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MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2019 SPIRE

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Kathy Emery - President/Personnel
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Wendy Erickson - Secretary/Life and Growth
John Laidlaw - Stewardship/Education
Cyd Mark- Vice President/Education/ Worship
Tom Sasse - Worship
Matt Stinson -Stewardship
Mary Weberg - Christian Action
Mark Jaeger - Property
Bunny Kulstad -
Jon Ubbelohde

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour
10:45 a.m. Sunday School (*Sept- May*)

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Reset Wednesday
5:00 p.m. Dinner served in fellowship hall
5:30 p.m. Worship in the fellowship hall
6:00 p.m. Church School

Saturday

5:30 p.m. Worship in the Norelius Chapel

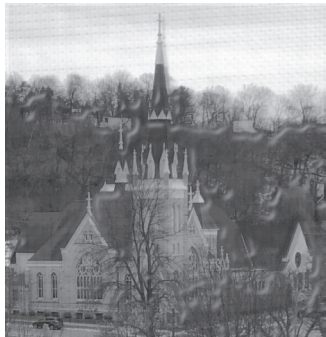
PRAYER REQUESTS

Call the church office at 651.388.9311 or e-mail your prayer requests to office@firstlutheranrw.com. If you want a pastoral visit or would like to be included on the prayer list or prayer chain, please call the church office or Pat Swanson, 651-388-7032.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Kaitlynn Kukuska, Crystal Swanson, Marcia Krause, J e n n y Edmonds, Donna Prescher, Bob Swanson, Lorrie Anderson, Joann Hosking, Janet Larson, Gerald Lein, Beverly Lein, Horst Radtke, Carol Peterson, John Heinsch, Kandis Mendez, Juventino Mendez, Adair Palmatier, DJ and Dennis Johnson, Eleanor Peterson, Abby Ritter, Bob Weir, Dave Erickson, Melinda Helmer, Carl Meyer, Diane C. Dan Jones, Beth Holak, Mary Charbonneau, Lois Ziller, Betty and Ann O'Brian, Jenny Piehl, Arlan Johnson, Darrell Nelson

FROM THE PASTOR



FIRST THOUGHTS

LENT IS COMING

Paul's Prayer for the Philippians

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first

day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1: 3-11NRSV

In Paul's letter he is expressing his love for Christian community, especially for the church in Philippi. It feels good to be part of a team, group or family where you have a common bond. What greater bond is there than to be brothers and sisters in Christ.

As brothers and sisters in Christ we share a lot. We work together for God's work in the world and we also support one another. We share in the struggle to make Christ known in the world.

Lent is a time for supporting one another. As Christians we strive to live the life that we were created to live however we know that it is not always easy. Lent is a time to get back on track. It can serve as something like our spring training. We get back to the basics and try to get back into shape. That's one of the reasons why we need each other. Having other people working with each other, encouraging, pushing each other and taking turns lifting each other up, makes the challenge a little easier.

As we enter the Lenten journey beginning on Ash Wednesday, let's take this lenten opportunity to encourage and pray for each other to build up our faith muscles for the work Jesus gives us to do for the good of First Lutheran, Red Wing and beyond.

May God bless you and your brothers and sister in Christ on your Lenten journey.

God bless you,
Pastor Arto

P.S. Why not try our "reSet Wednesdays" during Lent

66	Essential	Readings
3/1	Nehemiah 1	Prays for his people
3/2	Nehemiah 2	Sent to Juday
3/3	Sunday	
3/4	Nehemiah 3	Organization of work
3/5	Nehemiah 4	Hostile plot thwarted
3/6	Nehemiah 5	Oppression
3/7	Nehemiah 6	Enemies foiled
3/8	Nehemiah 7	Lists of returned Exiles
3/9	Nehemiah 8	Festival of booths
3/10	Sunday	
3/11	Nehemiah 9	National Confession
3/12	Nehemiah 10	Summary of Covenant
3/13	Nehemiah 11	Population increased
3/14	Nehemiah 12	Dedication of city wall
3/15	Nehemiah 13	Foreigners & reforms
3/16	Esther 1	Queen Vashti
3/17	Sunday	
3/18	Esther 2	Queen Esther
3/19	Esther 3	Haman & the Jews
3/20	Esther 4	Esther helps Jews
3/21	Esther 5	Esther's banquet
3/22	Esther 6	King honors Mordecai
3/23	Esther 7	Esther's request
3/24	Sunday	
3/25	Esther 8	Esther saves the Jews
3/26	Esther 9&10	Destruction of Enemies
3/27	Job 1	Job and family
2/28	Job 2	Job's health
3/29	Job 3	Job curses birth
3/30	Job 4	Eliphaz
3/31	Sunday	



