



First Lutheran Church
521 N. 8th Street
Manitowoc WI 54220 USA

Messenger

March 2022

*The
flowers
appear on the earth;
the time of the singing
of birds is come.*

Song of Solomon 2:12

February 13th

Annual Meeting update

Our annual meeting to approve the budget was held on Sunday, Feb. 13 in the Sanctuary and via Zoom. The budget was approved.

A nominating committee of Jessica Betts, Chris Bandt, Jean Olson, Tove Alecksen and Christy Miller was elected. They will be looking for 3 nominees to join Church council in May and one (1) member for the Endowment Fund Committee. Please prayerfully consider saying yes to a nomination if you are asked or reach out to one of them if you are interested in volunteering.

Our Call Process is started with the election of our Call Committee at the Annual meeting. This Call Committee consists of Harry O'Connell, Patty Greene, Sheila Hansen, Patti Fellows, Nick Port, and Andie Taylor. Two (2) alternates were also elected. They are Al Leick and Carol Gibson.

Thank you to all who attended and voted at the meeting. Your input is greatly appreciated!

Karin Jaeger
Council President



Thank You!



Thank you to all for the First
for God Food Collections for
Salvation Army's Food Pantry
Sunday Feb. 6. We were able
to donate a total of 56 bags!
Yahoo! Way to Go!!

Every First Sunday of each
month we participate in the
Food Collection drive. Next
Month: Sunday March 6

In Remembrance

Ronald Jost
Doris Hansen
Keith Smith
Elaine Wigen

Our God-given mission is to...
Gather in the name of the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit,
Grow in faith and love,
Go out to serve and invite others
to faith in Christ.



WHO'S WHO

THE STAFF

Stephanie Bowman,
Contemp. Music Coord.

Rebecca Konik
Church Secretary

Brenda Leick
Church Secretary

Patricia Nickels
Bookkeeper

Shelli Maigatter
Custodian

CHURCH COUNCIL

Pres.: Karin Jaeger 973-3494

V.P.: Tyler Fellows 901-2273

Treas: Brad Oxtan 905-3824

Sec.: Yolanda VanHaren 860-5053

BOARD' REPRESENTATIVES

Christian Education
Alison Taylor

Christian Fellowship
Karin Jaeger

Christian Outreach/Servanthood
Patty Greene, Conrad Sonneman

Christian Stewardship
Jessica Betts, David Bowman

Congregational Care
Harry O'Connell

Finance
Chris Bandt, Brad Oxtan

Music & Worship
Beth Seizert, Lorene Jakel

Personnel
Tyler Fellows, Yolanda VanHaren

Property
Karyl Rommelfanger

Youth Ministries
Alison Taylor, Ned Jerabek



Missionaries in Japan
Rev. James & Carol Sack





Our Upcoming Lent Services on Wednesday's

Lent is a season of repentance and turning to God to show us how to live anew. This year, our Wednesday evening services will be focusing on this new life God invites us

to experience. Each week we will focus on an attribute of God: His faithfulness, mercy, compassion, forgiveness and love. Services will include music, scripture, poetry, a reflection and various types of prayer.

We are looking for people to help with leading the services. Would you be willing to share your musical talents? Read a scripture or poem? Offer a reflection on the readings or speak about how you've experienced God in your life? We'd love to have you get involved!

Simply call the church office and someone will follow up with the details.

Services will be held at 6:30 in the sanctuary and will not be broadcast over FaceBook.



March Scriptures

Mar 6 First **Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

Psalm **91:1-2, 9-16**

Second **Romans 10:8b-13**

Gospel **Luke 4:1-13**

Mar 13 First **Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

Psalm **27**

Second **Philippians 3:17--4:1**

Gospel **Luke 13:31-35**

Mar 20 First **Isaiah 55:1-9**

Psalm **63:1-8**

Second **1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

Gospel **Luke 13:1-9**

Mar 27 First **Joshua 5:9-12**

Psalm **32**

Second **2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

Gospel **Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**



First Lutheran Prayer Chain

To join the prayer chain or leave a prayer request please call Mary Gammelin (682-2250) or email mgammelin@lso.net. You can also leave a prayer request by emailing Betsie Auchter eauchter@comcast.net

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you knit or crochet?

