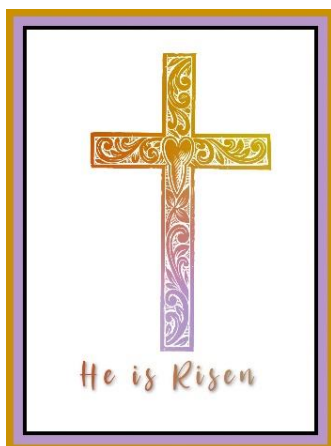


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**April**  
**Salt Shaker**

**Daily devotions:** Monday through Saturday at 9:00 am on Facebook

**Worship Schedule: Sunday** 8:30 and 10:30 am, Sunday School and coffee hour- 9:30 am

**Online worship** airs at 9 a.m. Sundays

**WOW (Worship on Wednesday):** 6:30 pm

## PASTOR MIKE'S LETTER:

I hope you took away a few things from our recent series, "We Are the Church". I know for me, it has really gotten me thinking about ways that we can engage others and be an example of the church God envisions at FLC. In the coming months I look forward to engaging with you in conversations around our purpose and vision for the coming years. I remain convinced that this IS a great time to be THE CHURCH! I want to wrap up sharing with the 8 Keys to Church Growth, and invite you to discern and pray for our ministry together.

### 7. Embrace the New Normal

Church has changed drastically since March of 2020. Churches scrambled to facilitate streaming services during the peak of the shutdown. Many people still choose to worship from home because of fear and health issues. Embrace this new normal and find ways to engage with these members. For instance, assign someone to engage with members during a streaming service. Provide volunteer opportunities in the digital world. Consider this new era of the online church as an opportunity to reach more people. Use your social networks and YouTube channel to share encouraging messages of hope. Covid has changed church forever, so make of point of embracing this new normal and find creative ways to engage with those who may never step foot in your church.

### 8. Enjoy the Ride

Whether you are the senior pastor, a business administrator, or a church secretary, the call should be enjoyable, fulfilling, and balanced. Spending time with God is what fuels the call and the anointing to do what needs to be done in a church. I have a quote written in the back of my bible that says, "**Don't get so caught up in the ministry of the Lord that we forget the Lord of the Ministry.**" If God called you into ministry, don't take that call lightly, spend time with Him and He will instruct you in the way you should go! If you take that instruction, write the vision down and map out a plan to get there – biblical church growth is inevitable!

Friends, just like the early Christian Church, we are called here at FLC to be the Church that God needs us to be. If we focus on the core keys like the church did in the book of Acts, we can be assured that God will move others to join us in this ministry that we share. Like we said during the preaching series, we will keep the main thing, Jesus, the main thing, and trust that God will do great things with us!

Blessings,

*Pr. Mike*

PASTOR BECKY'S LETTER: "This is my body that is for you." 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11:24



We have been traveling on our Lenten journey since the end of February and we are nearing Holy Week. For me, Lent is always a meaningful time to reflect on what Jesus has done for me and all people. A few memories surfaced for me while teaching the fifth-grade communion class.

A while back, I remember talking with a pastor friend of mine about a new member class she was teaching. When they were studying about Holy Communion my friend told them about Jesus giving his life to establish a new covenant. She assured the class that Jesus' body and blood gives us forgiveness of sins and communion with God. Jesus gave himself for each of us.

A man in the class, trying to understand this truth, kept asking, really...for me? Twice and three times, my friend reassured him the answer was yes, for him. At last it sank in. The "aha" moment of faith. Almost too good to be true!

Sometimes we feel too unworthy to come to the Lord's table. But, remember, it is for sinners such as you and me, that Jesus shed his blood. It is through his innocent suffering and death that we are made his children. Our sins, though scarlet, are made white as snow. Jesus beckons us to his table. It is for you.

Jesus offers to take away our sins, our bitterness and anger as well as whatever separates us from God and others. That's how Jesus is able to unite us in love with all for whom he died. Communion joins us to God and to all God's children.

As we travel towards the cross may we have many "aha" moments as we reflect on God's love revealed to us through his only Son Jesus. May you know, without a doubt, Jesus' body and blood was given and shed for you. You are loved, my dear friends.

