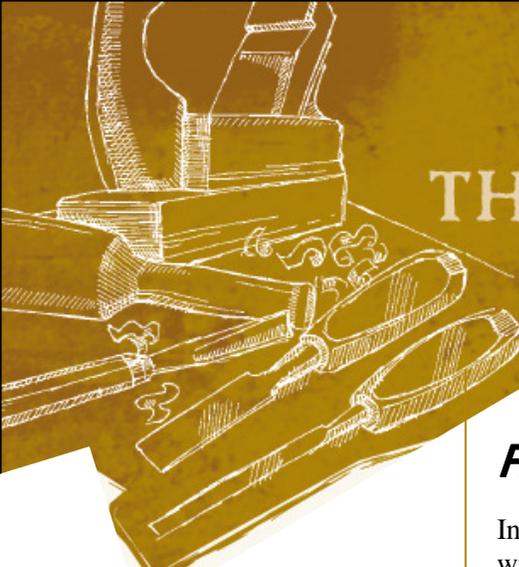


THE BUILDER

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According to the Grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. No one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. 3:10-11

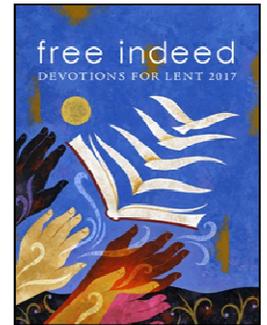


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FREE INDEED Lent 2017

In this anniversary year of the Reformation, the Lenten journey will engage us in reflection and discussion on the significance of that spiritual revolution 500 years ago, as well as how God continually calls us to be re-formed by the gospel of Jesus Christ. What does it mean to be truly freed by the gospel?



A special Reformation devotional for Lent, *Free Indeed*, will shape our conversations and midweek worship services. This book of short daily readings takes us through key teachings of our Lutheran tradition. Based on Luther's Small Catechism, it includes questions and insight into how we respond to the gospel message today. All households are encouraged to pick up one of these small books at church and participate in this 40-day Lenten Journey. It is also available as an e-book for \$2.

Each week the Wednesday Lenten service will reflect in the readings and homily the focus of that particular week's devotions: The 10 Commandments, The Creed, The Lord's Prayer, Baptism, and Holy Communion. On Sundays, the adult forum will add deeper layers to the *Free Indeed* message, as it merges with Bible study to explore that day's gospel text from a reformation perspective. Who is being re-formed? Who, in the story, is running away from re-formation? To whom do you relate? (See page 12 for more information.)

2017 Lenten Journey

Lenten Journey begins Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday – March 1

Services at 12:00 and 5:30 p.m. with communion and the imposition of ashes.

A meal follows the 5:30 p.m. service.

Lenten Services March 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5 -at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday services will continue to use the *Holden Evening Prayer* liturgy and songs, as well as Prayers around the Cross. Each week the scripture and meditation will reflect on the *Free Indeed* catechism focus.

Lenten Suppers

All are welcomed to a meal in the Parish Hall following each Lenten service.

Help is needed to prepare the meal each Wednesday: peeling, chopping, dicing, arranging, and stirring, as well as clean-up. Preparation begins in the kitchen at 9:00 a.m. with most of the prep finished by noon. You can even learn the finer points of bread baking. Please sign up in the kitchen!!

Lent is the most solemn season of the church year. To help recognize that within our worship lives, we will kneel to receive communion. For those for whom kneeling is not possible, standing at the kneelers is welcomed.

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in Faith

Spreading
God's Love

Gathering
in Community



Our Lenten Journey

“Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return”

These are the words with which we begin a 40 day journey we call Lent. We begin by remembering.

That seems a strange way to begin a journey. Journey seems to call us forward while remembering seems to turn us back. So how do we begin a journey by turning back?

Of course, the turning back can be thought of as not in time, but as a turning back to God. But if remembering is what it so often seems for us - a thinking of what used to be, how does the remembering fit into the journeying?

Scripture says, “Remember not the former things;” I think because remembering the former things can stop us from receiving the new things. We can get stuck in the past, which I guess means that remembering can stop us from journeying.

And yet every Sunday we hear at communion: Do this in *remembrance* of me. And on Ash Wednesday, we start our Lenten journey with the call: *Remember* that you are dust and to dust you shall return.

The theologian Carter Heyward writes about remembering in this way: “To forgive is not to forget but to re-member what has been dis-membered.”

So maybe re-membering that we are dust and to dust we shall return isn't just something involving our minds but something involving our whole lives. Maybe re-membering we are dust and to dust we shall return is re-connecting the things that have been disconnected in our lives.

The place we begin - in God - is the place we are returned to: remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. What does that mean for everything in-between?

Maybe re-membering during our Lenten journey has very little to do with what *we* do and a whole lot to do with what God does in the beginning and in the end and in-between on the cross where we are forgiven or in Heyward's words, re-membered to that from which we have been dis-membered: God and one another and our whole selves.

Won't you come and join in this Lenten journey to the cross where forgiveness happens and where God re-memembers us into Christ's body?

Pastor Dianne

The Builder is organized along key elements of Christian Discipleship. The goal is to provide a resource to assist individuals and the church body as a whole on the journey of spiritual transformation:

- Worship
- Study
- Prayer
- Giving
- Serving
- Relating

FROM FLC PRESIDENT

Council, Board, Teams, Action What Does it all Mean?

Could you explain the governance and organizational structure of First Lutheran Church to someone if they asked you? From conversations that I have had with folks over the last couple of years, I'd guess the answer is often, "Not really." Someone might say, "You know, the action board, or is it a council, or a something team.... **Oh, Whatever!**"

Well, it's all in our Constitution and Bylaws, ratified on February 8, 2015. The constitution is a fine and professional document, composed by members of our congregation who put in many long hours, but it's not light reading. Most people would probably like to just hear the basics, especially the section about the Vision Council, the Ministry Board, and how they serve our congregation.

The **Vision Council** serves as the board of directors of the congregation, with some limitations as set forth in the Constitution. It has ten members: Pastor, Congregational President, Vice President, Past President, Treasurer, Secretary, Ministry Board Chair, and three Councilors-at-large. They currently meet the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm, and meetings are open to members of the congregation. The Vision Council has general oversight of the life and activities of the congregation, particularly its worship life, to the end that everything is done in accordance with the Word of God. The Council leads the congregation in stating the vision and mission, does long-range planning, and evaluates activities in light of the mission and goals. There is much more, found on pages 25-29 of our Constitution.

