

# Ambassadors of Christ

## INVITE, INVITE, INVITE

### How Do People Start Attending Church?

A Friend Invited Me – 86%  
 Organized Visitation – 6%  
 Invited by the Pastor – 6%  
 Advertising – 2%  
 churchgrowth.org

Over the past few months, a recurring theme in lectionary readings, Women’s Bible Study, the Lutheran Course, Confirmation, Youth Group and CSI is one of inviting others “to come and see!” Come and see what is going on at this place. Come and see what God is doing in worship. Come and see what

God is up to in our community. In a few of the educational opportunities that I mentioned we discussed the topic of evangelism. And we talked about how the word Evangelism can have negative connotations. But evangelism doesn’t have to be scary or even overly churchy it can be as simple as inviting someone to “come and see”. As you can see by these statistics most people end up in church because someone cared enough to invite someone else – because you cared enough to invite your friends and family. If your church worship and your church service life is important to you why wouldn’t you want to share it with your friends and family? This is not in your face evangelism – it is nothing more than asking them to “come and see”. The same words that Jesus’ disciples used to invite others.

In Christ,  
 Pastor Scott

Pastor Scott Kiehn

### Church Council

- President** - Donna Lee
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- Secretary** - Shelly George
- Education/Youth** - Lacey Flaten
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- Discipleship** - Bev Johnson
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Doug Allie
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- Church Treasurer**  
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- Church Maintenance**  
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- Choir Director**  
Colleen Thompson
- Kathy Smith, accompanist
- Organist/Pianist**  
Audra Breigenzer  
Jennifer Fewer

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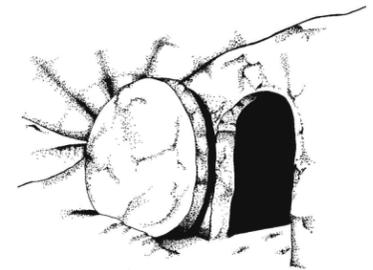


Easter is April 17<sup>th</sup> this year, a little later than we have seen in the past few years. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday which is April 10<sup>th</sup>, during this time in our congregation we will have many opportunities to gather and worship. Many opportunities to share the message of the Gospel with someone. Many opportunities to invite someone to worship with you. I encourage you to attend as many of these worship opportunities as you can, I also encourage you to invite others to worship with you (See the article “Invite, Invite, Invite”). The message of the resurrection is one that we are called to share with the world, that can begin right here by inviting one person at a time.

With all of these opportunities to worship make a point of putting yourself in a position to hear the good news of the Easter message, the good news of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, **FOR YOU!** Hopefully you hear this message all year long, but starting with the reading of the passion narrative on Palm Sunday through Easter morning we have four or five opportunities to hear this life changing, life giving message and also participate in worship and prayer with the gathered community. May Jesus Christ the resurrected Word made flesh come to you in new and unique ways this Easter season. Remember that our hope and salvation is in the promise of the resurrection – the promise that Christ died and rose for you!

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!  
 He has Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

Pastor Scott



*“Our hope and salvation is in the promise of resurrection.”*

## FLC PRAYER VIGIL’S — 30th YEAR

First Lutheran Church will hold a 24-hour Prayer Vigil. This will be the 30th year since we began this vigil. It will begin following our Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Service at 5:30 PM until the Good Friday Service at 5:30 PM.

- Please sign up on the chart in the Narthex for a time that works for you. It will be set up in one-hour intervals. You may sign up for more than one hour and more than one person may sign up for each hour. *(As of 3/31/22 10-1 hour spots are empty.)*
- There are forms in a basket in the Narthex for your prayer requests and another basket to hand in the completed forms. Personalized prayer requests must be signed by the requestor.
- A list of prayer requests, prayer books and suggested prayers will be available for you as you enter the Sanctuary for your prayer time.

This is an opportunity for an awesome experience for you!!

Please participate!

“Lent is spring training. Easter is opening day!”

—seen on a church sign



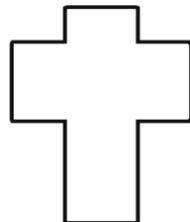
# Easter Word Search

T H O R N S W Y S M L A P N G  
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## Do You Qualify?

Do you qualify to make contributions to your church or your favorite charity with pretax 100% dollars rather than with after-tax dollars as many of us do?

If you are 70 and ½ or older and have an IRA which requires you to take a required minimum distribution (RMD) each year, you qualify.

What does this mean? It means that if you make a qualified charitable distribution to the church or a qualified charity, it may reduce your taxable income and provide you a lower tax bill, but still provide the church or other charity with the same contribution.

It is easy to do. You just ask the institution holding your retirement funds to issue a check in the name of the church or the charitable organization of your choice for whatever portion of your RMD you choose to donate. What is important is that the check be issued in the name of the church or charity and not in your name. The check will be sent to you, and you will deliver it to the church or charity. The balance of your RMD will be sent to you whenever you request it during the year. When you file your income tax return, you subtract the donated portion of the RMD from your total RMD.

