



## Ambassadors of Christ



As we look ahead to May we look to confirmation on May 12 and Senior recognition on May 26. Two events where we look to new beginnings and possibly an uncertain future (especially for the graduates). The truth is that all of our futures have always been uncertain.

No one ever knows for sure what tomorrow will bring. That is why the following words from Jeremiah 29:11 are always meaningful, “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” Even when it doesn’t feel like it, we have “a future with hope”. During this season of Easter that ends with the day of Pentecost on May 19<sup>th</sup> we focus on the hope of the resurrection. The hope of new life in Christ. During these uncertain times we need to hear over and over again the promises of God that are for you. The promises of God that give us hope. That is why we gather for worship each Sunday to hear over and over again the promises of God that can sustain us as we look ahead to an uncertain future. And as we continue to worship and live our lives we look forward to “a future with hope” because we are Easter people – people who live in the hope of the resurrection.

God’s Blessings to You,  
Pastor Scott

“...the promises of God that can sustain us...”

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 Rasmusan
- 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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## Notices

- **Next Service/Event Team** is Mona Amundson & Tara Wesen. May call group is **Dale to Forrester.**
- **Coffee Leader** for May is **Maridene Johnson.**
- Looking for crocheters for prayer shawls. See Sandy.
- Can you help check on the Little Free Library on the west side? Books can sometimes be left on the bench.



May 15th The Valley Co. Health Dept will be on site to give AED and hands only CPR training to staff and volunteers. You are welcome to come and see how the AED works and learn what you can do in a cardiac emergency. Stop by anytime between 3:00 – 4:00 on May 15th.



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 \$246.20.** For help, come see Sandy in the office and she’ll get you set up. Your grocery shopping is worth it.

### Food Bank

- May 5 Dry Beans/Lentils/quinoa
- May 12 Tea & Coffee
- May 19 Pasta Sauce
- May 26 Hygiene Products

## FLBC YOUTH SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN!

### Unforgettable Experiences

For many young people, coming to camp is a transformative experience. In small ways, large ways, and even intangible ways, every person who embarks on this journey is changed forever.

A \$100 deposit/camper is due at the time of registration to secure your campers spot in the program.



FLBC is committed to making camp financially accessible to all. Please contact our office at 406-752-6602 or [office@flbc.net](mailto:office@flbc.net) to inquire about camperships.

“If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way mom told you to in the beginning.”

Happy Mother’s Day!

**VBS** You're invited!

PLAY  
LEARN  
CREATE

Coming the week of July 15th.

Stay tuned for info in next newsletter and in June Bulletins.

**FLC Council Highlights**

**March 18, 2024**

*(copies of the minutes are available from the church office.)*

- Council members present: Tana Tweten, Jon Mattfeldt, Beverly Johnson, Marvin Johnson, Tara Wesen, and Mandy Rasmusan. Absent: Max Knodel, Judi Martin and Greg Forrester. Others present: Audra Breigenzer (alternate),
- Youth/Family: Dan took 6 high schoolers and 2 middle schoolers to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp and skiing at Blacktail Ski Resort. Sandy Carpenter went as a chaperone. The train was late and got home at 3:00 AM. A good time was had by everyone.
- Safety Committee: Sandy Carpenter spoke on behalf of the safety committee. They are working on safety and security training for all employees and volunteers. The council moved to allow the safety committee to proceed with the planning and implementation of the safety training.
- Treasurer's report: Total income for February was \$17,164.82. Total expenses for February were \$18,447.46. February's cash flow was -\$367.11. .
- Bills to be paid: Paid \$2760.00 for the required environmental review (split 50/50 between lift and bathroom). Paid \$1100 to Amtrak for 8 youth and \$134 for one chaperone for the Youth Ski Trip/

Confirmation Bible Camp Retreat.  
 • Voted to move the \$100,000 CD (plus interest) at Edward Jones that matures on March 28, 2024 to a money market account..

**TEAM REPORTS:**

- Education/Youth - Looking into programs for VBS.
- Discipleship - Noisy offering will be March 31. The proceeds will go to the bathroom project. The brunch in February went well.
- Property - The backsplash and edging on the countertop in the kitchen was repaired. Moved to hire Lee Riddick to run a recirculating line to the basement kitchen sink. The cost is \$1851.00. WELCA will pay for this.
- Worship -They are looking for another member for the altar committee.

**OTHER REPORTS**

Pastor Scott: One funeral on March 15. CSI. Visits to both Prairie Ridge and Valley View. Lots of meetings — safety, LPA, Youth and Education, preschool, and finance. Worship planning for Holy Week. Continued Divine Drama Bible study on Tuesday mornings. Will be going to Chico for the pastor's conference April 2-5, 2024. Taking a 2 week vacation beginning April 8, 2024.

	Expenses	Income	Difference
March	\$19,084.53	\$18,043.33	-\$1,041.20
YTD	\$55,063.92	\$53,746.48	-\$1,317.44

**Let Us Give Thanks**

- To the Valley County Community Foundation for a grant of \$5,000 toward the handicapped bathroom project and to Jenny Fuller for preparing the grant application on behalf of First Lutheran Church;
- To members of our congregation and community who continue to give their financial and spiritual support to both building projects;
- To the contractors who are diligently and respectfully going about their work.

Together, we truly are...

**“Lifting to New Levels”**



Answer: It listens to its motherboard.

Why is a computer so smart?

**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.



Oh! how great and glorious a thing it is to have before one the Word of God! With that we may at all times feel joyous and secure; we need never be in want of consolation, for we see before us, in all its brightness, the pure and right way. He who loses sight of the Word of God, falls into despair; the voice of heaven no longer sustains him; he follows only the disorderly tendency of his heart, and of world vanity, which lead him on to his destruction.

—The Table Talk of Martin



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