

First Edition

Where the News is Good!

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Do you have Questions? Or Feedback? A Suggestion?

Contact a Congregation Council Member listed below.

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Changes Coming Up In September

Contemporary Service at 9:00 AM

Sunday School in Person at 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM

Traditional Service at 11:00 AM

Sacred Fire and the Choir will also be starting to help lead worship



The pandemic separated us. For so long, masks and personal isolation served as our primary shield from infection. Worship consisted of online devotional postings. Such practices kept most of us and our loved ones safe. Last August we began in-person worship at First, with screening, social distancing, masks, no singing, no communion, no Sacred Fire, no Choir. Still, with attendance in the 40s at most services, we began to gather, to congregate.

Today we can gather without masks, we freely open our voices in song, we commune monthly. For a little while more, we respectfully ask those who are not fully vaccinated to continue to wear a mask and we still encourage social distancing in our seating. But our focus looks forward to a fuller gathering, to congregate more and more in-person.

Digital video recording and posting of our services has been a sacred link holding us together even when we were not physically present. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Les and Kim King for recording and posting the Contemporary Service and Jane Young and Marika Koch for doing the same with the Traditional Service. Many people take advantage of the postings. Video allows us to listen to the soloists, hear the reading of the Word, think upon the sermon and bow our heads in prayer. They provide connection to those for whom in-person worship is not an option, during inclement weather and to those who suffer illness.

But video posts are not the same as gathering in person. Do they immerse us in the fullness of the worship experience? Do we feel the engagement of a song sung live or the reverberations of the organ? Can we hear around us the voices of the congregation in spoken response and in song? Do we see one another? Offer peace to one another? What a video post cannot replicate is presence: The Congregation. The people gathered in worship, the people in fellowship.

The word “congregation” is well chosen to describe us. Its root goes back to shepherding: “*To gather the flock.*” One lamb next to the other, called together by the Shepherd, our Lord Jesus Christ, who died and rose that we might be his own. Congregate. Gather the flock.

Gathering is in the language of our past and present. The Hebrew term “Synagogue” means *Gather Together*. The ancient Greek word “Ecclesia” means *Call Together*. Even the simple word “Church” is rooted in a word some might still recognize: “Kyrie.” Greek for *Lord*. We are a people called and gathered together by the Lord. This is why we use the words we do. “Communion” is another: *With Oneness*.

With oneness we can look forward to more and more of us gathering in person for worship. Gathering in person to sing and pray and listen and commune side by side. To simply see each other again. There is joy in such gathering, nurture in such gathering, inspiration and hope and comfort in such gathering that cannot be replicated. Congregate. Gather the flock as the Shepherd calls us. Sing praise, side by side, to God.

Pastor Dan Rumfelt



FAMILY LIBRARY NEWS AUGUST 2021

The Family Library is open Sunday mornings and by special request. Thank you to the congregation for the ongoing support. God bless.



We extend a sincere thank you to the following people:

Memorial Fund
In Memory of Billy Banks by:
Marcia Rupp

Memorial Fund
In Memory of Heather Potter by:
Robin & Robert Jordan

Memorial Fund – Drive Through
In Memory of Donald Hendrickson by:
Joyce & Steve Tedquist

Memorial Fund – Building Endowment
Gregg Guichard



July, 2021

- Correspondence
 - William A Smith & Son, Ins
 - 4 Imprint- branding First Lutheran on items – shirts, hat, banners, etc
- Committee Reports
 - Worship & Music- will speak with Pastor Dan R to have committee schedule a meeting soon to see about moving time of each service and accommodate Sunday School, Choir practice and coffee hour
 - Property – Jim will contact Ryan Patti to see if the drive thru is still on track for a September start. Paul Johnson spoke with Electrician Craig Marker about sending a quote for electrical work. Still awaiting response from the Superintendent of JPS on the parking lot issue which sparked much discussion within the council.

