



FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 2024 Newsletter

Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Pastor Adam Guthmiller

“He has risen; he is not here.”

Mark 16:6

Seven simple words and yet here is the crux of the matter: Jesus Christ is *not* in the tomb.

Was He carried out of the tomb?
Did His body get stolen by a friend or a foe?
Did He just *vanish* into thin air?
Perhaps an animal got to Him?

The One who had died the most undignified of all deaths – upon the Cross – could not be found in the tomb any longer. He was “delivered into the hands of sinful men [Luke 24:7],” and has now defeated the tomb, death, and our sins – “nailed [Colossians 2:14]” to the Cross forever. The prolific 20th century Church historian and translator of many copies of Luther’s Works, Jaroslav Pelikan, put it this way:

*If the resurrection of Jesus is not true, then nothing in life really matters.
However, if the resurrection of Jesus is true, then nothing else in life really matters.*

Here at First English Lutheran Church we proclaim, confess, teach, and receive – with immense joy – the same message that had first been given to “Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome [Mark 16:1],” on the first day of week as they went to the tomb of Jesus Christ.

It is the simple – and yet remarkable – fact that Jesus Christ “has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep [1 Corinthians 15:20].” He gives to us – sinners dead under the Law – His victory through the simple means of His preached Word and His holy Sacraments. St. Paul tells us exactly what this means [1 Corinthians 15:21-22]:

*For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.*

I pray that you and your family had a wonderful Easter.

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April Birthdays

2-John Thomas Steever
3-Jason Drake
4-Olivia Denning
 Roxanne Severson
6-Danny Abbas
7-Erin Heibult
8-Kent Plimpton
 Jolene Rothenberger
 Val Wendt
9-Jameson Reynolds
11-Tiffany Glaser
 Alexis Stoffers
 Ezekiel Roemen
12-Ryken Stenzel
13-Kaylee Bosma
 Cloy McVey
 Victoria Munce
14-Reecca Goeken
15-Carleen Jorgensen
 Steve Oligmueller
17-Carolyn Goudy-Carlson
 Tara Hanisch
 Eden Juffer
20-Elizabeth Bachmann
22-Tiffany Plimpton
 Misty Weisenbach
25-Alyssa Martz
26-Cleo Curtis
 Marcella Jacobson
 Brendon Reed
 Tamera Sturm
27-Jaren Hartman
 Denise Jorgensen
 Gretchen Nassen
28-Wayne VanMeeteren
29-Christi Fylling
 Adeline McVey
30-Wyatt Crichton
 Pam Plimpton
 Danielle Reynolds

April Anniversaries

11-Albert & Lorna Iken
 Arden & Alice Vietor
14-Joshua & Michelle Kraemer
15-Dean & Jolene Rothenberhger
24-Wayne & Mollie VanMeeteren
29-John & Lori Ganschow

Worship Attendance

March 3rd - 98
March 6th - 53
March 10th - 84
March 13th - 59
March 17th - 88
March 20th - 55
March 24th - 84
March 28th - 101
March 29th - 44
March 31st - 182

Acolyte Schedule

April 7th - Ben Hanson & Noah Hanson
April 14th - Austin Heibult & Karston Heibult
April 21st - Ethan Munce & Josiah Munce
April 28th - Wyatt Crichton & Kooper Plimpton

Study of God's Word at FELC

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in Luther Hall we have a Bible Study of the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday. Join us to hear God's Word! All are welcome!

Spring Men's Retreat

Plain View Farm near Bryant, SD is hosting a Men's Retreat on May 4th from 10 a.m. to 6 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.

Circle

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 24th at 2:00 p.m. in Luther Hall. Jean Reiners will have the lesson, and Vickie Munce will provide treats.

Youth News

It's hard to believe we're winding down the year already! Starting 4/3, our times will go back to normal for the duration of the year. (Jr high 6:30, HS 7:40) April will be our last full month of youth group, with our final session being May 1st. We are looking ahead to Power Connection in St Paul this July for our junior high students! As always, we thank our church family for the constant prayers and support.

4/3 - SR 4/17 - FE
4/10 - SR 4/24 - FE
5/1 - SR (final youth group session for the year)

Marc 605-877-5024 | Nicole 605-533-0788

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

April 1st

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Grief Share - Luther Hall

April 2nd

7:00 p.m. Health Cabinet

April 3rd

1:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Confirmation Supper
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group-2nd Reformed
7:40 p.m. High School Youth Group-2nd Ref.

April 4th

7:00 p.m. Tai Chi - Luther Hall

April 5th & 6th

Joint Convocation - Fosston, MN

April 7th

9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

April 8th

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Grief Share - Luther Hall

April 10th

1:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Confirmation Supper
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group-2nd Reformed
7:40 p.m. High School Youth Group - 2nd Ref.

April 11th

7:00 p.m. Tai Chi - Luther Hall

April 14th

9:30 a.m. Worship Service of the Word
10:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

April 16th

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

April 17th

1:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Confirmation Supper
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group - FELC
7:40 p.m. High School Youth Group - FELC

April 18th

7:00 p.m. Tai Chi - Luther Hall

April 21st

9:30 a.m. Worship Service of the Word/
10 Commandments - 3rd Graders
10:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

April 22nd

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Grief Share - Luther Hall

April 24th

1:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study - Library
2:00 p.m. Circle Meeting - Luther Hall
5:00 p.m. Confirmation Supper
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group - FELC
7:40 p.m. High School Youth Group - FELC

April 25th

7:00 p.m. Tai Chi - Luther Hall

April 28th

9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion/Senior Recognition
10:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Financial Information

March Offerings: \$16,742.68 was received toward our giving goal of \$19,855. **Thank you for your generous support of First English Lutheran Church and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

Our Lenten offerings have been received to raise funds to remodel and combine Rooms 2 and 3 in the upstairs hallway. This will allow a larger room with space for meetings, adult education, confirmation, etc. Thank you for your generous gifts for the sake of this project!

