



# First Lutheran Church

We are believers seeking to invite all into the caring, sharing and growing ways of Christ.

## February 2018 Parish Visitor

### From the Pastors...

<sup>3</sup>...we boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,  
<sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,  
<sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.  
(Romans 5:3-5)

These words by the Apostle Paul to the Christians in Rome come from one of my top-ten all-time favorite Bible passages (I had a poster on my bedroom wall during high school that featured this passage!). I've found great comfort meditating on and praying these words during difficult times in my own life, and have used them in counseling sessions with parishioners or as fatherly advice for my children.

From the very beginning these words grab our attention with that strange line, we **boast in our sufferings**... Now I've participated in and witnessed too many *can-you-top-this?* conversation competitions in which stories are woven about whose pain or scars or disappointments are the worst. Thanks be to God that Paul is talking about a different kind of boasting!

The Apostle realistically acknowledges the presence of pain and disappointment in our lives – not as an invitation for others to feel pity for us, but as a spring-board to praise the God who can take those times of trouble and from them create a wonderful sense of blessing, strength and hope in and through us.

For the five Wednesdays in Lent (Supper: 5:00-6:05; Worship: 6:15), starting Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, five local pastors will be exploring some of the shadows of suffering that were a part of Jesus' journey to the cross – and are a part of your life and mine. The goal is to help us all find a piece of our story in Jesus' story, and by doing so, help others do the same as a way to encounter the good news of Jesus Christ for all people.

Blessings to you as we walk this road of contemplation and preparation.

In Christ,

Pastor Scott

## Children, Families and Youth News



### It's Senior Class Pictures Time again!!

If you have gotten your class of 2018 senior pictures taken or are going to be taking them soon...please remember to bring in a wallet size picture for our Class composite. Thanks!



### Parent Forum for February:



**February 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6:15pm we will be discussing more on the **"Internet, Social Media, and Different Apps"** that are popular with teenagers today. We target these for the confirmation parents, but anyone is welcome.

### **Super Bowl Sunday is Feb 4!.....and that means its Noisy Offering Time for a souper bowl of caring!!**



Remember to bring loose change (or bills...but they don't make noise ☺) on the Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup> Worship, or the Sunday service on February 4<sup>th</sup> and we are going to have a NOISY OFFERING to raise money for the hungry!!



### **MILESTONE MINISTRY AT FIRST LUTHERAN!!**

..... 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!

#### **February Milestones:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Milestone Blessing of Stewardship will be Sunday February 11th at either the 8:30 or 10:45am services.

6<sup>th</sup> Graders Milestone Blessing "God Loves Me" will be Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> at either the 8:30 or 10:45am services. Your milestone class will be Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:15pm.

### Annual Youth Sponsored Lenten Suppers for you and your family!

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 -6:05 pm in the Fellowship Hall every Wednesday. **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



THANKS FOR SUPPORTING YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY!!



**Reminder: There will be NO TLC Wednesday on Wednesday, February 14 because there is no early out at school that day.**

### Other Important Items

#### **New Member Orientation**

*We are believers seeking to invite all into the Caring, Sharing, and Growing ways of Christ!*

#### **New Members will be welcomed**

- Wednesday, February 7 at 5:15pm
- Saturday, February 10 at 5:30pm and
- Sunday, February 11 at 8:30am & 10:45am.



Welcome to Our Church Family

#### **ANNUAL MEETING OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Sunday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> is the date of our 2018 Annual Meeting. We will have ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 8:30 a.m., followed by the annual meeting in the sanctuary. There will be TLC at the regular time of 9:30.

**2018 Offering Envelopes** are located in the Narthex. If you no longer need envelopes ordered for you, please notify the office.

### First Lutheran Women News

#### **Important Dates**

- February 7 9:30am Rejoice Bible Study
- February 7 5:15pm Women's Board Meeting
- February 12 7:00pm Esther Circle
- February 14 6:00am Deborah Circle
- February 14 9:00am Elizabeth/Hannah Circle – Boulder Estates
- February 19 1:00pm Quilting
- February 21 9:30am Rejoice Bible Study at Boulder
- February 28 9:30am Rejoice Bible Study at Boulder



### Shetek Lutheran Ministries

# CANEWS FROM CAMP

*Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers*

#### Mark Your Calendar

#### 2018

- February 11<sup>th</sup> – SLM Annual Meeting
- February 11<sup>th</sup> -Women's Tea & Ski
- February 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> -Couples Retreat
- March 10<sup>th</sup> – Pre-Marriage Retreat
- March 10<sup>th</sup> – Family day making maple syrup
- March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Retreat
- March 25<sup>th</sup> – Sugarbush
- April 20-21 – Confirmation Retreat
- April 21 – Pre-marriage Retreat
- April 22 – Spring Toddlers and Trees
- April 28 – Spring Clean-Up Day

For more information call 763-3567 or check out our [www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org)

Help send Kids to camp...Become a Pelican/Timber member today. For more information call 763-3567 or [www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org)

Shetek Lutheran Ministries invites you to...

**What: Annual Meeting**  
**When: February 11th**  
**Where SLM Dining Hall**  
**Time: 4p.m.**  
 Please join us for a meal following the meeting

#### Worship Schedule



Wednesdays – 5:15pm (Ash Wed. 4:15 & 6:15pm, Lent 6:15pm)  
Saturdays - 5:30pm  
Sundays – 8:30am & 10:45am

Radio – Sundays at 11am on 1400AM or 103.3FM  
Local Cable TV – Wednesdays at 10am and Thursdays at 5pm  
Charter 180 & Vast 17

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