

THE MESSENGER

The monthly newsletter of First Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Faithful Living, Joyful Giving

Over the last couple of weeks, Renae Zimmer who is our chair of the Inspiration Team for the Capital Campaign, has been leading a Bible Study on faithful living and joyful giving. This Bible Study (*Faithful Living, Joyful Giving*) was written by Dr. Katherine O. Conrad. I thought one of the stories included in the study was worth sharing here.

Myrtle and Milton were both legally blind and worked in a sheltered workshop. They were very happy in their work, their small apartment, and in their church. Then, suddenly, Milton died. Myrtle was heartbroken over losing her soul-mate, but she was very brave and greatly comforted by her faith in God. A young woman who worked in the office at the workshop helped Myrtle with the paperwork related to Milton's death. When the insurance check for \$8,000 came, she went with Myrtle to the bank to deposit the check. When they got back to Myrtle's apartment she said, "Laura, right now, write out a check to my church for \$800 and put it in my Sunday pocketbook. I can't wait to put it in the offering plate Sunday." Laura, herself a tither, said, "Myrtle, I know you want to give something to your church, but don't you think you should wait a little while to make sure all of your bills have been paid?" Myrtle replied, "Laura, the Lord does not wait to send me blessings. I won't wait to thank Him."

Jesus has important things to say about money, too. In the 12th chapter of Mark, Jesus also tells the story of a widow:

⁴¹He [Jesus] sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

As we enter into this capital campaign season here at First Lutheran, what will your mindset be? Will it be a mindset of responding to God's love and grace in generous ways?

Grateful for God's Abundance,
Pastor Michelle



CREATING
Space for Faith
TO GROW

– First Lutheran Church of Kearney –

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Prayer Ventures for April can be found:

<https://www.elca.org/Resources/Prayer-Ventures>

These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world.



<http://www.elca.org>
800-638-3522



<http://www.nebraskasynod.org>
402-896-5311



Lutheran World Relief

<http://www.lwr.org>
800-597-5972



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<http://www.nelcm.com/>
(308) 234-1828



www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response
800-638-3522



<http://www.nlom.org>
402-944-2544

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday
April 6th @ 6:30 PM

Good Friday
April 7th @ 6:30 PM

Holy Saturday
April 8th @ 6:00 PM

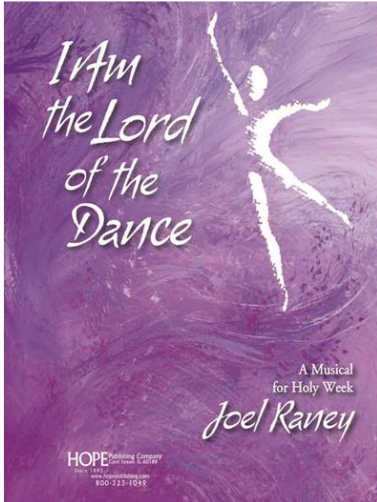
EASTER SERVICES APRIL 9th

Sunrise Service
7:00 AM in the north parking lot

Traditional Service
8:45 AM

Contemporary Service
11:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Chancel Choir Easter Cantata

**April 15/16
All three
services**



Openings Available in the
3&4-year-old Classes

Call the church office or
check out the website.
<https://firstlutherankeeorney.org/first-lutheran-preschool/>

PIANO ACCOMPANIST NEEDED

For First Lutheran's Chancel Choir

Rehearsal on Wednesdays
from 6:30 to 8:00
Choir sings at the
8:45 AM Sunday service



For more information on this paid position,
contact Natalie in the church office.



We need some new plant
containers for flowers and plants.
If you have some that are gently
used, please consider donating
them. If you have any questions,
please contact Mary Wright at
(308) 234-4763.
Thank you!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS

HOW TO PAY LESS IN TAXES

AND GIVE MORE

March 29 after Lenten Service
April 16 @ 10:15 am
Fellowship Hall

Troy Brockmeier



INSPIRATION BAG DISTRIBUTION

As part of our capital campaign, we will be delivering inspiration bags to the homes of all of our members on Sunday, April 16th. Please sign up to help in the Narthex. Our goal is to have 40 people help with the delivery of these bags. We will begin at Noon with lunch in Centennial Hall and a little bit of training. Then we will send you off to ten homes to deliver the bags. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Kottmeyer or Pastor Michelle. Thank you!