- Call Committee – Mike Laurin & Jim Wahlberg will contact Peter Larson, Chair, to discuss and clarify any questions for the next candidate that the Synod sends
- Stewardship / Pledge Cards – Paul Johnson , Brenda Johnson, Martha Paulson, Karen Linn, and maybe Beth Johnson will take the reins on this committee – to start in September
- Treasurer’s Report – Nothing has changed but expenses are down, and receipts remain steady. Waiting for some planned expenses to occur.
- Personnel – no expenditure on this line item for Pastor
- Finance Committee – only Terry Horner and one other person. We need to identify active committee members for annual report
- Endowment Committee – same with this committee – need to identify members
- **OLD BUSINESS**
 - Stewardship event to gather people together – hopefully outside
 - Driveway project is still slated for September start
 - Ideas for Missions
 - Our mission should be to the members of First Lutheran and then to all Lutherans that have not been to church in a while. We need to make a safe harbor for them here at First Lutheran.
- As Covid restrictions are lifted, we need to know that we will follow the CDC guidelines with masks – Fully vaccinated do not need to wear masks unless by choice, but those that are **NOT VACCINATED**, will continue to wear masks within the building and services.
 - Marcia will need assistance with coffee hour each week – all aspects
- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - We will draft a letter to congratulate our new Bishop, Lee Mathers Miller II
 - 4 imprint – we will look into the printing of items labeled with First Lutheran
 - We will ask for a quote on insurance coverage from Wm A Smith & Son Ins
 - David Nielson has requested to have a 100th birthday party for his mother on September 18th, it will be 30-40 people by invitation - approved
 - Community Music Project has requested to hold a Memorial concert in the Nave on November 7th – approved
 - Thule Folk dancers would like to practice – Jim will get more details on day and time

Newsletter DEADLINE

The deadline for articles for the September 2021, *First Edition* newsletter is Wednesday, August 18th. 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 and also in
the Little Library**

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

Thank You

Dear Members of First Lutheran Church, the
Knitting Ministry and Altar Society-

Thank you for welcoming our daughter,
Nora Isabelle, into the church with love at
her baptism. We appreciate Pastor Dan
performing the baptism, for the beautiful
flowers we were gifted, and for the pink
blanket skillfully knitted with care. It was a
special day!

With appreciation,
Megan Sorenson and Mark Roetzer

Dear First Lutheran Friends,

I know I speak for Mrs. Elf in saying that we
cannot sufficiently express our appreciation
for all of your support.

As conveyed to the council in June, we owe
special thanks to Pastors Dan Nagle and Dan
Rumfelt, who have stood by us all along the
way, to Pastor Paul Messner who has stood by
us all along the way and who also presided at
Mrs. Elf's June 12, 2021, memorial service, to
office manager Liz Lobb and sexton Mike
Thompson for assisting in pulling the service
together, to Gail Espinoza for sharing her
wonderful organ talents during the service, to
Jane Young for recording the service, to
Brenda Ecklund and Sally Stohl for taking
care of communion, and to the council and all
of you, not only for your hospitality but also
for your encouragement.

All of this means even more than you know.

Thank you so much,
Randy Elf



NOTES FROM THE LOFT

August 2021

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

I hope that everyone is having a relaxing and enjoyable summer. I am thinking ahead to this coming September and the fall musical season. With Covid regulations relaxing from the CDC, I am hoping to start up choir once again. Several church choirs in the area have already started this past spring. Just think, we have not sung together since last year March 8, 2020, which was the 2nd Sunday in Lent, and we sang the famous anthem “God So Loved the World” by Sir John Stainer. We didn’t realize that this would be the last time we would sing together until this coming September, an 18-month span! A lot has happened in the interim and we thank the Lord that things are starting to open up once again and that we are returning to some semblance of normalcy.

In September, we will be returning to our regular Sunday Morning Schedule with Contemporary Worship at 9 am; in-house Sunday School at 10 am; and Traditional Worship at 11 a.m. I am proposing that we only have choir rehearsals on Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in the choir room with a coffee break from 10:30 am on, and then sing and lead worship at the 11 am Worship Service. There will be no scheduled Wednesday night rehearsals at least for the foreseeable future. We will also be returning to the full sung liturgy at the 11 am Traditional Worship Service.

