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FROM THE PASTOR

IN THE APOSTLE'S CREED we confess that we believe in “the resurrection of the body.” Luther explains this in the Small Catechism saying, “On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life.” Even though we say it every week I find people are still surprised that we believe in a physical resurrection. Since we are in the 50 days of Easter when we celebrate resurrection, it makes some sense to reflect on this core belief of ours.

First, we are our physical bodies, Spirit, Mind, Heart, Body are all one and the same, there is no separation. Science increasingly has shown that what we feel and think and believe are all related to the physical body. I've been taking a GLP-1 for a couple years for weight loss and it works by limiting my desires for food which means my wants are a physical thing. We are physical beings, created by

God. Therefore, our salvation needs to be physical as well.

There really is no difference between the physical and the spiritual.

Jesus resurrection was physical. He wasn't a ghost or a spirit, but a body. He had the scars of the cross, and was recognized by his disciples and friends. He ate food

on the beach – fish for breakfast (not what I'd choose, but still). He was touched and held on to. Thomas felt the scars. And the Bible tells us that we will have a resurrection like Jesus. The new heaven and the new earth are physical places where we will use our five senses to explore and enjoy. Jesus gives us an example of what our future will be after this life.

I know we all have a complicated relationship with our bodies, especially as we age and things don't work the way they used to. People wonder what kind of bodies we will have in the resurrection. Much of Jesus' ministry was healing and on the last day all will be healed, and our bodies will be as God intended from the beginning. My guess is that we'll all be 18 again. Paul also talks about this in 1 Corinthians that we will be changed “in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. for this perishable body must put on the imperishable and this mortal body must put on immortality.” Our bodies will be renewed and changed but still our bodies.

This physical body and physical world matters to God. He created it and entered into it in the incarnation and died to save it. The resurrection is the salvation we long for.



PASTOR TRAVIS NORTON

Sunday's Message

APRIL 12, 2026

JOHN 20

PASTOR MICHAELA ESKEW

SO IN THE LUTHERAN CHURCH, we have three years of lectionary readings. The intent is to grab as many of the scriptures as we possibly can and cover them in three years. Years. But here's the funny thing about our three – year lectionary. It doesn't matter what year you're in.

The Sunday after Easter the reading is from John, Chapter 20. We get doubting Thomas after Easter every single year. And I think it's because they knew we all have a little Thomas in us, because with the high of Easter, we have beautiful decorations, we have choirs singing organ anthems. We have big crowds, and we get pulled into the majesty of the resurrection. And then the Easter morning comes and we say, did we just dream all of that? Was all of it a fever dream? Did we really believe all of that? Do we believe that Jesus rose from the dead? Because it had never happened before. So even the disciples are unbelieving.

This had never happened before. Jesus rose people from the dead, but Jesus was the Son of God. Can someone raise themselves from the dead? Is that even possible? And so the disciples sit in their closed rooms, worrying about whether they will be next, not believing the prophecies. And Jesus had told them that he would rise. They just didn't believe. Now our reading today could easily be many different sermons because there's three different vignettes. And we have the. We have the disciples that are sitting in their locked room. And Jesus shows up to them and says, "Peace be with you," not once, but twice, and gives the Holy Spirit. We have Doubting Thomas, where Thomas gets to touch Jesus and have a tangible experience with him. And then we even have this little conclusion, which, by the way, is funny because it's not the end of John, but it sounds

like it. "I've written all of these things for you so that you can have life in his name." All three could have their own sermons, but I'm going to tie them up in a nice little bow that just says, Jesus comes to us wherever we are.

Jesus meets us where we are in the first vignette. Jesus meets us in our fear. The disciples are fearful. They have just watched their beloved religious leader be crucified gruesomely. Peter denies him three times because he is sure that he will be next. And so they sit in community together, the community that Jesus has built. They sit there in their locked room afraid. And Jesus just bursts through that door and walks right into their fear and says, "Peace be with you." We say that every Sunday. We say, "Peace be with you" to one another. We've kind of forgotten where this sits in our scriptures because we turn it into a little mini copy hour. "I haven't seen you in a while. How you doing? Peace be with you." Great sermon, right? We turn it into more of a handshake and a welcome rather than the power of knowing that when you were at your most fearful, Jesus' peace abounds. And so in a world that feels fearful, if your personal life is feeling fearful, we're intentional to make sure that the peace of Christ is in this community with us as we sit and we pray together. And so Jesus says, "Peace be with you," not once, but twice. And he offers that peace to his disciples.

