

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH CHIMES

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*Sharing Christ's Love*

**WORSHIP WITH US THIS WEEKEND!**

Informal Worship Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Worship & Livestream Sunday 9:30 a.m.



## Souper Bowl of Caring

*Let's Tackle Hunger!*

*February 10 & 11, 2024*

Over the weekend of February 10 & 11, First Lutheran will be participating in the annual Souper Bowl of Caring. See page 7 for complete details.

## Sacred Spaces

**Individual Confession and Forgiveness**

*Tuesday, February 13 ~ 1-2 p.m. or 6-7 p.m.*

“Sacred Spaces” is a series of three pastoral care opportunities throughout the season. The “sacred space” will be set up in the Fellowship Room and Grace Place. Each person will have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with Pastor Laura. Two windows of time are offered – feel free to arrive anytime during those hours and leave after you are finished visiting and praying with Pastor Laura (*you won't need to spend the whole hour at the church*).

## Ash Wednesday ~ February 14

**Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes**

*Services at Noon & 6:30 p.m.*

*Livestream at 6:30 p.m.*



Two Lenten fellowship opportunities will be offered on Ash Wednesday. Everyone is invited to join us in the Fellowship Room for our Lenten Soup & Salad Lunch following the Noon service or for the Faithtime Dinner beginning at 5 p.m.

*Soup & Salad Lunch — 12:45 p.m. ~ Beef Lentil & Spinach Soup*  
*Faithtime Dinner — 5 p.m. ~ Pulled Pork Sandwiches with sides*

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## VOICES ON THE MOUNTAIN

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### A WORD FROM PASTOR MATT

On the last Sunday before Lent we always celebrate the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ where Jesus' appearance was changed. Before Jesus goes down the mountain in the valley of Lent and his journey toward the cross, we get to hear again the voice that led us all here. We again hear God's voice on the mountain.

And accompanying God's voice were a bunch of other voices. There were the voices that came from Moses and Elijah who graced Jesus and the disciples with their presence. Moses' voice long ago led the people from bondage to slavery to the freedom of the promised land. Moses' voice taught them the commandments and was present through the wilderness. Elijah's voice long ago helped to direct God's people away from idolatry. The hearing again of Elijah's voice would signal the coming of the Messiah.

These voices were pillars within the faith. The voice of the teacher and the voice of the prophet. Both voices are always needed, for the faith to be passed down from generation to generation, but in the mix of those two voices there was a third voice. The third voice was Jesus. Jesus' words and voice had led the disciples up this mountain. It was the voice that welcomed them and forgave them and others. It was the voice that told them to get up and go and to not be afraid. It was the same voice that had healed others and would later cry from the cross. It was a voice of love. These three voices on that mountain reigned supreme.

But then, out of nowhere, Peter adds his voice to the mix, thinking that something needed to be said, not knowing that in holy moments, really nothing needs to be said. Peter says, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified." (Mark 9:5-6) Peter's fear led him to say something and do something, rather than just watching, waiting, listening, and enjoying this mountaintop holy experience, which is sometimes all that is needed.

Peter's insistence to say or do something, led God to say and do something to help Peter to listen better. For it seems that God's still

and silent voice is only heard when we set time apart to listen, not when we talk or do. But we always need to say something or do something, so God adds God's voice to the mix, correcting and reminding Peter and the other disciples (yes, you and me too!) to do what they were supposed to do up there and simply listen!

By the time God had said it, the voices were gone, and the moment had passed. Out of all of the voices, there alone stood Jesus silent.

Jesus tells them to get up and go. Jesus' voice remained after the other voices left and his voice told them to get up and go back down the mountain to the holy work of being God's loving presence in this world unto the end. Jesus' voice would then continue to be present after he was not with them in person through what they said and did always, but when they had a hard time hearing it, they could also stop what they were doing, sit down again down for a few minutes and listen for it intently. As they listened, it would appear and dazzle again just like it did long ago.

