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Easter from  
the staff at  
First  
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Church!**



# First Lutheran Church April Newsletter

April 2020

## First Lutheran Staff

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**Financial Administration**  
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**First Lutheran Is A Mission  
Partner with Camp of the  
Cross Ministries**



Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen

This is my second attempt to write a letter for the April Newsletter. Jackie actually has one on her desk but because of the reality that lies in front of us right now. I thought it wise to redo the message at hand.

So the situation at hand. This Coronavirus that has the whole world at its knees for a time has intruded on our space, made many very ill and taken the lives of way to many people. For us here in Western North Dakota maybe not as greatly as in places like China, nor Italy or Spain nor even like places in and near Seattle or New York or well by the time you receive this newsletter there will be other places. Seems we are moving about blindly not knowing what is coming next. May I speak to you about blindness today. My Grandfather was blind! He was a foreman at International Harvester in the welding shop for many years and back then folks were not so aware of what can happen to your eyes in a welding shop. I'm thinking that they were "blind" to the reality at hand and or they were naive enough to think that whatever could happen wouldn't happen to them. A remarkable thing happened to my gramps when he went fully blind his other senses kicked in. His sense of smell was profound, his sense of touch spelled out what was in front of him, and his hearing was sooo good!! I know that because every time I tried to sneak up on him to tease him a bit he always knew I was there.. so the joke was usually on me. Oh yes, his sense of humor was just terrific, I used to tell him how nice his kitchen floor looked and he'd laugh and say how much he loved the red floor. Oh, and his sense of faith became more profound.

I think today, we are walking a bit blind, not knowing what this virus can do to us and in Western North Dakota many of us just don't believe it is as bad as it can be. Kinda like that welding shop where my gramps worked years ago. But here is the thing. God has not abandoned us, never does, though sometimes when we get all wrapped up in and lose the control we think we have then we start to wonder where God is. Maybe we can use our other senses to know of God's presence knowing that God gives us so much. In the sense of hope believe that God has given us folks who know how to get at this problem like chemists, scientists, doctors, nurses and the like. And in the sense of touch let us just imagine touch for a while and refrain from doing it. And in the case of a sense of humor let's try to acquire one; and with that lets refrain from buying up all the toilet paper in the stores because I only have one left!!!. In the sense of Trust keep yourselves mindful that God is always with us and never against us. To reassure you of that we at First Lutheran have thought outside the box and are now live streaming worship to you at two times. 6 PM on Wednesday nights and 9:30 AM on Sundays. Please gather with us at your homes or other places and join in the community of all believers as we move forward together in Christ. Amen.

God's richest peace to you all,

*Pastor Dan Paulson*

# Senior Service and Meal POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



First Lutheran of Mandan is Live on Facebook every Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. Please join us! In an effort to reach more of our congregation and community, we are upgrading our equipment and will soon be rolling out to new formats such as YouTube Live, and hopefully a Roku App. As you all talk to family and friends, what other formats would you like to see? Please let us know. We realize not everyone is on Facebook. Thanks again for all of the support and God Bless!



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### Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

### Maundy Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

7:00 P.M. Worship with Holy Communion

### Good Friday, April 10<sup>h</sup>

7:00 P.M. Tenebrae Service

Note: No Wednesday Evening Service on April 8<sup>h</sup>

### Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

7:00 A.M. - Sunrise Service

(led by the youth)

9:00 A.M. - Traditional Easter Festival Service

11:00 A.M. - Contemporary Easter Festival Service

### Easter Breakfast

8:00-9:00 A.M.

The youth will be serving pancakes, Cloverdale sausage, fruit, coffee, orange juice, and milk for a free will offering. Please join us!

This is subject to change. Please keep watching our Facebook page for updates or call the church office at 663-3594.

First Lutheran Church would like to THANK these business for donating \$500.00 each towards LAF ~ your donations are greatly appreciated!

- Northland Auto Auction from Mandan
- Pedigree Truck & Trailer Sales from New Salem
- Gate City Bank
- Goodhart & Associates (\$1,500.00)
- American Legion Post 91 from New Salem



