

*Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know
the things that have taken place there in these days? (Luke 24:18).*

This quote comes from two of the disciples who are walking to the town of Emmaus on that first Easter day. They are so absorbed in trying to make sense out of Jesus' death that they barely notice a stranger who falls in step with them. When he asks what they're talking about, they respond with their pain-filled question.

You and I are about to revisit those strange days of incredible events when we move from palm branches raised in paeans of praise to clenched fists raised in fits of rage. Holy Week begins on Sunday, April 13th with Palm/Passion Sunday, and I invite you to make every effort to worship on the days and times listed below as we walk through the events of Jesus' last week of life. It is my prayer that you will discover anew God's richest blessings of grace in the heart-wrenching and heart-healing events around Easter.

Palm/Passion Sunday:

At the start of worship on Sunday, April 13th, we will lift our voices in song and prayer to honor Jesus as the Anointed One of God. Imagine the thrill, the excitement, the delight of Jesus' followers when they finally get to proclaim their certainty that Jesus is the Messiah for whom the whole nation – the whole WORLD! – has been waiting.

From that joyous beginning, we will then walk with the disciples through the last week of Jesus' life. A group will lead us in a dramatic reading of the Passion Story according to the Gospel of Matthew. What a change we will experience in such a short time – from delight to despair, from hope to helplessness, from pleasure to pain as Jesus is arrested, arraigned, and afflicted. It is a wonderful invitation to spend this week with hearts, spirits and minds focused on the Greatest Story Ever Told.

Maundy Thursday (April 17th) 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion. Maundy comes from the Latin word, *mandatum*, (meaning Command) and refers to Jesus' command in John 13:34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Good Friday (April 18th) 7:00 p.m. Service of Shadows – the sanctuary is darkened as we read scripture, sing hymns and pray.

Easter Sunday (April 20th) 6:30 Sunrise Worship, 8:30 and 10:45 Festival Easter Worship with Holy Communion. Join us as we pray and contemplate, sing and celebrate this very good news of Jesus' resurrection from the dead.



Holy Humor Sunday (April 27th) Come and join in the Greatest Joke Ever Played! Imagine Satan's surprise when Jesus was raised from the dead!!! To commemorate this fantastic feat, we invite everyone – kids and adults alike – to get ready to grin, guffaw and get goofy at worship. Write down those jokes, get ready to share those silly stories, celebrate with laughter the good news that Christ is risen!



Need help with money management? First Lutheran is offering Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University starting Sunday, April 6 - May 18, excluding Easter Sunday. Sessions are approximately 90 minutes in length and start at 4:30PM. Childcare will be provided at no charge. The cost of the course is \$109 per family unit. This is for the kit of forms you receive that are the hands on tools for your financial tool kit. Any questions or to register, contact Linda Bloom Scott, Stewardship Committee Chair, at 530-2667 or linda_bloom_scott@hotmail.com

To register (required) go to this link:

<http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/org/5741/class/254522>

May 27-30, 2014 8:00-11:00 a.m.



Pre-K thru 6th Grade (must be 4 by July 1st 2014)

Early Bird Registration by May 1st, 2014 - \$15.00 (\$35.00 Family Cap)

After May 1st, 2014 - \$20 (\$45.00 family cap) If you register after May 12 you are not guaranteed a T-Shirt

First Lutheran VBS Registration

Child Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Current Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Allergies/Medical Concerns: _____

Child Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Current Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Allergies/Medical Concerns: _____

Parent Name(s): _____ Amount Pd: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mom Cell: _____ Dad Cell: _____

In case of emergency, contact name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone: _____



Church Cleaning – April 12, 7am-Noon

Any volunteers will be appreciated! Come when You can, stay as long as you are able.
Cleaning Supplies will be provided.



Bible and Brew Starting March 27th you are invited to gather at the **Brau Brothers Brewery** on Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. to join in some great conversations about the **Bible** while we also enjoy sipping on some very good **beer**.

