

First Edition

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Visit From The Bishop at First Lutheran

The Bishop Lee M. Miller, II will be coming to First Lutheran on
Sunday, October 3, 2021

The Bishop will be our guest preacher
for both the Contemporary and Traditional Services

The Bishop will also be attending the Adult Sunday School
to do a meet and greet with those in attendance



Joy: To worship at 11 AM at the Traditional Service using a sung liturgy, adding a Hymn of the Day, under the leadership of the First Lutheran Choir once again. Joy looking forward to Bell Choir and to the upcoming visit of Bishop Lee Miller II on Sunday, October 3rd at both services.

Joy: That Jesus our Lord did not seek earthly glory but stayed true to his Father. Jesus knew that the way of our salvation must be the way of the cross. Jesus never wavered from that way.

Joy: When Jesus tried to explain to the disciples that he must die and rise, they did not cotton to the idea. But in the Gospel of John Jesus says, “I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”

Complete Joy: When on the third day God broke the bonds of death and raised Jesus into the bright dawn of Resurrection life that we might share that same resurrection in our own day.

Complete Joy: To have faith in Christ Jesus even in the midst of the new COVID surge, even in the midst of whatever life may throw our way; even what we so often throw at ourselves. Christ Jesus: A foundation of joy that the world cannot compromise.

Complete Joy: So many other joys come and go. That is the way of life. But remember this: the joy that is in Christ Jesus is down in our hearts “*to stay.*”

Pastor Dan Rumfelt

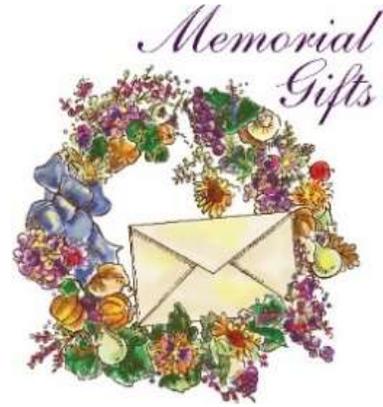
“I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart. *Where?* Down in my heart. *Where?* Down in my heart. I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart. Down in my heart to stay.”

Joy: To drive up to First Lutheran and see all the concrete for our drive-through poured and now curing before we open it to traffic.

Joy: To worship at the Contemporary Service once more under the leadership of Sacred Fire.

Joy: To gather with several of our children on Sunday, September 12th for the first Children’s Message since the pandemic began. Sitting on bright spots for social distancing, masks on. And Stella the star as our guest. Stella was beside herself with happiness. Before the service I’m not sure one of our children knew what to make of me: an old man in a mask. After meeting Stella she gave me a great smile.

Joy: Parents, children, youths gathered in the Memorial Chapel that same day for Rally Day. Getting organized before heading to their classes. Making colorful, glittery stars with their names on them to celebrate that God who made and named all the stars of heaven, knows all their names, too. Joy also to meet two new Confirmation students who will take up their classes this November.



FAMILY LIBRARY NEWS October 2021

Volunteers still needed!

Looking ahead to January through March of next year, I will be in need of volunteers to man the library on Sunday mornings.

Several people have volunteered but many hands make light work. Please consider signing up for one or more Sundays to help out. No experience is necessary and I will have a training session for you to attend if you feel you need some instruction. Please contact me by email at

wendy.j.larson@gmail.com or talk to me in the library on Sunday mornings. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

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 Katherine Carol Santiago by:

Becky Ridder
Brenda Maggio
Beth Alexander
Cynthia & Dale Carlson
Linda Hughes & John Linn

**In Remembrance of Marion & Frank Linn
by:**

Linda Hughes & John Linn

In Memory of Alan “Sam” Keefe by:

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Kelly Hill, Marie Hill & Madelynn
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In Memory of Norma Arvidson by:

Tamera Samuelson & Tore Arvidson

Sacred Fire Fund

In Memory of Heather Potter by:

Kim & Les King



Council Notes

September, 2021

- **Pastor's Report** – Confirmation class will have 1/ 2 new kids; 6/7 people have expressed interest in transferring membership to First to become new members, date TBA; Pastor Dan will retire from Lutheran on October 7th
- **Property:** Michael Laurin will check on the product that UPMC uses on the helipad to melt snow as we could use the same on our new cement because we CANNOT use regular salt- hoping that people do not kick the clunkers off from under their cars on the cement as those would have the salt residue from the roads. Kim King has asked to check into better lighting for the Contemporary service stage and preaching area; R. Patti will let us know when the cement is cured and we can drive on it; looking into more & better cameras with FSC.
- **Personnel Committee:** Michael Laurin has resigned from this committee so we are looking for another member
- **Worship & Music:** would like to have an usher at the front of the Nave early and stay into the beginning of the service, especially on Communion Sundays, to make sure that everyone picks up a Communion kit and

bulletin; Brian Bogey has been sending “Thank you for worshipping with us” acknowledgements to all recent visitors to the Traditional service to make them feel welcome in hopes they will return

- **Stewardship:** we will still have the “reconnect” dinner at some point in the future when it is safe for all

New Business:

- Endowment Committee consists of Pastor, Council Pres + 3 others
- Budgets will be going out to committees be sure to return to Liz
- Tracey Grey has asked to use church facility for JHS booster banquet -Oct 24th
- Lauren Scharf has asked to use church facility for A Cappella Vespers on Dec 12 & 19
- Jane Young would like to hold *committee meetings* for JHS Class of 1972 reunion in Fellowship room – evenings could vary once a month (Tuesday or Wednesday)
- Pastor Dan spoke with our Dean, Derek Cheek to extend an invitation to area Lutheran churches on October 3rd when our new Bishop Lee Mathers Miller II preaches at First Lutheran.

