



FIRST  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
*Watford City*



# THE CLARION

## *A Word From The Minister*

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."-2 Corinthians 5:17*

Grace and Peace to You,

April is a month that quietly preaches transformation. Trees bud, fields soften, and life begins again where winter once seemed to have the final word. It's a reminder that God is always at work bringing renewal not just in nature, or on the ranch and farm but in us.

This verse calls us to remember that faith is not about patching up old life but about receiving a completely new one. In Christ, we are not defined by past failures, regrets, or worn-out patterns. God invites us into fresh beginnings of spiritually, emotionally, and relationally.

Just as spring doesn't strive to arrive but unfolds in its time the renewal in our lives often begins with simple surrender. Let go of what no longer serves your walk with God. Trust that He is doing a new thing, even if you can't yet see the full bloom.

Yours in Christ,

Minister Matthew Rolfson

## ***WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE***

### ***Wednesday, April 1***

5:30 pm—Lent Meal  
6:00 pm—Worship/Communion

### ***Thursday, April 2***

Maundy Thursday Service  
6:00 pm

### ***Friday, April 3***

Good Friday Service  
6:00 pm

### ***Sunday, April 5***

9:30 am—Worship/Communion  
10:30 am—Easter Brunch

### ***Wednesday, April 8***

5:30 pm—Meal  
6:00 pm—Worship

### ***Sunday, April 12***

9:30 am—Worship  
10:30 am—Fellowship

### ***Wednesday, April 15***

5:30 pm—Meal  
6:00 pm—Worship

### ***Sunday, April 19***

9:30 am—Worship/Communion  
10:30 am—Fellowship

### ***Wednesday, April 22***

5:30 pm—Meal  
6:00 pm—Worship

### ***Sunday, April 26***

9:30 am - Worship  
10:30 am - Fellowship

### ***Wednesday, April 29***

5:30 pm - Meal  
6:00 pm—Worship

# YRB FOOD PANTRY DONATION



**FOOD DONATION** – Beginning of March, Yellowstone River Beef received a phone call from someone wanting to donate \$1,500 worth of beef. YRB chose Eckert Youth Home in Williston & McKenzie County Food Pantry in Watford City to be recipients of this generous donation. We are so thankful to be able to live in a community that wants to give back. God truly does work through people in times of need. The food pantry currently serves 140 families twice a month.



## April Special Events:

**April 2nd:**

Maundy Worship Service, 6:00 pm

**April 3rd:**

Good Friday Service, 6:00 pm

**April 5th:**

Easter Worship Service, 9:30 am

Easter Brunch/Easter Egg Hunt, 10:45 am

**April 26th:**

Affirmation of Baptism, 9:30 am



## MARCH CHURCH ATTENDANCE

### -SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES-

MARCH 1:	59
MARCH 8:	36
MARCH 15:	57
MARCH 22:	41
MARCH 29:	N/A AT DATE OF PUBLICATION.

\*\*THERE WAS NO ATTENDANCE RECORDED FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH FOR WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICES.\*\*



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## Giving Online!



SCAN ME

Giving has never been so easy! Just scan the QR code & follow the instructions for a safe & secure way to give. Your donation will appear on your year-end giving statement.

**Thank You for your donation!**

# APRIL

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
<p><u>-Recurring Monthly-</u></p> <p>Monday: Quilting, 1 pm Thursday: Text Study w/Minister Matthew, 10 am</p>		<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Worship Mtg. 9:30 am</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Maundy Thursday Worship Service 6 pm</p>  <p>S&amp;E Mtg. After Worship</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Property Mtg. 1 pm</p> <p>Good Friday Worship Service 6 pm</p> 	<p><b>4</b></p>	
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>happy Easter</p> 	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Food Pantry 5-7 pm</p> 	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Installation of Council</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Finance Mtg. 1 pm</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> 	<p><b>18</b></p>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Council Mtg. 10:45 am</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Food Pantry 2-4 pm</p> 	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Affirmation of Baptism</p> 	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> 	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><u>-Building Usage-</u></p> <p>Monday: Boy Scouts, 6 pm Thursday: Classical Conversations, 8:30 am NA Meeting, 7 pm</p>	

# Birthdays of the Month

Arden Berg 4/1  
Karen Holte 4/5  
Donna Johnson 4/5  
Sydney Slais 4/5  
Lily Wisness 4/8  
Nancy Wisness 4/8  
Laura Dahl 4/9  
Amy Poliuka 4/9  
Danielle Wold 4/10  
Stephanie Jore 4/11

Stran Sorenson 4/11  
Swanny Schmidt 4/12  
Curtis Johnson 4/14  
David Uhlich II 4/15  
Jeremy Geiger 4/16  
Hazel Jorgenson 4/16  
Brock Haugeberg 4/17  
Trevor Berger 4/21  
Trey Poliuka 4/21

