



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

# CHIMES

*Sharing Christ's Love*

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**WORSHIP WITH US THIS WEEKEND!**

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

### **PALM SUNDAY — APRIL 13 & 14**

*Saturday at 5:30 p.m.*

*Sunday at 8:15 a.m. ~ Sanctuary Choir*

*10:30 a.m. ~ Youth Band and Joyful Spirit*

*Easter Egg Hunt & Activities at 9:30 a.m.*

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY — APRIL 18**

*Noon Worship & Meal*

*5 p.m. First Communion Family Meal*

*6:30 p.m. Worship ~ Glory Ringers*

*Stripping of the Altar*

### **GOOD FRIDAY — APRIL 19**

*6:30 p.m. Worship ~ Sanctuary Choir*

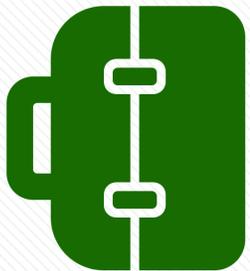
### **EASTER VIGIL — APRIL 20**

*6:30 p.m. Worship ~ We gather together to hear the stories of our faith, from Genesis all the way to John, told by storytellers of all ages.*

### **EASTER SUNDAY — APRIL 21**

*8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship ~ Sanctuary Choir, Brass and Organ*

*10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship ~ Joyful Hearts*



## *New Ministry Taking Root in Geneseo*

If you are an avid reader of the Chimes, you may expect to have turned to page 2 and found a message from Pastor Matt. Usually we switch off, every other month, like clockwork. But sometimes it's good to keep you on your toes.

While technically it is Matt's turn to write, I had two important pieces of information I wanted to share with the congregation, so I co-opted his column.

The first note actually comes from both of us, not just me. We want to say *"thank you"* to the congregation for all of your prayers and support over the six weeks that our foster daughter Haile was in our home. At the beginning of March, she returned home. We were blessed to be able to provide a home for her for a short time and happy to see her reunited with her family.

The second exciting bit of news I have is something I learned about at March's GMA (*Geneseo Ministerial Association*) meeting. The Lunch Box is the name of a new Geneseo summer food program, helping to eliminate food insecurity for kids in Geneseo during summer. In our school district, 23% of students are eligible for free or reduced meals. This benefit helps ensure that our children are getting the nutrition they need on school days, but it leaves gaps on weekends, breaks, and over the summer months. The Backpack Blessings program helps to fill some of those gaps, and now The Lunch Box will address the needs of kids in our community over the summer months.

The program is being envisioned and developed by our faithful brothers and sisters of First United Methodist Church, but it will take the entire Geneseo community to make it successful. The site for meals will be the Geneseo Community Center. A boxed lunch

will be served to any children who visit the meal site, Monday through Friday. The planners estimate that 100 lunches will be served each day, totaling 6,500 lunches over the course of the summer.

I know that as a congregation we will offer our support of this program in a variety of ways, including with our prayers, our dollars, and our time. In addition to FUMC and FLC, other partners include the other GMA churches, Geneseo Park District, Geneseo Foundation, Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry, Geneseo Chamber of Commerce, Geneseo Community Chest, the Illinois State Board of Education Nutrition Division, and Geneseo schools.

Volunteers (*high school students and adults*) are needed each weekday over summer break to serve the boxed lunches and provide supervision. Sign up at the Welcome Center. We don't have all the details yet about how the volunteer schedule will be developed, but my hope is that FLC volunteers will be able to work side by side with volunteers from other congregations and organizations, and that as we work together, we may share our faith with each other while *Sharing Christ's Love* with our neighbors.

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Laura*

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### April 3, 2019

#### Midweek 4, Noon & 6:30 p.m.

Today's hymn is *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*.

### April 6 & 7, 2019

#### Lent 5

This weekend's texts include Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14 and John 12:1-8.

### April 10, 2019

#### Midweek 5, Noon & 6:30 p.m.

Today's hymn is *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*.

### April 13 & 14, 2019

#### Passion of our Lord/Palm Sunday

This weekend's texts include Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11 and Luke 22:14—23:56.

### April 18, 2019

#### Maundy Thursday, Noon & 6:30 p.m.

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 and John 13:1-17, 31b-35.

### April 19, 2019

#### Good Friday, 6:30 p.m.

Today's texts include Isaiah 52:13—53:12, Psalm 22, Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9 and John 18:1—19:42.

### April 20, 2019

#### Easter Vigil, 6:30 p.m.

Our Easter Vigil worship will include a collection of Bible stories, culminating with the Easter story in John 20:1-18.