How to Give

You may contribute through the mail using your pre-addressed offering envelopes or mail to PO Box 562, Lennox, SD 57039.

FELC has the option for you to enroll in a **Direct Deposit offering system**. You choose how much, which accounts (General or Building), and how often! If you would like to sign-up for this giving option or have any questions, please contact Gayle at office@felclennox.org.

Venmo payments are accepted as well. To utilize **Givebutter** simply scan the QR Code with your mobile device or type in the link below and it will pull up FELC's Givebutter campaign. Use any form of payment option: Venmo, PayPal, credit card, debit card, ACH, Apple Pay, Google Pay, and Microsoft Pay. Givebutter does add a 3% processing fee + .30 cents per transaction so that 100% of your donation goes to FELC-Lennox.

<https://givebutter.com/Lennox-FELC>

Health Ministry

Please prayerfully consider serving on the Health Cabinet. Notify Laurie Wernke or Gayle Hanisch if you would like to join the Health Ministry team or Chair the Meal Ministry team. Responsibility of a Health Cabinet member is to pray for the Health Ministry, support and encourage the Health Ministry, help to plan and prepare for events developed by the Health Cabinet team. What is my responsibility as a Meal Ministry Chairperson? You would be responsible to help plan cook dates, e-mail ingredients, communicate with the faith community nurse and members of the team and attend the cook dates and oversee meal assembly. Meals are prepared and delivered. Please feel free to deliver a meal to someone in need. A person suffering from illness, hospital stay, homebound or neighbor with a new baby. Please use the meal sign out

sheet attached to the freezer door. The Meal Ministry team will be cooking meals on Monday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m. Please come to help if you are interested in volunteering for this ministry.

Faith Community Nurse News

Grief Share will be offered on Monday, April 1st, April 8th, and April 22nd from 4:30pm - 6:30pm. You may sign up at Griefshare.org or call the church office at 605-647-5140.

Laurie Wernke RN, Faith Community Nurse, will again be teaching Tai Chi at First English Lutheran Church. Class will be on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the church social hall at 120 E 2nd Ave Lennox. 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. If you have made a resolution to exercise more, here is a chance to learn a new, easy exercise. The class is 30 minutes long.

Started in 2007, **National Healthcare Decisions Day** (NHDD) has been celebrated as a day to inspire, educate and empower the public and healthcare providers about the importance of advance care planning (ACP). Unfortunately, only about 3 out of every 10 people have taken part in the process or completed an advance directive. What are your wishes for end of life care, who do you want to make decisions for you if you are no longer able to make decisions for yourself? Your Faith Community Nurse has information available to help you. You may ask, why should I be concerned with an advanced directive? Advanced care planning includes completing an Advance Directive (also known as a living will) and appointing a Health Care Power of Attorney (someone to make healthcare decisions for you if you are unable to speak for yourself). Then, most importantly, share your decisions with your family and loved ones.

Love, INC.

Love In the Name of Christ of Greater Lennox and Turner County is ready for YOU! Are you ready to make an impact in the lives of others? We seek those who want to provide compassion to anyone and everyone the way Jesus Christ modeled love to us...unconditionally. Lives and communities change when the hopeless have hope, when the fearful live by faith and when every person feels like they belong. We have volunteer trainings offered a variety of times in April, and are in need of volunteers to be able to open our office. It takes just a commitment of 3 hours a month to make a difference in the lives of others. Please contact Michelle Paulson at 605-681-6550 or at MichellePLoveINC@gmail.org.

EASTER BRUNCH



Synopsis of March Council Meeting - March 12, 2024

1. Call to order - Mollie VanMeeteren, also present: Rhiannon Nothdurft, Erin Heibult, Jan Ray, Ashley Munce, Chris Juffer, Byron Youngquist, Matt Halson, Paul McVey, and Pastor Guthmiller. Absent: Mike Bosma
2. Personal Agendas
3. Visioning: Pastor Guthmiller
4. Prayer for God's Guidance
5. Secretary's report: Motion to approve; Jan, second Chris - approved
6. Old Business
 - A. New safe is on order.
7. New Business
 - A. Ministry of the Month - April-Heifer International; May-Campership; June-The Exchange; July-Alpha Center; August-Love, INC.; September-Center of Hope; October-Kingdom Boundaries: Motion to approve; Mollie, second Erin - approved
 - B. Member request of Scholarship availability - none at this time
 - C. Easter Brunch - FEW is planning and organizing - sign up to help
 - D. Community Palm Sunday Worship Service - we are not participating
 - E. Senior Recognition Sunday - April 28th: Motion to approve by Ashley, second by Matt - approved
 - F. Coffee money to campership April through August
 - G. Pastor Max Whitehead of Viborg is hosting a local mission project for youth June 16-21
8. Reports
 - A. Treasurer - Motion to approve; Matt, second by Jan - approved.
9. Next Council Meeting: April 16th at 7:00pm
10. Devotions at Next Meeting: Matt
11. Communion Helpers: Mar 28th - Erin; Mar 31st - Paul; April 7th - Mike
12. Money counters: Mar 17th - Mollie/Byron; Mar 24th - Ashley & Matt; Mar 31st - Rhiannon & Paul; April 7th - Mollie & Mike; April 14th - Erin & Ashley
13. Adjourn
14. Prayer

April Calendar

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