



# First Word

The newsletter of First Lutheran Church • Sioux Falls, South Dakota

## A Note from Pr. Jason

Happy Easter to you brothers and sisters in Christ; Jesus has freed you from your sin and death so there is nothing left to do but live in his freedom. He is risen indeed, and so too, will you be raised in Christ! This month's edition of First Word has filled up, so I have just a brief space here to greet you in the name of Christ, thank you for your partnership in the ministry of proclaiming this Gospel

at First Lutheran, and let you know of a few things upcoming.

We're excited for the women's day on April 6, men's retreat on May 4, the Hymn Festival on April 14, Choir School trip the weekend of April 28, and many other wonderful opportunities to hear God's Word together and sing God's praises. We're currently working on increasing awareness and membership, getting the

word out about God's Word for the people of Sioux Falls, and hopeful with this work we will be able to resume the search/call process for a third pastor at First Lutheran.

Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel. By the power of the Holy Spirit, you will be kept steadfast in God's Word in Christ, who has redeemed you from sin and the grave. Alleluia!

## Parking Lot Repair and Matching Opportunity

Over the decades, First Lutheran, with large investment of funds and effort, has secured the wonderful parking spaces we enjoy today. Imagine that as late as 1985 there was no parking lot to the south of the church. As with our homes that require painting and upkeep, so to do our parking lots.

All three lots require a topcoat to extend their life, and small areas that have broken down need to be cut out and replaced with new asphalt. When finished, the lots will be restriped. This work will extend the life of the lots whose replacement cost is upwards of half-million dollars.

The Finance, Property, and Administration board has received bids and worked hard to find a quality contractor. The total cost will be approximately \$40,000. We plan to have the work done in late spring. The good news, besides the lengthening of the lots' life, is that a challenge grant of \$20,000 has been pledged that will double your contribution to the project. Our hope is that with strong congregational participation, we can use the full match, and the resurfacing can be covered—freeing the board's budget to be invested in other critical needs of our buildings.

Please prayerfully consider a gift, designating "parking lot" in the memo line. We are grateful for the dedicated staff and volunteers who give of their time and talents to keep First Lutheran Church a welcoming home.

## Lowell Elementary – Neighborhood Soccer League

Spring is coming, and so is the spring soccer season! Lowell Neighborhood Soccer is ready to "roll." The spring season is scheduled for April 20 – May 18. The Lowell Soccer team practices each Saturday morning at Campus Park. Volunteers are needed to provide hospitality by registering students, serving coffee to parents, and helping to serve lunch following practice. These activities support fostering a sense of community amongst those who attend.

The Neighborhood Soccer League provides an opportunity for elementary students who may not have the resources to participate in a city league to play on a team supported by coaches and adults at no cost to the family. Students are provided with a t-shirt, shin guards, and a ball. Each Saturday morning during their spring and fall seasons, they practice skills

in soccer and building sportsmanship and character.

If you have a desire or skill in coaching, like to meet new people, or enjoy helping children and families, volunteering with the Lowell Neighborhood Soccer League has an opportunity for you! To learn more about these opportunities and sign up to join our volunteer list, email Sarah Herbert at [herbertj@sio.midco.net](mailto:herbertj@sio.midco.net) or Val Peters at [dvpeters@sio.midco.net](mailto:dvpeters@sio.midco.net). Watch for information and sign-up opportunities on the First Lutheran Church website!



# Ministry and Board Updates

## Youth & Family Updates

By Pastor Tom Stadem

The Youth & Family board and staff have been busy in March! We celebrated our first grade Lord's Prayer milestone; the fifth graders received their Holy Communion instruction and were given their first communion on Maundy Thursday; and our ninth graders were led through a "faith statement" retreat as they continue to meet the requirements for confirmation this fall. And although Wednesday School has been put on pause for Lent, Sunday School focused on the days of Holy Week in anticipation of what our children will experience in worship leading up to Easter.

