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Monthly Newsletter | First Lutheran Church

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March, 2022

New Bible Study classes:

Monday 1:00-2:00 pm. Scripture Study with Pastor Sami both in-person and online. The in-person meets in the upstairs classroom to cover the scriptures to be preached on Sunday.

Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 pm. Scripture Study with Pastor Sami online to cover the scriptures she'll be preaching over on Sunday.

Thursday Morning Bible Study 10am-11am. will be covering Paul's Letters and will be led by Karen Jensen. It meets in-person in the upstairs classroom.

Sundays 10:45-11:45 am. is Bible Study with various leaders to discuss the scriptures and sermon from that Sunday's worship. It will meet in the Choir Room.



Saint Patrick was a fifth-century missionary and bishop in Ireland, known as the "Apostle of Ireland." He is known for using the shamrock to illustrate the Holy Trinity. St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He is regarded as a Saint within the doctrine of the Anglican Communion and the Lutheran Churches.



Gene & Deanna Rasnussen	03/02
Phillip & Melodee Hornbostle	03/18
James and Carol Roever	03/19



Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

— 1 Corinthians 13:4, 7 (RSV)

Reminders...

You may email Pastor Sami directly at the church. Her new email address is:

pastorflcsj@gmail.com

Calendar for March and April:

March 6	First Sunday of Lent
March 13	Second Sunday of Lent
March 20	Third Sunday of Lent
March 27	Fourth Sunday of Lent
April 3	Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 10	Palm Sunday
April 14	Maundy Thursday
April 15	Good Friday
April 17	Easter!



Matthew Mott	03/04
Molly Luthans	03/05
Larry Reder	03/05
Brett Chladek	03/12
Jennifer Bufkin	03/13
Betty Perkins	03/19
Jack Pearl	03/23
Nyadeng Moth	03/25
Nancy Reder	03/31
Bruce Taylor	03/31



News From the Altar Guild.

The Altar Guild wishes to extend our thanks to Jim and Juel Pierce, Nate Chladek, Jim and Pam Farrell, and Gene and Dee Rasmussen for providing the flowers on the altar for the month of February. **As part of First Lutheran's observance of Lent**, there are no flowers on the altar until Easter Sunday, April 17. This year that means **that there will be no flowers on the altar during the month of March and early April.**

If you would like to contribute flowers on the altar beyond Easter, there are **many Sundays available from mid April through July.** All you need to do is **sign up on the Flower Chart just outside the sanctuary.** You may also **call Janice Harmsen (816-390-3980) or Nancy Lewis (573-691-2970) to sign up and/or give your flower dedications** so they can be put in the announcements each week. The payment of **\$40.00** is appreciated **before your flowers are on the altar.** Please make your **check payable to "Altar Guild"** and **give it to Pam Farrell**, treasurer.



Message From The Counters

February 14, 2022

It is time to order the giving envelopes for our congregation.

We would like to consider discontinuing the envelopes for 2023 and beyond!

There are several reasons to consider this change.

It will save us some money off the church expenses.

We cut the number ordered every year, but still have many boxes left over that are not picked up or used.

Because of covid, many members have begun prepaying in 3-, 6-, or 12-month intervals.

The money counters do not feel it would be that much additional work to look up each person's name.

The main change for the congregation will be that you must indicate on your check how you want your money applied. Unified, building, special projects, etc. or split among several. If you give cash, you will need to indicate on a plain envelop (provided on the back table) your name, amount enclosed, and how you want it applied.

If checks or cash are received with no indication of where it should be applied, the money counters will assume it goes in the Unified/general fund.

So the question: Is there any member who would not be able to adjust to this change in giving to the missions of our church?

Please contact Dave Newman (816 646-1064, call or text) if you have other questions or comments. If nothing is heard, we will plan to proceed with this change for 2023.

Special Thank You to...

Steve Archer for removing the large tree branch left in our parking lot. Way to go, Steve! Much appreciated!

Noisy Offering for March...

will be on March 27th (Fourth Sunday of Lent) so please save us your change. We love the clatter of coins in the pan!

Bible Verses that apply to St. Patrick's Day (see if you know why):

Romans 8:14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Luke 9:23-24 And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

St. Patrick's Day Trivia

1. What is St. Patrick's nickname? (Paddy)
2. What color was originally associated with St. Patrick? (blue)
3. Where was the first St. Patrick's Day parade held? (Boston)
4. In Ireland, what does the color green stand for? (Hope)
5. When was St. Patrick's Day brought to America? (1737)

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