Committees: Just like other active organizations, FLC has working committees; some meet monthly, others meet only as needed. Our **Nominating Committee** seeks out candidates to serve as leaders of the congregation. Once candidates say "Yes" to serving, we vote as a congregation to elect them to various leadership positions. The **Finance Committee** is led by the Treasurer of the congregation. The members of this committee work in cooperation with the Ministry Teams and Ministry Board to propose an annual budget for congregational vote. The **Audit Committee** audits all church financial records. Our **Property Committee** oversees the maintenance and wellbeing of all church properties. Our **Personnel Committee** makes recommendations for FLC personnel workplace policies and

works with job descriptions and salary structures. A **Call Committee** is elected by the congregation to work on our behalf, seeking out a new pastor. The committee is terminated when the pastor is installed.



The **Ministry Board** includes our church program staff, the pastor(s), a chairperson, four elected at-large councilors, and a representative from the First Lutheran Church Women. **The Ministry Board leads the ministry of our congregation in light of the congregation's mission as articulated by the Vision Council.**

The Ministry Board supports our five **Ministry Teams:** (1) Worship (2) Lifelong Learning (3) Local & Global Missions (4) Evangelism & Welcome (5) Stewardship. The benevolences that we discuss at the Annual Meeting each year are managed by two of these Teams: Local & Global Missions and Evangelism.

Now, finally we come to where the real action takes place: **The Action Teams.** These teams are organized under the different **Ministry Teams**, and members of these teams carry out activities that help to fulfill our church mission. This is where we can witness **God's Work, Our Hands!**

So, there you have it!

**Vision Council
Committees**

**Ministry Board
Ministry Teams
Action Teams**

The Leadership folks for the 5 Ministry Teams, as well as the Vision Council and Ministry Board, are listed near the end of each issue of the Builder. If you have a question, or an interest in an area of ministry, or you would like to join or start an Action Team, just contact one of them.

It's all God's Work. Our Hands!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Candy Madich".

Candy Madich
Congregational President

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

High School Students

from Matt Eckman, Church College Coordinator

What's next after high school? It is not too early to think ahead as it comes up fast!

If you are thinking of attending a college out of town, there are some great opportunities among the ELCA church related colleges. First Lutheran Church regularly has students attending and thriving in them. As a help, FLC participates in the college match program, awarding \$500 to \$1,000 per year for our member students. Amounts vary by school. I encourage you to discuss the details with me (722-7217). It is an addition to any usual financial package from the colleges. FLC financial secretary, Janet Freund, has application forms available (call her at 728-3668).

There are over 20 ELCA colleges nationwide. The nearby schools are: Augsburg in Minneapolis; Augustana in Sioux Falls, SD; Augustana in Rock Island, IL; Concordia in Moorhead, MN; Gustavus Adolphus in St. Peter, MN; Luther in Decorah, IA; and St. Olaf in Northfield, MN. Others can be contacted if interested.

All schools have web sites for browsing, with challenging academics, arts, and music in residential settings, as an excellent preparation for life. Take a look!

Cinnamon Rolls

The next Cinnamon Roll Days are March 4 to prep and March 5 to sell rolls between worship services. Those that help will raise funds to help pay for summer trips and camp. Deb will be at the Cardia Deo Senior High Retreat so extra help will be needed on Sunday morning to bake the rolls.

Saturday, March 4

9:30-0:45 a.m. – Prep Rolls. If you're able to help prep rolls please let Deb Westerberg know. All ages are invited to help with the prep on Saturday.

Sunday, March 5

7:30-8:30 a.m. - Turn the ovens on and bake the rolls
8:15-9:30 a.m. - Help plate rolls on Sunday morning.
All ages invited to help.
9:30-11:00 - 6th-8th grade Sunday School students will sell rolls between services

Please contact Deb to let her know how you and your family would like to help.

Experience the G.I.F.T. –

all ages Growing in Faith Together

2nd Sunday of each month, 9:45 -10:45 in the Parish Hall

Each month we've been gathering in the parish hall to learn about one of the fruits of the Spirit. We've had great conversations and activities as all ages explore how each quality connects them with God in their daily lives.

In February we learned about **KINDNESS** – that it is more than just being polite, but is caring for others, even when it's not easy. Along with a fun re-enactment of the Good Samaritan story, we practiced kindness by making reusable bags for the food shelf out of t-shirts!

This **March 12**, join in faithful learning and fellowship with people of all ages, talking about the **fruit of Goodness**. Sit with someone new, of a different generation - and find how much we can learn from one another!

Each G.I.F.T. Sunday features a different Fruit of the Spirit:

Oct. 9 Love

Nov. 13 Joy

Nov. 27 Peace

Jan. 15 Patience

Feb. 12 Kindness

Mar. 12 Goodness

Apr. 9 Faithfulness

May 14 Gentleness & Self Control



All ages working together.



YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Easter Breakfast

An annual tradition continued!

Would you be interested in helping plan this year's Easter Breakfast? There will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 15 following the Lenten Service, during the dinner. We'll work on planning the menu and getting details figured out.

Help will be needed Easter weekend as well. Take a look and see how your family might help with this opportunity for hospitality to those attending Easter Services at FLC. Those that help will earn funds towards church activities (summer trips, camps, retreats, etc.).

Help is needed on: Saturday, April 15

9:00 a.m. (last year it took about 2 hours): Set-up and food prep

Easter Sunday, April 26 serving and cleaning up.

Shift One 7:00-8:30 a.m. (baking and final prep)

Shift Two 9:15-10:45 a.m.

Shift Three 10:45-until clean-up is done (usually done around noon)

Breakfast is served from 7:30-10:45. The shifts above are the busiest times where help is needed.

Sign up either online or at the Welcome Desk.

Elementary Rejuve

The 3rd-6th graders are invited to a special one night retreat at Camp Vermilion March 17-18. It's 23 hours filled with games, worship, learning, meeting new friends and simply being at camp.

Registration deadline: by March 1. Total cost: \$50 (Non-refundable deposit of \$30 & registration form due by March 1. Remaining balance due prior to trip.) (If you see this after March 1 and would like your child to attend, please contact Deb ASAP, no later than March 8 to see if there are still spots available.)

Cinnamon Roll fundraiser is available to earn money towards the retreat and scholarships are available to offset costs – talk to Deb for more info. Forms will be emailed out. They are also available on the website and on the kiosk at FLC.

Parents, if you are interested in being an adult leader for this retreat, please contact Deb.

Cardia Deo Retreat

March 3-5 is Cardia Deo, the Northeastern Minnesota Synod's High School Retreat. Please keep the youth and adults from FLC and all the other churches in your prayers as they focus on what it means to be Called to share the Heart of God (Cardia Deo) in the world.