Your sister in Christ,

*Pastor Becky*

Watch for more details coming soon about these events:

BFF Lunch ~ April 11 at 11:30AM

Wine, Women and the Word at Babbitts Wine Bar ~ April 17 at 6:30PM

April Prayer Lunch ~ April 27 at 11:30AM

Thank you, Joe Filener, for co-teaching the 5<sup>th</sup> grade communion class. You are an amazing young man to work with.



### Minister of Faith Formation's Letter

I heard a sermon several years ago. The pastor was talking about what it means to have good people in your life. One of the lines that stood out to me was when he said that “you can tell who a person is, based on who they go around with!” These past few months I feel that God has shown me how wonderful the people of First Lutheran are. I hope that this is a testament of the kind of person I hope to be. I am so thankful for the people who worked so hard to make this year's

Spaghetti Supper a success, and for the Quilting ministry and the gift of a brand-new Star Wars quilt. I just have to say everyone needs one of those! And thank you to everyone who has given money to help support our mission trips. In the spirit of what I mentioned earlier, what kind of people do we want the young people of our church to grow up to be? For all of you reading this, let's be the change we hope to see in the world. Let's be the ones who inspired and encouraged the future President of the United States, the future Lead and Associate Pastors, and Youth Ministers of our church. There are so many amazing things that our young people will set out to do and I have a strong feeling that our youth ministry is stronger than ever. With your love, care, and support of our young people, they truly will be the ones who change the world.

In Christ,

Joe Filener

### UPCOMING EVENTS!

**Palm Sunday Breakfast:** The youth ministry will be hosting our Palm Sunday Breakfast between services on April 2, 2023. Our youth ministry will be serving a meal of Yogurt Parfaits, and Muffins. All proceeds will benefit our youth ministries.

**FORWARD Youth Group,** will meet on April 2 and April 16. Be on the lookout for our NEW time! This group is for all 6 – 12 grade students. Registration is not required so join us and bring a friend.

**Another Youth Ministry Event:** Yes, you read that right we have another youth ministry event on April 30, 2023, from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM for ALL youth in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Join us for a night of Gaga Ball, Dodge Ball, and a glimpse of what youth group at First Lutheran is like! Parent volunteers who are interested in assisting please contact Joe, [flcyouth@arvig.net](mailto:flcyouth@arvig.net).



## FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE'S LETTER:

Greetings friends of FLC,

Dear Friends of FLC,

Last month I shared that I will be volunteering on a monthly basis to guide people with Health Care Directives. This came about per request from Light the Legacy Foundation and CentraCare. I will be available every 4th Wednesday from 1-2 pm at church for this purpose. FLC is the host site for the whole community. Other opportunities for virtual sessions are: Day Zoom Session, 2nd Mondays from 1-2pm [US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/83095186151](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83095186151)  
Evening Zoom Session, 3rd Thursdays from 6-7 pm [US02WEB.ZOOM.US/j/82928254772](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82928254772)

Some considerations regarding the Health Care directive include: assigning a health care agent, CPR, treatments according to your health condition, prolonging your life, and organ donation. As these decisions are not simple, the health care directive form includes some ideas for you to ponder when thinking about this.

One page is dedicated to assisting with ideas for you to think about. Such as . . . What makes life worth living for me? Beliefs about when life would be no longer worth living. Thoughts about specific medical treatments. Idea of where I would like to die. What I would want my loved ones to know when I am nearing death.

This one-hour presentation takes you through the steps of decisions you can make to ensure you will be cared for on your terms. The forms will be available for you to fill out on site or take home. There are two choices: a long, detailed 7-page form, or a short 1 page form that assigns a health care agent. Joe has also posted the forms on the Care Ministry page of the church website. You may download and print them for yourself. Please know that these are free services for all adults. You may have received a form from your health care provider at some point. You do not need to go through this service to fill out this form. We are here to provide guidance and support. Once the form is complete with witnessed signature, it is VITAL to share it with your healthcare provider, your assigned health care agent and your loved ones.

