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The First Lutheran Congregational Council works diligently and collegially to uphold and further the life of the congregation in fidelity to Christ. Recent agenda items include oversight of major projects such as the new driveway for drop off and handicap parking, facility security, COVID protocols, worship life, regular review of financial health, council goals for 2021, as well as routine reporting from committees and acting on recommendations. I am proud of the leadership and foresight they provide. Ours is a council that wants to move forward. Much discussion centers on opening up as NY State COVID policies and our own comfort provide guidance. Another is imagining anew and coalescing around mission for First Lutheran.

President Jim Wahlberg is rightfully keeping mission front and center at council meetings. Part of the conversations arise out of review of which committees are functioning well, and which need to be revitalized or rethought. The heart of the conversations is our fidelity to Christ.

At the May 17 meeting, Martha Paulson provided the council with history on the “MS&O” Committee: Member Support and Outreach. (Formerly known as “Evangelism”). The name change came at least 20 years ago, and with it an evolving focus. Here is part of the story Martha shared:

The focus became two-fold: outreach to the community and “in-reach” to church members...

The outreach part developed to include the neighborhood dinners and parties, participation in Neighborhood Watch, the High School tailgate hot dog events, delivering flyers to the neighbors

inviting them to worship, etc. The Member Support part was to try to equip people to spread their faith and invite others to church, intentionally become more welcoming of visitors, and trying to engage members in the life of the church. Like today, there were a large number of people who were members, but did not participate in any way in church groups, or attend worship. There was a “shepherd ministry”, that matched new members with people who would invite them to church groups, etc., to try to get people involved. There used to be a Social Ministry Committee, which did the food drives, offered BP clinics and flu shots, afternoon worship for seniors twice a year with dessert (my mother loved that!), outreach to members in the nursing home... some of that became incorporated into MS&O.

Important ministry, extensive ministry, well done and celebrated. Now we begin to anew to discover how we can coalesce around mission in fidelity to Christ that meets who we are today and who we are becoming. I can not tell you how that will look. Our mission moving forward might be tightly focused; it might be broadly writ. I can tell you I am buoyed by a council that takes this calling to heart.

I am also buoyed that the council is not waiting for a new pastor before entering this arena. The right pastor for First will be an integral partner and leader in our mission and the process of developing our mission; the congregation must be the owner.

So, thank you to the council. Our history gives us context. Our future gives us inspiration. Our Christ gives us faithfulness. We have much for which to give thanks. We have more for which to look forward. We have one another and we have Christ now and always.

Pastor Dan Rumfelt



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May, 2021

- Call Committee will meet face to face with 2nd candidate on May 24th
- Pastor's Report
 - we will still keep masks on thru May and June
 - working with Kim King on the full return of Sacred Fire and singing at the Contemporary Service
 - we will re-evaluate mask wearing at our June meeting
 - May 30th we will remove the social distancing ribbon barriers in the Nave – please still try to sit in your same seating as if the ribbons were there

- Confirmation is May 23rd with **one service at 10:00 in the Nave**
- Pastor has done 23 funerals, with 2 more planned
- Hillary Elf's funeral is planned for June 12
- New furniture in the Pastor's office is ready for our new Pastor when that day happens

- Old Business

- the Ring DoorBell is installed and the new access system is ready to begin – Jim brought a motion to begin usage on May 18th / 2nd by Gail, approved.
- Student Parking – Jim W and Paul J spoke with JHS Principal, Dana Williams on possible future joint ideas for the First Lutheran /student parking lot

- New Business

- Security & Safety Review – Jane Young review the seminar that was attended by several members of First Lutheran back in March of 2018 –safety team's main focus in a Service is on the worship leader/choir/musicians, the congregation; focus on the entrances and exterior; patrol thru the building to check entry points, restrooms, children's areas, be ready to evaluate

situations quickly and call 911 or handle on site.

- Council decided to decline the request to Host the Fresh Ground Faith Christian Women's Conference in 2022
- Synod Assembly is held virtually on June 3,4,5 where a new Bishop will be elected from a slate of 5 candidates

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

The deadline for articles for the July 2021, *First Edition* newsletter is Wednesday, June 16th. Please have all information into the church office by that date. Thank you.