Summer camp is also a big push for us! Having experienced summer camp as camper, counselor, youth director, and pastor, I cannot emphasize the wonderful benefits of a bible camp week enough! The setting in God's creation, the young and enthusiastic counselors who dedicate a summer to impact kids in faith, the games and skits, the music and worship, the themed bible studies, and the making of friends through this week-long adventure all serve to embolden our youth in faith and give them a wonderful vision to the extent of the body of believers who are the Church.

In April, the Youth & Family team

will spend extra hours of visioning and planning for this summer and the coming year. I personally want to share that I am awed by the remarkable investment that First Lutheran has made for children and families. The staff, the facility, the programming, and the generational gifts that have blessed this ministry are fantastic and inspiring. There are so many ways that we can, and do, engage our families in preaching, teaching, and celebrating the good news of God in Christ Jesus! Thank you for your support of this ministry!

## FLCW/WELCA May Salad Supper and Program Coming Soon!

Every year one of the most anticipated events for the First Lutheran Church Women is the May Salad Supper with a variety of delicious salads and desserts and an entertaining program. This year we will join our friends for this fun event in the Gathering Room on May 2, at 6 p.m., and you are invited to be a part of this meaningful get-together.

Cynthia Sheppard, a delightful Christian speaker from Egan, SD, will present her program entitled "A Garden of My Heart." Cynthia combines everyday

events with spiritual insight and humor to inspire us on our journey of faith. We will also welcome Matt Tylutki and members of his FLC Choir School, who will entertain us with musical pieces from their recent tour to Minneapolis. This is certain to be an enjoyable and memorable evening for all, so please plan to attend.

First Lutheran Church Women, or WELCA, is open to all women, young and old, who are interested in serving God in many ways. In addition to our four general meetings and monthly Bible

studies, we also perform service projects to help those in need. We collect and assemble health care kits, baby care kits, school kits, and fabric kits to send to Lutheran World Relief. We also collect pop tabs (Ronald McDonald House), used eyeglasses (Lyons Eye Bank), hygiene items (Church on the Street), and fabric for the FLC quilters. Please call Lola Coon at 605-201-5703 or Marcia Huffman at 605-360-4168 for more information or to join this dedicated group of women.

## First Lutheran Card Shop Open Daily

You don't need a special occasion to send a greeting card. If you can think of a day ending in "Y," you have a reason to send a card. Here are some common and not-so-common reasons to send a greeting card today.

- Monday – thinking of you
- Tuesday – get well/glad you are on the mend
- Wednesday – friendship
- Thursday – miss you
- Friday – thank you
- Saturday – so sorry...I can't believe I did that!

• Sunday – congratulations!  
Mother's and Father's Day, Easter, Valentine's, Thanksgiving, Halloween—the card shop has many varieties. Best friends and relatives are not the only ones with birthdays! Don't forget about your pastors, your children's teachers, your neighbors, the mail carrier, the sanitary collection person, and many more.



The card shop in the Gathering Room has cards for every day of the week and more. Many are new, and some are recycled. Cards are only 25 CENTS, and the price

has stayed the same for years. Real cards are a delight to receive and perhaps more thoughtful than an e-card or a last minute greeting on Facebook. Check out the cards at the First Lutheran Card Shop because every day is **CARD DAY!**

# Ministry and Board Updates

## Someone you should know...

### *Grounded in faith and giving with freedom*

Sarah Herbert is a wonderful example of being grounded in faith and giving with freedom. Sarah's support of educators, young children, and their families makes her a perfect match for the Evangelism and Outreach board mission and partnership with our neighborhood school, Lowell Elementary. Sarah, a First Lutheran member, takes the lead in planning activities and meals and coordinating volunteers for the many ways First Lutheran supports Lowell Elementary.

Sarah has been a member at First for 33 years. Her husband, Jeff, grew up at FLC. Their three, now adult, children grew up at First, being part of camps and mission trips. Matt lives in Washington, DC; Lindsey and her husband and son live in Tea, SD; and Carson and his fiancé are in Murfreesboro, TN. Sarah would say,

"I feel like Pastor Nate definitely gave all of them a love of travel!"

