



**Join Us For Worship During the Lenten Season**

***Ash Wednesday – March 5 4:30 & 6:30pm***  
**Imposition of Ashes/Communion**

***Come and See Wednesdays, March 12/19/26/April 2/9***  
**4:30 & 6:30pm**

**Saturdays 5:30 PM**  
**Sundays 8:30 & 10:45AM**

**BY RADIO...SUNDAYS, 11AM – 1400 AM OR 103.3 FM**  
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As a child, every Lent, I faithfully gave up chocolate and practically wept at its lack in my life. Lent is a season of preparation for Jesus' death and resurrection, and the practice of giving things up started as a form of penance or as a sacrifice to remind us of Jesus' sacrifice. Today, it can still be deeply meaningful to give up something for the season.

For me, though, Lent is the most meaningful when I use it as space to be intentional about my faith walk. Instead of giving up chocolate, I spend the weeks prior to Ash Wednesday taking a good look in the mirror. That is, a spiritual mirror, of sorts. I ask myself and God these two questions: 1) What is getting in the way of my relationship with God? 2) What are ways that I could grow in that relationship?

Sometimes I find that the answer to those questions leads me to add a new practice to help me grow; other times, the answer leads me to take something away. This year, after reflecting on those questions, I'm going to try to be more intentional about the way I use my time, specifically by rationing my use of technology and social media.

I need to tell you that I think social media is wonderful and helps me connect. But here's the thing: it can also suck me in and take over my life without my permission. I can't count the number of times I've intended to go to the gym or spend time in prayer, but instead jumped on the computer. Before I know it, an hour has gone by, and usually, I haven't spent that hour actually connecting with people. Perhaps the first 5 minutes were spent that way, but after that, I'm typically just clicking on pictures and stories, looking at the statuses of people I don't really know. When I finally snap out of it, I want my hour back! So I'm hoping that rationing my use of technology will help me re-prioritize and find more time for God.

Are there ways that you could be more intentional with your time? When you ask my two questions of yourself, do the answers lead you into any special practices that you might shape your Lenten journey?

Blessings on that journey!  
Pastor Julie

FROM PASTOR SCOTT – March, 2014

*Come and See* is the theme for our upcoming **Lenten Wednesday worship** experiences (4:30 **and** 6:30 p.m.). We have added an **afternoon service at 4:30 p.m.** this year for those who would like to worship, eat supper and get home before it is too dark to see.

Early in the Gospel of John, we hear John the Baptist say that Jesus is *the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world*. This intrigues two of John's disciples who start following the Lord. When he notices the men trailing him, Jesus turns and asks them, "What are you looking for?" When they ask him, "Where are you staying?" Jesus simply replies, "*Come and see.*"

Each week we will explore this idea of Jesus' invitation to follow him – and in our following, learn about what it means to come into Jesus' presence. We will look at some fascinating stories in which various characters come into Jesus' presence expecting one thing, and to their surprise, discover something entirely new about themselves – and about God.

Here is the schedule:

Wednesday, March 12	Come and Worship	Tempted by Satan
Wednesday, March 19	Come and Believe	The Pharisee Nicodemus
Wednesday, March 26	Come and Drink	The Woman at the Well
Wednesday, April 2	Come and See	The Blind Man Healed
Wednesday, April 9	Come and Live	The Raising of Lazarus

Both Wednesday evening services will feature the beautiful *Holden Evening Prayer* liturgy as well as the moving prelude music offered by Susan Jones (4:30 p.m.) and Diane and Lon Wright (6:30 p.m.).

May this Lenten season be for you a blessed time of discovery as together we follow in Jesus' footsteps and learn about what it means to be his disciples.

In Christ,

Pastor Scott

May 27-30, 2014 8:15-10:30 a.m.



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

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

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

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**First Lutheran VBS Registration**

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Medical Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Medical Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Parent Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Pd: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mom Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Dad Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



### Welcome New Members!

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

We celebrate in welcoming New Members to First Lutheran on Saturday, March 8 at 5:30 pm, Sunday, March 9 at 8:30 am and 10:45 am. Please join us in welcoming them into our family of faith.

## **VBS** Planning time is here!!

We are assembling our **Vacation Bible School Planning Committee and other VBS Volunteers**. There are many ways to help out!! Here are a few

- **Child Care Coordinator** – oversee child care providers & help plan activities
- **Imagination Coordinator** – assist in planning & gathering materials for the student projects (art projects & science experiments!)
- **Zoo Crew Leader** – welcome & lead a class of multi-age students through the VBS week
- **Imagination Station Leader** – Instruct & assist students with crafts and other activities through the VBS week
- **Story Teller** – Plan & tell one of the VBS Bible stories to students through the VBS week

Please call the church office 532-2429 or email me at [kmarks@iw.net](mailto:kmarks@iw.net) & let us know how you'd like to help!



