

April 2022

Called – Gathered – Sent – Gratitude

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. 1 Corinthians 12



God calls us in the waters of our baptism, gathers us for worship and sends out to serve in so many ways with so many gifts. We are empowered by God in the world.

During this month of walking through the streets of Jerusalem, praying in the garden, to the cross and the empty tomb we are with God. Thank you with gratitude for all the ways you walk with God. I desire to celebrate Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday with you.

We have been so separated these last two years. If it isn't a pandemic, it is a war and so many other kinds of loss and grief.

So, I desire to acknowledge the gifts of the spirit that are within you. Gifts of generosity, service, healing, hospitality, faith and so much more.

This month, I celebrate twenty-five years of ordination as a minister of Christ. You were the people who welcomed me into a call to be your associate in ministry, your intern, and your pastor over more than the past twenty-five years. However, twenty-five years ago you welcomed me to be ordained here at First Lutheran Church. You offered so many gifts that day from worship to hospitality and everything in between.

Together we are called, and I am grateful. Keep using your gifts they make a difference in God's world today. A tremendous joy is found in re-connecting and simply remembering our giftedness as the body. Yes, we are the Body of Christ! Especially as we remember Christ is Risen!!! Alleluia.

Pastor Julie

On Tuesday, April 19th we have an opportunity to have a stewardship conversation with Pastor Emily Carson at 6:00 pm. If you are interested in joining the conversation, please contact Jim Fountaine.

The conversation will be on Zoom.

Sunday, April 3rd — Kenyon Area Internship Committee Fundraiser

All are invited to this Annual Fundraising event to be held at HOLDEN Lutheran Church. Free-Will Donations – Soup Served 11 am to 1:00 pm – Vote for Best Soup – Cake/Pie Auction at 12:30 – Gift Drawing. Volunteers are Needed: one person to help serve soup that day; and any volunteers to help with Set Up, & Clean Up. Volunteers may call Cindy Lewis @ 507-330-1644.

Sunday, April 10th at 10 AM – Spring Celebration Brunch – Sponsored by First Lutheran Women. You are invited to come share in a time of joyous fellowship.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

April 10th - Passion/Palm Sunday - 9 a.m. – Poured out (oil, water, wine, blood, tears, light). We begin with the waving of our palms as Jesus enters Jerusalem.

April 14th - Maundy Thursday - 6:30 p.m. – We gather to pray and eat with Jesus. Fifth Graders to receive their first communion are: *Henry Buchal - Quinnly Hanson - Mali Quam*

April 15th - Good Friday - ‘Prayers around the Cross’ – available online all day on our website and Facebook page.

April 15th - Good Friday Community Service - 7 p.m. – at Vang Lutheran
Come stand at the foot of the cross together. All are welcome.

April 17th Easter Day Celebration

Sunday, April 17th at 9:00 am. *Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! ALLELUIA!*

Saturday, April 23 — Cannon River Conference WELCA Spring Gathering

First Lutheran Church is hosting the Cannon River Conference Spring Gathering
8-9 a.m. Check-in, Coffee, and Display tables - 9 a.m. Program - 11:30 Lunch

We have planned the morning to be informative, enlightening and inspiring. Carmen Nesseth has been our WELCA Conference Convener since 2018. We encourage women from our congregation to attend. We look forward to meeting new people and renewing old friendships. Please pre-register. Registration forms can be picked up at church.

Celebration of Life for Donna Berge’s son Raymond – April 30th from 2-6 PM at the Elks in Faribault - Simple prayer service at 3:30.

Kenyon - Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is available to anyone age 60 and over who are wanting a prepared hot, nutritious meal on a regular basis. Meals are available Sunday through Friday, including holidays. The meals are prepared at Kenyon Senior Living and volunteers deliver them right to your home. Delivery is available to anyone living in Kenyon city limits. The cost per meal is \$7.25. Volunteers provide you with a meal card to use as payment for your meals. Each meal card contains 12 meals, totaling a cost of \$87.00. You pick which days you would like to receive meals and can change it at any time. Meals are typically delivered between 11:15 and 12:15. If you are interested in hearing more about the program, please contact Barb St. John at 507-789-5553.