FLC Capital Campaign Inspiration Team – Prayer Vigil

The FLC Capital Campaign Inspiration Team will host a campaign Prayer Vigil on Sunday, May 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the First Lutheran Church prayer chapel.

All are welcome to spend time in prayer and write inspirational messages of support of the "Creating Space for Faith" efforts. This is an opportunity spend time in prayer and give thanks.



MISSION OUTREACH

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The 2023 Build Season is underway. The first foundation is ready for volunteers to assist in construction. The first workday was April 1st with the Hospitality Committee providing the morning coffee and the noon lunch. The second foundation will soon be ready. Walls for a few homes have been constructed and are in the warehouse.

The Good News is that all three homebuilders are ready to build. Volunteers are needed to help with the second and third foundations, carpentry, moving materials and assembly. Groups and organizations of more than ten should call the Habitat Office at 308-234-6030. If there are groups or organizations willing to provide noon meals in June, July or August please contact Rita Lindvall at 308-293-0307 or email ritalindvall007@gmail.com. Individuals or small groups are invited to work on Tuesday or Thursday mornings.



JUBILEE CENTER - Current Donations Needed

Pots & Pans
Towels – Hand towels, wash cloths
Dish sets
Silverware
Bedsheet sets
Small appliances – blenders, toasters, coffee pots, etc.
Baby clothes – newborn up to size 14
T-shirts
Hoodies/sweatshirts
Spring seasonal items
Knick knacks (larger)
Men's jeans
Household items



MISSION OUTREACH

April's Donation: Soap

Suggestions: Laundry Soap & Dish Soap



The S.A.F.E. Center is the Spouse/Sexual Abuse Family Education Center. The S.A.F.E. Center's mission is to provide free and confidential services for those affected by dating violence, domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, and stalking while bringing awareness and prevention efforts to all individuals across South Central Nebraska.

Counties we serve: Buffalo, Franklin, Harlan, Kearney, Phelps

Please place items on the "Sharing Shelf" in the narthex.

Thank you!



Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm/**Address:** 620 E. 25th Suite 14, Kearney NE, 68847

Phone: 308-237-2599/**24 Hour Toll-Free Crisis Line:** 877-237-2513

WELCA SPRING GATHERING



Southern Prairie Spring Gathering Saturday, April 22, 2023

Registration Begins at 8:30am
Program – 9:00am-3:00pm

“You are here to be light bringing out the God-colors in the world.”
Matthew 5:14 The Message

Bible Study led by Pastor Michelle
Worship led by Pastor Elisabeth

Guest Speakers

Sister Woinde Nyka and Deacon Patrick Mangowi
work with Mosaic in Tanzania

Tangible Offering for Mosaic in Axtell

We are collecting sketch pads, coloring books, markers, colored pencils, card games, crafts (no small pieces), t-shirts (M-XL) sweat pants (M-XL), and socks.

Registration Deadline: April 8th

OFFICE UPDATES



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FEBRUARY FINANCE REPORT

Ministry Budget:	FEB 2023	YTD '22-'23'	YTD '21-'22
Budget Supporting Revenue	\$ 64,480	\$ 517,126	\$ 486,791
Budget Related Expenditures	\$ (86,407)	\$ (570,112)	\$ (551,500)

Total 2022-2023 Ministry Budget: \$757,672

Facilities Budget:	FEB 2023	YTD '22-'23	YTD '21-'22
Revenue	\$ 7,420	\$ 63,919	\$ 60,893
Expenditures	\$ (6,610)	\$ (36,267)	\$ (29,123)

Total 2022-2023 Facilities Budget: \$34,100

VANCO GIVING OPTIONS

FAITH

In addition to traditional giving options for your convenience First Lutheran offers electronic giving!