Confirmation students and parents learned about Holy Communion and made bread for Sunday communion.



SAVE THE DATE:
Art & Movie Night
Sunday, April 23

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Camp

Summer is just around the corner and it's time to start thinking about camp! Youth from FLC have had a long tradition of heading to camp each summer. During those times away, friendships are formed, laughter is shared, and God is experienced in new, exciting ways!



First Lutheran Church is a Member Congregation of Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry (VLM). VLM

offers programs at two camps: Camp Vermilion in Cook, MN and Camp Hiawatha in Deer River, MN. A common question is "Which camp is best?" Both sites are beautiful locations to experience God's Great Northwoods! Camp Vermilion is a more rugged, wooded setting along the shores of Lake Vermilion. Camp Hiawatha is a more open location with a gentle, grassy slope to the shores of Deer Lake. Each one is special and unique in its own way and you can't go wrong with either site.

There are camp opportunities for all ages. Sign up sheets will be available at church in the Upper Commons. Jot down what session you're signing up for so friends can go together!

REGISTER BY APRIL 1 TO RECEIVE THE EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT and CAMPSHIP FROM FLC!

Check out www.vlmcamps.org to learn more about the camps and to register. Be sure to note you're registering with First Lutheran Church to receive the Member Discount. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Deb Westerberg (deb@flcduluth.org; 728-3668) or contact VLM.

Discoverers – completed K-4th Grade

A day of fun, including swimming, singing, worship, games, learning, creativity, and new friends. The perfect way to try camp for the first time!

Venturers – completed 2nd-4th Grade

The fun of a full week packed into three days. You'll stay in a cabin with new friends and one of our staff, and each day is filled with new adventures. Come ready to learn, sing, swim, run and laugh!

Seekers – completed 3rd & 4th Grade

A week-long program filled with life-long memories. Make new friends as you grow in faith, learn teamwork, laugh around the campfire, and enjoy God's creation.

Trekkers - completed 5th & 6th Grade

New experiences await: cook over a fire, try out your canoe skills, and enjoy a day away from the regular routine as you explore new areas of camp. It's all you love about camp taken to a new level.

Explorers – completed 7th-9th Grade

Canoeing, camping, community building, and cooking over the fire await you! As you enjoy all that camp offers – worship, swimming, creativity, learning, games – you will also experience the beauty of the northwoods anew.

Canoe Camp – completed 5th & 6th or 7th & 8th Grade

Whether you want to learn the basics or build your skills, Canoe Camp will get you on the water and out in the woods! You'll go home knowing how to set up a campsite, how to portage a canoe, and some basic navigation skills. Each day includes a few hours of canoe skills as well as many of your favorite camp activities. (7th & 8th Grade Program will include an off-site overnight experience.)

Sojourners - completed 9th-12th grade

You love camp – friendships, worship, Grovers, games, laughter, campfire! This week has all of that plus a more challenging overnight experience, opportunities for leadership, and time for deeper conversations about faith.

L.O.S.T. – completed 10th-12th grade

Love camp but ready for something totally different? Bring out the leader in you as you dig deeper into theology, service, and creation. This program includes a week at both camps plus a short trip to the BWCA. You'll leave with a new appreciation for camp and a better understanding of yourself.

Rendezvous

Three days and two nights of camp fun designed for campers with developmental disabilities. Games, creative arts, swimming, learning, and campfires fill this unique camp program. Offered in partnership with Rural Living Environments, Babbitt. All ages welcome!

Family Camp

It's a family vacation with meaning! Join us for a time of learning, growing, and playing as a family. Each day includes separate study for adults and children, swimming, worship, family games and activities, and time to enjoy the great northwoods.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome to the Lord's Table Class

March 8 and March 29, 6:45 p.m.

Adult Ed Room



Is your child eager to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion? Or is your child already receiving communion and would benefit from more information on what this sacrament is all about? We encourage you to participate in a family class on Holy Communion. This interactive class

will meet for two sessions, with a take-home packet to work on as a family during Lent. Registration information is available at Sunday School, the Welcome Desk or the church office, or go to the online registration link at our website, www.flcduluth.org.

Holy Communion will be celebrated together at the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, April 23.

Youth Room Clean Up

Some changes have been happening in the basement at First Lutheran! Over the past month, a group of parents has worked hard to clean out the Youth Room, the game room, and other storage areas in that space. Every box and cupboard was gone through and the Great Purge of 2017 happened! Items were sorted into: keep, recycle, pass on to others, donate to the Salvation Army, or toss in an effort to clean up the space. A special thank you to Anya Powell for all her help in organizing and to all the other families that cleaned, scrubbed, and hauled items. The next step for the space is a fresh coat of paint on the walls (at the end of March) and then new carpeting (in April). The space will have a fresh look and be an inviting space for FLC youth to gather. Once everything is completed, there will be a special open house and blessing – look for more info in May's newsletter!

New Books - Adults

A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman (Call # Fix Bac)

The Inheritance by Michael Phillips (Call # Fic Phi)

The Cottage by Michael Phillips (Call # Fic Phi)

Songs of Blessing Series by Lauraine Snelling (Call # Fic Sne)

To Everything a Season, Book 1

Harvest of Hope, Book 2

Streams of Mercy, Book 3

From This Day Forward, Book 4

The Second Half by Lauraine Snelling (Call # Fic Sne)

Waves of Mercy by Lynn Austin (Call # Fic Aus)

The Story People by Heather Kaufman (Call # Fic Kau)

Sleeping Giant by Tamara Draut (Call # 305.562 Dra)
How the new working class will transform America.

The Name of God is Mercy by Pope Francis (Call # 241.4 Fra)



When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi (Call # 616.994 Kal)

Homemade by Beatrice Ojakangas (Call # 641.597 Oja)

Fall Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life by Richard Rohr (Call # 248.4 Roh)

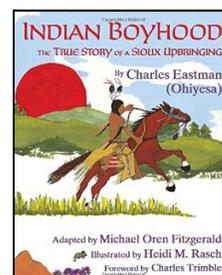
A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota by Sun Yung Shin (Call # 305.8009 Shi)

One God, Many Gods by Adam Francisco (Call # 291.8)

Children's Books

Dear Pope Francis by Pope Francis (Call # B Fra)

Indian Boyhood: The True Story of a Sioux Upbringing by Charlse Eastman (Call # B Eas)



NEWS OF THE FIRST FAMILY



A Loss in the Family

Please keep these families in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their loved one:

Family of Pastor Laura Berdahl on the death of her mother, Dr. Barbara Meyer Puumala.

