



Moment of Contact

First Lutheran Church
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March 2023

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The season of Lent is full of paradox. We have images of contrast, light and darkness, desert and water, life and death. Our gospel stories this month are rich and deep. John's gospel shows who God is and what the life of faith has at its heart.

Lent is a season of preparation which often takes on a quiet, introspective quality. On Ash Wednesday we began the season with self-examination. Through simplicity and repetition, Lent allows us to find balance between fast and slow, softer and louder, silence and communal song.

And on Wednesday nights our mid-week Lenten worship will

explore our salvation history, along the way we will discover God's desire to be in relationship with all of God's people. We will explore faith questions and reflect on what sort of God we worship? What challenges will I face in my life as a baptized child of God?

With so much change in our lives, the constant gradual transition or the blink of an eye, we long for the expected and familiar. With all the unknowns, in the midst of uncertainty, let us gather as people of God who worship a God who is steadfast in the midst of the paradoxes of our lives.

Pastor Kristine

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COUNCIL RETREAT ACTIONS

The congregation council met to begin their work together during the council retreat. We give thanks for this group of members who will serve as our leaders this year. Congregation Council members for 2023 include: Vanessa Bremer, David Gross, Pete Hawkinson, Alison Hertenstein, Tammy Mahaney, Mike VanBeest, Mark Viksten and Pastor Kristine.

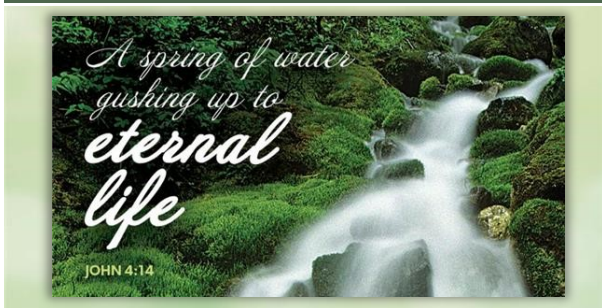
The council will focus on three major areas of faith life including a vision for our future, assessing and determining the priorities of our building, and engaging and inviting all ages to participate in a variety of opportunities for fellowship.

As the congregation council meets each month they will communicate what they are doing and how you can participate. Stay tuned for more information and when invited, join in the ongoing ministry of this congregation!



MARCH 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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1
 9-11:30 Food
 Pantry
 6:00 Choir
 7:00 Mid-week
 Lenten
 Worship

2
 7-9:00 Pickleball
 Gym

3
 9:00 Quilters
 FH
 7:00 AA FH

4
 9-11 Pickle
 ball
 Gym
 11:00 Funeral
 for Alex
 Reinhardt

5
 10:00 Worship/
 SS/In-Person/FB
 Live/Radio w/
 Holy Communion
After Worship—
 Adult Forum:
 Racism
 Fellowship FR
 2-7:00 Scouts Gym

6
 Pastor's Day Off
 Office Closed
 5-6:30 Rising
 Stars
 Gym
 7:00 Scouts FH

7
 10:00 Text Study
 5-6:30 Rising
 Stars
 Gym
 7-9:00 Pickleball
 Gym

8
 9-11:30 Food
 Pantry
 6:00 Choir
 7:00 Mid-week
 Lenten
 Worship

9
 7-9:00 Pickleball
 Gym

10
 9:00 Quilters
 FH
 7:00 AA FH

11
 9-11:00 Pickle
 ball
 Gym

12
 10:00 Worship/
 SS/In-Person/FB
 Live/Radio w/
 Holy Communion
After Worship—
 Fellowship FR

13
 Pastor's Day Off
 Office Closed
 5-6:30 Rising
 Stars
 Gym
 6-8:00 Dorothy
 Goettsch
 FR
 7:00 Scouts FH

14
 10:00 Text Study
 5-6:30 Rising
 Stars
 Gym
 7-9:00 Pickleball
 Gym

15
 9-11:30 Food
 Pantry
 12:30 Rachel
 Circle
 6:00 Choir
 7:00 Mid-week
 Lenten
 Worship