VANCO Faith: which allows people to make financial contributions to the church electronically in the following ways:

1. Online (just go to the First Lutheran website under the "Resources" tab), and
2. Mobile App (download the Vanco Mobile app on the iPhone or Android, create a profile and search for "First Lutheran").

If you have any questions or would like assistance in using any of the above electronic giving options or would like to receive offering envelopes, please contact Marti in the church office.

Thank you so much for your faithful generosity to First Lutheran Church's ministry!

Did you know that you can sponsor a Church Radio Broadcast? The cost is \$165. The Sunday Worship Radio Broadcast is solely sponsored by you, our members. People from all over central Nebraska tune in to the 8:45 a.m. broadcast to listen. Contact the church office for more details! (308) 237-5544

COUNCIL UPDATE

New Staff Positions Created and Budget Gets Endorsed

Greetings First Lutheran Congregation,

Last summer, the council appointed a taskforce to plan for future staffing needs. The goal of this taskforce was to create an ideal organizational chart for the growing and evolving needs of the church. With recent staff changes, these efforts were unexpectedly put in motion early. As a result, the taskforce and personnel committee worked collaboratively on creating two new staff positions for First Lutheran.

The first newly created position is *Director of Communications and Events*. This full-time position consists of several communications-type job responsibilities that have been abandoned over the last few years when our previous Executive Director position was vacated and left unfilled. Additionally, this new position will handle responsibilities related to the facility and preparing it for all activities within the church. Once hired, this new position will take a lot of pressure off our current staff and pastors who are all juggling excessive workloads.

The second newly created position is titled *Faith in Action Coordinator*. This part-time position will assist with a variety of activities related to worship and Christian education. With a focus on bringing people together to serve God and others, this position is responsible for engaging with the congregation, recruiting helpers, and creating a positive experience for guests and attendees.

With these two new staff positions joining our existing staff, we'll be better positioned to grow our congregation, serve the Church, and expand our ministry efforts. This prayerful process of reviewing our current and future staffing needs has been a spiritually uplifting exercise and we feel very positive about the direction Christ is leading us. The job search for these two new positions is underway and we'll keep everyone informed as things develop.

Additionally, the council recently endorsed the next fiscal year budget. The budget committee met in early March and prepared the initial draft of the budget for review. Then, the council endorsed it at the March council meeting. Next, the congregation will get a chance to review it at the Budget Forum on June 11th between services. The budget will be finalized after a vote to approve at the congregational annual meeting on June 25th. Next year's budget looks similar to this year's. With a \$14,000 increase in spending, we are hoping to maximize our output without stretching our budget too much. More details will be made available at the Budget Forum.

And finally, we appreciate everyone's prayers as we continue to guide the Church in a direction, we feel God is leading us. As the Easter season reminds us each year, this is a time of hope, faith, and renewal. The next several months will bring a great challenge as we embark on a capital campaign. May your hope and faith guide you as you consider supporting this effort.

In peace,
Kyle Means
Council President

On behalf of: Kelly Russman, Shirley Smalley, Lee Fritson, Mark Kottmeyer, Mike Rafferty, Rachel Leach, Judy Henning, Karen Emal, Pastor Michelle, Pastor Rick, and Pastor Elisabeth.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Kyle Means
President

Kelly Russman
Vice President

Shirley Smalley
Treasurer

Lee Fritson
Secretary

Karen Emal

Judy Henning

Mark Kottmeyer

Rachel Leach

Michael Rafferty

Have questions?
If you want to speak
to a council
member, please
contact the office or
find their
information in the
Narthex on the
wall.



WORSHIP THEMES

April 2, 2023

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION, PALM SUNDAY

MATTHEW 21:1-11; PSALM 31:9-16;
PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11; MATTHEW 26:14-27:66

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

April 9, 2023

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

ACTS 10:34-43; PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24;
COLOSSIANS 3:1-4; MATTHEW 28:1-10

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.



April 16, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 2:14a, 22-32, PSALM 16, 1 PETER 1:3-9;
JOHN 20:19-31

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter, the first two readings will be from the Acts of Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

April 23, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 2:14a, 36-41; PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19, 1
PETER 1:17-23; LUKE 24:13-35

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern worship each Lord's day.

