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-PASTOR SEAN

God bless you today and always with the joy of the resurrection and in the middle of life today, you would be able to celebrate the graciousness and love of God that is yours forever.

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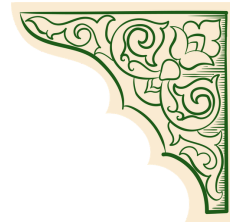
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,



He Is Risen!!!

I know that when you receive this it will be the beginning of Holy Week, so I guess I'm jumping the cross, so to speak, but the majority of April is lived in light of the Easter celebration, the discovery of the empty tomb and the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus.

Of course, for us, that is the truth of every day. We are blessed each day to know that because Jesus lives, we shall live also and every day is a celebration of that first great and glorious Easter morning, even on mornings that don't feel so glorious.

This morning I was awakened at 5:50am by my cat twenty-year-old cat wanting some food. I did not want to be awake at that time. I stood up and my back ached because I have done some damage to it, my neck hurt because I spent two hours fixing the refrigerator from an awkward position, and my hip and shoulder hurt because I took a pretty good fall over the always-in-the-way dog. So, not really feeling so celebratory as I was feeding the cat from a spoon because she is not eating well currently.

However, I settled her under the blankets after this early breakfast and was able to go back to bed for a little while, but before I went back to sleep, I prayed. I thanked God for this pretty decrepit old kitty, for getting the fridge fixed, for Colleen, the kids, for the wonderful people that are in my life, for being able to lay down again for a few minutes that will make my back feel better, and even for the struggles that I still get to struggle with. I thought for a moment about Easter and how even though it didn't feel like my best day ever, it's a day lived in the grace of God, with the promise of eternal life, and this makes it a best day. None of the difficulties, none of the pains, will ever roll the stone back.

Today, the stone has been rolled away and Jesus is risen. Yesterday, the stone was rolled away and Jesus is risen. Tomorrow will be the same. Every day is a day for the celebration of Easter, of grace and salvation and life and joy in the midst of life. God bless you today and always with the joy of the resurrection and in the middle of life today, you would be able to celebrate the graciousness and love of God that is yours forever.

Yours In Christ<><
Pastor Sean



Resumes April 12th

Off until April 16th

Resumes April 11th



Parents' Bible Study

Sunday Mornings after 9:30
worship, in the Youth Room
childcare provided

Thursday Bible Study

9:30am in the Lounge
Continuing to study Isaiah

Men's Bible Study

Saturday Mornings
8:30am in the Lounge
snacks & coffee provided

First English Ev. church
Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026
9am & 11am Worship

**HE IS
RISEN**

JESUS

IS

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Holy Week

PREPARATIONS



During Palm Sunday worship, children and youth read the Gospel readings depicting the events of Holy Week. Afterwards, the youth hid candy-filled eggs and the children hunted for them.



Spark Church has been exploring Holy Week and made communion bread to serve to the congregation on Maundy Thursday and Easter. We remembered God's work in us as we worked the dough.

YOU'RE INVITED



EASTER

JESUS IS HERE

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church

Thursday
April 02

Maundy Thursday
Worship at 6:30pm

Friday
April 03

Good Friday
Worship at 6:30pm

Sunday
April 05

Easter Sunday Worship
9:00am with Praise Band & Bells
11:00am with Choir & instrumentalists

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\$6,900
from our
goal!

\$23,100
\$22,400


These little workers are eager to add another board to their resident's ramp!

Will you help?

Be part of the work God is doing in our community by donating to Workcamp today!

*Contributions accepted through April 12.
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Motor City
CHORALE

*Music through the
Century Vol. 2*

Sunday April 26, 3:00PM

**First English Lutheran
Church**

800 Vernier Rd.

Grosse Pointe Woods 48236

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Blood Drive

First English Lutheran Church

Gymnasium
800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods



Tuesday, May 5, 2026
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Birthdays

APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Clair Dalian Audrey Zwicker	3 Chris Judson	4 Erika Sherrington Sarah Ross Lawrence Vallee
5 Tom Bay Thomas Francis	6	7	8	9 Zack Lorence Christine Rao	10 Declan Lorence	11 Alexander Horbal
12 Michael Kohler Jackston Lorence	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Ben Clor	20 Karen Bezel David Edwards Jamie Pangborn	21	22 Mia Cassar Carol Logan June MacMichael	23	24 Dan Rustmann	25 Susan Bay
26	27 Danielle Baker Tim Olson	28	29	30 Thomas Kohler		

COUNCIL MINUTES

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Attended by: Patty Foster, Shawn Vinson, Scott Norlin, John Nyquist, Ken Kohler, Amy McIntyre, Sue Ulmer, Melissa Zwicker, Patrick Quinlan, Dan Rustmann, Rose Bush, Pastor Sean Motley

President Ken Kohler called the meeting to order at 12:24 PM.

Pastor Sean opened with a devotional and a prayer.

SECRETARY REPORT - Dan Rustmann moved to approve the January council meeting minutes, 2nd by Shawn Vinson and the motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT - John Nyquist shared the December 2025 financial statements and moved to approve them, 2nd by Rose Bush and the motion carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT - Shawn Vinson presented documents to update signers on Church bank accounts for the 2026 Church council executive committee. The current Church officers are as follows: Ken Kohler, Scott Norlin, Amy McIntyre, Shawn Vinson, John Nyquist. All prior signers who are no longer on Church council have been removed from these documents.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE - Dan Rustmann shared that envelope boxes continue to be distributed. An internal audit committee is a continued area of discussion. A stewardship drive to apply to the mortgage is being planned. The idea of creating a maintenance endowment fund for major repairs was discussed. There was also an explanation for the slight difference in actual salaries and what was reported in the budget.

CHURCH PROPERTIES - Pastor Sean reported that the property Board met to make a list of projects for improvement that would need increased capital as well as a monetary estimate needed for these projects. The Wedgewood entrance door has been fixed. A leak by one of the gym roof units has been patched up until spring when it can be better addressed. Leaking toilets in the building continue to be addressed.

EVANGELISM - Sue Ulmer shared that there were 2 visitors to church today. Sue further reported that a date is needed to receive new members. Sue inquired about putting screens in both nurseries for parents to be able to view the service. Patrick Quinlan shared an update to the Grow 300 initiative. Patrick reported that the Evangelism board, along with input from other leaders, have realized that there are changes needed to the Grow 300 program in 2026, to better accommodate the schedules and available time of those being sought for leadership positions who work full time.

SOCIAL ACTION - Shawn Vinson shared information provided from Diann Ohman. The Board is considering ideas for a fundraiser for Workcamp as well as other ideas for mission projects.

FELLOWSHIP - Rose Bush reported that the Senior Luther League Valentine's party was a success, with approximately 20 attendees. Lenten dinner will start this week with Ash Wednesday.

PARISH ED & YOUTH MINISTRY - No report.

WORSHIP & MUSIC - Patty Foster reported that the Board will be asking for funds for extra musicians at next month's meeting. Melissa Zwicker discussed the procedure the Board uses to order poinsettias and lilies/tulips and suggested more promoting of donating for plants for the Christmas and Easter holidays. Melissa asked about updating the church directory, as much of the information in most current directory is incorrect. Pastor Sean responded that there is a company that will be working on a new directory with pictures.

ENDOWMENT - No report.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH - No report.

PASTOR'S REPORT - Pastor Sean Motley reported that the Jesus is Here page is the 3rd most clicked page on the church website, after the home page and the preschool page. The Lenten services start this week with Ash Wednesday and are based on Bonhoeffer's work Life Together.

Old business - concerns about cleaning the church, primarily due to the sidewalk salt that is tracked in this winter, were discussed.

New business - Scott Norlin reported that there is a small hole in the metal frame of one of the stained glass windows that needs caulking. Scott further reported there is discussion about putting the worship music on apps such as Spotify for people to listen to outside of the service.

John Nyquist moved to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Melissa Zwicker, and the meeting adjourned at 1:54 PM.

Meeting ended with all saying the Lord's Prayer.

Mark your calendars-Next council meeting is scheduled for **March 15 at 12:15 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Amy McIntyre, Recording Secretary