On Transfiguration Sunday this year we will be listening to a voice that we might not be familiar with, a Spanish speaking voice. Rev. Jose Pilar Alvarez Cabrera will be joining us for worship and preaching in Spanish with another voice, Rev. Josh Ebener (Northern Illinois Synod Director of Evangelical Mission), who will be translating. Pr. Pilar will share his experiences as a bishop in Guatemala. He will share his story of becoming a refugee after speaking on behalf of indigenous peoples who needed their voices heard and how he made the journey to the Quad Cities to be the new pastor at San Jose Obrero in Moline. Pr. Pilar will also preach the gospel, which is the holy mountaintop good news of Jesus Christ which supersedes and overcomes all divisions, barriers, and obstacles to tell us something Good and True: that Jesus is God's Son, the beloved, lover of all.

May we listen to Pr. Pilar's story and to the gospel of Jesus Christ, which continues to call us to listen and then to get up and go. Vamos! Amen.

—Pastor Matt

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### February 3 & 4, 2024

#### Epiphany 5

This weekend's texts include Isaiah 40:21-31; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 and Mark 1:29-39.

### February 10 & 11, 2024

#### Transfiguration of Our Lord | Souper Bowl Sunday

This weekend's texts include 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 and Mark 9:2-9.

### February 14, 2024

#### Ash Wednesday, Noon & 6:30 p.m.

Today's texts include Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, Psalm 51:1-17, 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10 and Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21.

### February 17 & 18, 2024

#### Lent 1

This weekend's texts include Genesis 9:8-17; 1 Peter 3:18-22 and Mark 1:9-15.

### February 21, 2024

#### Midweek 1, Noon

Today's focus is Abraham.

### February 24 & 25, 2024

#### Lent 2

This weekend's texts include Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25 and Mark 8:31-38.

### February 28, 2024

#### Midweek 2, Noon

Today's focus is Hagar.

## FIRST WORSHIP & MUSIC

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*Please keep the following Lifelines petitions in your prayers:*

**World and Community:** For the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza. For our leaders: President Joe Biden and Governor J.B. Pritzker. For health care workers. For all who work for peace and justice. For those serving our country in the military, especially Brian Hanshaw (*Jan & Steve Weber's son-in-law*), Brandon Sandoval, Christopher Unrath, Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders.

**Church:** For our bishops: Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Rev. Michael Burk and Rev. Stacie Fidler. For our partners in ministry: Pastor Daniel Meiyan and the people of Osupuko Parish in Tanzania, Rev. V. Samuel Kennady, Bishop of the Arcot Lutheran Synod, India. For missionaries who share the Gospel around the world. For Lutheran Social Services of Illinois and Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center. For our pastors, parish staff, Preschool staff and Church Council (names listed on pg. 10).

**Health and Wellbeing:** Mel Becker, Bill Bergles (*Ray Bergles's father*), Carol Boyd, Angie Correll (*Steve & Jodi Martin's friend*), Joyce DeFauw (*Maurie & Brenda Nelson's friend*), Joey Eaker (*Jeff & Patti Boyer's grandson*), Donna Gotthardt, Russ Josh (*Joe & Marcia Green's friend*), Kathy Nelson, Jackie Nystrom, Ray Rogers, Jim Schnepple (*Kathy Nelson's friends' father*), Peggy Schram (*Doris Swanson's daughter*), Gladys Swanson and Joyce Thorpe (*Nancy Cassens's friend*).

**Joys:** We welcomed new members Linda Bloomberg; Melissa Bohac & Gregg McCarty; and Caley Wayne to our church family on January 7, 2024. On the ordinations of Rev. Suzanne Hoff and Rev. Thomas Mosbo to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Rockford. On the birth of Carter Lloyd Wayne, son of Kyle & Caley Wayne. On the baptism of Wesley Troy Kuethe, son of Tyler & Brittany Kuethe.

**Thanksgiving:** For all the prayers for Kari Gentry, sister of Kathy Heller, Lonnie Anderson and Kris VanVooren, who is doing well. For God's provisions for the Community Christmas Dinner: a faithful leader and faithful servants, mild weather, the health of the community and the abundance of hospitality poured out to the guests.

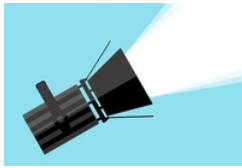
**Sorrows:** On the deaths of Marlee Stiener, member; Scott Dickens, stepson of Sherry Dickens; Pauline Vandiver, grandmother of Katelyn Camp; Ida Goldsmith, member; and JoAnne Heyd, former member of First Lutheran.