Family of Ron Johnson.



Baptisms

2/12/2017 Ian Gary KenKnight,
son of Jon & Christina

FLUKE

(First Lutheran Ukulele)

Meeting March 5 & 19

Have you ever wanted to learn how to play the ukulele? Do you already play but would like to get together with others to play some songs? All are welcome to FLUKE (First Lutheran Ukulele); kids, youth, and adults of all ages and of all uke abilities! Angel Saur will lead the group through the basics of getting started, reviewing basics, and learning chords during the first part of the session (3:30-4:00 p.m.). Then from 4:00-4:45 it will be about putting it all together and playing some songs as a group. Come either at 3:30 or 4:00 depending on where you're at in playing the uke.

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.



WORSHIP / MUSIC

National Lutheran Choir to sing at First Lutheran Church

Saturday, March 18

Bach's "Ein feste Burg" and Music of Early Lutheran Masters with the National Lutheran Choir

Five-hundred years ago, Martin Luther initiated an ongoing process of reformation, and the music of the Church evolved in significant ways. Luther's colleague, Johann Walther, was among the first Lutheran composers following the Reformation. Subsequent Lutheran composers include Heinrich Schütz and Michael Praetorius. Johann Sebastian Bach is perhaps the most prominent Lutheran composer of all time. Music from these masters will be included in this concert, with a focus on Bach's Cantata 80, *Ein feste Burg is unser Gott* (A Mighty Fortress is Our God), based on Luther's most widely-known hymn, performed with choir and chamber orchestra.

Members of First Lutheran can get discounted tickets for just \$15! Enter Discount Code "DULUTH15" at <http://bpt.me/2592622> or call Brown Paper Tickets at 1-800-838-3006. (Tickets are not available in the church office.)



Holy Week Journey

Sunday, April 9	Palm Sunday
Thursday, April 13	Maundy Thursday
Friday, April 14	Good Friday
Saturday, April 15	Easter Vigil
Sunday, April 16	Easter Festival Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY

Lenten Organ Recital Series

The Arrowhead Chapter of the American Guild of Organists announces its Lenten Organ Recital series, held on Wednesdays from 12:15-12:45 p.m. (unless otherwise ***noted***) at churches in the area. A freewill offering will be accepted at each recital for the Arrowhead Chapter's Organ Scholarship Fund, which provides lessons, music and organ shoes for qualified students between the ages of 12 and 18.

March 8: Rachael Kresha, Pilgrim Congregational Church (2310 E. 4th Street, Duluth)

March 15: David Tryggestad, Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel-St. Scholastica Monastery (1001 Kenwood Avenue, Duluth)

March 22: Brian Kapp, St. Michael's Catholic Church (4901 E. Superior Street, Duluth)

March 22: Abigail, Elizabeth & Rachel Franck (students of Karen Sande), Christ Lutheran Church (320 N. 28th Street E., Superior). ***Recital time is 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.***

March 29: Jeff Urbaniak, St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church (610 99th Avenue W., Duluth)

April 5: Jason Branham, First Lutheran Church (1100 E. Superior Street, Duluth)

April 5: Beverley Vavra, Emmanuel Lutheran Church (3756 Fair Street, Barnum)

Youth Ringers

This handbell choir for 6th through 12th graders rehearses on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 a.m., in the 1st floor music room. New ringers are welcome! Contact Karen for more information at ksande@filduluth.org or 728-3668.



Seven Last Words Rehearsals

The presentation of *The Seven Last Words of Christ* will be on Good Friday, April 14 at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m. Choral rehearsals will be held:
Wed., March 29 at 8:00 p.m.
Wed., April 5 at 8:00 p.m.
Dress rehearsal will be Wed., April 12 at 7:15 p.m.

Worship Notes

Live Radio Broadcast: KDAL AM 610, 8:30 a.m. Sundays
Live Streaming of 8:30 service, go to www.filduluth.org.

Wed., March 1 Ash Wednesday - 12:00 & 5:30 p.m.

Readings: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Ps. 51:1-17;
2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10; Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21

Sun., March 5 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Readings: Gen. 2: 15-17; 3:1-7; Ps. 32;
Rom. 5:12-19; Matt. 4:1-11

Wed., March 8 5:30 p.m.

Sun., March 12 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Readings: Gen. 12:1-4a; Ps. 121;
Rom. 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Wed., March 15 5:30 p.m.

Sun., March 19 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Readings: Exod. 17:1-7; Ps. 95; Rom. 5:1-11;
John 4:5-42

Wed., March 22 5:30 p.m.

Sun., March 26 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Readings: 1 Sam. 16:1-13; Ps. 23; Eph. 5:8-14;
John 9:1-41

Wed., March 29 5:30 p.m.

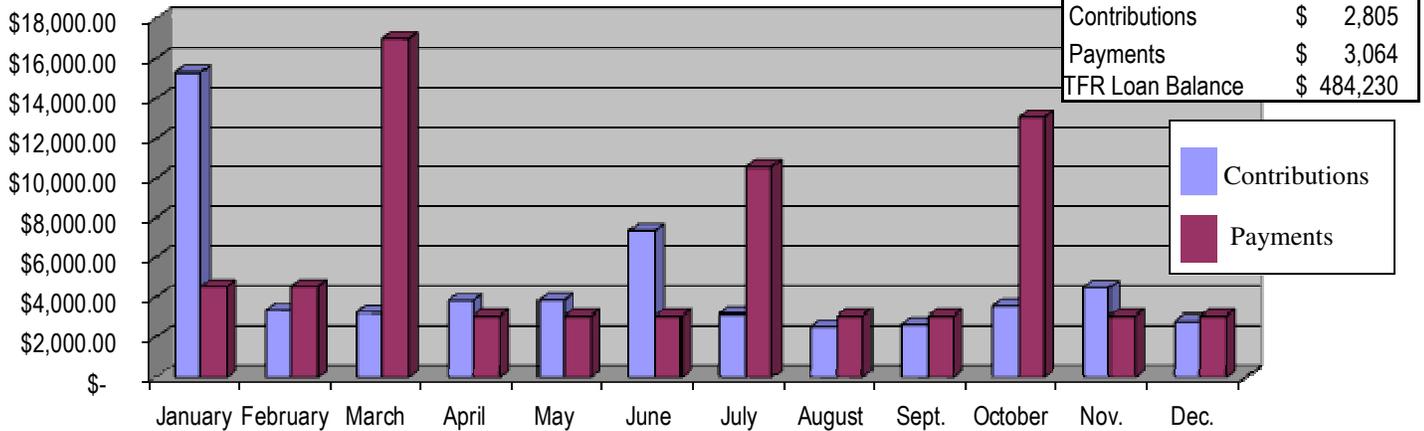
Readings are from Revised Common Lectionary.



