

the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

### Psalm 27

### Philippians 3:17—4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

### Luke 13:31-35

#### *The Lament over Jerusalem*

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"



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*God calls us during this season of Lent (and always) to follow. May you find encouragement in your faith & discipleship, and support for struggles & stress. We are glad to have **all of you** worshipping with us, and invite you to sign our guest book, fill out a green visitor or prayer slip found in the pew, or talk with Pr. Mary Kaye about scheduling a visit. Thanks for being here!*

*If you'd like to request a pastoral visit, please message Pastor Mary Kaye to schedule a time and day that works for you.*

### MARCH FOOD & FUND DRIVE

February 25—April 7, 2019

Family Pathways is asking for help restocking their shelves by donating non-perishable food items! There is a bin at the church for collections!

#### Food4Kids:

**Picking Up:** Linngren Family  
**Bagging:** Kathy Carlsted

**HEARING DEVICES** are available to assist with hearing. Please ask an usher and they will be happy to get you one!

**QUILTERS** meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 9:30am. No experience needed! We invite you to join us!

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Don Hansen	Joe Landgreen
Wendy Szczepanski	Miriam Flysjo
Duane Olson	Rose Anderson
Craig Loen	Pastor Mary Kaye Ashley

Next Council Meeting

April 28th

At 10:30am

## CALENDAR

([www.flutheran.org](http://www.flutheran.org) for full calendar)

### Sun Mar 17 (Pr. Hours:8a-11:30a)

9a - Worship  
10:15a - Life Group  
10:30a - Confirmation Class

### Tues Mar 19 (Pr. Hours:9a-2:30p)

9a - Staff Meeting  
7p - Choir Practice

### Wed Mar 20 (Pr. Hrs:10a-8p)

11a - Lenten Worship  
11:30a - Soup Lunch  
5:30p - Soup Supper  
6:30p - Lenten Worship  
7p - Youth Group

### Sun Mar 24 (Pr. Hours:8a-5p)

9a - Worship  
10:15a - Life Group

## Important events to add to your calendar

Join us for meaningful time to focus on God in Lent as we walk with Jesus to Holy Week and the cross. Let God draw your attention to prayer and fellowship on Lenten Wednesdays thru April 10. Look for opportunities to sign up to provide &/or serve Lenten meals on the bulletin board, or outside the FELC office.

Lenten Wed. Worship Time:  
11am Worship with lunch following  
5:30pm Supper  
6:30pm Worship, 7pm Youth Group

♦ **LUTHER POINT BIBLE CAMP** has an exciting project—*Gardens*—and are asking for donations and/or your time to make this happen! The Garden Install Party will take place on Saturday, May 11th at 9am at Luther Point in Grantsburg, WI. You can also donate a raised bed which is \$250 or you can send an amount that you wish to give. There are envelopes on the bulletin board at church along with more information! Check it out!

♦ **THRIVENT MEMBERS** can give Thrivent Choice dollars to a large number of organizations, including FELC. Thrivent sets aside money every quarter, and you can send it to a different place every quarter OR you can send it NOW to an organization of your choice by March 31 (Zeroed out each 3/31, and begun again.) Grab a “How to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars” from the table outside of the sanctuary, or from Angie in the office. Can be done online or over the phone.

♦ **CRAFT DAY at FELC** on Saturday, March 23rd from 9am—3pm. Join Julie Valez and Angie Linngren for a day of crafting! Bring a project of your choice, claim a spot, and craft away! Potluck style lunch, please bring a dish to share!

♦ **LET’S TALK: INVITING PEOPLE TO WORSHIP** Wednesday, April 3 - 4pm (or join us when you can!) Let's talk about **inviting people to worship**. Some people would love to welcome friends & neighbors, but unsure of how. Join us to share ideas & thoughts & become more comfortable. The next 3 weeks in our church year bring the greatest variety of worship experiences we do. Maybe invite someone to join you for this discussion? And dinner & worship after? (Signing up to say you're coming to Let's Talk will make sure of enough of anything we use, but please always feel free to come even if not signed up!)

♦ **SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH AT 4:00PM**—Thrivent Sponsored Steeple Fundraiser Supper. Please join us for Barbecue Sandwiches, Cheesy Broccoli and Cupcakes at FELC. Free will offering.

♦ **BOOK STUDY AND BIBLE STUDY**—Taking a short break for Lent. Please join us for Lenten worship, lunch and/or supper.

## Scripture Readings:

### Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

#### *God's Covenant with Abram*

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut