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THE MESSENGER

The Monthly Newsletter of First Lutheran Church, ELCA

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



GO AND... BE INTENTIONAL

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Jesus is on the road to the cross and is prepared for what is to come. Too often during Lent, we find ourselves busy marching down the road with a long 'to-do' list. The season of Lent calls to be intentional. This means showing up, being present, and diving in deep as disciples.

Questions to consider:

- What is a Lenten or Easter tradition in your family?
- How can you be intentional in your preparation for Holy Week and Easter?
- How can you get unstuck and GO forward with intention as a follower of Jesus?

Prayer: The Lord's Prayer (Use the version of your heart)

Suggested Song: Beautiful Things (ACS 925)

RESOURCES

ELCA: WWW.ELCA.ORG
800-638-3522

NEBRASKA SYNOD: WWW.NEBRASKASYNOD.ORG
402-896-5311

NEBRASKA LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY:
WWW.NELCM.COM 402-391-1144

NEBRASKA LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES:
WWW.NLOM.ORG 402-944-2544

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF: WWW.LWR.ORG
800-597-5972

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE: WWW.ELCA.ORG/OUR-WORK/RELIEF-AND-DEVELOPMENT/LUTHERAN-DISASTER-RESPONSE
800-638-3522



Prayer Ventures for this month 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.

Prayers of Comfort and Peace for...



- Roger and Dede Elsen on the death of their daughter-in-law, Jenny Elsen.
- Tyler and Annette Schwartz on the death of Annette's grandmother, Dorothy Dunn.
- Jerry and Carrie Stithem on the death of Carrie's mother, Janice Carnell and on the death of Carrie's cousin, Denny Carnell.
- Judy Henning and family on the death of Judy's mother, Betty Monson.

WITHIN OUR BELOVED COMMUNITY



Our Annual Meeting with potluck supper on Feb. 13 honored the work of volunteers, family members and vendors for the three homes completed in 2023. Visit the Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity Facebook page to see photos of the families including an article by Mary Jane Skala, Kearney Hub columnist, and the Annual Meeting. The Building Committee began preparations for the 2024 Build Season with a warehouse cleaning party late in February. They will begin building house walls and perhaps the garden shed walls inside the warehouse in March so by April

6, the opening day of the 2024 Build Season, everything will be ready for volunteers. If you would like to offer a morning of service or a hot meal for the Saturday volunteers, please contact Bonnie Mumm at 308-440-1709 or Rita Lindvall at 308-293-0307. If you want to help with the construction in some way please contact Tracy Broeker at 308-224-3202. This is the year we celebrate the completion of the 98, 99, and 100th houses with celebrations. Help make this possible.

ROYAL FAMILY KIDS



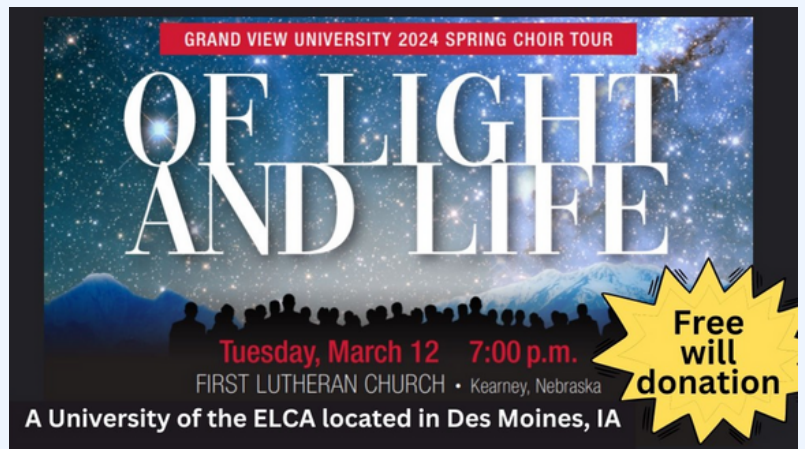
Royal Family Kids is hosting a Family Feud style show at Legacy on the Bricks, 16 W. 21st St. Kearney, NE on March 23. Audience members will be entertained as 4 teams of Kearney locals battle it out to be the game show winners.

Doors will open at 6pm and food will be available for purchase. Show starts at 7pm. Please purchase tickets online through the provided link on their FB page.

