

The monthly newsletter of  
First United Lutheran Church Sheboygan, Wisconsin

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April

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## Sharing God's Word \* Strengthening Faith \* Serving Community

*Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?...They said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid (Mark 16:3,8).*

Easter comes early this year, arriving on the last day of March. I am looking forward to the services of Holy Week and Easter, all of which remember those events at the heart of the Christian faith. In a world filled with news that can drag us down, we need the proclamation of God's Easter victory in Christ. Knowing our inner demons that can lead us to despair, we need the comfort and assurance of God's eternal mercy and grace in Jesus Christ.

We deal with major issues in life, be they matters of personal health, life changes in work or family, or a pastoral transition in a congregation. Daily we hear stories of people suffering in warfare or contending with extreme poverty and hunger. We wonder who will roll away the stone? Who will give us hope when there appears to be no hope?

Easter proclaims God's Yes to life, God's victory over sin, death and the power of evil. We are at heart an Easter people, a community of faith centered in the joy and peace of the Good News of Jesus. Even when all the evidence around us suggests we are doomed, we carry the cross of Jesus' love and march toward the future God is unfolding.

Mark's account of the resurrection ends in a strange way. Mark says the women fled from the tomb with terror and amazement seizing them. Why did Mark end the story this way? Some say he was interrupted and didn't get to finish writing it. Some say there was more to the story but it's been lost. Another possibility is that Mark wants us to finish the story and live into God's Promised Future. Perhaps Mark is saying we Christians here on earth are now part of the Easter story. Led by the Spirit of the Risen Christ we continue the ministry of Jesus as the Body of Christ in the world today.

A blessed Holy Week and Easter season to everyone.  
Pastor Jerry Mansholt

## April Worship Schedule

### Thursday, April 4

6:30 PM - Contemporary Worship Service

### Sunday, April 7

8:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

9:40 AM - Sunday School

9:40 AM - Adult Education

10:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

### Thursday, April 11

6:30 PM - Contemporary Worship Service

### Sunday, April 14

#### LORD'S PRAYER SERVICE

8:30 AM - Lord's Prayer Worship Service

9:40 AM - Sunday School

9:40 AM - Adult Education

10:30 AM - Lord's Prayer Worship Service

### Thursday, April 18

6:30 PM - Contemporary Worship Service

### Sunday, April 21

#### CROSSWAYS CAMP SUNDAY

8:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

9:40 AM - Sunday School

9:40 AM - Adult Education

10:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

### Thursday, April 25

6:30 PM - Contemporary Worship Service

### Sunday, April 28

8:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

9:40 AM - Sunday School

9:40 AM - Adult Education

10:30 AM - Blended Worship Service

## 2024 Scholarship Applications due May 1, 2024

**Homstad Scholarship** in the amount of \$2500 is available to a member of FULC pursuing a career in PK-12 education at religious, public, or private colleges and universities. **Homstad Scholarship Applications** are available from the church office. **Homstad Scholarship Applications** must be received in the FULC Office no later than May 1, 2024 for consideration. Scholarship recipient determination and notification will occur in May 2024.

**First United Lutheran Church Scholarship** is open to a member of FULC attending religious, public, or private colleges, universities, or technical schools. Recipients must provide proof of registration from the school they are attending. Scholarship awards will be based upon available endowment funds. **First United Lutheran Church Scholarship Applications** are available from the church office beginning March 1, 2024. Completed **First United Lutheran Church Scholarship Applications** must be received by the FULC Office no later than May 1, 2024 for consideration. Scholarship recipient determination and notification will occur in May 2024.

## 2024 Grant Applications

**First United Lutheran Church Grants** are open to members of FULC attending church camp or leadership training. Proof of registration is required for leadership training or an acceptance letter to church camp. Applications will be reviewed, and reimbursement awarded based upon accepted applications and available endowment funds. **First United Lutheran Church Grant Applications** are available from the church office beginning March 1, 2024. While completed **First United Lutheran Church Grant Applications** may be submitted throughout the year, final submission date for 2024 grant application to the FULC Office is October 31, 2024.