**First Communion Instruction for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students and their parents will be held Wednesday, March 26 at 7:15pm in the basement. First Communion will be celebrated during the 8:30 & 10:45am Worship Service Sunday, April 13.** Come and join us as we celebrate with the following First Lutheran 5<sup>th</sup> 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, Gabrielle Mueller, Tanner Myhrberg, Natalie Negen, Courtni Nielsen, Jada Nielsen, Kelli Remme, Peyton Whitesitt



### **TLC WOW (Wild on the Word) Memory Work Presentations:**

TLC Wednesday & TLC Sunday Pre-K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade students have been working in their classrooms and at home on various Memory Work Assignments. Beginning in March, each grade level will take turns presenting a portion of their memory work during Sunday morning worship services. The following is the schedule...

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| Sunday, March 9  | Pre-K Students – Five Finger Prayer & prayer postures   |
| Sunday, March 16 | Kindergarten & First Grade Students – The Lord's Prayer |
| Sunday, March 23 | Second Grade Students – Various Bible Verses            |
| Sunday, March 30 | Third Grade & Fourth Grade Students – Ten Commandments  |
| Sunday, April 6  | Fifth & Sixth Grade Students – 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.



**Join us for this Women's Bible Study**  
***Do You Think I'm Beautiful?* by Angela Thomas**

This 7 week study seeks to bridge the gap between the life a woman longs for and the life she actually has. The video-based study combines practical Bible teaching and real-world advice. Through her warm and intimate style of teaching, Angela Thomas touches readers with personal stories that will resonate in their own lives and draw them closer to their loving Father. We will meet Wednesday Evenings in the "Movie Room" following this schedule:

April 2 --7:15pm, April 9 -- 7:15pm, April 16 -- 7pm, April 23 – 7pm, April 30 – 7pm,  
 May 7 – 7pm, and May 14 – 7pm

Pick up a registration form in the Narthex or go to our website [1stlutheran.org](http://1stlutheran.org) and print one. Complete it and turn it in to the church office on or before Wednesday, March 19. The cost of the member book is \$12.00. email [kmmarks@iw.net](mailto:kmmarks@iw.net) if you have questions.



**Join Us For Bible Study Between Services!**

In the months of March and April, many of our gospel readings in church will be from John's Gospel, and now is your chance to dive into it more deeply, with one of the pastors as your guide!

John's Gospel is the book of the Bible often suggested to new Christians because it quickly gets to the heart of the matter, but it's also known for its many layers and rich meanings. At the same time, many things are not as they seem in John's Gospel, which makes for excellent and engaging story-telling, including many stories that you won't find in any of the other three gospels. If you were looking for a new practice to start in Lent, why not Bible study? Join us starting March 9 at 9:30am!



## Early Easter Party on Sunday, March 30

Join us in celebrating the Greatest Gift that is given to us through EASTER!! Children age 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and a parent or guardian are invited to come to the Fellowship Hall at 1pm. We will play games, have an Easter Egg Hunt, and create a special snack to share! There is no charge, but each child should bring a item for the Marshall Food Shelf. Take this opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor to the party!



### Photos, Family of Faith, Facebook

Many of you have commented on some of the beautiful **photos** of our First Lutheran **family of faith** that have recently appeared our website and **Facebook** pages. We are very thankful to Shelly Maes for helping us make our presence more visible to those who visit our pages online. Toward that end, you may see people with cameras and smart phones snapping photos at various **church** experiences. Our goal is to help tell First Lutheran's story of "faith and life" in picture form, so that both members and visitors may be blessed by these images of people at worship and doing the work of the Lord.

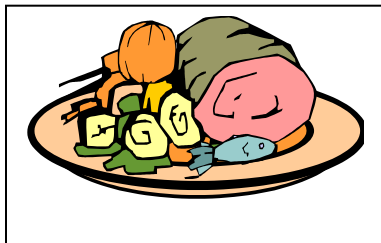
### HyVee Cards available for Purchase!

The Alaska youth will continue selling the HyVee gift cards throughout the year as a part of their fundraisers. We have \$50 cards and \$100 cards. Everyone needs groceries....and its money you would spend anyway, if not all at one time, eventually. By using the gift cards, part of the money will go to the youth! Thanks!

## Annual Youth Sponsored Lenten Suppers are scheduled again!!

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 on March 5 (Ash Wednesday), March 12, 19, and 26, and April 2, and 9. **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 THE  
 YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY!!**



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

If you have gotten your class of 2014 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!

