

# The Messenger

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## FEBRUARY FOCUS.....

### Valentine Cookies

The annual Valentine Cookie Sale begins on February 10 through February 14. This fundraiser benefits the First Lutheran Post-Secondary Scholarship.



The sale dates are as follows:

- ♥ Friday, February 10: 12:00-6:00 p.m.
- ♥ Saturday, February 11: 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
- ♥ Sunday, February 12: Before and after the worship service
- ♥ Monday, February 13: 12:00-6:00 p.m.
- ♥ Tuesday, February 14: 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

**Please join us for this important day in the life of First Lutheran!**

Sunday, February 5th  
**Installation of Deacon Kris Wollman**



with guest preacher Bishop Constanze Hagmaier  
**worship @ 9:30 a.m.**  
**followed by a potluck!**

What to bring (If your last name begins with):

- A - J bring hotdishes
- K - Q bring desserts
- R - Z bring salads



JOIN US FOR  
**Ash Wednesday**  
**February 22nd**

5:30 - 6:30 pm

**Meal Served**

BBQs, chips & veggies  
w/free will offering to  
help with Bible camp expenses

7:00 pm

**Worship in the Sanctuary**

with Holy Communion



Sanborn & 5th Ave., Mitchell, SD  
[www.MitchellFirstLutheran.org](http://www.MitchellFirstLutheran.org)

### Faith Chest Milestone Catch-Up

Sunday, March 5

If you have a child that has been baptized here at First Lutheran in the past 3 years and have not

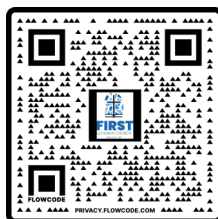
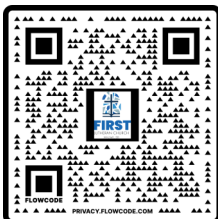


received a faith chest, you are invited to a Faith Chest Milestone Catch-up. During worship on Sunday, March 5 families will be invited forward to receive a faith chest, some "taking faith home" info for your family to participate in, and a blessing for this milestone. Going forward, faith chests will be given out at baptism. Reminder letters will be sent in the mail to families whose kids have been baptized but have not received a faith chest. Let the office know if you are a family who has not received a faith chest and were not sent a letter. We want to include you in "catching-up" the giving of faith chests as a milestone in worship.

**Sign up for electronic giving & Hospitality Ministry has never been easier! Simply scan either QR code. The codes will also be on the back of the weekly worship bulletin.**

**Giving Made Easy!**

**Hospitality Ministry Sign Up**



Sign up for Hospitality Ministry is available on the church's website, scanning the QR code or by calling the church office.

# Church Council Highlights

## COUNCIL MINUTES — January 10, 2023

Please note: these minutes have been edited for the newsletter.  
The full minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the office hallway

### Pastor's Report:

- ◆ Journey with Jesus & Confirmation re-starts on January 11
- ◆ Continue to work on outdoor signs
- ◆ Youth sledding party & pizza on January 18
- ◆ High School Bible study on January 29
- ◆ January, 5 Sundays with 4 different lead musicians\
- ◆ January is stewardship month, "We Are an Offering" is the theme
- ◆ Electronic giving cards to be put in pews
- ◆ January 29, in-gathering of commitment cards

### Deacon's Report:

- ◆ Installation on February 5
- ◆ 12 visits at various locations, getting to know folks and their stories
- ◆ Grief Group, time may change to afternoon
- ◆ Met with a parent group to revise Milestone Ministries

### Ministry Reports:

- ◆ Worship: Kathie has Easter music. Hospitality sign-up has been good.
- ◆ Fellowship & Caring: Going well. Very caring committee members that are contacting and visiting members.
- ◆ Faith Formation: Journey with Jesus will resume tomorrow. Curriculum has been ordered and teachers secured. Milestone Ministry is being reviewed.
- ◆ Stewardship: January is stewardship month. Mailers will be coming in the near future.
- ◆ Property: Water leak in the upstairs bathroom has been taken care of. Family Life Center bathrooms are cold. Discussed ways to get more heat in them. Looked at the Chapel and ways to update. John will get bids on painting and lighting.

**Reception of the Treasurer's Report:** December 2022 income \$41,215.19; expenses \$32,480.91. Net gain for December \$8,734.28. YTD 2022 Income \$101,165.69. Rick made a motion to receive the Treasurer's report, seconded by Wayne. Motion carried.

### New Business:

- ◆ FLC Safety/Security Plan: Discussion on possible security plan. Rick made a motion, seconded by Jon to purchase 6 additional cameras and 2 additional monitors from On Sight with the money coming from the Building Fund. Motion carried.
- ◆ Finalize FLC 2023 Budget: Eric presented the 2023 budget and explained the few changes from last month. Jon made a motion, seconded by Rick to approve the budget. Motion carried.
- ◆ Frame for 'Drawn to the Word' painting: Wayne made a motion, seconded by Karen to authorize Dale Moke to purchase the materials to make a frame for the picture by Paul Oman.