*Thank You!*

To date, FULC has packed over 500,000 meals!

435 Volunteers  
468 Boxes  
101,088 Meals Packed

We fed 277 kids for a year

## Our Staff

Senior Interim Pastor • Gerald Mansholt

Transition Pastor • Heidi Borkenhagen

Director of Music Ministries • Matthew Thorne  
Children & Family/ Great Beginnings Preschool

Administrator • Mary Gorges

Youth/Technology • Thom Nicla

Church Administrator/

Discipleship • Debbie Schneider

Administrative Assistant • Kelly Stoelb

Preschool Lead Teacher • Ellen Yedica

Financial Secretary/Community Ministry • Cheryl Nicholson

Children & Family Ministry Assistant • Gabrielle Huolihan

*Let us know how we can help you. 920-452-2401*



## Council Corner

### Building Maintenance

Klunck Masonry is scheduled to repair the brick wall along Kohler Memorial Drive

Fellowship Hall will get a new roof with the help of Thom Nicla and ASP volunteers

### Instant Church Directory

The Instant Church Directory contains Council's contact information under the "Groups" section





## Hospital Visits

Please call the church office, Pastor Jerry, or Pastor Heidi if there is a need for a pastoral visit at the hospital or if you are in the hospital for any reason.

(The hospitals will not call us unless you specifically ask them to do so.)

**FULC Office: 920-452-2401**



## Lord's Prayer Service



On April 14 at both services we will have a special service centered around the Lord's Prayer. This service includes readings, hymns, and explanations from Luther's Small Catechism for each petition of this prayer that is central to our faith. Some of our youth will lead us in our worship. We hope you can be in church this day as we focus and reflect on the prayer that Jesus taught us.



Camp is a formative time in the life and faith of our youth, as well as a welcome place for retreats and spiritual growth for adults. First United has a long relationship with Crossways Camping Ministries, which are affiliated with the ELCA.

On Sunday, April 21 we will welcome Robyn Koehler, Crossways Chair of Operations and Co-Director of Pine Lake Camp. Robyn will bring us greetings and updates about the ministry programs at Crossways, which includes Pine Lake Camp, Imago Dei Village, and Waypost. She will give a temple talk and spend some time with our Sunday School students.

For more information, you can visit [www.crosswayscamps.org](http://www.crosswayscamps.org)

## A MESSAGE ABOUT REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT FROM LOVE Inc

Did you know...

...that the definition of refugee is someone who is forced to flee their home country due to extreme persecution such as violent torture?

...that less than 1% of refugees are resettled?

... that Love INC of Sheboygan County is now approved to manage refugee resettlement in our community?

**Learn more and help us welcome refugees!**

We are motivated by the love of Christ to welcome and embrace people who have nowhere else to turn. Join us by becoming a volunteer today! Call (920) 783-6701, and Press 3 or email us at [volunteer@loveincsheboygancounty.org](mailto:volunteer@loveincsheboygancounty.org).

<http://www.loveincsheboygancounty.org/volunteer>



# Birthdays & Other News

## CONFIRMATION CORNER

**7th & 8th Grades: Wednesdays**  
**April 3, 10, 17, & 24**  
**6:00 - 6:45 p.m.**

**in the Confirmation Room**  
**April 24 is the last day of**  
**confirmation for 7th & 8th Graders**

**9th Grade: Wednesdays**

**April 3 & 17**  
**7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**in the Genszler Room**



## Grief Warriors

**Thursday, April 25 at 5:00 p.m.**  
**in the Old Library**



**All are welcome to join us**



## First United FOOD PANTRY NEW HOURS

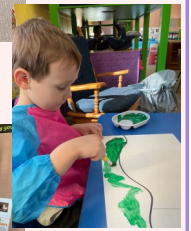
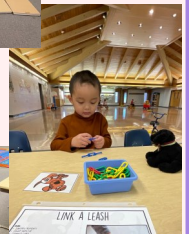
If you or anyone you know needs food, please check out our Food Pantry located in the Serenity Room. The front office can assist you if you need help.