All proceeds from the event will go to Kearney Royal Family Kids

Tuesday, March 12 @ 7:00 p.m. **Performing at First Lutheran Church**

The Grand View ELCA University Choir from Des Moines, Iowa will be performing throughout Nebraska and Colorado as part of its 2024 Spring Tour. The Grand View Choir tours extensively throughout the United States as well as regularly in Europe. Wherever they sing, they have been praised for their excellence in musicality, blend, programming, and attention to detail.



Music Ministry

Praising God through music!

The choirs practice weekly and all are welcome to join!

Please note: times will be adjusted during Lenten Services. Check with each director for updated times.

Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.*
High School through adults are welcome
CJ Sabah--director

Chancel Bells rehearses on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.
Choir is open to high schoolers through adults
Natalie Radcliffe--director

Sound Offering Praise Band rehearses on Thursdays from
5:30 to 7:00 pm.
Stacy Bean--director

Praiser Bells rehearses on Wednesdays from 5:15 to 5:45 pm.
This choir is for 3rd grade through 8th grade
Angela Wright--director

Heavenly Treble Makers rehearses on Wednesdays from 6:15 to 6:45 pm.*
This is a vocal choir for middle schoolers
Angela Wright--director

Children's Choir Rehearses on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School & Wednesday evenings* during FROG. All children are welcome.
Amanda Lewis - director

****Practice times may adjust during Lenten Service.***



Enjoy a thoughtful, grace-filled worship service and come as you are — straight from work or school. Relax, pray, and share with friends and family. Come, feed your body and soul at First Lutheran Church. The “Feed The Flock” meal is open for everyone and is served 5:30–6:30pm. The menu will be posted on the First Lutheran FB page.
Service at 6:30pm

Lenten Mid-Week Services

**Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
in the Sanctuary**

**Take time out of your week to pause,
find refreshment, and start anew with
God as we gather for worship.**

February 21 through March 20



HOLY WEEK Services

**Maundy Thursday
March 28 @ 6:30 pm**

**Good Friday
March 29 @ 6:30 pm**

**Holy Saturday
March 30 @ 6:00pm**

Join us this Easter as we celebrate the most impactful moment in history: Jesus's death and resurrection. Sunday, March 31.



Easter

**Sunrise Service
7:00 am
in the North parking lot.**

**Traditional Service
8:45am
Contemporary Service
11:00 am**

MISSION OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

First Lutheran helps support Kaitlynn's missionary work.



KAITLYNNE'S NEWSLETTER

Bogotá, Colombia - January 2024



In Colombia, most of the IELCO congregations do Vacation Bible School the week leading up to Christmas because it is when the schools have their longest break. Here I share a few photos from Vacation Bible School in the church in Bogota where I am doing my internship. Featured are some of the games we played, the crafts we made, Christmas Eve worship, and the famous buñuelos, which is a special Christmas treat in Colombia.



[How can you support this ministry?](#)

By visiting [ELCA.org/MissionaryGiving](https://www.elca.org/MissionaryGiving) and using the Giving Code "GCS2071"



I also wanted to share some highlights from 2023. The above photos are from La Guajira, Colombia. La Guajira is a region on the coast, the most northern part of Colombia and South America. The project I am accompanying has an educational program that operates in the city of Uribia. On the left is a photo of myself, the coordinator of the Justicia y Vida project, and two of the teachers from Uribia. In the middle, is a group photo after the closing celebration. The final photo on the right is a photo of the participants in the educational program. In this particular photo, they are in English class. Most of the people who participate are bilingual speaking Spanish and their native language of Wayuunaiki. So learning English would make them trilingual.

Below are three photos that are separate from each other. On the left is a photo taken at the theological school in Brasil while attending the Religion and Gender Conference. The middle is a photo taken during a gathering of the female leadership who reside in Bogota. In the photo are female pastors, female theological students, and the president of the National Women's Ministry. Finally, on the right is a group photo from the visit of the Alberta Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

In 2024, I will continue my internship so stay tuned for updates of Holy Week and Easter. I will also continue to support the project Justicia y Vida, which will include another trip to La Guajira this year. I invite you to join me in prayer for all those you see in the photos.