Community Outreach Store

The Community Outreach Store is now opened. The store will be open M - W - F, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. We are also accepting donations during that same time frame. Face Masks are required.



CHRIST IN OUR HOME

Devotional Booklets
July, August, September
Now Available in the **Church Office**

Call ahead to the church office to make sure a copy
is available.
716-664-4601

Offering Envelopes for 2021

If you use the offering envelopes and have not picked up your box for 2021, the boxes are now located in the church office. You can call Office Manager Liz Lobb at 664-4601 to arrange to pick yours up, or you can request to have it delivered to you. You can also contact Liz via e-mail at firstlutheran@flcjny.org.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR HILARY ELF

The memorial service for Hilary Elf is at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 12, 2021, in First Lutheran Church. The Rev. Paul R. Messner, former vicar of Immanuel Lutheran Church, will officiate.

The Elf family will receive friends from 1 to 2:30 p.m. before the service, and at the conclusion of the service, in the sanctuary.

Mrs. Elf, wife of Dr. Randy Elf, died April 11, 2021, following a courageous battle with cancer.

The Elf family would be honored to have you join them on June 12.





NOTES FROM THE LOFT

June 2021

**Brian A. Bogey, Minister of Music
and Organist**

The Organ Technicians from the Heritage Pipe Organ Company are working on our Casavant Pipe Organ as I write this article for the “First Edition.” They are updating the organ console with new computer circuitry expanding our memories from 58 to 100. This will allow me the ability to registrate more organ compositions and service music. Because of the work going on, I will not be able to play the organ this coming Sunday, May 16th as the organ needs to be further adjusted. I will use the piano instead. Also, we have a new plexiglass music rack and light that will allow the choir to see me better when I conduct them from the organ console.

It is with a sad heart that I announce the passing of one of our faithful choir members, Lucy Rider who passed away May 12th after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Lucy was a tenor in our choir and she will be deeply missed. Peace be to her memory.

<u>LECTOR/LITURGIST</u>	<u>HYMN CANTOR/SOLOIST</u>
June 6th Beth Johnson	Brenda Ecklund
June 13th Peter Larson	Julie Costantini
June 20th Brenda Ecklund	Peter Larson
June 27th Fred Larson	Marika Koch

This month I would like to continue with **THE SYMBOLS OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR** with **PENTECOST**. Even though we celebrated Pentecost Sunday last May 23rd and Trinity Sunday on May 30th. The Pentecost Season is the longest season of the church year. It can last up to 28 weeks in the liturgical calendar!

The Christian holy day of **Pentecost** is celebrated fifty days after Easter Sunday, and is also regarded as the birthday of the Christian Church. Pentecost also commemorates the descent of the **Holy Spirit** when the apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ were celebrating the Jewish festival of the Feast of Weeks. The apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ were celebrating this festival when the Holy Spirit descended on them. It sounded like a very strong wind, and it looked like tongues of fire. The apostles then found themselves speaking in foreign languages, inspired by the Holy Spirit. People passing by thought that they must be drunk, but Peter told the crowd that the apostles were full of the Holy Spirit. The **FIVE SYMBOLS OF PENTECOST** include:

- **WIND** - Representing God's first breath of love (Ruah) into all creation. A "driving wind" surrounded the apostles on that first Pentecost to strengthen their faith. The breath of the Holy Spirit also strengthens and challenges God's people on their faith journey.
- **FIRE** – Representing the Holy Spirit, who filled the apostles with enthusiasm, replacing their fears with courage to go forth and share Christ's story. "Tongues of fire ...came to rest on each of them."
- **RED** – The color of liturgical vestments on Pentecost, representing the dynamic Holy Spirit and the zeal of those who open their hearts to the Spirit.
- **WATER** – Represents new life and commitment first made at the time of our baptism and renewed throughout our faith lives.
- **DOVE** – Representing the Holy Spirit that descended "like a dove" and hovered over Jesus when He was baptized. It is a symbol of peace.

May God's peace be with you all during this Pentecost Season!