3 John, v 2: "Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul."

In God's Grace,

Janell Hoffman RN, Faith Community Nurse (FCN)

**New Members Received  
February 19, 2023**



Craig and Mary Beth Becker



Joni Blekestad, Pat Kasper, Olivia, Jax, Gracy, Ivan



Joe Filener, Youth Minister, FLC



Megan and Kyle Kampa, Elsie, Owen, Archer



Eric and Jatelyn Paulson, Dexen, Dansby, Maxwell, Marley



Katie and Josh Meyer, Harper, Kyler and Gianna





# WORSHIP ONLINE

We post our worship each week on Sunday at 9 am on our Facebook page, and we also have set up our own YouTube channel. If you go to YouTube you can type in First Lutheran Church ELCA Sauk Centre and it will bring you to our channel. In addition to Sunday worship we are also doing daily devotions on Facebook at 9 am Monday thru Saturday. Join us from the comfort of your home and experience church in this exciting way!



## New Worship Series Kicks off April 23rd!

**Most people are more familiar with what the church is against, rather than what the church is “for.”** We could make a laundry list of all the things the church has been against throughout history: smoking, dancing, drinking, gambling...(having fun). Which is

ironic, because Jesus’ message in the Bible – over and over again - was all about who God was *for!* The Bible is clear: Jesus was *for* peace, *for* inviting and loving your neighbors, *for* the poor, *for* the lost, *for* community, *for* children, *for* sharing, *for* not fearing, *for* inclusion, *for* thankfulness, peace, hope and joy! ...**and Jesus was for YOU!**

Week 1: “What are you FOR?”

Week 2: “FOR ‘those people.’”

Week 3: “FOR unspiritual things.”

Week 4: “FOR taking risks”

Week 5: “FOR gray”

Week 6: “FOR you.”



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 2 – Palm Sunday Worship/Breakfast served between services by our youth!

April 6 – Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:30

April 7 – Good Friday Worship @ 6:30

April 9 – Easter Worship



Pericope Bible study will be meeting on Wednesdays at 10 am in the lower level. Come and join us for coffee and good conversations around the scripture texts for the coming week.



## Remodeling Project Update

As this is being written there are many workers here trying to complete phase 1 of our project. While we had hoped to be well into finishing phase 2 at this point, material delays and worker shortages have forced phase 2 to be delayed. We are planning on moving worship out of the sanctuary and into the CLC beginning on April 16<sup>th</sup>. We will move coffee fellowship upstairs into the Library/Heritage room as well as in the Welcome area. We believe we will be fully into the remodeled spaces by the start of April and we hope to reclaim the Worship space sometime in early summer.

## Wanted: People with talent and desire to lead Worship!

We want to make it easy for people to be part of the Modern Worship Team, so we are planning on practicing on Sunday Mornings in between services, so this means we are only looking for you to commit on day a week to this team! We will focus on the music we already have, in our two Song Books, so there will not be a lot of new songs to learn at the start. If you play guitar, piano, percussion, or just want to lead with your singing, we NEED YOU! Speak with or message Pastor Mike with your interest.

## FLC Men’s Ministry in March



Join us either Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm for Bible-n-Beverage at The Next Door Bar or Saturday Morning April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 am for Bible-n-Breakfast at FLC. Our study this month is called, “Forgetting God’s Love” As Believers, must learn to trust God for the details of our lives. Trusting Him not only during good times, but through the difficulties of life, too. Once those difficulties are

lifted, we are prone to forget all that we’ve learned about our dependence on Him. We’ll look at the instructions that the Bible provides about how to make God’s Word an “unforgettable” part of our daily life.

## SHEETS AND FABRIC!



Quilters are looking for any material you are not using, and sheets in GOOD condition to use as quilt backs. We have been blessed by many donations over the years, but can ALWAYS use more!

Thanks,

*The Quilters* (Any questions call Pat Super. 320-250-4794)

## Greetings from the Great River Conference Executive Board!

Please Join us for our Spring Gathering “We Are Called”, to be held at Our Savior’s Lutheran in Albany, Minnesota. The gathering begins with coffee and treats at 8:30 a.m. and ends with lunch. The deadline to register is March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Registration will be paid by the FLC Evangelism Committee.



## IN SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS MONTH...

For the month of April our Sunday School students will be talking about humility—putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve. It can be hard to figure out how to be humble throughout the different circumstances we face. Thankfully, we don't have to figure it out on our own. Jesus gave us the ultimate example. We will hear and learn about how Jesus put others first and how we can do the same in our daily lives.