As an educator who taught for 34 years at the elementary and middle school levels, Sarah understands firsthand the stress that is put upon teachers. When she retired, it was natural for her to support teachers and move into action by supporting our activities with our neighborhood partner school, Lowell Elementary. As an elementary school with a very small PTA, First Lutheran Church provides support to provide opportunities that a larger PTA would do for the school.

Sarah takes the lead in organizing meals for the teachers and staff during the long days of parent-teacher conferences; recognizes staff at Christmas and Teacher Appreciation Day; provides volunteers



and materials for classrooms and school activities; and provides support for students and families with clothing items, books, and other supplies. The latest activity is providing hospitality on Saturday mornings at Campus Park for the Lowell Neighborhood Soccer League.

This includes registering students, serving coffee to parents, and serving a meal following practice to the families. The spring season is April 20 – May 18, and Sarah will be looking for volunteers!

Please contact Sarah, [herbertj@seo.midco.net](mailto:herbertj@seo.midco.net), if you would like to find out more about the opportunities to volunteer and support Lowell Elementary. Sarah can tell you that helping children is one of the most rewarding things you can do to give back.

## Directory Update



*By Deb Nelson*

As we pause in the hiring of a third pastor, several have asked me about how the plans for our directory might change. Jodi and I have talked about this

and decided to look toward fall 2024 to publish the paper copy.

We will continue to gather pictures from members. Email pictures to [media@flcsf.org](mailto:media@flcsf.org) or text to 605/368.1358. A digital picture sent to us will be much sharper when printed than a picture we or you take of a physical picture. Watch the kiosk in the lobby for examples of what some members have sent in, or go to the Church Center app's directory for ideas. There are some great pictures there. Stop me (Deb) when you see me, and I'll show you what they look like.

We are also gathering pictures of events, activities, and people that represent our history. We would like to include pictures you have taken! If you have taken some pictures in the last 2-3 years that would be good to include, please send them to us. For example: did anyone take pictures at the talent show that we could use? Or did you take pictures during the 100th anniversary activities? Send pictures via the same methods mentioned above.

We will create a calendar of events for this calendar year and be purposeful in capturing pictures. Please let me know if you would like an event on the calendar.

We will continue to take individual pictures on Sunday mornings. I'll be in the old Church on the Street office

outside the Chapel on the First Sunday of each month. This office is set up for taking pictures that are a little more formal. I'll take pictures between 10 and 11 a.m. on those Sundays only; no reservations are needed.



We also encourage you to activate the Church Center app on your phone to access the church's digital directory within the app. In it, you can access member information that those activating want you to have. Stop me in the lobby on Sunday morning, and I'll help you.

We will continue to share more as we proceed with this project. Thank you for your support and involvement in making this long-awaited project come to life.

# Ministry and Board Updates

## January Council Updates



By Michael Kedik,  
Congregational Past  
President

### Reports

**Thank You.** Michael began by thanking Council members and staff for the work done this past year. This is his final Council meeting, and he expressed appreciation to all who gave time and talents to FLC in their leadership roles.

**Transition.** Michael announced that the Executive Committee will have two new members elected at the annual meeting.

**Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting will be Sunday, February 4, at 12:15 p.m.

**Financial Report.** Randy reported that November and December income were down, but income overall in 2023 was good. The average gift per giving unit is \$3,043.

**Pastor Jason.** Regarding the discussion about a third pastor, the overall design is to call an Evangelism and Outreach pastor. He and Pastor Tom will address this issue and cover the needs for the congregation. The pastors and staff are working on a theme for Lent, "Hymns of Our Faith." The Bible study on the Gospel of Mark has begun.

**Pastor Tom.** He states it has been delightful hearing what FLC is involved in, and he has had an awesome welcome from the congregation. He asks: Where are the needs? There are many.

