



MESSENGER



March 2020

First English Lutheran Church

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
8am & 10:30am w/ communion every 1st & 3rd Sunday

Televised...
Wednesday @ 9am
Sunday @ 11am from the previous Sunday

Wisconsin Rapids
Community Media,
Charter 985 &
Solarus Channel 3

For church closings check TV Channel 7 WSAW Wausau

Connected in Christ, we grow in faith, live with hope, and reach out to share God's love with others.

From Pastor Cheryl Davis

Refreshed, Renewed, Restored

How long does it take you to renew when you go on vacation? Personally, I need at least two weeks: one to let go of my ministry mindset and the second to relax and have fun. That's enough to send me back to ministry feeling like a new person.

We also need times of renewal in our spiritual lives—times of intentional reflection and restoration. Times to open our hearts in new ways to the Holy Spirit so that we can learn and grow in Christ. Times to reaffirm what we believe and why we believe it. And just when we need it, here comes Lent!

Lent is wisely placed in the Church Year as winter fades and spring blossoms. This is the time of year when light increases and new growth bursts forth—both in creation and in our spiritual lives. When we open our hearts to the Spirit, the light of Christ illuminates us and spiritual growth flourishes.

A lot can happen in 40 days! We can develop good habits that will carry us into Easter and the rest of the year with peace that passes our human understanding. We can dig into the basics of our faith and unearth a stronger cognitive knowledge of our heartfelt beliefs. Our minds can be sharpened as Paul instructs in Romans 12:2: "Don't be conformed to the way this world thinks. Instead, be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can discern what the good, acceptable and perfect will of God is."

Our Lenten services on Wednesday evenings are a time to renew our minds. We gather in the sanctuary to learn together after the joyful and delicious soup suppers. Here's what's on the docket for the services this year.




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| March 4 | How We "Do" Christian |
| March 11 | Just Jesus |
| March 18 | News from Far Away |
| March 25 | Telling the Truth |
| April 1 | An Ocean of Promise |
| April 9 (Maundy Thursday) | An Extraordinary Gift |

Hope you're planning to come!

Pastor Cheryl



March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8 & 10:30am Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:15am Education Hour 10:30am - 2pm Scout Chili Cook-Off	2 Pastor Off	3 7am Yoga	4 10am Bible Study w/Pastor 5:30pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Lenten Worship Dave is on Vacation!	5 7am Yoga Sarah Circle - out to lunch S&F Webinar 5pm Christian Ed	6	7
8 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:15am Education Hour 10:30 Sunday School Kids sing - Love, Love, Love Daylight savings begins—Spring Forward one hour!	9 Pastor Off Confirmation Camp deposits are due today!	10 7am Yoga 6pm Property 6:30pm Y&F	11 9am Quilters Noon - S&F 5:30pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Lenten Worship 7pm Choir 8pm Praise Band	12 7am Yoga	13	14 EPIC @ Zion Lutheran Church in Shawano
15 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Holy Communion 9:15am Education Hour "Noisy" Offering for Midwest Renewable Energy Association	16 Pastor Off	17 7am Yoga Happy St. Patty's Day! 6:30pm Council 	18 10am Bible Study w/Pastor 5:30pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Lenten Worship 7pm Choir 8pm Praise Band	19 7am Yoga	20 Spring Begins! 	21
22 8 & 10:30am Worship NO Education Hour SWEPS Collection! 3pm Ron McCabe Song Writing in the Lounge SPRING BREAK	23 Pastor Off	24 7am Yoga 10am Fusion Fun Group - SWEPS Tour	25 9am Quilters 5:30pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Lenten Worship 7pm Choir 8pm Praise Band	26 7am Yoga	27	28 9am - Noon 1st Communion Festival
29 8 & 10:30am Worship NO Education Hour	30 Pastor Off	31 7am Yoga	Happy Saint Patrick's Day! 			