Kell Helmuth 4/22  
Vicki Karpyak 4/23  
Marrah Langford 4/23  
Gary Stevens 4/24  
Matthew Walton 4/24  
Blake Poliuka 4/27  
Glenn Stenehjem 4/28  
Kyla Beagles 4/29  
Debbie Riely 4/29

## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN



**UNITED IN CHRIST, TOGETHER WE SERVE-** On Saturday, February 28th, a group of FLC congregation members chose to take a few hours out of their Saturday to volunteer at the Rough Rider Center for the Feed My Starving Children Event. This year there was a total of 724 volunteers from Watford City that participated in this event. There was 855 boxes packed with 184,680 meals. These meals will be able to feed 505 children for an entire year. We feel so blessed to be apart of this every year!!



# FLC CHURCH PEWS UPGRADED



**NEW CHURCH PEWS** – For over 80 years, the pews of First Lutheran Church have served our congregation. After many discussions, it was decided that we tackle the project of updating them! Behind the scenes, many decisions have been made regarding style & fabrics that everyone agreed on. Now 5 months later, with help of the congregation, our old church pews were moved out & prepared to go to their new home, the Epping Bible Camp. They were such a huge part of our journey here at First Lutheran Church & now will become a part of history at Epping Bible Camp. Stay tuned for next months edition of The Clarion to see our new beautiful pews & to honor all of our amazing donors who helped make this all possible.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

WELCOME TO THE  
YOUTH MINISTRY  
corner!!



## Message from the Minister

By Minister Matt

Hello Beloved Children of God,

*"We are the clay, you are the potter;  
we are all the work of your hand." - Isaiah 64:8*

Have you ever played in the dirt? Maybe you've dug holes, like I used to, or helped plant flowers or seeds. Dirt might not look very special, but something amazing happens in it. When you put a tiny seed in the dirt, give it water and sunlight, it starts to grow! Before long, that little seed becomes a flower or a plant. The dirt helps make something brand new.

God does something like that with us. Sometimes we feel messy inside. Maybe we've made mistakes or had a bad day. But God doesn't see us as "just dirt." He sees what we can become. When we trust Him, He begins to grow something new in our heart's kindness, love, patience, and joy.

Just like a seed grows into something beautiful, God is always working to make us new. So, the next time you're playing in the dirt, remember: God is the best gardener, and He is growing something wonderful in you!

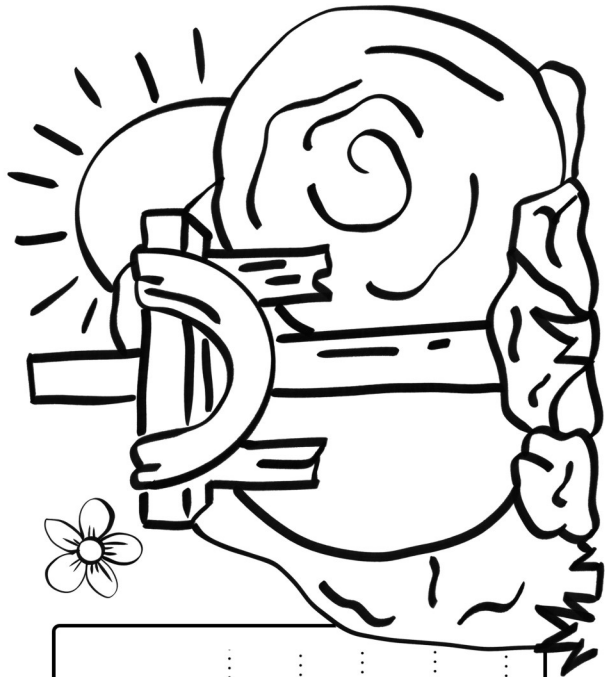


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<p><i>week schedule</i></p>			
<p><b>PALM SUNDAY</b> MARCH 29 9:30 AM</p>	<p><b>MAUDY THURSDAY</b> APRIL 2 6:00 PM</p>	<p><b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> APRIL 3 6:00 PM</p>	<p><b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> APRIL 5 9:30 AM EASTER BRUNCH &amp; EASTER EGG HUNT FOLLOWING SERVICE.</p>

# WORD SCRAMBLE

- EJSSU .....
- SCOSR .....
- VELO .....
- ATEESR .....
- MOBT .....