April 30, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 2:42-47; PSALM 23; 1 PETER 2:19-25;
JOHN 10:1-10

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday," Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING



Children's Choir Spring Dates

April 2nd - 8:45am - Please have your child come to the sanctuary at 8:15am to quickly run through the song with all the choirs.

May 14th – 11am – See you at the service! We will have practiced hard all through April!

Questions call or text 308-240-0872

Thanks!

Amanda Lewis

There will be no evening activities on Wednesday, April 5th due to Holy Week.



**F.R.O.G.
Fully Rely on God**

FROG meets

April 12th, 19th &
26th

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE:

April 12th – Bowling Night

**April 19th & 26th - Class for
6th, 7th, and 8th graders**

**May 3rd – Parents and
Students of 8th graders
Dinner and Rehearsal**



WOMEN of the ELCA

One portion of the Women of the ELCA purpose statement is to engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the world. One group that engages in action to promote healing is the quilting group. Each quilt measures 60" X80" and are made using a top, filler and a back. The quilt tops are twelve 21" blocks sewn together. The inside filler can be old blankets, batting or any heavy fabric. The quilt backs are usually sheets or any other large piece of fabric. Once the layers are stacked and pinned, they are tied using crochet thread. Typically, there are five ties per square. After the tying is complete the quilts are machine stitched around the edges to create the binding. Quilts have been sent to Angola, Armenia, Burkina Farsa, Guatemala, Haiti, Niger, Sierra Leone, and Tanzania. The time, compassion and prayer that is dedicated to each quilt used by families world's away in times of their darkest hours brings reminders of God's grace and love. If you would like to join this group to help, bring God's love to others, they meet on the first Monday of the month from 8:30 - 11:15. No sewing skills are required. They would love the help as they are a small group.

The Southern Prairie Spring Gathering is scheduled at First Lutheran on April 22. This date is quickly approaching. Due to Bishop Emeritus deFreese's retirement we will have two new speakers. Sister Woinde Nyka and Deacon Patrick Mangowi, who work with Mosaic in Tanzania will tell us how they are helping others let their light shine. We will be collecting a tangible offering for Mosaic in Axtell. Items we are collecting are sketch pads, coloring books, markers, colored pencils, card games, crafts (no small pieces), t-shirts (M-XL) sweat pants (M-XL), and socks. There is a collection tote by the Coke machine if you are able to donate. Registration forms are located on the Women of the ELCA bulletin board and are due by April 8th.

The Mission Action team that makes the school backpacks is looking for canvas or a heavy weight material like denim to make the school bags. If you have any or would like to purchase material 14" X17" it is very much appreciated. You may place the material in the LWR boxes by the Coke machine.

The Spring Saved to Serve Opportunity Retreat will be at Carol Joy Holling Camp from May 5th, 6:00 pm to May 7th 1:00pm. Service activities include helping the Camper staffers prepare for the summer camping season and do early preparations for the annual Camp Quilt Auction. Registration forms are located on the Women of the ELCA bulletin board and are due April 14th.

UPCOMING EVENTS for 2023

April 22 - 9:00 am Southern Prairie Spring Gathering - First Lutheran

May 5th 6:00 pm to May 7th 1:00pm - Saved to Serve Opportunity at Carol Joy Holling Camp

June 5 - 7:00pm - Women of the ELCA Board Meeting - Classroom
21/22



Ladies who are interested in joining a monthly Bible study are invited to attend a women's circle. Circles can be joined at any time during the year.

President:

Deb Schauer (308) 233-2669

Secretary:

Bev Vacha (308)-468-6239

Treasurer:

Jo Smallcomb (308)-234-3053



ABIGAIL CIRCLE (SEPT.-MAY)

10:00 am—3rd Monday

Co-Chairs: Joan Swanson

(308-234-2835) and Evy Kuecker

(308-237-5651)

DEBORAH CIRCLE

7:00 pm—3rd Monday

Chair: Deb Schauer

(308-233-2669)

GLORIA CIRCLE

12:00pm—3rd Thursday

Chair: Judy Workman

308-237-2781

NAOMI CIRCLE

7:00pm—4th Thursday

(3rd Thurs. in Nov.)

