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**S.A.F.E. Center**

Empower. Support. Educate.

**“Sharing Shelf”**

**April S.A.F.E. Center Donation:  
Women’s Deodorant**

**Please set donated items on the shelf in the  
Narthex.**

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.

Sundays 8:45 am

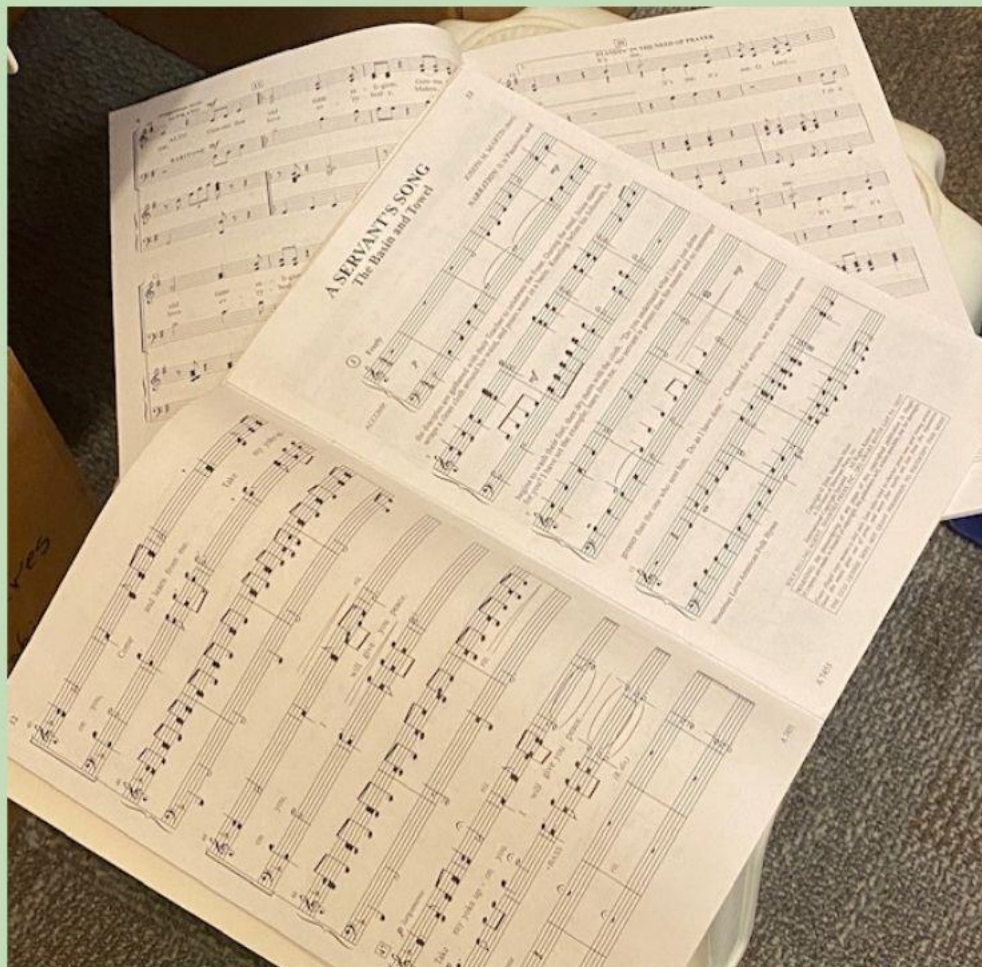
# FLC RADIO BROADCAST

**This week's radio broadcast  
is provided by:  
First Lutheran Church**

**Call or email the church office to  
sponsor a radio broadcast.**



# April Volunteer of the Month:



**Lola Rasmussen**

**Lola volunteered several  
hours to catalog and  
organize the Choir  
music.**

**Thank you so much!**



**Open  
both  
Sunday  
services!**

**The Church Nursery is open  
for children 5 & under.**

**Sundays 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Please bring a bag to stay with your child.**

**Volunteers are needed** to assist the  
Nursery attendant on Sunday mornings  
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Please contact Ashlea Denton:  
[ADenton@firstlutherankearney.org](mailto:ADenton@firstlutherankearney.org)  
or call the church office.**