Now I have found that it is fear where I have always felt the closest to God. It's when I call out to him most. You've heard in my other sermons about my scared little girl self praying at nighttime. I'm scared of the dark. I don't want to go to sleep. I don't want to surrender to sleep. And so I would pray, and I would feel Jesus peaceful presence. But then as a young adult woman

walking in dark alleys or places where I had turned, and I know this is the way that I need to go, but I don't want to go down that road. I'm going to pray and I'm going to ask for Jesus peace to be upon me and Jesus presence to be with me in my fearful moments. We make light of it. But you pray before a test that you're not sure if you studied well enough for. Or you pray before a performance or a sporting event because you're afraid that you just might mess up. Fear is the common denominator for which we go to Jesus to all the time. And this scripture today says that Jesus meets us there every time. However, we might not always feel it. Sometimes our anxiety is so ramped up that the peace that Jesus offers is not even enough. But know that Jesus has met you there in the fear. In your most fearful moments, Jesus peace is offered there. And Jesus doesn't just offer peace to his disciples. He offers the Holy Spirit.

John, in his very poetic language, says that Jesus breathed on them and the Holy Spirit entered into them. Breathed, like in Genesis, when Adam is breathed into and his life begins. When we take in the Holy Spirit, we are born anew. We breathe in and out with this presence of God that is with us from that moment forward. And so the disciples know that Jesus cannot stay. He is risen. He is there with them, but he knows that. They all know that this is temporary. But the Spirit will live on with them and empower them and give them the courage to do the hard work. What is that hard work? We're told that they are told to go out and forgive sins. And if they are forgiven, they will be forgiven. But if the disciples retain them, hold fast to them, they will be retained. Jesus died on the cross for our forgiveness of sins. And so that work continues.

Now, before you get stuck in sins, which I definitely did as I was working on this sermon in the Gospel of John, sin is not moral failures or little moral issues that we do to one another. The biggest sin in the Gospel of John is not knowing Jesus. And so if you are forgiving someone's sins, you are telling them the good news of Jesus, and you are telling them of the life that they can have. So what does that mean when you retain sin? Eugene Peterson in *The Message*, worked with the Greek, looked into it, and his translation says, "If you retain the sins of any, what will you do with them?" So

if sin is not to tell someone the good news, not to tell them of the life they can have in Jesus, what will you do with that person? Sure, there are plenty of people that we probably don't want to be saved, but that's not our calling. And so we have to consider the power that we as disciples now hold. The power of forgiveness of sins. Not that we forgive them, but by telling them about Jesus, they can be forgiven and come to belief in Jesus. So we have big, big things to go out and do in Jesus name and for Jesus, emboldened by the Holy Spirit.

And so Jesus meets us where we are in fear and in trembling, worried for persecution, worried for what might come next, worried of the unknown and of the dark. And Jesus offers us his peace and the Holy Spirit perfectly equipping us for the work that we're about to do. Jesus also meets us in our death in the second piece of our scripture today. Like I said, we all have a little Thomas in us. Thomas gets a bad rap all the time. He is doubting, but wouldn't we? I mean, Mary got to see him at the tomb. The disciples got to see him in a locked room. And Thomas is saying, "I just want to be able to see him like you did." He just wants to. He's having FOMO, fear of missing out. I missed out on Jesus showing up multiple places. "Where was I?" And so Thomas just says, "I just want to see it, too. I just want to touch it, too. I want evidence." Especially in the modern age when we've kind of lost the imagination and lost the believability of miracles, we want to have evidence. We want to have tangible proof. And so Jesus meets Thomas where he is. He opens with, "Peace be with you." But then he doesn't scold Thomas. He just says, "Here is my side. Here are my hands. Touch them." Jesus knows all. Jesus knows what Thomas is frustrated about, what Thomas feels like he missed out on. And so Jesus offers him an experience, an experience all his own. And Thomas proclaims, "My Lord and my God."