**SENIOR HIGH: HIGH ADVENTURES TRIP TO ALASKA TO SPONSOR SPRING FUNDRAISER .... SILENT AUCTION AND MEAL!**



Looking ahead...The month of March promises to put the FUN in FUNdraiser! We will have our **annual Silent Auction** filled with various items and services for you to bid on. **Anyone is welcome to put something on the auction to help out the youth!** Bidding will start on Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup>. We will finish up on Sunday April 13 for brunch and run until 10:40am to celebrate the close of the bidding and announce whose bids were the top. Auction items will be publicized soon as well as the meal and prices. Thanks for supporting the youth!! We definitely need you all!

The **“We Won’t Be Shaken” Tour** with **Building 429**, as well as **Family Force 5** and **Hawk Nelson** will be at the Marshall High School Gym on March 16. Doors will open @ 5:30 p.m. & the concert will begin @ 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets are available on line at itickets.com <<http://itickets.com>>

In Marshall you can purchase tickets at Hy-Vee, Treasured Times and Noble Woman. This event is being put on by SW MN Fellowship of Christian Athletes and sponsored by many generous churches and businesses.





**Minnesota Food Share 2014** announces the start of its annual March Campaign, the largest food drive in the state of Minnesota. The March Campaign is vital. Food Share's March Campaign generates half of all the groceries distributed at Minnesota food shelves each year.

Fill your grocery bags with canned goods, boxed food, baby food, toiletries, and monetary donations during the week. During the month of March, we ask that you bring your donations back with your generous donations. During the month of March, MN Food Share matches our donations so the more we give, the more we receive. We continue to encourage cash donations also because each dollar a food shelf receives can turn into four pounds of food, and it gives the food shelves flexibility to obtain food which becomes short in supply.

More people than ever are coming to food shelves. In Minnesota, approximately one out of three children received food assistance in 2012. Our local food shelf has felt the need. We will continue to collect food and money during the entire month of March. On behalf of the Social Ministries Committee, please give generously and thank you for your donations.

**MATCHING FUNDS** – the local Masonic Lodge #119 is again offering a one-to-one match up to \$10,000 – checks or donations made out to the church before March 16 will be matched by the Masonic Lodge.

**“Make us worthy, Lord, to serve those throughout the world who live and die in poverty or hunger. Give them, through our hands, this day their daily bread; and by our understanding love, give peace and joy. Amen.” Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

# LENTEN SERIES 2014

## SOUP & SERMON

Presented by:

**Marshall Area Ministerial Association**  
Holy Redeemer's Carlin Hall

11:45 – Soup is Served

12:05 – Presentation of Lenten Message

March 5, Rev. Paul Wolf  
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

March 12, Rev. Amber Ingalsbe  
St. Stephen Lutheran Church

March 19, Rev. James Stefanic  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

March 26, Rev. Scott Fuller  
First Lutheran Church

April 2, Rev. Tom Chopp  
Avera Chaplaincy

April 9, Rev. Matthew Peterson  
St. Stephen Lutheran Church

*Join us for a bowl of soup while being energized by a Lenten Message. If you wish, you may bring your own brown-bag lunch. Beverages are provided. A free-will offering will be accepted to defray costs.*



## First Lutheran Women's News

**Saturday, March 1, 2014 – Kitchen Cleaning – 10 am to Noon**  
**EVERYONE WELCOME –**  
**COME & HELP CLEAN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL KITCHEN**  
*Special Note – Please pick up your food containers from the kitchen before March 1.*  
*After March 1, all leftover food containers will be donated.*

**Monday/Tuesday March 3 & 4, 2014**

**Quilting – 1-4 pm, Fellowship Hall**

**Wednesday, March 5, 2014**

**Women's Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 12, 2014**

**6:00 am**

**9:30 am**

**8:00 pm**

**Circles Meet --**

**Deborah Circle**

**Elizabeth Circle and Hannah Circle**

**Esther Circle**

**Summer Date for your Calendar –**  
**First Lutheran WOMEN'S RETREAT**  
**Wednesday, July 30, 2014 – 4-8 PM – Shetek Lutheran Bible Camp**

## *Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers*

### Mark Your Calendar

- \*Sugar Bush – March 16<sup>th</sup> 2014 10:30-2:00*
  - \*Confirmation Retreat - March 21 & 22 2014*
  - \*Confirmation Retreat – April 11 & 12 2014*
  - \*Pelican Banquet - April 27<sup>th</sup> 2014*
  - \*Road Scholar - May 4<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> 2014*
  - \*Pre Marriage Retreat - May 10<sup>th</sup> 2014*
  - \*Spring clean-up day – May 17<sup>th</sup> 2014*
  - \*Summer camp starts - June 8<sup>th</sup> 2014*
  - \*GOLF Tournament – June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014*
  - \*28<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Auction – June 27&28<sup>th</sup> 2014*
- Any questions call (507) 763-3567 or  
Check out our website at [www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org)*

**Shetek Lutheran Ministries will share camp information at First Lutheran  
Wednesday (March 5) and Sunday ( March 9)  
2014 summer camp brochures are here...  
Early Bird Discount – register by 4/1/2014**

This year's theme is Living in God's Time. "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."  
(Ecclesiastes 3:1 RSV).

