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from the
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First Lutheran Church April Newsletter

April 2018

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**First Lutheran Is A Mission
Partner with Camp of the
Cross Ministries**

This past Friday, March 16th, I saw my first sign of coming spring, a robin sitting on the top of the large evergreen tree across the street on the south side of the church parking lot. I had just got out of the car for work that day when the robin flew by and soared to the top of that tree and started singing.

My mom loved birds, especially robins. She always was on the look out to see that first sign of spring when winter was wearing out its welcome. When my mom passed away in September of 2013, we placed this poem in her funeral service folder as a tribute to her and her lifelong love of birds.

Fly away little bird
Fly away to a better place
Where you will soar through the sky
In the wide open space
Fly away to live out all your hopes and dreams
Enter the real world
Of wondrous things
Through the dark clouds and over the rainbows
Fly away to destinations unknown
Fly away to discover yourself
And embrace what you find
Fly away to create
An otherworldly kind
A kind of yourself that you never knew
Until you left house and flew
Flew out with the air
As your old life tears
And reattaches itself
To form a new being
Fly away little bird
Fly away

I find in that poem the resurrection. As you receive this month's newsletter, we are now in the season of Easter and spring...resurrection for people and the creation. This spring may your spirit soar in the power of Christ's resurrection at work in us and may you see a robin to remind you that God wants us to sing about life we have together.

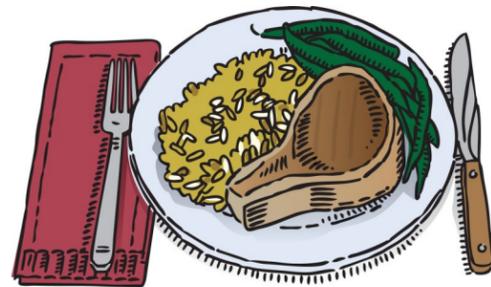
Until next time,
Pastor Lee



We will be having a new member orientation on Sunday, April 15th at 6:00 P.M. If you are interested in becoming a member here at First Lutheran please call the church office at 663-3594 as soon as possible. Thank you.

We Need Your Help!!!

We are looking for places for the camp staff to stay. You would provide them with a place to sleep and breakfast. I am hoping to get at least two homes.



I am also looking for four different families to provide them dinner. You would sign up for one night's dinner during the week. It could be a home cooked meal, a crock pot meal at church, or you can take them to eat at your favorite local place.

Please Contact Pastor Chris if you have questions or are interested.



Camp of the Cross invites you to the 7th Annual "Smores & Much More Gala" on Saturday, April 14th at the Bismarck Municipal Country Club. \$100.00 per person, Table Sponsor (9 people) \$750.00. Includes hors d'oeuvres, meal & entertainment. For reservations contact the camp office at 337-2246 or info@campofthecross.com Please place your reservations by Thursday, April 5th.

They lived in the sanctuary at Kengun with approximately 50 others for the next 40 days, riding out after shocks, eating dried noodles and the other foods that came from nearby towns through the "Tonaribito Center" program ("The Person Living Next to You" program which was started after the 2011 earthquake and tsunami in the Fukushima area), and struggling to find other living accommodations with help from Pastor Koizumi. To make a long story short, they, like many others around the world who are taken care of by "Lutheran hospitality," were also taken over by the Holy Spirit and were baptized together on Christmas Eve. I hope to tell you more of their story during my home assignment.

Please continue to pray for:

those in Japan who have been hit hard, like others in the world, with the influenza virus.

15 girls from Luther High School who are preparing to travel to Oak Grove Lutheran High School in Fargo, ND for a week in March.

Hitoshi and Satoko Adachi who have answered the call to serve Kuwamizu Lutheran Church and our International Congregation in Kumamoto starting in April.

Watch in the next newsletter for:

more about Hitoshi and Satoko Adachi

Valentines Day in Japan

Christ's Peace&Prayers,

Katie S. Narum Miyamoto

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Greetings from Kumamoto. The chill of January has past, but we still have cold temps for this area—about 0C (30F) and snow on the nearby Aso crater and hills visible from our house. Next week is supposed to hold warmer temps before we head into the plum blossom season and then the cherry blossoms. We continue to pray those effected by recent natural disasters in many parts of the world and the effect that cold temps have on recovery.

Family Stuff. Many of you have already heard that our second son, Haru, was born in October, 2017. Like Jun, he was almost 2 weeks late even though they say 2nd babies often come early. Haru is healthy, although doesn't take long naps which makes it difficult to get domestic things done, let alone computer work. We try not to use devices around either of the boys even though Jun loves the iPad. This generation is going to find it difficult enough to not become addicted to their devices, so we are hoping to keep them away from that situation for as long as we can. I am currently on maternity leave from school until October, but I continue to assist at Kengun Lutheran Church and we also work with the International Service at Kumamoto Lutheran Church. This long maternity leave also gives us a chance to do a little extension to home assignment 2018.

