

There are so many distractions—like *March Madness* for basketball fans, work, school schedules—the busyness of life. Many rhythms—some good, some discordant—compete for our attention. During Lent we focused on Jesus' passion, and asked God to "...renew a right spirit with us." (Psalm 51:10b) Now, we focus on Jesus' victory! Keep a rhythm of worship in the rhythm of your life in this season. Let Jesus' victory over the grave bring new life to your worship as we focus on how we are "restored and upheld" by our risen Lord. (Psalm 51:12). When

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN (FLCW)

**April 2016**

**Co-Chairs**

**Judy Mullen**

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**Bonnie Trampel**

**373-1665**

**CARING AND SHARING**

**+ Esther +**

**Workers**

Ann Adams	Carol Gilderhus
Janice Brandt	Brenda Ludtke
Mavis Bryson	Marilyn Sasser
Rachel Christensen	Junice Skogen
Carol Frydenlund	Rosemary Vangen

**Cakes**

Karen Bell	Julie Johnson	Coral Ringoen
DeeAnn Bergland	Belinda Krysan	Nancy Royce
Joni Cather	Marilyn Light	Marilyn Sasser
Shannon Coogle	Marilyn Loshman	Amber Stricker
Jean Eaton	Robyn Mattson	Judy Palmateer
Doris Hagen	Barb Morfitt	Holly Stevens
Jane Hanson	Jody Nechanicky	Tamera Wencil
Darcy Hauser	Laurie Olson	

A service ministry of the First Lutheran Church Women, 'Caring & Sharing' circles' primary mission is to comfort grieving families & friends when a loved

## First Lutheran Church Women April Program

Please join us on Wednesday, April 13 at 1:15 p.m. in Bethany Hall for the monthly church women program meeting. Enjoy a fun program with Mt. Carmel Participants and Pastor Dan Baker followed by coffee and dessert. **Invite a Friend!**

## Women of the ELCA Blue Earth River Conference Spring Event



**Saturday, April 9, 2016**

Redeemer Lutheran Church  
191 Water Street  
Alden, Minnesota 56009

*Our Hands-God's work in the world*

Registration-\$5 coffee-8 am

## Blessed to be a Blessing

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

We've all heard or read that verse hundreds of times. In a few simple words it encompasses the core of what all Christians believe. And the wonderful thing about God's gift of salvation through Jesus is that it's completely free. It's the greatest gift we can ever receive and it doesn't cost us a dime. We just have to believe and we're saved. It's a personal thing and one that we can do at any place and any time, and it is eternal.

The church we worship in is a different story. Unlike our Salvation and Faith, our church is a physical place rooted in this world. It's a place where we can come together to worship God together and renew our Faith. It's a place where we can rally together and then go out and spread God's Word beyond our walls. It's a place we can celebrate the important milestones of life: baptism,

weddings, funerals, Christmas and Easter. It's a place we take for granted sometimes, and we'd like to think it will always be there for us.

But the reality is that it takes resources to keep our church going. Providing the outreach we do every day

The Special Outreach Cause for April is

## Bible Camp 'Camperships'

February 2016 Financial Reports — Year-to-date

FLC General Fund (G.F.)			
	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under)
Offerings	\$ 99,457	\$121,350	\$(21,893)
Other Income	16,356	16,850	\$(494)
Total Income	\$ 115,813	\$138,200	\$(22,387)
Expenses	\$ 126,915	\$138,200	11,285
Surplus (Deficit)	\$(11,102)	-0-	\$(11,102)
January 1, 2016	\$ 118,372	G.F. 'Fund Balance'	
January 31, 2016	\$ 107,270	G.F. 'Fund Balance'	
FLC Broadcast Ministries			
Radio		Peace & Power	Actual
Income	\$ 989	Income	6,232
Expense	2,020	Expense	6,369
Net gain (loss)	\$(1,031)	Net gain (loss)	\$(137)

## Associate Pastor Call Committee Update

In March, the Call committee worked on interview questions. The committee is looking forward to meeting in April with Rev. Susan Miller from the South-eastern Minnesota Synod office, to learn more about prospects and process.