16
 7-9:00 Pickleball
 Gym

17
 9:00 Quilters
 FH
 7:00 AA FH

18
 9-11:00 Pickle
 ball
 Gym

19
 10:00 Worship/
 SS/In-Person/FB
 Live/Radio w/
 Holy Communion
After Worship—
 Fellowship FR

20
 Pastor's Day Off
 Office Closed
 5-6:30 Rising
 Stars
 Gym
 7:00 Scouts FH

21
 10:00 Text Study
 5-6:30 Rising
 Stars
 Gym
 6:30 Council
 Meeting FR
 7-9:00 Pickleball
 Gym

22
 9-11:30 Food
 Pantry
 6:00 Choir
 7:00 Mid-week
 Lenten
 Worship
**Deadline for
 Newsletter
 submissions**

23
 7-9:00 Pickleball
 Gym

24
 9:00 Quilters
 FH
 7:00 AA FH

25
 9-11:00 Pickle
 ball
 Gym

26
 10:00 Worship/
 SS/In-Person/FB
 Live/Radio w/
 Holy Communion
After Worship—
 Fellowship FR

27
 Pastor's Day Off
 Office Closed
 5-6:30 Rising
 Stars
 Gym
 7:00 Scouts FH

28
 10:00 Text Study
 5-6:30 Rising
 Stars
 Gym
 7-9:00 Pickleball
 Gym

29
 9-11:30 Food
 Pantry
 6:00 Choir
 7:00 Mid-week
 Lenten
 Worship

30
 7-9:00 Pickleball
 Gym

31
 9:00 Quilters
 FH
 7:00 AA FH

Key
 CR = Community Rm
 FH = Fellowship Hall
 FR = Fireside Room
 SS = Sunday School
 Room
 YR = Youth Room

Worship Leadership Calendar

LENT 2023	MARCH 5 <i>Nicodemus</i> Rev. Joy presider	MARCH 12 <i>Woman at the Well</i>	MARCH 19 <i>Man born blind</i>	MARCH 26 <i>Lazarus</i>
ASSISTING MINISTER	Janet Gross	Alison Hertenstein	Dan Moore	Bruce Miller
SACRISTAN	Kaia Downing	Ian Hertenstein	Julie Thiele Jenny Denne	David Gross
READER	Kaia Downing	Vanessa Bremer	Bruce Miller	Jim Lippke
CRUCIFER	Ian Hertenstein	Zach Hagan	Logan Hebert	Ethan Walz
COMMUNION MINISTER	David Gross, Evie Hertenstein, Sheila & Tim Geary	Ian & Evie Hertenstein, Stacy & Wyatt Hagan	Lori McClaren, Evie Hertenstein, Jenny Denne, Jacob Simons	Kaia Downing, Evie Hertenstein, Mike VanBeest
USHERS/GREETERS	Jay Schenzel, Chris Taylor, Denise Powell	Gary Troth, Bruce Miller, Dorothy Goettsch	Mike Mahaney, David & Emma Gross	Mike VanBeest, Mary McCoy, Bev Rosenkrans
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST	Lori McClaren	Nadine Holtz, Dee Bertram	Vanessa Bremer	Julie & Brian Thiele

Life Passages

I am the resurrection and the life

Alex Kadin Reinhardt

February 25, 2023





2023 radio and livestream sponsor signup lists are in the narthex.

HELPING IN THE HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28 Janet Gross & Nissa Downing preparing bags for Wednesday distribution.

March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Sue Bowers Nadine Holt	Mary McCoy Chris Taylor	Candy Johnson Ann Doellinger	Sue Mullin Nadine Holst	Dorothy Goettsch Becki McGlaufflin



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Easter Lilies

We will be ordering Easter lilies once again for the church. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex for anyone who would like to purchase lilies and if they wish to have it made in honor or memory of a loved one. The purchase price of the lilies will be \$12.00 each and will arrive on Friday, April 7th. Please make checks payable to: First Lutheran Church.