Beginning Experience of Southwest Minnesota, a peer ministry support group for widowed, separated and divorced people is offering its Level I Series for eight weeks beginning April 28, 2014. The Monday night sessions begin at 7:00 P.M. at the First Lutheran Church on Church and "A" Street in Marshall, MN. Registration is held the first two Monday nights starting at 6:30 P.M. Registration is then closed for that session. The support group is open to people of all denominations. There is a \$60 fee to cover the cost of materials. This series is designed for those wishing to work through the grieving process following the loss of a loved one through death, divorce or separation. All dialogue is confidential and facilitators are trained individuals who have suffered a similar loss. If you wish to pre-register or have other questions concerning level participation, contact Anna H. at 507-530-2639 or hawk33@charter.net, or Kevin A. at 507-227-1116 or aanenson@msn.com, or Tammy B. at 507-227-1625 or tbhappiernow@hotmail.com



Share a Plant with the church for an Easter Garden.

(we are going to get a variety of colorful plants and Lilies)

(Return this form along with \$13 to the church by April 7)

Given in Memory of _____

Given in Honor of _____

By _____



JuBELLant CELEBRATION

Featuring area hand bell choirs

Sunday, April 6, 4:40pm at First Lutheran church

Admission: Food Shelf item Students: Free



Minnesota Boychoir on Sunday, April 27!

The Minnesota Boychoir will provide special music for our 8:30am and 10:45am Sunday services on April 27. Their 90+ voices will also delight us with a brief, free concert at 10:00am. Please stop by for the concert, even if you won't be with us for worship. We will still have the usual coffee and donuts, but will provide additional light refreshments, so please let Pastor Julie know if you are able to help by bringing a treat.

The choir was founded in 1962, and is the oldest boy choir in the Twin Cities area. Its reputation for excellence has brought invitations from local and national music conventions, as well as sporting events and touring Broadway companies.

You will not be disappointed if you join us!

New Website--Coming May 1st

We are very excited to announce that a new and improved First Lutheran Church website will be launched on May 1st. The Church Council will preview and ok the new site at their April meeting. Then, throughout the rest of April, we will fine tune the site and prepare it for the May 1st launch. The new website will be much more colorful and easier to navigate—and we hope it will better meet the needs of our congregational members and our guests and visitors. Be watching for more information on the new website as May 1st approaches.



First Lutheran Women's News

Monday/Tuesday March 31/April 1, 2014

Quilting – 1-4 pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Women's Board Meeting – 4:45 pm

Sunday, April 6, 2014

Women's General Meeting – 9:45 am

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Circles Meet --

6:00 am

Deborah Circle

9:30 am

Elizabeth Circle and Hannah Circle

8:00 pm

Esther Circle

Friday, April 25, 2014, 9am-lunch

Prairie Conference Spring Gathering

Christ Lutheran, Hendricks/\$8 per person

In-Kind offering – canned or non-perishable Food items

FLC WOMEN'S GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, April 6, 2014 – 9:45 AM – FLC Sanctuary

All women of First Lutheran are invited to attend the Women's General Meeting between services at 9:45 am on Sunday, April 6 in the Sanctuary. The meeting will include program updates, activities of which you can become involved as well as a sharing time of ideas for future programs and activities. For more information, contact Shirley Anderson-Porisch at kporisch@charter.net or 828-1945.

Summer Date for your Calendar –

First Lutheran WOMEN'S RETREAT

Wednesday, July 30, 2014 – 4-8 PM – Shetek Lutheran Bible Camp

Calling all PARENTS!

“Top 20 Training...Guiding Our Children

Through Life's Challenges!”

Once again the community of Marshall will be bringing in the well-known speaker—**David Walsh!!!** Come and learn ways to raise happy, responsible and emotionally healthy kids....resolve conflict....and build trust and respect.

Free Public Presentation

March 19, 2013 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Marshall High School Theater

(resource fair starts at 6:30pm)

Join the whole community as we come together to hear the message that affects us all!!

