

First Glance

February 13-28, 2018



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The Season of LENT

begins this (Ash) Wednesday, February 14!
(And you thought that was St. Valentine's Day, right?)

Lent is a time to move toward Spring renewal. Lent is a time to be intentional about our Always-New Life in Christ. Our midweek Wednesday focus will be "Praying With the Saints." We'll reflect on and pray some classic prayers of our ancestors, one per week, beginning **Ash Wednesday, February 14 at 7 PM.** We'll also have our mid-day Tuesday services during Lent at 11 AM, beginning February 13. All midweek services are in the Traditional Worship space. Invite someone to join you.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERIES IN LENT, BEGINNING FEBRUARY 18

"COMMUNITY—

Discovering & Sharing Our Common-Unity in God"

**Look for further
details on page 2**



Memorials & Honorariums



Habitat for Humanity

In honor of Chris and Colette Gibson given by Betty Stubbins

Mission and Ministry

In memory of Deloris Peterson, given by Pam Johnson

Sunday Worship Series in Lent Beginning February 18

“COMMUNITY—Discovering & Sharing Our Common-Unity in God”

As part of our Vibrant Faith initiative, our Sunday Worship during Lent will focus on the gift of sharing life together “In Community.” It’s great knowing we don’t have to do this Way of following Jesus alone! We’ve got one another. As we thank God for companions, let’s find ways to nurture this gift and make the most of it, for our sake, and for the world.

Sunday themes include: *We Are Wired for Community; You’ve Got A Friend; “Family” Matters; Vocational Community; Fitting In With The Unfit; and on Palm/ Passion Sunday, A Tale Of Two Friends-The Difference Between Peter & Judas.*



Women of the ELCA

The Annie Ray Moore Circle will meet on Sunday, February 18 at 7 pm in the café. See page 7 for their March meeting with a book study. All are invited.

The Powlas Deal Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 20 at 7 pm in the café.

The Sullivan Huddle Circle will meet on Monday, March 5 at 7 pm in the café. We will fill bags for our shut-ins.

The Mary Martha Circle will meet on March 7 at 10 am in the café. Betty Masters is hostess. The program will be a few minutes with Pastoral Intern Emily.



NC SWO Spring Retreat

Bad Girls of the Bible, Part two, March 9—11 (Friday evening through Sunday morning worship), Kure Beach Retreat Center, Kure Beach, NC. Cost, \$110 for two night accommodations, four meals and materials. Look for more details on the WELCA bulletin board.

WELCA Bunco/Bingo



Women of First Lutheran, please join us for an afternoon of fellowship and fun. WELCA is sponsoring a light lunch and an afternoon of Bunco/Bingo following the late church services on February 25. You do not need to be involved in a circle to come. All women and girls are welcome. A free will offering will be taken up to cover the cost of the meal. Please sign up by calling Heidi Baer at [336 688-4015](tel:3366884015) or emailing at Heidibaer@aol.com so we have an idea of numbers for the food. Hope to see you there!

GENEROSITY...

HOW TO TEXT A CONTRIBUTION

For the Mission & Ministry Plan (budget):

1. Text **336-664-8356**; put donation amount (number only, no dollar sign needed). Hit send.

Example: 125

2. You will receive a link to register your credit or debit card the first time only.

3. You will receive a text verification and a receipt via email.

For ELCA World Hunger Appeal:

Same process except put amount of donation, space, then type the word hunger. Example: 10 hunger



GENEROSITY REPORT

<u>Mission & Ministry Plan</u>	Income <u>Received</u>	Income <u>Budgeted</u>	% of <u>Budget</u>
January YTD 2017-18	\$620,244	\$626,842	99%



Shining a Light

ELCA World Hunger Gathering/Congressional office visits – *Submitted by Ginny Hultquist*

The ELCA World Hunger Gathering is held every 18 months, this year in Washington, DC. What a time to be there! The shutdown was lifted just hours before our visits to our Congressional leaders but after long marathon days, it seemed that all our Senators and Representatives had left for their districts, leaving their young and mostly knowledgeable staffs behind.

With all of our appointments canceled, the four participants from North Carolina simply went knocking on every NC legislative door, hoping to meet with staff about the support of the ELCA for the Farm Bill, (legislation that renews every 5 years, expiring in September). We did it! We went to all 15 offices, spread over five buildings and were granted time with staff in six offices. All were gracious, attentive, and willingly took our information about the farm bill.

