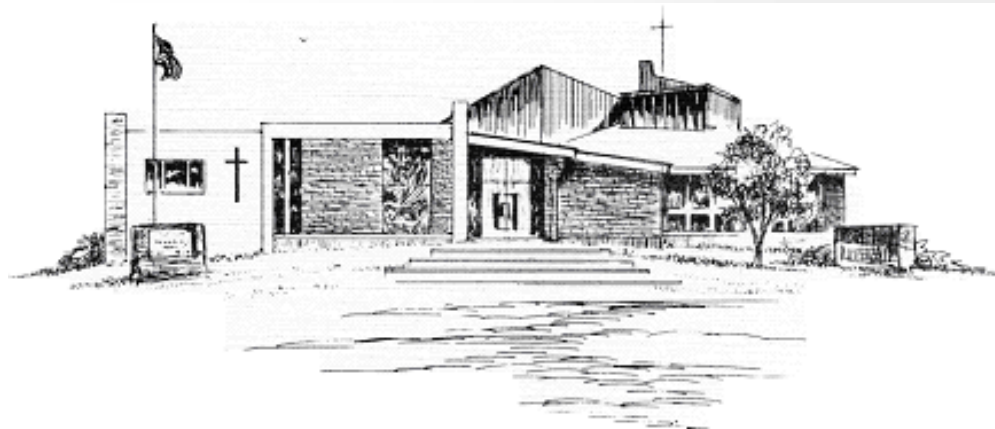


First Lutheran Church February 2024



Ambassadors of Christ



This year, Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on February 14. During worship services that day, pastors in many Christian churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning branches from the previous Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads.

Why ashes? Traditionally, they're a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. Ashes also represent the frailty and temporary nature of human life ("You are dust, and to dust you shall return," Genesis 3:19). Christians are pained because our sins led to Jesus' death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing that it leads to Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Today, some worshipers wipe off the ashes before leaving church, to symbolize being cleansed from sin by Jesus' death; others wear the ashes the rest of the day, carrying the cross of Christ into the world.

Pastor Scott Kiehn

Church Council

- President** - Tara Wesen
- Vice Pres** - Greg Forrester
- Secretary** - Bev Johnson
- Ed/Youth** - Tana Tweten
- Finance** - Greg Forrester
- Property** - Marvin Johnson, Jon Mattfeldt
- Discipleship** - Mandy Rasmusen
- Stewardship** - Maxwell Knodel
- Worship** - Judi Martin

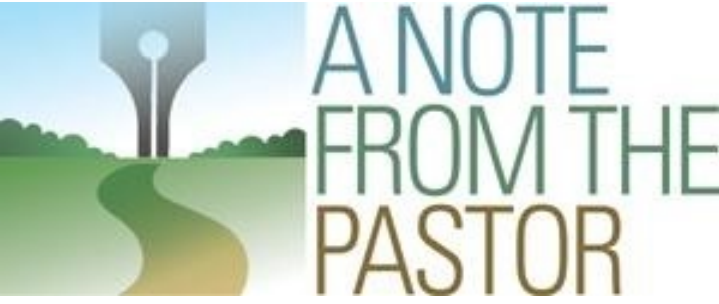
Our Staff

- Youth/Family Coordinator** Daniel Brandt
- Secretary** Sandy Carpenter
- Financial Secretary** Peggy Hansen
- Church Treasurer** Leanne Fontaine
- Church Custodian** Deb MacDonald

- Choir Director** Colleen Thompson
- Kathy Smith, accompanist
- Organist/Pianist** Audra Breigenzer
- Jennifer Fewer

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With below zero temperatures and snow winter is finally up on us. The season seemed to get a late start, but it caught up to us. The church year and seasons can be the same way, some are on the same date each year but others are a moving target. This year instead of March, (like last year) Lent begins in February. This year Ash Wednesday is February 14th. Lent is a time of repentance and introspection. A time in the Church year when we look at ourselves and realize that we are not God and that we do not measure up to God's standards. We fall short when we stand before God. With repentance comes the understanding that we cannot do it on our own we cannot make ourselves right before God. Repentance reminds us of our need for God. This year our Lenten series of midweek worship will focus on the Lord's Prayer. This seems especially fitting for a number of reasons. Today I pulled out the next confirmation lesson from

the catechism where we begin studying the Lord's Prayer. The lesson is titled "The Greatest Prayer". Also this week in our LPA studies Max and I are to read Martin Luther's "The Large Catechism". In the section on the Lord's Prayer Luther writes, "for if he did not intend to answer you, he would not have ordered you to pray and backed it up with such a strict commandment". Luther says that we are drawn to prayer because, "God takes the initiative and puts into our mouths the very words and approach we are to use." Hear more about the wonderful gift of this prayer as we journey through Lent with The Lord's Prayer.