Now, the back end is where we get the rebuke that we shouldn't doubt. But I don't think that's what the Gospel writer was intending because it says that Thomas is told, "Oh, you had to see. You had to see to believe. Blessed are those who have not seen but yet will believe." And we have to remember that John is writing significantly later than all the eyewitnesses. So he's writing to a different audience. And I think he's writing

to us in that moment, a moment that we will not ever have the chance to have an eyewitness account. And yet we come to believe. How do we come to believe?

My son Lincoln is eight years old, coming to the end of his second-grade year, and boy, is this the year of questions. And because he has two pastor parents who read him the Bible and pray, he inevitably will come up with some pretty good religious questions. Did the disciples lie? Did Jesus really do that stuff? No one else has been able to do that stuff before. And I've never seen anyone do that stuff. Walking on water, exorcising demons, healing people, feeding 5,000 with just a few pieces of bread and a few fish. Did Jesus really do that stuff? And then it came to a head, oddly, during Holy Week.

My little second grader, very sensitive. Somewhere in the midst of the Holy Week conversations and all the stories, he says, "Am I gonna get to go to heaven? Because I don't not believe. But I don't know. I just don't know." And he was starting to get really upset. And I told him this story, and I told him that if Thomas is forgiven of his questions, and if Thomas is given a personal, tangible experience with God, then you will to. Because that's the hardest thing, is that he's up here in his head right now. I can't answer the questions. It doesn't make logical sense. And what my husband, who's also a pastor, Presbyterian pastor, and I say all the time, is when he asks us, "How do you know that Jesus is real? How do you know that God is real?" We say that we've experienced God. We've had moments of tangible experience like Thomas did. And so we pray that Lincoln will have that too, that all of that head stuff will finally make it to the heart and he'll see that he is, that God has been with him the whole time, and his doubts will still be there, and the questions will still be there.

Thomas was a disciple that walked with Jesus for his entire ministry and still doubted. And so doubt is not dismissed or discouraged; it is welcomed. Jesus sees Thomas where he is and meets him there. And so I tell my son, "Jesus is going to meet you there, too." But this is hard to believe. No one has ever risen from the dead before.

I'm sure we have lots of things that we'd like to have a conversation with Jesus about. And so we have. So

Jesus meets us in our doubt and in the places that we are, doesn't ask us to be anywhere else than where we already are, in fear, in trembling, and in doubt. And so Thomas is offered a tangible experience. I have named a few of those that I was just talking about when the peace came upon me. And I just knew that Jesus was there. Other moments that I can name as tangible experiences with God are when I was praying with someone else, and then I suddenly just felt like there was a third person in the room in that prayer with us, listening, comforting us, present in that moment. I've had times of my own personal prayer life where I've asked a question and a thought that's my own voice, but a thought that would never have come into my head and hadn't come into my head to answer. That prayer suddenly does a way to reflect and take a grander view of something that felt too close and too real at the time. And I call that God. I've been on hikes where I've suddenly felt incredibly minuscule. How could I possibly matter in the grand ecosystem that God has to control and run and move within and offer beauty towards? And then I also still feel incredibly loved that God is with me in that beautiful ecosystem, and that I am chosen, too, to be a part of it. A moment with God, a tangible experience.

I work a lot with young adults and new believers, and they question, "How can you come to faith?" And I tell them these stories, and sometimes it opens their eyes to an experience they've had, and they just didn't have the words for it. They just didn't have the language for it. And I think that's what's going on with Thomas. He hadn't had any resurrection experiences. So how could he possibly go out and proclaim that Jesus is risen if he hadn't seen it for himself. He didn't have the language or the experience himself. And so once he had the experience, he could go out and say proudly, "My Lord and my God," to anyone who would listen. So when I come across these young new believers and they say, "I haven't experienced God yet," I give them as much language as I possibly can in hopes that they might be able to look out in the back of their minds into memories, or to be on the lookout in the future. Because God is moving in this world.