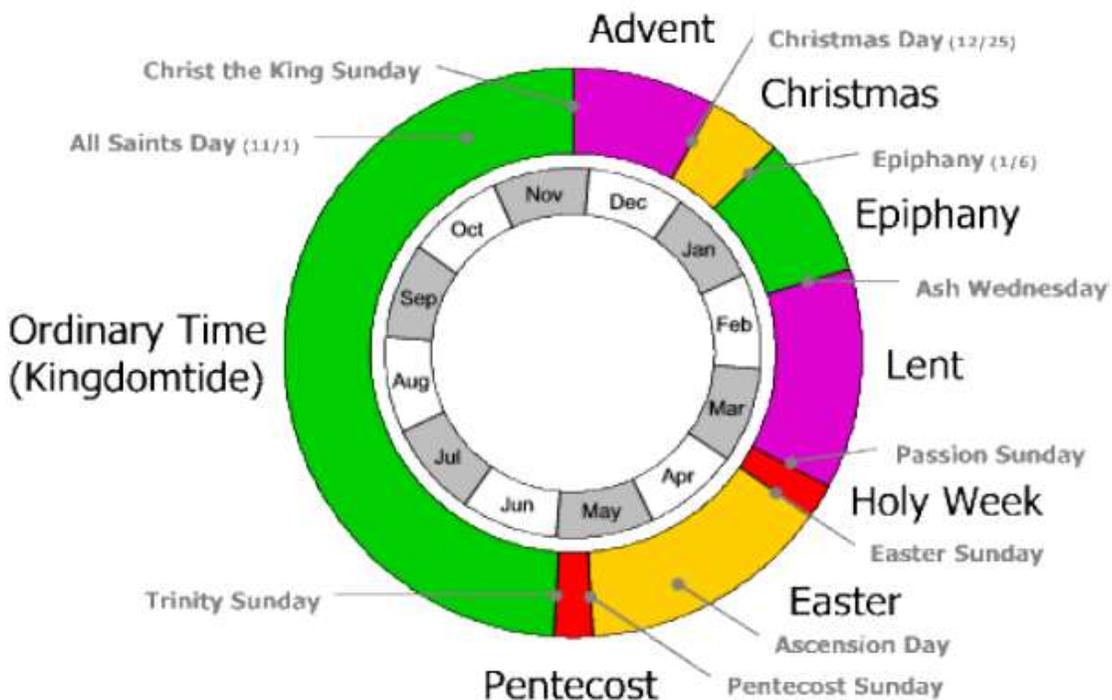
The same CDC rules will apply that includes all those who have been vaccinated will not have to wear a mask, and those who have not been vaccinated are to wear a mask. For those who have been vaccinated and still desire to wear a mask, that is fine. We also have a mask and a Z-Shield in every choir member’s choral folder slot located in our musical folder cabinet located in the choir room along with your choir folder and anthems. We will have appropriate spacing between choir members that is currently at three feet, down from the original twelve feet separation! But I have noticed that several schools allowed

their choirs & bands to perform next to each other without masks in their outside Commencement venues! We have come a long way!

Our first choir rehearsal is going to be scheduled for Sunday, September 12th at 9:30 am in the choir room. I hope that as many as possible will be able to join us in fellowship and song as we celebrate our togetherness in the Lord, and joyfully worship our risen Lord in the Ministry of Music once again! Also, I would like to invite anyone who would like to join us who has not sung with the choir previously or who have sung with us but have taken a respite, to join our choir family! The First Lutheran Choir is one of the most active organizations here at First Lutheran and WE WELCOME YOU! I would appreciate if everyone who plans to join the choir this year would let me know your intention by emailing at bbogey@flcjny.org. Thanks again for all of your loyal support and participation in our church's choral music program!

Blessings ~ Brian

In this month's issue of the "First Edition," I would like to present a potpourri of subject matter. The first topic deals with "**The Seasons of the Liturgical Year**" that I covered in the March, April, May, and June issues of the "First Edition." The following graphic beautifully illustrates the various colorful liturgical seasons that Christians celebrate throughout the church year.



The second item refers back to last month's "First Edition" when I talked about the "The Joy of Making Music." The following expresses what "Music Is!"

Music is life
Music is love
Music is joyful
Music is peaceful
Music is a journal
Music has feelings
Music has emotion
Music tells stories
Music is unpredictable
Music is exciting
Music is lift
Never stop the Music!

**Musical Blessings to one and all,
Brian**

**ATTENTION TO ALL THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SERVE THEIR
CHURCH IN A VERY SPECIAL WAY:**

We are currently looking for anyone interested in running the Video Camera for the Traditional Worship Service on Sunday mornings. This would not have to be every Sunday of the church year as it would be shared with Jane Young, our current videographer. Please contact Jane Young at jly3595@gmail.com. or Brian Bogey at bbogey@flcjny.org.

August, 2021
First Lutheran Church
Contemporary Worship

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

Hello Everyone,

Last month, I focused on the song, “Jesus Loves Me.” Since then I have researched more on the history of how the song was written and the composer of this childhood favorite song. The story begins with sisters’ Susan and Anna Warner. The words first appeared in a poem that was in an 1860 novel “Say and Seal”, by the older sister Susan. Take a moment and “Google” this song and read about how the song developed from the poem to a treasured hymn. Also, see if you can find the connection between West Point Military Academy and the sisters.

