



FIRST LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

**April 2019**  
**Newsletter**

# Jesus Loved to the End

**Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved those who were his own in this world, he loved them to the end. - John 13:1**

These words seem to be almost an introduction to what is going to follow in the rest of John's Gospel. It is here at this point John starts recording the events of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection as well as the words Jesus spoke to his disciples to prepare them for those events. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew the time had come. As looked at his disciples in the upper room, they were on his mind. He loved them all the way to the end when he bowed his head in death. Think about who he had on his mind and what Jesus knew they were going to do that very evening.

He had Judas on his mind. Judas had betrayed him. It was all set. When he left the upper room, he would go to lead soldiers out to arrest him. Jesus loved Judas to the end, even though Judas died in hopeless unbelief. Jesus had Peter on his mind. Yes, the same Peter who so boldly professed his allegiance to Jesus and his commitment to even die for Jesus. This was the same Peter who picked up a sword and tried to defend Jesus. Yet this was also the same Peter who denied he even knew Jesus not once, not twice, but three times just as Jesus told him. Jesus loved Peter to the end. Jesus had the other ten disciples who said the very same thing as Peter on his mind. They said they would never fall away and leave Jesus alone. In fear, that is exactly what they did. Jesus even loved them to the end.

Jesus' selfless love for his disciples was going forward to endure the suffering and the agony because he loved his disciples. The earthly suffering was great, but the real suffering came at the hands of his Father. The innocent suffering and death of Jesus was going to bear the sins of those disciples, their failures to live up to their words, and their failures at faithfulness. He was going to endure sin's punishment which they deserved as he cried out, "My God! My God! Why have you forsaken me?" Then when it was all done, his declaration shows just how far his love for those disciples took him. "It is finished," he proclaimed loving them to the end.

As Jesus sat down in the upper room, Jesus looked at those disciples in the upper room and we were on his mind too. He didn't just see those men who he would be eating the Passover meal with, he saw you and I. He saw how we have been unfaithful to him. He saw when we have failed to live up to our words. He saw when we have fallen into sin and he saw how much we needed him. He loved us to the end. With the same selfless love, Jesus went forward to suffer and die on the cross to endure the punishment of our sins, to be forsaken by the Father in our place. He was thinking about us as he knew exactly what would happen on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday at the empty tomb where Jesus proved what he declared to be finished on the cross was indeed finished. What wondrous love we see in Jesus to love us to the end! As we approach Holy Week very soon, may this verse be on your mind as it is on mine.

Prayer: What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul! Thank you Jesus for loving me to the end and continuing to love me every day. Amen

# First Evangelical Lutheran Church Information

## Worship Services/Classes.

- **Tuesday:** Alive with Christ – 7:30 p.m.
- **Thursday:** Bible Study – 9:00 a.m.  
Christian Book Club – 6:00 p.m. (*begins April 25<sup>th</sup>*)
- **Sunday:** Services - 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Bible Classes and Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.  
*\*\*\*except Easter Sunday*
- **Saturday:** Men's Breakfast Bible Study – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday – 8-9 a.m.  
Women's Bible Study – 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday – 8-9 a.m.

## Lenten Season – “Three Words of Truth”

Wednesday Lenten Services at 6:30 p.m.: April 3 – Gr. 3-4 sing – Pastor Kirk Lahmann  
April 10 – Gr. 7-8 sing – Pastor Dan Waldschmidt

*Lenten meals will be served by various church groups from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.*

*All are welcome to join in this fellowship and support the work of our church.*

April 3 - Altar serves BBQ & Hot Dogs

April 10 – Stewardship/Evangelism serves Soup

## Holy Week – “Quest and Three Words of Truth”

**Palm Sunday, April 17** – services 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. ~Palm Procession ~ Student choir sings

