

The monthly newsletter of
First United Lutheran Church Sheboygan, Wisconsin

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Sharing God's Word * Strengthening Faith * Serving Community

Good News from Pastor Heidi

The church season of Lent is a time for us to focus our hearts again on the Lord. We turn ourselves toward the cross, often with differing emotions. For some of us, it feels good to remember again all that Christ went through to show us the incredible love of God. For some of us, the cross raises deep questions of faith- why did Jesus have to die, and what does it mean for me? For some of us, the idea of more suffering and pain in our lives is almost too much to bear.

The death of Jesus on the cross is a complicated event that theologians, historians, and everyday people (Christians and non-Christians) still discuss and debate today. For all followers of Christ, the cross is central to faith. Our Lord came to earth, died, and lived again. In such a seemingly simple sentence, great power and hope is found for us.

My hope and prayer for you this Lent is that you make some extra time to be with God as you prepare to go to the cross again with Christ. It could be through prayer, devotionals, quiet time for meditation, reading your Bible (check out a special Bible reading plan we have provided!), or any other way that you connect with your Creator. You won't be sorry you spent that time- a little time with God can go a long way.

Ash Wednesday is February 14

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which this year is on Valentine's Day, February 14th. Lent is a time to return our hearts to God, leaving behind the things that pull us away- so perhaps it's appropriate that it falls on a day we associate with love.

There will be two opportunities for worship: 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. We will receive ashes on our foreheads as a sign of repentance, and hear again how God welcomes and forgives us when we come to God. Worship will also include special music and Holy Communion.

Come, and begin this holy season with reflection and worship.

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FULC HAPPENINGS

February Worship Schedule

Sunday, Feb. 4

SCOUTS SUNDAY

8:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

9:40 AM - Sunday School

10:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

Thursday, Feb. 8

6:30 PM - Contemporary Worship Service

Sunday, Feb. 11

8:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

9:40 AM - Sunday School

10:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Ash Wednesday

10:30 AM - Worship Service

6:30 PM - Worship Service

Thursday, Feb. 15

6:30 PM - Contemporary Worship Service

Sunday, Feb. 18

8:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

9:40 AM - Sunday School

10:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

Wednesday, Feb. 21

6:30 PM - Lenten Worship

Thursday, Feb. 22

6:30 PM - Contemporary Worship Service

Sunday, Feb. 25

8:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

9:40 AM - Sunday School

10:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

Wednesday, Feb. 28

6:30 PM - Lenten Worship

Thursday, Feb. 29

6:30 PM - Contemporary Worship Service



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Registration is NOW OPEN!
Join us March 8 or 9

Register on our FULC website.
Contact Rick Hoffmann with questions: rskbhoff@charter.net

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LENT 2024: Living Our Baptism

Traditionally, Lent is a time of preparation for those who will be baptized at Easter. Candidates take a close look at scripture, faith, service, and generosity as they anticipate their new life in Christ.

This Lent, we will dive into the waters of baptism as we remember who we are as God's covenant people and as we explore the baptismal promises that we make when we Affirm our Baptism.

At each of our Midweek Worship Services, we will consider these promises. Furthermore, throughout Lent, there will be ways that you can put these promises into practice. Dive in with us this Lent, and on Easter Sunday we will all promise to continue in the covenant God made first with us when we were baptized!

Our Midweek worship will be at 6:30 p.m., using the beautiful Holden Evening Prayer Service. Please make sure to join us on these dates:

February 21: "Live among God's faithful people"

February 28: "Hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper"

March 6: "Proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed"

March 13: "To strive for justice and peace in all the earth"

March 20: "To serve all people following the example of Jesus"

Our Staff

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



Let's send some LOVE to our First United college & military kids!

Help us raise money to provide each student with a \$25 gift card

Please use the red envelopes located in the Gathering Area and place in the offering plates.