**Communication.** It is important we stress we are *pausing* on the search for a third pastor, not ceasing.

### Action

**Proposed Budget for 2024.** Michael began with an explanation of designated funds versus restricted accounts. The

Executive Committee looked at both funds when preparing the budget for 2024. The total FLC budget for 2024 is \$2,026,572. This amount is \$35,838 below the anticipated income of \$1,990,734 for an overall loss.

Several boards have amounts in their restricted accounts that apply to and cover the board's requests for 2024 without totally depleting all funds in the restricted accounts. Where applicable for those boards, funds were taken from the restricted accounts to fund the board's operating budget requests. For example, the Care & Health Board has sufficient restricted funds to fully fund all line items in the budget request except the Project CAR line item. Consequently, the Care & Health Board budget line items will be funded with money from restricted accounts plus \$3,158 for Project CAR.

Men in Mission, WELCA, and the Quilters each operate independently and are not part of the FLC annual budget.

Church Mutual has canceled property and casualty insurance for FLC. A new policy has not yet been obtained. In the interim, Acuity Insurance provides general liability, umbrella insurance protection, and auto coverage for the truck. The cost of the insurance premium for 2024 is unknown at this time and is not included in the 2024 budget.

All parking lots (except the Starbucks lot) will be resurfaced in 2024. This will be paid for using the Foundation gift to the Property Board from three years ago.

The Stewardship benevolence to the SD Synod in 2022 was \$55,000 (2.7%) and in 2023 and 2024 was and is \$76,000 (4.0%). Mason questioned if the Council should establish a formula for setting the amount given to the SD Synod each year. The Stewardship Board was asked to bring

forth a recommendation for Council's consideration.

At the current rate of giving by the congregation, FLC cannot fund a third pastor. Therefore, the Call Committee is pausing (not ceasing) its search for a third pastor to join the staff. Pastor Jason and Pastor Tom will divide duties and see what does not get done. To keep with transparency, we must be honest with the congregation. We must educate our members that it is important to increase the number of giving units in the congregation to generate more income. If we go forward with calling a third pastor, we must be able to sustain that pastor in the years to come.

The total proposed budget is \$2,026,572. Anticipated (pledged) income is \$1,990,734. There is a carryover from 2023 of \$128,262. This creates a surplus of \$92,424, and it is hoped this sum will cover the cost of the property and casualty insurance premium when it is purchased. If it does not, FLC may have to increase the deductibles on the policy to get a lower premium cost.

At the conclusion of the budget discussion, Lori and Chris moved that the budget for 2024 be approved and presented to the congregation at the annual meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Authorization.** It was moved by Lyle, seconded by Deb, that the Council authorize use of the sum of \$117,078.09 received as a 100-year anniversary gift from the foundation for resurfacing the parking lots in 2024 and for an awareness project in 2024. The motion carried. Committees need to be established. Recruiting volunteers for the awareness committee will be discussed at next month's Council meeting. The goal is for outreach and attracting more giving units.



# In the Community

## Sad Isn't Bad



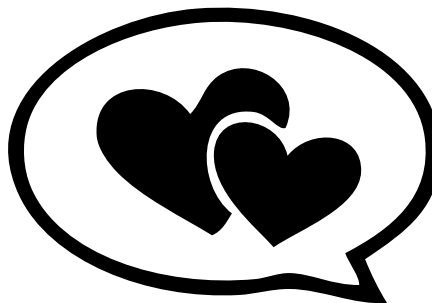
By John Hegg

It all started back in the Parish Nurse era when, as a group, they determined that a void existed in our community. Sioux Falls had no program to help families process grief due to the loss of a loved one. With the input from selected social workers and counselors, the Sad Isn't Bad program was born. Family sessions have now been established to give grieving children, adolescents, and their family caretakers a chance to process the

life changes they have experienced since a loved one's passing.