Pastor Dianne and the Apostle Choir will lead a communion service at Aftenro Home (510 W. College St.) on Sunday, March 26 at 2:00 p.m. Readers and other musicians are welcome to participate. Please contact Karen Sande for more information. Pictured are Annika, Brynn, Nina and Stella decorating cards to give to the residents.

GIVING

TFR Mortgage Information 2016



Please remember TFR (Time for Renewal) in your giving. This project has created a new Gathering Space, beautified the sanctuary and provided the church with a magnificent Jaeckel organ.

2016 Mission Plan Update

	December				Annual Mission Plan	2015
	Mission Plan	Actual	Year to Date Mission Plan	Year to Date Actual		Year to Date Actual
Ministry & Mission gifts	\$78,370	\$105,305	\$735,249	\$756,746	\$768,249	\$730,890
<i>Plus Other Income</i>	<u>13,091</u>	<u>14,731</u>	<u>76,091</u>	<u>58,159</u>	<u>43,091</u>	<u>73,651</u>
Total Income	91,461	120,036	811,340	814,905	811,340	804,541
<i>Less Expenses</i>	<u>68,382</u>	<u>77,683</u>	<u>821,605</u>	<u>814,905</u>	<u>821,605</u>	<u>809,932</u>
Cash surplus (Deficit)	\$23,079	\$42,353	-\$10,265	\$0	-\$10,265	-\$5,391

Worship Attendance

Jan. 22	376
Jan. 29	326
Feb. 5	317
Feb. 12	341
Feb. 19	320

Giving for the Ministries & Missions of FLC

Weekly offering through:

Sun., Jan. 22	\$14,713
Sun., Jan. 29	\$15,866
Sun., Feb. 5	\$16,212
Sun., Feb. 12	\$12,892
Sun., Feb. 19	\$18,443

Hunger Offering

Amount donated to the Hunger Offering in December: \$695.33

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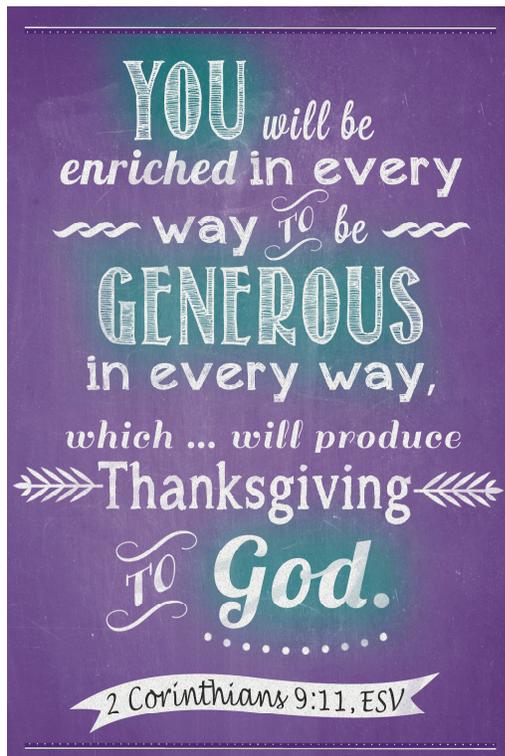
January 2017 Memorials & Gifts

Gift to the FLC Library in memory of Naomi Meints
by Rose & Les Drewes, Dan & Marjorie Bergeland, Dave & Marcia Lothner.

Gift to the Radio Ministry in memory of Hal Haugejorde by Bev Haugejorde.

Thanks to our generous giving in 2016, attendees at the Annual Meeting on Feb. 12 were able to give away \$12,290. We voted between four opportunities and the two highest vote receivers were: Lutheran Social Services' Together for Youth - support group for LGBTQ youth; and the CHUM Early Childhood Programs at Steve O'Neil Apartments. Praise be to God!

Pastor Dianne has been in touch with both organizations to learn how we might do more than just mail a check. Watch for details,



FLCW NEWS

FLCW Bible Study Gathering

All FLC women are invited to attend any of the gathering meetings listed. Call church office for info.

Ruth Gathering

Mon., Mar. 6 - 7:00 p.m. - Homes

Mary & Martha Gathering

Thurs., Mar. 9 - 7:00 p.m., Upper Commons

Leah Gathering

Tues., Mar. 14 - 9:30 a.m., Parish Hall

Dorcas Gathering

Wed., Mar. 15 - 10:00 a.m. - Upper Commons

Esther Gathering

Wed., Mar. 15 - 1:00 p.m. - Lakeshore

Naomi Gathering

Thurs., Mar. 16 - 12:30 p.m. - Upper Commons

Lake Superior Spring Gathering for the Women of the ELCA

Sat., April 8 at First Lutheran Church

The Women of the ELCA's Superior Conference invite you to the Spring Gathering on Sat., April 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, Duluth.

Lynn Gerlach-Collard, Director of Lutheran Social Services' Renaissance House and Street Outreach will be the speaker: "What is your story? Hearing stories changes lives." Pastor Dianne Loufman will lead worship around the Samaritan woman, John 4 text.

Lunch cost is \$8. Reserve a spot by calling Margaret at 218-728-6101. Donations of "Sox and Snax" for Street Outreach will be welcomed that day.

Getting Ready for the next festival!

Yes, winter is still here, but when you get a touch of spring cleaning fever, be sure to consider donating any gently used jewelry taking up space to the 2017 fall festival's Jewel Booth. Donations are accepted all year long. Drop them off at the church office.

Making room for new books? Donations of used books are also welcomed, but not until Fall. So put them in a "donate" box and set them aside until then. Thank you.

STUDY & PRAYER

Sunday Morning Adult Education

No matter what our age, we are growing as disciples. Every faith journey needs nourishment and encouragement! Each Sunday you are invited to come to one of the scheduled programs or discussions. All are designed to inform, inspire, challenge and equip us to better understand God's Word for us, and to living a life of faith. Except for GIFT Sundays, all programs begin at 10:00 a.m.

Schedule for March

During this season of Lent, our adult forums will be combined with Bible study, as we unpack the Sunday's gospel message and discover how the story speaks to us today. The gospel stories for Lent are the ones originally used in preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil. Come to explore, question, and grow in community – ALL ARE WELCOME!

The study forums will meet in the Parish Hall at 10 a.m., except for GIFT Sunday March 12, when it will be in the Adult Ed Rm.