This Sunday, July 18th, we will be reading the 23rd Psalm. Which will have passed by the time you receive this newsletter, but that’s ok, because reflection on this Psalm is great on any day!! This psalm is treasured by all of us and probably brings different meaning and reflection for everyone. I have a book by Marty Parks entitled, “Quiet Moments for Worship Leaders”. There is a devotion in this book on Psalm 23 focusing on the 4th verse. “I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”

With all the troubles David faced, think about what this scripture must have meant to him and how he was inspired to write these words. As you read this Psalm noticed that David says “whom shall I fear”, you are with me Lord and I will lack nothing.” “Lord, you will guide me along the right paths and you will comfort me.” “Surely your goodness and love will follow me all my days and I will dwell in the house of the Lord, Forever.”

What a huge FAITH and Personal walk with God, David must have had. It is really hard to fully comprehend the depth of David’s faith. Also, his unbelievable talent to write Psalms (songs). This is a true Gift from God. So many of his Psalms he wrote are in so many of our Christian music.

Let us take these words of David and truly let them comfort us and guide us in our everyday walk with God. Really trusting that he is always here for us and is a Good and Faithful Shepherd!!

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 offer Holy Communion (COVID safe).

Great News!! Sacred Fire will be joining us soon in praise and worship, yeah!!!! Keep the faith and be ready to sing!!

This service is videotaped each week and posted on Facebook, Vimeo and on our new church website. 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

Save the Date!

Sunday, September 12, 2021

First Lutheran "Reconnect"

Fellowship, Dinner, and a Magnificent View of the Lake!

Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center

Details to follow



Income & Expenses through June, 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	14,209	25,246	-11,037
June	21,247	19,958	1,289
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
Total	202,097	144,789	57,308

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

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Silverdale, WA 98383

CAPT Eric Spitzer
850 Ticonderoga St., Ste. 100
JBPHH, HI 96860-5102

Attendance for July

July	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday
2020	N/A	N/A
2021	73	77
	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday
2020	N/A	N/A
2021	70	91

On-Line Views of Worship Video

Date	Contemporary & Traditional	Total
6/20/201		84
6/27/21		89
7/04/21		91
7/11/21		110
7/18/21		93

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.



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!!

Sunday School Returns In Person on Sunday September 12 with Rally Day! Look for more details to follow!! We can't wait to see all of your faces and catch up in person.

Thank You!
Tracy Grey

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 William L. Michalski Jr. on Friday, July 2, 2021

Confirmation Class Schedule for August

Confirmation classes will not meet in August.

Mission at FLC

As the world returns to normal, I wanted to share with everyone news of ongoing missions at FLC.

1. The Little Library has been moved to accommodate the construction on the new entrance. It continues to be used as books fairly fly out of it. Thank you to everyone who contributes reading material for our neighbors.
2. The shawl ministry continues to provide shawls to those who lost loved ones or who are struggling with illness. It also provides lovely knit blankets for all our new members at their Baptisms. We have a nice stack of fleece blankets for those who are a little older at the time of their Baptism. Thank you for all who participate in this Mission.
3. In 2019 The Thrift Shop on the third floor provided \$500 that allowed us to purchase socks and underwear for students in need at JHS. WE plan to repeat this mission in the coming school year.
4. A group of ladies from our church and some from the greater Jamestown area continue to sew reusable menstrual pads for young women in Haiti. In addition, they have made bags for the kits that are assembled and have donated washcloths, safety pins, and bars of soap to help complete the kits. Last year at the height of the Pandemic, the group produced around 300 pads and 3 dozen bags. AWESOME!! We will get together this coming March to continue.
5. The local food pantry at Tree of Life continues to benefit from donations of non-perishable goods to help feed those in need.

Mission is alive and well at First Lutheran,



SCRIPTURE READINGS IN AUGUST

Lectionary 18

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 1st

Exodus 16:2-4,9-15

Psalm 78:23-29

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

Lectionary 19

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 8th

1Kings 19:4-8

Psalm 34:1-8

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35,41-51

Mary, Mother of Our Lord

Lectionary 20

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 15th

Isaiah 61:7-11

Psalm 34:1-9

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 1:46-55

Lectionary 21

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22nd

Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

Psalm 34:15-22

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

Lectionary 22

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29th

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9

Psalm 15

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

**Baptismal
Anniversaries**

We celebrate with you!