Save your Family Fare and Econofoods receipts! We're raising money for the Roof Replacement Fund through Direct Your Dollars

For the past few years, we have watched the roof leak in the office and chapel. We have a plan in place to fix it and are currently raising money to make that happen. Now, through Direct Your Dollars, we have a new and exciting way to raise money to accomplish that goal!

Direct Your Dollars is a receipt-based program, meaning that we can raise money simply by doing something we all do each week – going to the grocery store.

Every time you shop at your local Family Fare or Econofoods store, save your receipts – and encourage your friends and family to do the same. Once we've collected \$150,000 in receipts from these stores, we can turn those slips of paper into a \$1,000 check for First Lutheran Church!

To reach our goal of \$150,000 in receipts, we'll be collecting eligible receipts in our Direct Your Dollars box. The box has the DYD logo on it, and it's located on the information desk in the Narthex. Please make sure you drop off the original receipt – that's how we earn our \$1,000 check.

If you aren't able to drop your receipts off in person, you can also mail them to First Lutheran Church, 615 W 5th St, Red Wing MN. 55066.

Through the Direct Your Dollars program, we can turn YOUR Family Fare and Econofoods receipts into cash for OUR new roof!



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Called to order at 11: 35AM

Nominations for President – Kathy Emery accepts the nomination, motion carries.

Nominations for Vice President – Cyd Mark accepts the nomination, motion carries.

Nominations for Secretary – Wendy Erickson accepts the nomination, motion carries.

Nominations for Treasurer – Aly Kloeckner accepts the nomination, motion carries

Installation of officers will be next Sunday.

Meeting adjourned at 11:41AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aly Kloeckner, 1/27/19

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

COUNCIL MINUTES FEBRUARY 19, 2019

PRESENT: Matt Stinson, Aly Kloeckner, Cyd Mark, Mark Jaeger, Kathy Emery, Bunny Kulstad, Pr. Arte Sharot, Tom Sasse, John Laidlaw, Wendy Erickson, Mary Weberg

Devotions and Treat were offered by John Laidlaw.

AGENDA: MSC (moved, seconded and carried) to accept as presented. SECRETARY'S REPORT: MSC to accept as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gina presented the treasurer's report. Giving was down in January. We were notified that we owe \$2629.33 to the county for the seal coating of the parking lot—this should have been paid before-but was missed. A payment arrangement was made to pay three quarterly payments—will use Thrivent dollars as needed per the Finance Committee's recommendation. Caden Anderson, Syl's grandson, has been assisting Syl. We will add him as an employee in order to have him covered for workmen's comp etc.

MSC to accept the treasurer's report.

STAFF REPORTS: MSC to accept the staff reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: It should be noted that due to the seemingly unending weather issues, most

committees were not able to meet this month.

- Worship and Music-no report other than what was included in Marilee's report.

- Property-no meeting however Mark reported that the roof is going to be looked at when weather allows. Pastor Arte said that the church across the parking lot that is being refurbished to be an artisan center asked if they could use the parking lot for their events. We decided to say no as there is no sense of when the events will be and approval would need to given by the county also.

- Education—no meeting, no report other than Tina's report

- Life and Growth—no meeting

- Youth—no meeting, no report other than Tina's report

- Christian Action—Mary reported that March is Food Share month and Christian

Action will have activities related to that. She also said that she got a call from Marc Gerken, the area coordinator for Toys for Tots. They are losing their space at the old Hancock School and are looking to relocate.