JESUS, CROSS, LOVE, EASTER, TOMB



# JESUS IS ALIVE!

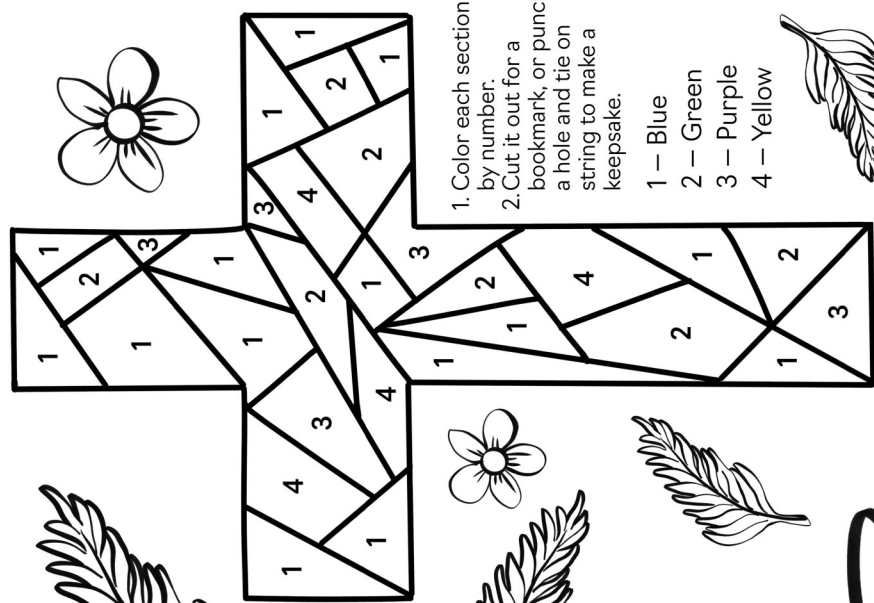
HE IS NOT HERE; HE HAS RISEN,  
**JUST AS HE SAID.** MATTHEW 28:6, NIV

Color the wings to create a NEW butterfly.



**FIND THE WORDS**  
 EASTER LOVE CROSS  
 JESUS RISEN  
 FORGIVENESS

F	O	R	G	I	V	E	N	E	S	S
X	L	O	V	E	Q	R	T	Y	S	I
P	J	E	S	U	S	O	P	A	R	D
C	R	O	S	S	I	F	G	H	I	K
R	T	Y	U	I	O	R	S	E	S	B
I	N	S	E	R	A	M	N	B	E	C
L	K	J	H	G	F	D	S	A	N	W
E	A	S	T	E	R	Z	X	C	V	B



1. Color each section by number.  
 2. Cut it out for a bookmark, or punch a hole and tie on a string to make a keepsake.

- 1 - Blue
- 2 - Green
- 3 - Purple
- 4 - Yellow



How many palm leaves can you find?  
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# Giving a Helping Hand March 2026 Spotlight

We just wanted to take the time to recognize all of our March Volunteers & Special Musical Performers to say,

**“Thank You!! We couldn’t do it without you!”**

Cara Transtrom	Steve Sanford	S&E Committee
Cindy Geiger	Kevin Sullivan	Valerie Williams
David & Celeste Berg	Glen & Anne Beard	Curt & Jennifer Sorenson
Lloyd & Ardyce Alveshere	Sue Jorgenson	Carol Sanford
Cliff & Darlene Wenstad	Mitch & Lynn Haugeberg	Karla Quale
Valerie Swensrud	Donna Slais	Stefanie Russell
FLC Choir	Duane Sanford	John Yale
FLC Praise Band		

## **APRIL**

### **VOLUNTEER SIGNUP**

#### **5th Communion**

Reader: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Greeter: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Usher/Communion: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Slideshow: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Easter Brunch/Easter Egg Hunt

#### **12th**

Reader: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Greeter/Usher: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Slideshow: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Fellowship: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

#### **19th Communion**

Reader: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Greeter: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Usher/Communion: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Slideshow: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Fellowship: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

#### **26th**

Reader: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Greeter/Usher: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Slideshow: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Fellowship: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***



## RECIPE CORNER

*The recipe this week is by Deb Wisness. You can find it in the Treasures from Heaven WELCA Recipe Book.*

### **Overnight Buns**

#### ***Ingredients:***

2 cups water	1 pkg. dry yeast
3/4 cup sugar	2 eggs
1/2 cup shortening	6 cups flour
1/2 tsp. salt	

#### ***Directions:***

At 5:00 pm, boil together water & sugar for approx. 5 minutes. Add the shortening & salt. Let cool. Then add yeast, eggs & flour. Mix together & knead dough. Let rise. At 7:30 pm, punch down dough & then cover again until 9:00 pm. At 10:00 pm, shape dough into buns shape. Place buns onto a greased pan. Cover with a towel & place plastic wrap over that. Let set on your counter overnight. At 6:30 am or 7:30 am the next morning, bake buns at 425 degrees until golden brown.

**\*\*Note: Make the buns small because they do tend to get quite large.\*\***

***Do you have a recipe you would like to share? Drop it off at the office or email it to [office@flwc.church](mailto:office@flwc.church)***



# Council Minutes

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