Home assignment 2018. I am in the beginning stages of preparing for this summer's home assignment. This could change, but we are currently looking at being in the Seattle area from the beginning of June until mid June, then WeND and EaND from mid June until the beginning of August. (I was previously hoping to be in Bismarck for the WeND synod assembly, but current plans unfortunately don't include it.) After that, Kazu would join us in the Minneapolis area in August before returning to Japan so that he can continue teaching after the summer break. I will be with both boys in the Minot and Bismarck area for the month and a half and am looking forward to seeing as many people as possible and giving Jun as much language experience as possible. Please watch for my "reverse invitation," as I call it, with information on how to have me visit you while we are in the area!

Christmas at Kengun. As this is my first newsletter of 2018, I would like to share with you a little about Christmas at Kengun Lutheran Church. The Japanese secular tradition is to have Kentucky Fried Chicken and Christmas cake and spend it with friends. Then, New Years has more of the American Christmas feeling, spending time with the family, going to the shrine and quiet observance of ushering in the new year. However, for Japanese Lutherans, it is also very important to attend the Sunday morning service before Christmas Day. Baptisms, Confirmations and changes of membership often occur at this large service with a pot-luck/party afterwards. This year, that service was on Christmas Eve. There were three baptisms of adults this year. Two of the adults are a couple. They had not previously even walked into a church before April 14, 2016. But on that night, they found themselves running into Kengun Lutheran Church! The apartment building in which they had been living in the Kengun area was shaken with the rest of the city by the 6.7 earthquake.

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April Youth Page

Mark Your
Calendar...



4th: 7pm - Confirmation -
Large Group

5th: LAF - Sloppy Joes

11th: 7pm - Confirmation -
Large Group

12th: LAF - Mac &
Cheese

18th: 7pm - Confirmation -
Large Group

19th: LAF - Nachos

25th: 7pm - Confirmation
(Last Session)

26th: LAF - Sandwiches

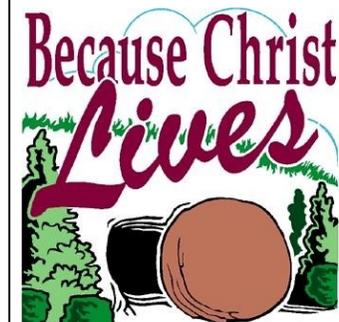
*For Wednesday School Parents,
Family, and Friends*

**Our Easter Program will be held on April
25th at the 6 P.M. worship service.**



Buy-A-Mile

The youth who are attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas will be in the Narthex selling "miles". For \$5.00, you will get the opportunity to put your name on one of our buses that we will be displaying in the Fellowship Hall to show our progress. Travel is our biggest expense, so we appreciate your help!



Pastoral Acts

Baptisms:

March 4 Titus Joseph Wagner
 March 11 Easton Stone Hermanson

Weddings:

Funerals:

March 5 Josh Fox
 March 24 Verdis Hogan
 March 26 Brock Affeldt



Deadline for articles for the May Newsletter will be April 15th.

Worship Schedule

Sunday ~
 8:30 am ~ Traditional
 10:45 am ~ Contemporary
 9:30 am ~ Coffee
 9:30 am ~ Church School

Wednesday ~
 6:00 pm ~ Transitional
 6:00 pm ~ Church School
 7:00 pm ~ Confirmation

Memorial Fund

In memory of Judy Hurdelbrink given by Mark & Barbara Evanger, Micheal & Judy Donahue, Faye Rodgers.

April ~ Mission of the Month Weekend Meals for Mandan Kids

Items needed are Chap Stick, Tuna, Canned Chicken, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Fruit Cups, Canned Fruit, Granola Bars, Cereal, Pudding Cups, Applesauce, Chef Boyardee', Mac & Cheese, Soups, Hamburger Helper, Spaghetti, Elbow & Spiral Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce, Pop Tarts, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Rice A Roni, Pasta Roni, Pork and Beans, Baked Beans, Pancake Mix-no eggs required such as Krusteaz Brand, Syrup, Hats, Mittens, Scarves.

NO GLASS JARS PLEASE!

