





# First Lutheran Church

*We are believers seeking to invite all into the caring, sharing and growing ways of Christ.*

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

Call to Worship

*Lord I Lift Your Name On High*

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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song

*Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)*

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Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

Gospel Acclamation

*Thy Word*

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Gospel Reading

Luke 24:36b-48

Song

*In Christ Alone*

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Sermon

Pastor Sara Vanderpan

Interlude with Time For Reflection

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Peace

Place your hand on your heart and share the peace

Offering (*Praise Band*)

*Christ Is Risen*

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Offertory

*Offering*

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Offering Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

*My Redeemer Lives*

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# Announcements

April 13 & 14, 2024

This weekend's radio broadcast is sponsored by Myra Baune.

This broadcast will air @ 11am on 101.7FM & 1400AM.

Local Cable TV 10am Wednesdays and 5pm Thursdays; Spectrum 180 & Bluepeak 17

Thank you for serving!	Saturday, April 13 at 5:30pm	Sunday, April 14 at 9:00am
Acolytes		Hudson Hawkinson
Greeters & Ushers	Brian Kruse	Dave & Becky Gifford
Lectors	Brian Kruse	Brian Kruse
Music	Brenda Byrnes	Wes' Praise Team
Coffee Servers		Tania Muro
Video & Audio	Steve Hamner & Ed Henning	Steve Hamner & Ed Henning
Projection	Shelly Maes	Brian Coudron
Altar Guild	Eileen Fuhmann, Pat Simpson, Rosalie Muller, Sheryl Louwagie	

## Saturday, April 13

2:00pm SMSU Vocal Ensembles Rehearsal

5:30pm Worship Service

## Sunday, April 14

9:00am Worship Service

10:00am TLC

## Monday, April 15

4:30pm SMSU Choral Dress Rehearsal

6:30pm Beginning Experience

7:00pm Investment Club

## Tuesday, April 16

9:00am Senior Coffee

5:30pm Outreach Meeting

6:00pm Executive Committee Meeting

6:00pm Youth Committee Meeting

6:15pm Education Committee Meeting

6:30pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting

7:00pm Church Council Meeting

## Wednesday, April 17

6:30am Women's Bible Study

7:00am Men's Bible Study @ Perkins

5:15pm TLC

6:00pm Worship Service - Memory Work Presentation

6:30pm \$2 Meal in Fellowship Hall

6:30pm Confirmation

7:00pm Chancel Choir

7:00pm Game Changers & Grace Gang

7:00pm Little League

8:00pm Senior High Alive

## Thursday, April 18

10:30am Heritage Pointe (Pr. Sara)

1:00pm Peace by Piece Quilters

4:30pm SMSU Choral Dress Rehearsal

5:00pm Website Meeting

5:30pm Bible & Brew @ Brau Brothers

## Friday, April 19

7:00am Grub Club @ McDonalds

HyVee Cards available for Purchase! Hy-Vee gift cards are available throughout the year in the office or after worship services. 5% of the money goes to the Senior High NOLA summer trip in July.

First Lutheran Family Spring Fling will be held on Friday, April 12 from 6:30-9:00pm. Mark it down! This will be another fun family fun night. Spread the word and invite other families to join us.

Hey FLY Seniors! Apply for a College Scholarship: First Lutheran Church, with financial support from the First Lutheran Church Foundation, is pleased to announce the opening for applications for the annual Norman and Irene Timm Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was made possible by the generous contribution of the Timm family, in memory of their parents, who were long-time First Lutheran Church members. The 2024 scholarship is for \$500 and is open to...seniors that are involved at church, attending college in the fall, and have some goals for your future, which you'll write about in your essay. Applications can be found at the church or on our website. The deadline is April 30.

The Summer Trip Youth from First Lutheran are hosting a "Dine-In Night" at the Hitching Post in Marshall on Monday, April 15 from 5-8pm! Bring yourself! Bring your families! Bring your friends! Bring anyone you can think of!! Money earned will go toward our trip this coming summer to New Orleans for the Gathering. We will get 20% of the profits that night during the time we are there! We're telling you early so you can get it on the calendar and tell your friends. Thanks so much for your support!

Mark it on your calendar- Monday, April 29, make supper plans to dine in at the Gambler! A percentage of proceeds will go towards the youth headed to New Orleans this July. Join us, it's always fun to see the place full of familiar faces.

NEW FLY FUNDRAISER: The Pink Flamingos will be landing soon!! Sponsored by the youth attending the ELCA Gathering in New Orleans this summer. From April 15-29, these obnoxious long-legged creatures could possibly land on your lawn! We're excited to have fun with this! Here's how it works if they land on your lawn:

- Option 1: A \$25 donation will send the flock of flamingos to land on the next yard at the end of the day
- Option 2: A \$50 donation will send the flock to land on a yard of YOUR choosing at the end of the day
- Option 3: You can do nothing and the flock will roost in your yard for 2 days!

**\*\*Flock Insurance can be purchased for \$50 to prevent the flock from landing on your lawn\*\*** We hope everyone can have fun with this FUNdraiser! For questions contact the church office.

Marshall Lions collecting glasses: As you are doing your spring cleaning, please share your old glasses. There is a drop off box located by the office entrance. Thanks in advance.

Prairie Conference WELCA Spring Gathering: Will be held on Saturday, April 20 at Bethany Lutheran in Arco at 9am. Special Speaker is Scott Gottschalk and the theme is "Angels Among Us." Contact Corlys at 507-828-6106 for more information.