Calendars and devotionals are available on the welcome stations



# *WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE*

*Get involved | Volunteer | Ministry Opportunities*



**Please fill out the  
“Called to Serve” forms  
located in the pews.**

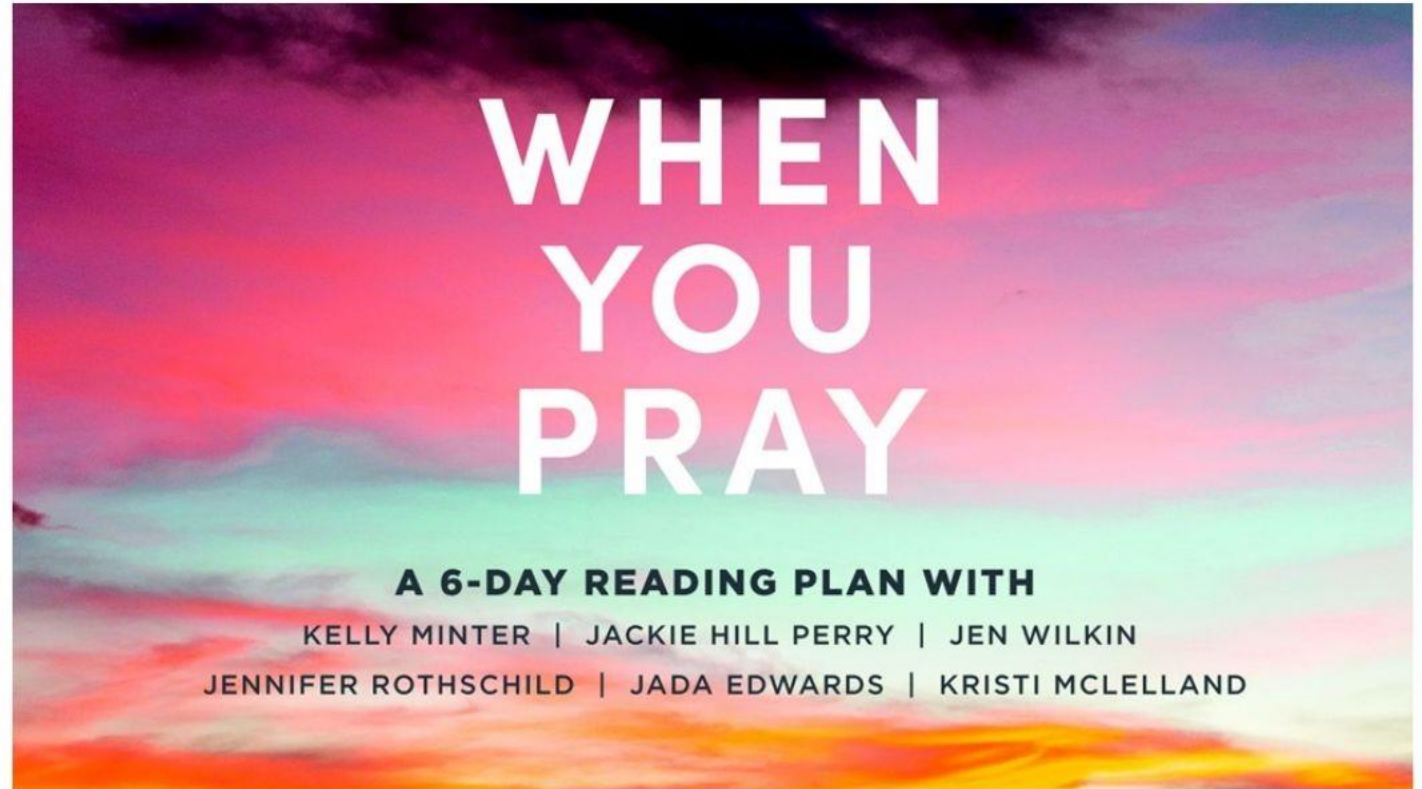
**Fold & put in the offering plate**



This weeks' Altar Flowers  
are provided by Kurt & Amy  
Behrhorst in honor of  
Clifford's Birthday



**Adult Bible Study  
with Sister Ruth  
Ellen will resume  
April 24th  
@ 5:30pm**



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

# Plant caretaker needed!



**The church needs a volunteer to water and take care of our indoor plants and outdoor flowerpots.**

**Please call the church office for more information.**

## 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.



**FEEDING THE FLOCK**

Wednesdays

5:30-6:30 PM

**All are welcome to come for this meal**

**Young & Old, Adult & Child, Grandparents & Teenagers**

SATB

# THE HOPE

*of the Cross*

An Easter Worship Experience

**Chancel Choir &  
Sound Offering  
Easter Cantata:**

**Sunday, April 14  
8:45 am and  
11:00 am**



# Preschool Family Fun Night/Fundraiser

MONDAY, APRIL 15TH

FROM

5-9:00 PM

**Please join us and visit with other church members, and preschool families. This is a great chance to enjoy some yummy food! Everyone is welcome!**

# **WELCA Salad Luncheon**

## **“Lessons in God’s Love”**

### **April 20 - 10:30 am**

**ALL women are  
invited - bring  
a guest too!**



**Guest  
Speaker:  
Jason Owens  
from Hanny  
Arram Center**

**See the April Messenger for details!**

# Natalie & Friends

in concert

Sunday, April 21, 2024

3:00 PM

First Lutheran Church



Featuring Chancel Bells, Praiser Bells,  
UNK Flute Choir, Natalie Radcliffe-flute,  
multiple other soloists