March 5

Gospel Study: The Temptation of Jesus (Parish Hall)

Matthew 4:1-11

MARCH 12

Growing in Faith Together – GOODNESS (9:45 a.m. in Parish Hall)

All ages are encouraged to come learn and grow together in faith and fellowship while exploring the fruits of the Spirit.



Gospel Study: Nicodemus (Adult Ed Room)

John 3: 1-17

MARCH 19

Gospel Study: The Samaritan Women (Parish Hall)

John 4: 5-42

MARCH 26

Gospel Study: The Blind Man (Parish Hall)

John 9:1-41

APRIL 2

Gospel Study: Lazarus (Parish Hall)

John 11:1-45



On the G.I.F.T. Sunday in February we learned about **KINDNESS** – that it is more than just being polite, but is caring for others, even when it's not easy. Pictured above is a group of children who helped make grocery bags out of t-shirts. The bags will be given to local food shelves.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

will be gathering
Thursday, March 9 at

1:00 p.m. in 3rd Floor Conference Room.

If you want to learn more about First Lutheran's prayer shawl ministry, stop by on March 9. Feel free to bring your needles along!

RELATING

Topnotchers

Fri., March 10 at 12:30 p.m.

Topnotchers will be gathering on Friday, March 10 at 12:30 p.m. Paul Anderson will give a PowerPoint presentation on "A Look at the Past & Future of the Petrozavodsk Lutheran Church." All who are 50 and over are Topnotchers! Ask a friend to come, too. If you aren't on the regular caller list, call Dorothy at 525-5550 or Elaine at 724-1068 by Tuesday, March 7 for a reservation. Cost is \$8.

FLC Crafters Group

The FLC Crafters will be gathering on Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Do you have a goal of getting a craft project finally done?! Bring it to craft night and work on completing it. Get inspired and encouraged while working with others.



Care of Creation Summit - A Watershed Moment: Reformation for the Next 500 Years

March 25, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

St. Andrews Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, MN

*Hosted by Leadership Team of the Northeastern Synod/
ELCA EcoFaith Network*

As a society, we are at a critical turning point, a watershed moment, to protect the water on which all aspects of our lives depend. As Christians, we have a stewardship responsibility to protect and improve our waters and insure their use for future generations. How can we as Christian stewards protect the future quality of our waters? We can learn from our watershed - the water, the ground, the wildlife, the people - that which is in need of restoration and how our story is interwoven with God's to work toward a right relationship between all living things and the natural resources they depend on. Learn more about the state of our waters and how Lutheran congregations can be effective watershed disciples.

Cost: \$10 free will offering; collected at the door.

Questions, call Paula West at 218-838-5010.

To register: <https://nemnecofaith2017.eventbrite.com>

FAITH, SEXISM, JUSTICE: Conversations toward a Social Statement

First Lutheran Church is convening a focus group with the goal of providing feedback to the ELCA to help with the creation of a new social statement on Women and Justice: One in Christ. We will be using the synod's guide book, *Faith, Sexism, Justice: Conversations toward a Social Statement*.

The study will be introduced at an adult forum in April, followed by a five week focus group meeting on Thursday evenings. The focus group is open to all interested.

Other groups interested in the study are encouraged to access the guide on-line at elca.org. FLC will have 2 guide books available.

Anyone interested in participating should contact Mary Streufert at marystreufert@gmail.com or 218-724-9084, or Mary Zastrow at mgz56@yahoo.com or 218-390-9170.



Promise Preschool

Enroll now for Fall 2017

The staff provides a well balanced, play based experience for children 33 months to 5 years old. Three and four day morning Preschool and optional Breakfast and Lunch Bunch also available. Please contact Sarah Ching for more information.

♥ 728-3668 x214

♥ ppsdirector1@gmail.com

RELATING

Racial and Economic Equity in Minnesota

A workshop with ISIAAH Minnesota
Sat., March 25, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Peace United Church of Christ
111 North 11th Ave. E.

ISIAAH is a vehicle for congregations, clergy, and people of faith to act collectively and powerfully toward racial and economic equity in the state of Minnesota.

Suggested registration fee: \$25 (but all are welcome to attend). Register by calling Peace Church at 724-3637. Lunch will be provided.

ISIAAH's Values

- ISIAAH believes that leadership development unites and allows people to take powerful steps to improve the quality of our community.
- ISIAAH values ethnic and religious diversity in communities and sees this diversity as enriching and healthy.
- ISIAAH believes in the power of acting collectively in ways that are consistent with our faith values and principles of democracy.
- ISIAAH believes that all people have the ability to co-create our environment.
- ISIAAH believes in the possibility of transforming people, our public institutions, and culture.

Justice & U.S. Immigration Policy Presentation

On Tuesday, March 7, 7:30 p.m., the Alworth Peace and Justice Series at the College of St. Scholastica will present a lecture, "Justice and U.S. Immigration Policy," with Aviva Chomsky. Ms. Chomsky is a professor of history and Coordinator of Latin American, Latino, and Caribbean Studies at Salem State University in Massachusetts. She worked for United Farm Workers in the 1970s, an experience that sparked her interest in migrant workers, labor history and how global economic forces affect individuals. This lecture is free and open to the public.

The **First Lutheran El Salvador Team** will host a follow up discussion on Thursday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Room at FLC. The College holds "talk back" sessions in the community following all of their lectures as part of the Peace and Justice Series. A facilitator from the College will lead the discussion. All are invited and encouraged to attend these events. The lecture will be held in Mitchell Auditorium at CSS. First Lutheran members are also invited to a community dinner with the speaker at 5:30 p.m. on March 7, prior to the lecture. If interested in the dinner, please contact Joanne Jokela: jdjokela@gmail.com

Order Easter Plants

Let's beautify the sanctuary, to the glory of God, with blooming spring plants for Easter. If you would like to purchase a plant, please fill out this form and attach check (made out to FLC) for \$15 per plant and return it to the church office. Order deadline is Sun., April 9.



Name _____ Phone No. _____

Plants _____ at \$15 each Total _____

Given in memory of/in honor of (circle one)



RELATING

March's Minnesota Food Share Campaign



As part of the MN Food Share's March Campaign, First Lutheran is participating by designating the CHUM food shelf as our Special Giving Opportunity for March. The congregation and all Sunday School families are encouraged to care for our neighbors and share our

blessings by supporting CHUM in stocking their three Duluth food shelves. The food and money collected makes CHUM eligible for matching funds through the MN Food Share Campaign.

Monetary donations are highly recommended. Access to discount products and programs enables CHUM to stretch a \$10 gift to about \$70 worth of food. Write checks to FLC with "Food Shelf/CHUM" on notation line. The Sunday School offering for March is also being earmarked for CHUM's food shelf.