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry welcomes any volunteer who would like to make shawls to be given by our congregation at times of grief and/or critical illness. Yarn & pattern are provided, and you can do this at your own leisure...

If you know of someone who is experiencing a serious or life threatening illness or death in the family, feel free to call me. Deanne Vollandorf 684-7134

This Ministry is our hands doing God's work.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES '

'Now Hiring:

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

"Church Administrator" is a new position at First Lutheran. It is a full time position earning about \$50,000 per year with benefits. This person would report to the pastor and would be responsible for many of the administrative duties of the pastor thus allowing the pastor to focus more on the spiritual needs of the congregation.

For more information please contact Steve Gibson at sgibson922@comcast.net

Now Hiring:

Director of Faith Formation (Director of Youth Programs) \$31,000 per year.

This position coordinates ministries to families with children age 0-18; [Birth-3; 3k-6th grade (Sunday School, Spark Youth Group), 7th-9th grade Confirmation, 10th-12th grade (High School Youth Group)]

A more complete job description is available upon request. If interested, please contact the Board of Personnel of First Lutheran Church. (Steve Gibson, 920-682-7837 or sgibson922@comcast.net)

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

Sunday School, Confirmation and
High School Faith Formation

Important Dates:

Sunday school - 10:15—10:55am

Now starting at 10:15!

Confirmation Classes

Please plan on attending the Worship service on Wednesdays' at 6:30pm before Confirmation class

High School Fusion Youth Group

All 9-12th Graders are encouraged to come to youth group.



Share God's Word

WINTER WEATHER CONTINUES ? ? ? ? ?

Spring is still not quite
here, so please be
weather ware....

Please tune into
WOMT 1240am radio
for cancelations. First
Lutheran will follow the
Manitowoc Public
School district's policy
regarding closings, can-
cellations, etc. **SO...If**
schools are closed..
FIRST LUTHERAN is
closed (church & of-

fice) no activities, wor-
ship, etc If they dismiss classes early or cancel after
school activities, **FLC also cancels evening activities.** **No**
need to wonder, no need to get all bundled up. Simp-
ly put- stay put!

What about Sundays?.. If the worship service needs
to be cancelled due to inclement weath-
er, it will be announced on WOMT-
1240am ASAP.



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Congregational Meeting

April 24, 2022 @ 10:15



On the Agenda:

✓ Annual Reports of the
Boards for the church year
2021.

✓ Election of members to the
Church Council & Endowment Committee

REMINDER FOR BOARD CHAIRPERSONS/
COUNCIL...

Please have your annual report from 2021
Submitted to the church office by March 15,
2021. office@flcmanitowoc.org



Where's Spring?

*What comes to mind when March appears,
Shamrocks and Irish stew?
Corned beef and cabbage pleases some;
Would that appeal to you?*

*When you see Robin Red breast strut,
Could that produce a smile?
Then when you see the budding trees,
You stop and gaze awhile?*

*It seems nature comes alive
At this time of the year;
And we will see more sunny days;
Yes, Spring we're glad you're here!*

*To winter winds and blowing snow,
Including old Jack Frost;
We've had enough—we want a change,
It's time that you "Get Lost"!*

Happy Spring !

*By Elaine Kestly
March/ 2010*

(also printed in the March Messenger 2010)

For
GOD
SO
Loved the World
that
HE
Gave
His
ONLY
SON
John 3:16



NEED ASAP!!!

Snip n' Sew quilt ladies are in need of Single sided cardboard boxes approximately 27-29" long ; 16-17" wide and 17-18" long. No perforations on the sides.

Currently we have 6 or 7 large boxes but will need 30 or more for the next 150 quilts the women hope to complete. So far...166 quilts have been completed and 27 boxes were used. Any Q's? call Mary Ann Peaslee at 920-684-9047

Tick Tock....

Coo Coo....

Reminder to
change the
clocks 1 hour
ahead when

you go to bed! (Saturday night)

**Sunday March 13 Daylight Savings
Time Begins**



Easter Lily Time!

Orders can now be placed for Easter Lilies! 'Yellow' order forms can be found on the info tables. The are \$10 each, and they will be available for pick up after the Easter Sunday Worship.

Please call the church office 682-7742 for more info.



Congregational Care Board ...

Homebound Communion.

We currently bring communion to 20 people. This is a monthly service provided by 6 volunteers. It is a service we are blessed to provide to those members of our church family that are homebound for any reason or are in care facilities.