Blessings ~ Brian



June, 2021
First Lutheran Church
Contemporary Worship

Kimberly King
Worship Leader & Coordinator of Contemporary Worship
Sacred Fire – Praise Team

Hello Everyone,

I was feeling drawn to read through the Psalms. It is filled with wonderful words of faith, encouragement, and life guidance. Here are some verses:

Psalm 1: 6 For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

Psalm 23: 3 He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

Psalm 27: 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 27: 11 Teach me your way, Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

Psalm 27:14 Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

Psalm 37: 4 Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 51:10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Psalm 51: 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Psalm 91:2 I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

(All in NIV version)

Our Contemporary Worship Service continues each Sunday at **9:00am** in our Worship Center in the lower level of the church. The service last 30 - 35 minutes. The first Sunday of each month we will offer Holy Communion (COVID safe).

Masks are required and temperatures will no longer be taken at the door. Please keep 6 feet distance from others and use social distancing inside the church and entrance areas. The service is planned with safety and health precautions for you and your family, while keeping a relaxed and friendly environment. Seating is spread out with variations for singles, couples and families.

The service is videotaped each week and posted on Facebook, Vimeo and on our new church website, for those who would like to remain at home. You have access to our current and past Contemporary Services on both our church Facebook page, Sacred Fire's page and on Vimeo.com. On Vimeo, search First Lutheran Contemporary Service and Sunday's date. For example, First Lutheran Contemporary Service 5.16.2021. Don't forget to share these services with your friends and family!! A GREAT Outreach Ministry!!

You can continue to listen to contemporary music and inspiring messages everyday on FM radio channel 90.9 Family Life Network Or online at fln.org. Also, on Sirius XM radio, "The Message" on channel 63.

If you are looking for a devotional type inspiration, check out www.youversion.com Great site! They have an "App" too.

Remember that God is ALWAYS with us!!

As God continues to shine Love and Blessings on you! Remember to share God's Love with others!!

Take Care and Be Safe!!

God's Blessings to you all

From All of Sacred Fire and

Kimberly King, Worship Leader and Coordinator of Contemporary Worship



Income & Expenses through April, 2021

Month	Income	Expense	Total
January	*66,770	40,226	26,544
February	18,785	19,887	-1,102
March	23,295	24,553	-1,258
April	*57,791	14,919	42,872
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
Total	166,641	99,585	67,056

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Attendance for May

May	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday
2020	N/A	N/A
2021	88	88
	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday
2020	N/A	N/A
2021	72	101

*** 40,000 from Endowment**
Thank you to all who are mailing their offering!

On-Line Views of Worship Video

Date	Contemporary & Traditional	Total
4/18/2021		135
4/25/2021		111
5/2/2021		111
5/9/2021		104

Graduates

Do you have someone graduating from high school, college, or the military this spring? Please send us their name, date of graduation, where graduating from, what degree and future plans. We would like to include this information in July's newsletter, so we need the information in the church office no later than Wednesday, June 16th.



Sunday School News

We are continuing with Remote Sunday School with videos being posted weekly to the First Lutheran Sunday School Jamestown, NY page. We are posting videos for Preschool/Kindergarteners, Grades 1-3 and then Grades 4-6. All the students were given leaflets that go with the lessons. The children and their parents can send pictures on Messenger to Tracy Grey or post to the Sunday School page of completed pages. If your child didn't receive the leaflets, please contact the Church office of Tracy Grey 485-3754. Thank you to all the parents and kids who are working so hard this year!!

Thank You!
Tracy Grey

Thank You From the Family of Heather Potter

We would like to thank the entire First Lutheran Church Family for their prayers, gifts and support for us during the tragic loss of our beloved daughter Heather Potter. Special thanks go out to Pastor Dan Rumpfelt, Brian Bogey, the Church Council and the Knitting Ministry. Heather loved First Lutheran Church. We now know that First Lutheran loved her back. God bless you all.

Scott and Brenda Johnson

Church Mailing Address

When mailing information to the church please use:
120 Chandler Street, Jamestown, NY 14701.
We are trying not to use the PO Box any more.