*If you wish to submit a prayer request, please visit [www.firstgeneseo.org](http://www.firstgeneseo.org) and use the password First! to access the prayer request form in the Member Access Section. If you or a member of your family have a medical procedure planned or are admitted to the hospital, please call the church office. In the event of an after-hours emergency please contact Pastor Matt at 703-505-9517.*

## FIRST PRAYER

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## FIRST MINISTRIES



### Spotlight On...Royal Family Kids Camp

*Each month, we highlight a volunteer opportunity that has openings. This month, we feature a local opportunity with one of our partners in ministry, Royal Family Kids' Camp. Royal Family Kids' Camp is a 5-day camp that is held each summer for children ages 7-11 years old. Teen Reach Adventure Camp is a 3-day camp that is held each summer for children 12-15 years old.*

Camps are designed for children who have gone through family-induced trauma or who are or have been involved with foster care or Social Services. Camp offers a unique opportunity for these children. A 2:1 camper to counselor ratio provides individual attention and the children feel safe, have fun, and experience unconditional love. They discover self-worth and a feeling of success as they accomplish projects and make friends. For them, camp has proven to be a life changing experience.

Camp activities include small group games, woodworking, craft projects, music, swimming, fishing, canoes, paddle boats and rock climbing wall. Lessons about God's love and care are taught through skits, puppetry and stories. Each night involves special entertainment such as pony rides or a storyteller. One night at RFKC is "Everybody's Birthday Party" complete with cake, games and presents to celebrate each and every child's special day. Each child leaves camp with a special quilt and a colorful pillowcase filled with their craft projects. They also receive a photo album with pictures of him/her at camp, so the positive memories can be recalled all year long.

There are many options for volunteering. Those 16 to 17 can volunteer as junior staff (*great job and college reference*). Counselors and staff must be 18 and have a heart for God and children. Some of the staff roles include Bible storyteller, song leader, coach, and grandparents. It does not cost the volunteers anything but their time and love for kids. We provide training and all housing and meals during the week of camp.

In 2024, RFKC in Henry County will be July 21-26. Now is the time to apply if you are interested in volunteering. For questions, and to apply to volunteer, reach out to Camp Director Wendy Townsend at [rfdc.trac.geneseo@gmail.com](mailto:rfdc.trac.geneseo@gmail.com) or 309-507-1013.

In addition to volunteering, you can support the mission of the camp with your prayers and your financial contributions. \$100 covers one day of camp for one camper. \$500 covers the cost of a whole week of camp for one camper. All donations are tax-deductible and can be sent to Royal Family Kids, 807 W Elk St., Geneseo, IL 61254

Brochures are available at the Resource Center, and more information can be found at [forthechildren.org](http://forthechildren.org)



### Easter Garden

We invite you to help decorate the sanctuary with beautiful spring flowers for Easter! Easter lilies, hyacinths, daffodils, tulips, or mums may be ordered in memory or honor of loved ones. The cost is \$18 for any variety. These flowers may be ordered by completing the form located in the pew racks or by calling the church office at 944-3196. Please make checks payable to First Lutheran Church. Our deadline is March 1. Names will be recognized in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, March 31. You may take a plant of your choice home after the 10:30 a.m. Easter service.

**Faithtime Kids** (*Wednesdays Afterschool*)

After a snowy start, Faithtime finally resumed on January 17! Here are our dates and lessons for February:

All children Grades K-5

February 7 *St. Valentine*

February 14 **No Faithtime Kids – Ash Wednesday Worship at 6:30 p.m.**

- We do have a meal that evening before worship from 5 to 6 p.m.

This meal will be pulled pork with sides!

February 21 *Faces of Easter 1 and 2*

February 28 *Faces of Easter 3 and 4*



Lent is the season that we prepare for Easter. The Faces of Easter lessons help children prepare for the Mystery of Easter. We move toward the Mystery by selecting and retelling six stories of Christ’s journey toward the cross and resurrection. When we remember that Jesus died on the cross for us, we also remember that he is still with us! That is the Mystery of Easter.

**Our QUEST: Gathering + Word + Sending + \_\_\_\_\_**

Do you know how to fill in that blank? The students of QUEST do! It’s WORSHIP. Those four elements, in that order, outline the pattern of WORSHIP in our Lutheran tradition.