- Stewardship—no meeting

- Personnel—Kathy explained the process for performance reviews for the staff—which should be done in March. Kathy will send a document about the process to follow. The following people are the council liaison for the review—

- Pastor Arte—Wendy and Matt

- Tina—John

- Marilee—Tom

- Laurel—Kathy and Bunny

- Gina—Aly

- Syl and Brian—Mark

OLD BUSINESS

Emergency Preparedness Committee—Joe Rice was not able to be at the meeting tonight so no report.

Audit Committee—Kathy presented the volunteers for the audit committee as follows: Kevin Goebbel-3 year term, Norm Wille-2 year term and Dave/Linda Olson-1 year term.

NEW BUSINESS:

Leadership Workshop: Pastor Arte presented about

a leadership workshop, to be held at Good Earth Village, near Spring Valley MN, on March 3 from 1-5. If interested contact Pr. Arte.

Fundraising for the Roof: Bunny presented a couple of ideas to raise additional funds for the roof repair. One involves saving receipts from Family Fare. For each \$150,000 of receipts saved, we would receive \$1000. Another idea is to tithe tax returns. Bunny will present a temple talk to present.

Council Member Liaison to Committees: Kathy asked everyone to review which committees they were assigned to and let her know if changes need to be made.

Parking Lot/Snow Removal: There is a question about getting the snow removed from the parking lot, particularly as it builds up around the Hope Coalition vans. Aly will check with the county about their snow removal plans. Wendy will talk to Hope Coalition about the vans.

Boy Scout Building Use: There was an issue with the Scouts changing the date of their banquet (due to the weather) and not informing the office and then a mess being left in the bathroom. Joe Rice is our

contact and will be talking to the Scouts about this. Next meeting, March 12 at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted, Wendy Erickson

YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS ARE
CORDIALLY INVITED TO
“An Irish” Brunch Special Feature: Linda Stai from Buffalo, MN will share “Storytelling through drama and written word” Speaker: Linda will also discuss “You control your life: True or False?” When her plans went awry, she met a far better planner for her life.
Monday, March 11, 2019 10:30 - Noon
Laurentine Room – St. James Hotel
Red Wing, MN \$17.00 inclusive
rwrvcwc@yahoo.com
or call Barb Kolby at 651-212-6503
by March 7th

January 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR January 2019

Thank you for your tithes and offerings

OPERATING INCOME	Jan Actual	Budgeted Jan	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted
General Fund Pledges	24,341	32,500	24,341	32,500
Mission Support	20	42	20	42
Other Income	3,605	4,244	3,605	4,244
Total Income	27,966	36,786	27,966	36,786
OPERATING EXPENSES	Jan Actual	Budgeted Jan	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted
General Operating Expenses	37,029	36,833	37,029	36,833
ELCA Benevolence	2,083	2,083	2,083	2,083
Other Outside Giving	1,324	1,324	1,324	1,324
Total Expenses	40,437	40,240	40,437	40,240
Income vs. Expenses	-\$12,470.73	-\$3,454.00	-\$12,470.73	-\$3,454.00
Beginning Cash Balance (1/1/19)	\$ 124,476	Operating Fund Balance 1/1/19		\$ 13,522
Ending Cash Balance (1/31/2019)	\$ 135,192	Operating Fund Balance 1/31/19		\$ 1,047

MARCH "JOY IN DOING"

COMMUNION

3 Mitch & Chris Boldt, Kathy Emery
10 Nils & Ellis Fauchald, Karyl Frye
17 Colin & Karen Graves, Maureen Kees
24 Richard Houghton, Arnold & Karen Strusz
31 Bunny Kulstad, Wendy Ehlers, Daryl Mark

LECTOR

3 Chuck Schwartau
10 Sandra Sharot
17 Gloria Solsaa
24 Karen Strusz
31 Mary Weberg

GREETERS

3 Charles & Carol Charbonneau
10 Nils & Ellis Fauchald
17 Wendy Ehlers
24 Kip Edquist
31 Clark Fjelsted

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

3 Cliff & Kathy Emery
10 Clark & Jean Fjelsted
17 Pam Hallahan, Ellen Mackey
24 Bill & Barb Raw
31 Ed & Rae Santelman

SATURDAY ASSISTANT

2 Mike Heller
9 Steve Kohner
16 Terry Lohman
23 Gary and Darlene Longballa
31 Darrell Nelson

ACOLYTE AND CLEAN-UP

3 Luke Kinneman and family
10 Scott Langhans and family
17 Courtney Roberts and family
24 Mary Ellen Rabortson and family
31 Justin Rice and family

