



# FEBRUARY BELL



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### You are Chosen

It is difficult to talk about what is happening in February without mentioning March. Why? Lent! February 14<sup>th</sup>, Valentines Day, is also Ash Wednesday this year. What an interesting way to begin this year's Lenten theme... "You are Chosen." The sermon series will be based on the first 6 "chosen" episodes. The format for Wednesday Evenings will be 5:30 soup & 6:30 worship. Holden Evening Prayer will be sung on Wednesdays this Lent! Wednesdays and Sundays will be different, so that is why I am dividing this article into two segments... Wednesdays & Sundays!

### Wednesdays

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Thursday March 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	"Indescribable Love"
Friday March 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Good Friday</b>	"Indescribable Loss"
Sunday March 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Easter!</b>	"Indescribable Joy!"

# Sundays

February 4th	“Healed”	Mark 1:29-39
February 11th	“Transfigured”	Mark 9:2-9
February 18th	“Baptized and begun”	Mark 1:9-15
February 25th	“Footsteps followed”	Mark 8:31-38
March 3rd	“Temple-hearts Cleansed”	John 2:13-22
March 10th	“Lifted”	John 3:14-21
March 17th	“Glorified”	John 12:20-33
March 24th Palm Sunday	“Hosannah!”	Matthew 21:1-10
March 31st Easter Sunday	“Indescribable Joy!”	John 20:1-18

See you in church!

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Pastor Hans



Daisy Darlene Johnson was baptized on January 7th. Her parent’s are Tanner and Stephanie Johnson. Sponsor’s are Phill and Brittany Werner. Daisy, WELCOME to First Lutheran Church.

# FLCW Notes

The 2024 First Lutheran Women Service Booklets are in your church mailbox. The booklet contains the FLCW calendar of activities for the year. Also included are the lists of FLCW officers, FLCW committees and funeral serving groups.



Each year First Lutheran Church Women donate 15% of all yearly income to the Church Wide Women of the Evangelical Church in America. For 2023 this donation was \$574.64.

GOD'S WORK!

OUR HANDS!

**Dorcas sewing circle will gladly welcome additional hands to learn to cut quilt squares, piece together, and sew quilts.** Quilts are sent to Lutheran World Relief and also give to First Lutheran High School Graduates.



Worn and new flat sheets can be put to good use by the Dorcas Circle. The sheets are used as liners in the quilts. Donated sheets and material can be left by the door to the Quilter's Room downstairs. Thank you for helping to warm your neighbor.



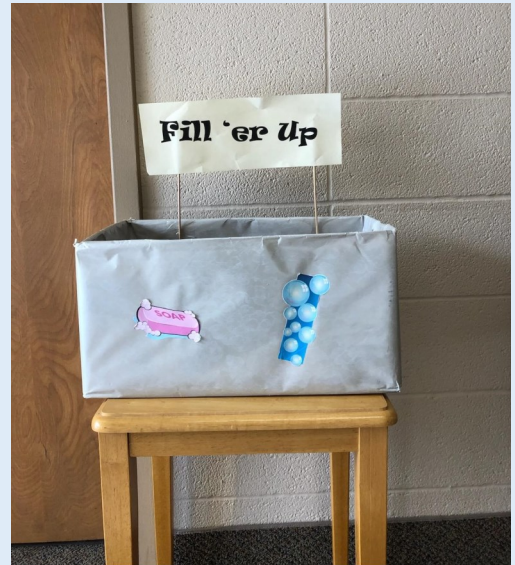
# FLCW Notes

## A Lenten Stewardship Project

will begin on **Ash Wednesday, February 14.**

First Lutheran Church Women will be collecting donations of bars of soap.

The collection box will be in the church narthex. Donations can be given anytime the church is open. The bars of soap collected will be given to the My Little Church, the Tiger's Den Food Shelf and the Pine River Backus Food Shelf.



### Kitchen

#### Committee

meeting  
will be  
Monday,  
February 12  
@ 4:00PM.



## February Circle Meetings

### *Dorcas Sewing Circle*

Meetings are the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the lower-level Quilting Room in the church.

Dorcas is quilting and fellowship; no Bible study.

February meeting dates are February *1st and 15th*

### *Naomi Circle*

Will meet Thursday, February 15th at 1:30 PM at the home of Anita Cadwell .