Together we will learn more about living as Christians during Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Pentecost and how we are  
to live in God's holy time.

### **Shetek Sugarbush Sunday March 16, 10am – 2pm**

Hot pancake Breakfast featuring pure maple syrup

Guided maple syruping demonstrations

Outdoor programs and live music

Free Will Donation Event!

Learn about the process of making maple syrup, from tapping in the spile to boiling of the sap!

*Help send Kids to camp... Become a Pelican/Timber member today  
Call for a Brochure 507-763-3567 or visit or website [www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org)*

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

*Last month we were blessed to chase away our midwinter blues with the delightful "1st Lutheran's Got Talent Show." As one of the acts, your Office Staff sang a song of introduction.*

*We're including it here for you to read/sing through. We hope you enjoy it, and we pray that we haven't forever ruined "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" as a favorite hymn!*

*Blessings,*

*Your First Lutheran Office Staff*

**First (and last!) Lutheran Staff Song –Talent show 2014**

[Sung to the tune of *A Mighty Fortress*]

First Luth'-ren Church is a won-der-ful place,  
Our mem-bers by the Spir-it are fed.  
We all know lots a-bout heav-en-ly grace,  
From tip of toe to top of the head.  
We teach the love of Christ,        We're Min-ne-so-ta nice.  
Our faith's be-yond com-pare, We tru-ly love to share.  
We're **hum-bly proud** of be-ing so good.

Our sec-re-ta-ry has worked here for years,  
She takes all calls and says, *This is Jane*.  
She prints and types and she calms all our fears,  
She works real hard to keep us all sane.  
Jane is a ser-vant true, she knows just what to do.  
Her crews – they count and fold, they're real-ly good as gold.  
We thank her for these thir-ty-five years!!!

The next in years here is **Ton-ya** our friend,  
The youth all think that she's real-ly swell.  
Their hearts and spir-its and souls she does tend,  
It's vi-tal work that she does so well.  
*At times, she says, Those Dears make smoke come out my ears!*  
Yet then she nods and smiles, she knows her work's worth-while.  
Our Ton-ya is a gift to us all.  
Sir **Randy**'s work in-cludes all of the floors,  
And bath-rooms, class-rooms, halls and all doors.  
He moves the ta-bles and sets up the rooms,  
He's real-ly good with vac-uums and brooms.  
He al-so drives the van, picks kids up, lends a hand.  
He's friend-ly and he's nice, and salts up all the ice.  
We say, *Our Friend, we're hap-py you're here!*

We all love **Kit-si**, she tru-ly is dear –  
She sees what's best from far and from near.  
She teach-es kids a-bout faith, love and God,  
Her spir-it we all du-ly ap-plaud.  
Her Bi-ble Stud-ies rock, she cares for all her flock.  
She has an eas-y smile, she goes the ex-tra mile.  
We thank you, Kit-si, you are the best.

To Cal-i-forn-i-a we had to reach,  
 To call some-one to preach and to teach.  
 To **Ju-lie** and to her **Bran-non** we said,  
*Come feed us songs, the Word, wine and bread.*  
 We are so glad you're here, to you we raise a cheer (**YAY!**).  
 We hope and we do pray for years here you will stay.  
 It won't be long be-fore you love snow!!

It's great that **Car-o-lyn** moved here last year,  
 That **Scott** came too – let's all give a cheer (- rah).  
 He's nice and he is most us-ual-ly kind,  
 But there are things that some of us mind...  
 At wor-ship all must heed – he ques-tions us, in-deed!  
 And tour from room to room, from bright spots into gloom??  
 Dear Car-o-lyn – please! *What can we do?*

So there you've met our great off-ice at First,  
 Not quite the best, but far from the worst.  
 We all have fun and we like what we do,  
 Ser-ving our Lord and car-ing for you.  
 We know that God is great – to fol-low – we can't wait!  
 Our fu-ture's fine, you'll see – Christ's love will tru-ly be  
 What keeps us strong and lov-ing and true. A-men!