FLCW Memos

<> If you received a Funeral/ Special Event Mailing – Please Return the Post Card ASAP. Thank you.

<> SOLE HOPE – there is continued need for good/used Denim Jeans.

FIRST EV LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL AGENDA

MARCH 16, 2022 @ 7:45 PM

Present: Reganne Androli, Carmen Nesseth, Tammy Fletcher, Jill Paulson, Cora Lee Monroe, Brad Nesseth, Sarah Van Epps, Jim Fountaine, Dave Kolsrud, Julie Rogness, Chris Cordes

Welcome & Call to Order: Carmen

Devotions: Bradley -John 14:27

Adopt Agenda: Tammy/Jim - Motion & Second as corrected.

Secretary's Report:

Treasurer's Report: Checking Balance \$ 3,141.53 Memorial Balance \$ 525.00

Pastor's Report: Worship—4 Sunday Morning plus livestreaming, 4 Wednesday Evening (now Lenten Services). 1 Baptism. Meetings, phone calls and in person visits. Weekly meetings with Annette. Hosted the Cannon River Conference Meeting (thanks to Cora Lee, Jill, Jim, Dan, and Carmen). Mentoring a seminary student. Peer support to a couple of women in seminary. Confirmation—attending Lenten worship and meeting with Mentors. 2 pre-marital meetings. KARE help. Working with three 5th grade First Communion students.

Looking Forward: Madelyn Lothert baptism, KAI Soup Fundraiser at Holden on April 3rd for Internship Committee, Holy Week and Easter, Gratitude for 25 years of Ordination as a Pastor – Thanks to all of you!

Continuing & New Business: Continuing and New Business: Mark your calendars: Sunday, March 20 @ Trinity in Owatonna, MN-Council as Leaders. Sunday, April 3: KAIC Soup Cook Off at Holden Church. Sunday, April 10: Spring Celebration Brunch, 10 to Noon at FLC- Palm Sunday. Maundy Thurs., April 14: 6:30 worship, 5th grade first communion at FLC. Friday, April 15: Good Friday Community Worship at 7 p.m. Easter Sunday, April 17 worship at 9a.m. Sat., April 23: 8-Noon, Cannon River Conference WELCA at FLC. Saturday, May 7: Synod Assembly in Mankato, Sunday, May 8 Senior Recognition.

Committee Reports:

FLCW – Making soups for cook off, putting out treats for Lent, making brunch. Kitchen service recently sent out a letter and postcard to recruit volunteers esp. men, to help with funerals and special events. We need volunteers for the Spring Celebration Brunch.

Youth Co-Reps – Nothing much going on. Spring sports has started. Prom is April 30th.

Worship/Evangelism – Met 3/1/22: via Zoom Members present (via Zoom): Pastor Julie Rogness, Tammy Fletcher, Shari Quam, Tammy Fletcher, Brenda Angelstad, Amy Lee, and Sherry Sathrum. Tammy Fletcher “volunteered” to be chairperson. Devotions by Sherry. Agenda items:

1. Lenten communion: Pastor Julie requests help with communion for Wednesday Lenten services. Tammy volunteered for 3/2 and Amy for later in month. Gol and First Lutheran will alternate treats after service.
2. Update of funeral service documents: Updated funeral service guidelines clarifying guidelines when a funeral home is not involved. Family is responsible to pay fees to First Lutheran and coordinate music with First Lutheran pastor and music staff. A \$100 Facility fee charged to non-members. There will be no live streaming available. Tammy will send document out to review and bring to council once approved. Additional items: discussed donations are down and possibly using Venmo as an option. Next meeting: April 5 at 7:15 Respectfully submitted, Sherry Sathrum.

