

**NEWS FROM  
OUR PASTOR**

He is alive! (yay)

Yeah, but does that mean something? Do something? Change anything?

Easter has come and gone over 2000 times now – and what? We are stuck in a world of hatred and war, corruption and injustice, pain and sorrow. “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly,” Jesus says. (John 10:10). In the midst of the death that permeates this world, where is all this promised life?

We know what death looks like.

Death looks like the world that we see around us every single day. Death looks like frivolity and doubt, clinging to conspiracy theories because the truth does not fit our biases. Death looks like a world where fear is God and there are more guns than people. Death looks like a world where the few have everything and most of the rest make do without. Death looks like “me first” and “Look out for Number One.” Death looks like choosing sides and judging others and marginalizing those who are different. Death looks like people who long for heaven but live like they believe too much in hell.

But life ...

Life looks like faith. It looks like a simple, basic trust in the promises that create life. It is the rejection of cynicism and skepticism and the embrace of childlike hope. It’s not naïveté but it is intentional vulnerability, openness to possibility. Resurrected life is always lived with one foot in heaven, not trying to get there, but believing that it is already part of here.

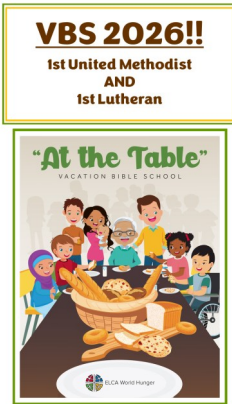
Life looks like security. Real security. Not the pretend security that we embrace in this world of fear and violence and destruction, but the security that comes from knowing that God is in charge and there is right, and that even if perfection is elusive, grace keeps putting us back on the righteous path again and again and again. Resurrected life takes seriously what deserves to be serious and entrusts the rest to higher powers.

Life looks like community. Not fandom or mob mentality, but intentional self-giving for the sake of others, both near and far. It looks like a diverse gathering of unique individuals putting the common good ahead of personal achievement. Resurrected life embraces downward mobility and always places the last first into the most Christ-like way.

Life looks like purpose. Not constantly chasing shiny objects and personal glory, but the embrace of mission and the sense of existing for a reason, for the sake of a neighbor. It is about the glory and joy of service and the deep belief that we do in fact make a difference. Resurrected life is life lived for others because that's who we are.

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***Mark your calendars!!***

**July 20—24  
9am—12pm**

- Can you help? Contact Erika!!
  - Register with Google Form or go to church website
- Contact Erika with questions  
402-533-0918**

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Life looks like inviting. Not selling or conquering or lording over, but the persistent itch of opportunity to bring light where there is dark and to impart what we have simply because it is worthy and good. Resurrected life believes that the gospel is actually good news, and evangelism is not a goal but a relationship that mirrors the one we have in God.

Life looks like light. In the gloom and sadness and grievances of this world it breaks forth like the sun on a cloudy day. It reaches into every corner and lifts up the fallen. It is not a cliché or a false promise or a cheap blessing. Resurrected life comes to us from above and lifts our eyes and our hearts even as we journey through this world.

Resurrected life looks like you and me. That we don't believe so is a testament to our faithlessness. But it is no less true. The promise of our baptism is alive and well. It is our curse that we do not always bear its fruit. It is God's promise that we can and will.

Welcome to the time of Easter, of living the Resurrected life.

He is alive! He is alive indeed.

-Pastor Glen



## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

**ATTENTION** High School Seniors and College Students: The Christian Growth Board is accepting scholarship applications for the 2026-2027 school year for post-secondary education. Any member of FLC that is currently a high school senior or college student may apply. Applications are available on the church website or by the Welcome Center. If you have any questions please call the church office at (402) 426-4073.