# April Youth Page

### Mark Your Calendar...



2nd: LAF - Sandwiches

9th: LAF - Nachos

16th: LAF - Hot Dogs

23rd: LAF - Sloppy Joes

30th: LAF - Sandwiches

**LAF Postponed  
until further notice.**

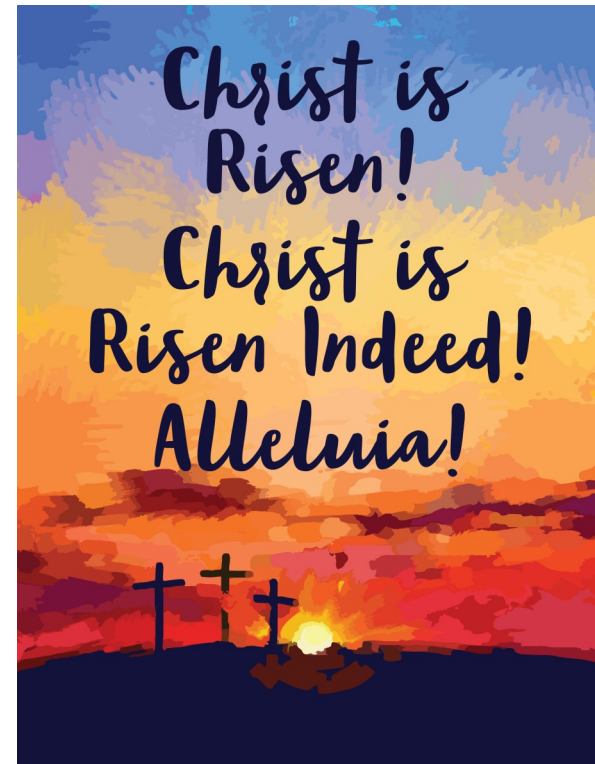


**Pastoral Acts**

Baptisms:  
March 8 Remi Rose Hermanson

Weddings:

Funerals:  
March 12 Edward Ressler



Deadline for articles for the May Newsletter will be April 17th.

**Memorial Fund**

**April ~ Mission of the Month**

Weekend Meals for Mandan Kids

Items needed are Chap Stick, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Fruit Cups, Canned Fruit, Granola Bars, Cereal, Pudding Cups, Applesauce, Chef Boyardee', Mac & Cheese, Soups, Hamburger Helper, Spaghetti Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce, Pop Tarts, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Rice A Roni, Pasta Roni, Pork and Beans, Baked Beans, Pancake Mix-no eggs required such as Krusteaz Brand, Syrup, Canned Tuna, Chicken, Ham.

**NO GLASS JARS PLEASE!**

You may put your items in the boxes in the Narthex. Thank you!

**Special Thanks**

Thank you to all the greeters, ushers, communion servers, readers, communion set-up, coffee hour workers, and to all who have supplied goodies for the last month. Your help is greatly appreciated!

**Worship Schedule**

**Sunday ~**  
8:30 am ~ Traditional  
10:45 am ~ Contemporary  
9:30 am ~ Coffee  
9:30 am ~ Church School

**Wednesday ~**  
6:00 pm ~ Contemporary  
6:00 pm ~ Church School  
7:00 pm ~ Confirmation

February	Feb-20	YTD	2020	Percentage
FINANCIAL GIFTS	2020	2020	ANNUAL	2020
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	%
Total Receipts	34,709.26	79,401.69	536,696.00	14.79%
Total Disbursements	38,059.76	72,793.84	536,696.00	13.56%
Receipts Over or (Under)				
Disbursement	(3,350.50)	6,607.85		
<b>BUDGET 2020</b>				
<b>ACTUAL INCOME vs. BUDGET</b>				
	<b>Received</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Difference</b>	
February 2, 2020	8,629.56	10,319.00	(1,689.44)	
February 9, 2020	7,787.15	10,319.00	(2,531.85)	
February 16, 2020	6,232.20	10,319.00	(4,086.80)	
February 23, 2020	12,017.44	10,319.00	1,698.44	
Interest Earned on Checking	\$ 42.91			
	34,709.26	41,276.00	(6,566.74)	
<b>BUDGET 2020</b>				
<b>DEBT RETIREMENT</b>				
<b>BUILDING FUND</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Difference</b>	
February 2, 2020	790.00	1,153.85	(363.85)	
February 9, 2020	1,828.00	1,153.85	674.15	
February 16, 2020	486.00	1,153.85	(667.85)	
February 23, 2020	1,746.00	1,153.85	592.15	
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	4,850.00	4,615.40	234.60	
<b>ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY 2020</b>		<b>ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY 2019</b>		
February 2, 2020	218	February 3, 2019	204	
February 5, 2020	65	February 6, 2019	81	
February 9, 2020	216	February 10, 2019	164	
February 12, 2020	62	February 13, 2019	90	
February 16, 2020	188	February 17, 2019	163	
February 19, 2020	37	February 20, 2019	58	
February 23, 2020	279	February 24, 2019	161	
February 26, 2020	280	February 27, 2019	93	
<b>Total Attendance for Month</b>	<b>1345</b>		<b>1014</b>	

If you are not using your offering envelopes please call the church office and let us know so we can save money on sending them out! The church office number is 663-3594. Thank you!

