

Personal Care Kits

Baskets of Promise for Lutheran World Relief During Lent we participate in Lutheran World Relief's Baskets of Promise appeal. We collect items to assemble Personal Care Kits that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations. We hope to assemble more than 100 Personal Care Kits!

Here are the items for collection:
Bars of soap, 4-5 ounce, any brand in original wrapping-two per kit; Bath towels, lightweight, 52"X27" max, dark color is best; Toothbrushes, adult size, in original packaging; Combs; Nail clippers, metal, attached file optional. Note: We are supplied with combs and toothbrushes.

You can still contribute items. Drop box can is located at the front entrance of the church or you can bring items to Sunday worship. Lutheran World Relief will distribute the assembled kits to people around the world who lack even the most basic needs. Thank you for providing a means to preserve dignity and give hope.

Eco-Palms for Palm Sunday Worship March 28

One small way that First Lutheran practices stewardship is through the purchase of Eco-Palms. Traditional harvesting of palms in Mexico and Guatemala has contributed to destruction of the forest and harm to the indigenous communities. Eco-Palms are harvested in a way that preserves the trees and also gives the workers a fair wage. May God bless the hands that do this work.



Easter Flowers

Share in the Spirit of Easter by sharing your Easter flowers (for example: lilies, tulips, etc.) with your First Lutheran family. The flowers may be given in remembrance of a loved one or in celebration of a special event or person. Flowers may be dropped off at the Church Library on Good Friday, April 2 from 9:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. If you would like a remembrance noted in the bulletin regarding your flowers, please call the church office no later than Monday, March 29. Please label your flowers. Thank you!



Holy Week and Easter Worship

March 28 - Palm Sunday

Hosanna!

8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion

April 1 - Maundy Thursday

The service of Christ

7:00 p.m. Worship and Holy Communion

April 2 - Good Friday

The passion and death of Christ

9:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Easter Flower drop off
1:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Worship
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Worship

April 4 - The Resurrection of our Lord

The resurrection of Jesus is announced

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Holy Communion
8:10 a.m. Festival Holy Communion
9:20 a.m. Festival Holy Communion
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Drive-Thru Communion
10:30 a.m. Festival Holy Communion

Easter Egg Hunt To Go!

Pre-assembled Easter Egg hunt bags have everything you need to have a fun Easter Egg Hunt at home! Bags will be handed out on Easter Sunday, April 4 at worship services and drive thru 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. If you would like to provide a bag of individually wrapped candy or money for supplies, you can still contribute by Sunday, March 28. If you would like to help fill plastic eggs (in your own home), contact the Church office.

Drive-Thru Communion

We will have Holy Communion available via drive thru at the church on
Sunday, March 21 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, March 24 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 4 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, April 21 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 25 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
If you are unable to be present at one of these times and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the church to make other arrangements.



Prayer Chain

For many years First Lutheran prayer chain participants have intentionally prayed for concerns and/or joys of those who request prayer. In the past, prayer concerns were shared via telephone, now most all participants receive requests via email. It is a powerful thing to know that one's requests are being prayed over by others. If you would like to serve and support others through prayer in this way, please contact the church office to be added to this group.

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“First...Servants of All”

Reflections from Pastor Beth

Discernment is a process of coming to see with clarity and to recognize what the next right step is for us. For us as people of faith, discernment is done with help from the Holy Spirit—learning to separate apart and to see with clarity through prayer, study, conversation and relationship. Discernment is something that we do as an ongoing process, consistently listening to what the Holy Spirit is speaking to us and urging us to do next in our ministry.

With this ongoing discernment of our call and ministry of First Lutheran, the church council has approved the formation of a team for *Discerning Latino Ministry* at First Lutheran. The discernment team will focus on four things for the next year: prayer, Bible study, building relationships, and learning. At the end of a year, we hope to have a clear vision from the Holy Spirit in how we might share with our Latino neighbors what we at First Lutheran value most about our church: that we are a church where ALL are welcome, where the Gospel Love is shared, and that we are *First...servants of all!*

Discernment for Latino Ministry Team: We are looking for people to be part of this discernment team. This team will be the leaders of the discernment, but the whole congregation will be invited to participate along the way. Please spend time in prayer and discern if you feel called to be a member of this team. If you feel called to join, please contact the church office or Pastor Beth directly.

Personal Update from Pastor Beth

For some of you this update may be old news, because word spreads as it does around town. I wanted to make sure that I had the chance to share my family's news with the church from myself directly. My husband Jeremie is set to deploy with the MN National Guard in March for about one year. This will mean big changes for my family over the next year. But for those wondering or concerned, for the most part, this will not mean big changes for the church or my ability to be your new pastor. I welcome and thank you for your prayers for my family, especially our daughters Madison and Mya, as we say goodbyes and transition into a new way of family life for a year. In this time of transition and separation, we are trusting the promises that God walks with us and will see us through this too.

Sunday Worship Service

8:30 and 10:30 a.m. worship services have resumed. **Please continue to make reservations** by calling the church office, visiting our website or online at rsvp.church/r/BRBnaC8Q **Masks or a Full-Face Shield Required in the Building. Strict Social Distancing.**

Supporting Pastor Beth

Dear Friends,
Members of First Lutheran Church Council and First Lutheran Pastor Parish Committees discussed with Pastor Beth ways that the congregation can support her family during the time that Jeremie, Pastor Beth's husband, is deployed. We would like to support the family with "A Meal a Week for Pastor Beth." Should you decide to make a meal, it can be dropped off at the church, Wednesdays before 3:30 p.m. for Pastor Beth to take home. Members of the Council and the Pastor Parish Committee have already committed to supporting Pastor Beth and her family in this way. If you or your family would like to support a meal for Pastor Beth and her family, you are invited to contact Lola Faufau at (320) 431-9454 or by e-mail lolaef50@gmail.com But more importantly, please keep Jeremie, Pastor Beth, and her family in your prayers during this time of family separation.

Sincerely,
Carl Rydeen
Church Council President

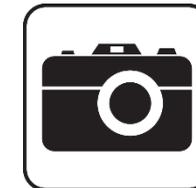


Confirmation Update

First Communion for Second and Third grades will be scheduled in small groups during worship services. More details to follow soon.

Sixth grade watch your postal mail for a letter on more information.

Ninth grade plans are in the works for this summer. Look for a letter later this spring.



First on First Fun Fest Event

Photo Scavenger Hunt is the plan!

When: Wednesday, April 7

Form your own team, make sure everyone can fit in your vehicle!

Bring your phone to take pictures!

6:00 p.m. Meet in parking lot of First Lutheran Church for instructions

7:30 p.m. Slideshow, Pizza, and Prizes



Connect with First Lutheran at:

Worship services air on the following sites each Sunday. You can access as you are able.

Webpage: www.flclittlefalls.org

Facebook: First Lutheran Church, Little Falls MN

Public access television Charter/Spectrum #180 Sundays at 1:30 p.m., Mondays at 1:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Holden Evening Prayer worship video, posts on Wednesdays during Lent on the church website: flclittlefalls.org and the church Facebook page: First Lutheran Church, Little Falls MN. Video will air on Spectrum/Charter cable channel 180 on Wednesday's at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.