**Maundy Thursday, April 18** – Communion service 6:30 p.m. ~ choir sings

**Good Friday, April 19** – service – 1:30 p.m. ~ Grades K - 8 sing

Tenebrae service – 6:30 p.m. ~ choir sings

**Easter Festival services, Sunday, April 21** – 6:00 & 9:00 a.m. ~ choir sings

~ Youth Group serves breakfast between services

– *your support for this meal will help with costs of the summer youth group trip*

### **Special Voters' Meeting**

The voting members of First Lutheran Church voted in favor of the council's recommendation to call for a principal and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. A special call meeting will be held between services on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please be sure to watch for information regarding this call.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held from 10 – noon on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Preparations are underway. A sign up is on the brown door if you would be willing and able to help! Please be sure to take a flyer from the cart under the stairs to share with friends and family. If you are on Facebook, please share our event! This is one of our big outreach events of the year!

### **Voters' Meeting**

Our quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> between services. All members are encouraged to attend.

### **Blood Drive**

First Lutheran, Lake Geneva is hosting a Blood Drive on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 5:30 p.m. Please call Helen at 262-749-0213 to schedule an appointment.

### **Toddler Open Gym**

This program is for children age 0 – 5, along with the parent/caregiver and will take place from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in the school gym in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month now May. The program is open to our members as well as the community. Please invite friends! There is open play in the gym with various toys as well as games, crafts, coloring, an area just for babies, and more! During the hour, we will also have a devotion and snack. *As this outreach program is a non-budgeted expense, monetary donations are appreciated!*

### **Prayer Chain**

If you would like to be added to our prayer chain and pray for members and present their needs, requests and/or praises to God, contact Kelly Stech - 262-728-8020 or Suzanne Manthe - 262-725-6131. If you have a specific prayer request, bright green forms are available in the tract rack - please indicate if you would like the prayer public in church, kept within the prayer chain, or if you only want the pastor to know. Please place prayer requests in the "church" box near the tract rack. *"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."* James 5:16

### **Christian Assistance Fund**

A Christian Assistance Fund has been created for our congregation to follow Christ's directive to "love one another". Contributions to this account are appreciated – please use the Designated Gift Envelopes, available in the rack on the side of the member mailboxes. If a member has need for assistance, application forms are available from pastor. Any requests are kept in the strictest confidence.

### **Church Library News**

The church/school library has been updated. Feel free to check out items you'd like to read. On the clipboard sheet that is on top of the card catalog, write your name, the date, and book title. When you return the books just put them in the crate provided for returned books, and someone will re-shelve the books in their proper place. Parents – feel free to take books from the specially marked bookshelves to use with your children during church services. Please put them back on that same shelf after the church service. Please enjoy the materials that are in that room!

### **Christian Education Assistance Fund**

No member of First Lutheran will be denied a Christian education in our school because of need. First Lutheran School has a Christian Education Assistance Fund to assist families with tuition costs. The Board of Education distributes fund based on the application and need. If you would care to contribute to this fund or need a tuition assistance application, please see Mr. Schramm.

### **ACH Offerings**

First Lutheran Church has set up an automatic payments option through VANCO Payment Solutions for member giving. Authorization forms for your gifts to the church are available in the office. If this form of giving is an option for you, please return completed forms to the office. Please contact the office or Mike Schwark with any questions.

### **WELS Radio and TV Ministry**

**Music for The Master** followed by **Message from The Master** radio program can be heard each Sunday morning on AM "JOY 1340" WJYI at 7:00 a.m. The Milwaukee television stations that air **Time of Grace** are: WBME (ME Tv) – Sunday at 7:00 a.m.; WDJT (CBS 58) – Sunday at 10:30 a.m.; WWRS – Thursday at 3:30 p.m. and WTMJ (4) – Friday at 12:05 a.m. The cable channels that air the program are Freeform on Thursdays at 5:30 a.m. and TBN (Trinity Broadcast Network) on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. Please check your local provider's channel listing for more information.