Donations are needed by Feb. 4



Coats for the King

Donate new or clean gently-used coats and jackets for all sizes and seasons

**Palm Thursday and Sunday
March 21 & 24**

Watch for end-of-the-season sales



Children's Choir Sing and Play

Wednesdays: Feb. 21, Feb. 28, March 6, March 13, and March 20
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

We'll sing on Sunday, March 24 at the 8:30 a.m. worship service




Children's Choir with games and activities!
Preschool - 4th Grade
(But all are welcome)




Council Corner

(Information from your Congregation Council)

2023 by the numbers

31 - New Members	17 - Baptisms	13 - Confirmands
4 - First Communions	823 - Christmas Eve Worshipers	
30 (Average) - Children in Sunday School		

Easter Flowers

This year there will be a rainbow of colors in our church sanctuary! If you would like to dedicate a pot of flowers for our worship space, please enclose a donation of \$12 per plant. *(Please note on your offering envelope that the contribution is for Easter Flowers.)* You may choose your favorite pot of flowers to take home with you following the 10:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, March 31.

Given By:

(your name)

Please select the wording:

In loving memory of:

In living tribute to:

In gratitude to God for:

_____ My flowers may be given to a member who is homebound.

Please enclose \$12 in an envelope and place it in the offering, or send it to the church office by Sunday, March 24.
Thank you!



Grief Warriors

Thursday, February 29
at 5:00 p.m.
in the Old Library



CONFIRMATION CORNER

7th & 8th Grades: Wednesdays
Feb. 7, Feb. 21, & Feb. 28
6:00 - 6:45 p.m. in the
Confirmation Room

NO CONFIRMATION FEB. 14
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 6:30 P.M.

9th Grade: Wednesdays Feb. 7 &
Feb. 21
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Genszler
Room

First United FOOD PANTRY

If you or anyone you know needs food, please check out our Food Pantry located in the Serenity Room. We have everything from canned goods to baking supplies to household items. The front office can assist you if you need help.
Mondays 9AM - 12PM
Wednesdays 1PM - 4:00PM

Great Beginnings

We had so much fun in January learning about the arctic animals and bears. There were math games based on bears that we got to play! Since it's winter, we learned a lot about snow and ice science. We did snowman crafts and read books about snowmen and winter. To end our month we went on a field trip to Bullard's Children's Dentistry and learned all about how to take care of our teeth and what is done at the dentist office. Check back next month to see what we all did for February!

- 1 Molly Kate Gannaway
Paula Laun
Kristin Menart
Sheila Ryan
David Van Zummeren
- 2 Mark Hildebrand
Amy Kissinger
Samantha Kuehl
Laura Weber
- 3 Karen Billmann
Dale Billmann
Alec Hildebrand
Drake Moberg
Molly Pekarek
Morgan Pekarek
- 4 John Bogenschultz
Parker Fogle
Robert Gordon
Molly Huolihan
Ryan Spaeth
- 5 Marilyn Bohren
Ronna Cline
Kay Kertscher
Dennis Ohl
Stacy Raatz
Steve Splittgerber
- 6 Greg Allen
Doug Christel
Erin Hoffmann
Craig Keller
Suan Kim Khai
- 7 Ana Larson
Charles Olmsted
Norah Thomas
- 8 Cole Bogenschuetz
Carson Dockter
Chad Grohall
Ron Matter
Sonya Schultz
- 9 Nissi Calkins
Brenda Darrah
Lisa Knitt
Jane Uraynar
- 10 Drew Campbell
Amy Cooper
Hannah Hasenstein
Kari Heins
- 11 Emily Klitzke
Andy Krueger
Cynthia Kubichek
Dan Ohl
- 12 Steve Dick
Katherin Gerhartz
Keller Meade
Max Olsen
Ben Potter
Lori Schuessler
Joseph Zechlinski
- 13 Jean Krause
Brady Kuehl
Calvin Olson
Kathy Severance
- 14 Joshua Shaha
- 15 Sherry Duff
Sandy Hoffmann
Megan Peterson
Cathy Proveaux
- Taylor Rudlaff
- 16 Mark Hartmann
Hazel Modjewski
Collin Oldenhoff
Rose Speckmann
- 17 Layton Hamilton
Emersyn Oldenhoff
- 18 Rachel Pekarek
- 19 Karen Domagalski
Emily Hartmann
Carolyn Miesfeld
Ariana Schwinn
Cheryl Torrison
- 20 Krysta Berger
JoAnne Roehsler
- 21 Ron Geiger
Mary Gorges
Karen Southwick
Jordan Wilke
- 22 Jayne Dragan
Scarlett Ebert
Heather Hammond
Kaylee Lampe
Peter Loewen
Jaclyn Stuart
- 23 Hannah Harms
Beth Johnson
Jennifer Wisnefske
- 24 Olivia Krueger
Patty Mayer
Sherilyn Moberg
Sara Seymour
- 25 Kathy Gueldenzopf
Lisa Keglovits
Nicholas Nelson
Thang Sang
Cheryl Warfield
- 26 Gabriel Jacobsen
Jerome Krebsbach
- 27 Carol Gould
Kyle Kertscher
Jim Kieffer
Kayden Klahn
La Verne Rammer
Boden Schultz
Tabitha Tabbello
Ruth Wilsing
- 28 Candace Geiger
Luke Reinke
Jared Roever
- 29 Madeleine Hammond