## DOLLAR\$&CENTS

### DECEMBER ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS:

December 4	..... 197/OL:196	..... \$10,089.52
December 7	..... 27	..... \$95.00
December 11	..... 189/OL:98	..... \$4,200.26
December 14	..... 13	..... \$100.00
December 18	..... 265/OL:316	..... \$8,391.35
December 24	..... 339/OL:112/119	..... \$11,259.00
December 25	..... 63/OL:68	..... \$3,187.45
December 31	.....	..... \$4,737.45

December 2022	Offering	\$42,060.03
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*\$34,347.00 is needed per month to meet monthly budget.*

### ***What is a deacon?***

In the ELCA, we have two ordained rosters: Pastor (Word and Sacrament) and Deacon (Word and Service). A person's discernment (a thoughtful, prayerful, Spirit-led, decision-making process) to be an ordained deacon often comes from a prior leadership role in the church include: Children, Youth and Family, Youth Direction, Worship and Music, Caring Ministry, Chaplaincy, Camping Ministry, Parish Nursing, Adult Education, Lay Preaching, Council Officer, or Church Administration. Once a decision is made to pursue ordination as a deacon, a seminary education including CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) and an internship follows. Both pastors and deacons are ordained once they receive their first call.



Deacons, once called an ordained, may continue to focus on one ministry area. In my case, I continued my parish work as a Worship and Music Director for several years. Over time, my ongoing discernment led me to an expanded call to many areas of parish ministry...preaching, teaching, worship planning, pastor care, outreach, and service.

So here I am! Saying "yes" to calling me as your deacon, partnering alongside Pastor Scott and all of you in many areas of this faith community. Other than presiding over communion and baptizing (sacrament) you will see me showing up (service) both inside and beyond the campus of First Lutheran, wherever this journey of "faith and live together" takes us. *Deacon Kris*

## ***WELCOME ~ Deacon Kris***



***Kris Wollman***

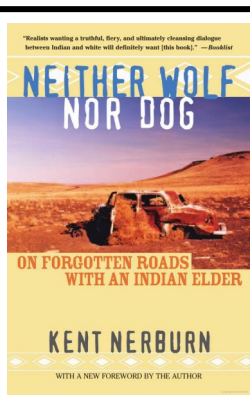
**First Lutheran welcomed Deacon Kris Wollman December 1 and the congregation is invited to her installation on Sunday, February 5.**

**Kris became a deacon in 2009, upon completing her seminary and becoming rostered with the ELCA. She served Bethlehem Lutheran in Aberdeen for six years and then three years at Lutheran Memorial Church in Pierre. Prior to that Kris spent much of her adult life in Sioux Falls, graduating from Augustana University, teaching music in the Sioux Falls schools, and working in congregations with a ministry focus of worship and music. Sons Micah (Minneapolis) and Jordan (San Francisco) were both raised in Sioux Falls.**

**Deacon Kris met Pastor Scott in the mid 1980's when both were at "The Fort" near Outlaw Ranch, outside Custer. Pastor Scott was the camp counselor and Deacon Kris was the youth director at Our Saviors in Sioux Falls, and had taken students to camp.**

**She grew up on a farm north of Huron on Highway 37, where her mother still resides.**





The Sisters in Faith group will be hosting a discussion on the book *Neither Wolf Nor Dog* by Kent Nerburn on February 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Jill Munger will be facilitating the night. Dr. Karla Abbott; an enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe; Associate Professor of nursing at Augustana University will be

speaking to the group. Along with this our group is collecting donations for the Woyotan Lutheran Mobile Warming Station in Rapid City. Please visit the following website for more information on

Woyotan Lutheran Mobile Warming Station:  
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Questions can be directed to Jill Munger, Lisa Walton and Michelle White.

## February's Noisy Offering

is being collected for the First Lutheran Scholarship (First Lutheran Post-Secondary Scholarship). This scholarship is available to First Lutheran high school seniors and current First Lutheran college students attending any accredited technical college, college or university.



## Upcoming Noisy Offerings:

- ⇒ **March:** Confirmation Camp
- ⇒ **April:** Lutherans Outdoors
- ⇒ **May:** Heart & Sole Cancer Walk



## Choir Rehearsals

Rehearsal for a choral event titled "No Greater Love" outlining the

death and resurrection of Jesus will begin on Thursday, February 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room. We will practice every Thursday evening in February and March and will share this story on Palm Sunday, April 2 at our Sunday worship service. Please consider joining the choir to "use our voices" as an offering!

Sign-up to receive

## SD Synod eNews

The weekly synod news is delivered to your inboxes on Thursday mornings with information, stories, and upcoming events in the South Dakota Synod and the ELCA.

Sign up at:  
<https://sdsynod.org/subscribe/>



The church office will be closed on Monday, February 20 in observation of President's Day.

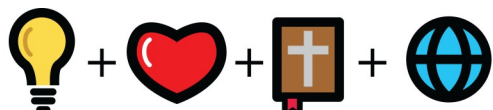


First Lutheran will be having a food collection for the Mitchell Food

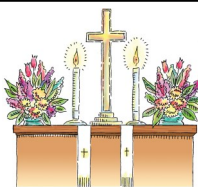


## Food Collection

Pantry one Sunday in March. The date is to be determined. More information to come!