Some things we learned recently point to a looming clergy shortage in the ELCA—to wit: In the spring of 1989 there were about 300 graduates of our seminaries; in spring 2016 there will be about 90. Our synod will receive 2 graduates this spring, but has openings for 8. Currently, churches in the synod are seeking to fill 28 pastor positions, 5 of them in Albert Lea. There are a little over 6,700 clergy currently serving in the ELCA. Of those, 29% are age 55–61, and 27% are age 62 and over. Currently, there are about 735 students in the Master of Divinity programs in our 8 ELCA seminaries, which means there are fewer than 200 graduates annually to replace the 400 clergy who will become eligible for retirement each year. Let's all keep in prayer that

### PASTORAL RECORDS

#### FUNERALS

March 5, 2016

Irene Christensen

March 17, 2016

Mabel Johnson

March 26, 2016

Rocky Larsen

#### BAPTISM

March 13, 2016

Brendan Kyle Ewing

# EVENTS OF INTEREST



## Men's Prayer Breakfast

First Lutheran Church

**Saturday, April 9**

8:00-9:30 am

- Come and have a great meal!
- Enjoy great fellowship.
- Pray for our families, churches and our community.
- Hear a short pep talk about Godly manhood.

Any questions, call David Peterson 507.213.6148

Southeastern Minnesota Synod  
Lutheran Men in Mission Fourteenth Annual  
Breakfast with the Bishop  
Keynote-Tim Penny: "Mission Accomplished"  
Saturday, April 23  
9:00 –11:00 am at Cabela's (I-35 N) in Owatonna  
\$10/person  
Send Reservations and check by Friday April 15 to:  
Rev. Michael Walerius  
224 Bryan Ave, Owatonna, MN 55060  
Questions: Call 507-446-0839 or e-mail  
mikewalerius@yahoo.com  
Thank you to Thrivent Financial  
for supporting this event.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FLC?

## iServe: Provide – Connect – Receive

Do you need a little help or have some time to share? FLC's iServe board is the right fit for you! iServe helps to coordinate the needs and talents of our church community. Simply contact the church office or place your request or talent on the iServe bulletin board located in the gathering space outside of the sanctuary. A volunteer will contact you and arrange to complete your project.

Examples of small needs & acts of kindness: change a light bulb, provide a meal, put salt in a water softener, yard work, hang a picture, a ride to an appointment, the library, or the grocery store, play a game of cards, run an errand.....

No need is too small. Contact the church office and

## Connections

The Life of Faith is Better in Community

### May Day Picnic

**May 1<sup>st</sup> at Pioneer Park**

after 10:30 worship service, noon meal

Enjoy the afternoon connecting and serving.

Entree will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share, lawn games and treats to help fill our May Day baskets. Baskets will be delivered to FLC members.

Watch for upcoming spring and summer events!

Connections is for people who want to connect with others in an informal, relaxed setting. The target is broad: anyone from young adulthood through retirement. If you are married or not married, have kids or no kids--it does not matter.

**The Social Ministry Commission** of First Lutheran Church, 301 West Clark Street, Albert

Lea, MN, will host its **Lutheran World Relief Ingathering on Saturday, May 14**, from 7:30 am until 12 noon. A semi-trailer will be set up in the parking lot behind the church, off of St. Mary's Avenue (east side of the church). Follow the signs for entering and exiting.

Quilts, Fleece Tied Blankets, School Kits, Personal Care Kits, Sewing Kits, Baby Care Kits, and Bars of Soap will be collected. We will have copies of the 2016-2017 LWR Quilt & Kit Ministry Guide available. Refer to [lwr.org/parish](http://lwr.org/parish) or call LWR at 800.597.5973 with specific questions. Please, carefully follow the LWR Packing Instructions. Monetary donations collected at the Ingathering will be forwarded to the LWR Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund. Make CHECKS to LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF.

