

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Preschool Classes M-F 9:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

Sunday *March 7-Third Sunday of Lent LOMC Weekend*

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m. Cinnamon Roll Sunday
10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
P3-6th Grade Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Faith Reborn;
LOMC Informational Meeting
11:15 a.m. Opening Your Bible-Session 3

4:00 p.m. Girl's Basketball Banquet
Mon. 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Brownie Troop Meeting
7:00 p.m. Ministries in the Sanctuary
Comm. MAPPING Project

Tues. 6:30 p.m. Hearts on Fire Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. VDC Men's Reunion
7:30 p.m. Joyful Spirit Rehearsal

Wed. 9:00 a.m. Cover Girl Quilting
12:00 p.m. Worship-Midweek 3
12:45 p.m. Soup/Salad Lunch
(It. Wedding/White Chicken Chili)

3:30-8:15 p.m. **Faithtime Schedule**
7:00 p.m. **Worship-Midweek 3**

Thurs. 9:00 a.m. All Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Opening Your Bible-Session 4

Sat. 7:00 a.m. Men's Lenten Breakfast at
First U. Methodist Church

5:30 p.m. **Informal Worship**
6:15 p.m. Blood Pressure Check

Sunday *March 14-Fourth Sunday in Lent*

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m. Fellowship/Blood Pressure Checks
10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
P3-6th Grade Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Faith Reborn
11:15 a.m. Opening Your Bible-Session 4
3:45 p.m. Circa '21 Event

Faithtime Schedule-Mar. 10

3:30 p.m. Gathering & Snack
(Grades 1-6)
4:00 p.m. Faithtime Troupe
(Grades 1-3)
Celebration Choir
Youth Room Open
4:30 p.m. Sonshine Choir
Faithtime Troupe
(Grades 4-6)
5:00 p.m. Psalm 150
5:00-6:30 p.m. Dinner served
*Meal-Potato Soup/
White Chicken Chili*
5:15 p.m. First Book Club
5:45 p.m. Children Celebrating
Lent
Confirmation
6:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth
Palm Sunday Cantata
Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Lifelines Prayer List

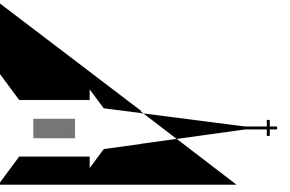
World and Community: For our leaders: President Barack Obama and Governor Pat Quinn. For regions suffering with violence: Afghanistan, Iraq and Sudan. For those soldiers in harms way: Jeff Libby (*Kimberly Mannon's friend*), Gretchen Radke (*Craig/Joan Holt's daughter*), Joshua Rowold (*Joel/Vickie Conrad's family friend*), and Matt Tallman (*Kathi Fluck's friend*).

Church: For our bishops: Rev. Mark Hansen and Rev. Dr. Gary Wollersheim. For our partners in ministry: Pastor Paul Metili and the people of Osupuko Parish in Tanzania, Rev. Vijayakumar, Bishop of the Arcot Lutheran Synod, India and the Northwest Haiti Christian Mission in Haiti. For missionaries who share the Gospel around the world, especially Katie Blobaum. For Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. For our pastors: Rev. Dr. Arthur Bergren, Rev. Virgil Juliot and Rev. Lynn Bergren. For our parish and Preschool staff: Mary Jo Brummet, Barb Burghgrave, Ruthann Carton, Charlene Daniels, Margi Ficken, Joan Holt, Janet Larson, Doris Murray, Lori Schefsky, Melinda Wildermuth, Mary Williamsen and Sue Wolf. For our Lay Leaders: President Dan Brudos and the entire Church Council.

