



VIGIL OF EASTER

APRIL 20, 2019

8:00 P.M.

Called by the Spirit, we serve Christ, sharing God's love with all.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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<i>Missionaries in Guinea</i>	<i>Jim & Dawn Anderson</i>

WE WELCOME all who worship with us today! We extend a special greeting to our visitors and invite you to worship with us again soon. Please make yourselves known to our pastor and people.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION Lutheran Christians believe that in the sacrament of Holy Communion, by the power of God's Word and Holy Spirit, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ, along with the bread and wine, for our forgiveness and salvation. If you share in this belief, you are welcome to participate with us. Non-communing children and adults may come forward to receive a blessing. White grape juice is available, as well as gluten free wafers. If you desire to receive communion at your pew, please alert an usher during the prelude.

A NOTE TO PARENTS: First Lutheran Church welcomes children of all ages to be a part of our worship services. Children's Bibles are located in the pews and a number of items are available on a cart in the Nave Lounge to help them (and you) have a pleasant worship experience. If you need to take a walk with your child, our speaker system provides audio of the service in the Nave Lounge and Library.

As part of our sound system upgrade, the sanctuary is now equipped with a **HEARING LOOP SYSTEM**. To benefit, your personal hearing aids must be equipped with a **'T' (Telecoil) setting**. When the 'T' coil setting is selected on your hearing aids while you are located in sanctuary pews, you will pick up the amplified sanctuary sound in your hearing aids. This can increase one's hearing and comprehension of the service from 10% to 90%.

WHEELCHAIR available in the Welcome Center area or north entranceway.
EARPHONES for the hearing impaired and **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS**.

PLEASE, NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE MAIN WORSHIP CENTER.

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VIGIL OF EASTER

Before worship, talk to God. During worship, let God talk to you. After worship, talk to your fellow worshipper.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

Please gather outside the west doors, where there will be a small fire. All gather in silence. A small unlighted candle will be given to each worshipper.

INTRODUCTION

This is the night! This is our Passover with Christ from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life. The resurrection of Christ is proclaimed in word and sign, and we gather around a pillar of fire, hear ancient stories of our faith, celebrate at the font and share the food and drink of the promised land. Raised with Christ, we go forth into the world, aflame with the good news of the resurrection.

GREETING

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy night when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayer. This is the passover of Jesus Christ. Through light and the word, through water and oil, bread and wine, we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory.

C: Amen.

READING OF INSCRIPTION ON PASCHAL CANDLE

The presiding minister traces the inscription on the paschal candle, which is held by an assisting minister.

P: Christ, yesterday and today, (*Trace the sign of the cross.*)
The beginning and the end, (*Trace the Greek letters, Alpha and Omega.*)
To Christ belongs all time (*Trace the first numeral at the upper left.*)
And all ages; (*Trace the second numeral at the upper right.*)
To Christ belongs glory and dominion (*Trace third numeral at lower left*)
Now and forever. (*Trace forth numeral at lower right.*)

C: Amen.

The presiding minister lights the paschal candle from the fire and says:

P: The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The assisting minister lifts the candle so all may see it.

PROCESSION OF PASCHAL CANDLE

The procession begins, led by assisting minister bearing the paschal candle. As the paschal candle passes, congregants light their candles. At three separate times, the procession stops, and the pastor leads this call and response:

P: The light of Christ.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Once the worship center is reached, the paschal candle is placed in its stand.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

P: Rejoice heavenly powers!
Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people.

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: This is the night one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

Candles may be extinguished and placed in basket passed around.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, you are the creator of the world, the liberator of your people, and the wisdom of the earth. By the resurrection of your Son free us from our fears, restore us in your image, and ignite us with your light, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

Congregation shall sit.

WORD

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung, and preached.