Throughout January, we’re asking all kinds of QUESTions to discover how this pattern came to be, why it works, and what it means to meet God and one another in worship.

With guidance from special guests—Melinda Wildermuth, Director of Worship & Music and Pastor Matt Kamprath—we’ll be asking:

- What does worship mean?
- Why do we worship?
- How does worship differ from one tradition/congregation to another?
- What’s “essential” versus “totally extra” in the way we construct/engage in a worship experience? And more!



Won’t it be fun to see where these QUESTions take us? You may have a chance to witness the discoveries firsthand. The first weekend of February, the students will have a hand in planning and/or helping to lead worship at First Lutheran. Fun!

**Next: COMMUNION** In February, we’ll shift our focus to COMMUNION, that extraordinary moment when we gather around the table to receive God’s gifts. Imagine the questions this sacrament will raise in the minds of our 6<sup>th</sup> graders! Is it bread or body? Is it wine or blood? Is it cheating if I choose grape juice? Why is everyone so serious? Why do some people stay in the pews? Seriously ... there’s so much mystery in this meal

**Confirmation** (*7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders*)

Confirmation Classes continue on Wednesdays, 5:45-7:00 p.m. in Conference Room A. Our lessons for February are:

February 7 — *Paul and the Early Church*

February 21 — *Paul’s Theology*

February 14 — **No Class** (*Ash Wednesday Worship*)

February 28 — *Galatians*

**FLC Youth**

The Youth Room will be open on Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. No Youth Group on February 14.

# FIRST MINISTRIES



## Milestones Ministry: *Come to the Table*

*Event: February 25, March 3 & 24 ~ 4-5 p.m.*

*Blessing: March 28 (Maundy Thursday) ~ 6 p.m.*

We invite third graders to this milestone to delve deeper into this special gift for all.

Although we typically offer our communion preparation to third grade, anyone is welcome to participate and receive their First Communion.

According to an article by Rev. Dr. Shawn Strout, there are two things to look for when deciding if your child is ready:

- Does the child recognize on some level that what is happening here is different and special? *(It is not just ordinary bread; it is special bread!)*
- Does the child want to receive it? *(Outstretched hands, bright expression)*

If you have questions about whether your child is ready to come to the table, please feel free to ask Pastor Matt and/or Pastor Laura!

### First Friends “Valentine” Luncheon

Come join us for our monthly luncheon on Thursday, February 8 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. Lasagna, salad and dessert to celebrate all the Sweethearts out there! Cost is \$7. Reserve your spot at the Welcome Center or call the church office at 944-3196.

### Faithtime Meal

Our Faithtime Meal is on Ash Wednesday, February 14, and will feature pulled pork with sides and birthday cupcakes! We will celebrate January & February birthdays and July & August half-birthdays. The meal will be served from 5-6 p.m. in the Fellowship Room and worship begins at 6:30 p.m.

*Cost: Adults: \$5 - Children aged 3-11: \$3  
Family: \$20 per household*

## Council Highlights for January 15, 2024

Mission Endowment reported to Council about plans for a 3-year campaign, “*Proud History, Bright Future*,” to raise \$170,000 for the Mission Endowment Fund over the next three years, in honor of our 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2026. Council received the information and gave the committee the “go-ahead.”

- Designated Northern Illinois Synod as recipient of benevolence from Surplus Allocation.
- Approved our 5 new voting members.
- Approved the Easter worship times: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.
- Approved recommending the 2024 Budget as presented by Finance.

- New Council members and 2024 officers will be installed in Worship on the weekend of February 3 & 4, 2024.

### December Financial Report

#### General Fund Offering:

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|-----------------|-----------|
| December actual | \$108,080 |
| December budget | \$79,425  |
| YTD actual      | \$521,400 |
| YTD budget      | \$484,101 |

#### Net Income Over Expenses:

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|-----------------|------------------|
| December actual | \$61,197 surplus |
| December budget | \$36,036 surplus |
| YTD actual      | \$43,325 surplus |
| YTD budget      | \$3,236 deficit  |

## Valentine Cheer for our Shut-in's!

We will again be celebrating our First Lutheran shut-ins with a Valentine card collection! We would like to brighten their Valentine's Day and let them know how much they are loved and appreciated by their church family. Valentine gift bags will be available in the Fellowship Room through Sunday, February 11. Please feel free to add a Valentine card, message, letter or treat! Copies of a list of our shut-in members are available at the display. Thank you so much for sharing Christ's love with our shut-in's on Valentine's Day!

