**FCU WEEKLY E-NEWS**

Join Worship through Zoom **Sunday at 10:00am**

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| **APRIL 6**  **WORSHIP** | Usher Bill Koellner  Candlelighters  PowerPoint Katie Thrasher  Organist Brenda Miller  Greet/Coffee Hour  Speaking Elders  Communion Servers Any volunteers? |
| **MARCH**  **NUMBERS** | March 2 attendance – 66 March 2 giving - $3,407.00 (Incl. Auto Deposit)  March 9 attendance – 64 March 9 giving - $654.00  March 16 attendance – 47 March 16 giving - $3,756.00 (Incl. Auto Deposit)  March 23 attendance – 55 March 23 giving - $795.00  March 30 attendance – 60 March 30 giving - $8,270.02 (Incl. Auto Deposit)  **Current monthly total – $16, 879.02**  **Needed each month - $12,840.58**  A giving tab is included on the church website: <https://fcuwl.org/give/>  During the Lenten season, we will be collecting special offerings for the One Great Hour of Sharing (Presbyterian) and Week of Compassion (Christian Church Disciples of Christ) offerings. Envelopes will be available in the pews and on the front table. |

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| **MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION FOOD DRIVE** | During the month of April, area churches in the Ministerial Association are working together to collect donations for the Food Pantry. First Church United will be collecting specifically Hamburger Helper and Ramen noodle packages. There is a table in Fellowship Hall to place donated items. |
| **EASTER LILIES** | For the Easter season, church family members often wish to purchase an Easter Lily or other spring potted plant to decorate the altar and baptistry area. Please contact Three B’s Floral, either by phone or in person, to purchase a flower and have it delivered to First Church United.    Easter Lily = $20 (6-inch container wrapped with a bow)  Other options include: Ivy baskets $25, Hanging ivy basket $35, Azaleas $40, Tulip garden $20, Daffodil garden $20, Hydrangeas $40, Calla Lily $36 |
| **COMMUNITY CALENDAR** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | April 4 | 5:00pm | St. Joseph’s Catfish Fry | | April 5 | 6:30pm | Music BINGO fundraiser for the WL Child Care Center. Doors open at 6:30pm, BINGO starts at 7:00pm. $20 Entry. Bring your own snacks/drinks. Pizza available for purchase.  Info: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1VVPPYm4ZR/> | | April 11 | 5:00pm | St. Joseph’s Shrimp Fry | | April 13 | 2:00pm | FREE showing of Magical Fish and Mermaids at Owl Glass Puppetry - <https://www.facebook.com/share/1BGE6XEBoj/> | |
| **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE** | **Palm Sunday – April 13**  10:00 a.m. FCU Worship    **Good Friday – April 18**  7:00 p.m. Ministerial Association Ecumenical Service at Cedar Valley Church    **Easter Sunday – April 20**  8:00 a.m. FCU Early Easter Worship  9:00 a.m. Egg Hunt & Brunch  10:00 a.m. FCU Easter Worship |
| **SYNOD SCHOOL** | 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.  2025 Synod School’s theme is 'Re-Forming “Normal”: Expanding HOPE.’ Synod School will take place at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa from July 20-25. A brochure is available in the church office or you can view the course catalog [here](https://www.lakesandprairies.org/_files/ugd/2f3070_0b7fa421cf074712af3abb8926fbee41.pdf?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_11_5_2021_14_40_COPY_01)). The Endowment Committee of First Church United supports tuition reimbursement if you’d like to attend. Register at:  <https://lakesandprairies.org/engaging-leaders/synod-school/> |
| **SUMMER CAMP INFO** | Many of our church families are thinking about/have already signed up for summer 2025 church camp! We are so fortunate to have the ability through the Endowment Fund to contribute to the faith development of our youth. In 2025, the Endowment Committee will continue to have the family out-of-pocket expense be $100 per child registered, with endowment money covering the balance that would be due for each child.  The “You and Me” camp, which is a 24-hour camp experience for an adult and child together, will be fully funded by endowment dollars. An information sheet & Endowment Request form are attached.    **Camp Bear Creek:**<https://bearcreek.camp/programs/>    **Christian Conference Center**: <https://www.newtonccc.org/scsessions> |