

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Preschool Classes M-F 9:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (Sept-May)

<u>Sun.</u>	<i>Lent 4</i>	
	8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Children's Church (3 yrs.-Gr.2)
	10:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
	5:00 a.m.	GHS Girls Basketball Banquet
	6:30 p.m.	First Communion Class
<u>Mon.</u>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Program Staff Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	HHH Auxiliary Set Up
	6:30 p.m.	Cabinet
	7:00 p.m.	Ministries in Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	VDC Secretariat
<u>Tues.</u>	11:00 a.m.	HHH Auxiliary Spring Fundraiser Luncheon
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Service Unit 886
	7:00 p.m.	Theology on Tap
<u>Wed.</u>	9:00 a.m.	Cover Girls Quilting
	12:00 p.m.	Worship: Midweek 4
	12:30 p.m.	Simple Soup Lunch
	3:15-8:00 p.m.	Faithtime (See Schedule)
	6:30 p.m.	Worship: Midweek 3
	8:00 p.m.	Joyful Hearts
<u>Thurs.</u>	7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 5733
	7:00 p.m.	Glory Ringers
<u>Fri.</u>	7:00 p.m.	Lock-In
<u>Sat.</u>	7:00 a.m.	Men's Lenten Breakfast - First Congregational Church
	5:30 p.m.	Informal Worship

<i>Faithtime Schedule — March 14</i>	
3:15 p.m.	Faithtime Begins (Grades K-6)
3:45 p.m.	Message, Music, Motion, Games (Grades K-6)
4:00 p.m.	Youth Room Open (Grades 9-12)
5:00 p.m.	Dinner Begins (Lenten Soup & Sandwich Bar)
5:20 p.m.	Faithtime Closing (Grades K-6)
5:30 p.m.	Faithtime Check Out (Grades K-6)
5:30 p.m.	First Book Club
5:45 p.m.	Sr. High Youth
6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir

Celebration of Ministry for Sherry Dickens

Please join us on the weekend of March 17 & 18 as we celebrate Sherry's ministry as Parish Secretary. Sherry will be recognized in worship on Saturday, March 17 and will be present for Fellowship Hour on Sunday, March 18.

Lifelines Prayer List

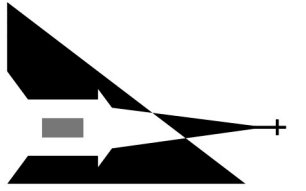
World and Community: For our leaders: President Donald J. Trump and Governor Bruce Rauner. For all who strive for peace and justice. For those serving our country, especially Raul Falcon (*Ted & Lanell Carpenter's friend & neighbor*), Griffin Fleming (*Michelle Fleming's son, Mike & Ethel Pries' grandson*), Josh Fleming (*Adam Fleming's brother*), Jakob Gradert, Connor Luxmore (*Shari Gradert's son, Gary/Arlene Gesme's grandson*), Taylor McKean, Jessica Ruggles (*Scott Denys' friend's daughter*), Christopher Schwake (*Julie Lewis' nephew*), those in Law Enforcement and First Responders.

Church: For our bishops: Rev. Elizabeth Eaton and Rev. Jeffrey Clements. For our partners in ministry: Pastor A. Michael Stephin and the people of Osupuko Parish in Tanzania, Rev. Raja Socrates, Bishop of the Arcot Lutheran Synod, India. For missionaries who share the Gospel around the world. For Catherine Nelson, seminary student. For Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. For our pastors: Rev. Matt Kamprath, Rev. Laura Kamprath, Rev. Virgil Juliot and Rev. Lynn Bergren. For our parish and preschool staff: Mary Jo Brummet, Barb Burghgrave, Doris Bergles, Ruthann Carton, Charlene Daniels, Sherry Dickens, Margi Ficken, Haylee Gustafson, Jennifer Johnson, Lynn Lindell, Jim Luikart, Linda Schmidt, Misty Slaymaker and Mary Williamsen. For our Lay Leaders: President Ray Bergles and the entire Church Council.

Health and Wellbeing: Ron Alhorn, Jaylee Brudos, Jean Carlson (*Jill Loehr's mother*), Christina Clark, Judy DeBoever, Dorothy DeMay (*AJ & Carolyn DeSplinter's family friend*), Sherry Dickens, Brady Jess (*Kathy Nelson's great-nephew*), Pastor Virgil Juliot, Evelyn Kline, Janet Larson, Rhett McDowell (*Pastor Virgil & Marilyn Juliot's great-grandson*), Linda Schmidt, Peggy Schram (*Doris Swanson's daughter*), Jay Sears, Larry Skiles (*Kelsi, Kyle & Tristan Pittenger's grandfather*), Gene Stees, Donald Tomlinson (*Shirley Clark's brother*), John Tweten (*Joan Eldon's brother*), and Mike Zeglin (*friend of Peggy Rexroth*).