2020 Financial News & Attendance			
Monthly	Average Attendance	2019 Budget \$ Needed Monthly	Actual \$ Current Expenses
January	123	\$23,824	\$20,566.96
February	126	\$23,824	
March		\$23,824	
April		\$23,824	
May		\$23,824	
June		\$23,824	
July		\$23,824	
August		\$23,824	
September		\$23,824	
October		\$23,824	
November		\$23,824	
December		\$23,824	
January Other Income: Missionary Support: \$50.00 , World Hunger: \$165.00 , Misc. Benevolence: \$170.00			
To see full FELC financials please see the Council Minutes on the table outside of the office. Thank you.			

Council Meeting...

Old Business...

- * **Courtyard Development:** Committee presented potential plans for the courtyard. They have some costs quoted from Shulfer's Landscaping, but still have to determine more details and expenses.
- * **Two Worship services going to one:** Pastor Cheryl suggested we choose a time that'll be same throughout the year. We'll send out a survey to gather feedback times for service and Sunday School. Christian Ed and Worship committees will determine survey questions.

New Business...

- * **Stewardship Task Force:** The stewardship & Finance Committee will be separated into a Finance Committee and Stewardship Task Force to more closely align with responsibilities of each.

Pastor's Report...

- * **EPIC (Equipping People In Congregations) 2020:** Set for March 14 at Zion Lutheran in Shawano. Open to Council and church members. Need to register by February 28 so let Pastor know if you're going.
- * **Synod Assembly:** Delegate needed for the meeting in Oshkosh May 15-16. Audrey volunteered to go.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2020 at 6:30pm.



ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS!

To all Thrivent members who contribute their Thrivent Choice Dollars to
First English Lutheran Church...

Thank you! It is much appreciated!

All monies are deposited into the General Fund for Current Expenses.




FELC to host...
 The Neighborhood Table
 across the street at
 United Methodist Church
 Tuesday April 28th
 Watch for sign-up sheets
 on the bulletin board!
 Thank you!



Youth & Family Ministry presents...
Easter Egg Hunt
 Saturday, April 4th
 9am - 11am
 Games, Prizes, Snacks, & Fun!
 Bring a friend - all are welcome!

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 Please keep our Members in Special Circumstances in your thoughts & prayers, send them a card, or give them a call...

- Marlene Chesebro - 421-3275, 2950 16th Street S, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
- Ramona Dorn - 715-421-0045, Waterford, 491 25th Street N #211, W.R. 54494
- Mae Knuth - 715-423-3256, Arborwood Lodge, 1175 Blue Iris Ct #207, W.R. 54494
- Christine Ellingson-Mollen - 715-421-3060, Our House, 2941 16th Street S, W.R. 54494
- Norman & LeeAnn Pearson - 715-424-4721, Arborwood Lodge, 1175 Blue Iris Ct, W.R.
- Viola Rapacz - 715-421-0045, Waterford, 491 N 25th St #209, W.R. 54494
- Helen Somerlot - 715-423-2415, 1721 Russell St., W.R. 54495

Education Hour ~ March Information

PreK/Kindergarten & 1st - 6th Grade

Mar 1	Lent 1	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7	Adam & Eve
Mar 8	Lent 2	John 3:1-17	Jesus and Nicodemus
Mar 15	Lent 3	John 4:5-42	Woman at the Well
Mar 22,29		Off	Spring Break!