### April 21, 2019

#### Easter Sunday

This weekend's texts include Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:34-43 and Luke 24:1-12.

### April 27 & 28, 2019

#### Easter 2

This weekend's texts include Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150; Revelations 1:4-8 and John 20:19-31.

## FIRST WORSHIP & MUSIC

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*Please keep the following Lifelines petitions in your prayers:*

**World and Community:** For our leaders: President Donald J. Trump and Governor J.B. Pritzker. For all who work for peace and justice. For those serving our country in the military, especially Raul Falcon, Griffin Fleming, Jakob Gradert, Brian Hanshaw, Connor Luxmore, Taylor McKean, Jessica Ruggles, Christopher Unrath, Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders.

**Church:** For our bishops: Rev. Elizabeth Eaton and Rev. Jeff Clements. For our partners in ministry: Pastor Daniel Meyan and the people of Osupuko Parish in Tanzania, Rev. Raja Socrates, Bishop of the Arcot Lutheran Synod, India. For missionaries who share the Gospel around the world, especially Abby Larson and her colleagues, Young Adults in Global Mission. For Another Child Foundation. For Catherine Nelson, seminary student. For Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. For our pastors, parish staff, Preschool staff and Church Council (names listed on pg. 8).

**Health and Wellbeing:** Kurt Horberg, Tim Janey (*Sue Conrad's husband*), Kelly Joseph, Pastor Virgil Juliot, Ethel Pries, Rudy Rexroth, Bill Rutherford, Peggy Schram (*Doris Swanson's daughter*) and Karen Yaeger (*Carol Boyd's daughter's mother-in-law*).

**Joys:** On the births of Parker Kevin Minnaert, son of Dustin & Lauren Minnaert; Brooks Reid Oberle, son of Reid & Rachel Oberle; and Annie May Dunagon, great niece of Kathy Nelson. For the volunteers and participants of the Via de Cristo men's weekend, March 21-24, and for those who are preparing for the women's weekend.

**Thanksgiving:** Larry Dauphin is doing pretty good. We will be home April 5<sup>th</sup> and he will start chemo then. Thanks to everyone for all the prayers and God for watching over us through this time and always. —*Lynn Dauphin*

**Sorrows:** On the deaths of Rev. William Zanton, former member of First Lutheran Church; Carter Joseph, student at First Lutheran Preschool; Fred Falkenstein, father of Dawn Ebarb; Edna Schuetts, aunt of Ethel Pries; and Jim Hohenboken, member.

*If you wish to submit a prayer request, please contact the church office at 944-3196 or by e-mail [prayer@firstgeneseo.org](mailto:prayer@firstgeneseo.org). If you or a member of your family have a medical procedure planned or are admitted to the hospital, please call the church office. In the event of an after-hours emergency please contact Pastor Matt at 703-505-9517.*

## FIRST PRAYER

## FIRST MINISTRIES



### GIFT (*Growing in Faith Together*)

Adult Small Groups will continue to meet on Saturdays at 4:15 p.m. in Grace Place and on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room A and Grace Place. Contact Sherry Dickens or Pastor Laura if you would like to join a group. **Please note** the weeks that small groups will not meet:

**April 6 & 7 — Call and Mission** (*Matthew 1:1-15*)

**April 13 (Saturday only) Call and Commissioning** (*Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:6-8*)

**April 20 & 21 — No GIFT**

**April 27 & 28 — Called to Righteousness** (*Romans 3:21-31*)

Classes for **Children and Youth** (*ages 3-high school*) continue on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Ages 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the Sanctuary for an opening before going to their classrooms. 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades meet in the Youth Room. On April 7 we conclude Unit 5, Tending a Garden, and on April 28 we begin Unit 6, Spreading God's Love.

**April 7 — Extravagant Love** (*John 12:1-8*)

**April 14 — No GIFT** The congregation is invited to the Easter Egg Hunt & Activities, hosted by Congregational Life Ministry.

**April 21 — No GIFT**

**April 28 — Believing the Good News** (*John 20:19-31*)



### Easter Egg Hunt and More!

*Hop on over. Let's have some fun...*

*We're looking for eggs. Each and everyone!*

**Palm Sunday, April 14 at 9:30 a.m.**

All children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and under are invited to collect eggs and enjoy some Easter activities and games!