**Senior High Youth who will be attending
our Alaska Trip to Sponsor SILENT
AUCTION AND PALM SUNDAY
BRUNCH Fundraiser!!**



The month of April promises to put the FUN in FUNdraiser!

We will have our annual Silent Auction in the unfinished basement filled with various items and services for you to bid on. Bidding started on Sunday March 30. *Amazing items!!!*

We will finish up on Sunday April 13 with a brunch celebration. Palm Sunday Brunch! Serving from 9:15-11am. Menu includes:

Egg Bake (with sausage and hash browns)
Cinnamon Rolls
Juice, milk and coffee!

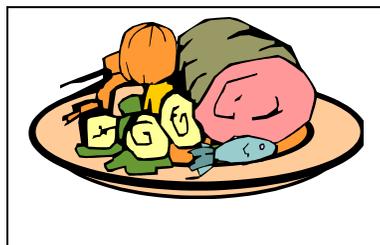


Thanks for supporting the youth!!

Annual Youth Sponsored Lenten Suppers continue.....

Help support Youth and Family Ministry at First Lutheran! Enjoy a nice warm meal together as a family. Invite your friends to join you too. Meals are served from 5:00 -6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall. These meals are made and served by the youth as a fundraiser for their programming costs. This is why the price is higher than our "light meals on Wednesdays".

ADULTS (12--UP) \$6.00
YOUTH (5--11) \$4.00
CHILD (4--UNDER) \$2.00
Family Cap of \$20.00



Meals are:

April 2: BBQs

April 9: Ham and Cheesy Potatoes

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THE YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY!!



CLASS OF 2014 RECEPTION AND BACCAULAUREATE SERVICE

We at First Lutheran Church congratulate you on your upcoming graduation from high school. What an incredible milestone....and we celebrate this with you and your families!

The Senior Reception on Sunday May 11 for the Class Of 2014! I wanted to give you all an early "heads up"...The Senior reception for the Class of 2014 and their immediate families will be on Sunday, May 11th at 9AM. (Due to the limited space and the size of the class we request that the reception be for the immediate family only. We thank you for your cooperation with this. If you have questions with this, please feel free to contact Tonya.)

Graduates will be honored at The Bacculaureate Service that will be held at 10:45AM, that same Sunday, May 11th. Graduates are reminded to bring your graduation gown and confirmation stole (if you have one) to wear at the service.

SENIORS - IF YOU HAVE NOT BROUGHT IN YOUR SENIOR PICTURE TO BE INCLUDED IN OUR CLASS COMPOSITE, PLEASE DO SO ASAP! THANKS!

DON'T FORGET ABOUT
BIBLE CAMP THIS
SUMMER!! SHETEK
LUTHERAN MINISTRIES



Shetek Lutheran Ministries has so much to offer youth, families, grandparents...all people! Shetek has worked hard to continue to provide excellent faith building opportunities for our families. And there are some new and exciting camps being created as well as the old favorites! Demands continue to rise for families, and their children as the times in our world change. Summer Bible Camp is the greatest way to keep our young people and families grounded and focused on their faith journey and their love in Christ. It doesn't mean that the demands are not going to be there—but it does promise to remind us that there is a loving God who is with us during all of the changes. And allows us to have some fun in our faith for a week! ☺

Help us keep bible camp a priority. Scholarships are provided for all members of First Lutheran. \$50 for week-long camps and \$20 for half week camps. HOWEVER, money is NEVER a reason to NOT go to camp. Special scholarships are also provided and remain confidential. Just contact Tonya at 532-2429 or 530-1697.

KEEP THE "SON" IN YOUR SONSHINE THIS SUMMER!!!

Looking Ahead!! Put it on your calendar now!

First Lutheran's Day Camp with the Shetek Staff will be July 21-24th from 9am to 2:30pm.....more details and registration forms coming to you via email or paper copies will be at the church. This is for kids going into kindergarten through those who have completed 6th grader. Invite your friends to join you! Spend the week together learning about "Living in God's Time".

