



## PASTOR'S CORNER

These weeks of lent can be desert places. We have just come out of a winter season where many have lamented the large amounts of snow, the long dark days, storms that have made travel difficult and dangerous. Many of us have walked in times of isolation and darkness in our lives. We do not need to be reminded of what it is like to walk in the desert. However, I am reminded of the sweet sound of the Psalmist as they sing their praises to the Lord, especially after hearing them cry out to Lord from the depths of their soul.

"Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly. For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed...My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love." Psalm 31:9-10, 15-16

"I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication, for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called...How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things God has done for me? I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord." Psalm 116:1-2, 12-13

These are the hills and valleys of life. And as I was reminded again, just today, we do not walk them alone. No matter how alone we feel, we are not alone. This winter to shall pass, and the new life of spring will rise up to proclaim and sing the joy of a new day.

A new day is coming. Easter is coming and we will again sings shouts of Alleluia! And we will be reminded of what God has done. That life wins, that love wins!

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April

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“O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.... Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.....Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.” Psalm 98:1a,4,7-9

As we walk these last weeks of Lent, I pray that we continue to be refreshed and renewed through the words of the Psalmists as we are reminded of the lasting Hope we have in Jesus. The seasons of our lives ebb and flow, but the promise we have in God is our rock and our foundation. Thanks be to God.

With Hope and Love in Christ,  
Pastor Marilyn

## CUSHING COMMUNITY CALENDAR FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH 150 YEARS

We are putting together a calendar for the year 2020. We are asking the congregation to submit photos showing First Lutheran Church or Cushing events for the past 150 years.

Looking for 150 year old photos, newer photos, any photos in between.

Sunday School, Cushing School, Cushing Fun Days, Bazaars, Christmas programs, Baseball Teams, Soap Box Derby, 4-H, etc.

We will need to know names of who the people are in the photo, date? We will copy the photo and then get it back to you. Please put them in the Secretary's Office, Liz's tray, on the table by the copier.

### *April Scripture*

<i>April Scripture</i>			
Apr 7	Matthew 25:31-46	Mike Jensen	Karen Johnson
Apr 14	Matthew 21:1-17	Roger Johnson	Merry Yates
Apr 21	Matthew 28:1-10	Steve Jensen	Claudia Balcom
Apr 28	Matthew 28:16-20	Brooke Chappellear	Don Swanson

Deuteronomy 11:18-21 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

18 You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and fix them as an emblem on your forehead. 19 Teach them to your children, talking about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. 20 Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, 21 so that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth.

## Lenten Worship Schedule

April 3rd Psalm 63 (Pastor Angie Kutney) First Supper @ 6pm Worship @ 7pm

April 10th Psalm 92 (Pastor Marilyn) Laketown Supper @ 6pm, Worship @ 7pm

Transit II Students and Parents meet before each Lenten Worship to work on the Lent booklet.

Sunday School Palm

Sunday Program

April 14th

Asking for donations of candy for the Easter Egg Hunt



## FED AND FORGIVEN

Any child wishing to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion, or child who has received in the past year, (or any person wishing to refresh their knowledge on the sacrament) may come to the intergenerational learning event Wednesday, April 17th @ 6pm. (Children bring your parents) We will learn about the Lord's Supper and we will make bread to be used for communion at the Maundy Thursday worship service were we will celebrate those who have received their first communions that night or in the past year.

**Living our Faith**  
Our Vision is that; "All people are Fed, Clothed, and Cared for in Christ's Love."

Our Current Mission focus is on warm clothes. We will be collecting jackets, coats, snowpants, and winter boots. The need for socks is all year; from children to adult sizes. Items can be placed in the first Sunday School Room





## *First Circle Meetings*

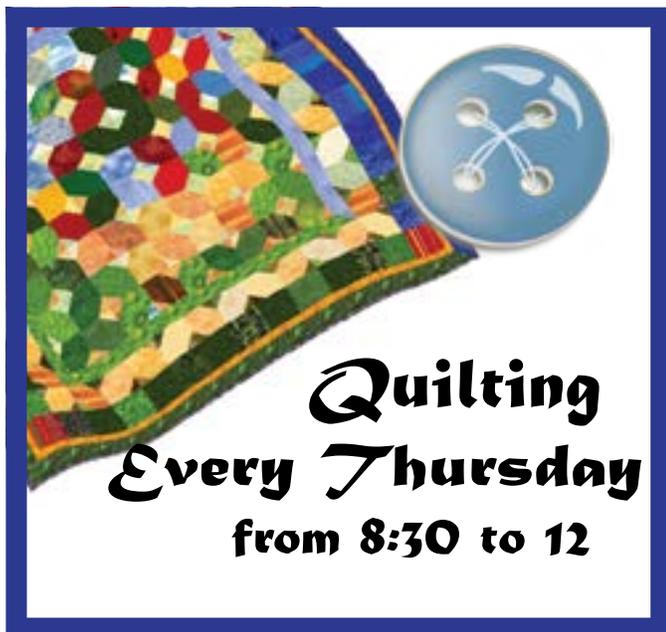
April 16  
Circle @ 6:30pm  
Maxine Olson & Jennifer  
Erickson, Hostess