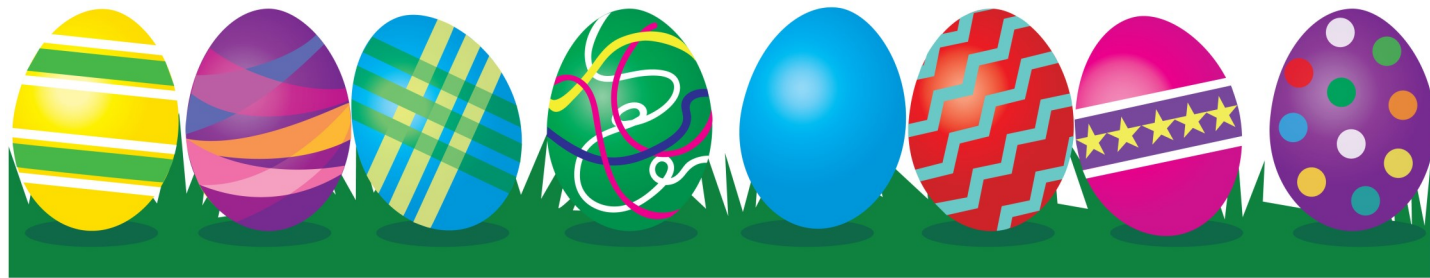
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Camp of the Cross would like to invite you to their **Blue Jeans Ball**

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Wilton Memorial Hall.

6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Live Pie Auction

8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Dance

Join Us for a night of family fun!

\$20 - Adults

\$10 - Children (13 and under)

\$5 - Dance Only after 8:00 p.m.

RSVPs not necessary but are appreciated.

Call their office: 701-337-2246

**Date: February 3, 2020**

**Members Present:** President Mike Held, Vice President Cody Miller, Secretary Jeff Bradford, Curtis Peterson, Chris Hambrick, Gene Anderson, Carol Nitschke, Tony Michlitsch, Mike Hatzenbuhler, Pastor Gene Anderson, Pastor Christina Martin

**Members Absent:** None

**Additional Church Members Present:** Lori Meyers, Kevin Fishbeck, Wayne Friesz

**Note:** There are two members of council with the name Gene Anderson. In all minutes, Pastor Gene Anderson will be denoted with the title of Pastor. Gene, of the Laity, will be denoted solely as Gene Anderson.

**No Devotions as this was not a regularly scheduled monthly meeting.**

**Meeting was called by Jeff Bradford**

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Moved: Mike Hatzenbuehler

Seconded: Cody Miller

Motion Passed

**New Business:**

Lori Meyers:

She would like to organize a fun night on February 16 at 5pm. This is intended to have board games, pizza and fellowship with church members and families. All are welcome.

Council welcomed the idea and thanked her for volunteering to organize.

Elections of Officers:

Motion by Tony Michlitsch to have the following as officers:

President: Mike Held

Vice President: Cody Miller

Secretary: Jeff Bradford

Seconded by Carol Nitschke

Motion Passed

Dakota Community Bank Cards

DJ Campbell and Wayne Friesz to be removed

Mike Held and Cody Miller to be added

Portfolios

Discussion about portfolios and members chose on which they would like to help

Stewardship

Curtis Peterson

Tony Michlitsch

Evangelism and Outreach

Chris Hambrick

Mike Hatzenbuehler

Property and Maintenance

Cody Miller

Gene Anderson

Worship

Carol Nitschke  
Tony Michlitsch

Youth and Education

Jeff Bradford  
Christina Martin

Set a Regular Meeting Night

After Discussion, Council agreed on the third Thursday of each month for standing meetings. The next one will be February 20.

Annual Meeting and Budget Review

Budget and Annual Meeting was summarized and discussed. Council is aware of a lot of changes that need to happen soon and is taking steps to re-present a sustainable financial picture and budget to the congregation.

Discuss Personnel

New Contract needed for Kama Hoovestall

Youth and Ed team will discuss with her

Pastor Gene Anderson's contract is up in May

Discussions will be happening with the Synod about staffing in general at the church

Set Short Term Goals

As there are many inactive members in the church records, and as discussed at the Annual Meeting, council would like to form a plan to start contacting them. By the February 20 meeting, Jeff Bradford will come up with a draft of questions/script in which members of a call team can start contacting these families. Other council members will start asking for interest from the congregation to help.

Property and Management to put together a formal job description for Maintenance and Housekeeping.

President / Officers to contact the Synod and start discussions on how other churches are tackling similar issues facing them. Ideally to have them be a part of an upcoming meeting.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Moved: Cody Miller

Seconded: Mike Hatzenbueller

Motion Passed

**Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer**



# Easter Sunday

Sunday following the first full moon after the Spring equinox

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BUNNY  
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DYE  
EASTER  
EGGS  
FLOWERS  
GRASS  
GRATITUDE  
HOPE

HUNT  
JELLYBEANS  
JOY  
LIFE  
PARADE  
RABBIT  
SPRING  
SUNDAY

