

Messenger

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INTERIM PASTORS

Amber Remillard Barbara Rolph

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:30 AM-4:30 PM Lynne Campbell

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM in the sanctuary Online via YouTube by following day

COMMUNION

Served each Sunday

COFFEE HOUR

Following Sunday worship

WEBSITE

www.firstlutheransandpoint.org

NEWSLETTER

Lynne Campbell

office@firstutheranSandpoint.org Submit stories, announcements, general information to Lynne by the fifteenth of the month.

MEET YOUR 2023 COUNCIL



Back Row: (L to R) Walter Ebel, VP; Ray Yaw, Pres; KarenMarie Moran. Front Row: (L to R) Sharon McCormick; Trish Thurston, Sec; Sharon Roget, Treas; Lila Petersen & Linda Lacy. See page two for phone numbers. Thank You Council.

HOLY WEEK Reminders

Palm Sunday

April 2 9:00 AM

Maundy Thursday Service

April 6 - 7:00 PM

Good Friday Service

April 7 - Walking Meditation Service - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

April 9, Easter Service 9:00 AM

Potluck Brunch 10:00 AM

Easter Egg Hunt for Children



CONTACT US

Pastors

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Church Office

Lynne Campbell,
Administrative Assistant
208-263-2048

CHURCH COUNCIL

Executive Committee

Ray Yaw *President* 208-290-3880

Walter Ebel *Vice President* 509-951-4182

Sharon Roget *Treasurer* 208-263-2610

Trish Thurston *Secretary* 208-255-6885

Members at Large

Sharon McCormick 208-290-4555

KarenMarie Moran

Lila Petersen 208-263-2058

Linda Lacy 208-290-8884

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Lutheran World Relief

LENT

Ash Wednesday Service
February 22 6:00 PM
First Sunday in Lent
February 26 9:00 AM

Second Sunday in Lent March 5 9:00 AM

Third Sunday in Lent March 12 9:00 AM

Fourth Sunday in Lent March 19 9:00 AM

Fifth Sunday in Lent March 26 9:00 AM

COUNCIL ACTION

- The Council approved the Call Committee's invitation to Pastor Lewis. He is now deciding.
- The Council is seeking bids for a new broadband provider for both the Internet and telephone for FLC.
- Is anyone interesting in a monthly book study group?
 Contact the office at 208-263-2048.
- The church's new lock project will begin soon. Please let the office know if you need keys.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR MARCH

March 5..... 2 Lent

Gen 12:1-4a

Ps 121

Rom 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

March 12 3 Lent

Exod 17:1-7

Ps 95

Rom 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

March 19 4 Lent

1 Sam 16:1-13

Ps 23

Eph 5:8-1

John 9:1-41

March 26...... 5 Lent

Ezek 37:1-14

Ps 130

Rom 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

Year A 2023 Church Year Calendar

WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Phoebe Bible Study

Fourth Tuesday each month 9:30 AM | Library Room Gather Magazine is used

Contact: Judy Payne

Mary's Circle

Each meeting arranged Contact: Jean Cafferty

Faith Bible Study

Fourth Tuesday each month 1:00 PM | Conference Room

Contact: Sharon Roget

Come and build lasting relationships.



QUILTING GROUPS

Bosom Buddies

Contact: Linda Aavedal

Lutheran World Relief

Wednesdays | 1:00 PM Sunday School Quilting Room

Contact: Sharon Roget

Stitches of Love*

First Monday each month Contact: Brigitte Sanborn

*The **Stitches of Love** quilting group is on hiatus for now. In the meantime, if you know of someone in the FLC congregation who would benefit from a tangible gift of love and caring through a handmade quilt, please contact Brigitte Sanborn, 208-263-8120.

CHURCH LIBRARY

We have an excellent library. Check out the DVDs and books that are available, sit and study, or just chat with a friend in a comfortable space.

The library is located through the double doors in the Fellowship Hall next to the kitchen.

—Brigitte Sanborn

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Copies of the 2023 church directory are available on the table outside the church office. Feel free to pick one up. You can also request a digital version—PDF—by contacting Lynne Campbell, 208-263-2048, office@FirstLutheranSandpoint.com.

—Lynne Campbell

USHERS NEEDED PLEASE JOIN US

Consider ushering in 2023. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex (the room as you enter the sanctuary). Contact Jim Payne, 208-263-3564, if you have any questions or need help signing up.

-Jim Payne



YOGA MINISTRY

Yoga classes designed for "Late Bloomers" are open to the public and held in the Fellowship Hall every Monday and Thursday from 8:15 to 9:15 AM. Please contact Judy Payne at 208-263-3564 for more information if you are interested in attending.

—Judy Payne

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild

Second Tuesday each month

This non-profit organization meets on the FLC campus each month.

Their purpose is to provide education, enjoyment, and social exchange for those who enjoy the art of quilting.

If you are interested in knowing more, please contact

Contact Linda Oldridge at 208-597-1598.

FOOD ADDICTS ANONYMOUS

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM in the Meeting Room across from Lutheran World Relief. This groups work is based on the 12 steps of recovery for anyone suffering from food addiction.

Contact: Brenda Swenson, 208-255-9339

MAILBOX UPDATE

The mailboxes in the hall outside the church office have been updated. Last names are alphabetical and easy to find. Check and see what might be in your mailbox the next time you are at church.

-Lynne Campbell

TRAVEL FUNDS

Travel funds to defer the costs of Pastor Lewis' visit and his move to Sandpoint are needed.

Will you consider contributing?

Checks should be made out to "First Lutheran Church" with the notation "Pastor Travel" in the memo line. You may place your contribution in the collection plate or in the basket in the Fellowship Hall. Please identify cash donations with an envelope and your name.

-Jim Carlson

NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters will be sent out by email to those of you with email addresses. If you'd like to receive a hard copy, let Lynne know, and she will put a green dot by your name on your mailbox.

-Lynne Campbell



Rebecca Smith

LUTHERHAVEN APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Rebecca Smith impressed the board with her community connections, leadership experience, her passion

for youth including extensive past service at Lutherhaven, her vision for the future of outdoor ministry and her commitment to keeping Christ at the center of all she does.

Lutherhaven has served north Idaho since 1945. It serves more than 10,500 campers of all ages each year through Christian outdoor programs.

Former Executive Director Bob Baker retired in August 2022 following his 29 year tenure.

FLC offers camper ships for our youth. Contact Sharon Roget if you are interested in attending the best summer camp in the world!

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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.

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 in our daily living.

Easter Prayer - Anonymous

May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear.

And may Christ, Our Risen Savior, always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide.

God's blessings be with you all,

Pastor Barbara





DICK NEUDER CELEBRATES 95

Dick Neuder proclaims that 95 is WONDERFUL. His magic formula is:

- Exercise every day; he runs a mile and a half. Get out and be involved and busy is the number one rule to longevity.
- Keep healthy by getting and staying involved with the world, community and family.
- •He has a sense of kindness and humanity where you treat others with same courtesy as you want to be treated.
- For 30 years he has organized his family & cousins to participate in Bloomsday as a yearly reunion.
- Develop a sense of humor and let go of the past.
- He practiced denistry for 40 years in our community.
- He has raised Grand Champion Dahlias to show at the Bonner County Fair. He has a fantastic greenhouse and green thumb.
- He loves to travel.
- He has been a super grandfather, father and neighbor.
- Today he had two pieces of Sour Cream Lemon Pie and a big piece of cake. Oh, remember to drink plenty of coffee!

"Happy Birthday," Richard Neuder.