- **Volunteers Needed** — We are in need of volunteers to help deliver our Valentine gift bags. If you would like to help deliver, please feel free to pick up a gift bag after the 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday, February 11 and deliver anytime by Valentine's Day.

## FIRST MINISTRIES



## Save the Date!

July 29-August 1, 2024

VBS is back this summer for grades pre-k- 5.  
Stay tuned for more information!



## 2024 Men's Lenten Breakfasts

The Geneseo Ministerial Association has coordinated the schedule for the 2024 Men's Lenten Breakfast series. All men in the community are invited to come enjoy a delicious breakfast at 7 a.m. on the following Saturday mornings during Lent. A free-will donation is collected at each breakfast.

- February 17 First Lutheran Church
- February 24 First Congregational Church  
*(Hosted in conjunction with First Presbyterian Church)*
- March 2 Grace United Methodist Church
- March 9 St. Malachy Parish
- March 16 Geneseo First Methodist Church

## Souper Bowl of Caring

### Let's Tackle Hunger!

During the weekend of February 10 & 11, First Lutheran Church will be participating in the annual *Souper Bowl of Caring*.

The Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 with a simple prayer said by Reverend Brad Smith at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina:

*"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game,  
help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."*

And thus began a grassroots effort to "tackle hunger" in local communities. Since 1990, over \$193 million worth of support has been raised by more than 305,000 groups for local charities around the nation and the world.

Over the weekend of February 10 & 11, please vote for your favorite Super Bowl team by bringing food offerings (*canned or dry goods*) to put in their team-themed grocery carts for the *Kansas City Chiefs* or *San Francisco 49ers* in the Fellowship Room. All food donations will go to the Geneseo/Atkinson Food Pantry. During the services, we will also be accepting monetary donations in our football helmets to benefit ELCA World Hunger.

*Let's Tackle Hunger Together!*



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### First Lutheran Preschool

Happy Valentine's Day! We'll be sharing our love and kindness with others this month by making valentines for our families, friends, and church member shut-ins. The 3-year-old class will be working with the color pink and the heart shape. They will use beets to color paint and have a pajama day. The 4-year-old classes will be using the book "The Word Collector" by Peter Reynolds to learn how powerful their kind words are. They will use their kind words to design valentines for others. They will also be learning about storytelling, telling their own stories and using their listening skills.

### 2024 Church Council

**President:** Lendol Calder

**Vice President:** Jeff Boyer

**Secretary:** Kathy Heller

**Treasurer:** Mike Ficken

**Cabinet:** Lendol Calder, Jeff Boyer, Kathy Heller, Mike Ficken, Matt Simosky, and Pastors Laura & Matt Kamprath.

**Members:** Jeff Boyer, Lendol Calder, Mike Ficken, Cindy Groene, Jamian Haser, Kathy Heller, Julie Kunkel, Lorrie Lord, Sam Marshall, Linda Sheley, Matt Simosky, and Pastors Laura & Matt Kamprath.

New Council members and 2024 Officers will be installed during worship the weekend of February 3 & 4. Please feel free to contact any of these members with any joys or concerns you may have about First Lutheran.

### Save the Date ~ Sunday, March 10

Congregational Life will be hosting a *Flannel & Friends Chili Cook-off Party* on Sunday, March 10 from 4-6 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. You're invited to wear your coziest flannel and warm up with a little Chili competition! Sign up at the Welcome Center if you want to bring your best pot of homemade chili for the cook-off! We'll provide the rest!



### A Note of Thanks

Thank you so much for the plate of fruit you gave me during the Holiday Season. I really appreciated it. You do so many nice things for me and it means a lot. I'm so grateful to be part of the First Lutheran Church family.

—Jenny Anderson

### First Book Club

Come and join us for discussion on the content of the book *The Last Bookshop in London* and faith response to the author Madeline Martin on Thursday, February 15 at 2 p.m. in Grace Place.

