

## **FLC WEEKLY**

March 17, 2024

God will be with us as we care for one another.

### **UPDATE FROM FLC COUNCIL**

FLC family, The Council of FLC has become aware of keeping our children safe in VBS and Sunday School by having background checks for adults in contact with youth. We are in the process of developing a policy for all volunteers. As we do not want to cancel any activities currently going on, nor expand any other activities, it will be necessary to postpone VBS for 2024. These policies will take time to get in place and our goal is by August.

We will look forward to a FANTASTIC, SAFE and even better VBS in 2025.

### **USHERS MEETING 9:30AM TODAY SUNDAY MARCH 17TH**

If you would like to become an usher or are already signed up to help with ushering, please make plans to attend our Usher's Meeting on Sunday March 17th starting at 9:30am between the service, in the Sanctuary. We will be going over the Usher's booklet and answering any questions. Look forward to seeing you there.

### **PSALMS & LORD'S PRAYER SET TO MUSIC 03/23**

Did you know that the psalms within the book of Psalms were first intended to be sung? Manahara Virasinha has set the entirety of Psalms 8, 22, 23, 51 and 66 to modern music. In addition, he has created a musical rendition of the Lord's Prayer. The Pieces will be performed with guest artist Josie Garcia, Klint Fabian and Keith Martinez.

### **A NOTE FROM MANAHARA**

I am looking for ushers to help out on Saturday March 23rd, from 12:30- 2 pm. The only special thing asked is that the ushers dim the lights for the last song, Psalm 22, until the last 5 minutes. Then, please gradually turn up the lights. This is to create a visual effect. Thank You Manahara.

### **WELCOME JORDAN LONG**

"Like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." Proverbs 25:25

For a number of years, First Lutheran has been blessed with the opportunity to partner with the Lutheran Church of South Sudan. South Sudan has been a country with a difficult history of internal conflict, tribalism, and even genocide. Millions of their people are now refugees outside the borders of South Sudan. In spite of this difficult context, the Lutheran Church of South Sudan continues to grow and flourish.

In 2019, we were blessed to be able to provide funds for a water well at the main campus of Trinity College in Gambella, not far from a very large refugee camp. This past fall, we were able to wire funds for a second water well at the Itang Branch of Trinity College. Other projects have been supported as well.

On Sunday, March 24, Pastor Jordan Long, President of the Lutheran Church of South Sudan, will be here for his third time. He will be sharing and giving an update on the water wells and what the Lord is doing through the Lutheran Church of South Sudan.

There will also be a special presentation 9:30 AM, between the services. A potluck meal in his honor will follow the second service. All are welcome!

We look forward to seeing you then!

### **TEXAS PANHANDLE FIRES**

NALC Disaster Response is actively responding to the Texas fires. Supplies are being sent from our warehouses, leaving them empty as we approach tornado season. Right now, contributions are needed, even for hay and feed. Financial contributions can be made directly to NALC Disaster Response or through First Lutheran. *Please mark everything for the "Texas Panhandle Fires".*

NALC Disaster Response  
ATTN: Mary Bates  
16500 Noble Ave.  
Caldwell, OH 43724

Keep praying for the people in the Texas panhandle!

### **LENTEN SCHEDULE**

#### **WEDNESDAYS OF LENT, FEB. 21 THROUGH MARCH 20**

Noon- Worship  
5:45-6:45pm - Evening Meal  
6pm - Confirmation  
7pm - Worship

### **HOLY WEEK**

Palm Sunday, March 24  
8 & 10:30am Worship with Procession of Palms

Maundy Thursday, March 28  
7pm - Worship

Good Friday, March 29  
9am - "Passion of Christ" Movie  
7pm - Worship

Easter Sunday, March 31  
7:00am - Sunrise Worship Celebration  
8:00-10:00am - Easter Breakfast served by Men & Youth  
9:15am - Easter Egg Hunt for Children  
10:00am - Worship Celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection

### **EASTER BREAKFAST**

We are excited to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord on Easter morning with a breakfast following sunrise service. Our men will cook sausage and pancakes, our women will prepare breakfast casseroles and our campers and families will set-up, decorate and clean-up.

A free-will offering is appreciated to benefit our 25 campers attending Camp Chrysalis this summer. Come hungry and enjoy the celebration and fellowship.

Contact Danny Curtis or Charles Ogburn with questions.

### **FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN SPRINGING INTO ACTION**

Please join the Ladies in spreading cheer this March by:

1. Signing up for goodies and filling cheer bags to our homebound and nursing home members. Your conversations and smiles at delivery means allot to them. Please see the list of bag needs in the annex. If you are bringing candy, please bring sugar free. Items needs to be returned to the church by Saturday, March 23rd for bag stuffing at 9am. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Martick at 512-968-1438.
2. Your baking skills are being called upon to help serve breakfast casseroles on Easter Sunday, March 31st. We are needing 10 casseroles. A sign-up sheet can be found in front of Robyn's office.