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And sometimes it's just our awareness of it, our eyes to be opened to it. And so again, questions are not pushed aside or moved aside. Jesus comes where they are, comes to Thomas and offers him a tangible experience.

And so I ask my new believers to pray that God shows up. "Show me that you're here. Show me that you're there. I need to know." And it's a powerful prayer. Finally, John ends, like I said, with this mini conclusion that says, just kidding, keep reading, there's a whole other chapter. "I have written this all for you."

And I think it's intentional that it follows Thomas statement, Jesus statement to Thomas saying those that haven't seen but still believe are blessed. Because right after that is this declaration that, "I have written these scriptures so that you may believe that you may know Jesus to be the son of God, the Messiah, and you may have life in his name." John is writing to people just like us that are saying, "If I haven't seen it, how can I possibly believe?" And John is telling them, have faith. Just because you're not an eyewitness does not mean that you are not a part of this community and you are included in this gift, the forgiveness of sins. And so John writes to them and says, "These are the scriptures. You can find Jesus here."

And so Jesus can meet us even when we're not in fear and doubt. We are in sure and certainty of our faith and we just open our scriptures and Jesus can be with us wherever we want Jesus to be, because Jesus meets us where we are. And so maybe that scripture comes to your mind when you don't have the scriptures with us, or you sit down in the morning to read. Jesus meets you where you are, wherever you are.

But it doesn't stop our call. We are a post – Easter people. We know the message. We know what this power of miracle has for the world. The forgiveness of sins. We are to go out and tell the world about Jesus because no one else had done this crazy thing ever before and never would again rise from the dead. His victory over death would change the world and has changed the world. And we have to keep that work going. We have to keep telling the world that death does not have the final say, that instead we have eternal life and eternal life in Jesus Christ. Amen.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers designated in memory or in honor of a loved one are now \$100.

Order flowers here: <https://bit.ly/4nKyPYq>

INGATHERING OF FOOD FOR CARE AND SHARE FOOD BANK

During the month of April we will be collecting food for the Care and Share Food Bank. Most needed items include canned fruit, canned vegetables, soup, canned meat or tuna, peanut butter, cereal, oatmeal, pre-packaged snacks, and boxed dinners. Please place your donations below the "Feeding of the Five Thousand" mural, between the glass doors, at the west entrance to the Gathering Place.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING VIDEOS

Sometimes people don't want to volunteer in areas where they are put in the public eye (Worship Assistant and Usher). We are going to produce training videos to help teach you all the nuances of serving in these areas. If you love serving as a Worship Assistant or an Usher, we'd like you to be an actor in our training videos! Contact cheryl@flccs.net

CHERYL'S CORNER

SERVICE FAIR APRIL 19 IN THE GATHERING PLACE


If you didn't see me hobbling around with my purple cast on Easter Sunday, you might be unaware that I fell on March 22 and broke my left wrist and injured my right knee. I've moved from a cast to a brace, but I am still not allowed to use my left arm. If you've ever had shoulder surgery or broken a part of your hand/arm you know how hard it is to do ANYTHING with only one arm! Well, we are the hands and feet of Christ, and we are trying to do the Lord's work without our left foot. It takes 61-67 volunteers (depending on if we have a procession and/or bring worship to The Gardens Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center) each Sunday to bring four worship services to our community. Over a thirteen-week quarter, that is a minimum of 793 volunteer positions to fill. Last quarter 213 people volunteered. That means on average they each served 3.7 times over the three-month period. In reality, many of our volunteers serve dozens of times each quarter. That's right! We have passionate volunteers that serve multiple times per quarter in multiple areas! But ...we don't want to wear them out! I've been using

only my right arm for three weeks now, and it's tired! First Lutheran's average in-person Sunday worship attendance is 445 people. Now that's a body of Christ! Lots of parts with different gifts.