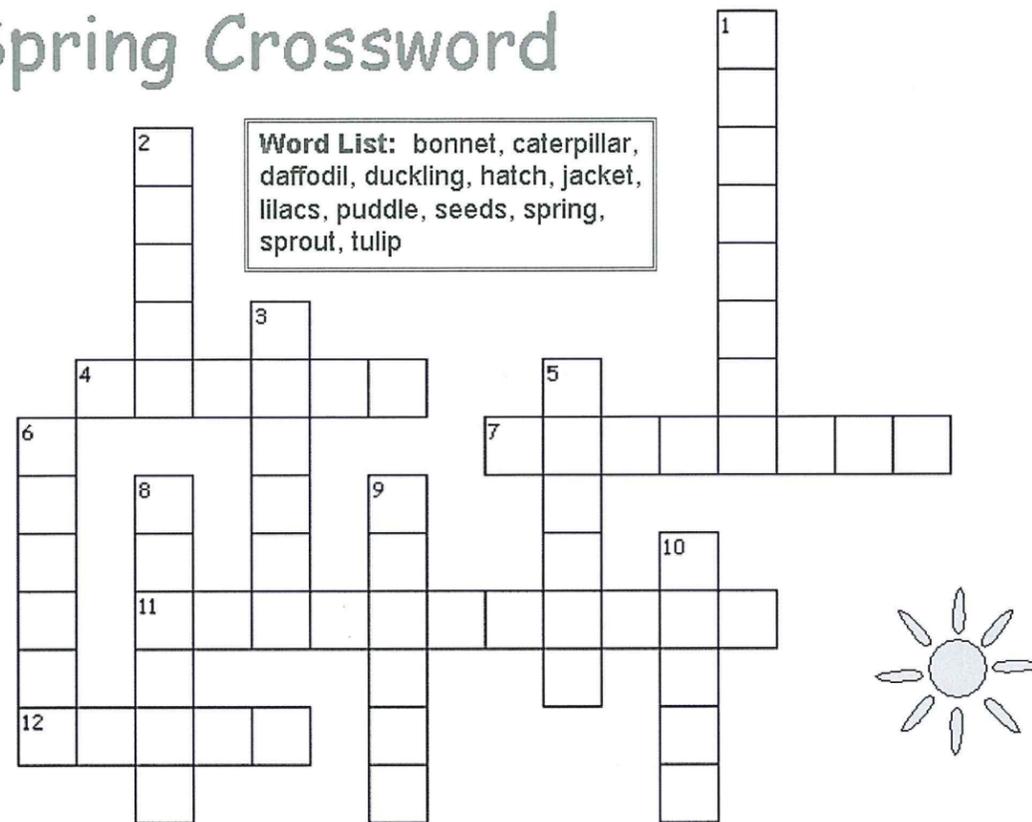
You may put your items in the boxes in the Narthex. Thank you!

Special Thanks

Thank you to all the greeters, ushers, communion servers, readers, communion set-up, coffee hour workers, and to all who have supplied goodies for the last month. Your help is greatly appreciated!

February	Feb-18	YTD	2018	Percentage
FINANCIAL GIFTS	2018	2018	ANNUAL	2018
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	%
Total Receipts	25,992.85	65,221.26	535,492.00	12.18%
Total Disbursements	44,962.67	108,192.76	535,492.00	20.20%
Receipts Over or (Under)				
Disbursement	(18,969.82)	(42,971.50)		
BUDGET 2018				
ACTUAL INCOME vs. BUDGET				
	Received	Weekly	Difference	
February 4, 2018	6,988.81	11,068.00	(4,079.19)	
February 11, 2018	10,914.36	11,068.00	(153.64)	
February 18, 2018	8,064.12	11,068.00	(3,003.88)	
February 25, 2018	*	11,068.00	(11,068.00)	
* 4th week of February was deposited in March 2018.				
Interest Earned on Checking	\$ 25.56			
	25,992.85	44,272.00	(18,279.15)	
BUDGET 2018				
DEBT RETIREMENT				
BUILDING FUND	Received	Weekly	Difference	
February 4, 2018	963.00	923.00	40.00	
February 11, 2018	2,165.50	923.00	1,242.50	
February 18, 2018	601.00	923.00	(322.00)	
February 25, 2018	*	923.00	(923.00)	
* 4th week of February was deposited in March 2018.				
	3,729.50	3,692.00	37.50	
ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY 2018		ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY 2017		
February 4, 2018	210	February 1, 2017	57	
February 7, 2018	54	February 5, 2017	241	
February 11, 2018	206	February 8, 2017	49	
February 14, 2018	287	February 12, 2017	251	
February 18, 2018	182	February 15, 2017	73	
February 21, 2018	95	February 19, 2017	260	
February 25, 2018	282	February 22, 2017	90	
February 28, 2018	127	February 26, 2017	309	
Total Attendance for Month		1443	1330	

Spring Crossword



Word List: bonnet, caterpillar, daffodil, duckling, hatch, jacket, lilacs, puddle, seeds, spring, sprout, tulip

Across

4. To begin to grow and give off shoots or buds.
7. Baby duck.
11. Larval form of a butterfly.
12. Sow these in the ground in spring to get a harvest in the autumn.