**2nd & 4th Weeks of the Month**  
**Mondays 9AM - 12PM**  
**Wednesdays 1PM - 4:00PM**

## Great Beginnings

Wow, March sure flew by! We started off the month with a trip to the Mead Public Library, which was so much fun! Back in the classroom we worked on making our own books and learning about printing concepts. While in math we continue to work on counting along with sorting and number recognition. Our themes for the month were sports (we had bowling, t-ball, and soccer in the gym), veterinary clinic, and camping. We also had a night theme in which we learned about nocturnal animals, bedtime routines, and bedtime prayers. Of course we also celebrated St. Patrick's Day with some fun shenanigans and Easter with an egg hunt. Join us next month to see what April will bring.

- 1 Lindsey Dvorak
- 2 Linda Bartlett  
Anthony Frank
- 3 Raymond Reinwand  
Clayton Willman
- 4 Jeni Andrews  
Barbara Bishop  
Eric Brunnich  
Sam Strege  
Ian Zempel
- 5 Nuing Cing  
Abby Kletzien  
Niang Tawi Cing Mung  
Paul Wagner
- 6 Leilani Lefebber  
Vickie Wambach-Dunnigan
- 7 Isabelle Heins  
Alex Ortlieb  
David Sachse  
Nicholas Wisnefske  
Pam Zechlinski
- 8 Gail Baumer  
Deb Graff  
Mang Lian Kiim  
Cing Ning  
Odin Pipp  
Cohan Sondalle  
Nicole Thomas
- 9 Chloe Aldag  
Brenden Johnson  
Alaina Paarmann  
Val Ploeckelman  
Cindy Wigdahl
- 10 Susan Draper  
Ann Hermann  
Brooke Lilyquist  
Madeline Thomas
- 11 Sarah Gannaway  
Karen Ingels  
Trevor Johnson  
Deb Woodard
- 12 John Ader  
Jeff Long  
Ruth Perry  
Dan Peterson  
Scott Thomas  
Peyton Voight
- 13 Carol Berge  
Scott Kissinger
- 14 Steve Buzaitis  
Jacob Goodroe  
Craig Harms  
Jeffrey Peterson  
Andrea Voss
- 15 Nathan Ader  
Elijah Belmore  
Erik Johnson  
Alexis Kuehl  
Kathleen Lutzke  
Jeff Mirsberger  
Marion Pilgrim  
Carol Shaffer
- 16 Ethan Ott
- 17 Audra Hoffmann  
Declan Pipp  
Nicole Roehsler  
Heather Roelse  
Hannah Schaefer  
Lisa Splittgerber  
Addison Stoeckigt
- 18 Meghan Batzner  
Ella Martin  
Mandi Schermetzler
- 19 Joy Vangalis
- 20 Kelly Aldag  
Elliott Lefebber  
Eryn Shaha
- 21 Jim Bohren  
Cole Delong  
Ron Wilson  
Ryan Yedica  
David Zerger
- 22 Scott Cinealis  
Anna Milsted
- 23 Ron Batdorf  
Jonah Harms  
Cin Kim Pau  
Kate Stoeger
- 24 Deb Ganser  
Jack Gorges  
Grace Hammond  
Shawn Jackson  
Dan Kelly  
Sam Olsen
- 25 Shane Ley  
Lea Thibodeau
- 26 Avery Buzaitis  
Dan Jones  
Helen Klunck  
Thomas Pederson  
Vickie Sauve  
Brianna Zechlinski
- 27 Kate Greif  
Brooks Haas  
Peter Hageness  
Ann Keckonen  
Nancy Mannchen  
Megan Robeson  
Keith Swanson  
Ellie Weber
- 28 Michael Franks  
Ed Moberg  
Adam Peterson  
Michelle Preussler
- 29 Kyle Eirich  
Dirk Milsted
- 30 Collier Hedlund  
Harlow Hedlund  
Sam Larson  
Elizabeth Zerger







## PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Great Beginnings Preschool  
 at First United Lutheran Church  
 offers exceptional early childhood  
 education. Ideal for first time  
 3K/4K learners!

