Wednesday, February 21, 2024 · 6 PM · First Wednesday in Lent

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WELCOME—On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

GATHERING SONG

The Lord's Prayer

INVOCATION

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 1st chapter. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

NOISY OFFERING

Patriot Assistance Dogs in Detroit Lakes Patriot Assistance Dogs provides highly trained, certified psychiatric service dogs to qualified U.S. Military veterans. January Noisy Total: \$635.86 to Lutheran Social Services of MN

OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER

COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

C: Gracious God, at this table you have nourished our body and soul with food and drink. As you have been food and drink for us, transform us to be food and drink for one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior & Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Ways to Give

ONLINE: firstlutheranchurch.com—One-time, weekly, monthly or quarterly. Checking, savings or credit card. (fees associated with credit card usage)

TEXT: 218-228-3228—Text your donation amount to the number listed above & follow instructions that are texted to you. (We suggest you add the phone number above as a contact in your phone for future use.)

CHECK/CASH: 912 Lake Avenue, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Pr. Joe Skogmo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WILL SOLAR WORK AT MY HOUSE?—Have you ever wondered if solar is an option for you? How much does it really cost to get solar panels installed? What would be the payback on my investment? How does it really work? If only there were someone I could trust to answer all my questions. If you have been thinking about these and other questions regarding residential solar power, you have an opportunity to talk with someone about this on Sunday March 10 th at 9:30 in the church library. Pastor Joe is excited to tell us all how solar power is working for his family. Come and listen in. It might be an option for your family.

OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN—Are you interested in growing and sharing your faith and Christian life practices with other women? We invite you to join a small group of women in a Bible/book study each Thursday morning from 8:00-9:30 in the church library. We share prayer concerns and pray before joining in a discussion of a book of the Bible or a Bible-related book. Currently, we are studying the women of the Old Testament. For further information, text or call Phyllis Neuenfeldt at (218)770-4261.

MEN'S DAYBREAK BIBLE STUDY—As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. (Proverbs 27:17) Are you wanting more interaction with Christian men and Bible study? The Mens's Daybreak Bible Study is an opportunity for you to do just that. You are invited to join a group of men who gather Wednesday mornings from 6:30 to 7:30 AM at the Holiday Inn restaurant and study the bible and pray together. Come and see how Proverbs 27:17 applies to you. Contact Tom Neuenfeldt at 218-770-0561 for more information.

EASTER FLOWERS—The order forms for Easter Flowers are now available. They can be found on the volunteer table or in the narthex. Completed forms can be dropped off in the office or placed in the deposit slot to the right of the office door.

LIONS CLUB GLASSES & HEARING AID COLLECTION—First Lutheran Church is helping to collect glasses (including reading glasses) and hearing aids for those in need for the local Lions Club. Please put them in the donation bin on the volunteer sign-up table in the commons area.

CLOTHING ITEMS NEEDED—We are collecting men's and women's seasonal donations for the Blessing Closet Resource Room in the main office for those that come to us in need. Please place donations in the bins outside the main office. Items we are collecting at this time includes: **Clothing** - shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters, pants, socks, underwear, bras; **Outerwear** - coats, hats, gloves/mittens; **Footwear** - shoes and boots; **Bedding**—blankets, sleeping bags, bedding sets.

BASKET DONATIONS NEEDED—The Developmental Achievement Center (DAC) is seeking silent auction baskets or other donations from FLC for their silent auction fundraiser on February 29th, 2024. They are raising money for a sensory room to assist with sensory overload, emotion regulation, motor skills and simulation. If you want to contribute financially they are accepting donations at Beckercountydac.org - using their donate button. Please drop all baskets off in the church office by Monday, February 26.

ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—We are in need of volunteers for Altar Guild. The sign up sheet for March-April is now available in the Sacristy. Please sign up to help. The Lent and Easter Seasons are a particularly busy time of year. Any and all help is appreciated. If you would like to join the Altar Guild, please let Jean Benson know at (218) 847-5489.

Prayers for God's People

Brent Blake Joe Morrison Bill Wegscheid Dave Nustad Isaak Berg Liz Mathison Dick Dahlin Becky Amdahl **Brandon Pittenger** Elovce Gaffnev Sam Haverkamp Ardis Hegna Judy Ford Lisa Anderson B.R. David Brian Marlene Michelle

Prayers of Comfort of the Family of

Bev Skogen Fern Brown Ruth Seal

Names are kept on this list for 3 weeks; please update the office if you wish to remain on the list longer.

CREATION CARE NOTE Try making tacos with plant based protein instead of beef. Season lentils/ chickpeas/your favorite bean with chili powder, cumin, onions and garlic; then add your favorite toppings and taco sauce.

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