MISSION OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:



March items needed:

- Hand soap
- Dish Soap
- Bodywash

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 served:** Buffalo, Franklin, Harlan, Kearney, Phelps

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am - 5pm Address: 620 E. 25th Street Suite 14
Kearney, NE 68847 308-237-2599/Crisis line: 877-237-2513

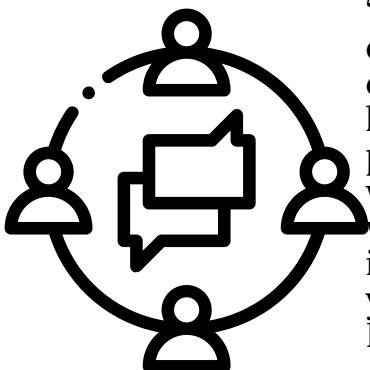


Extend the gift of safety by becoming a sponsor for The S.A.F.E. Center's 20th Annual Purges for a Purpose. This event stands as our paramount fundraiser, ensuring vital services are readily available for those navigating the aftermath of dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, or trafficking.

Whether you're an individual, business, or organization, your sponsorship is a beacon of support.

Ready to Shine Bright? Get in Touch!
Call our office at 308-237-2599 or drop a line to purseauction@safecenter.org

Join us for the "Adult Forum" Sunday, March 24 @ 9:50 am in Centennial Hall



"Hi, my name is Shelby Riedman. I have always been excited to help spread God's love through kindness, acts of service, and by meeting new people. Which is what led me to the Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program for the ELCA. I am now a 22-23 YAGM alum who served in the United Kingdom for a year. I can't wait to share with the congregation about what YAGM is, my personal experiences during my year, and how you can be involved with the program too. I look forward to joining you all on the 24th."

MARCH VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH: The Jubilee Meal Volunteers



We are happy to have wonderful volunteers at First Lutheran who care about others. Paula Peterson, Myron & Diane Riddle are the main contacts for our Jubilee Meals ministry. First Lutheran Church is the host site on Thursday evenings from January through March.

During the month of January we provided the meals and served the food. Attendance at the meals have been around 60 plus each week. Attendees not only depend on this gathering for a free meal, but also receive warmth and companionship.

The volunteers prepare the food, serve and cleanup after the meals. Volunteers of all ages participate, including Confirmation students that help serve, as well as others who graciously donate food for the meals.

Our Jubilee volunteers provide more than just a hot meal. They are giving a part of themselves, showing that they care and showing God's love when it is needed the most.

Thank you for everyone who participated!



Volunteers are needed for the “Caring and Sharing Group”.



**Sign up for our
Caring and
Sharing Group!
More details in
Narthex on
bulletin board**

This ministry will provide a meal to members who have been in the hospital, had a new baby, lost a loved one, etc., which is based on John 13:34 NLT – “So now I am giving you a new commandment: LOVE EACH OTHER, just as I have loved you, you should love each other.”

Volunteers are needed to provide these meals. Please sign up in the Narthex.

WORSHIP THEMES

March 3, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

PSALM 19; 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25; JOHN 2:13-22

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history; the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is demanding the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways of commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

March 10, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

NUMBERS 21:4-9; PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22; EPHESIANS 2:1-10; JOHN 3:14-21

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

March 17, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PSALM 51:1-12 or PSALM 119:9-16; HEBREWS 5:5-10; JOHN 12:20-33

God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross.

Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join in worship sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.

March 24, 2024

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

PALM SUNDAY

MARK 11:1-11; JOHN 12:12-16; ISAIAH 50:4-9a; PSALM 31:9-16; PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11; MARK 14:1-15:47 or MARK 15:1-39 [40-47]

This week, the center of the church's year is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

March 31, 2024

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

EASTER DAY

ACTS 10:34-43 or ISAIAH 25:6-9; PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11; MARK 16:1-8 or JOHN 20:1-18

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather; to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

A COUNCIL UPDATE

Using All Our Resources for the Glory of God

Greetings members of First Lutheran. Here's an update from council on the latest happenings at First.

At our February meeting, we approved two Endowment requests to help startup a new GriefShare group and update security cameras at the SAFE Center. We're blessed to have a strong Endowment Fund that supports our ministry efforts both within our church walls and out in the community. If you have ideas for ways our Endowment Fund can be utilized, please connect with the church office.