Chair: Judy Niemann

(308)-234-4332

A WORD FROM PASTOR ELISABETH

Dear First Lutheran,

Last summer after our Kansas City mission trip, a few high schoolers asked why we'd never been skiing. I didn't have a great answer, other than... "I don't know, do you want to ski?"

So, a winter trip was born. 13 youth and 3 adults spent a long weekend in February skiing/snowboarding at Mt. Crescent outside Omaha, serving our neighbors at Heartland Hope Mission on Omaha's south side, and worshipping at Southwood Lutheran Church in Lincoln. We stayed at Lippincott Lodge at Camp Carol Joy Holling, and played cards late into the night. In addition to our active days, we had lots of candle time (prayer and conversation about faith), and ended our time together writing notes of encouragement to each person in attendance.

Shout out and special thanks to Keith Powell and Reed Wagner for taking time off work to spend their weekend with us! Below are a few scenes from our time together. It was a blast!

In hope,
Pastor Elisabeth



FLY NASHVILLE MISSION TRIP



FLY Nashville Summer Mission Trip! June 25-July 1, 2023

We have 19 youth and 4 adults heading to Nashville for a week of faith formation, service, and fun! Thank you to the congregation who supports and loves our youth so well!

For all trip participants: Wednesday, April 26 @ 6:15pm: *Required* parent and youth pre-trip meeting in basement youth room.

FLY

FLY

Save the date!



Nashville Mission Trip Important Dates By Friday, March 31: Complete YouthWorks registration paperwork to finalize our trip (for youth participants and adult trip leaders) — please submit one registration per participant at the link below!

<https://tinyurl.com/82w6uy2p>

Sunday, April 16 @ 9am-11:30am: Our final trip fundraiser! Sign up to donate food and work the event here: <https://tinyurl.com/2p973d4k>

Wednesday, April 26 @ 6:15pm: *Required* parent and youth pre-trip meeting in basement youth room.

CAMPUS LUTHERAN



CAMPUS
LUTHERAN

Open Mic Night

**MUSIC, POETRY,
COMEDY, & ANY TALENT
YOU WANT TO SHOW ARE
WELCOME!**

FREE
ALL AGES
WELCOME

**FRI, MAR 31
& FRI APR 28
7:30PM**

Hosted at:
Family of Christ Lutheran Church
1319 5th Ave, Kearney, NE

*a collaboration of
Campus Lutheran and Family of Christ*

WITHIN OUR BELOVED COMMUNITY HERE AT FIRST

Congratulations to our April Volunteers of the Month:

The Tidy Up Team



The Tidy Up Committee consists of Terry Volker, Michael Rafferty, and Jerry Stuhr. They come to the church on Monday mornings and vacuum, take out trash, clean up the Sanctuary, the Café area, Fellowship Hall, and clean the bathrooms. After a long weekend of church services, we are grateful and most appreciative of these men making the time to come and beautify the church for the upcoming week! Please join us in sending a warm “Thank You” to all of our special helpers for using your time and talents for First Lutheran!

Prayers of Peace and Comfort for...

Stephanie Richter-Studebaker, Nick Studebaker, and Roy Studebaker on the death of Nick’s mother and Roy’s wife, Denise Studebaker.

Mike and Judy Workman on the death of Judy’s brother, Ron Jones.

Verlene Jacoby and family on the death of her husband, Jake.

Jesse and Lindsey Weaver and family on the death of Jesse’s grandpa, Dale Trompke.

Jamie and Cory Banzhaf and family on the death of Jamie’s grandfather, Nicholas Shada.



NOTES FROM THE PRESCHOOL: A MINISTRY OF FLC

Hello First Lutheran Parishioners,

Here at preschool, we are super excited for spring!! We are always pretty stoked when our weather helper tells us it's a sunny day and we get outside recess time again! We have definitely had our fair share of cloudy, cold and snowy days this winter and we would like to give a big shout out to the people on the grounds crew who have diligently showed up early to keep our sidewalks and parking lots clear! Thank you so much!!