If you would like to use this IRS approved method of making contributions tax free and have questions or are not sure how to proceed, you can contact **Shelly George, our Thrivent representative, at (406) 263-2585 or Diana Mattfeldt, CPA at CHMS accounting firm, at (406) 228-9391.**

## Notices

- Discipleship is looking for a group to host 2nd Sunday Brunch in December. June, July & August will be just coffee & treats after service.
- 18 spots left to sponsor for the 2022 Radio Broadcast season!
- Service Group leaders for March are Sheila Fast & Debby Cornwell. Call list **Reyling to Tribby.**
- Need Service Group Leaders for Aug, Sept, Nov & Dec. Call office if willing to help out.
- **Living Lutheran & Taking Christ Home** available in narthex.



## Happy EASTER!

### Food Bank

- Apr 3 2 cans veggies
- Apr 10 4 rolls toilet paper
- Apr 17 2 boxes Kleenex
- Apr 24 1 tube toothpaste



**Directory Updates** needed to clean up the church directory. If you have a new cell or discontinued your land line, we'd like to get that right. Or if you moved even!

Also, your adult children and grandchildren may have moved and it would be nice to get that sorted out. And your kids! We have many with wrong grades in school or if in college. Please help us figure it out.

You can call/come into the office or fill out an update form or go online at: [www.flcglasgow.org](http://www.flcglasgow.org) under "Ministries", then "Ways to Serve" for an online submission form.

We very much appreciate this information. Thank you!

## Easter Eggs



Easter is a religious holiday, but some of its customs, such as Easter eggs, are likely linked to pagan traditions. The egg, an ancient symbol of new life, has been associated with pagan festivals celebrating spring. From a Christian perspective, Easter eggs are said to represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb and resurrection. Decorating eggs for Easter is a tradition that dates back to at least the 13th century, according to some sources. One explanation for this custom is that eggs were formerly a forbidden food during the Lenten season, so people would paint and decorate them to mark the end of the period of penance and fasting, then eat them on Easter as a celebration.



## Late Breaking News!!

Montana Synod Bishop Laurie Jungling stopped by for a visit during CSI worship/Youth activities and stayed for pizza and cake. What an honor to have her with us on a fine evening.

## How to support First Lutheran Church by shopping at Reynolds.

Login or register on Reynold's website. Then go to rewards and my rewards. Click on the Friends of Reynolds button and add the charity (#1006) you would like to support. You can only support one charity at a time.

**May 29th**

**Senior Appreciation Breakfast**

Junior Class & Parents will meet after worship April 24th.

Call Danette Miller for more info: 406-263-7718

Sponsors needed:  
 Jake Kuka, Alesia Hopstad, Kylie Lagerquist, Blake Lloyd, Nora Jo Neumiller, Rance Rhodes, McKenna Stommen, Tarin Vandall

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

February, 2022

Council members present: Doug Allie, Lacey Flaten, Greg Forrester, Shelly George, Bev Johnson, Marvin Johnson, Donna Lee, Lynn Lipzyc, Judi Martin. Others attending: Pastor Scott Kiehn, Leanne Fontaine.

- The payroll policy and church usage policy are being revised. The church audit report was reviewed.
- The church music leaders and the property team will decide on the placement of the donated Steinway piano.
- The homeless shelter in Wolf Point needs socks. There is the possibility that Wolf Point area Thrivent Action Team funds could be used.

### Motions Passed:

- Treasurer's report and the February minutes were approved.
- SDI Architects paid \$2811.
- New banners costing \$591.
- Profits from the lutefisk dinner will be applied to the handicapped bathroom special project.
- Friends of Reynolds (\$154.22) plus year end funds (\$145.78) will be donated to the St. Marie Women's troop project.
- Maturing Mission Plus cd for \$31,023.27 will be left for 1 year at 0.5% interest.
- Parsonage improvements of \$920.71.
- Close the Hunt for Humanity account using money in the account to purchase hamburger for the food bank.

### Reports:

Youth/Family Work is being done on plans for Vacation Bible School. Fund raising is being looked at for youth summer camps. The Minneapolis Gathering has been canceled. Other projects are youth get-aways, Senior breakfast, and new pool table.

Preschool Grants are being looked into for new tables in the classrooms. A Thrivent Action Team could pay for \$250 of the needed money.

Discipleship Council alternates are Whitney Linder and Lynette Schultz. Volunteers are needed for preparing second Sunday brunches.

Property The architects presented plans for the church special building projects. Work is being done on grants.

Stewardship Information will be in a future newsletter concerning using a RMD or IRA for tax free donations.

Worship They will be preparing the March 13 brunch. Ash Wednesday church at 5:30. Soup suppers will follow the Thursday Lent Services. This is the 30th year of the prayer vigil. Palms are ordered for Palm Sunday. Easter Sunday service is at 9:30.

Finance The local merchant and vendor preferences policy was reviewed. The team approved a \$100 plumbing bill for the church kitchen.

Pastor 2 funerals, no weddings or baptisms. Margie Fielder will be here to talk about youth camps. Lent will be dialogue services.

### First Lutheran Church

Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered and sent for the sake of God's world as Ambassadors of Christ.



## Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday - April 10 at 9:30 am

Maundy Thursday - April 14 at 5:30 pm  
Prayer Vigil begins & ends at 4:00 pm 4/15

Good Friday - April 15 at 5:30 pm

Easter Sunday - April 17 at 9:30 am  
with muffins to follow.

Question: Which Bible character was the best musician?

Samson—he brought the house down!

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