## Child Care Resource and Referral is now Families First of MN

Early Head Start and Head Start programs are now enrolling for the 2016-17 school year. These programs provide no cost early learning experiences for income eligible pregnant mothers and children birth to 4 years old. Both programs provide support for families. Services are also available for children with special needs. Both programs are 4-Star Parent Aware rated. Visit [www.familiesfirstmn.org](http://www.familiesfirstmn.org) to fill out an application online or call 507-

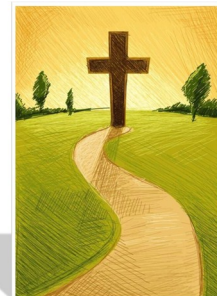


## Women's Holy Spirit Retreat: April 29 – May1, 2016 Mount Carmel Retreat Center

Have you ever had moments in your faith walk where there was a tugging in your heart that there had to be more to your Christian walk besides believing in God, reading scripture and going to church? You may have experienced God calling you to something deeper. What would it mean for you to say yes? What might be required of you? When we are drawn in by God's love and it overtakes us, it can call us to a deeper sense of obedience. Jesus' mother Mary was visited by the Holy Spirit to bear the Savior of the world and she agreed immediately. It demanded things of her life but it drew her closer to an abundant life in God.

Discover how God can use you to be a blessing to others, for your family, friends, and the whole world, giving joy and meaning to your life. Women of all ages are invited. We will sing, laugh, cry, learn, share, pray and enjoy some quiet time away with a great group of women. Rev. Patrician Baglien will lead the worship, ministering through word and song. Rev. Diane Odermann and Deb Eigen will lead the teaching sessions and times of sharing. First Lutheran will be taking the church van. Sign up soon.

Come join us for a weekend of learning about loving obedience to God's call, the connection between the Holy



**Friends at First** is a ministry for Older Adults that meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in Bethany Hall for lunch and a program.

**Tuesday, April 19**



**Friends at First**

Fellowship for Seniors

Program: Carolee Smith on "Identity Theft" (and issues on senior phone scams etc.)

Menu: Steve Nesse serving baked potato, country style ribs, cole slaw and brownies

Sign up and pre-pay \$6 for your meal reservation.

## The Crafters are now meeting on Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in Bethany Hall to prepare for Holidays Ahead.

We would love to have you join us. All that's necessary is a pair of willing hands. If you are unable to join us, we would appreciate any craft donations you might have, such as: Ribbon: plain or wire edged. Greenery that you are no longer using. Acrylic paints. Lace, buttons, spools, corks, beads or other crafting items. If you don't have any, we gladly accept cash donations to help us buy supplies.

# April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 1pm-Hardanger-MPR	2 10:30 am-Alcoholics Anonymous-MPR
3 8 am-Traditional w/Comm.-S 9:15 am-Worship w/Comm.-C 9:15 am-Sunday School 9:15 am-Donut Hour-Youth Room 9:15 am-"Immersion"-Bethany Hall 10:30 am-Praise & Worship w/Comm.-S	4      6 pm-Girl Scouts-MPR 7pm-Narcotics Anonymous-MPR	5 8 am-Quilters-MPR 9:30 am-Staff Meeting-P  1:30 pm-Thorne Crest Communion-Grace 6:30 pm-Commissions-BH 6:30 pm-Healing Prayer Class-P 7 pm-Narcotics Anonymous-MPR 7:15 pm-Spirit Express Rehearsal 7:45 pm-Spirit Express Band and Singers Rehearsal	6 8 am-Prayer Group-PR 9 am-FLCW Board meeting-P 9:30 am-Bible Study-MPR 1 pm-Good Samaritan Communion-Salem 3 pm-Oak Park Place Communion -FLC 3:30 pm-Rays of Light Choir Rehearsal 4:15 pm-Sounds of Joy Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm-Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm-7th Gr. Sunday School 6:30 pm-Confirmation 6:30 pm-FLC Choir Rehearsal 8 pm-Eikon-Youth Room	7 9 am-BERC meetings-P & MPR  1 & 5:15 pm-Tops-Resource Room   6:30 pm-Chapel Service w/Comm. 7:00 p.m.-Al-Anon meeting-Parlor 7:00 p.m.-Al-Anon Kids-Nursery	8      Deadline for turning in Scholarships	9 7am-Men's Prayer Group-BH 8 am-Men's Prayer Breakfast-BH 10:30 am-Alcoholics Anonymous-MPR
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**BH**= Bethany Hall  
**C**= Chapel  
**CR**= Choir Room  
**GS**= Gathering Space  
**L**=Library  
**MC**= Mission Circle  
**MPR**=Multi-Purpose Room  
**P** =Parlor  
**PR**= Prayer Room  
**RR**=Resource Room  
**S**=Sanctuary  
**YR**=Youth Room  
 w/Comm.=with Holy Communion