# February 2024

## Worship Volunteers

### February 4, 2024

*5th Sunday after Epiphany* Reader: Val Johnson  
Communion Assistants:  
Sound: Chuck Brasel  
Zoom: Tyler Hoplin

### February 11, 2024

*Transfiguration of Our Lord* Reader:  
Communion Assistants: Val Johnson  
Sound: Sandy Gilbertson  
Zoom: Tyler Hoplin

### February 18, 2024

*First Sunday of Lent* Reader:  
Communion Assistants:  
Sound: Denice Smith  
Zoom: Tyler Hoplin

### February 25, 2024

*Second Sunday of Lent* Reader:  
*Noisy Offering* Communion Assistants:  
Sound: Val Johnson  
Zoom: Cora Hohnstadt

Ushers: Paul Pearson & Matt Shamp

Counter: Holly Knutson

Altar Guild: Leigh Metcalf & Jan Brasel

**FINANCIAL DATA**  
**SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 – JANUARY 19, 2024**

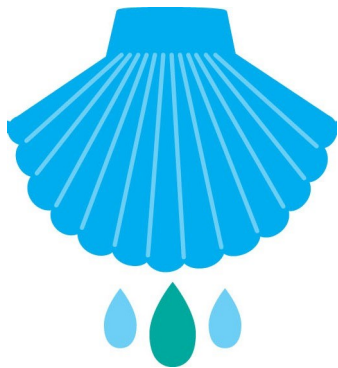
Budgeted Income (all areas)	\$62,733.52
Actual Income (all areas)	<u>58,848.19</u>
Difference (BELOW BUDGET)	(\$ 3,885.33)
Budgeted Expenses	\$62,733.01
Actual Expenses	<u>49,397.30</u>
Difference (BELOW BUDGET)	(\$13,335.71)
Actual Income (all areas)	\$58,848.19
Actual Expenses	<u>49,397.30</u>
Difference	\$ 9,450.89
ACTUAL PREVIOUS MONTH CHECKING:	
Dec. 31 Ending Balance	\$41,139.65
Dec. 1 Beginning Balance	<u>38,478.90</u>
Difference	\$ 2,660.75
December Income	\$13,840.59
December Expenditures	<u>11,179.84</u>
Difference	\$ 2,660.75

Because there are some changes in income and expenses after this report is written, you will see the bottom portion of the report giving the actual previous month numbers.

February's Noisy Offering will be going to Heifer International. Heifer International works to end hunger and poverty with the communities they serve. By supporting and training the world's farmers, ranchers, and female business owners, they are investing in a new breed of success. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

# Sunday School News

During the month of January, our Sunday School students have been learning about Jesus' baptism by his cousin, John. We have talked about what baptism means: Our baptism sets us out on a lifelong journey with God and our church and we always want to grow our faith. Pastor Hans even visited us as John the Baptist to tell us his story!



Our Sunday School has started taking an offering for the family of Caleb Prushek. His mom is Destiny Shivers ( a former PRB student), his grandma is Jeanine Hulke ( who many of you would know from school), and his great aunt is Jane Orth, a member of our church. Long story short, this little guy has been battling an aggressive cancer since June, 2022. We have been following his CaringBridge site and we have been praying for him.

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Confirmation Students will be helping to set-up, serve and clean -up for the Lenten soup suppers beginning **February 21<sup>st</sup>**. Please be here by **5:15** to help with the set-up.

Ash Wednesday, **February 14**, there is no soup/supper, please be here for worship at **6:30 pm**.

There will be NO confirmation on **January 31 and February 7<sup>th</sup>**.



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# Member's Reflections

**What is your favorite Valentine's Day memory?**



Dean Johnson

As a kid any special occasion that included chocolate was right at the top of my list.



Anne Holm



My favorite Valentine memory was when I was in high school. I was a cheerleader for boys basketball. Surprise! On game days we hung locker signs on the players' lockers and either delivered flowers or cookies to the guys' homerooms in the morning. We had quite a few of guys that were on the team but rarely got any game time and most of the time didn't even suit up when we traveled. I always felt bad when we had a game and the guys didn't even get in for even a minute. The rest of my cheerleading squad never wanted to deliver the flowers or cookies to those players. I always did. I treated them all the same whether they were the starters or never played. I cheered like crazy for them if they ever got to play at all and especially if they ever scored. I wished for everyone to feel like they were a star. I used to get made fun of for doing this. One year the student council had a fund raiser for Valentine's Day and sold carnations that were to be delivered to the home rooms in the morning on Valentine's Day. I received dozens of flowers that morning and most of the flowers were from those boys. Still brings tears to my eyes.

# February 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:00 AM Dorcas	2	3
4 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee 10:15 AM Sunday School	5 9:00 AM Worship 4:00 PM Kitchen Committee	6	7	8	9	10
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25 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee 10:15 AM Sunday School	26 9:00 AM Worship	27	28 5:30 PM Soup Supper	29		

# The Chosen

**Lenten Challenge:** For anyone who has not joined us for the Chosen Videos this past Fall, the Lenten Challenge will be to watch them at home. For people who have seen the videos, please read the corresponding scripture and/or rewatch episodes: <https://www.angel.com/the-chosen>

We will start the videos again as a group on April 3, 2024.

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### **Sunday Worship**

Worship & Communion	9:00 AM.
Coffee & Fellowship	10:00 AM
Sunday School	10:15 AM

**Pastor: Hans Anderson**

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