



## First Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements

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April 6 & 7, 2019

Welcome to First Lutheran Church. Please sign the registration pad found in your row.

If you are in need of pastoral care or have questions about First Lutheran Church, please contact the church office at 426-4073 or visit [www.firstlutheranblair.org](http://www.firstlutheranblair.org).

### **First Communion Class**

All 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and anyone seeking communion instruction is invited to attend 1 of 2 classes led by Pastor Scott. You can still catch the 2<sup>nd</sup> class on **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 1pm-2:30pm**. Please call the church office to RSVP for this class. First Communion will be Maundy Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm unless otherwise scheduled. Contact Erika Cada with questions.

### **FLC Children Sing on Palm Sunday, April 14th!!**

All PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> graders will sing at our 10:15am worship service. Please come to Sunday School at 9:10am, and we will bring them up to worship.

**Tuesday Evening Bible Class** is cancelled for April 9. We will gather together on April 16 to resume reading *Hosea*. The next book to be read is *The Gospel of John*.



### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

✠ Pete Kaiser – healing  
 ✠ Muriel Neve  
 ✠ Lisa Garcia – strength & healing  
 ✠ Ronald Stork – healing  
 ✠ Ruth McKay  
 ✠ Jeanette Moeller – strength & healing  
 ✠ Larry Kastrup – healing  
 ✠ Leo Aguilar-Hicks – healing for Leukemia  
 ✠ Shirley Wrich – healing  
 ✠ Gerald Gustafson  
 ✠ Patrick McKinnis - healing  
 ✠ Georgia - 5 year old with NF1 that has caused blindness  
 ✠ John Wolsmann  
 ✠ Pat Bentsen—Missionary  
 ✠ Lekura Parish  
 ✠ Habitat for Humanity  
*and all those we name in our hearts.*

### **AMMPARO BIBLE READING FUNDRAISER!**



During the season of Lent people of First Lutheran are encouraged to use the AMMPARO 40 day Bible reading challenge to read a couple of Bible verses a day. We encourage everyone to participate, and to give some money, as you are able, to our ELCA Mission Share. Here's how it works:

- + Grab an AMMPARO book mark with the 40 days of Bible readings (in the Narthex)
- + Give a certain amount per reading (for example, \$.25 or \$1 per reading)
- + At the end of the 40 days make a contribution to our ELCA Mission Share (\$10 if you did a quarter, \$40 if you did a dollar, or any amount of the days you read)

Use this challenge to read parts of the Bible you might not read on a regular basis, and to give you a sense of how God continues to work in the lives of all of us in our faith journeys.

**FLC Children on Easter, April 21<sup>st</sup>!!** Easter Egg Hunt @ 9:30am. Activities in Sanctuary following. Sing at our 10:15am Easter (April 21<sup>st</sup>) worship service.

**YOU ARE INVITED** to the **Sunday morning Adult Class in the Library at 9:30**, which will continue its discussion of the **Old Testament Prophet Amos**, entitled **“The Prophet of Justice.”** Come find out how his demand for justice might apply to our day! Dr. Delvin Hutton will lead the discussion.

**From Bishop Brian Maas and the Nebraska Synod (ELCA):**

The Nebraska Synod is coordinating with Lutheran Disaster Response to prepare for recovery efforts following this week’s flooding and blizzard. Individuals and congregations wanting to support the future cleanup efforts, can send donations to the Nebraska Synod Disaster Fund. If you give by check, please include “Nebraska Floods” in the memo line and mail it to:

*Nebraska Synod ELCA*

*6757 Newport Avenue, Suite 200*

*Omaha, NE 68521-2191*

You can also give online at <https://nebraskasynod.org/giving/give-now.html>. Click on the third option, "Hunger & Disaster," then scroll down the list to Hunger & Disaster, and enter your donation amount in the line for Synod Disaster Fund. Thank you for your support and prayers.

**Another way in which you can assist those who have been impacted by LOCAL FLOODING** is by dropping off donations of money or goods at the **WASHINGTON COUNTY FOOD PANTRY at JOSEPH’S COAT**. Items needed are cleaning supplies including bleach, gloves, masks, large garbage bags, buckets, shovels, brooms, mops, utility knives, rakes, mops, and additional items such as feminine hygiene products, baby diapers/wipes, cereal, pancake mix/syrup, socks, lunch meat, and produce.

**Follow our youth on Facebook!!** Join our groups on Facebook to see photos, schedule changes and more related to Children’s and Youth Ministries!! Group Names: FLC Youth and FLC Children. We’d love to have more members!!

**Mid Week Meal @ FLC:** All in the Blair community are invited to our **Mid Week Meal on Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30pm**. Come for food & fellowship; Leave with full hearts! Free will donation. Contact Martha Sorensen for more details.

**The Bishop is coming – Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>!!**

Bishop Brian Maas will join us for worship and confirmation class on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Please come to worship at 6:15pm to hear his message. He will spend the education hour with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders as they prepare for their confirmation on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Spring Clean-Up:** Saturday, April 27th from 8:30am-12 Noon. We need your help to prepare the church grounds for Spring! Bring your yard tools and a pair of gloves and help with clean-up around



**FIRST LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
SENIOR CITIZEN  
WORSHIP AND LUNCH**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY  
April 18, 2019  
with Holy Communion**

**LUNCH to Follow  
Please RSVP to the church office by  
Friday, April 12th.**

the churchyard with hedge trimming, mulch, and other clean-up. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. Please Join Us!

The new **Christ in Our Home** devotionals for April-June are available for you to pick up from the usher's tables outside of the worship areas.

