

Pastor's Report



What else needs to be said?

Pr. D. J. Rasner

CHURCH COUNCIL



During our March meeting the custodian job description was approved and interviews will begin soon. We are finalizing the roof bids and hope to start that project by the end of the summer. We continue to work on our future pastoral needs. As you all are aware with the increase of people getting the Covid 19 vaccine and lower number of cases the Governor and CDC have eased some of their restrictions. Pastor DJ has also talked with Bishop Finegan on recommendations for the church. It is now recommended that the church can be open at 50% capacity. We are still recommending to still wear your mask, maintain 6 feet between households, limit singing and still practice proper sanitization and limit touching. We continue to have the pews marked off to help with social distancing and there are masks and hand sanitizer at the sanctuary entrance. We are excited to have more of our members back in church.

We again are asking for everyone's time and talent sheets as soon as possible. We have had a few very dedicated members that have put in countless hours helping our church succeed. We are asking you to please give them a rest, and help out. We need many to help out with the altar, production during the services, and lay readers to name a few areas of special concern. Please consider stepping up and helping. We also continue to raise money for our roof needs. We are doing well but still have about \$20,000 needed. Thank you for your consideration.

Daily devotion for March 8th is for Firm Foundations. No one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. It's important to have a strong foundation for a house or for anything. Just as a house built on a weak foundation might crumble and fall, we need a sturdy foundation for living-something we can build on top of, that will hold the weight of our lives. Prayer Loving God, thank you for giving us Jesus Christ, the firmest foundation of love, Amen. From our Christ in Our Home devotional booklets. Take this time to build on our awesome foundation, allow for growth, encourage growth within our congregation.

Thank you,
Tracey Nelson, Council President.

There was no treasurer's report.

Men's Group

The men's group met on Friday March 19th. Breakfast was furnished by Jim Quayle who led the discussions. Considerable time was spent discussing the FaithLife congregational database management system and some of its features and benefits. Also, we are considering working with Dinner at His House. Duff will follow up with the leaders to determine how we may be able to help. Next meeting is scheduled for April 16th at 8:30am. Curt P. will lead the discussions at the next session.



A New Door for the Church

No, it's not what you think. The new door is not the entry to our building (as much as they need to be replaced). Rather this "door" is access to our worship services, congregational information, Christian entertainment and Christian education through the internet. First Lutheran Church has subscribed to a Christian database management system to serve the needs of the congregation called FaithLife. You may have noticed that we have worked hard to improve the quality of our online worship services. You can watch any of our services through live-stream on our website www.firstlutheranironriver.com or watch a previously recorded worship service on the same site. It wasn't as easy as we hoped, but we have come a long way. If you see things you like or don't like, let us know. It is very important for us to stay on top of your needs and expectations.

Now that we have a stable worship broadcast system we would like to use other aspects of FaithLife. Our subscription to FaithLife gives all church members access to a large library of Christian videos both for entertainment and education. All you need to do to gain access is to supply us with your email address and we will send you an invitation to join the church group. This will also give you access to our congregational database, church calendar, and opportunities for communication.

I will be scheduling a short presentation in the next few weeks during worship service to demonstrate some of the assets of our FaithLife subscription. I hope you choose to walk through this new door to your church.

Happy Birthday

With Heartfelt Sympathy

- The family of Ethlyn Melchiori



Happy Anniversary

- There are no anniversaries this month.

Kim Busakowski	April 3
Carson Aldegarie	April 3
Orville Westphal	April 10
Kimberly Carlson	April 10
Eunnice Zwach	April 11
Kim Geneman	April 12
David Froland	April 13
Barry Scalcucci	April 15
Dale Kemppainen, Jr	April 19
Lowell Tresedder	April 21
Michele Quayle	April 22
Livea Mazurek	April 22
Evelyn Tucker	April 25
Sandi Scalcucci	April 25
James Quayle	April 28
Bob Loia	April 30

WELCA NEWS

Holy Week

Sunday, March 28th

Palm Sunday, 10:00

Lori Ward

Thursday, April 1st

Maundy Thursday 6:00

Rev. Doug Johnson

Friday, April 2nd

Community Wide Service, 12:30

Rev. Doug Johnson

Sunday, April 4th

Easter Service, 10:00

Lori Ward

On 3/8 Women of the ELCA met in the Luther Room.

We agreed to continue our membership in the Synodical Women's Organization and approved a \$50.00 contribution to the SWO.

Switching to Wednesday Lenten Soup Lunch appears to be going well. We were able to safely serve using disposable products, wearing gloves and keeping masks on until seated to eat. The Fellowship Hall is large enough to spread out. Will continue with the lunches and set up schedule for remaining Wednesdays during Lent. (A big thanks to those who worked on getting the water line thawed!)

Jill will contact Silver Moon to arrange for ordering Easter Lilies. Remember to contact the office and give the names for whom you are purchasing in memory of. Thanks Jill.

Next WELCA meeting will be April 12th at 11:00AM in the Lutheran Room.

Easter Lilies

This year you can order your lilies directly at Silver Moon. If you call Martha, she will deliver free. You will have to notify the church office of whom you are honoring or in memory of. **I will need the names by March 30th.** To notify church of names: You can drop the name in the offering plate, leave a message on the phone or send me a text 907-305-0787.

6 inch \$12.50

8 inch \$21.00

Call Silver Moon @ 906-265-6666

Please order early as supplies are limited.



Congratulations

Deacon Lori Ward, one of our regular supply ministers, was Ordained as a Minister of Word and Service on February 7. Deacon Lori is the Licensed Lay Ministry Coordinator and Lifelong Faith Formation Administrator for our Northern Great Lakes Synod.



If you are interested in using church facilities- such as the Luther room or the Fellowship hall- please call the church office to reserve the time/ space. Please, keep in mind that you will be required to clean up any messes made and any garbage will need to be removed.



Please join us

April 4, 2021

10:00 AM





To celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Communion will be served



April



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				6:00 Service  Maundy Thursday	12:30 Community wide Good Friday Service 	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10:00 Service Rev. Doug Johnson Communion 		9:00 Quilters 10:00 Finance 12:00 Worship and music 6:00 Council				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10:00 Service Sarah Sleeter	11:00 WELCA	9:00 Quilters			8:30 Men's Group	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10:00 Service Rev Jim Duehring Noisy Offering Communion		9:00 Quilters				
25	26	27	28	29	30	
10:00 Service Deacon Lori Ward		9:00 Quilters				

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