We met at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation which is behind the Supreme Court area. Not only is it convenient, this church sees such meetings as part of their ministry to the wider church. The worship space is traditional and the fellowship small and modest for such a large gathering as ours, entirely appropriate as we advocate for people in need.

Some highlights:

- + Our theme: Esther 4:14, *For such a time as this.*
- + There is enough food in the world now to feed the world 1 and 1/2 times over.
- + Chronic hunger has **decreased** worldwide from 1 in 4 in 1970 to 1 in 9 in 2015.
- + There is an increase in the number of people worldwide experiencing hunger.
- + Last year was the first time in a decade that hunger was declared (4 countries).
- + Giving to ELCA Disaster Response/World Hunger increased from an average of \$6.3 million to \$23 million in 2017, probably due to the 19 hurricanes and floods worldwide.

Endowment Fund Update



Wheels4Hope...In December, the Endowment Fund was able to make a grant of \$1,000 to Wheels4Hope. The grant helps provide the parts, tools, and labor needed to prepare dependable transportation for the families. It costs \$2,000.00 to prepare a car for the recipients. The families pay \$500 and Wheels4Hope finds the remaining funds from other sources. In 2016, 1107 cars were donated and Wheels4Hope placed 210 vehicles

with individuals and families. Over 3000 lives have been impacted by the work Wheels4Hope does in our community. Adriane Singleton, the External Relations Coordinator, shared a story of Katina, who was blessed with a “new” Ford Taurus. Katina will be able to get to work and take her kids to and from school and doctors’ appointments.

Your contributions, whether through estate planning or current giving as a Luther Friend, help to grow the Endowment Fund and make the funding of these projects possible. Please find information about the Endowment fund on the FLC website. If you have questions, please contact one of the Endowment Fund Committee Members, listed on the website or email us at flcendowment@gmail.com.

3W Monthly Meeting

3-W, is a dinner group for ‘women in the middle’ who are redefining and reinventing a new stage of life as they launch their maturing teens and young adults into the world. This group will be meeting once a month on Tuesdays through Lent. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 20 from 6 – 8 pm at Fat Dogs Grille at the corner of Holden Rd and Spring Garden St. Please RSVP to Carol (336) 392-7615 so we can reserve enough space.



Community Ministry



Give the gift of water and chicks during Lent. Having clean water is one of the biggest challenges to overcoming poverty. With a simple well, as many as 500 families gain access to safe water. A well costs \$2,500; a grant from the FLC Endowment Fund has provided half that amount! From Feb. 14 to March 11, please sponsor a drop of water (\$10) from the bulletin board across from the library. After March 11 through Easter, April 1, please consider giving an ELCA ornament with a cute chick (\$10) on it to someone you love. This would be a particularly good gift for a parent to give to a child or a grandparent to a grandchild. Both the well and the chicks are part of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. For more info, contact Ginny Hultquist, ginnart1999@gmail.com or Frank Moore, frank@firslutheran.com. Also, see page 2 how you can text a contribution for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, [which includes this well project.](#)

Souper Bowl raises \$1,125. Thanks to about 15 children, youth and adults who helped to fight hunger locally and globally on Feb. 4 by collecting food and money at entrances to the church. The food will be given to Greensboro Urban Ministry and Food Assistance; donations will go to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.



NC Bread for the World meets April 7. The 2018 North Carolina Bread for the World Convention is Saturday, April 7, at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in downtown Durham. This year's theme is "Spiritual Politics: Resisting the Impending Hunger Crisis." To register, go to <https://spiritualpolitics.eventbrite.com>. Individual pre-registration is just \$25 per person; \$15 is available for students. Scholarships also are available upon request. Simultaneous translation into Spanish will be available throughout the day. This year's keynote speaker will be Michael Becketts, former director of the Durham County Department of Social Services and now Assistant Secretary for Human Services at the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. Want to know more? Contact Ginny Hultquist, ginnart1999@gmail.com.

Tiny Houses needs big help. Tiny Houses Greensboro is developing a plan to provide support services for formerly homeless persons as they transition to a new home and a new location. Services will include: assistance with obtaining basic necessities for the home, establishing social connections and employment, finding transportation in the neighborhood, and more. If you would like to find out more details, please contact Tom Bader, who is the project manager for Tiny Houses, tgb842@aol.com or Colette Gibson, hornung107@triad.rr.com. Both are First Lutheran members. Or, check this website for more information, www.tinyhousesgreensboro.com and this one to volunteer: http://volunteergso.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=279349. All volunteers are welcome, and people who can offer construction skills are particularly needed. Tom is grateful for a \$3,000 grant, for which Colette applied, from the First Lutheran Endowment Fund to help the mission of Tiny Houses.