August 1939: London prepares for war as Hitler's forces sweep across Europe. Grace Bennett has always dreamed of moving to the city, but the bunkers and drawn curtains that she finds on her arrival are not what she expected. And she certainly never imagined she'd wind up working at Primrose Hill, a dusty old bookshop nestled in the heart of London. Through blackouts and air raids as the Blitz intensifies, Grace discovers the power of storytelling to unite her community in ways she never dreamed—a force that triumphs over even the darkest nights of the war. Be sure to read this gorgeously written story of love, friendship, and survival set against the backdrop of WWII-era London and join the discussion!



## Women's Ministry

### Cover Girls Quilting

Cover Girls is starting another year of quilting and you're invited! Come and join us tying quilts made of donated fabrics on Wednesday, February 7, 14, & 21 in Grace Place. All are welcome!

**Women's Bible Study** will gather on Wednesday, February 28 at 1:30 p.m. in Conference Room A. We will be using the Lutheran magazine, "*Gather*" for our study guide. All women are welcome to join us!

## HHH Community Health Series

### Upcoming Women's Topic:

#### "Leg Vein Issues"

Women's Health Program luncheon will be held at the Geneseo Community Center Activity Room on Thursday, February 22 from noon — 1 p.m. Cost of the lunch is \$10 payable at the door.

Reservations may be made by calling Hammond-Henry Hospital at 944-9112 or email [hfhfound@hammondhenry.com](mailto:hfhfound@hammondhenry.com).

## Food Pantry Collection

The Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry is collecting *low sodium soup, cereal, egg noodles, crackers, 100% juice, feminine hygiene products, lotion, aluminum foil, mouthwash and household cleaners* to share with those in our community. Donations may be left in the basket by the church office.



## You're Invited To Join Us At CRE!

You are invited to join leaders from across the Northern Illinois Synod on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at Sauk Valley Community College for the Congregational Resourcing Event (CRE). We will gather around this year's theme of *Open God's Story*. This will be a time to connect God's work throughout the Bible with God's work in our lives. This event will run 8:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. with opening prayer beginning at 9:30. We will have time to hear from Bishop Stacie Fidler, and our keynote speaker is Rev. Miguel Gomez-Acosta, the Senior Director for New Ministry Development and Evangelism at the Churchwide Office of the ELCA. This engaging pastor will inspire us to share God's story with others in our everyday lives. The afternoon includes time to attend two workshops on a wide range of topics. If you are interested in attending, please let Pastor Laura know by February 28.

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## First Lutheran Preschool Registration

First Lutheran Preschool will begin enrolling for the 2024-25 school year in March. Children must be 3 years of age by September 1, 2024. If you are interested in more information, would like a tour or would like to be placed on the registration list, please contact the preschool now at 944-4306.

## Save the Dates: Thursday, March 21 & Thursday, April 18

The Northern Illinois Synod's Racial Justice team is hosting a two-day training, here at First Lutheran. This training is open to anyone who desires to learn more about what can be done to combat racism in our world and our church. This is one faithful way we can live out the promises we make, when we affirm our baptism, to work for justice and peace. Each day, the training is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a break for lunch. Participants are expected to attend both days. First Lutheran will cover the registration cost for any from the congregation who wish to attend. Please contact Pastor Laura with questions or to get registered.



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**Noisy Offering**

A *Noisy Offering* will be collected the weekend of February 3 & 4 to benefit the Good Samaritan Fund. Bring your nickels and dimes!

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Sam Marshall, Linda Sheley,  
Matt Simosky

**Meeting Schedule:**

Cabinet — February 12  
Ministries — February 12  
Council — February 19

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**NEXT CHIMES DEADLINE:  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday

8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday

Office Closed

Closed for Lunch ~ Noon-1 p.m.

**STAFF SCHEDULE**

**Rev. Laura Kamprath**  
Monday-Thursday

**Rev. Matt Kamprath**  
Monday & Wednesday

**Melinda Wildermuth**  
Monday-Thursday

**Mary Jo Brummet**  
Monday-Thursday

**Abbey Cathelyn**  
Monday-Thursday

**Linda Bloomberg**  
Monday-Thursday, select hours