**The deadline to submit an application is  
April 15, 2026.**



## NOTES ♦ DATES ♦ REMINDERS



**WE REMEMBER IN  
OUR PRAYERS-Please keep these  
people in your  
thoughts and prayers**

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| <p>†Family of Joan Ward<br/>         †Family of Joan Clements<br/>         †Family of Ellie Mommsen<br/>         †Carol Haussermann<br/>         †Betty Megrue - prayers<br/>         †Jayde - prayers and healing<br/>         †David Latwaitis &amp; Family - peace and healing<br/>         †Dr. Mariah Meyer LeFeber - prayers<br/>         †Shelli McGregor - healing<br/>         †Holly Petersen (Daughter of Marcy Bottorff)<br/>         †Corrine Kruse (Mother of Tracy Gross) - prayers for healing<br/>         †Randy Isaacson - prayers<br/>         †Debra Harris<br/>         †Mary Jean Rahlfs - healing<br/>         †Alicia (Niece of Deb Katt and Mother of Georgia) - prayers<br/>         †Gavin James - prayers<br/>         †LaDean Untiedt (Mother of Teresa Preister) - treatment for breast cancer<br/>         †Greg Megrue (Son of Betty Megrue) - serious health problems<br/>         †Paul Kempcke - healing<br/>         †Jennifer Novak-Haar - healing<br/>         †Mary Connelly<br/>         †Schaapveld Family, Stirek Family, Gubbels Family, Warrick Family, and all others affected by the recent storms<br/>         †Sana and Elley Smith<br/>         †Marcie Ellenberger - healing<br/>         †Brooklyn Schroeter - healing<br/>         †Carla<br/>         †Kari Hernandez - healing<br/>         †Clint Clausen - prayers<br/>         †Greg Reed<br/>         †Mary Frey (mother of Rhonda McMurtry) - prayers<br/>         †Wayne &amp; Carolyn Behrend (Parents of Deb Henson) - prayers for healing<br/>         †Jo Royuk (mother of Anne Chrans) - healing<br/>         †Mick Jensen</p> | <p>†Patrick McKinnis - healing<br/>         †Amie Clausen - prayers &amp; healing<br/>         †Sunni Wilson (mother of Melody Dubon)<br/>         †Julia Maettes - cancer treatments - prayers &amp; healing<br/>         †Elijah - healing<br/>         †Thomas Uhlman - diagnosed with lung cancer<br/>         †David Kaiser - healing<br/>         †Helen Garnett (Jim Garnett's mom) - healing<br/>         †Randy Backman - healing<br/>         †Deloris Matson - early stage lymphoma - healing &amp; prayers<br/>         †Vivian Walvoord - healing &amp; prayers<br/>         †Dana - healing<br/>         †Betty Anderson<br/>         †Irene Thorsen<br/>         †Meredith Dickerson - Alpha Gal Syndrome<br/>         †Zach - cancer healing/treatment side effects<br/>         †Misty - healing and pain relief<br/>         †Marilyn Svendgard<br/>         †Sue Marsh - healing<br/>         †Merriebeth Ferguson (sister-in-law of Merriellen Bourn) - cancer - healing<br/>         †Chris Kesling - healing<br/>         †Alex - surgery &amp; healing<br/>         †Mary LaScala<br/>         †Martin Kuhr - prayers and healing<br/>         †Riley<br/>         †Georgia (great niece of Debbie Katt) -prayers &amp; healing<br/>         †Kyler Reed - healing<br/>         †Scott &amp; Katie Abrams - prayers &amp; healing<br/>         †Kay Melby (Angela Ulven and Kari Hernandez's mother) - healing<br/>         †Stacy Thompson Green (daughter of Marcy Bottorff) - prayers &amp; healing<br/>         †Larry Kastrup - healing<br/>         †Leo Aguilar-Hicks - healing for Leukemia<br/>         †Lekura Parish<br/>         †Nebraska Wildfire Victims and all those we name in our hearts.</p> |
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### FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH SENIOR CITIZEN WORSHIP AND LUNCH

**MAUNDY THURSDAY  
April 2, 2026  
11 AM WORSHIP  
with Holy Communion**

**LUNCH to Follow  
Please RSVP to the church office by  
Friday, March 27th.**

*The Christian Growth Board would like to  
remind members of FLC to consider  
including the  
Christian Growth Fund in  
your estate planning.*

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**MWM**

**MID WEEK MEAL**



**Pickup or Delivery**  
Wednesdays 5:30-6:15pm

**For Pickup**  
Text name & # of meals to 402-533-0918  
NOT REQUIRED  
**For Delivery**  
Text name & address & # of meals to 402-533-0918

**MWM Volunteers Needed!!**

**Cooks**  
You join a group of folks to cook the meal on  
Wednesdays 1pm-3:30pm

**Servers**  
You join a group of folks to serve the meal into to-go  
containers on Wednesday 4:30-5:15pm

**Delivery Drivers**  
You deliver meals to about 6-7 locations on  
Wednesdays 5-6pm

Please contact Erika if you can volunteer!!  
All times are flexible—weekly, biweekly,  
monthly, whenever it fits into your  
schedule!



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# Confirmation Service Projects

Our 6th-8th grade students recently participated in another **Service Night!**

They worked on the following projects:

- Valentine cookies for employees at Memorial Community Hospital
- Spring craft kits for Good Shepherd residents
- Tied quilts for Lutheran World Relief and other recipients
- Kids' Care Bags for children participating in programs at Project Harmony

AND the students and Faith Mentors created cards for Oaks Indian Mission!!