Southwestern Minnesota Women of the ELCA Convention will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 8:30-3:0pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls. Registrations and fee of \$40 are due by April 22. Registration includes: program, coffee and lunch. Pick up the registration form in the office if you are interested or contact Corlys at 507-828-6106 for more information.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat Friday, April 19 & Saturday, April 20: All First Lutheran 8th Grade students will travel to Shetek Lutheran Ministries for their Confirmation Retreat. Pastor Sara, Sam, & Bailey along with the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Captains will be joining them on this Faith Journey.

The Lasts of the Education programs for the school year: First Lutheran Education programs are wrapping up for the school year soon. Last day of TLC Wednesday is April 17. The last day of TLC Sunday is April 21. Last day of Confirmation Classes will be on April 24. Last day of Wednesday Worship Services will be on April 17th.

Bible and Brew: Spring session is April 4-May 16. All are welcome to join us on Thursdays at 5:30pm at Brau Brothers Brewery for a brew or beverage of choice, along with a menu item, if desired. We study the upcoming Sunday's Bible reading while enjoying camaraderie, asking lots of questions and gaining insight. All are welcome!

Summer Office Hours: It's great to look ahead to the summer season and a few changes from school year routines. As you look ahead, please note the church office hours will change for the summer (June through August) as follows. Monday – Thursday from 9am to 1pm. You will find staff members at the church at other times, too, and you may reach them via phone, text or email with questions to set something up.

Spring Cleaning at First Lutheran will be on May 15 from 1:00-4:00pm! We are looking for some volunteers to do some light cleaning in the church. We will meet in the office area at 1:00pm. Jobs will include cleaning the church pew cushions, washing chairs and tables in the Fellowship Hall, washing windows, dusting and sweeping, etc. If anyone has an upholstery cleaner on hand, please bring this with. Please sign-up by calling the church office at 532-2429 or send Ann an email: [ann@1stlutheranchurch.org](mailto:ann@1stlutheranchurch.org)

Call Process Update: Hello! I'd like to provide an exciting update on the First Lutheran Church Call Process. A quick review of the 7-step process: Step 1 Say goodbye to our pastor. Step 2 Interim pastor discernment. Step 3 Complete the Congregation Mission Assessment and Ministry Site Profile. Thank you to that team for their hard work! Step 4 Establish a Call Committee. Step 5 Consider candidates. Step 6 Extend the call. Step 7 Welcome our new Pastor. We are currently on Step 4. We have established a Call Committee! The committee members are: Jeff Larsen serving as Chair, Jason Anderson, Dave Gifford, Scott Griebel, Marcy Heemeyer, Sonya Kayser, Sydney Meister, Mitchell Maxwell, Carol Purrington and Grace Rokeh. The Committee has a Synod orientation March 24th and will be installed April 21st. The Call Committee will interview potential candidates and make a recommendation to the Council. Process details: <https://swmnelca.org/call-process> Please keep the Call Committee and candidates in your thoughts and prayers.  
Thank you! - Stacy Frost, Council President

Narthex Refresh: A special thank you to Ray & Julie Henricksen, Mark & Jean Mather and Lee & Norma Raske for painting the Narthex! They are going to continue their efforts and paint the whole Narthex area as time allows. Thank you for your time and talents in giving the space a fresh new look. Special thank you to Chuck Muller for hanging the tv to display announcements.

Maggie Jean Foundation Project: If you have completed blankets and hats, please bring them to the church office. We will continue to make and distribute blankets and hats. If you need yarn, please call Twila Henning at 507-360-0828. Thank you to everyone who has participated in this project.

Free Garage Sale: If another group would like to take on and be responsible for the Free Garage Sale project from Social Ministries, they would be happy to share notes with you.

Prairie Art Choral: is pleased to announce their Spring 2024 Season: "Earth, Wind and Choir." Featuring pieces by the Beatles, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Harry Belafonte and other choral and pop classics that celebrate our land, water, and homes. Concert will be held at FLC on Friday, April 26 at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$12 at the door. For more information: [prairieartschorale.org](http://prairieartschorale.org)

CANVAS AND COOKIES!! Join us on Wednesday, May 22 from 6:30-8:30pm and bring a friend as we enjoy an evening together. For \$35 per person, you can find your "inner Bob Ross"! Our own, Kayla Padfield, will guide us as we create our own masterpieces. (And enjoy some treats!) All are welcome! Spread the word! Invite your friends! Deadline to sign up is Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup>

Prayer List:

*~ Prayer list will be updated every Tuesday ~*

John Doyle, Sierra Waege (granddaughter of Dorothy and Harlen Barck), Dorwin Swenson (father of Jason Swenson), Jerry Vogel, Jane Linder (mother of Penny Sommervold), John Thooft, Matt Moen (nephew of Sharon Miller), John Lund, Neil Peterson (father of Jason Peterson), Carrie Sueker, Jim Ray (Steve & Karen Meister's daughter-in-law's father), Sue Christoffer (sister of Holly Sorum), Eugene DuBrey (Bridget Albright's father), Amber Poppen (friend of Terri Wiblemo), Marquita Banks, Perry Banks, Brandon Athen, Ashley Eick



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**First Lutheran Worship Schedule**

**Wednesday 6:00 Saturday 5:30pm Sundays 9am**

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# Today's Reading

## Acts 3:12-19

<sup>12</sup>When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?" <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

"The word of the Lord"

Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

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## Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer. <sup>2</sup>How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? Selah <sup>3</sup>But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him. <sup>4</sup>When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Selah <sup>5</sup>Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD. <sup>6</sup>There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

"The word of the Lord"

Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

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Response: ***Glory to you, O Lord!***

## Luke 24:36b-48

<sup>36</sup>While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

<sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

<sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.

"The Gospel of our Lord"

Response: ***Praise to you, O Christ***