

# THE FIRST WORD

March, 1014

## **Behold My Servant** by Pastor Ian Reid

In the Gospel of Matthew, the twelfth chapter, Jesus claims to be the promised servant of God who was spoken of in the forty second chapter of Isaiah. Jesus was at a turning point in His ministry when He chooses to reference this famous passage from the great prophet Isaiah. Jesus had been around the countryside sharing His knowledge of who God was and healing the sick and crippled. He had many followers at this time and the Pharisees had started to want to remove Jesus from the scene. The great question was who Jesus is and what is His mission on earth? Many assumed His mission was to be a great healer and teacher, others saw Him as the great deceiver. Christ instead uses the passage from Isaiah to enlighten the world on what His task was at hand.

Jesus tells the people following Him they do not have to guess who He is but that they can know who He is by how He lives according to the prophecy of Isaiah. Jesus thus recites to the people "Here is my servant, whom I have chosen, my

beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon Him, and He will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>He will not wrangle or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets. <sup>20</sup>He will not break a bruised reed or quench a smoldering wick until He brings justice to victory. <sup>21</sup>And in His name the Gentiles will hope." (Matthew 12:18-21) Thus we are not to follow Christ because of what one says of Him nor by His ability to heal or to teach but by how He fulfills the will of God.

This Lenten season we will be studying how the life of Jesus fulfills the prophecy that He proclaims to live out as being the chosen servant of God. Over the next six weeks during our mid-week Lenten services we will be looking at a different aspect of Jesus that leads us to accept Him as the humble servant of the Lord that He proclaims to be. We will look at how Christ is the.....

March 5<sup>th</sup> Wise Lord  
March 12<sup>th</sup> Undesired Lord-  
March 19<sup>th</sup> Grieving Lord-  
March 26<sup>th</sup> Healing Lord

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Judged Lord  
April 9<sup>th</sup> Innocent Lord

Once again we will be sharing the Lenten journey with our brothers and sisters from Christ Lutheran, as we gather together in the middle of the week to focus on who Christ claims to be. This is an important matter because Christ did not desire that people follow Him around because He did what people perceived were great things. Instead He desired that people understand that His mission was to follow the will of God and therefore lead others to do likewise.

The Lenten journey is all about being a time for the Christian body to focus on how we are walking in the footsteps of Christ. Hopefully during the season of Lent you will be able to attend the mid-week services as we learn about how Christ walked as a Servant of God and that we might strive to do likewise.

## From Your Church Council

This year is moving along at a rapid pace and our calendar is filling up with activities. We had a successful congregational meeting – in spite of the weather. It was followed by a wonderful chili cook-off with submissions provided by some of our famous cooks – the most famous turned out to be Bob Friend! Then there was the very successful silent auction (which was not actually that silent!) but it did raise more than \$4600 to be applied to our upcoming electrical upgrade project. Thanks to all!

March 2 will be another important date on our calendar. The congregation will meet again, this time to vote on the proposed Resolution authorizing the securing of funds for the electrical upgrade project. This is a major step of faith for us as a congregation – but one I believe we all agree is necessary to ensure that the facility entrusted to our care will continue to provide a safe and inviting environment for all of us to gather for worship and fellowship.

Then, if you can believe it, comes the season of Lent

with Ash Wednesday on March 5! The Lenten season is one of my favorites with the special Wednesday services (and lunches and dinners, of course!) If you have not participated in these Lenten services in the past, I encourage you to add these to your calendar as well.

We are truly blessed. Let us continue to come together to do the Lord's work and grow as a community of faith here at First Lutheran.

Andrea Brock  
Council President

### MONDAY MATINEE

**STARTING MONDAY, MARCH 3RD**

**SHOWING "THE LITTLE COLONEL"**

**2:00–4:00 PM**

**First Lutheran going to see  
"Son of God"**

**Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm**

**Coffee & Discussion to follow.**

**Reserve a ticket by March 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Drop a note in the offering plate  
or call the office.**

**Cost: Over 60-\$7.25/Under 60-\$8.00**

### GENERAL FUND

**JANUARY INCOME**

**\$18,027**

**JANUARY EXPENSES**

**\$26,886**

## Lenten Schedule

**MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
 ALL AT FIRST LUTHERAN  
 12:30 & 7:00 PM

**MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
**FIRST WEDNESDAY IN LENT**  
 ALL AT FIRST LUTHERAN  
 11:30 – LUNCH  
 12:30 – SERVICE  
 6:00 PM – DINNER (DUN COMMITTEE)  
 7:00 PM – SERVICE

**MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
**SECOND WEDNESDAY IN LENT**  
 11:30 – LUNCH AT FIRST LUTHERAN  
 12:30 – SERVICE  
 6:00 PM – DINNER AT CHRIST LUTHERAN  
 7:00 PM – SERVICE AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

**MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>**  
**THIRD WEDNESDAY IN LENT**  
 ALL AT FIRST LUTHERAN  
 11:30 – LUNCH  
 12:30 – SERVICE  
 6:00 PM – DINNER (CHURCH COUNCIL)  
 7:00 PM –SERVICE

**APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
**FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT**  
 11:30 – LUNCH AT FIRST LUTHERAN  
 12:30 – SERVICE  
 6:00 PM – DINNER AT CHRIST LUTHERAN  
 7:00 PM – SERVICE AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

**APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**FIFTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT**  
 ALL AT FIRST LUTHERAN  
 11:30 – LUNCH  
 12:30 – SERVICE  
 6:00 PM – DINNER (WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY)  
 7:00 PM –SERVICE

**HOLY WEEK**  
**APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
 12:30 SERVICE  
 7:00 PM SERVICE  
 FIRST COMMUNION GIVEN DURING SERVICE  
 RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

**APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>**  
**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**  
 7:00 PM

**APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
 EGG HUNT 10 AM  
 SATURDAY VIGIL  
 7:00 PM

**APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
**RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

## Community Garden Thank you!

"Garden Gang" (Bob, Don, and Pat) wishes to express their thanks and appreciation for Bec-

ca's successful effort in writing a grant for the Community Garden. The funds will go a long

way in helping us to provide more fresh vegetables for needy people in our community.

**“KILLING JESUS”**  
**BY BILL O’REILLY**  
**DISCUSSION LED BY**  
**PASTOR IAN**  
**STARTING**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 10 AM**  
**OR 6:00 PM DURING THE DINNER HOUR**

## New Website Coming

We are working on an exciting new website for First Lutheran Church. Our fingers are crossed that it will go 'live' in the next 30 days or so. It will be a 'living' site and constantly changing with worship times, news, views, coming events, etc., along with many of our current site contents like worship and music downloads ... and much, much more!

We will be including photographs of people and events at our church, activities, etc. However, we do not want to include photographs of you or your family if that is your desire. Please tell us if you do NOT want us to use your family's photographs by signing and dropping this form in the offering plate or at the church office.

If you have ideas or suggestions anytime for the FLC website - please let us know by jotting your idea on the attendance sheet on Sundays, calling the church office, or talking with any member of Council.

Please sign below if you do NOT want your family's photographs to be used on the First Lutheran Church website:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks and stay tuned...we will let you know as soon as we go live!!!

## Thank You Kent!!!

Kent Hasbargen has been serving as First Lutheran's Treasurer for more than seven years. He has decided that it is time for him to move out of this position and continue serving the Lord and First Lutheran in other areas of the Church. He has advised the Church Council of his decision to resign, with the hope that a volunteer to assume this po-

sition will be on-board by mid-year. Kent will, of course, share his expertise with the new Treasurer and provide all assistance in order to make the transfer as smooth as possible.

We want to sincerely thank Kent for his years of service as Treasurer, his dedication, his meticulous attention to detail, the long hours, and the myriad of reports,

etc., that he has provided during his tenure – all designed to simplify and enhance our understanding of the mass of numbers involved in the monthly reports regarding the operations of our church.

**AGAIN, OUR SINCERE THANKS FOR AN OUTSTANDING JOB, KENT!!**

## Youth Events for March

**March 2-** Grades 3-12: Brownie Bake-off! Can you create an award winning brownie combination??

**March 9-** Senior Youth: Athens for ice skating and Chipotle. We'll leave at 4 pm and be back around 8 pm. Cost is \$6.75 for skating and skates and about \$10 for dinner.

**March 16-** Family Event: Spring Sing- We'll head out to bring some springtime cheer to those we visit at Christmas for carols. Camp songs, anybody??

**March 23-**NO YOUTH (spring break)

**March 30-** Grades 3-12: Pom Pom Races- Come and try your hand at the next Olym-

pic sport!

\*\*Remember as you begin to spring clean, we will be having a yard sale in May!!

*Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.*

**John 12:26**

## A Little Information from Sunday School

\*Easter Egg hunt - April 19th beginning at 10:00...we will hunt eggs and then have refreshments. We will also have the bouncy obstacle course again. We need cookies and older youth to

help hide eggs.