Our bible stories have been leading up to the Easter story and we will spend plenty of time discussing and reviewing this difficult: but wonderful topic! We have several Easter craft projects and of course we will have an Easter Egg hunt as well!

In April, we will also talk about Earth Day and how we can take care of our planet. Hopefully, the weather will be beautiful for our walk to Dryden Park where we will pick up any trash we find, run the bases on the softball field and then get the playground tuned up for the summer! In April, we also will be hatching some butterflies and talking about life cycles and metamorphosis. We have also started to assess the students again for the May parent teacher conferences and these preschoolers have improved so much!! All of their hard work is showing! We are very proud of them!

We hope you all have a very Blessed and Happy Easter!

Mrs. Lora and Mrs. Mindy

Spring is Here! Hurray!

We have been learning about how to take care of our teeth. We also began to explore that there are poisons that we don't touch, smell or taste.

Our class had fun learning about rainbows. We were scientists and discovered how you can see a rainbow using a cd and light. We also learned where light comes from.

Before spring break, we are had some St. Patrick's Day fun. We had a wee leprechaun play tricks in our classroom. He or she will leave small green footprints in our room. They took our gold, but left it outside so the kids had fun picking up all the gold. We have so much fun here!

The following week we will talk a lot about being blessed instead of being lucky since so many of March books talk about luck. We made a beautiful shamrock and they wrote that they are blessed.

By the time you read this, we will be learning more about plants. Then the following week we will be learning about Jesus and what Easter is all about. We will learn how he died for us so that we may have eternal life. We will make a special picture of Jesus and cross to remember what he did for us. They will also get an Easter egg hunt. Happy Easter to all!

Lastly, we will have our art work on display at the library from March 20th through March 31st. Stop on by and see what we can do! My Pre-K class for the 2023-2024 school year is full and half full in each class for the 3-and 4-year-old classes. Spread the word that we have some openings. Mrs. Lora and Mrs. Mindy do an amazing job! They have so much fun!

Have a wonderful April!

Mrs. Amanda & Mrs. Sonya

APRIL CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

1st/3rd Weekends – Laying on of Hands for Healing during Worship Services

Sat./Sun. April 1/2 Worship @ 6pm, 8:45am, 11:00am
Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 9:50am
Sunday School 9:55am
Worship at Brookestone Gardens 2:00pm

Sat./Sun. April 8/9 Worship @ 6pm, 7:00am, 8:45am, 11:00am

Sat./Sun., April 15/16 Worship @ 6pm, 8:45am, 11:00am
Sunday School 9:55am
FLY Breakfast Fundraiser 9am-11:30am Centennial Hall
Easter Egg Hunt – 10:15am Centennial Hall
Inspiration Bag Delivery Lunch and Training – 12noon

Sat. April 22 Southern Prairie Conference Women's Gathering
Sat./Sun. April 22/23 Worship @ 6pm, 8:45am, 11:00am
Tanzania Presentation – 9:50am Fellowship Hall

Sat./Sun. April 29/30 Worship @ 6pm Saturday
Sunday School @ 9:55am
Worship @ 11:00am
Capital Campaign Event (open to all) – 12noon in Centennial Hall

Wednesday Nights at FLC:

Adult Bible Study -- 5:30pm in the Conference Room
Music Rehearsals – Praiser Bells, Heavenly Treble Makers, Chancel Choir
FROG – 6:30pm-7:45pm
Confirmation – 6:50pm-8:00pm
FLY in the basement youth room @ 7:00pm-8:30pm

Feeding the Flock:

April 12/19/26 at 5:30 pm in Centennial Hall - Everyone is welcome!

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

April 6th - Maundy Thursday/First Communion Service – 6:30pm
April 7th - Good Friday – 6:30pm
April 8th – Holy Saturday – Worship at 6:00pm
April 9th – Easter Sunday – 7:00am Sunrise Service North Parking Lot
8:45am & 11:00am Worship Services

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Growing in God's grace, reflecting Christ's love, and living in the Spirit.

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