February BIRTHDAYS



Calendar of Events

February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>As we continue to regroup, reset, and renew there will be no Lenten meals this season.</p>				<p>1 9:00 AM Prayer Group 6:00 PM Handbell Choir 6:30 PM Contemporary Worship Service</p>	2	3
<p>4 SCOUTS SUNDAY 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 9:00 AM Scouts Pancake Breakfast Fellowship Hall 9:40 AM Sunday School 9:40 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 11:45 AM ASP Workshop</p>	<p>5 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Food Pantry 1:15 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Scouts</p>	<p>6 6:00 PM Pickleball 6:30 PM Scouts</p>	<p>7 9:00 AM Wednesday Guys 11:30 AM Morning Glories 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Food Pantry 6:00 PM Laundry Love 6:00 PM 7 & 8 Grade Confirmation 7:00 PM 9th Grade Confirmation</p>	<p>8 9:00 AM Prayer Group 6:00 PM Handbell Choir 6:30 PM Contemporary Worship Service</p>	9	10
<p>11 TRANSFIGURATION 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</p>	<p>12 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Food Pantry 1:15 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Scouts</p>	<p>13 1:30 PM Naomi Circle 5:30 PM Endowment 6:00 PM Pickleball 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM New Spirit Circle</p>	<p>14 ASH WEDNESDAY NO CONFIRMATION 9:00 AM Wednesday Guys 10:30 AM Ash Wednesday Service 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Food Pantry 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service</p>	<p>15 9:00 AM Prayer Group 6:00 PM Handbell Choir 6:30 PM Contemporary Worship Service</p>	16	17
<p>18 8:30 AM Traditional Worship 9:40 AM Sunday School 9:40 AM Adult Ed 9:40 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service</p>	<p>19 NO GREAT BEGINNINGS 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Food Pantry 1:15 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Staff & Council Retreat 6:30 PM Scouts</p>	<p>20 NO GREAT BEGINNINGS 6:00 PM Pickleball 6:30 PM Scouts</p>	<p>21 9:00 AM Wednesday Guys 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Food Pantry 5:00 PM Sing & Play 6:00 PM 7 & 8 Grade Confirmation 6:30 PM Lenten Worship 7:00 PM 9th Grade Confirmation</p>	<p>22 9:00 AM Prayer Group 6:00 PM Handbell Choir 6:30 PM Contemporary Worship Service</p>	23	24
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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

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Thursday, March 21
6:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday, March 24
8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, March 28
10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday, March 29
1:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 31
8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



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