TREATS

3 Beverly Lein, Dale & Lynn Lund, Daryl Mark,
Gerald and Louise Mewhorter
10 Darrell Nelson, Jim & Shirley Olson, Larry & Fay
Peterson, Bill & Lila Rice
17 Pam Hallahan, Ellen Mackey, Cheri Roberts,
Gloria Solsaa
24 Bill & Barb Raw, Tom & Cheri Sasse, Renee
Schlegelmilch, Colin & Karen Graves
31 Ed & Rae Santelman, David & Jane Schwartau,
Arlene Stromback, Maureen Kees

BREW CREW

3 Clark and Jean Fjelsted
10 Bill and Barb Raw
17 Dick and Nancy Houghton
24 Murph and Lois Berg
31 Clark and Jean Fjelsted

WEDNESDAY SERVERS AND CLEAN-UP

6 All Youth Ash Wednesday meal Fundraiser
13 Gracy Gernentz and family
20 Sarah Anne Kolby and family
27 Zoe Lohman and family

USHERS

Rollie Meffert (Chair)
David Carlstrom
Steve Haase
Mark Jaeger
John, Julie & Marshall Laidlaw
Scott Lappegaard
David & Linda Olson

Thank You

**Dear Friends at First Lutheran, Thank
you for giving so graciously to help FMSC
feed children hungry in body and spirit.
Because of you their lives now have hope.
Katie Olson - KOlson@fmsc.org**

MARCH 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 5:30 pm Worship Music – Sue Heller
3 9:30am Worship Eucharistic Ministers 10:30am Fellowship 7:00pm Women and Wine	4 3:30pm Piano lessons 7:00pm Boy Scouts troop 32	5 11:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Text Study 2:00pm Mindfulness 3:30pm Piano lessons 4:00pm Property team 4:30pm Praise team 5:00pm Executive 7:00pm Team Meetings	6 8:30am Men's Bible Study 11:00am Ash Wed Worship 12:00pm Lunch 5:00pm Dinner 6:00pm Ash Wed Worship	7 5:00pm Bells of the Bluffs	8	9 5:30 pm Worship Music – Jean Fjelsted
10 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Church School	11 3:30pm Piano lessons 7:00pm Boy Scouts troop 32	12 10:00am Hospice 11:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Text Study 2:00pm Mindfulness 3:30pm Piano lessons 4:00pm Finance 6:30pm Council Meeting	13 8:30am Men's Bible Study 12:00pm Reset 1:00pm Quilting 4:15pm Kid's Rock 5:00pm Dinner 5:30pm Worship 5:45pm Joy Ringers 6pm Church School 6:15pm Ecumenical worship at St. Paul's 7:00pm Choir	14 5:00pm Bells of the Bluffs	15	16 5:30 pm Worship Music – Marilee Anderson
17 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Church School 6:00pm Women and Wine - fellowship hall	18 3:30pm Piano lessons 6:00pm Cub Scouts - Lions 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts troop 32 7:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	19 11:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Text Study 2:00pm Mindfulness 3:30pm Piano lessons 7:00pm Eve	20 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Martha 10:00am Mary 12:00pm Reset 4:15pm Kid's Rock 5:00pm Dinner 5:30pm Worship 5:45pm Joy Ringers 6pm Church School 6:15pm Ecumenical worship at United 7:00pm Choir	21 5:00pm Bells of the Bluffs	22	23 5:30 pm Worship Music – Marilee Anderson
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Ash Wednesday Soup Lunch & Dinner

Join us for lunch after the 11am worship service or for dinner starting at 5:00 for a soup and breads meal provided by our youth. All the proceeds will help with summer activities this year, including camp scholarships.