PASTORAL CALL COMMITTEE

The Church Council would like to thank the following individuals who have accepted the Council's invitation to be on the Call Committee for a new pastor:

Hannah Dearman
Brenda Ecklund
Gail Espinoza
Julie Gable
Tracy Grey
Peter Larson (Chairperson)
Lee Lindeman
Glen Utter

(Jeanine & Mike Dearman – Non-Voting Members)

PARISH RECORD

Funeral for Heather M. Potter on 5/8/2021.
Celebration of Life for Wayne Allen
Schuver, Sr. on 5/15/2021.
Funeral for Marcia A. Eckman on 5/20/2021.

Confirmed in Christ

May 23, 2021

Cole Bloomquist
Grayson Bloomquist
Lincoln Carpenter
Cooper Shelters
Hanna Sorenson

Confirmation Class Schedule for June

Confirmation classes will not meet in June.



Baptismal Anniversaries

SCRIPTURE READINGS IN JUNE

Lectionary 10

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 6th

Genesis 3:8-15

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

Lectionary 11

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 13th

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm 92:1-4,12-15

2 Corinthians 5:6-10[11-13]14-17

Mark 4:26-34

Lectionary 12

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 20th

Job 38:1-11

Psalm 107:1-3,23-32

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

Lectionary 13

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 27th

Lamentations 3:22-33

Psalm 30

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

We celebrate with you!

*indicates birthday when baptism is not known

June Baptisms:

- 6/1 Gregg Rhodes
6/2 Michael Perry
Sharon Rissel
6/3 Shelly Ryberg
6/4 Kenzie Carpenter
6/5 Ned Lindstrom
6/6 Brian Bogey
Judith Rhodes
6/7 Doris Bergfeldt
Ava Palmquist
Karen Palmquist
Bette Peterson
6/8 Abby Anthony
Kimberly Larson
6/9 Alexa Bloomquist
6/10 Elnora Peterson
Matthew Rhodes
Lily Syracuse
6/11 Matthew Peterson
Andrew Peterson
6/13 Richard Kraft
6/15 Aaron Linn
*6/15 Douglas Anthony
*6/17 Nannette Doolittle
*6/17 Abby Manelick
6/18 Kristy Winchester
6/21 Michael Dearman
Howard W. Lindstrom
6/22 Rhett Conti
6/23 Carol Ingrao
6/24 Cole Bloomquist
Grayson Bloomquist

Kathleen Ziebart
 6/25 Marie Hill
 Kristin Seekings
 6/26 Giana Cusimano
 6/27 Donald Smith
 Isabelle Smith
 6/28 Collyns Baglia
 6/29 Rowen Toth
 Steve Toth
 6/30 Daniel Kling
 Carey Skelton

Synod Mission Message



PEACE NOT WALLS...

...is the name of the branch of the ELCA Advocacy ministry that works for justice and peace in Palestine and Israel. In the news lately, you have undoubtedly seen the renewal of hostilities between the two. Regardless where your sympathies lie, the ELCA accompanies both to promote respect for human rights, reconciliation, and peace. ELCA's primary companion in this work is the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, and the two church bodies are members of the Lutheran World Federation.

In recent weeks, the Israeli government has made plans to remove Palestinians from their own homes in East Jerusalem so Israelis can live there. Even though Israel has made very positive progress on COVID vaccinations, very few Palestinians have had the opportunity to get it, and COVID deaths in Gaza and the West Bank have been disproportionately high. During the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, Israeli security forces impeded

access to the Al-Aqsa Mosque, and even attacked worshippers. Rockets have destroyed entire neighborhoods in Gaza, while Israel's sophisticated defense system prevents most of the damage from Palestinian weapons. These events are in addition to the decades-long military incursions, restrictions on movement, limited access to worship, health care, education, farmland, and clean water. Of course, there has been damage and death on the Israel side too, but significantly less.

ELCA Advocacy brings these situations to light so that we can express our concern to our elected officials, so that we can pray for solutions, so that we can knowledgeably discuss the issues. Peace Not Walls exists because of your mission support.

Thank you!

We are church together for the sake of the world.
 God's Work. Our Hands.