## FLC Youth Easter Breakfast!!

FLC Youth will serve an Easter Breakfast—a time for food and fellowship as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

**When:** Easter Sunday, April 5th  
7:30am—10am

**Where:** Fellowship Hall

A free will donation will support our  
FLC Youth Fund



We are now  
livestreaming our  
worship services on  
Facebook Live.

Please join [www.facebook.com/flclair](http://www.facebook.com/flclair) to be alerted whenever a live video Begins. This is a real-time, virtual worship experience, and we invite you to join us if you can't be with us in Person. Each live video will begin as the regularly scheduled worship time.



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# Free Generational Wealth Event Provided by Habitat for Humanity

A Transfer on Death Deed (TODD) allows you to pass on your house to beneficiary(ies) without a will and without need to go thru probate.  
**Habitat Omaha provides this service at no cost.**

**WHERE:** Blair Public Library

**WHEN:** April 18th @ 9am-1pm

**WHO:** Anyone with a deed—all individuals on deed must be present with ID

**COST:** Free

Please pre-register at: <https://habitatomaha.org/transfer-on-death-deeds>

More information: Click this QR Code




The FLC Youth Garage Sale is BACK!!  
so... **WE WANT YOUR STUFF!!**

Furniture, clothing, kitchen items,  
sports equipment, outdoor  
decor...anything!

**We are taking all donations NOW!!**  
Contact Erika for more info.  
**Sale Dates: July 9th—11th**

# CONFIRMATION

14 eighth graders will be confirmed at FLC on Sunday, April 26th. Please congratulate these students, and pray for them as they enter a new phase of their faith journeys.

Kavian Almond	Lana Schmidt
Ali Burns	Kaley Starzyk
Madi Cunard	Landon Stirek
Will Lierman	Lilly Suverkrubbe
Ruth Petersen	Brennan Watkins
Wyatt Pike	Blake Williams
Emmet Rosterman	Bentley Wolff

## Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed Monday, April 6th—the day after Easter.

## NOTES ♦ DATES ♦ REMINDERS

### Women's Bible Study

Ladies...now that the holidays are behind us, are you looking for something to keep the spirit of Christmas alive in your hearts and in your lives? Come and join other ladies on Friday mornings as we begin a new study about women of the Bible entitled "***Brave and Beloved***" by Meredith Storrs.

"Women of the Bible are just like us, but their particular lives, choices, and problems can sometimes feel foreign when we read them today. Through their stories, we can glimpse a vision of what it means to be a godly woman, but sometimes their experiences leave us scratching our heads. This Bible study looks specifically at key women in Scripture to discover how their stories upend cultural expectations and reveal the nature and character of the God who created us all."

This Bible study meets on Friday mornings from 9:15 to 10:45 in the church library. No need to sign up, just show up. Questions? Email Susie Pinquoch at [spinquoch@gmail.com](mailto:spinquoch@gmail.com) or call (402) 533-3735.

### ***Rushed on Wednesdays? Let us do the cooking!***

**W.O.W. Meal has started back up. It is every Wednesday evening from 5:30pm-6:15pm.**

Join us for the W.O.W. Meal in the Fellowship Hall from  
5:30 pm – 6:15 pm  
prior to Worship Lab.  
**\*\* Free-will offering \*\***

*Come at 5:30 to fuel your body and then  
stay for Worship Lab at 6:15 to feed your soul.*

## High School Seniors!!

**It's almost time!!**

### **Graduate Recognition @ Worship**

Sunday, May 3rd @ 10:15am

**Needed by April 20th:** Digital Senior photo & Baby photo

### **Graduate Interviews**

Posted on Facebook the week of May 11th

Please contact Erika to schedule yours!

### **Good Friday Cantata performed by the FLC Chancel Choir**

All are invited to join us, Good Friday, April 3 at 7pm, for a poignant Tenebrae Service *We Remember Calvary* by Joel Raney.

This service is designed to recreate the emotional and spiritual aspects of the Passion Story through music presented by your FLC Chancel Choir.

Both traditional and contemporary hymns and songs are combined with congregational singing, scripture reading, and narration to paint a vivid and moving picture of Christ's last days and his journey to the cross.