Our Service Fair isn't just about filling roles – it's about discovering how God wired you to make a difference. Every table is a doorway into a ministry where your gifts can bring someone hope, healing, or joy. Come explore where your passion meets God's purpose. On Sunday, April 19, please stop by the Gathering Place after worship. Our Service Fair will give you a chance to ask questions about various areas where you can serve and fill in a body part. Stop and talk to some of our regular volunteers and learn what they enjoy about giving of their time/talent on Sunday mornings. Areas represented include Coffee Reception, Communion Prep/Clean-Up Team, Greeters, Ushers, and Worship Assistants. If you'd like to learn more about behind the scenes ways to serve (laundry, tidying the Sanctuary, flower delivery to homebound/hospitalized members, etc.) talk to Cheryl Mahon. We still have 144 spots to fill with servant hearts now through June 30. Serving isn't just about tasks – it's about relationships. The Service Fair is one of the best ways to meet new people, build friendships, and become part of the heartbeat of First Lutheran.



CHERYL MAHON, MINISTER OF CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE



Answering God
PRAYING
the **PSALMS**

SUNDAYS | APRIL 12, 19, & 26
PEEL HOUSE | 9:15 A.M.

APRIL 12: THE PSALMS IN COMMUNAL WORSHIP SUNDAY

APRIL 19: THE PSALMS AS TOOLS FOR PRAYER SUNDAY

APRIL 26: A PLAN FOR PRAYING THE PSALMS

How do you think of the Psalms? Some of us think of them as hymns, which they are. Others of us think of them as poetry, which they also are. How many of us think of them as a template for our prayers?

This three-part series will consider the Psalms as tools for prayer, as they present the full range of human emotions in all their beauty and fury. Jesus prayed the Psalms and so can we. If your prayer life could use a boost, incorporating the Psalms into your daily prayers and devotions can be a way to feel closer to God. Bring your bibles and join our study of the Psalms.

LIFT A TORCH FOR LFSRM INNKEEPER DINNER

U.S. OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC MUSEUM

Walk amongst the legacy of some of our greatest athletes ever, as we host our annual LFSRM Innkeeper Dinner in Colorado Springs on **Thursday, September 17**. Enjoy a cocktail, a silent auction, dinner, learning about the agency's accomplishments, AND museum access from 8:30-10:00 pm. For now, please mark your calendar and plan to spend this special evening supporting LFSRM's programs, clients, and mission!

INNKEEPER 2026 IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Are you interested in helping LFSRM (Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountain) meet its mission? We are looking for individuals that are interested in joining our InnKeeper Planning Committee that plays a crucial role in ensuring the attendees to this annual fundraising event have a memorable and meaningful experience. If you are interested in volunteering for Innkeeper. Please visit

<https://www.lfsrm.org/Get-Involved-Volunteer>

REFUGEES IN NEED OF A FEW ITEMS IN COLORADO SPRINGS

Our Colorado Springs Refugee and Asylee Office is looking for floor lamps, deodorant and all-purpose cleaner to support clients in need. **If you can support this request, please reach out to Adalie Duncan at Adalie.duncan@lfsrm.org, 719.922.4580.**

DINING OUT WITH FIRST LUTHERAN

SELECT TUESDAYS | 5:30 P.M.

VARIOUS RESTAURANTS

All are welcome to join this group, which meets at local restaurants on two Tuesdays of each month to enjoy various cuisines and fellowship. Reservations will be made two weeks in advance, so be sure to sign up early. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/41Rh4ff>

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

April 28

PF Changs
1725 Briargate Parkway

May 12

Nakhon Luang Thai
805 Village Center Drive

May 26

Jake & Telly's Greek
Taverna,
2616 Colorado Avenue, #24

JUNE 9

LUMEN 8
402 SOUTH TEJON

GRACE NEEDED

Flowers were also given for the Easter Cross "in memory of our beloved son, Andy Peel," by Pastor Paul and Lois Peel.

WAYFARERS

THURSDAY | APRIL 16 | 11:30 A.M.

SHANGRI-LA RESTAURANT | 8850 UNION BOULEVARD

RSVP responses to susancluksic@gmail.com or call Susan at 719.332.1288



Volunteer to Become a
COFFEE RECEPTION HOST!

Please email cheryl@flccs.net if you'd like to give it a try.