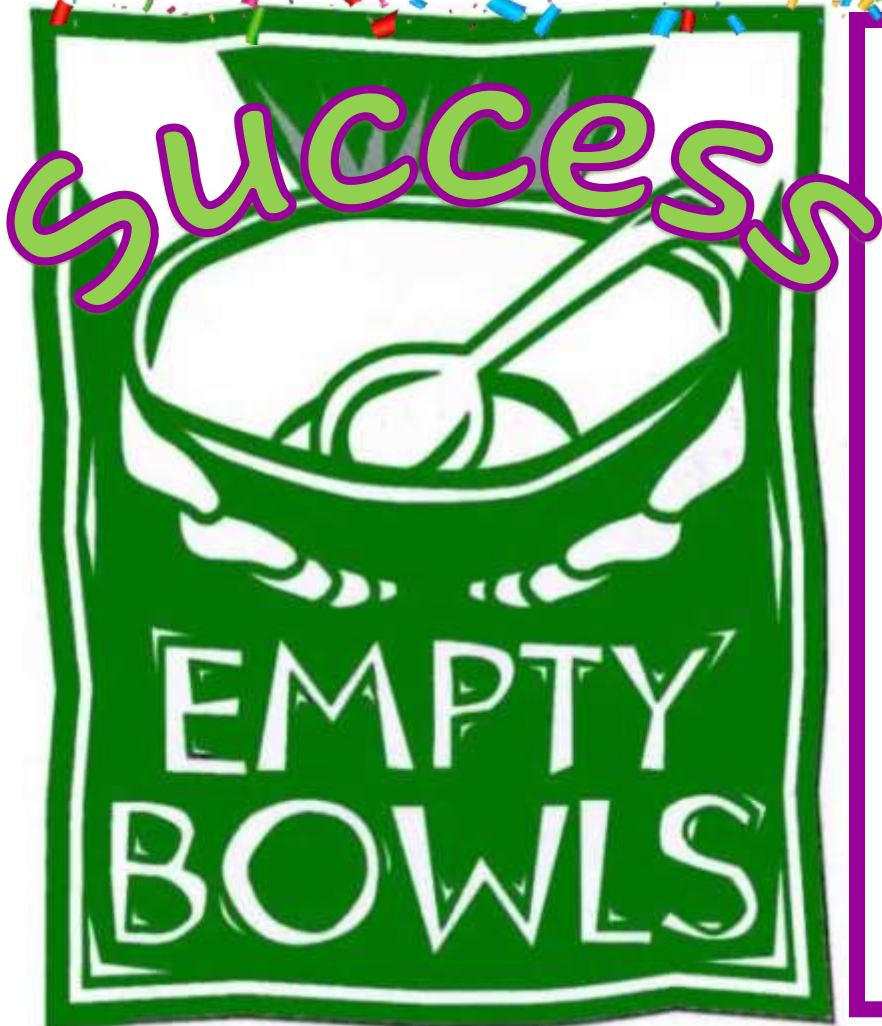
Confirmation Students

Mar 1-15	9:15am	Regular classes
Mar 22,29		Off Spring Break!

Mar 4th - April 1st Help with Lenten Soup Suppers and attend Lenten Worship

Adult Forum

Mar 1 - 15	9:15am	Regular classes
Mar 22,29		Off Spring Break!



Empty Bowls #8

This year was a huge success!

Thank you to all who volunteered, made soup, made raffle baskets, donated items, cookies, bread, time, set up, cleaned up, and came to the event!

All proceeds will be distributed locally in South Wood County.

Thanks again for making E.B.#8 a success!



First English Lutheran Church's

Chili Cook-Off & Cookie/Bar Bake-Off

Try your hand at your best batch of Chili and/or bake your best batch of cookies or bars made with cream cheese. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area!

Wednesday, March 11th at 5:30pm

Prizes will be awarded for best of each!



Lenten Services & Soup Supper Schedule...



February 26th Ash Wednesday: 5:30pm Creamy Brat Stew and Meatball Soup with crusty homemade bread and a variety of bars. Worship at 1pm & 6:30pm.

March 4th Lenten: 5:30pm Wednesday - Soup with tomatoes and grilled cheese sandwiches also cookies & bars. Worship to follow.



March 11th Lenten: 5:30pm Wednesday Chili Cook-off & Cookie/Bar w/cream cheese Bake-off. Prizes will be awarded! Worship to follow.

March 18th Lenten: 5:30pm Wednesday Chicken Soup with warm Corn Bread, and bars. Worship to follow.

March 25th Lenten: 5:30pm Wednesday Casseroles with Salads (seven layer, coleslaw, etc.) with warm rolls and bars. Worship to follow.

April 1st Lenten: 5:30pm Wednesday Favorite soup with bars. Worship to follow. Last soup supper of lent.

April 5th Palm Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion.

April 9th Maundy Thursday: Worship at 7pm with Holy Communion.

April 10th Good Friday: Worship at 1:00pm.

April 12th Easter Sunday: Worship at 8am & 10:30am with Holy Communion. He is Risen! Happy Easter!



All are welcome ~ bring a friend!

March Birthdays!

