



April Bell



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EASTER JOY



Christ has risen! (He has risen indeed!) What an indescribable joy that Jesus is risen from the dead. What an indescribable joy our Easter Service and Breakfast were. What an indescribable joy to walk with you as fellow Easter people! April brings about the liturgical season of Easter this year. Typically, church life slows after Easter. Not here at First Lutheran, April is loaded with many ministry opportunities!

The Chosen Series- Join us on six Wednesday nights for a 5:00 meal and 6:00 video down in the fellowship hall beginning on Wednesday April 3rd. There will be a hamburger grill out on that night and the episode (Season 1-Episode 7) entitled "Invitations." You are invited!

New Member Classes- Will take place on two Sundays, April 7th & 14th culminating with New Member Sunday on April 28th. Classes will take place at 10:15 a.m. in the "Seek Him" room. If you have an interest in becoming a new member, please contact Pastor Hans- 218-820-2969.

Legacy Chorale- Friday April 12th at 7:00 p.m. Come out for a night of wonderful music and fun. For the first time ever, the 60 voice- Legacy Chorale will be performing at First Lutheran Church. Music from "The Sound of Music" & Schubert's selections will be performed. Afterwards, we will have fruit pizza and fellowship!

Mission Story-Teller- Sunday April 21st- Representing and advocating for our Northeast Minnesota Synod, Julie Lepisto will be telling the story of how our Synod is at work in our communities, country, and world. She will be preaching and sharing the Easter Good news of how we are serving and changing the world through our pooled resources as the Northeast Minnesota Synod.

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Synod Assembly- Saturday April 27th- The Northeast Minnesota Synod Assembly will be having their Annual meeting via Zoom. Synod Delegates are Kayci Finley and Camden Zinda. Pastor Hans will attend as well. The 2025 Synod Assembly is in-person at Breezy Point on May 6th & 7th.

Christ is Risen! (He is risen Indeed!) Like budding flowers having the courage to bloom this time of year, we as Baptized Easter people bloom colors living out Christ's resurrection joy!

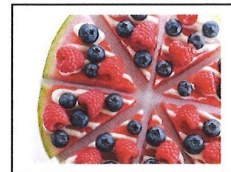
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Pastor Hans



Friday, April 12th @ 7 PM, the Legacy Chorale will be at First Lutheran Church.

They will be performing songs from the Sound of Music and Schubert. We will be having fruit pizza following the concert.



A free will offering will be taken.

Please join us for this wonderful
event.

First Lutheran has an active **Sun Shine Ministry** that needs your help! Cards are sent and visits made to those who are ill, grieving, lonely, celebrating a birth or experiencing a big life change. If you or someone you know should receive a card or a visit please contact the church office @ 218-587-2316 or Pastor Anderson @ 218-820-2969

FLCW Notes

FLCW made a \$300.00 donation to the Pine River Area Food Shelf.

Saturday, April 20, 2024 the Heartland Conference Spring Gathering will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Pequot Lakes. More information will be posted on the FLCW bulletin board when received.

Thank you to the **Sunday Fellowship Coffee** volunteers who faithfully launder the kitchen linen and return them clean and fresh to the church kitchen drawer.

Kitchen

Committee

meeting
will be
Monday,
April 29 at
4 PM.



April 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.

April meeting dates are the *4th and 18th*

Naomi Circle

Will meet on Thursday, April 11 (note change of date) with Shirley Schmidt as hostess.

Location to be announced.

Wherever you go today, God will be there!

We have had a request to share recipes from our recent soup suppers.
We will be including two each month.

Barb's Macaroons

1—14 oz bag sweetened, shredded coconut

1 can sweetened condensed milk

1 bag mini chocolate chips

Mix and scoop onto pan lined with parchment paper. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes, until golden brown

Kim's Cheeseburger Soup

1 # ground beef

1 onion, diced

3/4 cup shredded carrot

3/4 cup chopped celery

1 teaspoon dried parsley

3 cups chicken broth

4 cups potatoes, cubed

1/4 cup flour

2 cups cheddar cheese ,cubed

1 1/2 cups milk

4 Tablespoons butter

In a large pot brown ground beef and onion.