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### Flowers for Worship Services

Would you like to provide flowers for worship services at First Lutheran in celebration of an important event in your life or to honor someone important? We would be grateful for your gift! Please follow these directions:

1. Sign up for an available weekend on the flower chart on the bulletin board outside the Sacristy door. Only one family per weekend please.
2. Mark your calendar or leave yourself a reminder! You will NOT receive a reminder notice from the church prior to the weekend you have chosen.
3. You are responsible to order and pay for a floral arrangement and provide for it to be delivered or brought to the church on the Friday afternoon prior to the weekend you would like it used. The church staff is NOT available to order or pick up flowers for you.
4. You may wish to consider the season of the church and choose suitable colors. Please bring LIVE flower arrangements only.
5. Information about the flowers and to whom they are dedicated must be provided to the church office (office@firstlutheranblair.org) by Thursday afternoon. It will be included in the weekly email blast.

### Nebraska Community Blood Bank

First Lutheran Church is trying to partner with the Nebraska Community Blood Drive to help our community. The Nebraska Community Blood Bank is looking for new blood donors.

Nebraska Community Blood Bank provides blood to over 23 healthcare facilities throughout eastern Nebraska and western Iowa. As the local supplier of blood to the Omaha metropolitan area, our blood donors help ensure nearby hospitals are stocked and ready to serve patients in need.

Here is a link if you are interest in donating blood with Nebraska Community Blood Bank:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQFzvr8tPC67e-3CXliD7K5imOs3\\_h9-ViPqZG-N9mjbDvqA/viewform?usp=dialog](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQFzvr8tPC67e-3CXliD7K5imOs3_h9-ViPqZG-N9mjbDvqA/viewform?usp=dialog)

If you have any questions please contact Dawn Andersen in the office at (402) 426-4073.



**THREE RIVERS  
COMMUNITY HEALTH  
ASSESSMENT 2026**

**WE WANT  
TO HEAR  
Our youth!!**

April 8th @ 4-6pm at FLC  
Dinner served  
Gift card

Come share your thoughts and  
ideas about our community!!  
Talk to Erika to signup!!

(Limited number of spots)



# FLC KIDS NEWS

## A note from Erika:

Hang on tight!! April is coming in fast!  
We have many celebrations during April!

### **Palm Sunday (3/29)**

PreK-5th graders sing at 10:15am worship  
(Sanctuary at 9:45am)

### **Maundy Thursday (4/2):**

1st Communion for FLC 3rd grade students at  
7pm worship

### **Good Friday (4/3):**

A musical cantata performed by  
FLC Chancel Choir at 7pm

### **Easter (4/5):**

Worship at 6:30am, 8:15am, & 10:15am and  
breakfast served 7:30-10am

## APRIL 2026

## Next BIG Event:

**Kids sing on Palm Sunday!**  
**March 29 at 10:15am**

Please bring your kids to the Sanctuary at  
9:45am on Sunday, March 29. We will march  
in to the beginning song, sing our 2  
selections, and then your kids will come to  
sit with you. It will be a joyous morning!  
Please don't miss it!!

## Looking ahead:

<b>APRIL 1ST</b>	<b>NO CLASSES - Holy Week</b>
<b>APRIL 8TH</b>	<b>The Easter Fix</b> Lesson & Service Project
<b>APRIL 15TH</b>	<b>The Easter Fix</b> Art & Music - Dance time!!
<b>APRIL 22ND</b>	<b>Classroom Celebrations</b> Games, Service Project, and Treats!
<b>APRIL 29TH</b>	<b>Last LIFE Night - no classes</b> Family Scavenger Hunt @ 6:45pm!!

## Apr Kids Offering:



They provide food to children, families,  
seniors, and veterans facing hunger in  
Nebraska and western Iowa.  
The Food Bank serves 93 counties—77 in  
Nebraska and 16 in western Iowa.

## APRIL BIBLE VERSE:

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and  
great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.  
Matthew 28:8

# FLC YOUTH

## NEWS APRIL 2026



### Announcements

#### NO LIFE Night/Confirmation

**Wednesday, April 1st**

Holy Week - no services or classes  
8th Grade Convo's this week!!

#### Easter Sunday

**Sunday April 5th**

Worship @ 7am, 8:15am, 10:15am  
Breakfast 7:30-10am

#### Community Health

##### Focus Group!!

**Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 4-6pm**

Share your ideas and suggestions for our community's health!

- Dinner served & gift card for all participants (13 and older)
- Signup with Erika

#### Confirmation Ceremony

**Sunday, April 26th @ 2pm**

Banquet & Rehearsal April 23rd  
6:15pm @ Fellowship Hall

#### Last Wednesday Night

**Wednesday, April 29th**

#### Graduate Recognition

**Sunday, May 3 @ 10:15am**



### Fundraisers

#### EASTER BREAKFAST!!

Prep Work: Apr 4<sup>th</sup> 9-12pm  
Serve: Apr 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30-10am  
Cleanup: Apr 5<sup>th</sup> 11:30-12:30pm

#### GARAGE SALE!!

Sorting will begin May 1st!  
Stay tuned for sorting parties!  
Or stop in anytime!