SIGN UP NOW FOR 2024-2025

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# Calendar of Events

# April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 PM Scouts	<b>2</b> NO GREAT BEGINNINGS SPRING ELECTION - FELLOWSHIP HALL 1:15 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Scouts	<b>3</b> 9:00 AM Wednesday Guys 11:30 AM Morning Glories 6:00 PM Laundry Love 6:00 PM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 7:00 PM 9th Grade Confirmation	<b>4</b> 9:00 AM Prayer Group 6:00 PM Bell Choir 6:30 PM Contemporary Worship Service	<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b> 
<b>7</b> 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 9:40 AM Sunday School 9:40 AM Adult Ed 9:40 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 1:30 PM Clara Dehn Recital	<b>8</b> 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Food Pantry 5:30 PM Personnel Team 6:30 PM Scouts	<b>9</b> 1:15 PM Staff Meeting 1:30 PM Naomi Circle 6:00 PM Pickleball 6:30 PM Scouts 6:30 PM New Spirit Circle	<b>10</b> 9:00 AM Wednesday Guys 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Food Panty 6:00 PM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation	<b>11</b> 9:00 AM Prayer Group 5:00 PM Executive Team 6:00 PM Bell Choir 6:30 PM Contemporary Worship Service	<b>12</b> 	<b>13</b> 
<b>14</b> LORD'S PRAYER SUNDAY 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 8:30 AM ASP to Cross Lutheran Milwaukee 9:40 AM Sunday School 9:40 AM Adult Ed 9:40 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service	<b>15</b> 6:30 PM Congregation Council 6:30 PM Scouts	<b>16</b> 1:15 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Pickleball 6:30 PM Scouts	<b>17</b> 9:00 AM Wednesday Guys 6:00 PM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 7:00 PM 9th Grade Confirmation	<b>18</b> 9:00 AM Prayer Group 6:00 PM Bell Choir 6:30 PM Contemporary Worship Service	<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b> 
<b>21</b> CROSSWAYS CAMPING SUNDAY 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 9:40 AM Sunday School 9:40 AM Adult Ed 9:40 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service	<b>22</b> 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Food Pantry 6:30 PM Scouts	<b>23</b> 1:15 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Pickleball 6:30 PM Scouts	<b>24</b> 9:00 AM Wednesday Guys 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Food Panty 6:00 PM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation	<b>25</b> 9:00 AM Prayer Group 9:00 AM SCIO Farmer's Market Meeting 5:00 PM Grief Warriors 6:00 PM Bell Choir 6:30 PM Contemporary Worship Service	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> 
<b>28</b> 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 9:40 AM Sunday School 9:40 AM Adult Ed 9:40 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service	<b>29</b> 6:30 PM Scouts	<b>30</b> 1:15 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Pickleball 6:30 PM Scouts	 <p><i>Morning Glories</i></p> <p><b>Wednesday, April 3 at 11:30 a.m. In the Genszler Room</b></p> <p>Bring a lunch and item for the Food Pantry</p> <p>The Book of Revelation: How many people can get to Heaven?                      Led by Marianne Comstock</p> 			



# Coming Soon . . .

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You are invited to join us for in-person and online Worship Services:

Facebook page: First United Lutheran Church - ELCA

YouTube channel: First United Lutheran Church - Sheboygan WI

*Confirmation Sunday*

*May, 5*

*10:30 a.m.*

*Join us as we celebrate our  
confirmands*



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