# Youth final sessions:

- **Wednesday Night FROG & Meals: April 24**
- **Sunday School: April 28**

# “Together for Joy” Unity Service

**Sunday, April 28  
12:00 Noon Potluck**



- **Sno Cones, Games & More!**
- **Fun for the whole family**
- **Members with last names A-L please bring a main dish.**
- **Members with last names M-Z please bring a salad, side or dessert.**
- **11:00 am service only. NO 8:45am service**
- **Bring a game to share!**



# **8th Grade Affirmation of Baptism**

**May 5  
8:45 am Service**

**9:45 am Reception in  
Centennial Hall**



# Graduates of 2024

**Are you graduating or do you have a graduate in your family this year?**

**Please email their photo to:  
ADenton@FirstLutheranKearney.org**





# "Dinners For 8" Returns to First Lutheran

This small group ministry program will bring people together for good food, faith, and fellowship. "Dinners for 8" is open to everyone - including couples and individuals. All are welcome! The only thing required is a hunger for meaningful conversation. Set to begin in June 2024.

If interested, contact Ashlea Denton at [adenton@firstlutherankearney.org](mailto:adenton@firstlutherankearney.org).



# JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM

July 21-26, 2024



## Make a Difference

Join us in serving foster youth in our community. We are looking for volunteers willing to give a week of their summer to make a Kingdom impact!

## Volunteer Needs

- Big campers (camp counselors)
- Support staff
- Chapel team
- Photographers
- Nurses
- Crafts
- Grandmas & Grandpas
- Aunts & Uncles

Volunteers must be 18+ and have a faith reference.



**Learn more and apply at [kearneyrfk.org/volunteer](https://kearneyrfk.org/volunteer)**



# PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- Easy sign up and registration process! Reasonable rates, follow KPS public school schedule closely, secure facility.
- <https://firstlutheran Kearney.org/first-lutheran-preschool/>

# Capital Campaign for Improved Offices & HVAC



## GROW WITH US!



**For the hard of hearing,  
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
offers a loop system.  
Hearing aid wearers with  
a “T” (telecoil) setting  
can now hear the service  
broadcast directly through  
their hearing aids.**

**For those who do NOT have a T-coil in their hearing aid  
or no hearing aid, contact an Usher for the use of a  
RX-20 Hearing Loop Receiver for use during the service.**



# NAME TAGS

Please wear your name tags so we can learn each others' names.



Need a name tag? Handwrite a nametag and hang it on the tree. Next week a printed nametag will be in that same spot for you.

A silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer next to a large wooden cross. The person is on the left, facing right, with their hands clasped in prayer. The cross is in the center, and the background is a sunset sky with a gradient from blue to orange. The text is overlaid on the image in white.

# Laying on of Hands

## 1st and 3rd Weekends

After receiving Communion, you are invited to the narthex to receive anointing with oil and prayer.

# Yellow Prayer Cards

- Prayer cards are available in the pew racks for you to include petitions during the Prayers of Intercession.

Ushers will collect the cards during the Prelude.

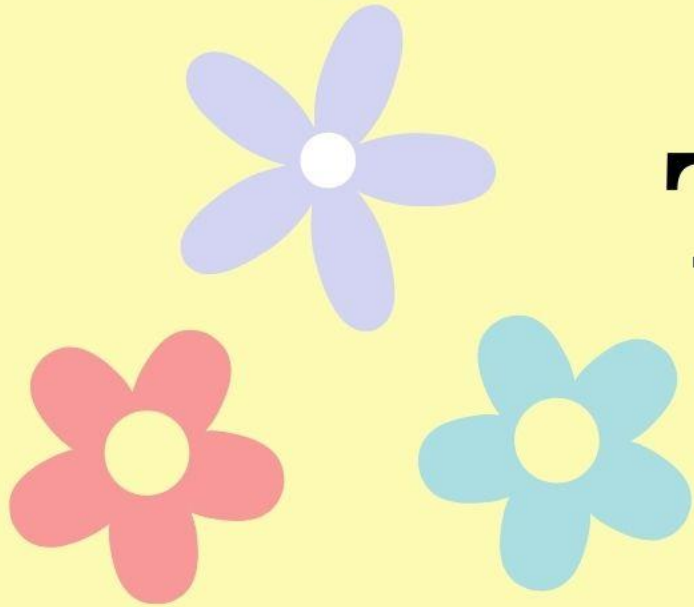


# Welcome Visitors

We invite you to complete a Visitor Card. Please place it in the offering plate or in one of the boxes on the Welcome Stations.