\*Kid's Club/VBS - I would like to do this again this summer, but start with a mini VBS and then go into our weekly meetings on Wednesday. If you are interested in helping

and/or planning, let me know.

\*Our Sunday School lessons for the next 4 weeks will be on the disciples.

Thanks,  
Lori

**“Did you know”** that Lutherans have one of the largest charitable organizations in North America, Lutheran Services in America. Whether it is Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, Lutheran World Relief, ELCA Disaster Response, Lutheran Hospitals/ Nursing Homes and our own Community Lutheran Partners, we have a deep and abiding commitment to serve our neighbors in need. Lutheran Services in America touches one out of every fifty persons in America, too.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

I just wanted to let the ladies who make our wonderful prayer shawls know that your ministry is truly a blessing. I recently shared one with a friend who was terminally ill. He said he felt the love and the power in it immediately. He told every nurse and doctor who took care of him at the hospital all about it. Then he asked me to speak with our pastor. Our wonderful pastor went to see him and began a relationship with him that

brought him so much peace in the final months of his life. Our church continues to be important in the life of his widow, as she asked to have his funeral and "celebration" at FLC and even interred his ashes in our columbarium. She is now attending worship and plans to be part of our bereavement group. All because of a prayer shawl! My daughter in law recently gave one to a coworker's granddaughter who has

been having seizures. The 10 year old little girl loves it so much she asked if she could "wear" it to school. The common thread (if you can allow me a pun) is that your special gifts of love bring comfort and peace to people of all ages who need to feel the love of God's people. Thank you for sharing your talents and rest assured you are making a difference!

Julie Davis

## Lay Readers for Sunday Worship

### Date

### 8:30 service

March 2 (10:00 a.m. only due to combined service)	Don Fosselman
Mar 9	Adeline Smith
Mar 16	Alicha Farley
Mar 23	Alec Smith
Mar 30	Lawrence Hasbargen
April 6	Bob Friend
April 13	Sue Lamp
April 20	Barbara McDowell
April 27th	Jerry Harman

### 10:45 Service

Ashley Wiltsey  
 Kent Hasbargen  
 Betty Smith  
 Angie Smith  
 Julie Davis  
 Tim Archer  
 Judy Ery  
 Cheryl Hasbargen

### Lay Readers for Lenten Services

### Date

### 12:30 service

Mar 5	Betsy Ehret
Mar 12	Bob Friend
Mar 19	Marcia VanDeVelde
Mar 26	Bob Friend
April 2	Marcia VanDeVelde
April 9	Betsy Ehret

### 7:00 Service

Marcia VanDeVelde  
 Julie Davis  
 Service at Christ Lutheran  
 Sue Lamp  
 Service at Christ Lutheran  
 Bill Kohler

## Dun Committee



**Bob Friend always tells us he makes the best chili...and he proved it by winning the February 9 FLC Chili Cook-Off. Congratulations Bob!! (nice shirt!)**

### The Chili Cook Off and Silent Auction

Eleven varieties of chili were entered in this event. There were several variations of the traditional style, a white bean chili, and chili made with ground turkey and served with mashed potatoes. The following cooks were: Tom Curry, Pat Harman, Julie Davis, Susan Smith & Lori

Butler; Linda Dally (Monday Night Football Chili), Becca Reid, Barbara McDowell, Andrea Brock, Pastor Ian (WJWE), Bob Friend, and Margie Hamric. The winner was Bob Friend.

Our judges took their job very seriously and it may have been because each was given a badge,

made by Anne Boso, with Proverbs 24:23: *"These also are sayings to show partiality in judging is not good"*. We would like to recognize and thank our judges for their hard work in judging the chili cook off. The judges had a tough decision and the voting was very close. Our judges included Ed Boso, Jim Hamric, Bill Kohler, Betty Smith, Jessica Davis, Judy Ery, and Barba-

ra Rodgers.

The Silent Auction was organized by Linda Dally. Over 75 items were donated and we thank everyone who made donations. Those donations made the auction a great success.

With the chili cook off and auction we made over \$4500. All money raised will go to the electrical upgrade project.

Please mark your calendars for other upcoming DUN events

- **Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Six Pence Buffet and Big Band at the Six Pence. Cost \$17 per person
- **Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>** – Lenten Dinner at 6:00 pm Baked Potato, Soup, and Salad Bar
- **Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>** – Golf Meeting at the Hamrics\*
- **May 18<sup>th</sup>** – Blennerhassett Brunch\*
- **June 1<sup>st</sup>** - Annual picnic\*  
\*More info to come in the April First Word

As always you're welcome to attend the meetings. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, during the dinner hour. We are always looking for new ideas to bring our church family together in fellowship! Once again the DUN committee wishes to thank everyone who helped make the chili cook off and silent auction a big success.

