

First Evangelical Lutheran Church



April 2021

Rev. Kathleen Shuck

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Worship Sundays at 10 a.m.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 Maundy Thursday ONLINE	2 GOOD FRIDAY ONLINE	3
4 EASTER SUNDAY in person SANCTUARY WORSHIP 10 a.m.	5 *AA-7-9	6	7	8 *NA-7	9	10
11 WORSHIP in person SANCTUARY WORSHIP 10 a.m. *4-H Meeting 1-5	12 *AA-7-9	13 *4-H Meeting 6:30	14	15 *NA-7	16	17
18 WORSHIP in person SANCTUARY WORSHIP 10 a.m. MEETING TO FOLLOW	19 *AA-7-9	20	21	22 *NA -7	23	24
25 WORSHIP in person SANCTUARY WORSHIP 10 a.m. *4-H Meeting 1-5	26 *AA-7-9	27	28	29 *NA -7	30	

Church Council NEWS



Council Meeting Thursday March 18, 2021 7 p.m.

Members present: Rita Bennett, Kristin Ealy, Earl Kidwell, Karen Magers, Duane Shock, Laura Wines, Mary Wright, **Also present:** Pr. Kathy Shuck **excused:** Brenda Zeigler

Opening Prayer by Pr. Kathy

Pastor Kathy report -USAMA will be airing podcasts (sharing links with us for our pages) during Holy Week with a Good Friday service to share as well online and on WXML.

Bishop Beaudoin message regarding churches includes knowledge this pandemic is not over. But discussions of return in whatever manner to remain cautious and planning for now and the future of our church.

Reminder Pr. Kathy will be on vacation week after Easter including April 11.

Old Business:

- 1. Cross Hall Restroom repairs will occur as soon as Niederkohr Construction can do. Insurance issued a check to us in the amount of \$1000 and that amount plus our \$1000 deductible has been sent to Niederkohr ahead of work beginning.**
- 2. Lower Level has a keyed lock installed thanks to Earl Kidwell. It will aide us in keeping building locked to unknown visitors for the time being and also to allow easier use to those that need our space.**

After much discussion around the table and hearing recommendations from Synod on attempting hybrid types of worship (returning to in person and also providing online) the following motion was accepted by council.

Laura Wines motioned and Rita Bennett second that First Evangelical will return to in person worship beginning Palm Sunday and continuing on Sundays. Council reserves the right to move to parking lot worship or suspend in person services again as needed. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be aired online, only.

Due to a return to in person worship there is now New Business:

- 1. Congregational meeting which includes the 2021 Budget vote will happen on April 18, following service. Information will be sent to all households regarding the agenda of this meeting.**
- 2. Pastor Kathy and Kristin Ealy will revise the in person worship guidelines to reflect current Covid19 protocols and policies. To be distributed by March 21.**



Celebrations

April Birthdays

1st - Jon Zimmerman and Mike Huntley

9th - Randy Sorg, Rhonda Kuenzli, Lisa Rife and Logan Newell

11th - Rachel Brunson

14th - Kelly Grace

15th - Mindy Bowman

16th - Sherri Sorg

17th - Nora Newell and Andy Ealy

18th - Kira Back and Jacob Rife

19th - Mary Stansbery

28th - Mia Howard

30th - Mindy Newell

April Anniversaries

Korey and Kerri Newell - 5th

Jim and Pam Karg - 16th

Al and Jan Stoneburner - 29th

Opportunities to Serve



Your Church

With our return to in person Worship it is vital that we secure people to help with the services.

Sign up board is located in the rear of the sanctuary for various duties. Please consider helping in some capacity as we continue our journey to be Church Together, again!

😊Altar Flowers, Ushers and Readers are all needed 😊

HOW TO CONTACT & STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CHURCH

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April 4th ~ Easter

Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8

Prayer of the Day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news wherever death holds sway. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for your life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life. Bring it to blossom and flourish; use it to remind us of your persistent grace. Cultivate our care for what you have made. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people of all nations and languages; reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: those who are afraid or confused, those who are sick or suffering, those who are dying, and those who grieve. Assure them of your promises. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the joy of your resurrection! Fill this assembly with joy as we are called your beloved in baptism. Multiply that joy so that we share it at home, at work, and in our community. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

April 11 ~ 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1--2:2 John 20:19-31

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore. Like dew upon the mountains, refresh your creation. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and provide revitalizing moisture to parched land. Give your whole creation the promise of new life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You direct the nations, O God. Guide all in authority, that they shepherd their peoples in the ways of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in authority and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You place within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of others (*specific needs may be named*). Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You give us fellowship with one another in this faith community (*name*). Shine the light of the risen Christ in our life together, so that we live in love for one another and our joy may be complete. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You share the gift of eternal life. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we recall the lives and gifts of those who now live in endless joy. Unite us with them in resurrection hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