Joys: Baptism of Jacob Kelly Martin, son of Steve & Jodi Martin and the late Laura Hopkins on March 3, 2018.

Thanksgiving:
Sorrows:



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OUR MEASURE OF LOVE — February 28, March 3 & 4, 2018

March 10 & 11, 2018

Lent 4



Welcome to First Lutheran Church!

We are glad you have joined us for worship today. If you are a first time guest, please stop by the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Room and pick up a special gift. **Come and celebrate Holy Communion.** At First Lutheran you are invited to come forward and join us at the Lord’s Table or simply receive a blessing. This is truly the Lord’s Table, shared freely with all who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

A **nursery/playroom**, located off the first floor Fellowship Room, is provided on Sunday mornings for young children. An usher will be happy to direct you. **Handicap-accessible restrooms** are also located off the first floor Fellowship Room. **Large-print bulletins** are available from the ushers. **Children’s activity bags** are also available.

Altar Flowers are given by John Phillips in memory of Ruth Ann Phillips.

Worship Participants for Holy Week & Easter Sunday ~ Sign up today at the Welcome Center if you will serve as lector, communion assistant or nursery attendant on Easter Sunday or at any of the services during Holy Week.

First Book Club meets on Wednesday, March 14 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the book “Ghost” by Jason Reynolds. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion!

Midweek Lenten Services continue on Wednesday, March 14 at noon and 6:30 p.m. Pastor Randy Swanson, Cambridge, will be preaching on *Creation (Genesis 1:1-2, 4a)*.

Men’s Lenten Breakfast on Saturday, March 17 from 7-8 a.m. at First Congregational Church. All men are invited to come enjoy great food, fellowship and a program.

Confirmation & Sr. High Lock-In is on March 16. Get parental/health forms at the Welcome Center today. Enjoy the fun, food, fellowship & worship! Bring a friend!

Spring Flowers for our Easter Garden may be ordered now. Please complete a yellow form and place the form in the offering or drop box by Sunday, March 18. Easter Lilies, Hyacinths, Daffodils, Tulips and Mums are available for \$17.50.

Maundy Thursday Noon Meal will be served Thursday, March 29 immediately following the service. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you are planning to enjoy this delicious meal of ham balls, scalloped potatoes, green beans and more!

Via de Cristo: Two weekend opportunities for spiritual growth coming this spring: Men’s weekend on April 12-15 and women’s weekend on April 19-22. Please contact Hal Gustafson at hsgconst@gmail.com or (309) 945-7021 if you are interested.

<u>Attendance</u>			<u>Offering</u>		
Midweek 2	52/71	Midweek 1	\$350.50		
Sat. 5:30	43	General Fund	\$6,827.00	YTD	\$73,533.93
Sun. 8:30	81	Capital Campaign 2017	\$8,134.23	YTD	\$37,561.23
10:00	<u>70</u>	Capital Campaign Total			\$187,036.42
<i>Total</i>	<i>194</i>	Building Fund (Main./Repair)	\$104.00	YTD	\$2,762.25
		World Hunger	\$174.00	YTD	\$2,108.18

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS

The foundational premise of this set of daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday lectionary. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings. Lectionary texts, however, are subject to change.

<u>Monday, March 12</u>	<u>Tuesday, March 13</u>	<u>Wednesday, March 14</u>	<u>Thursday, March 15</u>
Psalm 107:1-16	Psalm 107:1-16	Psalm 107:1-16	Psalm 51:1-12
Exodus 15:22-27	Numbers 20:1-13	Isaiah 60:15-22	Isaiah 30:15-18
Hebrews 3:1-6	1 Corinthians 10:6-13	John 8:12-20	Hebrews 4:1-13
<u>Friday, March 16</u>	<u>Saturday, March 17</u>	<u>Sunday, March 18</u>	
Psalm 51:1-12	Psalm 51:1-12	Jeremiah 31:31-34	
Exodus 30:1-10	Habakkuk 3:2-13	Psalm 51:1-12	
Hebrews 4:14—5:4	John 12:1-11	Hebrews 5:5-10	
		John 12:20-33	

THIS WEEK’S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

3/13 Jenni Johnson	Larry/Lynn Dauphin (54)	Duane/Jill Bomleny	(16)
Paige VanDeWiele	3/15 Brenda Nelson	3/17 Dawn Ebarb	
Leah Walker	Denise Teague	Jane Reese	
3/14 Roger/Ruthann Carton (48)	3/16 Jay/Darcie VanDoren (22)	3/18 Greg/Connie Dykema	(30)