We also approved several Ministry Team requests for Stevenson funding. For those who aren't aware, we received a large donation from the Dr. Stevenson estate back in 2015. One of the ways we're stretching those dollars to impact ministry into the future is by awarding up to \$15,000 each year to Ministry Teams seeking funds to support special projects or needs outside of their regular budget capabilities. Over the years, we've awarded funds for things like new technology and equipment, building needs, bell choir upgrades, and more. This year we awarded the full \$15,000.

One of the requests was related to community outreach and inviting people to worship with us. We're grateful to be able to honor Dr. Stevenson in this way!

Additionally, we reviewed a contract agreement with Wilkins ADP to manage our construction project for new offices and HVAC upgrades. We'll be making a few tweaks to the agreement and then signing to move forward with that project. For those who missed the Council Q&A related to this back in February, please know that the project is going out to bid in March and we will be starting construction this year! Regarding our capital campaign efforts to support this project, we can share that we have over \$1 Million in commitments with nearly \$600,000 actual dollars collected. Our cost projections are closer to \$1.7 Million, so there's still work to be done, but we feel we're in a strong position at the moment.

Finally, we will be reviewing the upcoming fiscal year budget very soon. Our giving has been holding steady but our financial needs continue to be somewhat unpredictable as costs of doing business can fluctuate. We appreciate everyone being very generous with their resources as we put together a plan to support our ministry efforts now and into the future. Keep an eye out for more info related to the budget and a planned budget forum coming up in June.

From Endowment, to the Stevenson fund, to the capital campaign, and finally the general ministry and facility budget, we continue to utilize all of our resources for the glory of God. With an intentional focus, prayerful hearts, and faithful dedication to Christ, we believe we are moving along a path set for us by God. We thank you all for your support as we are "Growing in God's grace, reflecting Christ's love, and living in the Spirit."

In peace,
Kyle Means

Council President, on behalf of Kelly Russman (VP), Lee Fritson (Secretary), Shirley Smalley (Treasurer), Judy Henning, Karen Emal, Bill Schmidt, PJ Bartels, Deb Schauer, Pastor Michelle, and Pastor Rick

Children's Ministry



Sunday School

Classes for ALL Ages
9:50 am - 10:50 am

Anyone can sign up for these opportunities at any time throughout the school year. The Sign-Up form is on the church website and on the Welcome Stations.

Wednesday Night Youth Events

Feeding the Flock for youth and adults.
Meal served: 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

FROG* (Fully Rely on God) for Preschool and Elementary aged kids.
6:30 pm - 7:55 pm

Confirmation*

Large Group 6:50 pm-7:25 pm
Small Group 7:25 pm - 8:00 pm

FLY: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm (during Lent)

***FROG & Confirmation will not meet during Lent
Feb. 14 - March 28.
They will resume April 3.**

Spring Children's Choir Dates

March 24th - 8:45am service : Please have your child come to the sanctuary at 8:15am to quickly run through the song with all the choirs.

April 21st - 11am service : I will call you forward when it is time.

May 12th - 8:45am service : Please have your child come to the sanctuary at 8:15am to quickly run through the song with all the choirs.

Questions call or text 308-240-0872 Thanks! Amanda Lewis



Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

Please join Pastor Rick for Adult Bible Study on Sundays.
Recordings can be found on our website and FB. .

Adult Bible Study with Pastor Rick

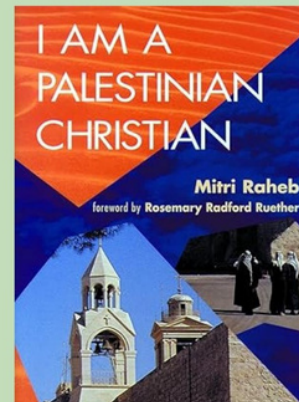
- What Does the Book of Revelation Really Reveal?
- February 25, March 3, 10, 17
- 9:50 am | Centennial Hall



“Reading with Pastor Michelle” will be
Wednesdays after Lenten services.

- Reading with Pastor Michelle
- Wednesdays, Feb. 21st-March 27
- 7:07 pm in Fellowship Hall

“I AM A PALESTINIAN CHRISTIAN”
by Mitri Raheb
is available on Amazon.



