



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Watford City*

## Sunday, April 7

- 9:30 am – Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:30 am – Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Coffee & fellowship

## Sunday, April 14

- 9:30 am – Worship
- 10:30 am – Coffee & fellowship

## Sunday, April 21

- 9:30 am – Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:30 am – Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Coffee & fellowship
- 2:00 Ladies Table Party

## Sunday, April 28

- 9:30 am – Worship with Holy Communion  
With Bishop Craig  
New Member Sunday!
- 10:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Coffee & fellowship

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Confirmation Class takes place every  
Wednesday starting at 6:00 pm with sup-  
per, followed by instruction.

**First Lutheran Church**

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**Office Phone: (701)444-3244**

**Office Hours: Monday - Thursday**

**8:00 am–3:00 pm**

**Friday 8:00am- 12:00 pm**

## **Noisy Buckets!**

**First Sunday of every month!**

**Don't forget your change!**



**The Clarion**  
**April 2024**

**Facebook: *First Lutheran Church***

**Website: [www.flcwc.church](http://www.flcwc.church)**

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**Synod Authorized Minister - Matthew  
Rolfson**

**Secretary - Tarri Jo Wenstad**

**Website & App Manager - Ardyce Alveshere**

## *Our Thoughts And Prayers*

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| † Jessica Wisness Burns | † Melony Sanford  |
| † Julie Fedorenko       | † Joyce Tveter    |
| † Bryan Fevold          | † Brandon Kindred |
| † Melinda Haugeberg     | † JoAnn Faulkner  |
| † Eleanor Kostad        | † David Schmidt   |
| † Kevin Rauser          | (Don's Brother)   |
| † JoAnn Faulkner        | † Dean Levang     |
| † Rachel Meuchel        |                   |
| † Ron & Barb Quale      |                   |



## Seasons of Color: Part II

The season of Lent has come and gone. With all the fellowship, special services and the emotional highs and lows of following Jesus' last 40 days, purple has represented the royalty of Christ, his passion and death for our sins. I love the purple and what it represents, but I'm so ready to change colors and move onto the hope that the next season brings. Christ's resurrection and all the promises of spring!

White is the color of Easter Sunday and the season after Easter. This is also called the "Great Fifty Days". The 7 Sundays after Easter. White is the color of purity and completeness. Christ's triumph from the grave on Resurrection day is cause for our rejoicing. His purity before His Father becomes our purity. White reinforces that message of joy.

This season ends on Pentecost Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> this year. Fittingly, it will also be the day we celebrate our graduating seniors. White is replaced with Red. This color reminds the congregation of fire—the symbol of the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost the Holy Spirit overpowered the barriers of culture and race. The first Sunday after Pentecost celebrates the Trinity, and the color again is White or Gold.



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## A Word from Minister Matthew Rolfson

Grace and Peace to You

James 4:10 – Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

I have had a certain phrase rattling around my mind this past Lenten Season. Lent being a time where services and ceremonies are to reflect the passing and coming of Jesus. And all I can think to myself is, I am not worthy. Who am I to explain the Passion in a way that opens people's hearts so that they may know the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Who am I to explain the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit. Many times, I stare long at a keyboard to think of words that would bring people closer to God. It is that length of time that discourages me and makes me think of other authors and speakers that could finish a chapter before I get one page.

Who am I to get it across that a Father sent his Son to die on a cross and that Son overcame death saving the whole World from Sin. Who am I? I don't think of myself as a powerful speaker and there are so many in this World that have better talent than me but then I looked deeply at our services for Maundy Thursday.

Jesus Christ took off his robes and washed the feet of his disciples. Jesus, the savior of all, took the time with the ones he loved to show them how, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Jesus Christ washed our feet. He says to us in that moment. You have shown me love and I wish to do that for you in return. With clean feet we know Jesus wants us to continue our journey with love in our hearts. With that knowledge of love Jesus is telling us we are all worthy. Maybe I can write a sermon on that.



## Big News!!

Bishop Craig Schweitzer will be here for a special service

April 28th

He will come on April 27th to lead a strategic planning session with council



**April  
28th**

**New Members  
Celebration**

If you are new or have been attending services for awhile and haven't been officially welcomed, please join us on April 28th so we can officially welcome you with open arms to our First Lutheran Family. We are so happy to have you!!



Thank you to each and every one of you, our services wouldn't be possible without you!