The next four-week grief therapy session begins on Monday, April 8, and continues the following three Mondays at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. All sessions begin with a free meal at 5:30 before breaking into elementary, adolescent, and adult groups ending at 7:30.

First Lutheran has been a huge supporter of this program both financially and emotionally. Registration for this United Way program is necessary at the Sad Isn't Bad Sioux Falls website.



For further information, contact John Hegg, a Sad Isn't Bad board member and facilitator, at [johnhegg@sio.midco.net](mailto:johnhegg@sio.midco.net) or 605-376-2895.

# Giving

## February Gifts and Memorials

### Gifts to the First Lutheran Church Foundation

#### In Memory Of Don Toft

Robert Amundson, Karen and Orrin Anderson, Richard and Karen Bjork, Jerry and Jan Bork, Carol Bormann, Lynelle and Tom Brown, Stan and Sandy Christopherson, James and Dorothy Christopherson, John Christopherson, Terry and Cynthia Cosand, Bob Doescher, Lyle and Jean Eidsness, Norman Eitrheim, Don and Judy Erickson, Jim and Sandy Fink, Michael and Shelly Gardner, Vance and Sherry Goldammer, Lee and Carlet Graff, Michael and Lori Gulick, Donald and Joyce Helberg, Jeff and Sarah Herbert, Joe and Kim Herdina, Sandra Holleman, Frances Kilem, Ronald and Cynthia Moegenburg, David and Linda Munson, Rob and Joy Nelson, Terry and Denise Nelson, William and Nancy Olson, Tracie Osthus, Sandra Pedersen, Barbara Peterson, Greg and Carol Puerkel, Delores Rice, John and Linda Ripley, Ronald and

Lynetter Rother, Beverly Simpson, Gloria Simpson, Kathleen Stelzer, Douglas and Carol Uthe, Jacquelyn and Jon Williams, Sharyl Wolf

#### In Memory of Lottie Rollag

Barbara and Paul Halstenson

#### In Memory of John Peckham

Roger and Janet Noer

#### In Honor of Elaine Nevin's 90th birthday

Kathleen Stelzer

### Gifts to First Lutheran Church

#### In Memory of Darlene Fletcher

Walter C Ree Estate, Dorothy and Norman Varns

#### In Memory of Lottie Rollag

Holly and Michael Simmons, P. and K. DeWall

### Media Ministry

#### In Memory of Darlene Fletcher

FLCW, Barb Matson

### In Memory of Don Toft

Shirley Drobny, Marilyn Eikanger, Joan Hansen, Robert and Karen Hemre, Barb Matson, Franklin Pudas, LaVonne and Donald Wolf

### In Memory of Joan Anderson

Lynn and Beverly Philliber, Cheryl and William Taylor

### In Memory of Lottie Rollag

Jean Ahlers, FLCW, Barb Matson, Orrin and Pat Townswick

### Caring Ministry

#### In Memory of Joan Christian

Edna Husman

### Campership

#### In Memory of Shelly Fink

Jean Hoff

### Bell Tower

#### In Memory of Shirley Johnson

Jean Hoff

# Giving

## April Special Offering: St Dysmas of South Dakota



*By Pr. Jeff Backer,  
Senior Pastor/  
Development  
Director of St  
Dysmas*

*“And Jesus said,  
‘Neither do I  
condemn you. Go  
your way...’” -  
John 8: 11*

Greetings from your Sisters and Brothers in Christ behind the walls and bars of the South Dakota State Penitentiary!

St Dysmas of South Dakota is your ministry that provides worship opportunities, Bible study, and pastoral care for people incarcerated in the penitentiary system in South Dakota.

St Dysmas Lutheran Church is the congregation that gathers inside the penitentiary—on Wednesday afternoons in Sioux Falls on “The Hill”; on Tuesday evenings at Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield, SD (35 miles west of Yankton, SD); and on Sunday evenings at the Yankton Minimum Unit on the state hospital campus in Yankton, SD.