**Prayer Ventures
 June 2021**

1 Give thanks for the ELCA's commitment to being an inviting and welcoming church that reflects and embraces the diversity of our communities and the gifts and opportunities it brings. Pray that we will always be learning and reforming, discerning how to do God's work in a diverse world, and inviting and equipping one another for this essential work.

2 Pray for seasonal workers who depend on summer income for their livelihood, that they will find safe, fulfilling employment that pays a fair wage. Pray

that we will express our gratitude and respect for their work and service.

3 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assemblies of the Upstate New York and North Carolina synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

4 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assemblies of the Western North Dakota, Southwest California, Central/Southern Illinois, Montana, Delaware-Maryland, Metropolitan Washington, D.C., south Dakota, Central States, Southern Ohio, Allegheny and Lower Susquehanna synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

5 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assemblies of the Nebraska, Northeastern Pennsylvania, Southwestern Texas, Southeastern and Metropolitan Chicago synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

6 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assembly of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

7 Give thanks that — through grace, faith in Christ and obedience to the will and ways of God — we are embraced as children of God, siblings in Christ.

8 Pray for nations experiencing repeated waves of COVID-19 infection and communities impacted and struggling, and pray that their health care workers, medical facilities and efforts to vaccinate as many people as possible will slow the pandemic.

9 Pray that we will be patient and attentive to how God answers our prayers and speaks to us, especially in ways we do not seek or expect.

10 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assembly of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

11 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assemblies of the Grand Canyon, Northeastern Ohio, La Crosse Area, Indiana-Kentucky, and Northwestern Pennsylvania synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

12 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assemblies of the New England, Virginia and Northeastern Iowa synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

13 When we read the parables of Jesus, we sometimes default to rote explanations of their meaning. Pray that we will hear and read Scripture with hearts and minds open to learning, insight and fresh connection to our daily life.

14 Give thanks for ELCA resources that nurture our faith and spiritual growth during times of physical distancing, including *Living Lutheran* magazine, blogs and newsletters, daily Bible readings and ELCA World Hunger's at-home vacation Bible school program guide.

15 "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" Give thanks and praise to God for reminding us that we are made new each day through God's mercy and grace.

16 Pray for the Spirit to inspire us to create and share new expressions of our faith and theology through art, music and writing that speak to all generations and the diverse contexts of people in our communities.

17 Give thanks all day long to God for God's unwavering love and the joy and hope it stirs within us, which overflows to the people around us.

18 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assemblies of the Northern Illinois and Caribbean synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

19 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

20 Pray that God's power, presence and love will ease our fears and uncertainties, calm the storms in our lives and strengthen our faith so that we will be bold and tireless disciples who do God's work in the world, share the gospel and serve our neighbor.

21 Remember in prayer fathers who strive to be loving, caring, wise and influential parents, including fathers who are new parents or single parents, who are deployed in the military or incarcerated, or who experience separation from family while traveling for their work.

22 Give thanks and praise for God's great works and attention to our prayers, both when we are alone and when we gather as a community of faith.

23 Pray for the 300-plus health and human service organizations of the Lutheran Services in America alliance, which serve 6 million people every year across our country in response to God's call to love our neighbors of all ages, needs and circumstances.

24 We acknowledge that it is not always easy to follow Christ, bear the gospel or do God's work in the world. Give thanks that together, as siblings in Christ, we can turn to one another with our burdens and receive support and encouragement.

25 Pause today and take in the wonders of God's creation. Give thanks for the joy, wonder and awesome complexity of nature and the universe, and ask God to help us be mindful, responsible and respectful stewards of creation.

26 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the South Carolina Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

27 Pray that we will serve our neighbors and invite others to believe and to join our communities of faith without bias, judgment, hesitation, obstruction or condition.

28 Pray for God's strength, comfort and vision when we are weary or overwhelmed or cannot see beyond times of despair; ask the Spirit to fill us with faith, hope and empathy so that we can support, care for and encourage our neighbors who are struggling.

29 Guided by the generous, compassionate and kind actions of Jesus, ask the Spirit to fill us with eagerness to work together and share our abundance with our neighbors so that all will have the resources, food and opportunities needed to thrive and be well.

