

TOTALS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Mar 29 5:30 pm – 26 Sunday, Mar 30 8:00 am – 68 10:30 am – 25

Sunday School: Students – \$ Teachers – \$ Fellowship - \$

Contributions This Week: Sat./Sun. – \$ 3,945
(needed to meet budget – \$6,157)

This week at First:

- Sat, April 5

9:00 am – Comforting Ladies
5:30 pm – Traditional Worship Service
- Sun, April 6

8:00 am – Traditional Worship Service
9:15 am – Sunday School - **ALL** ages
10:30 am – Contemporary Worship Service
- Mon, April 7

7:00 pm – Euchre
- Tues, Apr 8

1:00 pm – Comforting Ladies
7:00 pm – Church Council Meeting
- Wed, Apr 9

5:00 pm – Confirmation Class on Zoom
- Thurs, Apr 10

6:00 pm – Choir
7:00 pm – VBS Planning Meeting
- Fri, Apr 11
- Sat, Apr 12

9:00 am – Comforting Ladies (Quilters)
10:00 am – Easter Egg Hunt
3:00 – 4:30 pm – Congregational Informational Forum
5:30 pm – Traditional Worship Service

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sun, Apr 13Confirmation on Palm Sunday @ 9 am (ONLY 1 service)
- Thurs, April 17Maundy Thursday Service @ 7 pm
- Fri, Apr 18Good Friday Service @ 7 pm
- Fri, Apr 18Prayer Vigil starts at 9 pm
- Sun, April 20Easter Service
- Tues, April 22Worship Committee Meeting
- Thurs, Apr 24Men In Mission @7pm
- Fri, April 25Newsletter Deadline
- Sat, April 26Fellowship Hall reserved 10 am – 3 pm

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Stewardship for:

Saturday, April 5, 2025 – 5:30 pm

Keyboard/Organist.....Sandy Freeston
Ushers.....Volunteer/Thank you
Greeter.....Volunteer/Thank You
Lector.....Volunteer/Thank You
Acolyte.....Maya Ray
Communion Asst.....Nancy LoPiccalo
Altar Guild.....Jim & Shirley Onken

Sunday, April 6, 2025 – 8:00 am

Organist/Pianist.....Julie Mehlberg
Ushers.....Volunteer/Thank You
Greeter(s).....Dave & Dee Dee Tarmann
Lector.....Mary Ann Johnson
Acolyte.....Charli Wilcox
Communion Assistant.....Sue Hiatt
Altar Guild.....Jane Yates

Sunday, April 6, 2025 – 10:30 am

Usher.....Gary & Deb Crull
Greeters.....Volunteer/Thank You
Lector.....Kathy Weber
Acolyte.....Trinity Smith
Communion Asst.....Kathy Weber
Altar Guild.....Kathy Weber

WELCOME VISITORS! We are blessed to have you join us in worship today! Please sign our **Visitor Guest Book** located in the Narthex, and also include ***your complete mailing address***, so we may recognize your visit with us! Thank you!

VANCO Mobile App...it’s your choice! We invite you to learn more about this new church communication app. Check with any of our **Tech Committee Members** for more details: Mike Carlson, Christine Brown, Bob Follmer, Diane Sancken or Andrew Kelly.



Please continue to pray for: Diana Becker, Ellis Diemer, Kerry Foster, Darrel Johnson, Mary Ann Johnson, Marcia Legner, Cindy Rodriguez, Cindi Arnold, Kate Cashmer, Betty Edwards, Melissa Hoerner, Joni Koch, Chris Ross, Anita Sands, Bob Thompson, Gail Shaffer, Dave & Carol Tharp, John Winchester & Jalene Woolford, **Children:** Elliot Buchheit, Josh Sphrepfer & Lucy McKinley

We pray for all families within our congregation who are struggling in any way at this time.

Prayer List...Thank you for informing us who you want to remain on our Prayer List. If you wish to have a card sent to them, please provide the church office a good address in order to send them a “Thinking of You” card. If they should need extra special prayer and/or visits, we can inform our “Caring Ministry Team”. If you have someone you want to add to this list, please contact the church office anytime.

Prayers: Please pray for the family of Harley Mayer. Harley passed away on April 1, 2025. His funeral was held on Friday, April 4, 2025.

Prayers: Please pray also for the family of Richard Pfaff. Richard passed away on April 2, 2025. His funeral will be held on Monday, April 7, 2025.

