

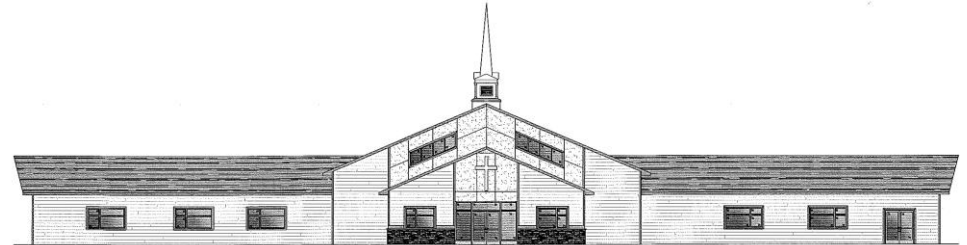
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First Edition

“Growing God’s Family by Serving”



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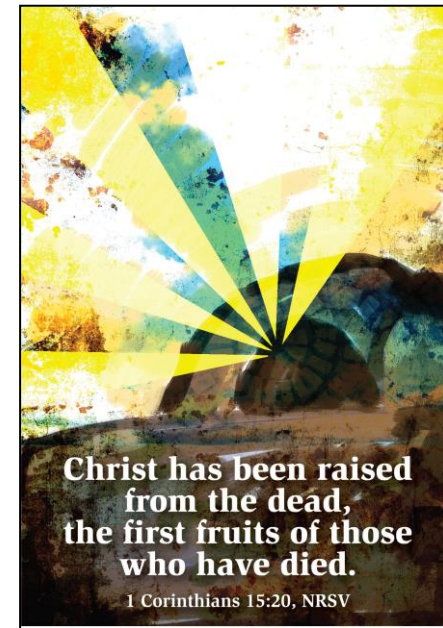
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April 2019

He is Risen!

Spring has finally sprung. The snow is melting and the temps are rising. Have you seen any robins yet? We will make it!

We set records this past winter. We received more snow than ever in February. We had some of the coldest temperatures on record as well. School was closed six days due to harsh weather. I don't ever remember so many closings before. Do you?

Thankfully that is all behind us now and there is no need to stay in the past. In addition to Spring, other things will soon be changing around here. Thanks to the fine work of your Building Project Committee, our loan application is now at the lender. Thrivent Financial will take from 6-8 weeks reviewing our material. We are in excellent financial shape to secure the loan to complete the sanctuary.

The loan proposal will be voted upon by the congregation. We hope to receive enough financing to have another turn-key project so all we will have to do ourselves is to take occupancy. With current favorable rates and our previous experience with Thrivent this looks like a good possibility. The tentative date for the project to begin will be June 1st. All is expected to be completed by November.

The best news is not the final completion of our building project, however. Our best news is Easter. The Lord's resurrection will be celebrated on Sunday, April 21st.

Jesus sprung forth from the tomb! And because He lives we can live too. Death does not have the last word. No matter how cold our winters can feel. No matter how dark and gloomy life can be at times. We take heart – because He lives. Things are changing around here. We have hope.

In Christ,
Pastor Bryan



NEWS & NOTES



We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Levi Ramsey, Nikki St. John, Paul O'Connell, Bob Larson, Dwight Martin and Bree Parent. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

Baptism: Adeline Emma Buhr, daughter of Joshua & Jill Buhr

Memorial: A memorial was given to the Building Fund by Bob & Barb Anderson in memory of Petrina Haack.

Honorarium: A honorarium was given to the Building Fund by Grandpa Bill & Grandma Chris in honor of Isaac & Lily's 12th Birthday.

Thank you! We are deeply grateful to have such a wonderful church family. All of the cards, gifts, visits, rides to therapy appointments, and your prayers mean more to us than words can express. THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts! God Bless each and every one of you.

Paul & Penny O'Connell

Thank you! The Property Committee and Pastor Bryan wish to extend their sincere thanks to those volunteers who provided snow removal this past winter.

RUMMAGE SALE ITEMS WANTED: First Lutheran will be having a Rummage Sale Thursday, June 7th and Friday, June 8th.

We will not be accepting shoes & clothing. We will accept everything else in good working condition. Items can be brought to the church starting the second week of May, after Sunday school is done. **Please note: We cannot take any donations before that date.** For more information contact Rosemary Johnson at 715-263-2168.

ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (SIGN-UP SHEETS IN ENTRY.)