FIRST VIGIL READING—*Creation* (Genesis 1:1-5)

RESPONSE—Psalm 136:1-4 (*Spoken Responsively with Assisting Minister*)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

²**Give thanks to the God of gods, for God's mercy endures forever.**

³Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for God's mercy endures forever;

⁴**who alone does great wonders, for God's mercy endures forever.**



Musical Offering – “*All Things Bright and Beautiful*”

Carolyn Sandquist & Dawn Stone - Strings

SECOND VIGIL READING—*Flood* (Genesis 9:8-13)

RESPONSE—Psalm 46:1-3, 10 (*Spoken Responsively with Assisting Minister*)

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

Silence for Reflection

THIRD VIGIL READING—*Deliverance at the Red Sea*. (Exodus 14:10, 13, 21-31)

RESPONSE—Exodus 15:1b-3 (*Spoken Responsively with Assisting Minister*)

^{1b}I will sing to the LORD, who has triumphed gloriously; throwing horse and rider into the sea.

²**The LORD is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation; this is my God—this God I will praise; my father's God—this God I will exalt.**

³The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name.

666 HYMN – “*What Wondrous Love Is This*” **Stanzas 1, 2 & 4**

FOURTH VIGIL READING—*A New Heart and a New Spirit*. (Ezekiel 36:24-28)

RESPONSE—Psalms 42:5 (*Spoken Responsively with Assisting Minister*)

⁵Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me?

Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks to the one who is my help and my God.

Musical Offering – “*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*”

Dealey and Jackson Quartet

Silence for Reflection

FIFTH VIGIL READING—*The Valley of the Dry Bones*. (Ezekiel 37:1-14)

RESPONSE—Psalm 143 (*Spoken Responsively with Assisting Minister*)

¹LORD, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; answer me in your righteousness.

²**Enter not into judgment with your servant, for in your sight shall no one living be justified.**

³For my enemy has sought my life and has crushed me to the ground, making me live in dark places like those who are long dead.

⁴**My spirit faints within me; my heart within me is desolate.**

⁵I remember the time past; I ponder all your deeds; I consider the works of your hands.

⁶**I spread out my hands to you; my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.**

⁷O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; do not hide your face from me, or I shall be like those who go down to the pit.

⁸**Let me hear of your lovingkindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you; show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.**

406 HYMN – “Holy Spirit, Come to Us” Vocalists sing once, congregation joins for following repetitions.

SIXTH VIGIL READING—*Deliverance of Jonah.* (Jonah 1:1-2:1)

RESPONSE—Jonah 2:2, 3, 7, 9 (*Spoken Responsively with Assisting Minister*)

²I called to the Lord out of my distress, and he answered me;

out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.

³You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me;

all your waves and your billows passed over me.

⁷As my life was ebbing away, I remembered the Lord;

and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.

⁹But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you;

what I have vowed I will pay. Deliverance belongs to the Lord!

SEVENTH VIGIL READING—*Deliverance from Fiery Furnace.* (Daniel 3:1-29)

RESPONSE—Psalm 66:8-12 (*Spoken Responsively with Assisting Minister*)

⁸Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,

⁹who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

¹¹You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

¹²you let people ride over our heads;

we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

EIGHTH VIGIL READING—*New Testament* (Romans 6:3-11)

A: This is the word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

732 HYMN – “Borning Cry”

NINTH VIGIL READING—*Gospel* (John 20:1-18)

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

376 GOSPEL HYMN “Thine is the Glory” Stanza 2

Congregation shall sit.

HOMILY

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assisting minister will read: Hear us, O God,

Congregation will respond: Your mercy is great.



MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

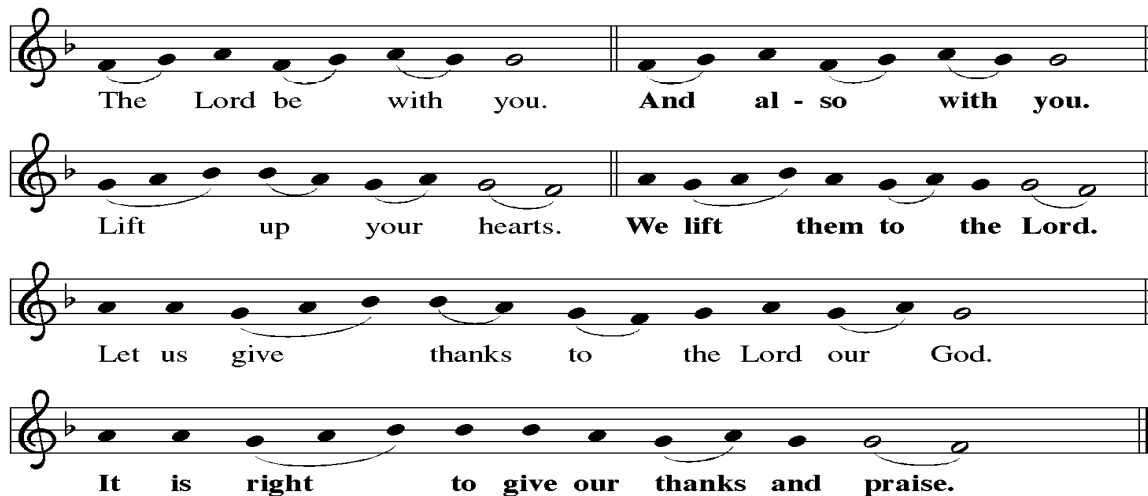
Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world. Bring all creation from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



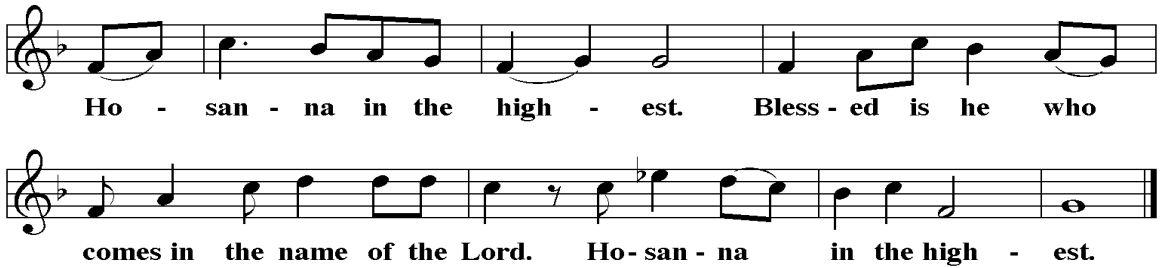
The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! All is ready!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Musical Offering – *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”* Carolyn Sandquist & Dawn Stone - Strings

After all have communed, congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Congregation: Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus to life, lift you up and restore you to wholeness.

C: **Amen.**

P: Christ, the Morning Star, who never sets, scatter the shadows and fill you with light.

C: **Amen.**

P: God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this night and always.

C: **Amen.**

365 SENDING HYMN “*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*”

DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE “*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*”

(arr. D. Bish)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:00 P.M.

Assisting Minister

Acolyte

Lectors

Communion Assistants

Ushers

Council Member

Altar Guild

Ralph Krumins

Adam Crawford

Rhonda Dealey, Jeff Montague

Barb Collins, Karen Wollin

Maureen Krumins, Bob Wollin

Bob Wollin

Nancy Sherbert



Together we wait vigil,
in preparation for Easter morn.
Christ Is Risen!

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ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Nancy Besta in memory of family members and by
*Glenn & Eileen Caspers in memory of Letitia Raney’s April 15th birthday, and in honor of
Kendra Ikenberry’s April 14th birthday.*

ETERNAL CANDLE FOR APRIL is given by Marvin Wingert in memory of Norma Wingert.