Shetek Day Play for Grades 1 and 2 (completed) will be Tuesday July 15. This is an amazing full day at Shetek where the kids will get a little taste of what it is like to go to camp. Counselors! Games! Bible Time! Food! Environmental Education!...And Swim time too! Invite your friends to come too!! More details and registration forms will be coming to you soon via email! Questions? Just ask!....Any parents want to come and help chaperone...just volunteer! ☺

ENHANCED AT FIRST LUTHERAN!! MILESTONE MINISTRY



..... What is a Milestone?

A faith milestone is a marker along life's journey that says, "This is something important and God is here, too." Marking a milestone is a biblically-based spiritual practice for both home and congregation. It helps all generations recognize God IS the central core of their lives every day!

April Milestones:

10th Graders Milestone Blessing of the Drivers License will be Sunday April 27 at either the 8:30 or 10:45am services

6th Graders Milestone Blessing "My Body/God's Gift" will be Sunday April 6 at either the 8:30 or 10:45am services. Your milestone class will be Wednesday April 2nd.



Acolyte Training: All 4th Grade Students who wish to be an Acolyte need to attend one Acolyte Training Session offered, either on Wednesday, April 9 from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. or Wednesday, April 23 from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. There will be an installation of New Acolytes during both Worship Services on Sunday, May 4th where you will also receive your Acolyte cross and Acolyte Stone. We hope you will consider becoming an acolyte. Contact Kitsi if you have any questions.



8th Grade Confirmation Retreat: on **Friday, April 18 & Saturday, April 19** all First Lutheran 8th Grade students will travel to Shetek Lutheran Ministries for their Confirmation Retreat. Pastor Julie or Pastor Scott, Tonya, Kitsi, & Confirmation Captains will be joining them on this Faith Journey as well.



Confirmation Reception -

The Education Committee will host a Confirmation Reception for all First Lutheran Confirmands and their families on **Sunday, April 27 at 5:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. The reception will be followed by a Worship Service, Rehearsal, and Pictures.



Education Appreciation Brunch: All First Lutheran Teachers, Convo Leaders, Bible Study Leaders, & Confirmation Captains are invited as the First Lutheran Education Committee honors and thanks you for passing on your faith! Join us **Sunday, April 27 at 8:30 a.m.** in the Movie Room (4, 6, 8). This will be a time of wonderful food & fellowship!



TLC WOW (Wild on the Word) Memory Work Presentations Continue

TLC Wednesday & TLC Sunday Pre-K thru 6th grade students have been working in their classrooms and at home on various Memory Work Assignments. Since the beginning of March, many grade levels have taken turn presenting a portion of their memory work during Sunday morning worship services. We will finish this up on the following dates in April...

Sunday, April 6 6th Grade Students – New Testament Books of the Bible

Sunday, April 13 5th Grade Students – Old Testament Books of the Bible

Each TLC family will receive an email with all the details at least one week prior to the Sunday of your child's presentation in worship.



The First Communion Service will be held Sunday, April 13 during both the 8:30 & 10:45am Worship Services . Come and join us as we celebrate with the following First Lutheran 5th Grade students receiving The Lord's Supper for the first time: Addison Arndt, Aubrey Bjella, Thor Fischer, Andrew Fuhrmann, Taylor Gilbertson, Jenna Holien, Bensen Kuecker, Regan Luther, Gabby Mueller, Tanner Myhrberg, Natalie Negen, Courtni Nielsen, Jada Nielsen, Kelli Remme, Peyton Whitesitt

First Lutheran Education programs are wrapping up for the summer soon. Here are the ending dates...

TLC Sunday	April 27, 2014
TLC Wednesday	April 30, 2014
Confirmation Classes	April 30, 2014



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

March Food Shelf Contributions turned in by the March deadline to receive matching funds by the Delta Lodge totaled \$4,124.00! The First Lutheran Church Council voted to give \$1,000.00 of Benevolence Funds to this cause and it is included in the total. Donations of food and money continue to come in!