### **Meals on Wheels**

We help with the Walworth County Meals on Wheels program. If you would be willing and able to deliver Meals on Wheels, or have any questions, please contact Doris Salem at 723-2537.

### **Helping Institutional Ministries**

WELS Institutional Ministries is in need of hotel/travel size shampoo, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes. These hygiene supplies are given out to returning citizens after incarceration. Please place these donated items in the box marked "Institutional Ministries" in the narthex.

### **Thrivent Members**

A benefit available to Thrivent members is being able to designate Thrivent Choice Dollars to an organization. There is no additional cost to you for this program. Both First Lutheran Church and First Lutheran School are options for designation, along with a list of other organizations. You may go online, log into your account, and designate funds to your choice of organization(s), call your Thrivent representative, OR call Thrivent directly at 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted say, "Thrivent Choice". We encourage you to help an organization using this benefit.

### **Food Pantry**

Our church collects non-perishable food for the Elkhorn Food Pantry. The collection bin for donations is located in the narthex. Please note that the Elkhorn Food Pantry serves Elkhorn Area School District residents and is located at 14 W. Geneva Street. Representatives of Elkhorn area churches run the pantry. Our members Bill Holtz and Fred Baudais are on the Board of Directors. Our members - Bill Holtz, Carla Baudais, Jim and Vickie Mueller, Doris Salem, and Bonnie Nommensen share their time at the pantry. The Walworth County Food Pantry, which serves the rest of Walworth County and is located at 205 E. Commerce Court, is a *separate* entity from the Elkhorn Food Pantry. Your generosity in helping the less fortunate is appreciated! *The Food Pantry always welcomes new volunteers. If you are interested in helping one morning a week (Monday, Wednesday, or Friday) each month, please contact Carla Baudais.*

# FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

## Schedule of Events

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| Wed., April 3                | Grades 3-4 sing in 6:30 p.m. Lenten service  |
| Mon., April 8                | Social Studies Fair – 6:00 p.m.  |
| Wed., April 10               | Grades 7-8 sing in 6:30 p.m. Lenten service  |
| Sat., April 13               | Easter Egg Hunt – 10:00 a.m.   |
| Sun., April 14               | Volunteer Student Choir sings – 10:30 a.m.   |
| Mon., April 15               | Board of Education – 6:00 p.m.   |
| Thurs., April 18             | Easter Special Meal  |
| Fri., April 19               | No Bus Service<br>Good Friday service – 1:30 p.m. ~ Kindergarten through 8 <sup>th</sup> grade sings |
| Fri., April 26               | Shoreland Academic Fair  |
| Sun., April 28 – Wed., May 1 | WELSSA Accreditation Visit   |
| Mon., April 29               | No Bus Service   |

*Be sure to check out our website - [www.firstelkhorn.com/school](http://www.firstelkhorn.com/school) – and access the most up to date calendar for school events! You can also sync the calendar to your Google calendar. Click on School - News+Events to see/print copies of the Wednesday News and/or monthly calendar.*

## Forensics

Forensics practice continues after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Forensics meet is at Shoreland Lutheran High School on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Social Studies Fair

You are invited to our Social Studies Fair in the gym on Monday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m. Come and see what First Lutheran Students learned and are sharing through the projects!

## Easter Egg Hunt

Our 4th annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Please take a flyer from the back counter and help us spread the word to everyone! If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Schramm.

## WELSSA Team Visit

First Lutheran is going through a re-accreditation process this spring. 5 years ago First Lutheran was accredited for the first time. For the past 9 months, the school board, school faculty and staff, and many volunteers have been working hard on updating our evidence and standards. Thank you for all of your work! A visiting team is coming from April 29 - May 1. This WELSSA visiting team will be reviewing our self study and how our school operates. They will then provide an oral and written report on Wednesday. We ask that God blesses their time here and blesses our school as a result of this process!

