

# Weekly Connection

**March 22, 2026**

**Volunteer Service – “If not now, when? If not you, who?”** This simple question has inspired people for generations and it speaks right to the heart of what makes First Church such a special place. These words also remind us that each of us has something unique to offer. Our church family thrives because people like you say yes to serving. There are opportunities big and small — and every one of them makes a difference. Find your place. Share your gifts. Help us continue to grow in love and service. Some of our current volunteer needs include:

- KIDS HOPE USA – Prayer Partner Coordinator
  - Ushers for the Traditional Service
  - Stewardship Committee Member
  - Vacation Bible School Co-Lead
- ...just to name a few. To learn more or express interest, please scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin or contact Barb Nalette at [mistylakenalette@gmail.com](mailto:mistylakenalette@gmail.com) or 216-970-4131 (call or text).

**SAVE THE DATE** – Mark your calendars for **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** for our 2026 Ministry Fair. We invite you find out how you can “Bloom Where God Plants You!”

**Easter Breakfast**, Save the date, **Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 11:15 AM** for our youth sponsored Easter Breakfast in fellowship hall.

**Spring Cleaning** - It's time once again for our annual Spring Cleaning. Many hands make light work. We will be cleaning from **9 am until noon** on two Saturdays before Easter: **Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**! Come and help either day (or both if you would like). Even if you can't stay the entire time, we would appreciate any and all of your help! Use the QR code to sign up or the sign-up sheet in the welcome center

**Ladies Book Club** -Hi everyone! Our next meeting will take place on **April 11 at 10:00 AM**. We'll meet at the church library to discuss *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn. See you then!

**Seder Meal and Maundy Thursday Worship** – Please join us this Maundy Thursday for a night of remembrance as together we celebrate a segment of the Passover meal that our Lord shared with His disciples so long ago. “The Seder” is our opportunity to remember the tradition that brought Jesus and His followers together on that unforgettable night of his arrest, when His teaching centered on the washing of feet and a new commandment to love one another.

Festivities will begin at **6:30pm** in the fellowship hall and will conclude at its close in the sanctuary around the sacrament of Holy Communion and the traditional stripping of our Altar. Please note that sign-ups are required for this special gathering so that we might have an accurate seating count for dinner which will be a full beef brisket spread.

We look forward to welcoming you on **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. So please take a moment to consider this important opportunity and the meaningful part that it might hold within your Holy Week journey. Use the sign up sheet or the QR Code to register and let us know you will attending

**Passion Readers Needed**, We need volunteers to read the Passion on **03/29, Palm Sunday**. The reading is broken into six segments, so we need 6 readers per service. There is a sign up in the welcome center. Please take a moment to let us know that able to help.

**Easter Garden and Resurrection Flower Sales** end today. Prices are between \$10 and \$15 depending on what flowers you choose to purchase. You can pay via cash, online payment, or a check made out to First Lutheran Church Strongsville. There will be paper forms in the welcome center, or you can use the QR code to link to the order form. If paying online, please choose altar flowers for the fund. The deadline for orders is **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### Monday, March 23th

Chair Yoga – 1:30 PM

AA at 7:30 PM

### Tuesday, March 24th

Stephen Ministry Training Meeting – 6:00 PM

Governing Board Meeting – 6:30 PM

Toastmaster's at 7:00 PM

AI Anon at 7:00 PM

### Wednesday, March 25th

Chair Yoga – 6 PM

### Thursday, March 26th

Dynamic Worship Meeting – 6:30 PM

Men's Basketball, Kinsner - 7:30 PM

### Saturday, March 28th<sup>t</sup>

Spring Cleaning – 9 AM - Noon

## Thank you to the following volunteers:

### Ushers

Margaret Bewie & Tom Newbould – 9:00 AM

Barb & Paul Nalette – 11:15 AM

### Readers

Kelly Tesar – 9:00 AM

Claudia Lenarz – 11:15 AM

### Counters

Terri Mosley, Jeff Stanley, Brenda Jacob

### Altar Guild

Sheri Gist

### Donut Fellowship

Linda Browning, Jennifer Paine

**Last Sunday's Attendance**  
10:00 AM – 163  
Online – 38



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and Online Giving  
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<https://bit.ly/flconnects>**

## PRAYERS

### Death in the Family

The Baker Family as the mourn the loss of Marilyn Baker.

### Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating

### Military Members

Austin Holley, Deacon Nemet, Haley Uline

### Stephen Ministry Team

Maureen Harris, Sam Reichert, Becky Piper, Beth David, Pat Sauernheimer, Pam Simpson, Marsha Ginley, Phil King, and Bob Strong, Chris Hamel, Jen Kowalewski, Jim Zakrajsek, Steve Harris

### On-going Prayers

Linda Stanley, Nighman Family, Heidi Balicki, Tia (Simpson) Russell, Ron and Joanne Cvelbar, Cheryl Mooney, Elaine, Jessica Walsh, Wanda Woods, Stephania, Susan & George Bodovetz, Carol Rosenblum, Bonnie Bailey, Darlene and Jim Cassidy, Carrie Deal, Curt Kowalewski, Sarah Franko, Jim Taylor, Sue Sutton, Erica Kaminski, Jeanette Paus, Matt & Pat, Morgan Popple,, Peter Duffy, Salay Family, Richard, Scott Hurley, John Walker, Don McKelvey, Karil Piskur, Clark Buckley, Dennis Bailey, Cindy Walker, Susie Siebert, Mike and Linda Drury, Catherine Robertson, Gina Evangelista, Brenda Rosala, Katy Profeta, The Rugar Family, Jim Thomas, Jerry Kreuger, Mary Walters, Melissa Borgio, Claudia Lenarz, Barb Kreuger, Trish Nolder, Jon Forsthoffer, Diane,

### Homebound

Mary Jane Knaack, June Beck, Marj Wilder, Sheryl Clark,

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