We are happy to bring communion to those in need on a short or long term basis. Recently, a loved one of a person in need called concerned that no one had reached out to that homebound person. The reason this was not done is that we were not aware of the situation. Once we knew of the wish we were happy to be of service. We ask that the family or a friend please let us know of anyone that desires communion brought to them.

Call the church office and the names, phone numbers and addresses will be forwarded to volunteers only too happy to be of assistance.

Thanks

Board of Congregational Care.

An ancient prayer

*Lord Jesus, think on me
and purge away my sin.
From earthborn passions set me free
and make me pure within.*

*Lord Jesus, think on me,
that when the flood is past,
I may th' eternal brightness see
and share your joy at last.*

—Synesius of Cyrene (4th century)
Newsletternewsletter.com/March 2022

Wednesday Morning Bible Study 9:30am-11am

Steve Gibson leads the morning group focusing on the upcoming Sunday Scripture lessons. Everyone's invited! (non members too).

financial news

SUPPORT FIRST LUTHERAN'S SPONSORSHIPS /GIFTS MINISTRIES

Sponsorships and/or gifts to help support these ministries for First Lutheran are needed on a continued basis.

Japan Missionary Rev. Sack \$20;
Altar Flowers \$22.;;
Prayer Shawl Ministry \$25
Radio Broadcast [womt 1240am]
 (full sponsorship) \$450; (1/2 sponsorship)-\$225; also monetary gifts of any amount are welcome.

Your gift sponsorships can be acknowledged in our weekly 'Life at First' insert- Deadline for announcements: is 12:noon Tuesday prior to the Sunday of choice. You can use the Form below and mail it in or call the church office 682-7742 for assistance.

- [] Sack's Mission Fund \$ 20.
 [] Altar Flowers \$ 22.
 [] Prayer Shawl Ministry \$25.

Radio Broadcasts

- () *(Full sponsorship \$450;
 () *1/2 Sponsorship \$225;
 () any amount of Monetary Gift

Sunday of Sponsorship desired:

Your Message (if any):

Name & phone:



Below is a list of Sponsorships/ Gifts that were received in the past month.

Feb 6

Sack's Mission Fund

In loving memory of my sister Joanne, on her birthdate Feb. 5. – Mary Gammelin

Feb 13

Sack's Mission Fund

Happy Birthday to our granddaughter, Tallie Fote on Feb. 11. ~George & Julie Grinde

Prayer Shawl Ministries

In honor of Loryn Schleis. ~Mike Grinde

Feb 20

Sack's Mission Fund

In memory of my dad, Rev. W.H. Gammelin on his birthdate Feb. 25. ~ Mary Gammelin



HOW CAN I GIVE?

Four (4) ways to give! We now have four (4) safe and secure options available.

- ♦ You can continue to mail your check;
- ♦ instruct your bank to mail a check through online banking;
- ♦ or call the church office to set up electronic giving through your bank account.
- ♦ **You can now also give by credit card, if it's easier for you.**

We use tithe.ly, an ELCA-preferred and secure vendor. Just click the green "Give" button on our homepage: www.flcmanitowoc.org.

Ministry continues, and we are grateful for your generosity.



OFFERINGS

As of February 8

Regular Giving	\$27,261.13
Total Receipts	\$30,434.13
Total Expenses	\$34,213.64

2021 Reg Giving	\$36,172.10
2021 Total Receipts	\$61,552.10
(Money transferred from Memorial for Tuck Pointing on exterior of building)	
2021 Total Expenses	\$48,354.15

-Patricia Nickels

Washed clean

Make customized jelly
soaps to banish dirt
and grime.



What you need:

- 1 package unflavored gelatin
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup very warm water
- 1 tsp salt
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup gel body wash
- Food coloring
- Rubbing alcohol in spray bottle
- Silicone baking molds

What you do:

1. In a bowl, stir gelatin and warm water until dissolved.
2. Add salt, body wash and a few drops of food coloring. Stir.
3. Spray molds with rubbing alcohol (to prevent bubbles). Place molds on a tray.
4. Pour mixture into the molds. Refrigerate until set, about two hours.
5. Pop soap out of molds and store in an airtight container.