May 2016						
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## MEMORIALS, HONORS & SPECIAL GIFTS

### **PEACE & POWER FUND**

#### **In Memory Of:**

**Lorraine Christensen** given by: Ray & Jeanne Hangge, Eleanor Nolt-ing, Jeff & Lori Stadheim, Paul & Jan Overgaard, Christopher & Debra Koenigs, Art & Donna Ludtke, David & Carol Wolter, Herbert & Karen Brand, James & Nancy Thompson, Don & Maryellen Johnson, Richard & Vonda Rocklin, Doris Sichko, Craig & Jan Hoium, Mitchell & Rebecca Hanson, Mary Keating, Michael & Debra Schuster, Wilma Turnbull, Lilah Aas, Helen Anderson, Gary & Ginny Thompson, Lorraine Bakken, Tom & Judy Mullen, Richard & Nancy Lund, Dee Bennett, Marlene Jensen, Laverne & Shirley Strand, Shirley A. Hansen, David & Elaine Syverson, John & Patricia Hareid, Tom & Sherri Andersen, Pamela Guyer, Margaret Savelkoul, Douglas & Jillian Peterson

**Lilah Slater** given by: Dorothy Farnham, Clarice Blesi

**Arlene Johnson - sister of Talora Grosland** given by: Larry & Lorraine Fjelstad

**Leroy Everhard** given by: Doris Groff

**Borgny Egge who passed away 24 years ago** given by: David & Linda Pederson

**Mylan Johnson** given by: Rolly Twito & Paddy Hoium

**Pat McCain & Grover King** given by: Family

**Eunice Anderson - mother of Mark Anderson** given by: Marlene Jensen, Marvyl Dahl

**Kay Thompson** given by: Rolly Twito & Paddy Hoium

**Iris Bell** given by: Rolly Twito & Paddy Hoium

**Irene Christensen** given by: Duane & Eunice Hatleli, Bonnie Schneider, Helen Lovik, Tom & Judy Mullen, Joy White, Ione Kelly, Ellen Harrison, Christopher & Debra Koenigs, Thomas Jacobson, Paul & Jan Overgaard, Bev Grotsun, Francis & Marilyn Johnson, Robert & Barb Rofshus, David & Jody Nechanicky, Virginia Hermanson, Donald & Joanne Johnsrud, Caroline Neale, Ted & Judy Hellie, Franklin Nolan, Jolene Dilleuth, Wayne & Beverly Indrelie, Elaine Johnson

**Carol Raben** given by: Millard & Phyllis Hamborg

**Richard "Dick" Langerud - brother of Kathy Bennett** given by: Francis & Marilyn Johnson, Dee Bennett

**Herb Neale** given by: Carlyle & Janet Engebretson

**Wesley Jellinger** given by: Carlyle & Janet Engebretson, Gladys Rowe

**James Richter** given by: Donald & Arlis Smith, Helen Lovik, Merriell Jahnke

**Gerald Steene** given by: Paul Sorum

**Carol Lundblad** given by: Hildy Vallevand, Joe & Marge LaFrance, Helen Lovik, Dave & Sue Olson, John & Karen Neale, Davis & Julie Gilbertson, Paulette Krenke

