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Pastor's Message

It must have been overwhelming to be a disciple of Jesus after his resurrection. The entrance into Jerusalem before Passover was full of joy! A week in the temple changed the tone and the tempo. Jesus seemed to get into arguments with some dangerous people.

The night before Passover, Jesus gathered his disciples in an upper room and spoke of bread and wine as his body, his blood. How could the disciples wrap their heads around that! Later that night after a long and tiring week, Jesus went to the garden to pray when suddenly one of their own, Judas, appeared with an army. They came for Jesus and took him away. The disciples feared for their lives, and feared for their teacher.

Word came to them as they huddled together that Jesus had been taken before Pilate. They knew it was bad and their emotions which began the week with such joy now switched to fear and foreboding. What would become of Jesus now? What should they do? Was Jesus really who he said he was, the Son of God?

After a long sleepless night, they learned Jesus was to be crucified. The disciples fear and foreboding were replaced with dread and horror.

After observing the Sabbath, the women among them had gone to anoint Jesus' body. But soon they returned in a fuss and a flurry. Jesus was not there! What? How could that be? The disciples of Jesus were overwhelmed with emotion. Feelings of fear, possible joy, disbelief, at the events which were taking place.

How often have we been in similar situations, where the events of our lives have drastically changed within a few days. What we thought we could count on has radically taken a turn. A relationship, a vocation, our health, our friend's health.....within a blink of an eye, completely changed.

Such were the emotions of Jesus' disciples. And when they encountered Jesus after his resurrection, who in their right mind wouldn't wonder at this strange and unbelievable turn of events! Jesus is risen?!

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Sunday, May 8, Mother's Day and Piano Dedication

Our organist, Yvonne Hazlette, has gifted First Lutheran with a keyboard. This gift was first used at the 150th celebration dinner. This electric keyboard is a Kawai piano which has a variety of options and best of all is on wheels, so we can move it where we need it most!

On Sunday, May 8, we will dedicate the new keyboard to God's glory as we give thanks for another way we can make music together. Thank you, Yvonne!

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When we are caught up in the drama of our daily lives, sometimes, we find it hard to take a deep breath. When Jesus enters and says, "peace be with you!", it sounds surreal. And yet, that is exactly what the Easter season encounters with the risen Christ are all about. When Jesus enters our lives, well, it changes everything!

As we gather for worship during the Easter season, come expecting to be surprised. Come to listen, learn and respond to God's son as he makes breakfast on the beach, teaches the characteristics of being a good shepherd, encourages his flock and makes us rethink everything we thought we could count on!

It is overwhelming when you think about it....that the God who loves us, would send his own beloved Son to die for us, so that we might live an abundant life! Overwhelming joy!

Pastor Kristine

Easter Season: A week of weeks

Easter is a rich season. Throughout the season of Easter, we will hear of Jesus coming among the disciples and promising peace.

Jesus also comes and eats with us. Many of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances are at meal time. It is in these meals that his followers recognize him. As we celebrate holy communion during the Easter season we share in Jesus' meal, whether breakfast on the beach or as Jesus' lambs finding green pastures.

Jesus, in his choice of stories, parables and disciples, always surprises us, opens our eyes and our minds to the "new thing" that God is doing, for and with God's people.

In our everyday lives, God is doing a new thing, can you not perceive it? The rain has finally come to water the earth, the grass is greening, the shrubs are sprouting green, the flower buds are expanding in earth's dark tomb, preparing to burst forth with joy. Here is new life: here is resurrection life. The resurrection of Jesus is happening all around us, may we open our hearts and minds to see it, to hear it, to recognize it, and share it with others.

On **Sunday, May 15th** we will honor our High School seniors who are graduating this year. Join us for worship where the seniors will serve as our worship leaders. Following worship, join them in Fellowship Hall for a reception honoring their accomplishments! Congratulations Jami, Shae, Jacob, Isaiah and August. We are proud of you!