### **Social Concerns...**

**FLC'S BREAD FOR THE WORLD 2019 OFFERING OF LETTERS** entitled "**Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow**" will take place on **April 24, 27, and 28**. Our letters to Congress in support of this campaign to increase global nutrition are critical right now, since for the third year in a row global hunger has increased, according to the United Nations report. Nutrition for children experiencing hunger is a bipartisan issue that can unite Americans around a common cause from which millions stand to gain! Come join us and **make a difference!**

### **FLC Youth...**

#### **678**

Confirmation Class meets Wednesdays, 6:45pm-8pm. NO CLASS 4/17 – Holy Week

#### **NINERS**

We meet Wednesdays, 6:45pm-7:45pm @ Youth Room. NO MEETING 4/17 - Holy Week

#### **9 to 12**

Youth Group meets Sundays, 6:30pm-8pm @ Youth Room. Passion Reading on Palm Sunday, April 14th at 6:30pm.

### **Women...**

**Love Days:** Big exciting news for Love Days! We now have our own room! It is in the former Youth Room in the basement. **The times are changing to 8:00-12:00 Tuesday and Wednesday the 3rd week of each month.** Please come whatever time works for each individual. **April will be the 16th and 17th!** We are not going to be serving lunch only coffee break around 10:00. Don't bring any food to share as we will decide who will bring for the next meeting in May! Tuesday mornings have been added as additional time to work on quilts. Come anytime from 8:00-12:00. Wanda is collecting items for Health, Layette, and School Kits. These items and donations for Love Days may still be left in the SW. corner of the Social Hall. You can also pick up quilt blocks already to be sewn into tops that you can sew at home! Come take the elevator tour to our new room and share in the mission of making quilts for others!!

**The WOMEN OF THE ELCA, our Youth,** and many others these days are focusing on **HUMAN TRAFFICKING**, and how we can help victims of this terrible crime! With Interstate 80 traversing our state, Nebraska is one of the largest hot spots for Human Trafficking in the United States. We in Blair are privileged to have a very knowledgeable speaker, Anna Brewer, who will give a presentation at the **Memorial Community Hospital** in the Howard/Sievers



Conference Room on **Wednesday, April 10, at 8:00 P.M.** What an evening this could be—hearing our **Bishop Brian Maas at FLC at 6:15**, and following that with this informative presentation at **Memorial Community Hospital** by this former FBI agent and current consultant with the Women’s Fund of Omaha.

**Scripture Readings for this week**  
 Philippians 3:4b-14  
 John 12:1-8  
**Scripture Readings for next week**  
 Isaiah 43:1-13  
 Luke 19:28-40

**WOMEN OF FLC**, you are invited to participate in the 2019 **NEBRASKA SYNODICAL WOMEN’S ORGANIZATION METRO EAST SPRING GATHERING on April 27, 2019, at St. Timothy Lutheran Church 510 N. 93<sup>rd</sup> Street, Omaha.** The title of the Gathering is **“Fashion and Faith.”** Come meet the new **CEO of Lutheran Family Services, Stacy Martin**, who will lead the Bible study. Registration forms/brochures with more information are on the **Women’s Table** in the corridor outside the LIFE Center and are due by **April 20.** For ride sharing please call Emily Rasmussen at 402-426-4869, or email her at ea323ras@hotmail.

**The FLC Nursery:**  
**The FLC Nursery is not staffed, but it is open for use on Wednesday Evenings and Sunday Mornings.**

**Worship Assistants for April 6 & 7**

**Greeters:** 6pm Phil & Florence Larsen  
 8:15am & 10:15am Hospitality Teams

**Lectors:** 6pm Dawn Nielsen  
 8:15am Joe Fryman  
 10:15am Ruth Jensen

**Communion**

**Assistants:** 6pm Phil & Florence Larsen  
 8:15am & 10:15am Hospitality Teams

**Sacristy:** 6pm Dale & Terry Paulsen  
 8:15am Jim & LeAnn Iseminger  
 10:15am Judy Brehm

**Coffee Hosts:** Jim & Linda Jorgensen  
**TV Ministry:** In memory of Elsie Nielsen

**This week at First Lutheran**

**Sun. Apr. 7** 8:15am & 10:15am Worship  
 9:15am Sunday School for PreK-5th  
 9:30am Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 9:30am Adult Bible Study  
 6pm Game Night  
 6:30pm 9-12 Youth Group

**Mon. Apr. 8** 7am Men’s Bible Study  
 7pm Worship & Music Committee

**Tue. Apr. 9** **Circle Day**  
 1:15pm Staff Meeting  
 2pm Ruth Circle  
 6:30pm Care Ministry

**Wed. Apr. 10** **Circle Day**  
 11am Office Hours Web Series  
 12 Noon Lenten Lunch  
**LIFE Night**  
 5:30pm Meal  
 6:15pm Worship with Bishop Maas  
 6:45pm Classes PreK-8th  
 6:45pm Niners  
 6:45pm Women’s Bible Study  
 8pm Bell Choir

**Thu. Apr. 11** 6:30pm Men’s Workshop  
 6:30pm Church Council Meeting

**Fri. Apr. 12** 9:30am Women’s Bible Study  
 6pm Wedding Rehearsal

**Sat. Apr. 13** 10am Wedding  
 6pm Worship

**Sun. Apr. 14** **Palm Sunday**  
 8:15am & 10:15am Worship  
 9:15am Sunday School for PreK-5th  
 9:30am Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 9:30am Adult Bible Study  
 1pm 1st Communion Class  
 6:30pm Passion Reading



**Hearing Assistance Devices for all services are available from the Welcome Center.**