**My husband, Leslie, for his February birthday** given by: Dorothy Hendrickson

**Lorna South** given by: Helen Lovik

**Richard Moore** given by: Donna

Henrikson

**Florence Brzezinski** given by: Helen Lovik, Pauline Hall, Lowell & Pauline Millhouse

**Rose Gold** given by: Brian & Debra Blowers, J.R. & Wanda Dorman

**Mabel Johnson** given by: Larry & Janice Lestrud

#### **Gifts Given By:**

Dale Golbuff, Gilbert Gilbertson, Six Mile Grove Lutheran Church of Lyle, MN, First Lutheran Church Women of Albert Lea, MN, Thomas & Konstance Haas, Martha Tasker, Leroy & Garnet Folie, Lewis & Jeanette Gulbrandson Estate

### **RADIO FUND**

#### **In Memory Of:**

**Celebrating the life of Ramona "Susie" Sather** given by: Wayne & Jackie Sletten

**Danna Davis - mother of Dan Davis** given by: Larry & Julia Tonder

#### **In Honor Of:**

**Ruby Fredrickson for her 93rd birthday** given by: Ben & Phyllis Fredrickson, Mission Circle #31 of First Lutheran Church of Albert Lea, MN

#### **Gifts Given By:**

First Lutheran Church Women of Albert Lea, MN

### **STAINED GLASS FUND**

#### **In Memory Of:**

**Lorraine Christensen** given by: Hazel Senske

**Irene Christensen** given by: Steve & Sharon Overgaard

## MEMORIALS, HONORS & SPECIAL GIFTS (CONT.)

**Rick G. Jenson** given by: Richard & Nancy Jenson

**Gifts Given By:**  
Shirlie Brownlow

### **YOUTH CAMPERSHIPS FUND**

#### **Gifts Given By:**

First Lutheran Church Women of Albert Lea, MN

### **KIMBERLY (OLSON)**

### **GODDARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

#### **In Memory Of:**

**Lorraine Christensen** given by: Jon & Patricia Syverson

**Lorna South** given by: Carol Olson

**Duane Hausman** given by: Carol Olson

### **MUSIC FUND**

#### **In Memory Of:**

**Lorraine Christensen** given by: David & Michele Nelson, Peter & Roxanne McKay

### **HELPING FAMILIES FUND**

#### **Gifts Given By:**

First Lutheran Church Women of Albert Lea, MN, Mission Circle #21 of First Lutheran Church of Albert Lea, MN

### **YOUTH FUND**

#### **In Memory Of:**

**Irene Christensen** given by: Rodger & Karen Christenson

### **HAPPINESS IS A BLANKET FUND**

#### **In Memory Of:**

**Lorraine Christensen** given by: Betty Ruud, Shirlie Brownlow

**Richard "Dick" Langerud** given by: Millard & Phyllis Hamborg, Kathy Bennett, Audrey Christensen

**Irene Christensen** given by: Jerel & Julie Schewe, Larry & Bonnie Trampel, Betty Ruud, Larry & Julia Tonder, Kathy Bennett, Millard & Phyllis Hamborg, Monrad & Karen Mandsager, Steve & Sandra Nesse, Chuck & Diane Sailor, Audrey Christensen, Jane Reid, Donna Henrikson, Marge Moine

**Danna Davis - mother of Dan Davis** given by: Donna Henrikson

### **MATTHEW C. NESSE/RICHARD MOORE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

#### **In Memory Of:**

**Richard Moore - father of Judy Nesse** given by: Eric & Mary Sigmond, John Sheedy, Keno & Donna Knutson, Rol & Nancy Hoium, Susie Scheppmann, Steve & Sandi Nesse, Jane Reid, Mark & Morna Levison, Ron & Linda Killian, Cheryl Nelson, Wendell & Patti Nesse, Heather Olawski, Roger Jensen, John & Cathy Belcher, Louise Groe, Gareth & Alaina Hataye, Todd & Monty Thoms, Mona Wacholz, Gary & Barb Tangen & family, Streaters Union, Bill & Casey Hoium