We look forward to seeing you and spreading cheer!

### **YOUTH CAMP EASTER LILIES SALE**

The youth campers will be selling Easter Lillies again this year to help raise money to attend Camp Chrysalis this summer. Cost will be \$20.00 each. The order forms can be found in the Annex or any youth camper. The last day to submit order forms and payment will be Sunday, March 24th. The Easter Lilies will arrive on March 29th to be used to decorate for the Easter Sunday services. We appreciate your continued support of the youth of our church!

### **FLOWERS FOR THE CROSS**

We will once again have the large cross set up in the front yard Easter Sunday available to decorate with flowers. If you would like to participate in decorating the cross, please remember to bring your flowers on Easter Sunday Morning.

### **HAVE YOUR PORTRAIT PHOTO TAKEN ON EASTER SUNDAY!**

First Lutheran has a tradition of decorating a cross with flowers on Easter Sunday. This year, we will once again have the opportunity for portrait photos to be taken with the cross. Karina Cokely has graciously offered to set it up and be available to take portrait photos between the services.

What a great opportunity to get the family together and be a part of the biggest celebration of the year!

### **REGIONAL GET-TOGETHER, JULY 23-25, 2024**

The Texas-Oklahoma Mission Region of the North American Lutheran Church invite you to their first Regional Get-Together on July 23-25, 2024, at Cedarbrake Retreat Center, Temple, Texas. It's time to gather our family from across the Region for food, fun, and fellowship! And, you'll be able to take some new learnings back to your congregation, too! The North American Lutheran Church (NALC) is a denomination that is "Mission Driven" – one of our four Core

Values – to preach the Gospel and make disciples for Christ. Only disciples can make disciples; therefore, discipleship is foundational to mission. Guest Speaker: The Reverend David Keener, Director of Renewal and Discipleship for the NALC, will speak with us about the call to discipleship and the NALC's Life-to-Life Discipleship initiative. The Get-Together will start with dinner on Tuesday evening and conclude with worship on Thursday morning. Your registration includes accommodations, all meals, daily worship opportunities, keynote presentations, workshops, and activities. Workshops include Disaster Response Training with Michael Dittrich & Drawing Closer to God through Prayer with Pastor Ralph Reitmeyer Questions? Call Pastor Becky Thane (201-572-8073) or email [BeckyThane@aol.com](mailto:BeckyThane@aol.com)

### **SERVING AT LENTEN WEDNESDAY SERVICE (3/20)**

#### **USHERS: (T-2)**

#### **SOUND TECH:**

**Noon:** Robyn Sanders

**7pm:** Doug Bielefeld

**MUSIC:** Manahara

#### **ACOLYTES:**

**Noon:** Robyn Sanders

**7pm:** Elly Kosub & Enly Kosub

#### **READER:**

**Noon:** Patty Moczygemba

**7pm:** Landri Helmke

**7pm Message:** Riley Ehrlich

**7pm: Drama:** 3 & 4 Grade Class

**TELLERS:** Lisa Baumann & Laurie Curtis

### **SERVING AT WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY (3/17)**

#### **Ushers (Team 2)**

**Early Ushers-** Jeff Rutledge, Jason Pfeil, Bodean Pfeil, Brad Pfeil

**Late Ushers-** Clay Archer, Polly Archer, Scott Boening, Diane Boening, Loretta Carter

**Live Stream-** Britt Benson

**Early Sound Tech-** Robyn Sanders

**Early Acolytes-** Elly Kosub & Enly Kosub

**Early Reader-** Jason Pfeil

**Early Communion Bread-** Charles Ogburn

**Early Communion Wine-** Linda Ogburn & Janis Schroeder

**Late Sound Tech-** Doug Bielefeld

**Late Acolytes-** Nick Neudorfer & James Rhew

**Late Reader-** Scott Boening

**Late Communion Bread-** Roger Hubert

**Late Communion Wine-** Ginny Glowka & Michelle D. Kraus

**Tellers-** Charlie Glowka & Robyn Sanders

**Flowers-** In Honor of Charles & Linda Ogburn's 50th Wedding Anniversary, given by the Conn & Ogburn Families.

**Additional Flowers:** In Honor of Tucker Korzekwa's Baptism.

**Music-** Manahara Virasinha

**Altar Guild-(T-2)** Teresa Sisti, Kari Schroeder, Melissa Macek, LoReese King

**Eucharistic Ministers-** Ginny Glowka & Mata Orth

**Lawn Crew-(03/16) T-4** Curtis Holcombe, Leon Johnson, David Pfeil, Brad Pfeil, Justin Pfeil, Bodean Pfeil, Ben Munoz

### **THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN**

**Mon., 03/18**

Woman's Bible Study

**Tues., 03/19**

10am Bible Study

**Wed., 03/20**

Noon Worship Service

1pm Missions Mtg.