Shetek Lutheran Ministries

Where Christ Renews and Empowers

Mark Your Calendar

- *Confirmation Retreat – April 11 & 12 2014
 - *Pelican Banquet - April 27th 2014
 - *Road Scholar - May 4th - 9th 2014
 - *Pre Marriage Retreat - May 10th 2014
 - *Spring clean-up day – May 17th 2014
 - *Summer camp starts - June 8th 2014
 - *GOLF Tournament – June 23rd 2014
 - *28th Annual Quilt Auction – June 27&28th 2014
- Any questions call (507) 763-3567 or
Check out our website at www.shetek.org

Join Us for Spring Cleanup! When: May 17th 2014

Where: Shetek Lutheran Ministries Time: 9:00-4:30pm

As they say many hands make light work...

Come and help your camp get ready for another exciting
faith filled summer camper season.

Lunch will be served at the SLM Dining Hall
For more information please call 507-763-3567

28th Annual Quilt Auction is June 28th!
Donations are being accepted!

**Welcome New
Members!!
March 8 & 9,
2014**

Kimberly Bornitz

202 N. 1st Street #5069 – Marshall, MN 507-626-1013

Kimberly works in the financial field. She is a transfer from Tracy Lutheran Church in Tracy, MN. Kimberly's sponsor is Corlys Knudson.

Lester & Doris Dallmann

401 S. Hill Street Apt. 318 – Marshall, MN 507-537-9932

Lester & Doris are currently members of St. Matthew Lutheran in Wabasso, MN. The Dallmann's are joining as Associate Members of First Lutheran. Lester & Doris are retired (& tired) Farmers. Lester & Doris's sponsors are their daughter & son-in-law Jean & Mark Mather.

Travis & Jodi, Noah & Emmett Frazee

206 Deschepper Court – Marshall, MN 507-360-7600

Travis & Jodi and their two sons, Noah & Emmett are transfers from First Lutheran in Worthington, MN. Travis is an Assistant Principal for the Marshall School District. Jodi is a stay at home mom and attending SMSU to complete her Elementary Education Degree. Noah is 5 years old. Emmett is 3 years old. Bruce & Vicki Lamprecht are sponsors for the Frazee Family.

Joy & Terry, Maloy, Drew, & Natalie Negen

704 N. 4th Street – Marshall, MN 507-337-1041

The Negen family is transferring from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Atlantic, IA. Terry is the Golf Course Superintendent at the Marshall Golf Club. Joy is a Lifeguard at the Marshall Area YMCA and a Cosmetologist at Perfect Styles in Marshall. Maloy is a 9th grade student at Marshall High School. Drew is an 8th grade student at the Marshall Middle School, and Natalie is a 5th grade student also at the Marshall Middle School. The Negen family's sponsors are Kevin, Kim, & Owen Banks.

Alex & Lindsay, Elijah & Emersyn Ourada

509 Lincoln Avenue – Marshall, MN 507-828-0115

Alex, Lindsay, & Elija are transfers from Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton, SD and Emersyn joins us through Baptism this weekend! Alex is a teacher at the Lynd Public School. Lindsay is a Registered Dietitian with Southwest Health and Human Services. Elijah is 3 years old and Emersyn is 3 months old. Arlen & Connie Knott are sponsoring the Ourada family.

Michael, JoEtte, & Rachel Swan

410 S. Whitney Street – Marshall, MN 507-537-1692

The Swan Family comes to us by Affirmation (Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Marshall, MN). Michael is a Division Manager for Pan-O-Gold Baking Company. JoEtte is a Library Assistant at the Marshall Middle School. Rachel is a Senior at the Marshall High School. Mark & Jean Mather are sponsoring the Swan Family.