### **INSTRUMENT REPAIR,**

### **REPLACE & PURCHASE FUND**

#### **In Memory Of:**

**Lorraine Christensen** given by: Anne Marie Harshbarger & family, Larry & Julia Tonder, Wayne & Carol Hedalen, Jane Reid, Gen Monte, Davis & Julie Gilbertson, Ellen Harrison, Dean & Kay Werner, Keith & Deloris Fligge, Richard & Sandra Murray, Stanley & Arvilla Johnson, John & Julie Labosky, Peter & Terisa Van Erkel, Jerry & Marilyn Chafee, Michael & Mary Jo Matthies, John Peterson, Mona Lund

**Clayton Hatleli** given by: Helen Allen

**Vernon Classon** given by: Kathy Carter

### **YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUND**

#### **In Memory Of:**

**Arlene Larson - sister of Hazel Senske**

### **EVELYN STADHEIM SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

#### **In Memory Of:**

**Lorraine Christensen** given by: Arnold Stadheim, Steve & Beth Ordalen, Steve & Theresa Stadheim, Mark & Terri Stadheim, Dave & Paula Knutson, Jeff & Lori Stadheim

### **IMMERSION (Adult Bible Study) FUND**

#### **In Honor Of:**

**Fritz & Cheryl Moran for their 50th wedding anniversary** given by: Bev McMullin

### **PRAYER SHAWL FUND**

#### **In Memory of:**

**My dad, Arnie Maiden and my uncle Al Maiden, for their April 28th birthdays** given by: Jane Maiden

### **CHOIR ROBE FUND**

#### **In Memory Of:**

**Lorraine Christensen** given by: Wayne & Jackie Sletten

**Don't see your gift?** Any gifts recorded by the church office after March 16 will appear in the next issue of the Messenger. Any questions or concerns, please call the church

# MISCELLANEOUS FLC INFORMATION

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 Office Hours—Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Friday 4:50 p.m.)

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Sunday: 7:00 am–12:00 noon; Monday–Thursday: 7:00 am–9:00 pm  
 Friday: 8:00 am – 4:50 pm; Saturday: 8:00 – 11:50 am  
 Other times by appointment or as meetings/events are scheduled



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## PERSONAL VISITATION BY THE PASTORS

To support people at the time of illness or injury we pastors do make personal visits in the hospital, homes or Care Centers. We occasionally check local hospital lists, but sometimes names do not show up on the list. So, please, call, if you want us to know. Do not hesitate to call the church [373-6424], if you have not seen a pastor and would like to request a visit. We try to be available in emergencies. 'After hours' the church phone system will automatically put your call through to the pastor 'on call' by keying in #3. We ask permission before we include a name on our printed prayer list. Please let us know if you want to be on the list or be visited.

**N**eed a ride to church?



We are using the Albert Lea Taxi Service. Those who need a ride to church can call 383-3341 to schedule a ride to the service of their choice 8:00, 9:15 or 10:30 am on Sundays, or Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm. Just let the driver know to bill FLC.

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## PRAYERS & PRAYER LISTS

### Our Continued Prayers are requested for healing and wholeness for:

Helen B. Allen, Joy Bryson, Mary Ann Christian, Pembie Erickson, Kenneth Flatness, Patrick George, Breckyn Heinemann, Sister Margaret Hoffman, Karen Houge, Carol Kuennen, Raymond Mai, Fred (Fritz) Moran, Elaine Panzer, Elaine Peterson, Christian Reichl, Bob Steele, Betty Stolaas, Irene Thompson, Nick VonOhlen and...safety for people serving in the Armed Forces, and their families.



When you need prayer...Call the prayer chain coordinators, Jo Hanson 763-257-9018 or Julia Tonder 373-9594

All prayer requests are handled confidentially.