SPRING 2026 BREAKFAST FOR TEACHERS AND STAFF OF SAND CREEK

As the church partner to Sand Creek International School (K-8), First Lutheran will be providing breakfast for the teachers and staff to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week on Monday, May 4, 2026! Let's show them some love!

You can help by providing breakfast items, setting up the breakfast, or hosting and cleaning up. If you are not planning to bring your items directly to the school on Tuesday, please drop them off in the Gathering Place by Sunday, May 3, 2026.

Sign up on the "Church" app or using this link:
<https://bit.ly/41xFVGy>

THE EMMAUS WAY

“Celebration is at the heart of the way of Christ. He entered the world on a high note of jubilation... (Luke 2:10)...He left the world bequeathing his joy to the disciples...(John 15:11).”

—Richard Foster

He is risen! Alleluia!

As the Easter season keeps rolling, let’s look a bit more at purposeful, chosen celebration. Richard Foster, in his classic book *Celebration of Discipline*, states that celebration is a spiritual discipline that can and should be practiced, and, in fact, “... gives us the strength to live in all the other Disciplines.” Back in my pre-Lutheran days, I heard (and sang!) these Scriptures a lot: “Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say: Rejoice!” (Philippians 4:3-5), and “...the joy of the LORD is your strength” (Nehemiah 8:10b).

I think the context of the Nehemiah passage can speak to us today. The people had recently returned to the land of Israel after years in exile and had gathered together to have Book of the Law of Moses read to them, with the Levites explaining what it meant as they read. Then it says this, “Then all the people

went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food [to those who had nothing

prepared] and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.”

Friends, we are living in Easter. We are living in the light of resurrection! Christ defeated death, and by God’s grace we are in Christ. The resurrected Christ is the lens through which we now see and know everything, and that lens casts the most astonishing color and light and clarity and life and joy across the entirety of our existence. Therefore we, too, can celebrate with great joy, because, in the jaw-dropping love and mercy of God, the resurrected Word *has been made known to us!*

Of course, I don’t want to minimize times of grief. I do, though, want to emphasize that seasons such as Easter give us permission, even in the midst of struggle, to practice celebration from a reservoir of deep joy that no grief can extinguish. Even deeply painful circumstances cannot undo Christ’s resurrection. Knowing that the resurrected Jesus is perpetually filling us with himself opens us to receive the joy that strengthens us through those times. Practicing celebration in the depths of those kinds of struggles is what makes it worship, what makes it holy, what makes it glorifying to God.

What are some ways you can celebrate the resurrection of Jesus this week? I’d love to know! Email me at lori@flccs.net, and maybe we could get a coffee and celebrate your celebrations! Let’s walk together.

LORI DUNCAN, MINISTER OF SPIRITUAL CARE



VBS



RAINFOREST FALLS

Exploring The Nature of God

Mark Your Calendars!
June 8 - 12, 2026





BASIC

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 22 - AUGUST 12
6 - 7:30 P.M. | PEEL HOUSE, ROOM 201
LED BY DEACON JANICE ZIMBELMAN

APRIL 22	BIBLE, PART ONE
APRIL 29	BIBLE, PART TWO
MAY 20	ABIDE, PART ONE
MAY 27	ABIDE, PART TWO
JUNE 10	SALVATION, PART ONE
JUNE 24	SALVATION, PART TWO
JULY 15	IMITATION, PART ONE
JULY 22	IMITATION, PART TWO
AUGUST 5	CHURCH, PART ONE
AUGUST 12	CHURCH, PART TWO

Don't miss this opportunity to build a stronger foundation – together!

Join us this Spring for the *new* BASIC – a small group experience designed to ground you in the essentials of the Christian faith. Each session, you'll watch the assigned videos on your own, then gather with others to dig deeper into what it means to believe the BIBLE, ABIDE in Christ, receive SALVATION, IMITATE Jesus, and belong to the CHURCH.

In the Life of the Church ...