PARENTS' take this bulletin home for a fun game with your kids! Have them search through the bulletin and circle or highlight **this week's word: LIGHT.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

Breck Edds (home), Pat Wild (home), Bonnie Phillips (home), Laura Haefke (home), Anne Jackson (home), Ann Johnson (home), Jeani Anderson (home), Mike Wilson (home), Vera Pearce (home), Ken Sherbert (home), Charlotte Weddle (CDO Teacher), Julie Bradley (Caring for Kids 1st Director), Rick Watson (Lisa Arndt's father), Mary Morgan (Hope Krug's mother), C.A. Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders' father), Ken Buch (Verla's son), Mary Roesch (Tracy's mother-in-law), Micah Ewing (friend of the Luber's), Stephanie Ramos (Shirley Perry's niece), Betty Fleming (LaDonna Little's aunt), Erick Larson (friend of the Dealey's), Joan Stahlman (Joyce Koenig's sister-in-law), Lynette Kottas (Eileen Caspers' mother), Pete Godlove (Michelle Black's father), Carolyn Hale (friend of Margaret Stewart), Don Kaphingst (Margaret Stewart's brother), Lewis Crawford (Cindy's husband), Dan Lykins (cousin of Nancy Sherbert), Nancy Isley Wolfe (friend of the Wolgast's), Marjorie Perry (Bill's mother), Linda Deines (Karen Papp's sister), Ben Beery (friend of Haden Roark), Jerome Gutierrez (Dolores Ussery's nephew), Heather Roesch (Tracy's sister-in-law), Norm Stahl (friend of Carolyn Olson), Katelynn Herring (Jeanie Schuler's great niece), Bob Avery (friend of Carolyn Olson), Robin Michael (daughter of friend of Nancy Vaughn), Mary Lou Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders' mother), Linda Myers (Trudi's daughter-in-law), David Metzenthin (Bud & Lois' son), Annika Lundgren (friend of the Engelhardt's).

PARISH NOTICES

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

A new weekly worship service will be held Mid-Week, **beginning** the Wednesday after Easter, **April 24th.** **ALL ARE INVITED** to come for **sandwiches at 5:30 p.m.** (*PB&J are provided or you can bring your own food*) and then gather in the **chapel at 6:00 p.m. for worship.** This will be a service unique from our weekend worship and will provide a different atmosphere. This worship will be a wonderful service for folks busy on the weekends, for folks wanting to bring friends to church for the first time, for families with wiggly kids, and for all who need to stop mid-week to pray, worship, and be renewed by God's promises and community. Invite your friends and we look forward to this new opportunity to reach more in our community.

See you Wednesday April 24th. Sandwiches at 5:30, Worship at 6, and home by 7.



We will have an **INGATHERING** where we bring the filled **ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL BANKS** back to church next weekend **April 27th & 28th.** We pray that you will be generous in your special offering this year.

First Lutheran Church along with The Lutheran Fine Arts Council of Topeka, THS Class of 1971 and Supersonic Music will be hosting a concert by **RICHETTA MANAGER, "Lift Every Voice and Sing"**, on **Sunday, April 28th at 4:00 p.m.,** 1234 SW Fairlawn. Ms. Manager is a Topeka High graduate and studied vocals at Washburn University and Kansas University. She has been living in Germany and performs there and throughout Europe. A reception will follow the concert. **Free will offering with a portion of the offering going to the Topeka Rescue Mission-Children's Palace.**



**Vacation Bible School
SAVE THE DATE
Evenings of June 17–21**

Dinner will be provided before the program begins each night.

✠ IN THE FIRST PLACE THIS WEEK ✠

Children's Day Out Preschool (CDO) schedule: M, T, W & F 9am-3pm Thursday 9-11:30 am

TODAY EASTER VIGIL

8:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil Communion Service

Sunday, April 21 EASTER

8:30-9:45 a.m. – Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt

10:00 a.m. – Easter Festival Celebration

Monday, April 22 EASTER MONDAY

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

NO CDO

7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts Troop 175 (PH)

Tuesday, April 23

8:00 a.m. – Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

12:30 p.m. – Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. – Topeka Lutheran Home Association

Wednesday, April 24

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY

9:00 a.m. – What-Sew-Ever

5:30 p.m. – Sandwich Dinner

6:00 p.m. – Worship in the Chapel

7:00 p.m. – Worship Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 25

10:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Study at Thornton Place

Noon – FLC Staff at Lunch Together

6:30 p.m. – Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – CDO Board

7:30 p.m. – Senior Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 26

Pastor Jenny's Day Off

7:00-9:00 p.m. – Sanctuary in Use

Saturday, April 27

INGATHERING OF WORLD HUNGER BANKS

3:00-5:00 p.m. – Room 116 in Use-Eagle Board Review

5:00 p.m. – Holy Communion (Chapel)