**Lent Service meals:** Mariah McGlaughlin & Cole Neson, Amy Polivka, Elizabeth Holen, Lynn Haugeberg, Carol Sanford, Joy Patten, Cindy Geiger, Marcia Hellandsass, Ardyce Alvashere, Anne Beard, Laura Dahl, Anna Schwartz, Jennifer Sorenson, Tarri Wenstad, Kevin Sullivan, Val Swensrud, Janet Johnston, Donna Rauser, Katie Tschetter, Jess Anne Knutson, Donna Slais

**Volunteers:** Val Swensrud, Carol Sanford, Francis Olson, Marcia Hellandsass, Donna Slais, Ardyce Alvashere, Joy Patten, Laura Dahl, Mitch & Lynn Haugeberg, Cindy Geiger, David & Celeste Berg, Kevin Sullivan, Ledahl-Berger Family, Ari & Anastasia Johnson, Tarri Wenstad

**Special Music:** Pamela Johnson Haugen, Cara Transtrom, Joy Patten, Don Stenberg, Ari Johnson, John Yale, Robin & Anna Schwartz, Kathleen Beard, Sue Jorgenson, FLC Choir



On March 23rd many congregation members participated in Feed My Starving Children. A wonderful community event! They were able to pack enough boxes to feed 97 children for a year!



May 31 - June 2 | Watford City, ND

### What is Synod Assembly?

The Synod Assembly is the annual gathering of all 159 congregations of the Western North Dakota Synod. We gather together for worship, education, celebration, and to do the business of this synod.

### Who attends Synod Assembly?

Each congregation elects lay voting members based on their baptized membership numbers (see [Voting Member Information](#) for ratio). Rostered ministers (pastors and ELCA deacons) who hold a letter of call from a congregation or synod council, as well as retired ministers also have voice and vote in the assembly plenary sessions. Attendance at the assembly is expected of all rostered ministers under call. Anyone is welcome to attend the Synod Assembly by registering as a visitor and paying the visitor fee. Visitors do not have voice or vote at the Assembly.

**We are excited to host the Assembly in Watford City!!**

### Weekly Attendance

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| March 3  | 45 |
| March 10 | 40 |
| March 17 | 54 |
| March 24 | 64 |

Please refer to website or stop by the church to read the monthly council minutes



### Ingredients

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 small onion
- Salt & pepper to taste
- 2 tbs taco seasoning
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 c long grain white rice
- 1.5 c beef broth
- 1 can of corn, drained
- 1 8oz can of tomato sauce
- 1/2 c salsa
- 1 c shredded cheese

Cook the beef and onion with salt & pepper in a large skillet. Drain grease. Return to pan and sprinkle with taco seasoning and garlic powder. Stir in the rice, broth, corn, tomato sauce and salsa. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer for 18-20 min until rice is tender. Top with cheese, replace lid until cheese is melted.

Yummy!!

Tarri Wenstad






"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." (Galatians 5:22-23)

# LADIES' TABLE PARTY

# FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

Sunday, April 21st, 2:00  
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Kindly RSVP by April 14, call FLC 842-3244  
**ENJOY A LIGHT LUNCH, DESSERTS, & MIMOSAS**



## FRUITFUL PURSE PROJECT

This year each guest is invited to bring a gently used purse to donate to area ladies in crisis. Several essential items will be provided and we will fill our purses together. Guests are welcome to include a note/prayer, nonperishable snack or monetary donation as well.

Tickets are \$20, and proceeds will go to the Family Crisis Shelter, McKenzie Co.

We will have a visitor from Killdeer on May 5th. His name is David Jenkins. During fellowship hour he will do a presentation on his mission work in Africa and immigration in ND. All are welcome!



All donations to the quilting projects are very much appreciated. It may be fabrics, backing, Long arm quilting, money, completed tops or bazaar items that have been donated. Sometimes we know who they are from and sometimes they magically appear! We thank you all.

We currently can use more non white flat sheets that can be used for backing. If you have time at home, we have fabric to sew together to make tops. We would love to have you join us in person to help, no special skills needed, and to have coffee after a productive session. We meet every Monday at 1:00

| Sunday                | Monday                | Tuesday                                 | Wednesday                            | Thursday             | Friday                           | Saturday            |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
|                       | 1<br>Arden Berg       | 2                                       | 3                                    | 4                    | 5<br>Karen Holte<br>Sydney Slais | 6<br>Todd Kostad    |
| 7                     | 8<br>Nancy Wisness    | 9<br>Laura Dahl<br>Amy Polivka          | 10<br>Danielle Wold                  | 11<br>Stran Sorenson | 12<br>Swany Schmidt              | 13                  |
| 14<br>Curtis Johnson  | 15<br>David Uhlich II | 16<br>Jeremy Geiger<br>Hazel Jorgenson  | 17                                   | 18                   | 19<br>Avery Sundeen              | 20                  |
| 21<br>Trey Polivka    | 22<br>Kell Helmuth    | 23<br>Vicki Karpnyak<br>Marrah Langford | 24<br>Gary Stevens<br>Matthew Walton | 25                   | 26                               | 27<br>Blake Polivka |
| 28<br>Glenn Stenehjem | 29                    | 30<br>Kyla Beagles<br>Debbie Rieiy      |                                      |                      |                                  |                     |