Jordan Swan

410 S. Whitney Street – Marshall, MN 507-530-0292

Jordan comes to us by Affirmation (Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Marshall, MN). Jordan is 20 years old and is a server at Varsity Pub in Marshall. Mark & Jean Mather are Jordan's sponsors.

Katy Swan

410 S. Whitney Street – Marshall, MN 507-530-8699

Katy comes to us by Affirmation (Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Marshall, MN). Katy is 24 years old and has completed her degree as a Dental Hygienist and is currently seeking employment. Katy's Sponsors are Mark & Jean Mather.

Brad & Kim Stahlecker

1203 Parkside Drive – Marshall, MN 319-804-5905

Brad and Kim are transfers from St. Catherine of Sienna, Missouri City, TX. Brad is employed at Schwans. Kim is a house wife. Brad & Kim have 3 grown children, 2 daughters & 1 son – Haleigh (28) lives in Montgomery, IL, Blake (24) lives in Sioux City, IA, and Jordan (24) lives in Des Moines, IA. The Stahlecker's sponsor is Tami Dahl.

David & Diane Taylor

821 Cullen Circle – Marshall, MN 507-532-2194

David & Diane Taylor are transfers from Christ United Presbyterian Church in Marshall, MN. David is a Retired Teacher from the Marshall School District. Diane is also a Retired Teacher from the Marshall School District but continues to Substitute Teach and is an SMSU Student Teacher Supervisor, Adjunct Professor. David & Diane have two grown children, Sue and Michael and four wonderful grandchildren. Bob & Sandy Fenske are sponsoring David and Diane.

Shawn & LeeAnn, Jacob & Leah Teig

1997 County Road 4 – Marshall, MN 605-690-0383

Shawn is a reactivated member of First Lutheran and LeeAnn, Jacob, and Leah are transfers from First Lutheran Church in Brookings, SD. Shawn operates Teig's Lawncare. LeeAnn is an Office Manager at SMSU. Jacob and Leah are 1st grade students at Parkside Elementary School in Marshall. Roger & Sherri Teig are sponsoring their son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren.



Have Dinner with Pastor Julie!

Pastor Julie and her husband Brannon would like to have dinner with small groups of 2-4 families, in order to get to know you, hear your stories, and learn about the church. Please coordinate with at least one other family and sign up for a time to have them over! If you'd like to participate but are busy on the dates provided, please contact Pastor Julie to set up a different time.

You can access the calendar here: <http://www.carecalendar.org>
ID: 136231 Password: 3584



Attention Crocheters/Knitters!

We are looking for more people to make shawls for our prayer shawl ministry. Join us as we gather on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Fireside Room at Church. Yarn and patterns are available or use your own. Shawls should be 24" x 68" or larger. Questions? Contact Dawn Planting at 423-1565 or 828-8157

Pray that God will bless the work of your hands.

As you knit or crochet, pray for God's comfort, strength and healing for the recipient.



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IT'S PIZZA FOR SUPPER!!!

Mark it down!! On **Monday April 14th** The High Adventures Youth from First will be serving at the **Pizza Ranch in Marshall** **from 5-8pm!** Bring yourself! Bring your families! Bring your friends! Bring anyone you can think of!! Money earned will go toward our trip this coming summer to Alaska. Thanks so much for your support!

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Hello, I am Karen Bierman, current President of the Church Council. But this message is not coming from them – it's coming from me as a member here at First Lutheran for 27 years and as a Child of God.

My heritage is German and Dutch – we were *Hollanders* my Dad would say. My Mom's parents were small farmers by Worthington. My guess is that a lot of you have similar backgrounds. You come from hard working people, with strong values, who loved their families but sometimes had difficulty showing emotion, staunch Christians. You come from homes where *love* and *money* were not discussed openly. You maybe got a hug at bedtime, but rarely an *I love you* and certainly no public show of affection! In our home we knew we were loved – we just never talked about it.

