

#### **Special Edition February 2023**

# Messenger

Praising God

Nurturing Faith

Serving All

#### **Interim Pastors**

Amber Remillard Barbara Rolph

#### Office Hours

Tue., Wed. & Thur. Lynne Campbell 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

## Sunday Service

9:00 AM Sanctuary

#### On Line

View the lastest worship service on FLC's YouTube channel!

https://m.youtube.com/ channel/UCdTFalUxdynxgQucwdk48Sg

# Communion

Weekly

#### **Newsletter Info**

Lynne Campbell will begin editing the *Messenger* the first of the year.

Send articles, ads, photos & written articles by 15th of the month. Use *Messenger* in the title.

# **Guidelines For the Call Process**

- On-site interview. Held at the Congregation's expense.
- If the call Committee feels that the candidate meets the needs of the Congregation, then the Call Committee recommends a candidate to the Congregational Council.
  - First Lutheran Church announces a "Special Congregational Meeting," February 26, 2023 at10:00 AM to call Pastor Robert Lewis.
- Only one name will be on the written ballot.

  Absentee ballots are not allowed. Report of the meeting will be sent to the Synod office together with the data needed for issuing the call.
- The Letter of Call shall be signed by the Pres. & Secretary of the Congregation & sent to the Synod office to the Bishop, who will send it on to the candidate.
- ♦ Council fills out the Compensation, Benefits & Responsibilities for the Minister of Word and Sacrament Under Call. Council with pastor & Bishop make plans for installation.

#### Council

#### **Council Members**

Ray Yaw President 208-290-3880 Walter Ebel, VP 509-951-4182 Sharon Roget, Trea 208-263-2610 Trish Thurston, Sec. 208-255-6885

#### **Council Members Large**

Sharon McCormick 208-290-4555

KarenMarie Moran

Lila Petersen 208-263-2058 Linda Lacy 208-290-8884

## **Join our Church Organizations**

#### **Panhandle Piecemakers Quilting**

They meet all day on the second Tuesday of the month at First Lutheran Church. (December and August meetings are held elsewhere.) Contact Linda Oldridge - 208-597-1598.

#### **Stitches of Love**

Call Brigitte Sanborn, 208-263-8120 if you know of someone who would benefit from the love and joy of a new quilt.

#### **Luther World Relief**

**LWF** quilters meet Wednesdays a 1:00 PM in the Sunday School Quilting Room. Call Sharron Roget 208-263-2610.

#### **Bosom Buddies Quilters**

Contact Linda Aavedal - 208-610-6562. Meet the 3rd Monday of each month. No meeting in December.

#### **Bonner County Food Bank**

Place donations in the drop box in the foyer.

Marie will deliver on the 4th Sunday.



Thank you **Ray Yaw**, **Walter Ebel**, **Trish Thurston** and **Linda Lacy** for volunteering to serve on the 2023 Council.

Kudos to **Jim Carlson**, **Dan Stagland**, **Nancy Phillips** and **Lynn Franck** for their hard work and dedication to serve on the past Church Council.

Kudos to KarenMarie Moran & Sharon McCormick for volunteering to serve another Council Term.

The Luther Park Board of Directors has two candidates: **Serve Wilson** will return and **Tiffany Kurwicki-Wright** will begin her first term.

**Linda Aavedel** your flower arrangements were beautiful! Thanks!

Janel Holm and Sharon
McCormick thanks for helping to
spruce up the offices and church for
Pastor Bob Lewis and Kathleen
Anderson's visit.

Our Welcome Potluck for Pastor Bob Lewis and Kathleen Anderson was fun. Thanks **Corina Hughes** for the fantastic organ concert.



# Join a Bible Study Group or Circle

## **Phoebe Circle Meets**

4th Tuesday at 9:30 AM in the church library Contact Judy Payne 208-263-3564
Bible study is from the "Gather Magazine"
No preparation required.

## **Faith Bible Study**

Meets the 4th Tuesday
1:00 PM
Church Conference Room
a study in Ruth called
"Gods Amazing Love for You"
by Courtney Joseph
Contact Sharon Roget
208-610-9005

## Mary's Circle

Meets once a month in the

**Fellowship Hall** 

**Contact Jean Cafferty** 

208-290-4924





## **February Bible Readings**

Sunday Feb 12 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany / Lectionary 6 Readings Deuteronomy 30:15-20 or Sirach 15:15-20

> Psalm 119:1-8 (1) 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37

Sunday Feb 19 - Transfiguration of Our Lord Last Sunday after Epiphany Readings Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 (7) or Psalm 99 (9) 2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

Wednesday Feb 22 - Ash Wednesday Readings

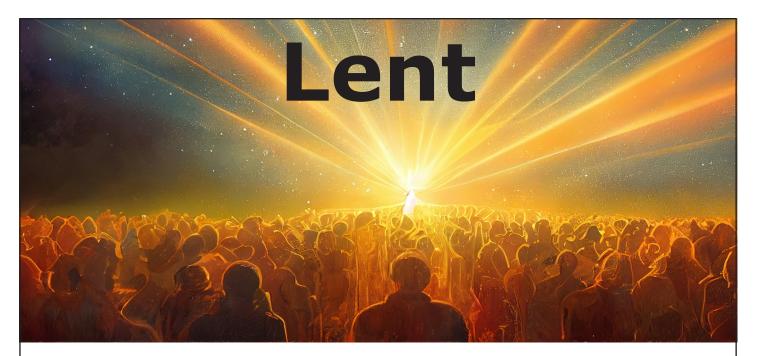
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 51:1-17 (1) 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sunday Feb 26 - First Sunday in Lent Readings

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 (10) Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

Sunday Mar 5 – Second Sunday in Lent Readings

Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 (1,2) Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17



# Wed, Feb 22, 2023 - Thu, Apr 6, 2023

### Why is lent observed in Christianity?

In late winter, many Christian denominations observe 40 days of fasting and prayer called Lent. Worldwide, Christians prepare for Easter; it is the holiest day of the year because it commemorates Jesus' resurrection.

Christians use this time to pray and do self-study ahead of Easter. Many abstain from luxuries and commit to fasting to replicate Jesus' sacrifice in the desert and his avoidance of temptation during those 40 days.

Think about how you would like to slow down your hectic life and take some time for yourself. Lent is the time to find self-reflection, asceticism, repentance, and joy in daily living.

Pastor Barbara Rolph has Lent Booklets to help us with our Lenten journey. Please pick up your booklet at the office.

Though some practices may have changed, Lent in the 21st century remains the same as in centuries past: a time of quiet reflection, spiritual growth, and discipline.

# **The Good Old Days**











# **Pastor Steve's Retirement Celebration**

**First Lutheran Church** 

October 30, 2022















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