Death

I am the resurrection and the life

Joan Elizabeth Paulsrud

April 1, 2022

Baptism

You belong to Christ

Thomas John Keller

April 24, 2022



High School Senior Recognition

You have called me by name

Jami Denne, Shae Downing, Jacob

Hagan, Isaiah Olson, August

Schenzel

Western Iowa Synod Assembly April 20-23, 2022

Member Pastor Joy Gonnerman elected as rostered leader to synod council. Pastor Kristine elected as delegate to Church wide Assembly in August 2022 in Columbus, OH.

FLC Finance Update



Needed weekly per budget is \$5,442.31/ for the month of April \$21,769.24. April income is \$25,717.50.

ADULT EDUCATION: Lectio Divina

We continue to gather on **Thursday afternoons at 1 pm**, to study scripture together utilizing Lectio Divina. *Lectio Divina* is a traditional practice of reading scripture which includes reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation. We will study a different passage from the Bible each week. So far, we have had lively discussions and raise more questions than we answer. There is no prior reading, you can join any week, consider joining us this month, the coffee pot is on!

First Lutheran Church Council Report, April 19, 2022

President:	Alison Hertenstein	Vice President:	Mark Viksten
Secretary:	Enola Peters	Treasurer:	Lori McClaren
Operations:	Larry LeClair	Hospitality & Fellowship:	Bev Rosenkrans
Membership & Growth:	Mike VanBeest		Pastor Kristine

The Council of First Lutheran Church met **Tuesday, April 19, 2022**. The highlights of the meeting were as follows:

- ◆ The Council is reading the book A Place of Encounter and summarizing and discussing the topics one chapter at a time.
- ◆ The Council needs to recruit a few volunteers to serve on a Financial Committee/ Task Force to evaluate our business practices in the hopes of becoming more efficient and up to date. Volunteers will be asked for at the upcoming Communication meeting on Sunday.
- ◆ At the upcoming Synod Assembly, attendees will be performing some clean up tasks around our facility following their lunch on Saturday.
- ◆ The 150th Anniversary Celebration was a great success! Attendance at the banquet was 128 persons. The Task Force for the 150th will be meeting on Sunday to further review the celebration.
- ◆ In honor of our 150th Anniversary, we will be bestowing some kind of a gift, such as artwork, financial contributions, plants and trees, or possibly improved signage. This will be discussed at the Communication meeting and by the Task Force.
- ◆ A staff preference and analysis will be started by the Executive Committee.
- ◆ We plan to install new members on June 5.
- ◆ The new lighting in the sanctuary is being met with great reviews.
- ◆ Some rearranging of the panels in the large stained glass window on the South end of the church needs to be done. This will be followed up in the next few weeks.
- ◆ We hope to reinstate coffee hours soon. Volunteers will need to be recruited. If you are interested in serving, please contact the office or Bev Rosenkrans.
- ◆ We will start exploring an improvement in our sound system.



May 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:15 Choir in CR 10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/ Radio w/Holy Communion	2 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed 7:00 Scouts in FH	3 10:00 Text Study	4 9-11:30 Food Pantry 1:00 WELCA in FR 5:45 - 7:00 FFC (Faithful Family Confirmation) in FH/CR	5 1:00 Bible Study in FR	6 9:00 Quilters in FH 7:00 AA in FH	7
8 9:15 Choir in CR 10:00 Worship/ Piano Dedication - In Person/FB Live/Radio w/Holy Communion	9 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed 7:00 Scouts in FH	10 10:00 Text Study 6:30 Exec in FR	11 9-11:30 Food Pantry 5:45 - 7:00 FFC (Faithful Family Confirmation) in FH/CR	12 1:00 Bible Study in FR 1:00 VBS Prep in FH	13 9:00 Quilters in FH 7:00 AA in FH	14
15 10:00 Worship - In Person - Senior Recognition/FB Live/Radio w/Holy Communion	16 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed 6:30 Mary Circle 7:00 Scouts in FH	17 10:00 Text Study 6:30 Council in FR	18 9-11:30 Food Pantry	19 12:30 Rachel Circle 1:00 Bible Study in FR	20 9:00 Quilters in FH 7:00 AA in FH	21
22 10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/ Radio w/Holy Communion After Worship - New Member Mtg. in FR 6:00 Youth at Buffalo Wild Wings	23 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed Contact Deadline 7:00 Scouts in FH	24 10:00 Text Study	25 9-11:30 Food Pantry	26 1:00 Bible Study in FR	27 9:00 Quilters in FH 7:00 AA in FH	28 3:00 - 6:00 Hagan Family in FH
29 10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/ Radio w/Holy Communion 11:00 - 6:00 Denne Family in FH	30 Memorial Holiday Office Closed 	31 10:00 Text Study			Key CR = Community Rm FH = Fellowship Hall FR = Fireside Room SS = Sunday School Room YR = Youth Room	