**Adult Bible Study
with Sister Ruth
Ellen begins
Wednesday
March 13
@ 5:30pm**



**“When You Pray” is available at the Solid Rock.
Please watch the video included**

FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH

MARCH 2024

Meeting Times During Lent

**7.00 PM –
8.00 PM**

MARCH 6

Lenten Debate
Topics -
Homelessness

MARCH 13

Lenten Debate
Topics -
Women in Church
Leadership

MARCH 20

Spring Break -
FLY will not be
meeting

MARCH 27

Lenten Debate
Topics -
Death Penalty

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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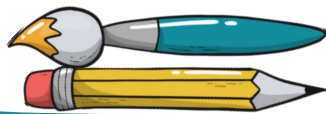
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the table Young Adult Gathering

**YOUTH GOING TO THE
GATHERING – BE ON
THE LOOKOUT FOR
MORE INFORMATION
AND UPCOMING
MEETINGS COMING
SOON!**

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or thoughts!

-Ashlea Denton

My email is adenton@firstlutheran Kearney.org



March Newsletter

Hello First Lutheran Congregation!

We have been busy! We have learned about Groundhog's Day, shadows, burrows, hibernation, migration and those animals that stay awake near us.

Our field trip to Pizza Ranch was fun! We sang all the way there and back. The students told us some really funny jokes too! They loved every minute and some said it was the best day ever! We had UNK students and dental professionals come to teach us about dental care! It was soooo fun!

The week of our Valentine's Party was a short week but we finished a heart wreath, played a heart memory game, and musical hearts. Their valentine boxes and valentines were beautiful! We have some very creative families!

Next week we'll celebrate Dr. Seuss on the week of his birthday. We are already on the letter S. They have learned a ton of kindergarten words already! Some students know 30 plus sight words!

Then we will have the Letter T week and celebrate with some St. Patrick's Day fun! There might be a leprechaun making mischief in our room. We shall see!

On March 8th, we go to the Kearney Area Animal Shelter and that is some of the students' favorite field trips!

We have a spring break just like KPS does from March 18th - 22nd.

Lastly, we will be learning about poisons and what makes a rainbow! We will be learning about different types of weather and see if March will be coming in like a lion or a lamb.

Many March Blessings to you and your families!

Mrs. Amanda & Mrs. Sonya

Hello First Lutheran Parishioners,
Here at preschool, we are so excited for spring and the warm weather.

We already enjoyed some outside recess time in February and look forward to more in March! Also, in March we are super excited to host our Grandparents for the letter G week. We will be doing some 'G' activities with them.

Go Grandparents!

Later in the month we will talk about oviparous animals, animals that lay eggs! This is a perfect segway into our Easter theme which is at the end of the month. We will decorate Easter eggs and hunt Easter eggs and we will even crack open some real eggs and see what's inside.

We will take a much deserved break from all of our hard work for an entire week of Spring Break this month as well.

During Easter week, we will talk about the solemn occasion of Jesus dying on the cross for us. Though it is a difficult topic for our young preschoolers, it teaches them just how much Jesus loves us! And best of all, His rising from the dead and Ascending up to Heaven is a wonderfully happy ending to this remarkable event!

We hope that you all can take time to reflect on the wonderful love that Jesus has for each of you during this season of Lent.

God Bless,
Mrs. Lora and Mrs. Mindy

WOMEN of the ELCA

Lent has started and the “Women of the ELCA” President Elysia McGill shared a new way to think about fasting for Lent.

*Fast from hurting words and say kind words
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
Fast from anger and be filled with patience
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
Fast from worries and have trust in GOD
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
Fast from pressures and be prayerful
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate
Fast from grudges and be reconciled
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen
- Pope Francis*

Make plans to attend the First Lutheran Women's Spring event on April 20th at 10:30 in Centennial Hall. Guest speaker will be Jason Owens, Principal at the Hanny Arram Center, who will tell us how they are helping students to be successful. We will also have a salad luncheon.