Property and Management - Chris proposed going ahead with repair/replace the mini-split. All are in favor pending a consult.

Stewardship - Met Thursday, March 10th, @ 6:30 pm. Jim Fountaine, Dave Kolsrud, Sue Wold.

1. The 30-minute Stewardship consultation with Rev. Emily Carson is being scheduled for April 19, 2022.
2. There is a KW Community Film Recycling program collection box at First Lutheran. A box will be in the narthex Sunday mornings.
3. The Committee encourages support of ELCA World Relief for Ukraine.
4. Continuing First Lutheran support for Habitat for Humanity.
5. Continuing discussion on financial donation to 40 Together - sponsored by the ELCA.

6. First Lutheran will invite the Bencke family, (our ELCA missionaries in Japan) to speak at First Lutheran on a Wednesday in August. The event may include pot-luck meal.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 pm.

Youth and Education - Youth Director Meeting 2/14. Sarah Hildebrandt & Sarah VanEpps.

Recap:

1. National Youth Gathering kids served coffee during annual meeting on 1/30.
2. ELCA canceled the 2022 National Youth Gathering in Mpls due to COVID. Refunds issued. Next gathering is 2024.

Upcoming events:

1. Sledding at Steeplechase in March (Sunday 3/6 at 2 PM) and Bowling March 27
2. Service Project
March 20 Scavenger Hunt, April 10 Fairy Gardens, Ditch Clean up sometime in June.
We canceled FMSC in December, unable to reschedule (FMSC has no weekend openings until at least May). Brainstormed other ideas, but no concrete plans yet.

Sunday School Update

1. Influencer curriculum completed on 2/13
2. Next 2 Sundays watching the movie Wonder.
3. Learning the Lord's Prayer has gone well.

Next Ed You Committee Meeting: Thursday 4/07 at 6:30 PM

1. Two new members
2. Sunday School for the rest of the year
3. Plan upcoming events

Council Meeting 3/16 at 7:45 PM- Sarah V.

Long Range Planning/Endowment/Personnel/Committee/KAIC – no report

Next Meeting: April 20, 2022, at 6:45 pm

Devotions: Julie Rogness

Adjournment: Motion/Jim, Second/Chris

Closing with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Paulson, Secretary

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3 Lent 5 9 Worship 10 Sun Sch. 11-1 KAIC SOUP COOKOFF Holden 7 AA	4	5 7:15 Worship/ Evangelism	6 6:30 Lent Worship 7:15 Confirmads & Mentors	7 6:30 Ed-Youth 7 AA	8	9
10 Palm Sun 9 Worship 10 Intergeneration Sun.Sch.Resurrection Gardens 10 –12 Spring Celebration Brunch 7 AA	11 1:30 Literary Guild	12	13	14 M Thursday 1 LOVE DAY 6:30 Scouts/Den 6:30 WORSHIP & 5th Grade 1st Communion 7 AA	15 Good Friday 7 pm Community Good Fri Worship @ Vang	16
17 Easter Day 9 Worship NO Sun.Sch. 7 AA	18	19 6 Steward- Ship: Con- versation w/ Emily Carson on Zoom	20 6:00 Worship 6:30 Confir- mation 7:45 Council	21 6:30 Scouts/ Pack-Reghatta 7 AA	22	23 8 – Noon WELCA Cannon River Conference
24 Easter 2 9 Worship 10 Sun Sch. 7 AA	25 10-12 Stockettes	26 7 KAIC	27 6:00 Worship 6:30 Confir- mation	28 1 LOVE DAY 7 AA	29	30

★ Regular Time

*By His power God raised the Lord from the dead
and He will raise us also. 1 Corinthians 6:14*



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April Newsletter



LET THE SAME MIND BE IN YOU THAT WAS IN CHRIST JESUS
Philippians 2:5