**Please sponsor an altar bouquet for a weekend service.**



**The sign up sheet is outside the office.**

***The flowers you sponsor are available to take after the 11am service***

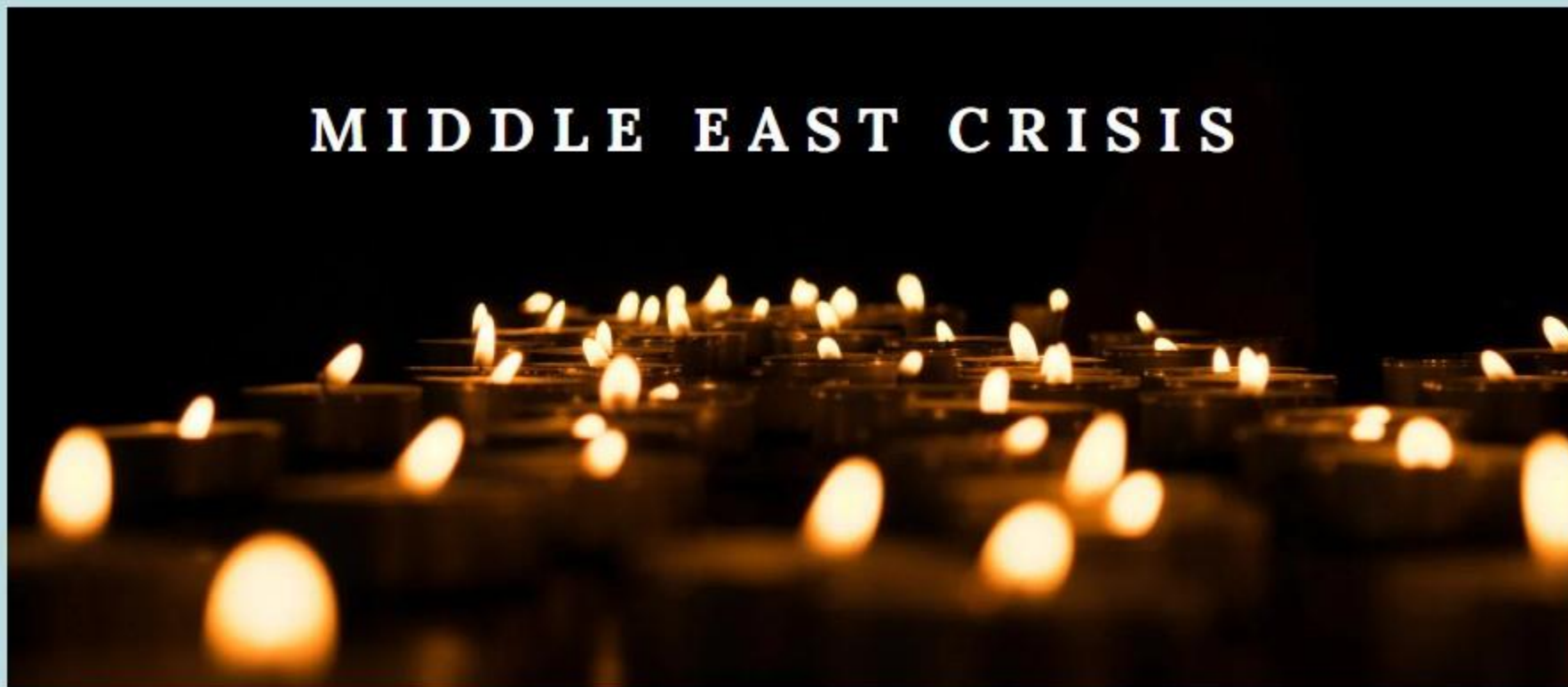


## **FRIENDLY REMINDER:**

**To maintain membership status at First Lutheran, please register receiving Holy Communion at least once a year.**

Registration cards are in the pew racks and on the Welcome Stations.

## MIDDLE EAST CRISIS



# Lutheran Disaster Response

Gifts designated for "Middle East Crisis" will be restricted to and used in full (100%) for those affected by disasters in the region.

<https://community.elca.org/middle-east-crisis>



# STEPHEN MINISTRY

Training will begin in the fall. More information will be available soon! We are excited to bloom together with you in this new adventure.



# Worship Times



Saturday	6:00 pm
Sunday (Traditional)	8:45 am
Sunday (Contemporary)	11:00 am



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



Eastern Europe Crisis Response

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES ARRIVING IN BUDAPEST. PHOTO CREDIT: REV. ZACH COURTER, ELCA

# LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF AT WORK IN EASTERN EUROPE

WANT TO HELP:

[HTTPS://FIRSTLUTHERANKEARNEY.ORG/  
EASTERN-EUROPE-CRISIS-RESPONSE](https://firstlutherankearney.org/eastern-europe-crisis-response)

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