### Puppet Ministry

Puppet Ministry is coming back! Come and learn a different form of theatre! Any 4-6<sup>th</sup> grader can be a part of the ministry. We will be rehearsing on Wednesdays from 5-5:45 p.m. starting April 10<sup>th</sup>. The performance will be during services on the weekend of May 11 & 12. Contact Haylee Gustafson, Director of Youth & Family Ministry at [youth@firstgeneseo.org](mailto:youth@firstgeneseo.org), if your child is interested.

### Save the Date!

Mark your kids' calendars for this year's Vacation Bible School, July 7-11! It's gonna be awesome!

### Community Choir and Children's Choir

The Community Choir of Geneseo will be celebrating their 11th anniversary this summer. The theme this year is "*The Best of 10*". The choir, which includes students entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older adults, will rehearse Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. beginning Wednesday, June 5 through Tuesday, July 2 in the HS Band Room. The performance is Wednesday, July 10 at 7 p.m. in the Geneseo High School Concert Hall. If you are interested in singing, please call 944-6641 or email ([singplay53@gmail.com](mailto:singplay53@gmail.com)) Pam Edwards, the director by May 10.

Students entering 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to sing in the Children's Choir. They will rehearse July 3, 8, 9, 10 and will perform with the Community Choir on July 10. Registration forms are available on the Geneseo elementary and middle school choir instructor's websites or contact Pam Edwards. The deadline to register is May 13.

- More information is available on the Community Choir of Geneseo's FB page.

## First Lutheran Preschool

All of our classes will be preparing for Easter with art projects, activities and songs. The 3 year-olds will learn about the oval and the color blue. They will be doing activities using the book Roly Poly Egg by Kali Stileman. The 4 year-olds will be learning about the letters Z, R, E, U and M. They will be working on a display called April Showers Bring May Flowers. And they will be busy doing experiments and lessons that focus on weather concepts.

## Maundy Thursday Noon Meal

During Holy Week, come and enjoy a warm meal in the Fellowship Room following the noon service on Maundy Thursday, April 18. The main entrée is Ham Balls with scalloped potatoes, salad, vegetable, dinner roll and dessert. To assist with planning, please sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office at 944-3196. The deadline is Friday, April 12.

## Council Highlights for March 18, 2019

The Council was updated on the insurance aspects of the parking lot incident on February 28, 2019.

### Action Items

- On recommendation from Building & Property, Council voted to accept the bid from Balleger Excavating for demolition of the rental property.
- On recommendation from Worship & Music, Council approved a summer worship schedule for one service on Sundays between Memorial Day and Labor Day, but the time for that service has not yet been established.

### New Business

- Council reviewed and approved the job description for the Director of Worship & Music position.

## Easter Garden

You're invited to help decorate the sanctuary with beautiful spring flowers for Easter. Easter lilies, hyacinths, daffodils, tulips or mums may be ordered in memory or honor of a loved one. The cost is \$18 for any variety. These flowers may be ordered by completing the form in the pew racks or by calling the office at 944-3196. Please make checks payable to FLC. Our deadline is April 8. Names will be recognized in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 21. You may take a plant of your choice home after the 10:30 a.m. service.

## FIRST MINISTRIES



### Men's Lenten Breakfast

All men are invited to come and enjoy a delicious breakfast at 7 a.m. followed by fellowship and a brief program at the following churches:

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|----------|---------------------------------|
| April 6  | Grace United Methodist Church   |
| April 13 | Geneseo Evangelical Free Church |

## Property & Grounds Work Day

Saturday, April 13 ~ 8 a.m. to Noon

Come one, come all! We need your helping hands to spread mulch. Donuts & coffee provided!

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## FIRST FAITHTIME MINISTRIES

### Faithtime End of the year Carnival!

As the Faithtime year draws to a close, we invite our Faithtime Friends to a fun filled Wednesday on April 3! We will have a bunch of games set up and prizes to win! This is a day they don't want to miss!

- **Thank you for all who volunteered in Faithtime this year!**

You have helped make this Faithtime program year a success! We are so blessed to have had a wonderful team of volunteers and helpers! Can't wait to see what next year has in store!

### Faithtime Evening Meal

An evening meal is continuously served from 5 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. each week. The cost is \$2 per child ages 3 through 11, \$4 for ages 12 through adult, or \$15 per family.

Here are our April meals: **April 3** Lenten Soup/Potato Bar

**April 10** Lenten Soup/Salad Bar



### Confirmation (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders)

This month, our weekly classes come to a close. Please pray for our Confirmation students – 13 students who are completing their second year of classes and will prepare for the Rite of Confirmation this coming October, and 7 students who are completing their first year of classes. Confirmation Camp at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center will be June 23-27.