ASSISTING ON SUNDAY MORNING

	May 8 Mother's Day	May 15 Senior Recognition	May 22	May 29	June 5 Pentecost
Assisting Minister	Dan Moore	High School Seniors	Bruce Miller	Janet Gross	Alison Hertenstein
Sacristan	David Gross	Julie Thiele	Chris Taylor	Ian Hertenstein	David Gross
Crucifer/Book	Ian Hertenstein Judah Henderson	Seniors	Ian Hertenstein Ethan Walz	Andrew Hagan Zach Hagan	Ian Hertenstein Ellie Hertenstein
Reader	Bruce Miller	Seniors	Kaia Downing	Enola Peters	Dan Moore
Communion Minister	Ann Doellinger	Seniors	August Schenzel	Stacy and Wyatt Hagan	Jim Lippke
Hosts/Greeters	Jay and August Schenzel Bev Rosenkrans	Jay Schenzel Seniors	Jay and August Schenzel Richard Storm Stan Navrude	Jay and August Schenzel	Mike VanBeest Mark Viksten Larry LeClair

FAITH FORMATION CONFIRMATION

Our Wednesday evening programming for confirmands only will resume on **Wednesday, April 27, 5:45 – 7:00 pm**. We will gather in the Fireside Room as we study Martin Luther and the Small Catechism. Our focus will be on the ten commandments, God, ourselves and our neighbors.



THANK YOU

The Western Iowa Synod Assembly was held the week of April 18th. Two service projects, Care Packages for the Homebound and Earth Day yard cleanup, were sponsored by First Lutheran. Thirty delegates from the synod were fed lunch before beginning their service work. Many thanks to all who participated, assisted and helped make this synod event possible.

The First Lutheran Youth, grades 6 and up are invited to Buffalo Wild Wings on **Sunday, May 22 at 6:00** to celebrate the end of the school year and honor our graduating seniors. Please let Jenny Denne (712-251-3069) know if you will be attending so we have a total.

Western Iowa Synod Youth Gathering information:
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HELPING IN THE HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 Janet Gross & Shae Downing preparing bags for Wednesday distribution.

May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25	June 1
LaVonne Lundgren Dorothy Goettsch	Sue Mullin Nadine Holst	Chris Taylor Ann Doellinger	Candy Johnson Dorothy Goettsch	Dorothy Chauncey Nadine Holst



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The 150th Anniversary Task Force would like to say "Thank You" to members of First Lutheran for celebrating with us on April 9 and 10th for our congregation's 150th Anniversary! We were pleased to have so many join us at the Saturday evening banquet as well as the Sunday worship service and the coffee reception. Many

thanks to all who participated and contributed in many ways to make it a success and memorable event. With that said, we would like to "keep the party going" and celebrate for a little while longer. We will keep the historical displays up in various areas of the church through the month of May and plan to display the sanctuary banners during the summer months, telling the story of our church through colorful chronological pictures on felt. Please take time to view these historical items in fellowship hall, the Heritage room off of the elevator on the lower level, and in the hallway near the fireside room. Also, if you took pictures at the anniversary banquet or on Sunday, please send them in to the church so they can be posted on our church's Facebook page, for all to enjoy. Soli Deo Gloria!

Looking for volunteers to serve on an ad hoc Financial Committee

- This purpose of the committee is to provide financial guidance
- Member should have some financial expertise
- Banking expertise would be very helpful
- Members on the committee would be expected to assist with financial analysis, banking advice and make recommendations regarding financial resources

If interested in serving, please call the church office: 239-3942.