Anyone willing to head a blood drive here? First Lutheran has received a request to help with a blood drive through the Community Blood Center of the Carolinas. CBCC is the primary blood supplier to area hospitals and local patients. Want to find out more? Contact Debbie Sivret, mdkmjsivret@earthlink.net or Frank Moore, frank@firstlutheran.com.

On Saturday February 3, First Lutheran Church provided 50 lunches for hungry Habitat volunteers and staff. Special thanks to Jean Reitzel and her volunteers for years of heading up this ministry. And thanks also go to the FLC Endowment Fund and an anonymous donor for covering the cost of the meal.



Youth and Family Ministry

Gathering Team – Our next meeting is Sunday, February 18, 12:30 – 2 pm. Parents do not need to attend BUT we could use some parents to help organize and repack rummage sale items.

RAD Game Day - Youth, Grades 6-12, you don't want to miss fun and games with the Pastors in February! Make sure to save the date, February 18, 2 – 4 pm, when Pastor Jay and Pastoral Intern Emily will be with us for some 'friendly' competitions and games. Let us know you can come - <http://bit.ly/RADGAMEDAY>.



New! RAD Sunday Evening with Dinner – March 4, 5 – 7 pm. All youth, BYG-er was rescheduled to our usual RAD Sunday, March 18, so we are holding RAD on March 4 instead. Please put this on your calendar (cancel March) and stay tuned for more details.



RAD SUMMER RETREAT AT KURE BEACH! All youth, grades 6-12, we are heading to Kure Beach from Thursday, August 9 to Sunday, August 12. Save these dates – more details and registration this month.

Children's Ministry



BYG Retreat: Please pray for the 15 children and 4 adults traveling to Camp Agape from March 2-4. They will play games, read scripture, meet new friends and explore God's creation. Thank you for supporting this wonderful event.

Egg Hunt Donations: We are now accepting donations of small prizes, nut free candy, bubbles, stickers and playdoh for our egg hunt. A collection box is located in the Community Center. Thank you so much for helping us fill 1,000 eggs. The egg hunt will take place during the 10 am hour on March 25.



Egg Stuffing Party: On Monday, March 12 at 10:00 a.m., please join us in the Youth Commons for an Easter Egg stuffing party!

Join us as we explore the story of Joseph and his brothers. Through this story, we will discuss what we do when we face hardships. Graphic art, science, video teachers and shepherds are needed. Use the link to sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f44acae23aafc1-joseph> or contact Jennifer, jennifer@firstlutheran.com.

3rd through 5th Grade Lock-in!

On February 2 & 3 the 3rd through 5th graders played games, did a service project and watched a movie. Fun was had by all!!



Youth Group with Pastors:

The 3rd-5th grade youth group had a wonderful time playing games and spending time with the Pastors on January 21. The youth look forward to this event every year.



5th grade Bibles:

On January 21, 14 fifth graders received their "used" Bibles. The pastors met with these youth the following two Sundays to explore the Old and New Testaments. Congratulations!



Thank You...



Because of your generosity ...

Here are excerpts from thank-you notes from people and agencies helped by various ministries done at and through First Lutheran Church.

FaithAction International House: *“Thank you so much for your kind and generous donation of \$2,000 to support the service, education and bridge-building work of Faith-Action. We are so grateful for your friendship.”*

Habitat for Humanity: *“We so greatly appreciate the faithful support of First Lutheran. You truly have servants’ hearts.”*

Community Worship

Community Worship will meet on March 4 and every 1st Sunday through May. Come and join us at 6:30 pm in the Contemporary Worship Space. All are Welcome. If you have questions, please contact Jaelyn Johnson, jbflannel@aol.com or look us up on our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/146430398738398/about/>.



Coming Up at Faceout

Tuesday, February 13: Ash Tuesday Service at 11 am in the traditional Worship Space. Lunch to follow.

Tuesdays through Lent—Lenten services at 11 am with lunch following.