# Communion Bearers for March

**2nd** Roger and Julie Davis

**9th** Dave and Carol Petersen

**16th** Don and Marie Stanley

**23rd** Marcia VanDeVelde and Carole Carter

**30th** Don and Marie Stanley

Please let me know ASAP if the date I have assigned does not work for you and I will find a replacement. Thank you so very much for

the fine job you do as a faithful and dependable communion bearer.

Carole Carter

# Door Greeters for March

Mar.2nd— Dave & Carol Petersen

Mar. 9th— Tina Schott & Jayne Gillespie

Mar. 16th –Dan & Ann Cooper

Mar.23rd –Lewis & Karen Creel

Mar.30th—Cindy & Michelle Fouse

Please drop a note in the offering plate or call office if you can be a door greeter.

Thank you!

Phyllis Loudon

# EASTER LILIES

Orders are now being taken for Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary on Easter. They are \$9.00 each. After the Easter Service, you may take your Easter lilies home. To order, fill out this form and drop it into the offering plate. Please include payment with your form, place in one of the offering envelopes, and mark it "Easter Lilies".

**All orders must be in the church office by April 9, 2014.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Easter Lilies \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_



# MARCH, 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					30 Hour Famine Begins 12 noon-	1 30 Hour Famine Ends 6:00 pm
2 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Combined service 10:00 Congregation meeting Restaurant Rovers - Six Pence CCI Solutions 1:30—3 pm Invitation to Prayer 5:00 Evening Service 6:30 Youth Brownie Bake-off	3 Praise Team At Church 7:00 p.m.	4 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30 a.m.  Pancake Dinner with Karaoke 6 pm  Woman's Bible Study 6:30-8:00	5 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 12:30 & 7:00 Bereavement 7:00 p.m. Senior Choir 7:30	6	7	8 WVMTA 9am—1 pm Loop System Testing 10am—3 pm
9 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 8:30 & 10:45 Praise Team at Worthington 2:00 Son of God movie Invitation to Prayer 5:00 Youth Ice Skating in Athens See Youth Article pg5 Evening Service 6:30	10 Praise Team Eagle Pointe 7:00 pm	11 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30 a.m.  Woman's Bible Study 6:30-8:00 Al-Anon 7:00 p.m.	12 <b>First Wednesday in Lent</b> 12:30 & 7:00  Pastor's Class 10:00 and 6:00 "Killing Jesus" by Bill O'Reilly DUN Meeting 6:30 p.m. Senior Choir 7:30	13  Council Meeting 6:00 pm	14	
16 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 8:30 & 10:45 Invitation to Prayer 5:00 Evening Service 6:30 Family Event—Spring Sing	17 Praise Team At Church @ 7pm	18 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30 a.m.  Woman's Bible Study 6:30-8:00 Al-Anon 7:00 p.m.	19 <b>Second Wednesday in Lent</b> 12:30 & 7:00 Pastor's Class 10:00 and 6:00 "Killing Jesus" by Bill O'Reilly Bereavement 7:00 p.m. Senior Choir 7:30	20  Mountaineer Food Delivery	21	22 First Word Articles Due
23 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 8:30 & 10:45 Invitation to Prayer 5:00 Evening Service 6:30 NO youth spring break	24 Praise Team At Church @ 7 pm	25 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30 a.m.  Woman's Bible Study 6:30-8:00 Al-Anon 7:00 p.m.	26 <b>Third Wednesday in Lent</b> 12:30 & 7:00 Pastor's Class 10:00 and 6:00 "Killing Jesus" by Bill O'Reilly Senior Choir 7:30	27	28  Wedding Rehearsal	29  Wedding
30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 8:30 & 10:45 Invitation to Prayer 5:00 Youth Grades 3-12 Pom Pom Races Evening Service 6:30	31 Praise Team At Church @ 7 pm					



# First Lutheran Church

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## OFFICE HOURS

9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

Sunday Church School 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Invitation to Prayer Sunday Evenings 5:00 p.m.

Evening Worship Service 6:30 p.m.

## HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED:

All Sunday Services

**WEBSITE: [firstlutheranweb.com](http://firstlutheranweb.com)**

## CHURCH COUNCIL

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