



# MARCH BELL



## A Publication of First Lutheran Church



### March Bell Article

The Wednesday Lenten Rhythm continues this month of March. What is not to love? Yummy Soup, warm conversation, Holden Evening Prayer... its all-good stuff! You are invited... for soup at 5:30 p.m. and worship at 6:30 p.m. on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. No service on Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> as it is Holy Week, and we will be in church plenty that week!

You are Chosen! This is not only the theme for Lent this year, but also the Gospel good news for you. Jesus says in John’s Gospel, “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you, to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last!”

**Camp Sunday-** Voyagers Lutheran Ministries will be at our church on Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>. I am excited for them to be here and partner with VLM ministries. Also, I am excited for the opportunity to send a bunch of kids to camp this summer. Bible camp is the best!

### Holy Week Schedule

Sunday March 24 <sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday Service	“Hosannah!”	9:00 a.m.
Thursday March 28 <sup>th</sup> - Maundy Thursday Service	“Indescribable Love”	6:30 p.m.
Friday March 29 <sup>th</sup> - Good Friday Service	“Indescribable Loss”	6:30 p.m.
Sunday March 31 <sup>st</sup> - EASTER!	“Indescribable Joy”	9:00 a.m.

**Easter Challenge-** Attend Wednesday “Chosen” 6-week series... April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. Meal at 5:30 p.m. & Video at 6:30 p.m.

**Easter Breakfast-** The group of 10 youth and adults attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this Summer will be serving an amazing Egg bake Easter Breakfast! Come for Easter brunch after service and enjoy great food and great company with your church family. Free-will donations help defray the costs of going on this “once in a lifetime experience” for our youth. Thank you in advance for your support!

I look forward to seeing you in church!

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Pastor Hans

## New Orleans style Beignets

### Support our Senior High Youth!



your craving... Buy a Beignet. Beignets are a doughnut like pastry that accompany a cup of coffee wonderfully! Dates to dine delightfully... February 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

First Lutheran has 8 senior high youth and 2 adults attending the National Youth Gathering this Summer. 30 to 40 thousand youth from all over the country will be coming together to gather, worship and serve in New Orleans...a.k.a “NOLA or the Big Easy.” On Sunday mornings in Lent, the Senior High youth will be serving these delicious pastries for a free-will fundraiser. Please support the youth and support



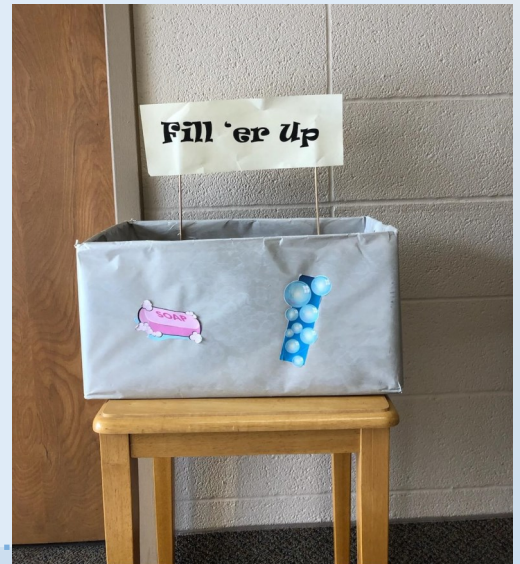
The Senior High Youth attending the National Youth Gathering are **Ashley Shamp, Maddie Knapp, Kaya Anderson, Hudson Juel, Zarian English, Camden Zinda, Blake Haglin, and Bella Raasch**. The adults accompanying these youth are **Pastor Hans Anderson and Kayci Finley**.

# FLCW Notes

## A Lenten Stewardship Project

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,  
March 25th  
@ 4:00PM.



## March 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.

March meeting dates are the *1st and 15th*

### Naomi Circle

Will meet on Thursday, March 21 at 1:30 PM at the home of Marlys Struthers



### An Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.



# March 2024

## Worship Volunteers

### March 3, 2024

*3rd Sunday in lent*

Reader:

Communion Assistants:

Sound: Chuck Brasel

Zoom: Cora Hohnstadt

### March 10, 2024

*4th Sunday in Lent*

Reader:

Communion Assistants: Val Johnson

Sound: Sandy Gilbertson

Zoom: Cora Hohnstadt

### March 17, 2024

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

Reader:

Communion Assistants:

Sound: Denice Smith

Zoom: Cora Hohnstadt

### March 24, 2024

*Palm Sunday*

*Noisy Offering*

Reader:

Communion Assistants:

Sound: Tyler Hoplin

Zoom: Cora Hohnstadt

### March 31, 2024

*Easter Sunday*

Reader:

Communion Assistants:

Sound: Val Johnson

Zoom: Cora Hohnstadt

Ushers: Paul Pearson & Vincent Norman

Counter: Brenda Anderson

Altar Guild: Annette Newton, Gloria Johnson &  
Sandy Gilbertson

**FINANCIAL DATA**  
**SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 - FEBRUARY 17, 2024**

Budgeted Income (all areas)	\$75,970.03
Actual Income (all areas)	<u>70,482.14</u>
Difference (BELOW BUDGET)	(\$ 5,487.89)

Budgeted Expenses	\$75,969.53
Actual Expenses	<u>58,189.38</u>
Difference (BELOW BUDGET)	(\$17,780.15)

Actual Income (all areas)	\$70,482.14
Actual Expenses	<u>58,189.38</u>
Difference	\$12,292.76

ACTUAL PREVIOUS MONTH CHECKING:

Jan. 31 Ending Balance	\$43,100.87
Jan. 1 Beginning Balance	<u>41,139.65</u>
Difference	\$ 1,961.22

December Income	\$12,929.67
December Expenditures	<u>10,968.45</u>
Difference	\$ 1,961.22

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's numbers.

## YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

March's **Noisy Offering** will be going to the Pine River Area Food Shelf.

Winter is especially busy at the food shelf and they need our support.

Thank you for your donations!



# Sunday School News

During the month of February, Sunday School students were learning about Joshua and the Battle of Jericho. We learned about what it means to hold on to our faith, even when God may ask something of us that doesn't seem to make sense. We also see the might of God demonstrated in this story.



We continue to take an offering for Caleb Prushek, the great-nephew of Jane Orth who is battling cancer.



## CAMP SUNDAY!

**Wear your camp t-shirts on March 10, 2024** as we welcome Katie Maurer, The Director of Programs, for Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry. Katie will have information about Summer Bible Camp opportunities for youth and adults. First Lutheran Church will pay all Summer Bible Camp Costs after the deposit. (If Deposit is a challenge contact Denice Smith at 218-820-4522). Transportation to and from camp is the responsibility of the camper's family. Carpooling has been a tradition in the past. Camp registration information is available at [www.vlm.org](http://www.vlm.org). There are early registration, sibling and bring a friend discounts.



# Member's Reflections

**What is your favorite Easter memory?**

Jim & Marlys Riess



We were youth leaders in several of the churches we have been members in over the years and our Easter 'highlights' were always the Easter breakfast served by the youth particularly when we chose not to do an egg bake instead opting for a full spread of pancakes, bacon, sausage, usually scrambled eggs, and homemade sweet rolls! The challenge often was keeping the 'staff' working instead of partaking of the menu.



**Penny Siewert**

Many years ago, at my previous church, it was a cold, rainy Easter Sunday. The church had beautiful, large stained glass windows. During the sermon, all of a sudden the sun shone through the beautiful windows. Everyone had chills.



# 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.

“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.

## Wednesday Lent Schedule

March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Soup Supper	“Jesus Loves the Little Children”
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Soup Supper	“The Rock on Which It is Built”
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Soup Supper	“The Wedding Gift”
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Soup Supper	“Indescribable Compassion”







# MARCH



2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Worship 9:00 AM Coffee 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Soup 5:30 PM Service 6:30 PM	<b>7</b> Dorcas Circle 9:00 AM	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> CAMP SUNDAY Worship 9:00 AM Coffee 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Soup 5:30 PM Service 6:30 PM	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Worship 9:00 AM Coffee 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Church Council 10:30 AM	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Spring Begins	<b>20</b> Soup 5:30 PM Service 6:30 PM	<b>21</b> Dorcas Circle 9:00 AM Naomi Circle 1:30PM	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Palm Sunday Worship 9:00 AM Coffee 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM	<b>25</b> Kitchen Committee 4:00 PM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Service 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday	<b>29</b> Service 6:30 PM Good Friday	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> EASTER SUNDAY Worship 9:00 AM Coffee 10:00 AM						



We will be delivering Easter baskets to our members in the nursing home and assisted living. If you would like to donate items please bring them to the church office, or if you know someone we should add to our deliveries, please call the church office.

THANK YOU



## Sunday Worship

Worship & Communion 9:00 AM.

Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 AM

Sunday School 10:15 AM

**Pastor: Hans Anderson**

**Church Office: 218-587-2316**

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