3/2	Michael Fredrickson Troy Vetrone
3/5	Mark Umnus
3/6	Daloris Pfister Roger Wangen Karen Thurber Sandra Brewer
3/7	John Barten Evan Janssen
3/9	Hailey Hegg
3/11	Cedar Hamilton
3/14	Ashley Koch
3/15	David Placek Abigail Look
3/16	Joan Johannes
3/17	Abby Barnett
3/20	Joan Hegg
3/21	Arlene Keehn Dennis Fencil Delores Wills
3/22	Kathleen Deppe Gary Barten
3/24	Mark Sweeney Marlene Lipke Ashley Tessmer
3/26	James Kitowski Genny Braun
3/27	Greg Ashbeck
3/28	Noah Green
3/31	Phoebe Holberg

Happy Birthday!

Children's Baptisms

3/10	Brody Kulas
3/11	Karsten Barten
3/26	Caila Hegg

March Anniversaries

3/9	Eric and Tonya Wangen
3/19	Benjamin and Tanya Cronce
3/22	Harold & Judy Long
3/24	Randy and Sandra Brewer
3/26	Miguel & Judy Velazquez

Happy Easter!



What's happening at FELC...

- Mar 4-25 Wednesdays - Soup Supper @ 5:30pm Lenten Worship @6:30pm
- Mar 4, 18 **10am Bible Study w/Pastor Cheryl in the Lounge**
- Mar 9 **Confirmation Camp Deposits are due today!**
- Mar 14 EPIC @ Zion Lutheran Church in Shawano
- Mar 15 **"Noisy" Offering for Midwest Renewable Energy Association / Register for Conf. Camp today is deadline!**
- Mar 24 10am Fusion Fun Group - SWEPS tour
- Mar 28 **9am - Noon 1st Communion Festival**
- Apr 1, 15 **10am Bible Study with Pastor Cheryl in the Lounge.**
- Apr 1 5:30pm Soup Supper, 6:30pm Lenten Worship
- Apr 4 **Y&F Community Easter Egg Hunt at 9am - Noon**
- Apr 5 **Palm Sunday Worship at 8 & 10:30am**
- Apr 9 Maundy Thursday, Seder Meal at 5pm, 7pm Worship w/communion
- Apr 10 Good Friday, Worship at 1pm
- Apr 12 **Happy Easter! Worship at 8am & 10:30am w/Holy Communion**
- Apr 19 **"Noisy" Offering for Trees Along the River**
- Apr 25 10am - 3pm Children's Festival @ LHS
- May 3 Council installation - Youth Sunday at 10:30am Worship - kids sing
- May 6, 20 **10am Bible Study with Pastor Cheryl in the Lounge**
- May 10 **Happy Mother's Day!**
- May 17 Last day of Education Hour! Y&F Sunday School Picnic
- May 17 **"Noisy" Offering for The Dove's Nest**
- May 25 **Memorial Day - OFFICE CLOSED**
- May 31 **Graduate recognition with cake during coffee hour.**

Wunrow's Greenhouse Easter Flower Order

Please check the quantities and colors you would like...

- ___ Qty. - 6" Standard Easter Lily (white)\$18.50
- ___ Qty. - 7" Double Easter Lily (white)\$29.00
- ___ Qty. - 8" Triple Easter Lily (white)\$38.00

- ___ Qty. - 6" Potted Daffodils (yellow)\$21.00
- ___ Qty. - 6" Potted Tulips\$21.00
(___ yellow, ___ red, ___ pink, or ___ bi-color)
- ___ Qty. - 6" Pot Hyacinths 3 bulbs/pot ..\$21.00
(___ Blue, ___ White, ___ Pink, or ___ Purple)

Orders due Wednesday April 1st

This plant is ___ in memory, or ___ in honor of: (Please print clearly) _____

From: _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Phone #: _____

Please pick up your flower after the last Easter service or the following Week during regular business hours!

Cash or please make check out to FELC, Thanks!

Happy Easter!



Christ is Risen...

Easter Sunday Worship

April 12th at 8:00am & 10:30am

with Holy Communion

Happy Easter ~ All are welcome.