### April Monthly Virtue:

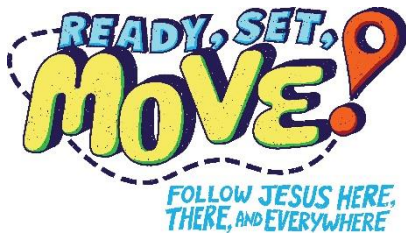
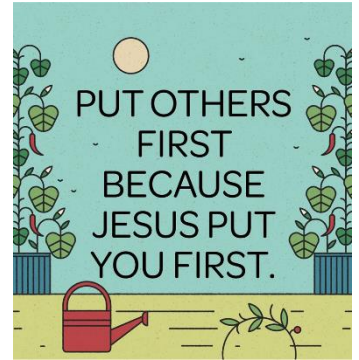
HUMILITY – putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve. April Memory Verse:

“Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves.” Philippians 2:3

### Upcoming Sunday School Dates to Remember:

April 2nd - First Communion (Reception between services)

May 7th - Last Day of Sunday School



**SAVE THE DATE: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: READY, SET, MOVE! FOLLOW JESUS HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE: SUNDAY, JULY 30-TUESDAY, AUGUST 1**

More details to come in April, but mark your calendars!!

We will also be looking for adult or HS student volunteers to help make this event a success. Watch for information and please reach out to Parish Ed if you are interested in helping.

### April 2023 – Benjamin Tribe

Anderson, Kyle/Joelle	320-219-3318
Heidi/Josh Beissel	320-260-0316
Blank, Millie	320-352-6428
Bolz, Mike/Jackie Spoden	320-248-5511
Bushard, Jeanne/Mike	320-248-2727
Christians, Angie/Hesston	320-267-6147
Shane/Andrea DeFoe	320-309-0946
John/Boots Juelke	320-352-6058

Daryl/Nancy Oja	320-285-7241
Sarah Overby/Jim Wilwerding	320-267-3050
Roger/Jean Paschke	320-256-3933
Bonnie/Paul Radjenovich	612-308-3543
Jim/Sharon Schroeder	320-260-5165
Bev/Tim Soule	320-352-3947
Andrew/Missy Volkmann	320-352-3865
Marcy/Todd Welberg	320-266-8818

### May 2022 – Tribe of Daniel

Bob Bjork	320-351-2513
Marge Carlson	320-352-3221
Doug/Doreen Evans	320-293-2968
Keyandra/Brent Harren	320-429-4404
Ernie/Shelly Hedglin	320-293-6088
Loni Kohorst	320-766-0971
Renee Lasch	612-210-5598
Becky Neal	320-267-6556

Micah/Laura Neal	320-260-2455
Larry/Wendy Okerlund	320-352-6033
Scott/Melissa Redepenning	320-295-8768
Travis/Terri Ritter	763-607-1324
Scott/Trista Schmiesing	320-291-9499
Ryan/Denise Sorenson	320-248-9168
Ryan/Emily West	320-267-0534
Don/Judy Wiegers	612-964-9360



## April Birthdays


April 1 Hazel Thompson  
April 2 Keegan Anderson  
April 3 Garrett Blondin  
Ethin Harren  
Roy Kutter  
Mary Nelson  
Betty Schnell  
April 5 Owen Christians  
Elsie Kampa  
Sarah Overby  
April 6 Missy Volkmann  
April 7 Mike Bushard  
Lindsey Hinnenkamp  
Roger Spranger  
Sally Vogt  
April 8 Sean Schneider  
April 9 Kyle Anderson  
April 10 Keyandra Harren  
April 11 Marit Elliott  
Harold Nelson  
April 12 Doreen Evans  
April 13 Reed Duncan  
Craig Heinze  
Sam Proell  
Dennis Suelflow  
Nora Thompson  
April 14 Katrina Sand  
Ryan Stadsvold  
Derek Wiechmann  
April 15 Renee Lasch  
Roger Ojakangas  
April 16 Kathy Beckermann  
Ernie Hedglin  
Abigail Wilwerding  
April 17 Suzanne Hubert  
April 17 Barb Nelson  
Luke Theisen