# MUSICAL NOTES

It appears to be Spring here in Minnesota! The weather gets better and better. Fountain Lake is a lake again! Spring energy is running high! ENERGY! RENEWED LIFE! We prayed through Lent for God to give us renewed ENERGY. We prayed for a re-energized spirit within ourselves. New energy--new focus--getting the juices flowing for creativity!!!--All these things will help us get out there and be engaged in doing God's work in our church and our community. We just celebrated Easter. Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed! ALLELUIA!!! "And God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power." Act 2:24 May this Season of Easter give us hope, understanding, and assurance that there is no death in Jesus Christ. Only life comes from Jesus. Eternal life comes through the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ! Alleluia!



RAYS OF LIGHT CHILDREN'S CHOIR (K-3rd Grade)--Meet on Wednesdays through May from 3:30 to 4:15 pm--snacks are provided. RAYS OF LIGHT will resume Wednesday, April 6, after our short Easter Break! The "Rays" will sing at the 8 am service of First Communion April 17. SOUNDS OF JOY CHILDREN'S CHOIR (4th grade through 8th grade) meet on Wednesdays through May from 4:15 -5:15 pm-Snacks are provided. SOUNDS OF JOY will resume on Wednesday, April 6 after our short Easter Break!! THE "SOUNDS" will sing at the 8 am service of First Communion on April 17.

\*\*\*\*If your child (Children) need transportation to choir, please call Tim O'Shields at the church for details on bus connections through Southwest Middle School. We do not want any children kept from participating due to transportation issues! We will work them out the best way possible! Bus 343 departs Southwest Middle School and makes a drop to 301 W. Clark Street for Choir children every Wednesday afternoon.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH CHOIR Meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm Through May--join us for the rest of this season before we take the summer off for vacation!!! ALL ARE WELCOME!!! YOU WILL HAVE A GREAT TIME!!!

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH HAND BELL CHOIR meets on Wednesdays from 5:30 -6:25 PM. We practice every Wednesday and play in the 8 am service once a month. We ALWAYS NEED more ringers!

The Spirit Express meets on Tuesdays at 7:15 PM for singers and the band joins at 7:45 PM. We sing at the 10:30 AM service each week!

Applications are still being accepted for The 2016 First Lutheran Church Choral Scholars.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for these upcoming events at First Lutheran Church: ANNOUNCING THE 2016 FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH-JESSICA LOKKEN SUMMER SCHOOL FOR MUSIC AND ART. This year's school will run from Monday, June 13th through Thursday, June 23rd. We will start each morning at 9 am and run until 3 pm each day. Morning and afternoon snacks will be provided and a balanced lunch will be served each day. THERE IS NO COST TO PARTICPATE IN THE SCHOOL! Please reserve spots for your child/children now. The reservation deadline is May 31st. Applications for the school are available at the Music Kiosk in the First Lutheran Church Gathering Space or in the Church Office. All Children and Youth from ages 5 through High School are invited and welcomed to attend. THE SCHOOL IS OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITY. You do not have to be a member of First Lutheran Church to attend. The Commencement Concert and Art Show will be held on the evening of Thursday, June 23rd. A Grand Reception will be held on that evening!

ANNUAL RIB DINNER TO SUPPORT THE FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH-JESSICA LOKKEN SUMMER SCHOOL FOR MUSIC AND ART will be held in later April or early May. Please check with the Church Office or the Website for the exact date! Thanks for all your prayerful support and unending kind words! Peace Tim.

# WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday 8:00 am Traditional worship\*

9:15 am Worship service in the Chapel\*

10:30 am Praise & Worship\*

(led by *Spirit Express*)

Thursday: 6:30 pm—Worship service in the Chapel\*

\* Holy Communion:

First & Third Sundays at the worship services

First Thursday at the 6:30 pm service



## Weekly Sunday School Schedule

9:15 am — Sunday School (4 yrs through 6th grade)

9:15 am — “The Donut Hour” (grades 7-12)

9:15 am — *Immersion* for adults in Bethany Hall

7th grade meets Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm



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(11:00 a.m. -KATE RADIO AM 1450

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