Saved to Serve has plans for its next event. The Saved to Serve weekend will be Friday, May 3rd to Sunday, May 5th at Dana Village in Blair. You will be hearing about the Angels Share program that assists young adults exiting out of the Foster Care System. Mission work will include setting up the Dana Village Pantry, making quilts, and assembling personal care bags. Registration forms are on the Women of the ELCA bulletin board and due April 19th.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 4 - 7:00 pm - Women of the ELCA Board Meeting Classroom 21 & 22
March 9 - 9:00 am - Southern Prairie Spring Gathering Bethany Lutheran - Ruskin
April 20 - 10:30 am - First Lutheran Women's Spring event

DEBORAH CIRCLE

5:00 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



| JANUARY FINANCE REPORT | | | |
|---|------------|--------------|-------------|
| Ministry Budget: | Jan 2024 | YTD '23-'24 | YTD '22-'23 |
| Budget Supporting Revenue | \$42,271 | \$421,612 | \$452,646 |
| Budget Related Expenditures | \$(23,155) | \$ (409,105) | \$(483,708) |
| Total 2023-2024 Ministry Budget: \$759,201 | | | |
| Facilities Budget: | Jan 2024 | YTD '23-'24 | YTD '22-'23 |
| Revenue | \$4,340 | \$42,495 | \$56,499 |
| Expenditures | \$(861) | \$(14,563) | \$(29,657) |
| Total 2023-2024 Facilities Budget: \$44,100 | | | |



ELECTRONIC GIVING:

Please consider using VANCO Mobile Faith, as you give and donate to help us lower expenses. You can select a one-time or recurring donation.

Online: Visit FirstLutheranKearney.org.

Click on the "Resources" tab, then "Make a Donation".

Or download the Vanco Mobile Faith app on an iPhone or Android. Search for "First Lutheran Church" at 3315 Ave G, Kearney. Create a profile.

OFFERING ENVELOPES:

If you contribute by check, please put it inside an offering envelope. If you contribute by check without using an envelope, please write your offering envelope number on your check. This will enable us to record your contributions accurately. Any loose checks received without an envelope number noted may not be reflected on your contribution statement. Contributions to the Ministry Budget and Facilities Budget can be combined in one check. Thank you for your help!

If you would like a giving number instead of paper envelopes, please contact the church office.

If you have any questions or need assistance using the electronic giving options or need offering envelopes, please contact Stacy Seim in the church office: (308)237-5544 or SSeim@FirstLutheranKearney.org

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

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March Dates to Remember

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|----------------------|---|
| 1st/3rd Weekends | Laying on of Hands for Healing during Worship Services |
| Sat/Sun, March 2/3 | Worship - 6pm and 8:45 am, 11:00am 9:50 am - Sunday School for all ages & Adult Bible Study 2:00 pm - Worship at Brookstone Gardens |
| Wednesday, March 6 | 6:30pm - Midweek Lent Service |
| Sat/Sun, March 9/10 | Worship - 6pm and 8:45 am, 11:00am 9:50 am - Sunday School for all ages & Adult Bible Study |
| Saturday, March 9 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am - Pew oiling /cleaning (service project for confirmation students - sign up in advance) |
| Wednesday, March 13 | 6:30pm - Midweek Lent Service |
| Sat/Sun, March 16/17 | Worship - 6pm and 8:45 am, 11:00am 9:50 am - Sunday School for all ages & Adult Bible Study |
| Wednesday, March 20 | 6:30 pm - Midweek Lent Service |
| Sat/Sun, March 23/24 | Worship - 6pm and 8:45 am, 11:00am 9:50 am - Sunday School for youth 9:50 am - Adult Forum |
| Monday, March 25 | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm - Cleaning event at FLC (volunteers can help 15 minutes or a couple of hours. Your choice) |

HOLY WEEK

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| Thursday, March 28 | 5:45 pm - First Communion photo in the Sanctuary. 6:30pm - Maundy Thursday Service/First Communion After service: First Communion Reception |
| Friday, March 29 | 6:30pm - Good Friday Service |
| Saturday, March 30 | 6:00 pm - Holy Saturday Service |
| Sunday, March 31 | 7:00 am - Sunrise Easter Service - North parking lot 8:45 am & 11:00 am - Easter Services |

Wednesday Nights

Music Rehearsals - Praiser Bells, Heavenly Treble Makers, Chancel Choir
FEEDING THE FLOCK - 5:30 pm - in Centennial Hall. (Will not be serving March 27)
FIRST COMMUNION CLASS - 5:45 pm - in Fellowship Hall
FLY in basement youth room - 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm during Lent
Reading with Pastor Michelle - 7:07 pm in Fellowship Hall
***NO FROG or Confirmation classes during Lent. They will resume April 3rd.**

Thursday Nights:

Jubilee Meals (No Jubilee Meal on March 28th due to Maundy Thursday)

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