Add broth celery, carrots, parsley and potatoes.

Bring to a boil, simmer until potatoes are tender, about 10 –12 minutes.

In a saucepan, melt the butter and stir in the flour.

Add the milk, stirring until smooth.

Gradually add milk mixture to the soup, stirring constantly.

Bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer.

Stir in cheese, continue to stir until cheese melts.

DO NO BOIL Then serve.



We will be serving fruit pizza following the Legacy Chorale Concert on April 12.
Please consider making a pizza for this time of fellowship. THANK YOU!

April 2024

Worship Volunteers

April 7, 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter

Reader: Val Johnson
Communion Assistants:
Sound: Sandy Gilbertson
Zoom: Tyler Hoplin

April 14, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter

Reader:
Communion Assistants: Val Johnson
Sound: Chuck Brasel
Zoom: Cora Hohnstadt

April 21, 2024

4th Sunday of Easter

Reader:
Communion Assistants:
Sound: Denice Smith
Zoom: Tyler Hoplin

April 28, 2024

5th Sunday of Easter

Noisy Offering

Reader:
Communion Assistants:
Sound: Val Johnson
Zoom: Cora Hohnstadt

Ushers:	Paul Pearson & Sanchez Guerrero
Counter:	Irene Gearey
Altar Guild:	Penny Siewert , Irene Gearey & JoAnn Nelson

FINANCIAL DATA
SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 - MARCH 20, 2024

Budgeted Income (all areas)	\$89,932.68
Actual Income (all areas)	<u>84,905.91</u>
Difference (BELOW BUDGET)	(\$ 5,026.77)

Budgeted Expenses	\$89,932.19
Actual Expenses	<u>71,559.93</u>
Difference (BELOW BUDGET)	(\$18,372.26)

Actual Income (all areas)	\$84,905.91
Actual Expenses	<u>71,559.93</u>
Difference	\$13,345.98

ACTUAL PREVIOUS MONTH CHECKING:

Feb. 29 Ending Balance	\$43,452.07
Feb. 1 Beginning Balance	<u>42,731.89</u>
Difference	\$ 720.18

February Income	\$11,529.01
February Expenditures	<u>10,808.83</u>
Difference	\$ 720.18

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.

April's Noisy Offering will be going to the Lutheran Disaster Response. Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives are disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

Thank you for continuing to support our Noisy Offering ministry.

Sunday School News

During the month of March, the Sunday School students were studying the Easter story. We sang about how "Every Morning is Easter Morning" and how we are "Easter People" who can counter the daily bad news with the Good News! In these pictures, we had a woman from Jesus' time come and talk to us about the day she heard about the tomb being empty and how confused everyone was! We also worked on making butterflies that symbolize how our new life begins with Jesus!



We continue to collect an offering and pray for Caleb Prushek. Here is the latest update from his Mom's Caring Bridge journal, along with a picture from his kindergarten registration:

Caleb's second week home was good!! We didn't do much but work on his weight and eating and played outside. I got his weight back up plus some! He's been eating fairly good and I am still giving feeds over night.

Caleb did catch a cold around Friday. It never got real bad and we did get him tested for everything, he was negative. We made sure the doctors were okay with him still coming for his next treatment, they were as long as he didn't ever get a fever which he didn't. So we are all set to head down in the morning for his next treatment, admission Monday through Saturday as long as all goes as planned!



Member's Reflections

What is your favorite thing about SPRING?

Ayla Richards: THE RAIN



Irene Gearey:

Watching and listening to the birds as they make their nests.