Health and Wellbeing: Helen Aldridge (*Nancy Verdick's mother*), Bob & Vi Anderson (*John/Jerre Caturano's friends*), Doug Anderson (*Kim Foes' cousin*), Rodger Barnhart (*Chris Barnhart's father*), Gene Belvel (*Jeff Belvel's uncle*), Norris Bennett (*Judy Nelson's uncle*), Sarah Bognanno (*Sarah Hofer's friend's sister*), Ryan Brandemeyer (*Kaitlyn Ebarb's friend*), Karis Breeden, Ava Burmahl (*Hannah, Grace, Caroline Burmahl's half sister*), Jackie Burns (*Shari Storm's friend*), Mike Byers (*Megan Sundeen's cousin*), Mary Lou Chrisop, Erma Cikaneck (*Ted Wire's sister*), Richard Collins (*Peggy Rexroth's brother*), Jeff Dahl (*Kathy Nelson's friend*), Mary Anne Daniels, Scott Davis (*Doris Swanon's nephew*), Drew Delp-Conrad (*Shirley Gradert's grandson*), Katelyn DeRycke (*Linda Storm's friend*), Betty Drefchinski, Charles Drummond (*Maurie/Brenda Nelson's brother-in-law*), Judy Enos (*Jamian Haser's friend*), Bonnie Falkenstien (*Dawn Ebarb's mother*), Fred Falkenstein (*Dawn Ebarb's father*), Angie Fewell (*Mike/Marlee Stiener's daughter*), Steve Fleming (*Kimberly Mannon's friend*), Marlene Franklin (*John/Ruthann Phillips' cancer center friend*), Andy Fratzke (*Kim Kain's co-worker*), Hope Fuller (*Pastor/Anne Bergren's friend*), Roy Gentry (*Ryan/Tracy Edwards' uncle*), Rob Gilmore (*Patsy Andress' nephew*), Ida Goldsmith, Ed Goodall (*Barb Moe's brother*), Lois Gradert (*E. Stees, D. Olson, B. Fehlman's aunt*), Loretta Grassel (*Megan Wildermuth's grandmother*), Steve Hawk, Chris Henry (*new member*), Hilary Holcomb (*Fran Conrad's great-niece*), Sharon Hulick (*Lila Borkgren, Linda Storm's sister*), Tim Janey (*Sue Conrad's husband*), Colleen Johnson (*Jan Stojek's friend*), Elna Johnson, Jody Johnson (*Judy Nelson's cousin*), Theresa Johnson (*Dean/Diane Olson's daughter-in-law's mother*), Laura Keser (*Fran Conrad's sister*), Julia Klemmer, Kevin Klemmer (*Elaine Swanson's nephew*), Chuck Landon (*Renee Ketelsen's co-worker's friend*), Larry Larson, Gail LaVinn (*Ferne Lindell's niece*), Katie Lawless (*Ron/Kelly Nelson's niece*), Andrew Lawrence (*Brigitte Fitzpatrick's student*), Bev Lewis, Dennis Lindell, Wilma Lindstrom (*Sue Conrad's friend*) Larry Lowery (*Linda Sheley's father*), Pam Martens, Kathy Mayerle (*Kathi Fluck's sister-in-law*), Holly McDonald (*Sara Reed's sister*), John McDowell (*Brenda Nelson's family member*), Pastor Barbara Melaas-Swanson (*Former pastor of First Lutheran*), Ken Montgomery (*Sara Carlson brother-in-law*), Ron Myers (*Heidi Rastetter's brother*), Eric Myhre (*Jerry Mhyre's cousin*), Jenna Noel (*Maurie Nelson's acquaintance's daughter*), Bob Nordstrom, Mary Ortega (*Johanna Hager's friend*), Ruth Ann Phillips, Henry Porter (*Karen Daniel's uncle*), Lois Puls (*John Puls' mother*), Bob Pyevich (*Marla Johnson's friend*), Tammy Quade (*Beth Unrath's sister-in-law*), Bonnie Rapp (*Judy Nelson's aunt*), Jessie Rayns (*Tracy Edwards' grandmother*), Jeff Renihan (*Mel/Lila Becker's friend*), Linda Rice (*Jamian Green's friend*), Morgan Rhinehart (*Sarah Hofer's friend's niece*), Austin Ross (*Judy Nelson*), Betty Satterlee (*Dawn Ebarb's grandmother*), Barb Schroeder (*Bob/Judy DeBoever's friend*), Jim Shaw, Roger/Mary Spittler (*Sherry Dickens' brother/sister-in-law*), Cary Stach (*Dawn Ebarb's friend*), Mark Stader (*Jodi Barnhart's friend*), Linda Steimle (*Brad Storm's co-worker*), Bill Stenzel, Basil & Ethel Stewart (*Brenda Nelson's father/stepmother*), Emily Sund (*Kathy Nelson's friend's mother*), Fran Swanson (*Doris Swanson's sister-in-law*), Mildred Swanson (*Diane Lowe's family friend*), Henry Lee Switzer (*Michelle Rowe's grandpa*), Helen Terpening, Nancy Ticken (*Corkey Ticken's wife*), Charlotte Vandemark (*Ethel Pries' friend*), Madison VanLeovee (*Jerry Myhre's great niece*), Mitzi Ware (*Dawn Ebarb's friend*), Mike Winter (*Kimberly Mannon's friend*), Tracy Yager, Eldon Zimmerman (*Bob/Judy DeBoever's friend*).

Joys: Patty Bird and Lynn Teerlinck are improved.

Sorrows: Death of Charles Sundeen, husband of Joy Sundeen.



FIRST DAY
News for the first day of your week.

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Welcome to First Lutheran Church!

We are glad you have joined us for worship today. If you are a first time guest, please stop by the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Room and pick up a special gift. When **Holy Communion** is celebrated, we invite all who are baptized and believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior to join us at the Lord's Table. Those who do not normally receive communion or do not wish to, are invited to come forward for a blessing.

A **staffed nursery/playroom**, located off the first floor Fellowship Room, is provided on Sunday mornings for young children. An usher will be happy to direct you. **Handicap-accessible restrooms** are also located off the first floor Fellowship Room. **Large-print bulletins** are available from the ushers.

Altar Flowers are given by Jim & Doris Murray in honor of their 31st anniversary.

Lutheran Outdoors Ministries Center (LOMC) will be highlighted this weekend at all worship services. We welcome guest preacher Russ Senti, Executive Director of LOMC. An informational session will also be held on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Find out why First Lutheran's children have enjoyed many wonderful camping experiences at LOMC.

Lenten Worship Services are held every Wednesday at noon and 7:00 p.m. These 30 minute services of scripture, reflection, prayer, silence, candlelight and simple song will enrich your Lenten journey as you "Return to the Lord."

Opening Your Bible is a six part class being taught by Pastor Arthur during Lent. Session 4 on Mar. 11 & 14 is How to Read Scripture with a Literary Focus.

Spring Flowers for our Easter Garden may be ordered using the yellow form in the pew rack. Please drop the form and payment in the offering or return it to the church office.

First Book Club meets this Wed. Mar. 10 at 5:15 p.m. (*note time change*) and the book is: *The Last Lecturer* by Randy Pausch. Read the book and come join in the discussion.

Confirmation Lock In will be held Friday, Mar. 26 beginning at 6 p.m. until Sat. Mar. 27 at 7:00 a.m. All confirmation students are encouraged to sign up at the Welcome Center.

2010 Directories are available at the Resource Center. Pick up your copy today!

Men's Lenten Breakfast next Sat. March 13 at 7 a.m. at First United Methodist Church.

Altar Flower dates are still available if you would like to purchase flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or special event. The flowers may be taken home after the 10:00 service on Sunday. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Daylight Savings Time is next Sunday, March 14. Be sure to "spring" your clock ahead one hour before retiring on Saturday night.

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Sat. 5:30 93	General Fund \$4,170.11 YTD \$62,307.11
Sun. 8:30 105	Capital Campaign 2008 790.00 YTD \$29,088.50
10:00 113	3 yr. Total \$576,921.12
<i>Weekend Total</i> 311	Building Fund (Main./Repair) 448.00 YTD \$1,316.00
Wed. 12:00 44	World Hunger 644.00 YTD \$2,394.00
7:00 153	Sanctuary Renovation .00 Total \$35,858.00

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS

The foundational premise of this set of daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday lectionary. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings.

<u>Monday, Mar. 8</u> Psalm 39 Jeremiah 11:1-17 Romans 2:1-11	<u>Tuesday, Mar. 9</u> Psalm 39 Ezekiel 17:1-10 Romans 2:12-16	<u>Wednesday, Mar. 10</u> Psalm 39 Numbers 13:17-27 Luke 13:18-21	<u>Thursday, Mar. 11</u> Psalm 32 Joshua 4:1-13 2 Corinthians 4:16—5:5
<u>Friday, Mar. 12</u> Psalm 32 Joshua 4:14-24 2 Corinthians 5:6-15	<u>Saturday, Mar. 13</u> Psalm 32 Exodus 32:7-14 Luke 15:1-10	<u>Sunday, Mar. 14</u> Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/8 Chris Nelson
Dick Anderson
Loren Williams
Leah Walker
- 3/10 Mike/Marlee Stiener (32)
- 3/11 Bob Bibby
Drew Delp-Conrad
Bev Carius
- 3/13 Brad Solberg
Paige Vandewiele
Jenni Brudos
Henry Clark
- 3/14 Roger/Ruthie Carton (40)