## Save for your School

First Lutheran School participates in a variety of promotions to help fund our school's non-budgeted expenses; classroom learning aids like TIME for Kids, Spanish, special programming, and more. Please save and turn in General Mills Boxtops and Frank's Piggly Wiggly receipts. Note our enrollment number when checking out at Office Max for us to gain credit for supplies. We also participate in SCRIP – purchasing and/or ordering gift cards to use as gift or your everyday purchases. An information sheet is located under the stairs near the green SCRIP order sheets. If you order from Amazon, use AmazonSmile and designate First Lutheran Church for a percentage of your purchase to go back to the school. If you have questions regarding any of the programs, please contact Mr. Schramm or the office. *Thank you for helping your school!*



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**Council Hosts:**  
8:00 M. Schwark  
Apr. 7 T. Stech  
Apr. 14 M. Hoyord (6)  
Apr. 21 J. Kuehl  
Lenten Services, Wednesday-7:00 pm -  
Maundy Thursday, April 17 - 6:30 p.m.: M. Hoyord & C. Greving  
Good Friday, April 18 - 1:30 p.m.: B. Holtz & D. Hintz  
6:30 p.m.: J. Kuehl & C. Collins

**Ushers:**  
8:00 D. Mangold  
R. Smith  
D. Hintz (6)  
C. Greving  
April 3 - M. Schwark & M. Yunker  
April 10 - J. Sulik & M. Papenfus

10:30 S. Beaver  
C. Collins  
M. Yunker (9)  
M. Papenfus

# April 2019

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |
|---|--|--|--|---|---|---|
|   | <b>1</b><br>MOM - 9:30 a.m.  | <b>2</b><br>Choir - 6:30 p.m.<br>Alive with Christ -<br>7:30 p.m.  | <b>3</b><br>Ladies Aid - 1:30 pm<br>Lenten Meal - 5 pm<br>-Altar-BBQ/Hot Dogs<br>Lent Service-6:30 pm<br>-Rev Lahmann/3-4 sing | <b>4</b><br>Bible Class - 9 a.m.<br>Toddler Open Gym -<br>9:30 a.m.   | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>7</b><br>Communion Services<br>- 8 & 10:30 a.m.<br>SS/BC - 9:15 am   | <b>8</b><br>FLS Social Studies<br>Fair - 6:00 p.m.                 | <b>9</b><br>Choir - 6:30 p.m.<br>Alive with Christ -<br>7:30 p.m.  | <b>10</b><br>Lenten Meal - 5 pm<br>-St/EV - soup<br>Lent Service-6:30 pm<br>- Rev Waldschmidt<br>- Gr. 7-8 sing                | <b>11</b><br>Bible Class - 9 a.m.   | <b>12</b>   | <b>13</b><br>Men's Breakfast<br>Bible Study - 8-9 am<br>Easter Egg Hunt -<br>10:00 a.m. |
| <b>14 Palm Sunday</b><br>Worship Services<br>- 8 & 10:30 a.m.<br>-student choir<br>Voters' Mtg.-9:15 am<br>SS - 9:15 am                 | <b>15</b><br>Board of Ed.- 6 pm<br>Board Mtgs.-6:30 pm             | <b>16</b><br>Choir - 6:30 p.m.<br>Alive with Christ -<br>7:30 p.m. | <b>17</b>  | <b>18 Maundy Thursday</b><br>Bible Class - 9 a.m.<br>TOG -9:30 a.m.<br>First, LG - Blood<br>Drive - 2-5:30 pm<br>Communion Service<br>-6:30 pm -choir sings | <b>19 Good Friday</b><br>Service - 1:30 pm<br>-Gr. K -8 sing<br>Tenebrae Service<br>-6:30 pm -choir sings | <b>20</b>   |
| <b>21 Easter</b><br>Communion Easter<br>Festival Services -<br>6:00 & 9:00 a.m.<br>-choir sings<br>Breakfast served<br>between services | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b><br>Choir - 6:30 p.m.<br>Alive with Christ -<br>7:30 p.m. | <b>24</b><br>Ladies Book Club -<br>7:00 p.m. @<br>M. Schwark's   | <b>25</b><br>Bible Class - 9 a.m.<br>Christian Book Club -<br>6:00 p.m.<br>Worship Service -<br>7:00 p.m.   | <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b><br>Women's Bible Study<br>- 8-9 a.m.  |
| <b>28</b><br>Worship Services<br>- 8 & 10:30 a.m.<br>SS/BC - 9:15 am  | <b>29</b><br>Choir - 6:30 p.m.<br>Alive with Christ -<br>7:30 p.m. | <b>30</b>  |  |   |   |   |