The people who come to St Dysmas wake each day held by consequences of

the worst decision or action they ever had in their life. But when they get out of the chaos of the prison, away from what prison tells them they are, and come to worship, they are seen as God’s children. They hear that they are not only redeemable but have been redeemed in Jesus Christ.

In 2023, we worked with 574 individuals who attended worship, Bible study, or had pastoral care one-on-ones. The work we do together impacts lives in a profound way. The freedom and forgiveness known in Jesus Christ is a powerful gift of faith for those experiencing incarceration. We baptized 31 adult men in 2023 and celebrated affirmation of baptism for 3 men. It is not good to cry in prison, but I watched these men, overcome with emotion, be claimed in a promise that told many of them for the first time in their lives that they are known, loved, and valued.

St Dysmas also offers re-entry accompaniment for those individuals being released from prison who need help transitioning back into productive lives. We provide Re-Entry Classes for those set to be released in the next year, and we partnered with 156 men when released

to connect them to resources. We partner with halfway houses and agencies across the state, and even sometimes out-of-state, to help people restart productive and successful lives.

St Dysmas and First Lutheran Church have had a long-standing partnership. Groups of visitors routinely come to worship with us in Sioux Falls, and you have continued to be very generous in your financial support. We do not exist without you; it is as simple as that. We can never be self-sustaining. It is congregations, families, and individuals like you who make this ministry possible.

Your partnership with St Dysmas truly changes peoples’ lives, and above all, makes the gospel of Jesus Christ known to those who are often forgotten or viewed as undeserving. Thank you for committing to this partnership that makes new life in Christ possible.

In addition to your support, we welcome your prayers and invite you to come and experience worshiping with St Dysmas for yourself. If you would like more information, please go to our website at [stdysmas.com](http://stdysmas.com). You will not regret it!

## Thank You, February Broadcast Sponsors!

### February 11, 2024

- The telecast on KSFY was sponsored in honor of Elaine Grace Nevin, who turned 90 years old on February 15, by Joel & Barb Nevin; Rachel, Teryn, & Leah Solan; Josh Nevin; and Becca Nevin.

- The broadcast on KELO-FM was given in memory of Les Rollag, whose birthday would have been February 15, by his family.

### February 13, 2024 (Ash Wednesday)

- The telecast and closed captioning

on KSFY were sponsored by Judy Jasper for nursing home residents and homebound individuals. It was also in honor of the FLC pastors for their ministry in spreading the word of God.

### February 18, 2024

- The broadcast on KELO-FM and closed captioning on KDLT were given in celebration of Mike & Gloria Simpson's anniversary by Elaine Johnson, Mary Ellen Lantis, and Rick & Judy Berdahl.

### Sing Glory to the Name of God: A Hymn Festival

Sunday, April 14, 3pm

Reserve your tickets today!

- in the Church Center app
- at [flcsf.org/events](http://flcsf.org/events)
- or by calling 605/336.3734



# Around the Church

## Capital Campaign Updates



*By Jean Hoff,  
Capital Campaign  
Coordinator*

As you may know, First Word articles are written weeks in advance of your receiving either a copy in the mail or

an electronic version.

I am writing this article on Friday, March 1. Here is what I can share about capital campaign projects.

The removal of wallpaper in the Gathering Room, Trinity Room, and Luther Lounge has been completed. These three rooms have been painted the same color as the Atrium. The artwork in the Gathering Room will not be put back up until after the asbestos abatement is completed. The abatement was approved by the Church Council Thursday, February 29. The

abatement start date will be either March 11 or March 18. The Gathering Room will be closed for several weeks once this project starts.

Mid-States has been here Since February 19. They are working in so many areas of the church pulling cables for the new sound and video systems. Mid-States usually works four days a week; however, they have been working Fridays until late afternoon since they are unable to be in the Sanctuary on Wednesday after 5 p.m. due to the mid-week Lenten services. Things are going well on the sound and video update. Thanks to those of you who come to the 11:15 mid-week service in the Chapel. We recognize it is cozy, but the staff appreciates your patience while Mid-States is working on the new sound and video systems.