Down

1. Yellow flower that makes a nice spring bouquet.
2. Dutch springtime flower.
3. Wear this on your head to fancy picnics or parades.
5. A small pool of water.
6. Fragrant bunches of purple flowers that grow on a bush.
8. Wear this to keep warm
9. The season between winter and summer.
10. Break out of an egg.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH Church Council Minutes February 15, 2018

Members present: President DJ Campbell, Vice President Wayne Friesz, Mike Hatzenbuhler, Jill Miller, Ron Webb, Pastor Christina Martin and Pastor Lee Herberg.

Members absent: Secretary Andrea Bonness, Jeff Bradford, Kevin Fishbeck and Tony Michlitsch.

Pastor Lee led the devotion.

Moved by Wayne Friesz, seconded by Ron Webb to approve the agenda as presented. All present voted Yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Ron Webb, seconded by Wayne Friesz to approve the January 22, 2018 special meeting minutes. All present voted Yes. Motion passed.

Moved by Jill Miller, seconded by Wayne Friesz to approve the January 28, 2018 council minutes. All present voted Yes. Motion passed.

Pastor Lee reviewed the financial reports. Income for January, 2018 was \$39,230 and expenses for January, 2018 were \$63,231; thus expenses exceeded income by \$24,001. The reason for the unusually high expenditures was an invoice paid to Al Fitterer, Architects P.C. for \$21,357.14 and an approximately \$2,100.00 of additional Mission Support paid in January for income received in December. December's income is traditionally the highest of any month in the year, and Mission Support is always expended the following month based on the prior month's income. Without these 2 expenditures, income and expenses for January, 2018 would have been close to the same. The Building Fund accumulated a net gain of \$2,006.50 for the month of January, 2018 after expenses.

Cameras in the upper parking lot are being adjusted for better views. Once that is complete, everything should be set with the outside camera security system.

There has been a donation to the LAF program and specified to be used for a float for the July 4th parade. There will be a mention in the bulletin for volunteers to help create a float and be in the parade route.

Team assignments were discussed for sub-committees. This will be tabled and discussed at the March meeting.

Pastor Lee checked into getting a debit card for the church. DJ is going to check with Dakota Community about a credit card instead. This would be a better option for security purposes.

Pastor Lee had one funeral, two committals, three baptisms, zero weddings and served communion to the Prospera communities in February.

Pastor Christina had one funeral, one committal, two baptisms, zero weddings and served communion to the Prospera communities in January, attended the February synod council meeting and will be an internship supervisor for one year.

Special Events – No report.

Stewardship – No report.

Worship – No report.

Parish Ed & Youth has a new format for Sunday School. The youth spend the first half of Sunday school time with Pastor Chris and the second half is spent in the classroom.

The youth participating in the June 2018 mission trip are still fundraising.

Meetings will be set up with the committee to hire a new youth director. A job description, salary and benefit package will need to be determined.

Evangelism & Outreach – Ron said LAF is still going well. Many students are still coming over for lunches.

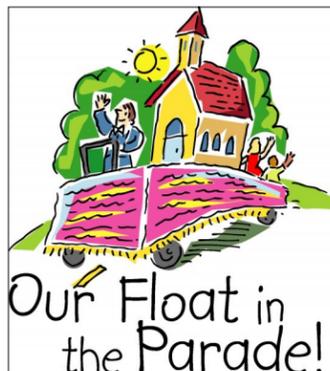
Property & Management – The paperwork for the construction loan has been finalized and signed.

Correspondence – Lutheran Social Services sent a thank you for the donation of \$257.76. Janie Hague sent a thank you for the continued support of her seminary education. Heart River Bridges of Hope sent a thank you in support of the youth in corrections and ND YCC. Lewis & Clark Elementary sent a thank you for the support of their students by providing Angel Tree gifts. Gold Age services sent a thank you for the donation of \$152.42 in support of home delivered meals.

Moved by Wayne Friesz, seconded by Ron Webb to adjourn. All present voted Yes. Motion passed.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer and adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jill Miller for Secretary, Andrea Bonness



We are looking for people to help make a float for the Fourth of July parade. If you are interested please call the church office at 663-3594. This will be a GOOD time to get to know one another and have some FUN along with it!