# April 2019

## Council Hosts:

|          | <u>8:00</u>      | <u>10:30</u>   |
|----------|------------------|----------------|
| April 7  | M. Schwark       | J. Sulik       |
| April 14 | T. Stech         | B. Holtz       |
| April 21 | M. Hoyord (6:00) | P. Rote (9:00) |
| April 28 | J. Kuehl         | P. Rote        |

## Ushers:

| <u>8:00</u>     | <u>10:30</u>     |
|-----------------|------------------|
| D. Mangold      | S. Beaver        |
| R. Smith        | C. Collins       |
| D. Hintz (6:00) | M. Yunker (9:00) |
| C. Greving      | M. Papenfus      |

Lenten Services, Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. – April 3 – M. Schwark & M. Yunker

April 10 – J. Sulik & M. Papenfus

Maundy Thursday, April 17 – 6:30 p.m.: M. Hoyord & C. Greving

Good Friday, April 18 – 1:30 p.m.: B. Holtz & D. Hintz

6:30 p.m.: J. Kuehl & C. Collins

## Greeters:

|          | <u>8:00</u>           | <u>10:30</u>                |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| April 7  | Paul & Michelle Lemke | Gene & Patty Lauderdale     |
| April 14 | Mike & Marsha Schwark | Beverly Freitag             |
| April 21 | Alice Lembach (6:00)  | Matt & Kristy Barker (9:00) |
| April 28 | Dennis & Terri Carnes | Scott & Amy Beaver          |

## Birthdays: shut in members are in **bold print**

|                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1- Matthew Lambert       | 17- Jeanne Schoenbeck  |
| Amy Schneider            | Raymond Kayser         |
| 3- Kaylee Young          | Marlene Schoenbeck     |
| Sara Schramm             | 21- Cindy Papenfus     |
| 4- Brandon Schmidt       | Alex Papenfus          |
| Charlie Schweinler       | 22- Doris Salem        |
| 8- <b>Edward Zwiig</b>   | Fred Baudais           |
| 9- Linda Zahn            | 23- Peggy Walbrandt    |
| Scott Beaver             | 24- Bennett Lauderdale |
| 10- Debra Wollert        | 25- Emily Guzman       |
| Brandi Hammel            | 26- Nicholas Peterson  |
| 12- Donald Flitcroft Jr. | Allison Schweinler     |
| 13- Lauryn Miller        | 27- Kristine Romie     |
| Madison Bongard          | Laura Kuehl            |
| Christopher Collins      | 28- Abbie Kolacke      |
| 14- Jean Gilkey          | 29- Alesya Joitke      |
| Brandon Behling          | Zachary Wollert        |
| Emma Skogsberg           |                        |

## Anniversaries:

Don & Betty Flitcroft, April 4, 1992  
Lawrence & Patricia Basinski, April 9, 1975  
Herbert & Dorothy Papenfus, April 9, 1960  
Roger & Glenda Schellin, April 9, 1977  
Richard & Jean Gilkey, April 15, 1961  
Frank & Dorothy Klein, April 17, 1954  
Kerry & Peggy Schafer, April 17, 1982  
Michael & Marsha Schwark, April 28, 1990