

FCU WEEKLY E-NEWS

Worship this Sunday will be **ON ZOOM AND IN PERSON.**

Join Zoom Meeting **Sunday, March 31 at 10:00am.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89246438945?pwd=ZEsrdUtTODY2VTBjWVJWSndyZ3gvQT09>

Meeting ID: 892 4643 8945

Zoom worship services are recorded. If you would like to watch a service you missed, please contact the church office.

MARCH 31 WORSHIP 8:00AM service has no scheduled worship assistants. If attending, please volunteer to usher, tap PowerPoint, or pass offering plates. Lori Brooke is organist.

EASTER SUNDAY 10:00AM Service

Usher

PowerPoint

Bill Koellner

Zoom Camera

Candlelighting

Organist

Brenda Miller

Choir

Chancel Choir, WOW Kids

MARCH NUMBERS

March 3 attendance – 28

March 3 giving - \$2,702.00 (incl auto-deposit)

March 10 attendance – 35

March 10 giving - \$493.00

March 17 attendance – 51

March 17 giving - \$1,650.00 (incl auto-deposit)

March 24 attendance – 74

March 24 giving - \$2,730.00

Current monthly total - \$7,082.00 Needed each month - \$12,840.58

EASTER LILIES

In anticipation of Easter, church family members often wish to purchase an Easter Lily or other spring potted plant to decorate the alter and baptistry area. Please contact Flower Yard, either by phone or in person, to purchase a flower and have it delivered to First Church United.

Easter Lily = \$17 and other options (azalea, kalanchoe, mum) may be available

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 30 – Am Legion Easter Egg Hunt, Kimberly Park, 10:00AM (PreK-2nd grade)

March 30 – WL Country Club Easter Egg Hunt, golf course, 1:00PM (ages 1-10)

April 2 – GriefShare classes @ UMC, 1:00-2:30PM, weekly thru May 28

April 4 – NAMI Family-to-Family Workshop @ FCU, 6:00-8:30PM

April 6 – U of I Mobile Clinic @ FCU, 1:00-3:00PM

April 6 – Music Bingo Fundraiser for the WL Child Care Center @ Community Center, 6:30PM doors open, 7:00PM start. Pizza available to purchase, bring own beverage

WALKIE-TALKIES NEEDED

The Christian Education team is seeking 4 walkie talkies to keep at church for youth programs. This will help with communication amongst groups, inside and outside, during high volume children's activities. If you have some to donate that are in good working condition, they would be welcomed. The group would also welcome monetary donations to be able to purchase 4 units.

50th ANNIVERSARY of FIRST CHURCH UNITED

Pastor Deb would like to invite anyone with ideas about celebrating First Church United's 50th anniversary to get in touch with her. Ideally a celebration group would be formed to plan for several ways to showcase the history and impact of the church across 50 years. Please contact Pastor Deb – May 12 is coming up!

LENTEN NOTES

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday - March 28

7:00 p.m. at St Joseph's in WL

All are invited
7:00 p.m. at United Methodist Church in WL

Good Friday - March 29

7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service
at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Easter Sunday - March 31

8:00 a.m. Early Easter Worship
9:00 a.m. Egg Hunt & Brunch (Egg Hunt will begin promptly at 9:00)
Family Photos will be offered again
10:00 a.m. Easter Worship

**SYNOD SCHOOL
(Presbyterian
Church)**

Synod School is a leadership development ministry of the Presbyterian Church. The annual school opportunity provides learning and personal enrichment experiences for people of all ages. The week is designed for laity, clergy, individuals and families with classes and activities for adults, youth, and children.

2024 Synod School's theme is "More Than We Can Imagine". Synod School will take place at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa from July 21-26. A brochure is available in the church office. The Endowment Committee of First Church United supports tuition reimbursement if you'd like to attend. A link to registration can be found at: <https://lakesandprairies.org/engaging-leaders/synod-school/>