No news on the Bell Tower and Steeple project cost yet. The company in Wisconsin continues to tell us they will

get the bid to us shortly, but we don't get anything. Unfortunately, this is the third company we have tried to get a bid from for the bell tower and steeple.

The Church Council voted to reengage Architecture, Inc. to prepare the construction plans for the new entrance to the sanctuary and the changes to the restrooms in the Welcome Center. It will take Architecture, Inc. approximately six months to prepare the construction plans. In the meantime, a committee was put together to review the Welcome Center restrooms and use of both the Trinity Room and Luther Lounge. Members serving on the committee are Colin Barron, Jon Beatch, Lola Coon, Karon Gubbrud, Eric Severson, and Jean Hoff.

A celebration upon the completion of the sound and video systems will take place. A date is yet to be set for this celebration. Look for more information in the future.

## Are you a crocheter or a knitter?

Are you looking for a new project?

(Or are you willing to set your current project aside for a short time?)

Each year First Lutheran's confirmands receive a white prayer shawl as a gift from their church to support them on their faith journey. This prayer shawl is created for each student specifically. As the knitter or the crocheter is working on the prayer shawl, he or she prays for that specific confirmand.

This is a First Lutheran ministry that has been around for quite a while. If you would like to join this ministry and share your skills and talents as a knitter or crocheter, we would love to have you. Please contact Bev Bentzinger, [bbentzinger@flcsf.org](mailto:bbentzinger@flcsf.org) or 605/339.1983 ext. 252.



*Below are members of our congregation who turn 90+ this month. If you see them around church, wish them a great day!*

- 3 – Gene Hassel
- 6 – Betty Pfeifle
- 9 – Dick Blundell
- 14 – Jeanne Buren, Joan Hansen
- 18 – Dorothy Christopherson, Merna Salmonson
- 23 – Dottie Paulson
- 26 – Bobbie Sapdino
- 28 – Bob Messner
- 29 – Jeanette Edman



# Life Transitions

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## Marriages

February 17, 2024

Britt Jacobsen and  
Michael Hansen

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## Deaths

February 6, 2024

Darlene Fletcher

February 7, 2024

Floyd Viel

February 15, 2024

Lottie Rollag

**FLC NOW**  
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FLC Now provides a quick, monthly look at ways to stay informed, be engaged, and get involved in the life of the church.

Find out what's happening, what donations are being requested, and what volunteer opportunities are available.

Visit [flcsf.org/now](https://flcsf.org/now).



## On the Calendar – April

1 – office closed, Easter Monday

4 – Mark Bible study, 12p, Friendship Room

5 – First Fridays Book Club, 5p, R Wine Bar & Kitchen

6 – Women's day, 9a-3p, *register in Church Center app or at [flcsf.org/events](https://flcsf.org/events)*

6 – Grieving with Grace, 10a, Friendship Room

7 – Mark Bible study, 10:15a, Friendship Room

11 – Mark Bible study, 12p and 6:30p, Friendship Room

13 – Joan Hansen 90th Birthday Party, 2-4p, Gathering Room

14 – kindergarten milestone, 10a, Fellowship Hall

14 – Mark Bible study, 10:15a, Friendship Room

14 – Lankford Arts Series Hymn Festival, 3p, Sanctuary, *tickets required: reserve in Church Center app or at [flcsf.org/events](https://flcsf.org/events) or at front desk*

18 – Mark Bible study, 12p and 6:30p, Gathering Room

20 – Dementia/Alzheimer's support group, 9a, Friendship Room

21 – Mark Bible study, 10:15a, Friendship Room

25 – Mark Bible study, 12p and 6:30p, Friendship Room

28 – Mark Bible study, 10:15a, Friendship Room

May 4 – Men's spring retreat, 10a-6p, Plain View Farm, *register in Church Center app or at [flcsf.org/events](https://flcsf.org/events)*