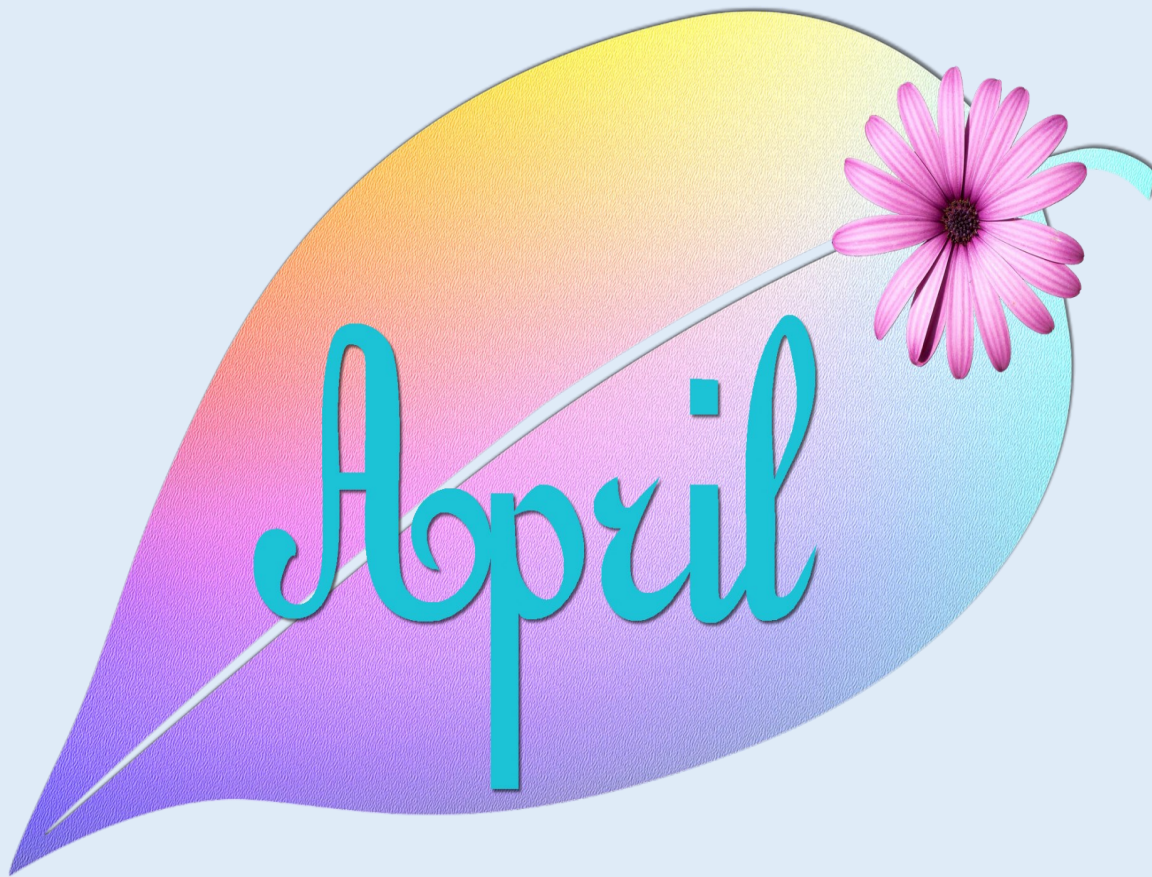


APRIL

THE CHOSEN

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Worship 9:00 AM Coffee 10: AM Sunday School 10:15 AM New Member Class 10:15 AM			5:00 PM Meal 6:00 PM Video	Dorcas Circle 9:00 AM		
	8	9	10	11	12	13
			5:00 PM Meal 6:00 PM Video	Naomi Circle	LEGACY CONCERT 7:00 PM	
	15	16	17	18	19	20
			5:00 PM Meal 6:00 PM Video	Dorcas Circle 9:00 AM		
	22	23	24	25	26	27
			5:00 PM Meal 6:00 PM Video			
	29	30				
New Member Sunday 28 Worship 9:00 AM Potluck 10:00 AM Sunday School will serve New Member Potluck	Kitchen Committee 4:00 PM					



Please use the email address 1stluthpr@gmail.com when contacting the church office. The old TDS email will be inactive soon, as we switch carriers.

Thank you



Sunday Worship

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

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