*indicates birthday when baptism is not known

August

- 01 Makenzie Sletten
- 03 Lynn Novo
Cynthia Olson
Clark Stohl
- 03* Karen Peterson
- 05 Brenda Ecklund
Sandra Elander
Wyatt Sorenson
- 06 Michaela Gibson
Aaron Samuelson
Tamera Samuelson
William Westerberg
- 08 Abigail Town
- 08* Jeffrey Clauson
- 09 Morgan Johnson
- 09* Dana Priestman
- 10 Jedd Jaroszynski
- 11 Mikayla Johnson
- 12 Sophia Dixson
- 13 Myron Rew
Brittany Wright
- 14 Linnea Toth
- 16 Richard Schwartz
Sawyer Whalen
- 16* Bethany Peterson
- 18 Crew Olson
- 18* Katie Finch
- 20 Corbin Costantini
- 21 Joseph Bednarik
Meredith Toth
- 22 Mary Whitehead
- 22* Audrey White

- 23 Ciaran Skelton
- 25 Caroljean Almquist
- 26 Bruce Main
- 27 Alexa Gozdalski
- 28 Connor Flores
- 29 Patricia Micciche'
Donald Sandy
- 29* Daniel Overcash
- 30 Tucker Leone
- 31 Cara Laurin
Karen Peru
Christian Seekings



Prayer Ventures August 2021

1 What do we seek or yearn for when we follow Christ; what proof do we plead for when told of God’s presence, activity and infinite power? Pray that the Spirit will stir in us an enduring faith in God’s word and promises that does not depend on miracles, signs or personal favors.

2 Pray for people in our country and around the world who are suffering from persistent drought and extreme heat. Ask God to keep them safe, restore life-giving water to their lands and grant us the wisdom to use our water resources with respect, responsibility, restraint and concern for the present and the future.

3 Pray for women of all ages convening digitally for the Eleventh Triennial Convention of the Women of the ELCA. Pray for their time together as they

conduct business, elect leaders, grow in faith, support and encourage one another, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, our society and the world.

4 Pray for young-adult, lay and professional religious leaders participating in the interreligious summer school of the World Council of Churches’ Bossey Ecumenical Institute in Switzerland. The summer school will examine issues of religious pluralism and intercultural acceptance in a society based on migration and globalization.

5 Though we have different gifts, perspectives, life experiences and passions as siblings in Christ and children of God, pray that we will receive and take to heart God’s assurance that our faith and baptism unite us to do God’s work in the world, together.

6 Pray for our ELCA missionaries serving alongside companion churches and organizations in Slovakia: Rachel Bossuyt, Megan Freudenberg, Jonathan Kent, Jennifer Norberg, Edward Patricks, Naomi and Nicholas Sveholm, the Rev. Kyle and Anna Svenningsen, John Rogers and Sue Strekal.

7 Remember in prayer victims of gun violence, their families and friends, impacted communities and all who are working to prevent gun violence in our country. Ask God to remind us that when anyone suffers, grieves or experiences trauma, we are all affected.

8 Give thanks that God reveals the true Jesus and what he has accomplished for humankind through Scripture and the work of the Spirit. When gathering for the sacramental meal, give thanks for the clarity of Jesus’ words: “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh” (John 6:51).

9 Give thanks for the critical work and ministry we accomplish together in the world through Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR). Our generous support and prayers and the work of LDR and its partners bring God’s hope, healing, renewal and assistance to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world.

10 Pray for teachers, school staff and administrators who have begun a new school year, and for those who are preparing to open schools. Ask God to sharpen their wisdom and judgment as they make decisions for protecting the health and well-being of students and responding to social, emotional and academic needs that have surfaced because of the pandemic.

11 We are not perfect in our actions, motives or relationships, but we can be imitators of Jesus and follow Paul's urging to "put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:31-32). Give thanks and praise that we live each day in God's grace and forgiveness.

12 *International Youth Day: "Transforming Food Systems"* Pray for youth and adults working together to implement stable and sustainable food production, provide equitable food distribution, address nutrition-related chronic diseases, improve nutrition education and decision-making, and seek new solutions to other complex issues related to food systems, nutrition and the environment.

13 Give thanks and praise to God, for the Lord is good, delivers us from our fears and offers a welcoming refuge.

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

15 Pray that Mary's song in the Gospel of Luke will remind us of God's power, mercy, loving kindness, concern for the humble and neighbors in need, and great work in the world for our sake.