6:00 p.m. – New Member Class

7:00-9:00 p.m. – Sanctuary in Use

Sunday, April 28 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

INGATHERING OF WORLD HUNGER BANKS

"THE NEW JERUSALEM"

8:40 a.m. – Adult Education

9:00 a.m. – Youth Bell Choir Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. – Children's Choir Rehearsal

9:40 a.m. – Senior Choir Warm-up

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

11:15 a.m. – Sunday School PreK-HS, Adult

12:00 p.m. – New Member Class

4:00 p.m. – Richetta Manager Concert –
"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

LESSONS APRIL 27 & 28

Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31



2019 EASTER PLANTS

Jerry & Linda Anderson in honor of their family and their church family.
Carol & Billy Ashwill in memory of John & Dale Dailey and Hilton Ragsdale.
Susan & George Bales in honor of our celebration of Easter, Jesus is Risen!
Rick & Julie Bender in memory of their parents and in honor of their children and grandchildren.
Penny & Marvin Boleski in memory of their parents.
Bill & Phyllis Buch in memory of their parents.
Eileen Caspers in memory of Letitia Raney.
Pastor Bob & Rhonda Deale in memory of Betty Lowe.
Marthalee (Marfie) Donohoe in honor of her daughters, Laura and Maylynn and their families.
Kevin Eaton and Lora Carlson
The Einck Family in honor of the congregation of First Lutheran Church.
Ted & Elna Ensley in memory of their parents, Roy & Freda Ensley and Bern & Ruth Nelson.
Catherine Esquibel in memory of Tom Moulton.
Kori & Dru Finney in memory of their fathers.
Mary Fobes in honor of the second anniversary of grandson Nathan's bone marrow transplant.
Mark Fuller in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Donald Fuller and Johan & Astrid Rebsdorf.
Orvin Grondahl in memory of Mary Grondahl.
John & Linda Harold in honor of Lindsey, David, Sarah, James and Julia.
Ivan Haugh and George, Cindy, Blake, Brad & Bella Hopper in memory of Mary Lou Haugh.
Allison Hitch in honor of her mother, Beverly Kay, with a grateful heart.
Cheryl Hjetland in memory of Nelson Baker.
The Jackson 5 Family in honor of their church family.
Joyce Koenig in memory of her husband, Richard Koenig.
Maureen & Ralph Krumins in honor of their sons, daughter-in-law and granddaughter.
Ann McConkey in memory of Frank Garten and in honor of Grace Marie McConkey.
Trudi Myers in memory of her husband, Jerry Myers and her mother, Luise and sister, Herta.
Helen Nunemaker in memory of Herbert and great granddaughter, Kate.
Carolyn Olson in honor of the mission work completed by "What-Sew-Ever" each week.
Rob & Nancy Peterson in memory of Juanita & Roger Peterson (Mom & Dad) and Doris Bryan (Mom).
Velma Roblyer in memory of Byron Roblyer.
Marsha & Jerry Serk in memory of Lois, Freeman, and David Vicory, Mom, Dad, and Brother.
JoAnn Stanley in memory of Iriz Ozman.
*Stephen Ministry Leaders, Pastor Jenny & Diane Dukat in honor of Lydia Peterson, our new
Stephen Minister in training, and all of the faithful Stephen Ministers at First.*
Nancy & Charlie Vaughn in memory of Lois Armstrong.
West & Shirley Waugh in memory of Shirley's parents, Max & Anna Moore.
Byron & Sara Welch in memory of their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Byron Welch, Sr. & Mr. & Mrs. Delbert Hullinger.
Patricia Wild in memory of loved ones.
Mike & Evelyn Wilson in honor of their grandchildren.