April 18th ~ 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48

Prayer of the Day

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Living God, in the midst of Easter joy we are still filled with questions and wondering. Open our hearts and minds as we encounter the scriptures, so that the church embodies repentance and forgiveness in the name of Jesus to all nations. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, like a master artist you have fashioned the universe out of your love and delight. Heal your creation where it is in need of restoration (*local concerns for creation may be named*). Provide all the inhabitants of earth a peaceful and sustainable home. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all, the nations hunger and thirst for your righteousness. Many call on you for guidance and strength. Answer their hopes with the peace of Christ and give your lovingkindness to national, state, and local leaders of people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Healing God, you hear the cries of those in need and answer them in their distress. Grant to those who are sick and suffering your compassion and nurse them back to health and wholeness. Be close to the hearts of the lonely. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Loving Parent, you have given us such love that we should be called the children of God. Reveal yourself to us so that we in this community of faith will become more and more like you in our mutual love and bold witness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

April 25th ~ 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18

Prayer of the Day

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Loving Shepherd, you know your own and your own know you. Your voice calls us to your loving embrace. Strengthen your church throughout the world that we bear witness to your expansive love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gracious Shepherd, you are generous with the gifts of goodness and mercy. Restore your creation to wholeness so that cities and towns, countryside and wilderness, may abound with life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Hope-giving Shepherd, the nations and peoples are your heritage. Place into the hearts of all leaders and rulers the passion to serve. Crucify any desire to overpower others and give leaders joy in lifting up the lowly. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Abiding Shepherd, your love flows as we reach out to those around us. Move us with your Spirit, so that we lay down our lives for those in need (*especially*). Help us love one another in truth and action. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Saving Shepherd, you restore us to wholeness. Help our community in our life together and give us vigor as a people of faith. In the midst of challenges and opportunities (*specific concerns may be named*), fill us anew with you Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

EASTER FLOWERS

There will be an assortment of Easter Flowers available for purchase after Easter Sunday Worship. We have secured 24 to be delivered but decided a pre-order wouldn't work. We will be selling these for \$10 each and they are first come, first served. Play fair! 😊

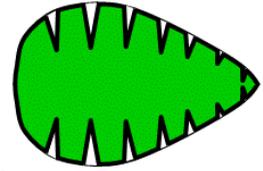
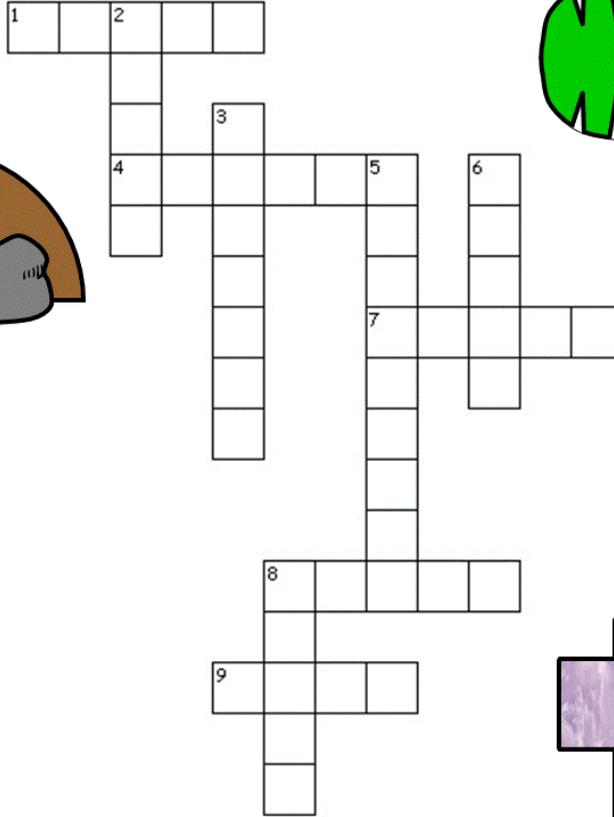
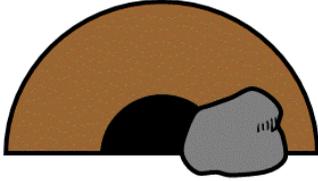
FOOD PANTRY

The Christian Food Pantry is always in need of everything. We have baskets at the entry for you to put any donations you have inside.

Lutheran Disaster Response

During Lent we designated our midweek worship offerings to go to Lutheran Disaster Response. IF you would like to donate for this worthy cause, please label the other portion of your envelope or note on your check.

Easter Crossword



Across

1. Taking this during the last supper symbolized Jesus' body.
4. Jesus was forced to wear a crown made of these instead of a crown meant for a real king.
7. The angel told the women, "Don't be afraid, Jesus isn't here; He has ____!"
8. Instead of praying the disciples did this when Jesus went off to pray by himself.
9. The main reason that God gave His only son, Jesus to die for each of us.

Down

2. On Sunday the two Mary's didn't find Jesus but a tomb that was ____.
3. The word people shouted to Jesus that means blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
5. Jesus became the ____ for us, so we could be forgiven for our sins.
6. Jesus was meant to die on this.
8. This was put in front of the tomb so nobody could steal Jesus' body.

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