We attended a Christian Reformed Church in Steen, Minn. – talk about stiff! No clapping, no loud singing, and my older sisters didn't attend a dance until after they graduated high school! I never knew what my parents gave to the church in offering, it was tucked neatly in an envelope each week - we never talked about it.

At the Annual Meeting in January our congregation unanimously voted to increase our annual budget for 2014 by \$53,800. We made this commitment together because we love this church and want it to be the best it can be with two dedicated pastors and a wonderful facility that is bustling with activity. But then after the annual meeting we stopped talking - we became that German Dutch family that can't talk about love and can't talk about money!

But like everything in life, time changes things. I now tell my granddaughters endlessly that I love them. And they are barely out of the car before they're in their Poppa's arms and giving sloppy kisses. I even occasionally hold hands with my husband in public. And yes, Dad, here I am in church talking about love *and* money. And our church family is beginning to talk also. The Council has resolved to participate 100 % in an additional giving endeavor. We need this openness. You as a congregation need to know that if each giving unit would contribute approximately \$200 extra this year, that would resolve our budget increase for the year – amazing, right? Worth talking about? Absolutely!

So please look in your bulletin each week and see where we are at with our finances. Pray about it, talk about it, show your love by responding. I want to say openly I love this church. I love the mission it carries out in this community. I love that we are allowed to sing and clap and even dance. I love to see the children running forward to hear the word of God. I love seeing two pastors working together. And I also want to say how happy it would make my heart to see this church talk, show their love and put a positive number in the bulletin each week.

I know we can do it! There is more to come...we'll be talking!

Year-To-Date & Current Month of February 2014

	2014 <u>February</u>	2014 <u>Year To Date</u>	2013 <u>February</u>	2013 <u>Year To Date</u>
REVENUE SOURCES:				
General Fund Contributions	\$ 34,878	\$ 70,336	\$ 46,116	\$ 86,373
General Fund Contributions - Not ELCA	1,835	3,590	2,125	4,325
Foundation Reimbursement to Gen. Fund	0	0	0	0
Education Income	829	1,397	400	799
Foundation Income	103	173	1,374	1,444
Designated Funds Income	242	2,079	426	1,805
Restricted Funds Income	4	4	8	54
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$ 37,890	\$ 77,578	\$ 50,449	\$ 94,800
EXPENSES:				
Total Staff Compensation	\$ 27,713	\$ 53,817	\$ 17,388	\$ 37,722
Other Administrative Costs	1,646	4,349	781	2,300
Building/Grounds Maintenance	6,284	12,669	4,505	11,118
Ministry & Benevolence	3,062	5,942	3,922	7,410
Contingency & Other	608	686	1,205	1,876
Committee Expenses	5,456	9,326	4,446	6,561
Mortgage Payment	5,503	11,006	5,503	11,006
Designated Funds Expense	242	1,050	306	2,131
Restricted Funds Expense	0	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENSE:	\$ 50,514	\$ 98,845	\$ 38,056	\$ 80,124
NET MARGIN (SHORTAGE):	\$ (12,623)	\$ (21,266)	\$ 12,393	\$ 14,676

	Feb-14 <u>DOLLARS</u>	2014 YTD <u>DOLLARS</u>	Feb-13 <u>DOLLARS</u>	2013 YTD <u>DOLLARS</u>
GENERAL FUND SUMMARY:				
Total Contributions Received	\$ 37,890	\$ 77,578	\$ 50,449	\$ 94,800
EXCLUDING: Foundation Income	(103)	(173)	(1,374)	(1,444)
Less: Needed to Meet Financial Plan	(47,219)	(94,438)	(41,781)	(83,561)
Contribution Margin (Shortage)	\$ (9,431)	\$ (17,032)	\$ 7,294	\$ 9,795

Financial points to note:

The checking account balance as of February 28th was (\$4,688.88).

Summary of major expenses in February:

\$2,422.99	Furnace/heating costs.
756.49	2014 offering envelopes (381 sets)
\$3,179.48	

Pam Russell
Treasurer