April 18 Zoey Leslie  
April 19 Amelia Sunderman  
April 20 Shania Arceneau  
Maria Jennissen Angell  
April 21 Sarah Bushard Solberg  
Bo Nathe  
April 22 William Redepenning  
April 23 Ed Proell  
April 24 Bentley Leslie  
Geri Nowling  
Roger Paschke  
April 25 Louis Cooper  
April 26 Dan Hoffman  
Sharon Tengwall  
April 27 Connie Hellermann  
April 29 Danielle Kerfeld  
April 30 Laurel Oberg



## April Anniversaries

April 9 Dave and Joan Kroshus  
April 15 Bruce and Jackie Hegg  
April 16 Don and Loni Kohorst  
April 18 Greg and Kelli Funk  
Megan and Kyle Kampa  
April 19 Kathy and Dan Beckermann  
Sarah and Jim Overby/Wilwerding  
April 24 Heidi and Josh Beissel  
April 25 Scott and Rachel Dymoke  
April 29 Judy and Don Wiegers  
Dan and Sue Harren  
April 30 Marcia and James Voronyak/Ross  
Michael and Kathryn Schatz

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<p>2 8:30/10:30 Worship, 9 online 9:30 Sun. School and <b>Palm Sunday Breakfast</b>, 1<sup>st</sup> communion 5<sup>th</sup> gr., 9:30 Daniel Tribe meeting 5:30 pm FORWARD Youth Group</p>	<p><b>3 Holy Week-----</b> 9 a.m. Quilting</p>	<p>4 10:15 Nursing home worship  Girl Scouts</p>	<p>5 No Pericope  No Weds. worship 7:15 Choir No SLA</p>	<p>6 <b>Maundy Thurs.</b> No chair mvmt or yoga 6:30 Worship</p>	<p>7 <b>Good Friday</b>  6:30 worship</p>	<p>8  No Men's Bible and Breakfast</p>
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2023	April 2	Easter Sunday April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
Acolytes for Sunday and Wednesday	8:30 Keegan Christians & Will Redepenning* 10:30 Mia Harren & Carly Gruenes	8:30 Livja & Lauren Sebek 10:30 Jenna Riley & Lizzy Beissel* Wed. 4/12 6:30 Will R.	8:30 Graham Radjenovich & Zoey Anderson 10:30 Will and Jackson Messer* Wed. 6:30 4/19 Gabbie V.	8:30 Mia Harren & Nadia Stadvold 10:30 Jenna Messer & Lizzy Beissel* Wed. 4/26 Megan Broich	8:30 Drake Bass & Aiden Wolbeck 10:30 Nora Thompson* & Gabriel Ritter Wed. 5/3 Lizzy Beissel
Communion Assistants	8:30 Angie Christians, 10:30	8:30 Overby/Wilwerding  10:30 Beissel's	8:30 Paul Radjenovich Angie Christians 10:30	8:30 Angie Christians  10:30 Beissel's	8:30 Sarah Overby  10:30
Communion Set-up	Radjenovich	Radjenovich	Marcy Welberg	Sarah Overby	Sarah Overby
Greeters	8:30 Vicki and Sam Proell  10:30	8:30 Overby/Wilwerding 10:30	8:30 Shane DeFoe 10:30 Radjenovich family	8:30 Shane DeFoe 10:30	8:30 Shane DeFoe  10:30
Ushers	8:30 Jim & Sharon Schroeder 10:30 Daryl Oja	8:30 Todd & Nathan Welberg 10:30 Daryl Oja	8:30 Todd & Brady Welberg 10:30	8:30 Vicki & Sam Proell 10:30 Daryl Oja	8:30 Paul & Graham Radjenovich 10:30 Daryl Oja
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Coffee Fellowship	Vicki and Sam Proell	Overby/Wilwerding	Jim & Sharon Schroeder	Overby/Wilwerding	Jim & Sharon Schroeder

**\*Bring 2-3 dozen treats for the 9:30 coffee time in the Gathering Space. Thank you!**

**April 6 – Maundy Thursday:** Angie & Keegan C. communion asst.,

**April 7 – Good Friday:**