Ash Wednesday worship service with the imposition of ashes will be Wednesday February 14th at 5:30. The midweek Lent services will be each Thursday, beginning February 22nd at 5:30 with the soup supper following. Also, to accompany your Lenten journey the Worship Team has purchased a Lenten Devotional titled "Gathered into One", look for them the week before Ash Wednesday. As you can see there are many opportunities for worship in our congregation. My prayer is that you will encounter Jesus Christ coming to you – "for you" in these worship opportunities!

In Christ, Pastor Scott

"Repentance reminds us of our need for God"

*It's still winter ... but
spring is near. It's
Lent ... but we're
pointed toward Easter.
Keep us hopeful, Lord.*



Affectionately Yours

St. Valentine, a Roman priest, was martyred in 270 A.D. for loving Jesus. Some sources say he performed weddings after the emperor banned them; others say he rescued Christians from Roman prisons. Two centuries later, the pope declared February 14 St. Valentine's Day.

According to legend, the priest signed his letters "Your Valentine." Later, Christians followed suit to honor him. By the mid-1700s, friends and sweethearts exchanged heart-shaped trinkets or sent handwritten notes of affection on February 14.



Notices

- **Next Service/Event Team** is Mona Amundson & Tara Wesen. Feb. call group is **Powell to Trott.**
- **Coffee Leader** for Feb. is Jennifer Fewer.
- Bring in Pop Tabs, Old Glasses & Used Print Cartridges to be recycled.
- **Soup Suppers** to begin. Bring your soup creations in on Thursdays starting 2/22.



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. **Last quarter check was for \$316.07.** For help, come see Sandy in the office and she'll get you set up. Your grocery shopping is worth it.

Food Bank

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| Feb 5 | Canned Beans |
| Feb 12 | 2 Pouches Tuna/Chicken |
| Feb 19 | Baby/Toddler Foods |
| Feb 26 | Toothpaste |

Church is Fun

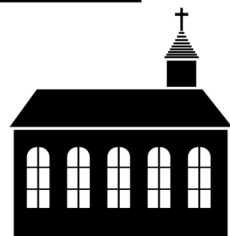
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Word list:

BELIEF	FRIENDSHIP	JOY
BLESSINGS	GIVING	LOVE
CHRIST	GOD	MERCY
CHURCH	GRACE	OBEDIENCE
COMPASSION	GUIDANCE	PATIENCE
COURAGE	HEALING	PEACE
ETERNAL	HEAVEN	SALVATION
FAITH	HOLY	SPIRIT
FAITHFULNESS	HOPE	TRUTH
FORGIVENESS	JESUS	WISDOM



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Lifting News



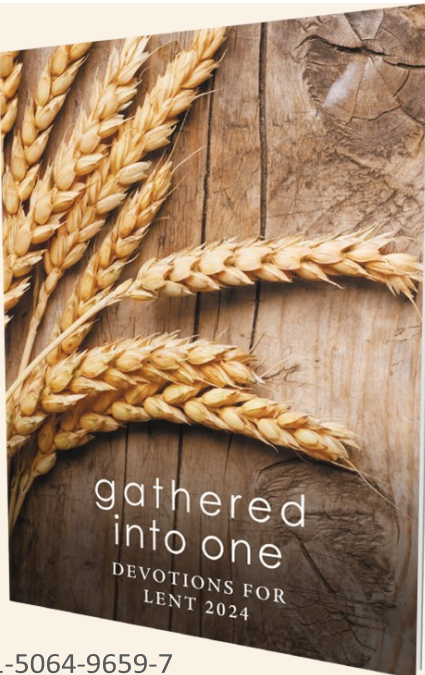
The construction bid was approved by the congregation, the pre-construction inspections completed, crews are busy prepping areas...it is going to be a glorious mess! The new lift construction is scheduled to begin in February! Starting at the bottom & working their way up is the plan. The library is already moved. **Please lend a hand** organizing books in the new library nook. We are beyond excited to have this improvement under way. Imagine, all levels being accessed easily and safely. Keep the progress in your prayers. The next stage will be to get ADA compliant bathrooms. Where there is a will, there will be a way through trust in the Lord.

Gathered into One provides daily devotions for each day from Ash Wednesday to the Resurrection of Our Lord/Vigil of Easter (traditionally known as Holy Saturday). Devotions begin with an evocative image and a brief passage from First Corinthians. The writers then bring their diverse voices and pastoral wisdom to the texts with quotations to ponder, reflections, and prayers.