Quilting  
Thursdays from  
8:30 - 12:00

## *Laketown Workers*

Cleaning - Patti  
Newsletter - Jill

Apr 17  
7-9pm Quilting Fellowship  
Apr - Pancake supper



## **2019 Day of Renewal**

**Saturday, April 6th**

Bone Lake Lutheran Church  
8:30am Registration

\$15/person, register by March 30

Speakers: Heidi Simmerman  
and Pastor Margaret Grant

Please have your  
recipe submissions in  
by May 15th.

## *Baked Potato Supper and Special Guest Speaker*

*Wednesday, May 1st*

6:30 Meal; 7:15 Speaker

**Cecelia Jayme  
Director of Clinical Services  
Hazelden Betty Ford  
Foundation**

**She will speaking about the  
current opioid crisis effecting  
our country and community**

# Thanks, Praise and Prayers

*As God's beloved children, let us pray that the light of Christ shine on the nations, the church and all those in need.*

Sharon Doolittle, LaVonne Lumsden, Loren & Beulah Nelson, Yvonne Snyder and others we name before God today.

**Sometimes in our busy lives we forget to stop, reflect upon our blessings, and take the time share our compassion and empathy with others. Since there has been very little room in the past few bulletins to pray for family and friends who need our immediate attention, let's do it now**

There are a number of ways to add someone to the prayer list. Call the church office and leave a message; make a note of it on Sunday morning with your name and name of person and give it to Pastor Marilyn or put it in the offering plate. We will keep the person on the prayer list for 6 weeks. If you would like the person to continue on the prayer list, just let us know and they will be added/kept on the list for another 6 weeks. There is no limit to the number of times a person can be put on the prayer list. Thank you for your help and for lifting one another up in prayer.

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## Please Note!

Please remember to have family notify the church office if you are in the hospital. The privacy data laws do not allow the hospital to notify the church of your admittance.

# First Lutheran's 150th Anniversary

**In preparation for the 150th Anniversary in 2020 the Committee is requesting the following.**

Anniversary theme ideas • Money donations for Anniversary activities • Updated names and addresses for celebration invitations • Pictures of the past from both the Church and Community.

## A REAL BANNER MONTH!



**D**ear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This month we will have THREE banners. We will start the month with the EXODUS banner and on Sunday April 14th we will have the Symbols of Holy Week and the Passion of Our Lord. And on Sunday April 21st Easter Morning during the "SONRISE" Service the banner "God's Promise of Hope" will come in as part of the Service. God's promise of Hope is told to us and to the house of Israel from Genesis to Revelation. The following verses are just some of the Hope verses, the key verse for this banner and the assurance of God's promise is found in the Apostle Paul's letter to Titus, I have highlighted it below. In fact, Paul's entire letter to Titus is about the Hope in Jesus Christ. Even the Apostle Peter tells of the Hope in his letters.

*Psalm 71:5 NRSV*

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

*Romans 15:13 NRSV*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Colossians 1:5 NRSV*

because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel

*Titus 1:1-3 NRSV*

1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth that is in accordance with godliness, 2 in the hope of eternal life that God, who never lies, promised before the ages began— 3 in due time he revealed his word through the proclamation with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior,

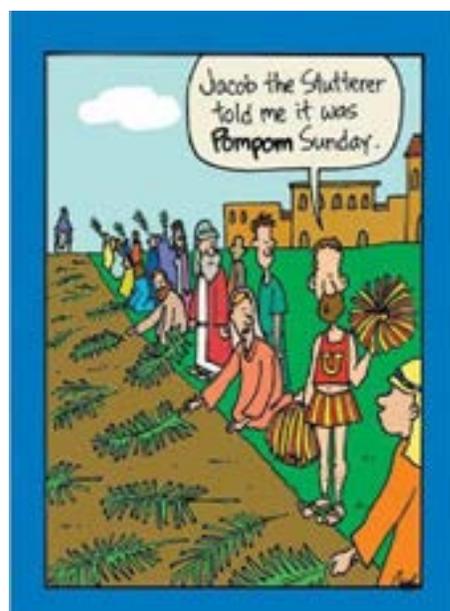
*1 Peter 1:3 NRSV*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

The Altar hangings for this month are Purple for the Season of Lent, Red for Holy Week. Then it changes to White starting Good Friday (April 19th) through the seven weeks of the Easter Season leading up to Pentecost.

Yours in Our Eternal Hope,  
Jesus Christ,

Steve Jensen





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# Ministry Messenger

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### Laketown Lutheran Church

We seek to know and love God, share His love and word, strengthen our faith through the Holy Spirit, and as servants of Christ serve those in need.



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