**MAKING DISCIPLES**



*If you would like to provide altar or chancel flowers for Sunday worship you can contact Jodi in office.*

**Prices start at \$30.**

## Gather Study Groups

- ◆ **Tuesday, January 31**
  - ◇ 11:30 a.m. FLCW Board Meeting, Upstairs meeting room at Bank West
- ◆ **Wednesday, February 1**
  - ◇ 9:30 a.m. Lydia Group, Church Conference Room
- ◆ **Thursday, February 2**
  - ◇ 9:30 a.m. Sarah Group, Family Life Center



All First Lutheran women are invited to be part of any of these groups which meet on a regular basis. Please join us.

Students are asked to sign up to sell Valentine cookies on the following dates:

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Sign up on the clipboard on the counter in the Glass Lobby. Adult help is also appreciated at times when students are unavailable.

## BOOK CLUB WILL BE DISCUSSING THE FOLLOWING BOOKS:



- ⇒ *A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabell Allende on Friday, February 17.
- ⇒ *The Woman They Could Not Silence* by Kate Moore on Friday, March 17.
- ⇒ *Life's Final Season* by Richard P. Holm, MD on Friday, April 21.
- ⇒ *102 Minutes* by Jim Dwyer & Kevin Flynn on Friday, May 19.
- ⇒ *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult on Friday, June 16.

The book club meets at 10:00 a.m. at Fika Coffeehouse

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY, AND KEEP IT HOLY.

EXODUS 20:8, NRSV



## Scholarship Reminders

- Students who are currently attending or planning to attend an ELCA college/university are encouraged to apply for the Prairie Rivers scholarship. Applications can be picked up from the church office and due to Joan Anderson by April 1.
- **First Lutheran Post-Secondary:** First Lutheran high school seniors pursuing post-secondary education and First Lutheran students currently in college/university/technical school are eligible to apply. Forms are available in the church office. Applications are due in the church office on March 1.



## UPCOMING EVENT

2023 Women of the ELCA Synodical Meeting, Black Hills, June 22 & 23.



## UPCOMING RUMMAGE SALE!

First Lutheran will be hosting another rummage sale in June. The profit will be divided between the youth camping program and the FLC Post-Secondary Scholarship.



## Pastoral Care: Hospitalized and Homebound

When you know that a church member is hospitalized, has been moved to a nursing home, or has become homebound, please contact the church.

At the hospital front desk Pastor Scott or Deacon Kris can ask for and review the Lutheran list. Our hospitalized church members are *usually* on that list. Sometimes they are not because of a mistake: the hospital forgot to ask the name of the patient's home church, or (for one reason or another) it just didn't get on the list. So we'd rather hear ten times from you about someone in need of a visit rather than to hear nothing at all. We are a church family. Your visits to members of this congregation's family are important, as well. And keeping the pastor informed is also part of your ministry as a member of the congregation. Thank you!

## Items for Personal Care Kits are always welcome!

The following items are included in each Personal Care Kit:



- ⇒ One light-weight bath-size towel (20" x 40" to 52" x 27") dark color recommended
- ⇒ Two to three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz, any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars
- ⇒ One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- ⇒ One sturdy comb (no picks or fine tooth combs), remove packaging
- ⇒ One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

Items can be placed in the tote in the Glass Lobby. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the church office.

## Ash Wednesday & Lenten Meals

Here is the list of who and what is being served during Lent for Wednesday Meals.



Please note this is subject to change.

- ⇒ **February 22: Ash Wednesday**
  - \* 6th and 7th Graders (& parents): Sloppy joes, chips & veggies
- ⇒ **March 1**
  - \* 8th graders & high school students (& parents): Ham sandwiches & chili
- ⇒ **March 8**
  - \* FLCW: Baked potato bar
- ⇒ **March 15**
  - \* Chancel & Bell Choirs: lasagna & salad
- ⇒ **March 22**
  - \* Church Council: TBD
- ⇒ **March 29**
  - \* TOHTS: TBD



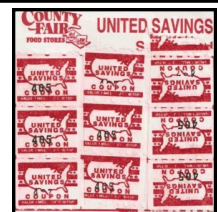
Meals will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Worship services begin at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Each group can direct the proceeds from the meal however they choose. The two youth groups will be offsetting Bible camp/summer activities expenses. Lenten Meals are open to all members, not just families with children.

## The First Lutheran Piecemakers

would like to invite anyone who is interested in quilting (no experience required) to join them on Tuesdays from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Various tasks that are completed are quilting, tying, cutting and ironing. Questions, contact Sharon Scott.



Do you have stacks of filled County Fair United Savings cards? You can leave them in the marked drawer in the Glass Lobby or drop them off in the church office and the church will get \$0.55 per card! This money can be used for a variety of reasons, Confirmation Camp, GIFT, Milestone Ministries, etc.



## Coborn's Receipts

We are collecting receipts for the months of November & December 2022 and January 2023. Receipts prior to November 2022 cannot be used. Please turn in your receipts by February 14. The church receives 1% of the total receipts which is used for transportation costs. Thank you for your participation!