In addition, contributing FOOD items to the food shelf is a visual way that our children can see that we give to those less fortunate. Encourage children and families to provide needy children with food they like to eat themselves. There is a big call for sweetened cereals and while we may not prefer to provide these, these are one of the most requested items that children will eat: Frosted Flakes, Lucky Charms, Captain Crunch and others.

Most needed items are:

Peanut Butter

Canned Tuna

Canned meats & fish

Canned fruits

Canned vegetables, baked beans

Cereal

Main dishes with meat (canned spaghetti/pasta, spaghetti, stews, hash, chili, etc.)

Hearty, chunky & noodle soups ("easy opening" top)

Canned chicken noodle & cream soups

Box or bag "sides" (Rice-a-Roni, seasoned pasta or rice mixes, Noodle-Roni, Ramen noodles)

Boxed main dishes (Mac & Cheese, Hamburger, Chicken and Tuna Helper)

Kool Aid, hot chocolate, cider, 100% Juice, coffee

Remember if it is something you won't eat, or if it's way out of date, don't send it to the food shelf.

Help build a **toilet paper wall** in the Upper Commons. This is a great need for the food shelf. Grab an extra package when you are shopping.

Donation boxes will be located throughout the church. They will be delivered to the CHUM food shelf weekly. Paper grocery bags are also greatly needed. Some of the T-shirt bags will end up full of food also.

The goal of the MN Food Share Campaign is to raise enough money and food to provide more than half the food distributed annually by food shelves statewide. The need is great. Please be generous. *Serve God's call to help those in need.*



LSS is running at Grandma's Marathon!

Runners are needed to join the Lutheran Social Service team at Grandma's Marathon on **Saturday, June 17!** **Twenty half-marathoners** and **five full marathon** runners will run in support of homeless youth served through the Center for Changing Lives Duluth.

Join the team, get active, and have fun! **Halfers are asked to raise at least \$1,000 each** and **full marathoners to raise at least \$500 each.** Each runner will have a profile on the LSS CrowdRise website. [<https://www.crowdrise.com/lutheran-social-service-of-minnesota/fundraiser/lutheransocialservice>]

If you'd like to run for the mission, contact Maria Hurni, Volunteer Services Capacity Builder, at maria.hurni@lssmn.org. First come, first served.



Also, we need donors! You can help our runners raise money for homeless youth via the LSS CrowdRise website. By giving, you're part of the LSS team.

Please spread the word! Share this campaign with your Facebook, Twitter, and other social media followers. Look for posts on LSS social media soon.

First Lutheran Hospitality for Grandma's Marathon

First Lutheran Church plans to be open and available for the race. Stay tuned for the possibilities!

RELATING, SERVING & REACHING OUT

It All Belongs to God

With the encouragement of Pastor Dianne's leadership, your Stewardship Mission Team has been planning and working to broaden the understanding of "Stewardship" to include being Stewards of:

- The Earth
- Personal Health
- Personal Finances
- Reaching-Out to our Neighbors.



Jesus talked about money more than almost any other subject while he was teaching. He knew that how we spend our money would have the biggest effect on our relationships with our family, friends, community and above all with God and neighbor.

We are learning daily that money and financial concerns are the top stressors impacting Americans' health. Financial literacy gives people wisdom and power to avoid a number of financial mistakes.

One might ask, how is this a priority at First Lutheran Church?

Lutheran Social Services, in Duluth, has developed an outstanding counseling program to help people achieve and maintain Financial Wellness and is serving a growing need in Duluth. And, coincidentally, First Lutheran Church has available office/meeting space and is an excellent location to extend this program to our congregation and the neighborhood.

The FLC Stewardship Mission Team has been working with Lutheran Social Services to develop a Stewardship outreach partnership to make LSS Financial Wellness counseling easily available for anyone who would like help with questions like:

- How do I develop a budget?
- How can I save more?
- Am I carrying too much debt?
- What is my relationship to money?
- How can I improve my credit score?

When one thinks about Stewardship, of personal finances, and reaching out to FLC neighbors, it's apparent that many of the surrounding residents are college students who are concerned about student loans. This partnership will serve the community, our members, extended family and friends, and is enthusiastically approved by the Vision Council as an exciting opportunity.

A brief outline of the plan includes a private office with table and chairs provided by First Lutheran Church one day a month, beginning in April, staffed by a LSS Professional Financial Counselor, with scheduling handled directly through the LSS Duluth office to maintain strict confidentiality.

Additional logistics will follow shortly through other communications, such as church bulletins, "In The Fold," descriptive literature, and a Sunday Forum.

Stay tuned,

FLC Stewardship Mission Team and Special Stewardship Action Team: Tom Boman, Mark Osthus & Dick Swenson

Vets & Friends (V&F) Community Network Retreat : Post-traumatic Growth

Wed., March 8, p.m. - Sun., March 12, noon
Luther Point Camp, Grantsburg, Wisconsin
Retreat for Veterans, Family, Friends, Community Team
Leaders

Vets / Loved Ones:

- Meet others who "get it"
- Activities for school age youth and children

Civilians:

- Understand Military Culture - bridge the gap
- Provide Safety and Build Trust

Vets and Friends Community Team Leaders:

- Post-traumatic Stress Disorder and Ripple Effects
- Understand Moral Injury, Grief & Forgiveness
- Learn about Forgiveness: What it is and what it is NOT!
- Experience Post-traumatic Growth
- Learn Community Leader Team Skills

- Radical Friendship Skills, Advocacy.....
- And, much, much more!

No cost for veterans, family members, friends and past retreat participants. If Vets and Friends retreats prove helpful to you, consider a contribution to our V&F sponsor Welcome Them Home – Help Them Heal, 1715 E. 2nd St. Duluth, MN 55812

Cost for first time Community Leader Team Attendees: Individual - \$250; Team of 2 - \$400; Each additional team member-\$150. Stipends available.

For more information on stipends or the retreat contact Retreat Hospitality Coordinator, Cindy Macaulay at riskhc@gmail.com

Register at: <http://tinyurl.com/vetsandfriends>

If you have any questions or interest in this topic, please contact John Sippola at johnsippola2@gmail.com.

VISION COUNCIL

Vision Council meetings are open. You are welcome to see how your Vision Council works.

Vision Council Meeting Highlights

Monday, February 6

Devotion: Pastor Dianne led the council in a devotion from “Called by God to Serve: The Gift of God’s Word” (Chapter 7). How can the council keep the proclamation of the Gospel a priority? How are we living out the gospel and taking an interest in the community/inviting them in?