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ALSTROEMERIA	DELPHINIUM	LARKSPUR	SNAPDRAGON
AMARYLLIS	FREESIA	LIATRIS	SOLIDASTER
ANEMONE	GARDENIA	LISIANTHUS	SUNFLOWER
CARNATIAN	GLADIOLUS	ORCHID	SWEET PEA
DAFFODIL	HYACINTH	RANUNCULUS	TIGER LILY

*There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under heaven:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a
time to uproot*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:3 Snip n' Sew 6p Bd Music/ Worship-zoom 6p Bd Finance- church	2 ASH WEDNESDAY 9:3 Bible Study 6:3 Worship Ash Wednesday—HC 7:3-Drive thru HC	3	4	5
FLC HOSTS @ HOPE HOUSE 2/27 -3/5						
6 9am Worship in person [womt] FB Trad 10:15-Drive-thru Comm. 10:15 Sunday School 	7 1:3 Snip n'Sew 6p —Handbells	8 9:3 Snip n' Sew	9 9:3 Bible Study 6:3 Lent Worship 6:5-Confirmation	10	11	12
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Please note:						9



Hope House Manitowoc County

Hope House
1000 S. 35th St., Manitowoc, WI 54220
(920)686-1436
hopehousemc.org

First Lutheran's Host Week
Feb. 27—March 5, 2021



Now Hiring a Case Manager

Do you know of someone who has a passion for serving those in need? We are now hiring a case manager and welcome applications. To see the full job posting, visit the job listing on the Manitowoc Chamber website. We look forward to adding another valued member to our team.



What is a Case Manager?

Reporting to the Director, the Case Manager works as part of a team and independently to provide case management services to homeless families and individuals who are residing in Hope House of Manitowoc County Shelter Program.

Why work for us?

Hope House offers a Paid Time Off plan and a generous benefit stipend that can be used for the payment of health insurance premiums, medical expenses, and/or contribution to a retirement account.

Position Objective:

Provide comprehensive case management services to homeless households. Work with the case management team to support guests as they address barriers to stable housing and move on to new living environments.

You can also send your resume to Abby, our Director at aabbet@hopehousemc.org

OUR WISH LIST *for our Guests*

Floor cleaner
Size 6 diapers
Disinfecting cleaning spray
Dishwasher pods
Baby wipes
Multi-purpose cleaning spray



Manitowoc Coffee Collecting Donations for Us!

Manitowoc Coffee is hosting a donation box with a list of items that are needed at Hope House. They want to help those in need thrive and even a small act of kindness can create a ripple with no logical end. Choose a tag from their donation wish list board and bring back the item to donate. As a token of their gratitude, they are offering a FREE coffee. We appreciate you and your delicious coffee!

Donation Drives Make a Big Difference!

People in our community often call to see how they can help our families in shelter. This is the best way to reach our goals as we can have a discussion of our most urgent needs and potential service projects to meet their needs. For example, we are having a group of middle school students make fleece tie blankets for our children. Blankets provide a sense of comfort for our children and they will take them home when they move to a new place.

Many local businesses have held donation drives for us including Short Stack Nutrition, who offered a discount on their drinks in exchange for a donation of needed items. Our wish lists are posted uniquely for each business. For example, some have a "giving tree" to take an item to donate.

We thank our community & local businesses for your support! If you have a business or group who would like to support our mission, email Kristin.



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Sunday services at 9am
Sanctuary ; WOMT 1240AM
107.9FM, womtradio.com YouTube,
Facebook Live www.facebook.com/FLCManty521

**Holy Communion –1st & 3rd Sundays of
the month @ 9am worship and
Drive thru @ 10:15-10:45am**

10:15 Sunday School (Sept.-May)

Church Office Hours
Mon-Thurs: 10:00-3:00
Friday: 9:00-12noon
920-682-7742

Email: Office@flcmanitowoc.org
Web: FLCmanitowoc.org



Weekday Wednesday Lenten Worship Services

ASH Wednesday Worship -March 2 - (also on Facebook)

6:30pm - Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion

7:30-8pm Drive thru – Holy Communion & Ashes

**We will continue with Wednesday Evening worship services
at 6:30pm throughout our Lenten season.**

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday –April 10 -9am

Maundy Thursday with HC; –April 14 -6:30pm

Good Friday –April 15 -1:00pm

Easter Sunday-April 17 -7am & 9am