**April 3** — *Lent Worship & Small Groups*

**April 10** — *Lent Worship & End of the Year Celebration*

### WINGO Night! (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders)

Confirmation and High School Youth are invited to Wingo Night on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm! We will be playing Bingo and enjoy eating some wings. There will be prizes of all sorts! We will be meeting in Conference Room A. Bring a friend! You don't want to miss out on this fun night!

### First Book Club

Join us for discussion on the content of the book "*Caroline: Little House, Revisited*" and faith response to the author Sarah Miller on Wednesday, April 17 (*Please Note change in date*) at 5:30 p.m. in Grace Place.

May's book title is *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. In 1974, when thirteen-year-old Leni Allbright's volatile, unpredictable father, Ernt, a former POW, loses another job, he makes an impulsive, desperate decision: he will move the family north, to Alaska, where they will live off the land in a spectacular wilderness. At first, the eighteen hour sunlit Alaskan summer days and the generosity of the locals make up for the family's lack of preparation and dwindling resources, but winter in Alaska will reveal their every weakness. As the vast Alaskan landscape grows smaller and smaller in the darkness, Ernt's fragile mental state deteriorates, and the dangers outside of their remote homestead pale in comparison to the danger within. Hurry and pick up a copy today and begin reading this novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the remarkable, enduring strength of women.

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## Women's Ministry

### Cover Girls Quilting

Come and work with the "Cover Girls" on a variety of projects including tying quilts made of donated fabrics and assembling several care kits for Lutheran World Relief.

You are welcome to come any time you can help on Wednesday, April 3 & 10 at 9 a.m. in Grace Place. The need is great!

**Women's Bible Study** will be held on Wednesday, April 17 at 9 a.m. in Grace Place. We will be using the Lutheran magazine, "Gather" for our study guide. All women are welcome to join us for this time of fellowship and Bible Study.

## Women's Health Series

"Genetics" is the topic of the noon luncheon on Thursday, April 25 at The Cellar. The cost of lunch is \$8 per person, which is payable at the door. Reservations may be made by calling Hammond-Henry Hospital at 944-9112 or email [hfhfound@hammondhenry.com](mailto:hfhfound@hammondhenry.com).

## Thank You

Many thanks for the Christmas tree delivered by Sherry Dickens. Thanks also for those who contributed to the Valentine bag delivered by Ray Bergles. I appreciate the visits from Pastor Matt and Ray & Doris Bergles.

*God Bless, Pastor Virgil Juliot*

## A Note of Thanks!

Thank you for your wonderful support to Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) during this past holiday season. As a result of your sacrifices to time, effort, and generosity, the children and families served by LSSI had a much Happier Holiday. We want to share with your congregation our heartfelt gratitude from all of us here at LSSI for your donations of toys, stuffed animals, new clothing, practical gift cards and hats, gloves and scarves. We cherish your prayers and your gifts. Thank you for sharing the true Spirit of Christmas with those in need.

*Blessings,  
The Staff of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois*



## Lutheran World Relief

First Women's Ministry is still collecting items for Lutheran World Relief "Personal Care Kits" through the end of April. During the next few weeks, please clip the "Personal Care needs" list and donate what you can in the basket located by the church office. These ordinary items become extraordinary when they are assembled into kits and shared as gifts of love and comfort.

## FIRST MINISTRIES

### List of LWR Personal Care Kit Items

- Light-weight bath-size towel (*maximum 52" x 27"*), dark color recommended
- *Please Note:* It is important that these towels are light-weight for line drying.
- Bath-size bars (*4 to 5 oz.*) of soap, any brand, in its original wrapping
- Sturdy comb (*wide tooth*)
- Metal nail clippers
- Toothbrush

## Food Pantry Collection

The Geneseo Food Pantry is collecting *chicken or beef broth, canned chili, baked beans, tomato paste, pickles, dish soap, toilet paper, garbage bags, freezer bags and bleach* to share with those in our community. Donations may be left in the basket by the church office.



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**Meeting Schedule:**

Cabinet — Monday, April 8  
Ministries — Monday, April 8  
Council — Monday, April 15

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**NEXT CHIMES DEADLINE:  
TUESDAY, APRIL 9**

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday

8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday

Office Closed

Closed for Lunch ~ Noon-1 p.m.

**STAFF SCHEDULE**

**Rev. Laura Kamprath**  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

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Monday-Thursday

**Mary Jo Brummet**  
Monday-Thursday

**Sherry Dickens**  
Monday-Thursday, select hours

**Haylee Gustafson**  
Monday-Thursday