

**FIRST
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CHURCH**

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APRIL 2023 SUPPLEMENT

Messenger

NEWSLETTER

Praising God | Nurturing Faith | Serving All

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

YOUTUBE

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- Deadline is the 15th of the month
- Submit articles, ads, photos, and information via email
- Write “Messenger” in the subject line of your email

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

One hundred people joined FLC to celebrate Easter worship with us. To briefly summarize the morning’s message, FLC received the disappointing news that Pastor Robert Lewis declined the call, in large part due to a misunderstanding of expectations. Shortly thereafter, Ecumen gave notice, terminating its management contract as of July 31, as they will no longer be managing facilities they don’t own.

On April 16th, Assistant to the Bishop Phil Misner spoke to the congregation, council and call committee. Good questions were asked and answered. Unfortunately, the pool of pastoral candidates is smaller than in years past. However, with God’s help, the right person will be found.

A special committee is hard at work interviewing management

companies for Luther Park.

Please remember both of these committees in your prayers.

As an Easter people, we believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.



We believe he is with us through the holy spirit, and like the two women who approached the empty tomb – we are to go and tell the Good News.

Blessings,
Pastor Barbara

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208-255-6885

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FLC FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Bags of Blessings — Please bring your food contributions by Sunday, April 30th. Foods including cereal, soup, juice, pasta, peanut butter, tuna and spaghetti sauce are especially needed as well as laundry soap, toilet paper, and personal care products. Check for a complete list of needed items above the Bags of Blessings box outside the Fellowship Hall.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Join the members of Pray 7B at Farmin Park on Thursday, May 4. Music begins at 11:30 AM. From noon to 1 PM pastors and ministry leaders will lead those attending in prayer.

DEDICATION OF QUILTS

On April 30th, there will be a dedication of quilts to Lutheran World Service. In 2022, FLC played a part in the more than 220,000 quilts sent to areas of need around the world. To contribute to this effort, you may leave a donation on April 30 in the collection basket in the Fellowship Hall.



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS, 4-12-23

- **COMMUNION FOR LUTHER PARK RESIDENTS:** Pastor Barbara would like to get the TV hooked up at Luther Park and offer communion to the residents. She would like some volunteers. She contacted the teen center about volunteers for yard clean up, and they agreed when we have a date.

- **RE-KEYING THE CHURCH:** A quote for re-keying the church is being prepared but has not yet been received.

- **THE CALL PROCESS:** The Council and Call Committee will move forward in the Call process. The letter from Pastor Lewis declining the call and a response letter from Bob Thurston and Ray Yaw have been posted on Bulletin Board outside the office. Your prayers are requested for the continuing work of the Call Committee and Council for a new pastor.

- **NEW MANAGEMENT OF LUTHER PARK:** FLC is moving forward on several issues pertaining to Luther Park and Ecumen's discontinuing management effective July 31, 2023. Your prayers are requested for this process and for the designation of Luther Park as a Non-Profit Entity for property tax relief.

- **NEW BOOK STUDY GROUP:** A book study will tentatively begin on May 9th. Three people have expressed interest, and five books have been ordered. Contact the office if you are interested in participating. Title - "Sermon on The Mount" by Emmett Fox.

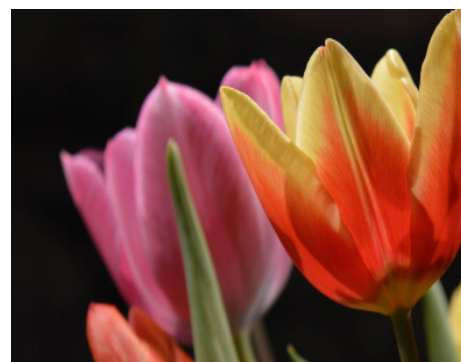
- **HOSTING A RETIRED PASTOR:** Retired Pastor Allen Cassel and two friends will be using the church overnight on their cross-country bike trip on 5/22/23. His wife will be driving their support vehicle. The Council will host a meal for them that night to be attended by council members and spouses and Jim and Judy Payne. They will have use of the kitchen, supply their own inflatable mattresses and be showering at the Y. Council will be responsible for the meal.

Trish Thurston
Council Secretary

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FLC's administrative assistant Lynne Cambell will be on vacation from May 23rd to May 30.

Volunteers are needed to answer phone calls, pick up and process urgent mail, etc. To volunteer, call Lynne at 208-263-2048.



Sunday Readings for April 23rd, 30th

April 23Easter 3

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Ps 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

April 30Easter 4

Acts 2:42-47

Ps 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

Year A 2023

Church Year Calendar



Pastors Amber and Barbara would like to thank quilters who gifted them each with a quilt in appreciation of their help and encouragement. Pastor Barbara pictured with Jim & Judy Payne.

Community Organizations at FLC

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild

Second Tuesday each month, Fellowship Hall. 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. Please call with questions or for more information.

Contact: Linda Oldridge,
208-597-1598

Food Addicts Anonymous

Wednesdays, 10 AM to 12 noon, Meeting Room across from the Lutheran World Relief quilting room. This group's work is based on the 12 steps of recovery for anyone suffering from food addiction.

Contact: Brenda Swenson,
208-255-9339

Yoga Ministry

Yoga classes designed for "Late Bloomers" are held in the FLC Fellowship Hall Mondays and Thursdays at 8:15 AM. Contact Judy Payne at 208-263-3564.

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

Faith Bible Study is open to all. 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

Currently on hiatus

Contact: Brigette Sanborn

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 Brigette Sanborn, 208-263-8120.

Happy Birthday!

Pastor Barbara, Walt Ebel and Frank Cafferty enjoy April birthdays, for Barbara and Walt, their 75th!