Birthdays

- April 20** Ryan Dewey
Vicki Lieber
- April 21** Doreen Barnhart
Art Hammersmark
Liam Hurst
Sammy Keenan
- April 22** Janet Anderson
Gwyn Miller – Olson
- April 23** Adam Cerniglia
Sandy Harkins
Tim Schroeder
- April 24** Kairi England
Stacey Huebner
Ryan Stevens
Izzi Torres
- April 25** Jennifer Herman
Al Knutson
Frank Kuehn
- April 26** Lilah Eskew
Caleb Kruse
Jamison Mathiesen

Anniversaries

- April 21**
Tom O. and Diane Gosch 47 years
- April 23**
Mary DuBois – Gnuse and David Gnuse 10 years
- April 24**
Gary and Lisa Simms 39 years
- April 26**
Erin and Mark Hendricks 18 years



Prayer Requests

Lannette Abbey
Fred Bachmeier
Brad Bauer
Elmer Bauman
Joseph Beall
Tana Beall
Joan Boehm
Brittany
Bill & Barbara Brown
Bryson
Kathleen Capron
Carlos
Karl & Pam Cartwright
Tanya Charbonneau
John & Debbie Chlebus
Nell Clowder
Linda Collier
Bill Curtis
Rinda Dunson
Darlene Edwards
Alan Flinn
Karen Frank
Edna Fross
Corinne Gibson
Sandie Gilliam & Family
Dennis Goldston
Pam Goodhue & Family
Nola Gosch
Deb Grove
Judy Hagge & Family
Hannah
Private Steven Harris
Doug Hering
Ginger Hipszky
Jake Hodnett
Sonny & Deb Hood
Bill & Doreen Hulka
Irene
Alan Jacobsen
Josh Jones
Shirley Jones

Ann Junk
Jonas Kagarise
Tami Kephart
Kyong Kelley
Gaye Lynn Kielcheski
Cindy Koger
Jesse Lawrence & Family
Timothy Lillich
Dayne Lindquist
Irene Lopez
Sally Lundmark
Susan Lundmark
Rosa Mac
Jim Matthews
Nick McKibben & Family
Hugh McNeely
Brandon Miller & Family
Marilyn Miller
Larry Moe
Paul Moe
Wilma Nicolaisen
Nydia and Joshua
Sam Norton
Mike Olsen
Owen & Family
Patsy Pedersen
Jack & Judy Peterson
Ralph Peterson
Darlene Radke
Jeff Rapp
Ray
Mark Roth
Holly Sanchez
Ron Scott
The Donna Rae Skovgaard Family
The Bruce Smith Family
Nick Smith & Esty Sihombing
Matthew Stark
Gwen Stein
Becky Sternal
Martie Stott

Theresa & Larry Struble
Barbara Swan
Michael Taylor
Kamal Thomas
Aaron & Cindi Thorson
Bob VanDuyn & Karen
Henderson-VanDuyn
Doni Vest
Linda Wiegand & Family
Christine Welch
Starr Wise
Greg & Carolyn Young

Please keep these members – and family and friends – of First Lutheran in your prayers this week. If you are requesting to have a name added to the prayer list, please consult with that person prior to making your request. Prayer requests may be submitted by using a Connection Card (in church) or by emailing teri@flccs.net.

In Remembrance of Jim Hauck

whose memorial service will be here in our Sanctuary on Friday, April 17, at 11 a.m.

Worship and Study

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

SUNDAYS IN THE SANCTUARY
8, 9:30, AND 11 A.M.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

SUNDAYS IN THE WORSHIP CENTER
10:15 A.M.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHT

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORSHIP CENTER
DINNER 5:15 P.M. | SERVICE 6:30 P.M.

ONLINE WORSHIP

STREAMED LIVE AT 9:30 A.M.
Tune in on First Lutheran's YouTube channel,
on the church website, or in the church app.

QUARTERLY ADULT EDUCATION

Four times a year, we offer Adult Education classes at a variety of times and on a wide range of interesting topics. Be sure to read the Ekklesia for announcements and information about upcoming programs.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

LUTHER HALL | 10 A.M.
Led by the preaching pastor for the week.

GENERATION TO REVELATION

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PASTORAL TEAM

The Rev. Travis Norton, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Carrie Baylis, Associate Pastor
The Rev. Michaela Eskew, Associate Pastor

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES

Exodus 18:13 – 27
Acts 6:1 – 7
Luke 22:24 – 27

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