5:45pm Lenten Meal

6pm Confirmation

7pm Worship Service

**Thur., 03/21**

9am Quilting Hands

**Sat., 03/23**

**1pm Psalms & Lord's Prayer set to music Concert featuring Manahara.**

### **MARCH FLOWERS**

**03/17-** In Honor of Charles & Linda Ogburn's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, given by the Conn & Ogburn Families.

**Additional Flowers:** In Honor of Tucker Korzekwa's Baptism.

**03/24-** In Memory of my mom Ruby Holzapfel's Birthday, given by Joyce Yosko.

**03/31-** Easter Lilies from the Congregation

**03/31-** In Memory of Henry Baumann's Birthday, given by his family.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OUR MEMBERS AND REGULAR WORSHIPERS**

**Sheryl Quinonez-** Prayers for comfort & complete healing.

**DJ Morgenroth-** Prayers for complete recovery after a total hip replacement.

**Dick King-** Prayers for comfort & complete healing after a fall.

**Marcella Hartmann-** Prayers for complete healing from chronic pain.

### **PRAYERS FOR THOSE LIVING IN NURSING HOMES OR LIVING ALONE**

Florence Baumann

### **PRAYER REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS & VISITORS**

**Rain, Rain, Rain**

**Prayers for all the families involved in the wildfires in the Texas Panhandle.**

Prayers for all those suffering in some way.

**Tommy Kiolbassa-** Prayers for comfort & complete healing after heart surgery and prayers for his wife Karen to be able to take care of her husband during recovery.

**Pam Klepac-** Prayers for comfort & healing (Aunt of Keith Klepac).

**Jackie Watson-** Prayers for comfort & peace, chronic health issues (Family of Bollman, Blocker & Gorzell).

**Gus Curtis-** Thank God for answered prayers and complete healing (Grandson of Danny & Laurie Curtis).

**Adrian Felux-** Prayers for comfort & complete healing and a successful open-heart surgery.

**Howard Schuette-** Prayers for comfort & healing, back in the hospital (Brother of Randy Schuette).

**Ric Warren-** Prayers for complete recovery and healing from quadruple bypass surgery (son-in-law of Laurie & Danny Curtis).

**Traci Lynn Gorzell-** Prayers for comfort & complete healing during cancer treatments & surgery (Friend of Caitlyn Thayer).

**Tom Woods-** Prayers for comfort & healing (Neighbor of the Klepac's & Bielefeld's).

**Amy Quintanilla-** Prayers for complete healing.

**Alma Garza-** Prayers for comfort & healing during treatments for cancer (Friend of Ruby Kolenda).

**Dorothy McHam-** Prayers for comfort & healing (Friend of Mata Orth).

**John Aguillon-** Prayers for comfort & complete healing from cancer (former co-worker of Keith Klepac).

**Jim Hiles-** Prayers for healing after nerve surgery (Brother-in-law of Danny Johns).

**Bob Herndon-** Prayers for comfort & complete healing after a broken elbow (Friend of the Bielefeld's & Klepac's).

**Wayne Hartman-** Prayers for comfort & healing as he continues to take chemo (Brother of Linda Jauer).

**Gloria Barabasz-** Prayers for comfort & complete healing, rehab and recovery from broken hip (Wife of a friend and co-worker of Keith Klepac).

**Thomas Dorsa-** Prayers for complete recovery from heart issues and pneumonia (Co-worker of Keith Klepac).

**Betty House-** Prayers for comfort & healing.

**Gwen Jenkins-** Prayers for comfort & complete healing from lung cancer (Cousin of Voncille Bielefeld).

**Becca Tenison-** Prayers for healing, comfort & guidance (Friend of Kim Jarutowicz).

**Don Jaskinia-** Prayers for comfort & healing, having some health issues.

**Charles Hopes-** Prayers for comfort & healing from stage 5 kidney failure (Friend of the Klepac's).

## **MEMBERS HAVING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

### **Tue., 03/12**

Carol Rutledge

### **Wed., 03/13**

Casey Jarutowicz

Brylee Kraus

Matt Kraus

Olivia Macek

### **Fri., 03/15**

Bonnie Caisse

### **Sat., 03/16**

Jaxson Matthews

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

**Mon., 03/11**

Randy & Eileen Schuette

**Fri., 03/15**

Charles & Linda Ogburn

**DAILY READINGS FOR DISCIPLES**

03/11/2024	Monday	Jn. 12:20-33
03/12/2024	Tuesday	Jer. 31-31-34
03/13/2024	Wednesday	Ps. 51:1-12
03/14/2024	Thursday	Heb. 5:5-10
03/15/2024	Friday	Col. 3:18—4:1
03/16/2024	Saturday	Col. 4:2-6

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