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FLC Council Highlights
December 18, 2023

(Complete printed or electronic copies of the minutes are available from the church office.)

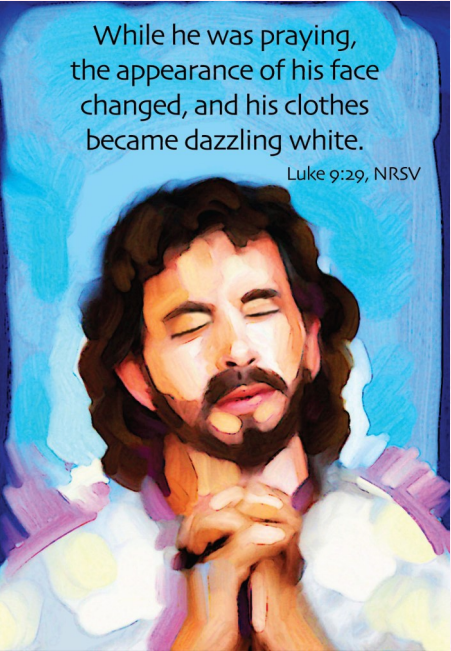
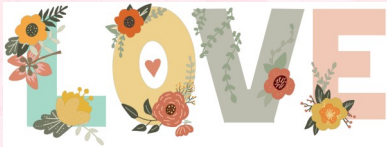
Council members present: Shelly George, Beverly Johnson, Marvin Johnson, Mandy Rasmusan, Tara Wesen, Donna Lee, and Judi Martin. Absent: Max Knodel and Darcie Waarvik. Others present: Tana Tweten, Jon Mattfeldt, Leanne Fontaine, John Fontaine and Pastor Scott.

- Steering committee update by John Fontaine: Two bids were submitted. B & B Construction of Sidney, Mt for \$350,400 within 245 day construction period. Corland Construction of Sidney, Montana for \$186,500 within 45 day construction period. John Fontaine has been in contact with Brandon Jansen, project architect. He has worked with both construction firms and they are both reputable and capable of completing the project.
- The bids did not include the work for the electrical components (this work will be done by Jon Mattfeldt and John Fontaine), the modifications for the sprinkler system or the replacement of the flooring in the area of the old lift. John estimated the sprinkler and flooring costs would be approximately \$3000 to \$3500 each.
- Treasurer’s report: As of November 30, 2023, the balance in the lift account is \$209,404.17. The balance in the either/or account is \$58,290.83. Together that equals \$267,695.00 which is enough for this phase of the project. The bathroom account has \$40,050.37. The fundraising for the bathrooms will continue as the work progresses on the lift project.
- Treasurer’s report: Total income for November was

- \$14,974.05. Total expenses for November were \$18,439.09. November’s cash flow was -\$3465.04. YTD cash flow is -\$22,360.64. In October and November, \$5,000 was moved from savings to the checking account.
- Bills to be paid: Paid SDI Architects \$3378. from the special project account
 - Election of officers: Tara Wesen was elected as president. Bev Johnson was elected as secretary. The biannual meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2024.
 - Discipleship: The noisy offering in December will go to the high school youth. The schedules for the Sunday coffee leaders and service group leaders have been completed.
 - Finance: Paid the Synod \$7600 from the Then and Now fund. Voted to pledge 7% of our income to the Synod each month.
 - Stewardship: The letters for pledges for 2024 have been sent out.
 - Worship: The members of the worship team bought 6 silk poinsettias. The services for Christmas Eve and Christmas are planned.
 - Property: A new toilet for the upstairs ladies bathroom was installed..
 - Pastor Scott: No funerals, no baptisms and no weddings. Continuing Divine Drama Bible studies, visits at Prairie Ridge and Valley View. LPA meetings. Youth/Ed meeting. CSI celebration for Christmas. Hospital and home visits. The Synod nominating committee is working on the national Synod convention.

What we really need...

Twelve ministers were on a plane going to a conference in Seattle. When they came into a large storm, they told the flight attendants to tell the pilot that everything would be okay because 12 ministers were on board. Later, one flight attendant returned from the cockpit. "What did the pilot say?" one preacher asked playfully. "He said he was glad to have 12 ministers aboard, but he would rather have four good engines."
-Homiletics, February 15, 1998



How do pastors like their orange juice?

Answer: With pulpit.

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.



Valentine’s Day Jokes for Animal Lovers

What did one sheep say to the other?
I love ewe!

And how did the other sheep respond?
You’re not so baaa-d yourself.

Why do skunks love Valentine’s Day?
They are very scent-imental creatures.

What did the enamored deer say?
I’m very fawn-ed of you!

What question did the penguin ask on February 14?
Waddle I do without you?



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