#### FUNDS SUPPORT OUR FLC YOUTH FUND!!

### 9 to 12 YG Plans

- Apr 5: No Meeting - Easter
- Apr 12: Mini Golf and Dinner
- Apr 19: Garage Sale Sorting/Dinner
- Apr 26: No Meeting - Confirmation

**Signup for Youth Gathering 2027 in Minneapolis! All current 8th-11<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome! Tell Erika!**

### Micah 6:8



Do justice  
love kindness  
walk humbly  
with your God.

**To Serve As Jesus Served...** *projects and events of the church, the community, and the world reported monthly by the FLC Social Concerns Committee.*

**FLC AMBASSADOR  
SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE  
April 2026**

**Volunteers needed for Ground Cover Planting Day at the Potter's Field in the Blair Cemetery**

On Saturday morning, April 18<sup>th</sup>, volunteers are needed to continue our work in cleaning up the Potter's Field at the Blair Cemetery. To inhibit erosion, volunteers will be planting ground cover. Milt and Jane Heinrich have offered to share plants from their home for this effort. There will be two working groups, one at the Heinrich's to remove the plant and one at the cemetery to replant. We hope to split up volunteers, with 1/3 of the group for removal beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Heinrich's and 2/3 for replanting beginning at 9:00 at the Blair Cemetery. (Rain date is the following Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.)



Please indicate your willingness to help on April 18<sup>th</sup> by signing the volunteers needed sheet at the Welcome Center. Also please indicate if you can provide a wheelbarrow (at least two are needed) as well as small hand shovels (trowels) and any other tools that might be helpful. We are hoping for 20-30 volunteers.

Our effort began last September as a *God's Work – Our Hands* project. It has recently been supported by a gift from the Washington County Community Foundation. The City of Blair and Parks, Recreation and Cemetery board and staff are grateful for FLC's willingness to address the needs of this site that had essentially been forgotten.

**Washington County Food Pantry Thanks FLC Members for *Have a Heart for Hunger***

FLC has received the following note from the WC Food Pantry: *"Thank you for your wonderful donation to the Washington County Food Pantry from our "Heart for Hunger" food drive. We truly appreciate your support of our mission to help those in need from our community."*

FLC's effort to gather food for the Washington County Food Pantry was very successful. 671 lbs. food and \$50.00 in cash were donated from our effort as Family Fare on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Over the month, FLC members contributed 202 lbs. and \$150.00 at the church, making our total for the month of 873 lbs. and \$200.00 in cash.

**First Lutheran Gardeners Urged to Plant Extra for the 2026 Garden Market.**

It is that time of the year that gardeners are thinking about their gardens for 2026. While doing that, First Lutheran Gardeners might think about adding additional garden area to provide vegetables and fruit for the 2026 Garden Market at First Lutheran.

This year, the Garden Market will begin on June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and will continue throughout the growing year. Products that can be donated include fruits and vegetables, flowers, and baked goods.

Any additional vegetables and fruit that you as a gardener can provide will enable the garden market to succeed. Please give some thought to what additional garden products you might provide.



## Holy Week Schedule

**Palm Sunday, March 29th**  
**Worship at 8:15am & 10:15am**  
***LIFE Night children sing at 10:15am***  
**6:30pm "The Passion of Christ", a**  
**Readers' Theatre presented by FLC Youth**

**Wednesday, April 1st**  
**No LIFE Night Worship, Classes,**  
**or W.O.W. Meal**  
**5:30pm-6:30pm Mid Week Meal**

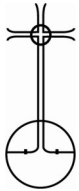
**Maundy Thursday, April 2nd**  
**11am Senior Citizen Worship & Lunch**  
**7pm Evening Worship**  
***1st Communion offered***



**Good Friday, April 3rd**  
**12:05pm Community Good Friday Worship**  
**at First Lutheran Church**  
***(sponsored by the Washington***  
***County Ministerial)***  
**7pm Good Friday Cantata**  
***with FLC Adult Choir***

**Saturday, April 4th**  
**5pm Easter Vigil**

**Easter Sunday, April 5th**  
**7:00am—Sunrise Service**  
**8:15am—Traditional Worship**  
**10:15am—Contemporary Worship**  
**FLC Youth Breakfast—7:45am-10:00am**



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