Rummage Sale

Rummage Sale Collection each Sunday, 10 - 11 am. Donate your unwanted stuff to our FLC Gathering Team and help us get to the ELCA Youth Gathering next summer. We take ALMOST anything that someone else might want. No old TVs, old computers, or adult clothing. Load up your items and bring them to the Boxes in the back of the parking lot. Got something too large (or too many boxes) to get to us? Please contact Debbie Sivret, mdkmjsivret@earthlink.net or 336-908-0933. Be prepared to provide details about what you need picked up.



Scripture Readings



Sunday, February 18

First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-9

Acts 2:41-47

Sunday, February 25

Second Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 18:1, 3-5, 19:1-2, 20:16-17, 42

John 15:12-17

Sunday Stewards

Wednesday, February 14—Ash Wednesday

Lay Reader: Russell Whittington

Communion Asst.: Sherry Mims

Acolyte: Kendra Whittington; **Crucifer:** Kathy Peterson

Sunday, February 18

9:00 Contemporary Lay Reader: Kimberly Hewitt

Welcoming Team: Ray & Joy Lindberg, Terry Clanton,

11:00 Contemporary Lay Reader: Scott Sharer

Welcoming Team: Wayne Ford, Cynthia Bowen

11:00 Traditional Lay Reader: Donna Walli

Communion Assts.: Peggy Terhune, Dan Basinger

Acolyte: Tyson Zill; **Crucifer:** Jeff Zill

Sunday, February 25

9:00 Contemporary Lay Reader: Lelia Moore

Welcoming Team: Cindy Hilbinger, Joann Nesbitt, Cheryl Klein

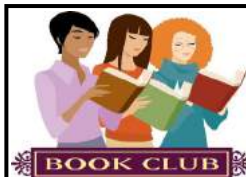
11:00 Contemporary Lay Reader: Emily Bump

Welcoming Team: Julie Bernstein, Laurie Suggs

11:00 Traditional Lay Reader: Ellenor Shepherd

Communion Assts.: Alex Preheim, Dawn Barry, Cynthia D’Agostino, Bill Fields, Kathy Bolzan, Craig Spooner, Caroline Kinlaw

Acolyte: Megan Bingaman; **Crucifer:** Kendra Whittington



Calling all woman at FLC

Come join the Annie Ray Moore Circle
Sunday March 18 at 7 pm
in the Community Center

Book Discussion: “Waking Up White” by Debby Irving
Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race
Kim Hewitt, who is part of the Lutheran Advocates for Racial
Equity (FLARE) group, will be facilitating this book.
Dessert / Beverage to be provided
Any questions, please contact Debbie Sivret 336-908-0933



Tuesday, February 13

- 10:15 am Chair Yoga
- 11:00 am Ash Tuesday Service
- 12:00 am Faceout Lunch
- 1:00 pm Prayer Group
- 6:30 pm Contemporary Musicians

Wednesday, February 14

- 10:00 am Crocheting Christians
- 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- 5:45 pm Ash Wednesday Meal
- 6:00 pm Handbells
- 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 15

- 10:00 am Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Bible Study

Friday, February 16

- 6:00 pm Created by God Lock-in

Sunday, February 18

- 9:00 am Contemporary Worship
- 10:00 am Faith Formation
- 11:00 am Contemporary Worship
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 12:00 pm Exploring the Sacraments
- 2:00 pm 3rd—5th grade Youth
- 2:00 pm RAD Youth
- 7:00 pm Annie Ray Moore Circle

Monday, February 19

- 6:00 pm Endowment Committee

Tuesday, February 20

- 10:15 am Chair Yoga
- 11:00 am Lenten Service
- 12:00 pm Faceout Lunch
- 1:00 pm Prayer Group
- 7:00 pm Powlas Deal Circle

Wednesday, February 21

- 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- 6:15 pm Handbells
- 6:30 pm Contemporary Musicians
- 7:00 pm Lenten Service
- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 22

- 10:00 am Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Bible Study

Saturday, February 24

- 10:00 am Salvage Garden Worship

Sunday, February 25

- 9:00 am Contemporary Worship
- 10:00 am Faith Formation
- 11:00 am Contemporary Worship
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm Women's Bunco

Tuesday, February 27

- 10:15 am Chair Yoga
- 11:00 am Lenten Service
- 12:00 pm Faceout Lunch
- 1:00 pm Prayer Group
- 6:30 pm Contemporary Musicians

Wednesday, February 28

- 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- 6:15 pm Handbells
- 7:00 pm Lenten Service
- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Deadline for the March 1—15 First Glance is February 25



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