Ministry Board Report: The ministry board will be meeting later in February, thus, no report was given.

Treasurer’s Report: Candy shared December’s Income and Expense report and a Time for Renewal. Our December giving enables us to more than make up the \$10,000 deficit budget we passed. We have a surplus to give away.

Senior Pastor’s Report: Pastor Dianne attended Synod Convocation in the Twin Cities at the Lutheran Seminary for part of her continuing education.

Old Business: Synod Assembly representatives were proposed to be approved at the Congregational meeting.

New Business: The Gustavus Association of Congregations meeting is coming up in April; Matt Eckman and Tom Bowman will attend.

An idea of a Solar Garden at the corner of Superior Street and 13th was brought forward to the council. Discussion was tabled.

The Maintenance Fund was renamed the Capital Improvement Fund to help clarify the distinction between ongoing maintenance and capital improvement. A meeting will be held in the near future with the goal to create a regularly scheduled meeting to address issues.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for February 12. Copies of the Annual Report will be available at the church and on the website. An idea for ways for the congregation to be involved in brainstorming “what the Holy Spirit is calling First Lutheran to do” was decided upon. The additional gifted funding (\$10,000 to \$14,000) was discussed which could support Lutheran Social Service’s Together for Youth - support group for GLBTQ youth, digital signage, Myers/Wilkens Elementary School, Steve O’Neil early childhood programs, etc. The congregation members will be given the opportunity to vote for 2 of the 4 options.

Vision Council members closed with prayer led by Candy at 8:37pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2017, 6:00 p.m.



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- Go to www.flcduluth.org
- Sign up for *FirstNews* weekly e-mail updates by sending an e-mail to nancy@flcduluth.org
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- Download new and previous editions of *The Builder*
- An audio "widget" has been added on the side-bar of the web page/home page. This widget connects to the worship audio files stored online. Click on the one you want to download and it will take you to download link. These are large files that will take a few minutes to download (you can minimize) and then you just play on windows media player or other players.

KDAL AM Radio Broadcast

FLC Sunday Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.

First Lutheran Foundation invites and encourages members and friends of the congregation to sponsor a Sunday morning KDAL radio broadcast for \$100. The Foundation will match that gift with \$100 to cover the full cost of a broadcast (\$200). Call Nancy, 728-3668, to make arrangements.

Hospitalized? Death of a loved one?

If you or a family member is hospitalized or if there is a death in the family, please call the church office at 728-3668. Because of hospital policies, the church is not always informed when a member is in the hospital. For emergencies after hours, contact information is provided on the church answering system.

Caring Connections & Homebound Ministry

As a faith community we are called to care for each other, to walk with those experiencing difficult times, and to reach out to members who are no longer able to attend worship. If you would like to learn more about serving in this caring ministry, as a homebound visitor, a supportive connection, or a home communion minister, please contact Ann Beck at 728-3668 or annbeck@flcduluth.org. Also, if you are aware of someone in need of caring support or visits, please let the church office know.

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Please feel free to contact us.

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MARCH 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Short Sleeve Sunday! Blood pressure screenings are held the third Sunday of each month, except holidays, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Family Room (by Adult Ed Room). Next screening is Sun., March 19. Take your usual meds and wear short sleeves under your sweater or jacket. Bring your card if you have one.</p>			<p>1 10:30 Staff-AER ASH WEDNESDAY Services at 12:00 & 5:30 - Sanctuary 6:30 - Meal-PH 7:15 Soli Deo Gloria-S</p>	<p>2 7:00 Men's Disc-UC 9:00 MOPS-PH, etc 5:30 Jubilation Rngrs 5:30 Vision Council 6:30 Comp II-CH</p>	<p>3 7:00 Sojourners I -CH 9:30 Bible Study - AER</p>	<p>4 10:00 AA-PH</p>
					<p>Cardia Deo - 9th-12th Grade Big Sandy Camp in McGregor</p>	
<p>5 8:30 Worship-S 9:45 Sunday School 9:45 Youth Ringers-MR 10:00 Lenten Gospel Study-PH 11:00 Worship-S 3:30 FLUKE-GS</p>	<p>6 5:15 AA - PH 5:30 Yogadevotions-GS 6:30 Soj. II - CH 7:00 Soj. III - CF 7:00 Ruth Gathering-H</p>	<p>7 4:45 Extreme Parenting-LC/PH 6:30 Ministry Bd-AER</p>	<p>8 10:30 Staff-AER 5:30 Lenten Service-S 6:15 Lenten Meal-PH 6:45 Welcome to the Lord's Table-AER 7:15 Soli Deo Gloria-S</p>	<p>9 7:00 Men's Disc-UC 9:00 MOPS Steering 1:00 Prayer Shawl-CF 2:00 OSL-CH 5:30 Jubilation Rngrs 7:00 Mary & Martha-UC 7:00 <i>Talk Back</i> Session -AER</p>	<p>10 7:00 Sojourners I -CH 9:30 Bible Study - AER 5:00 Topnotchers-PH</p>	<p>11 10:00 AA-PH</p>
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					<p>3rd-6th Gr Elementary Rejuve - Camp Vermilion</p>	
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<p>26 8:30 Worship-S 9:30 Healing Prayers-S 9:45 Sunday School 9:45 Youth Ringers-MR 10:00 Lenten Gospel Study-PH 11:00 Worship-S 2:00 Apostle Choir to Aftenro</p>	<p>27 5:15 AA - PH 5:30 Yogadevotions-GS 6:30 Soj. II - CH 7:00 Soj. III - CF</p>	<p>28 11:45 Book Group-UC 6:30 FLC Foundation - CF</p>	<p>29 10:30 Staff-AER 5:30 Lenten Service-S 6:15 Lenten Meal-PH 6:45 Welcome to the Lord's Table-AER 7:15 Soli Deo Gloria-S</p>	<p>30 7:00 Men's Disc-UC 5:30 Jubilation Rngrs</p>	<p>31 7:00 Sojourners I -CH 9:30 Bible Study - AER</p>	



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WELCOMING STATEMENT

First Lutheran Church, dedicated to the mission of Jesus Christ, welcomes YOU into this community of faith, where we share life in its entirety, with all its joys and sorrows. We believe all people are created in the image of God and are offered God's love, grace and forgiveness, regardless of: religious tradition, age, gender, race, education, economic status, sexual orientation, family structure, mental or physical abilities. We extend a special welcome in Christ's love.

The Builder Schedule

- The following date is the deadline for submitting articles.
- Articles submitted after deadline will be published in the next issue. If possible, e-mail articles to: nancy@flcduluth.org.

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