Thank you for sponsoring our **Altar Flowers – Denny & Paula Myers** in honor of **Maddie & Dex birthday** and **Fred & Patti Shirley** in memory of **Marian & Harley Mayer’s anniversary** (would have been 78 yrs).

Thank you for sponsoring for our **Box Cast Livestream Broadcast** this week – **Denny & Paula Myers** in honor of **Maddie & Dex birthday.** Also **Fred & Patti Shirley** in honor & in memory of family members.

Altar Flowers Did You Know? When you sponsor **Altar Flowers**, you are welcome to take them home with you after the second service or sometime during the week!?! They will be sitting in the kitchen. Thank you!

First Lutheran Church Youth Group...invite ALL children, ALL ages through 5th grade to an **EASTER EGG HUNT** to be held on **Saturday, April 12 @ 10 am.** *We would greatly appreciate your help with donations of inexpensive prizes or monetary donations.* There are **signup flyers** outside the sanctuary for us to plan how many children will participate – please return by **Friday, April 11.**

Affirmation of Baptism for the 2024-2025 Confirmation Class...is scheduled for **Palm Sunday April 13** at a **9:00 am service.** There are 4 students in the 8th grade class and 4 students in the 7th grade class.

ATTENTION Parents & Families of Graduates...Graduations will be upon us in only a few weeks. First Lutheran Church will honor the graduates within our church family during church services on **May 10/11, 2025,** Mother’s Day weekend. If you have a graduate in your family

8th grade, high school or college), please notify the office so that we may include them in our recognition during the services that weekend. Thank you!

CALL COMMITTEE...will meet Sunday April 6 @ 11:30 am. Chair: Donna Henkel, Sec’y: Joani Swenson, Members: Jeff Bressner, Mike Carlson, Dave Harding, Jeff Melvin, Julie Rapp, Wesley Sancken, Marion Willhoite & Council Rep: Bob Follmer.

A Forum entitled: **“Life Together in Christ: Forward in Faith”** will be held on **Saturday, April 12 from 3:00—4:30 pm.** It will be led by Pastor Keith Forni, our Great Rivers Mission District Dean. He will give an overview about the place of worship in congregational life together as the people of God, talking about the number of liturgies, and also the types and styles of services. This will help to give us a sense of where God may be leading First Lutheran Church. The purpose is for information purposes only—not a vote. **Come and get informed.**

Good Friday Prayer Vigil begins **Friday April 12 @ 9 pm.** **Sign up** to pray for a 1-hour slot. We still have some slots to fill. Please sign up on the clip board or contact the office.

Next 2025 VBS Planning Meeting...Thursday, April 7 PM. Come join us in the Munson Room, if you would like to help plan this year’s fun program VBS titled, **“TRUE NORTH”.** It will be held **June 2-6 @ 8:15–11:45 am daily** for ages 3 – 6th grade. A **VBS sign-up sheet** will be passed during services for you to choose the role you’d like to play in this year’s VBS (or call the church office with your role choice). *VBS is one of FLC’s biggest Outreach Programs and it requires lots of willing volunteer workers!*

CEO “Come Eat Out” Group The next fellowship meal will be on **Tuesday, April 22 @ Dos Fuentes Mexican Restaurant** @ 5:30 pm in Fairbury.

Men in Mission will hold their next gathering on **Thursday, April 24 @ 7 pm.** All men from First Lutheran Church are welcome to attend!

Food Pantry...During the month of **April**, we will continue to collect: toilet paper, paper towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, “pop-top” canned foods, canned “complete” meals (w/meat), complete pancake mix, syrup, feminine products, laundry detergent, kid’s cereal. *There is an urgent need for the following items: Soups – Cream of Mushroom, Cream of Chicken and Tomato and Pasta Sauces (cans only).* *The pantry has not received as much from the food banks and has had to purchase food for the shelves.* **Monetary donations** are always welcomed. The pantry also accepts donations of *unopened, non-perishable food & supplies.* Thank you for your support and to all who have transported donated items to the Food Pantry!

Comforting Quilting Ladies...continue to meet on **Tuesday afternoons from 1 pm to 5 pm** and on **Saturdays from 9 am to 5 pm.** Anyone can join us at any time during those hours! **We are still in need of Church Service Volunteers!** Please prayerfully consider signing up to volunteer for Communion Assistant, Altar Guild, Usher, and/or Greeter.