16 Pray for Lutheran Men in Mission and other congregational ministries for men, that they will flourish, equip new leaders, respond to the needs of men of all ages, inspire men to share their faith, and help men support one another as they witness to the

gospel through their relationships, actions, service and words.

17 Pray that we will trust and honor God's word and ways, and heed the psalmist's urging: "Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it" (Psalm 34:13-14).

18 Give thanks for our church's commitment to lifelong learning and biblical and theological education for laypeople and leaders through the Lay Schools for Ministry network and other programs.

19 Give thanks to God that the Spirit fills us and gathers us as siblings in Christ to worship and praise our Creator, care for one another, serve our neighbor and share the good news of Christ in our daily life.

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

21 Give thanks for ELCA Racial Justice Ministries, which encourages us to embrace each person and confront barriers of race, ethnicity, culture, class, religion, age, gender, family and sexual orientation that often manifest themselves in unjust treatment, inequality, exclusion and violence.

22 Pray that we will follow Jesus and grow in faith and trust even when we are perplexed by the mysteries of our faith, have questions and doubts, or wonder how to respond to God's call to serve our neighbors and share the gospel.

23 Pray for our ELCA missionaries serving alongside companion churches and organizations in the Middle East and North Africa, including the Rev. Christie Manisto and Steven Saari (Egypt), the Rev. Carrie Ballenger (Israel/Palestine) and the Rev. Gabi and Rev. Meghan Aelabouni (Israel/Palestine).

24 Give thanks and praise that God hears our cries for help, attends to the brokenhearted, saves those whose spirits are crushed and rescues us from our troubles.

25 We pray that God's saving power through Jesus Christ will be known throughout the world, that all may praise God and sing for joy.

26 Thank God for the young adults who have served in Lutheran outdoor ministries this summer, and pray that they will continue to respond to God's call to use their experience, gifts and passion for doing God's work in other settings and ministries throughout the year.

27 Ask God to equip us spiritually with everything we need to resist darkness, evil and temptation so that we will be bold, living witnesses of God's love, mercy, truth, goodness and power.

28 Pray for volunteers, leaders and staff who are planning fall programs for congregations, that these will enable all ages to deepen their faith and their understanding of Scripture, to serve their neighbor, to share the gospel and to do God's work in the world.

29 What Lutheran traditions are most important and influential in your life? Where did they originate, and what is their significance in your congregation? Ask God to open our hearts and minds to reflect on the purpose and impact of our traditions and practices and whether they help us honor God's will and deepen our faith or distract us from enriching our faith and practicing openness and hospitality.

30 Pray for our ELCA colleges, universities and seminaries, that God will bless and further their work of education, encouraging faith, helping students discern their vocations and equipping leaders for the church and world.

31 Pray that the Spirit will fill us with God's goodness and truth, making us hearers and doers of the word — God's word.

“Let Us Pray”



Let us pray. Those three words may seem simple at first, but reveal much more after a closer investigation. Join women from First for a three-session study entitled “Let Us Pray”, beginning

Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 1:30 PM, in the Fellowship Room as we dig deeper into the richness of prayer.

Explore the dynamics of prayer in the lives of people in both the Old and New Testaments. Discover the wide variety of prayers and practices of prayers as well. See how prayer can change our lives in ways we expect and in ways we may not expect. Prayer *is* more than three simple words!

Does this sound intriguing? Then contact Lois Rumfelt (664-4409 or rumfelt@stny.rr.com), for more info. Note: All sessions – the *third* Thursday, September – November, 1:30 PM, in the Fellowship Room.

First Lutheran Men's Group Breakfast

Wednesdays at 7:30 am

“The Eatery”

180 Fluvanna Avenue
Jamestown, NY 14701

First Lutheran Woman's Group Breakfast

Thursdays at 9:00 am

Dean's Restaurant

707 Fairmount Avenue
Jamestown, NY 14701

Women ⁱⁿ THE ELCA 
Niagara Frontier & Southwestern Conferences



*Spiritual Renewal ~
Centered
in
Prayer*

Saturday, September 18, 2021

at

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

6360 Route 242E, Ellicottville, New York 14731

Program presented by

Contemplative Outreach Buffalo

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

~ Closing Worship - 2:45 PM ~

Cost: \$10.00

~ Luncheon provided ~

Registration Deadline September 11, 2021

~ Registration forms available by contacting ~

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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 July
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
- **Beginning July 1st masks are no longer required at First Lutheran for those who are fully vaccinated. We respectfully request that those who are not vaccinated please continue to wear a mask inside the building. Thank You!**
- 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.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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