30 Ask God to help us reflect on our nation, its history, its institutions and this church with honesty, humility, repentance and gratitude, united in our vision and determined to be more just, equitable, inclusive and responsive to our neighbors in need.

**Faithful Learning And Teaching
Together (FLATT):
June Offerings**

Sign Up:

<https://forms.gle/BmAUTqc32cp53HGY6>

**African American History: Emancipation
to Juneteenth**

June 9 and 16, 7-8PM

Leader: Pastor Mack Smith

About the sessions:

June 9 - African American History: A captivating guide to the people and events that help to shape the US from Emancipation to Juneteenth (1861-1867)

June 16 Juneteenth: The facts, why we celebrate it, the history, the spirit of Juneteenth and things to know about the history of Juneteenth

**Called to Lead: God's Call, Your
Vocation**

June 17 at 10AM and 7PM (CHOOSE ONE SESSION, CONTENT IS THE SAME FOR BOTH TIMES)

Leader: Julie Grindle

Have you wondered about God's call in your life? Have you considered rostered ministry in the ELCA? The presentation and discussion will be based on the document, "Called to Lead". A copy will be provided prior to the session.

**Book Group: Christian Minimalism:
Simple Steps for Abundant
Living by Becca Ehrlich**

June 23, 1PM

The author, Pastor Becca Ehrlich (our interim DEM), will be with us for conversation!

About the book (from the Amazon website): "Logically, we all know our purpose in life is not wrapped up in accumulating possessions, wealth, power, and prestige-- Jesus is very clear about that--but society tells us otherwise. Christian Minimalism attempts to cut through our assumptions and society's lies about what life should look like and invites readers into a life that Jesus calls us to live: one lived intentionally, free of physical, spiritual, and emotional clutter.

"Written by a woman who simplified her own life and practices these principles daily, this book gives readers a fresh perspective on how to live out God's grace for us in new and exciting ways and live out our faith in a way that is deeply satisfying."

Order the book:

<https://www.amazon.com/Christian-Minimalism-Simple-Abundant-Living/dp/1640653880>

**Dwelling in the Movement of the Spirit:
Sermons that Spark Connection with the
Divine**

June 11, 18, 25, July 2 at 9:30 AM

Leader: Pastor Lori Kochanski

About the sessions: Each week we will read and listen to sermons by a different preacher. When we meet on Fridays we will have conversations about what we noticed, experienced, heard and felt as we listened.

June 11 Introduction

June 18 Barbara Taylor Brown

June 25 Renita Weems

July 2 Barbara Lundblad



Psalm 30

D	L	A	J	O	Y	Y	H	P	R	A	I	S	E
A	A	F	E	L	O	N	A	N	M	Y	G	L	L
N	D	I	P	J	L	O	R	D	O	N	N	I	L
C	H	D	M	E	R	C	Y	G	U	A	I	F	P
I	F	A	I	T	H	F	U	L	N	Y	P	E	E
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WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service
Contemporary Worship Center

10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
Main Sanctuary

The Council has made a few updates for June
These are highlighted in RED

- If you are ill, we ask that you remain at home out of concern for the health and wellbeing of others
- We will wear masks – Bring yours from home
- Temperatures will **no longer** be taken when entering the building
- Hand sanitizer stations will be in place at entrances to the church and worship areas
- Everyone will be asked to fill out attendance cards
 - These cards will be used to contact individuals if someone tests positive for COVID19 at a later date
 - Please place the cards on the chair/pew where you are seated
- Social distancing will be practiced
 - Chairs will be spaced six feet apart
 - **Pews in the Nave will no longer be blocked, but please continue to practice social distancing**
- Offerings will be placed in a box at the entrance to the worship area
- **The congregation may now sing liturgy and hymns**
- Holy Communion will be celebrated on the first Sunday of the month with personal communion cups.
- We will video record both worship services and post the recordings online through: Vimeo, YouTube, Facebook and the First Lutheran website: flcjny.org
- Worship services will be approximately 30 minutes in length

We will adjust our practices as health concerns evolve.

We will celebrate Jesus Christ, risen from the grave!

We understand that some of our church family will refrain from attending worship due to health concerns. This is a personal choice and we support all our family in this decision-making process.

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