1. Offering Counters
2. Fellowship Serving



Lent Schedule



Week 4 – April 3rd

6:00 p.m. – Soup (Serving Group 4)
Jo Nilssen – Chairperson

7:00 p.m. – Lenten Service: “The Healing of Naaman the Syrian”
Pastor Jack Jorgensen-Trinity Lutheran, Birchwood

Week 5 – April 10th

6:00 p.m. – Soup (Youth Group)
7:00 p.m. – Lenten Service: “Walking on Water”
Pastor Bert Schultz-Bethel Lutheran, Hawkins



Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 14th

8:30 a.m. – Contemporary Worship
10:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship (Palm Processional)
Breakfast/Brunch served by the mission trip youth:
9:30 breakfast for those attending the 8:30 service
and 11:00 brunch for those attending the 10:00 service.

Maundy Thursday, April 18th

7:00 p.m. – Holy Communion (First Communion for 5th Grade)

Good Friday, April 19th

7:00 p.m. – Community Service at United Covenant Church

Easter Sunday, April 21st

7:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Easter Services with Holy Communion
No Easter Breakfast this year.

Easter Egg Hunt



Free/Public Welcome

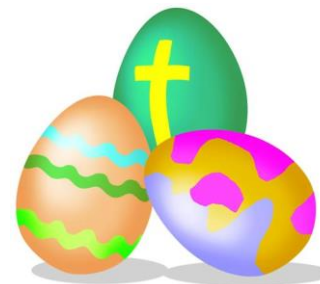
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April 13, 2019
10:00 am

Registration begins 9:45 am
AGES: 10 and under

Prizes for each age group.



Hosanna in the highest!

Palm Sunday – April 14th
Breakfast/Brunch

- 9:30 Breakfast for those attending the first service.
- 11:00 Brunch for those attending the second service.
- Free Will Offering
- Sponsored by the Mission Trip Youth

Clear Lake First Lutheran presents:

Journey With Jesus



A narrative of the life of Jesus that will include acting and singing.

Please join us **April 28th** at **4pm** at 811 South Ave W Clear Lake.

Refreshments to follow.



A Holy Week Tenebrae Cantata

Presented by
The Clear Lake First Lutheran Community Choir

Wednesday, April 17th at 7:00 PM

Clear Lake First Evangelical Lutheran Church

There will be a time for refreshments and fellowship following the performance.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS



- 1: Keith Anderson, Jr.
Carol Somsen
- 2: Kathy Eggert
Michael Kuhl
Louise Ball
- 4: Cory Paulson
Lucas Kaczmariski
Judi Desmond
- 5: Blake Harris
Molly Petersen
Debra McMahan
- 6: Jeneva Monson
- 7: Jane Ayer
- 8: Richard Buhr
Halena Monson
Naomi Monson
Arlie Anderson
- 10: Phylcia Fehlen
Dale Rosen
- 12: Taryn Niles
- 14: Maci Nilssen
- 16: Wendy Campion
Shaylee Krohn

- 17: Cassandra Aeschliman
Jordan Haley
Natalie Anderson
- 19: Alex Colbeth
- 20: Darlene Neitge
Abby Warner
- 21: Marvin Aeschliman
Selena Levendoski
Mark Peper
- 23: Christopher Witthoft
Jamie Wood
Jennifer Atkins
- 24: Stephanie Tolzman
Paul Colbeth
- 26: Suzanne Somsen
Emma Schmidt
Alexis Witthoft
- 27: Gary Peterson
Anna Buhr
Mary Jo Lien
- 29: Amanda Kobernick
Eugene Kuhl
Leonard Murray
- 30: Taylor Atkins
Blake Johnson
Issac Elwood
Case Elwood

APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ALTAR GUILD: Brad & Jo Nilssen

ACOLYTES

- 7 Delaney Johnson
- 14 Wyatt Brihn
- 21 (Easter) (10am) Brayden Christensen
- 28 Andrew Campion

READERS

- 7 Chris Petersen
- 14 Palm Sunday
- 21 Easter
- 28 Tim Wyss

COUNTERS: Liane Petersen & TBD

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Liane Petersen

USHERS

- 7 & 14 Paul O'Connell & Eric O'Connell
- 3 (Midweek) Tim Wyss
- 10 (Midweek) Chris Petersen
- 18 (Maundy Thurs.) Aaron Buhr
- 21 (Easter) 7am Brad Nilssen & Thales Kirk, Sr.
10am Mike Johnson & Curtis Glaesemann
- 28 Tim Wyss & John Robers

FELLOWSHIP SERVING

- 7 Cain Family
- 14 Breakfast/Brunch served by the Mission Trip Youth
- 21 Easter (No Coffee)
- 28 Brad Nilssen Family

FINANCES

General Fund Update

Total offering as of March 24th (\$15,090 needed monthly) \$21,380.72

Mortgage Fund Update

Total offering as of March 24th (\$2,600 needed monthly) \$5,166.10

(Thrivent Mortgage Balance Remaining) \$174,464.64