First English Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent | March 17, 2024

**Offering and Attendance - March 10, 2024**

**Weekly Offering:** $2,468 **| Attendance:** 84

**Monthly:** $8,117.68 of $19,855 goal

**YTD:** $39,589.68

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**Thank you for your generous support of First English Lutheran Church and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

**Sunday, March 17th** |9:30 a.m. Worship Service of the Word | 10:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship | No Sunday School

**Wednesday, March 20th** |1:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study - Library | 2:00 Circle Meeting - Luther Hall | 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Lenten Supper | 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Service | 7:45 p.m. All Youth Group - FELC

**Thursday, March 21st** | 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi - Luther Hall

**Sunday, March 24th** |9:30 a.m. Worship Service of the Word | 10:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship | 10:30 a.m. Sunday School

**Announcements**

**Condolences** to the family of Patty Bailey (Lori Schoffelman’s mother). Visitation and funeral services will be held in Bonesteel on 3/15 & 3/16.

The **Ministry of the Month** for March is Lennox After Prom. This provides a safe and fun environment following the dance.

**Prayer Requests:** Lance Spieler, Kurt Engel (Elizabeth Bachmann’s father), Christopher Engel-King (Carolyn Randel’s great grandson, serving in Iraq), Aaron Ford family, Verlyss Jacobson, Abbie Thoreson (Carolyn Gulbrandson’s great niece), Kevin Schoffelman, Angela Schuyler, Dennis Weeldreyer (Laura Stoffer’s father), Jim Jibben, Albert Iken, Marin Bultena, Geri Monson, Bob Boe, Trinity Drake, and Robert Jungen.

Families assigned for serving the **Month of March** are Diane Abbas, Sam Bowers, Steve Fodness, Justin Hinker, Jim Jibben, Jeff Lounsbery, Shawn Nesseim, Melinda Stien, Ryan Weisenbach, Darvin Abbas, John Ganschow, Brian McEntee, and Ethan Roth. Please sign up on the sheets in the hallway across from Pastor’s office for whatever weeks will work for you to provide/serve treats & coffee, usher, and lay lector.

There are a few **large print bulletins with hymns** available on the table by the newsletters for anyone who may need one for worship.

We are once again doing **Wednesday night suppers** during the Lenten season prior to our Lenten services. Suppers will be served from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., with service starting at 7:00 p.m.

During Lent, all **youth group** will meet at 7:45 p.m. in order to not conflict with Lenten Worship Service. After Easter, we will resume our normal schedule.

First English Lutheran Church has a campaign to raise funds to remodel rooms 2 & 3 in the upstairs hallway, combining the two rooms into one. This room will be used for meetings, adult education, confirmation, etc. Our Lenten offerings will be designated toward this **remodel project**.

The Joint **Convocation** of the Eastern South Dakota and Minkota Mission Districts of the **NALC** has been scheduled for April 5th & 6th at Sandhill Lake Bible Camp in Fosston, MN. Rev. Dr. Thomas Jacobson of the newly released book *Pain in the Belly: The Haugean Witness in American Lutheranism* will be the keynote speaker. The cost for registration (including lodging and meals) is $90 per person or $155 for married couples and is due by March 30th. All who attend will be considered delegates of their NALC congregations. Please talk to Pastor Adam Guthmiller for more details if you are interested in attending.

Plain View farm near Bryant, SD is hosting a **Men’s Retreat** on May 4th from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. The speaker for the event will be Lutheran theologian and professor Dr. Steven Paulson, who will be presenting three sessions from his soon-to-be released commentary on the Gospel of Mark. The retreat will also have singing, coffee-breaks, farm tours, and excellent food (fruit and rolls, a light lunch, afternoon refreshments, and a farm-to-table smoked meat supper). Registration is $35 per person. Please talk to Pr. Adam Guthmiller if you are interested in attending. *All* men are welcome: teens, young adults, and beyond.

Laurie Wernke RN, Faith Community Nurse, will again be teaching **Tai Chi** at First English Lutheran Church. The class will be offered weekly every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Luther Hall. You may ask “What is Tai Chi?” Tai Chi is best described as a meditative exercise. It is easy enough for most all abilities and ages. Tai Chi has been proven to help with relaxation, stress, feelings of well-being, improves balance and the physical benefits of exercise. The class is 30 minutes long.

If you have not been receiving **emails** from the church with the weekly announcements, please make sure to check your “junk” folder.

If you know of anyone interested in a **lift chair**, please contact Gayle in the office.

We are looking for helpers with set-up, serving and clean-up after the **Easter brunch**, which will be held on Sunday, March 31st at 8:00 a.m. following the Easter Sunrise Service. If you are available to help, please let Gayle know in the office.