- Youth Room – need to contact our youth for them to have a voice in the design in the youth room
- Mission – with the store being closed at the moment, would like to have a rummage sale to thin out inventory and start over with a different service to community for those in need – in partnership with Social service agencies, schools, counselors by appointment

Newsletter DEADLINE

The deadline for articles for the November 2021, *First Edition* newsletter is Friday, October 15th. Please have all information into the church office by that date. Thank you.



CHRIST IN OUR HOME

Devotional Booklets
October, November, December
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

Becoming the Beloved Community

A conversation about diversity, equity, inclusion & racial righteousness

Speaker is Rev. Paul Robinson - Executive Minister of the Love Mercy Do Justice Mission Priority of The Evangelical Covenant Church

Saturday, October 2, 2021

9 AM – 3 PM

Zion Covenant Church

520 Fairmount Avenue, Jamestown

RSVP @ zioncov.org

No cost for workshop

Lunch donation \$10.00

Two workshops:

Session One: Cultural Competence

9:00 AM - Noon

Join this session to gain insights about intercultural challenges and learn how diversity and inclusion actually helps individuals and organizations.

Lunch: Noon-1:00 PM

Session Two: Racial Reconciliation

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

In this session we learn how to live in right relationship with God and our neighbors.



Thank you to Altar Society for the lovely flowers delivered to me by Diana Gronquist. I am recovering well, and appreciate so much all the prayers, cards and good wishes sent in my recent illness.

Martha Paulson



NOTES FROM THE LOFT

OCTOBER 2021

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

It was great to have the choir return to the loft during the month of September after an eighteenth month departure! From this time onward, we will be rehearsing on the first Wednesday, (October 6th) of each month in the choir room # 9 at 7:00 p.m. This is so we can better prepare for the choral anthems that will be performed during the month ahead. Otherwise, we rehearse each and every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room prior to our 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service. We always welcome new members to join our choir family!

We are so very excited to welcome our newly installed Bishop Lee M. Miller, II to our pulpit on World-Wide Communion Sunday, October 3rd! This exciting event will be Bishop Miller's first official visit to the Southwestern District of the Upstate New York Synod! Many will remember when his father, the Rev. Dr. Lee M. Miller, also Bishop of the Upstate New York Synod, was an Associate Pastor of First Lutheran Church for several years during the 1960's and early 1970's. We also send our special greetings to his mother, Joan, and to his sister Beth and her family!

I remember well the Installation Service of Bishop Miller's late father, the Rev. Dr. Lee M. Miller as Bishop of the Upper New York Synod on September 26, 1992 at the St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Syracuse, New York. Bishop Miller had our First Lutheran Choir sing for the Installation Service and I was the organist for the event. He also had the Bell Choir from the First English Lutheran Church in Lockport, N.Y., where he had previously served as their most recent pastor. Their Bell Choir was known as the Tintinnabulum Ringers! What great memories and what an honor and a thrill to be musical participants in this historic event!

PLEASE NOTE that below is a REVISED LIST of Liturgists, Lectors, and Hymn Cantors from the original list that was emailed to everyone in late September.

<u>LITURGIST</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>HYMN CANTOR</u>
October 3 rd Brenda Ecklund	Ross Blake	Beth Johnson
October 10 th Beth Johnson	Ellen Ditonto	Marika Koch
October 17 th Frank Gozdalski	Martha Paulson	Julie Costantini
October 24 th Brenda Ecklund	Paul R. Johnson	Peter Larson
October 31 st Peter Larson	Lynn Novo	Beth Johnson

This month I am featuring famous quotes both liturgical and musical sources that hopefully will be inciteful and inspirational to each of you. Unfortunately, I do not have sources as to who these quotes should be attributed to. “The Church at Worship” and “Traditional and Contemporary” were taken from “Cross Accents” and “In Tempo,” both Musical Journals of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians.

FAMOUS QUOTES

Greatest Man in History

“Greatest man in history had no servants,
Yet they called him Master,
Had no degrees, yet they called him Teacher.
Had no medicines, yet they called him Healer.
He had no army, yet kings feared Him.
He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.
He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.
His name is Jesus.”

The Church at Worship: Each time the church gathers to pray and sing, we hear the wondrous story of God’s divine love revealed in Christ – a love that is deep, broad, high, amazing, and steadfast, that builds up and binds everything together in perfect harmony. Love is our greatest

commandment and the source of our song. Or, as the hymnist exclaims: “what wondrous love is this!”

Traditional and Contemporary: “When we describe hymns and songs, the terms “traditional” and “contemporary” are normally placed in opposition and are most frequently used in terms of musical style. But the corpus of hymnody included in hymnals must be both traditional and contemporary. It must be traditional in that it preserves the rich history of our heritage, and it must be contemporary in that it speaks with clarity and honesty about the world in which we live in terms and language that resonate with today’s worshippers.”

MUSIC

“Music is one of life’s important survival tools.

It nourishes us, it gives us hope,

Helps us heal, and gives us the strength to keep going

Even in the toughest times.”

Together...Joyfully in His Service,

Brian

Women’s Monthly Bible Study Schedule **Fellowship Room at 1:30 PM**

October 21, 2021

November 18, 2021

Altar Society Schedule

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 7:00 PM – Altar Society Christmas party at home of Karen Linn

Saturday, December 4, 2021 9:00 AM – Altar Society decorates the Church

Saturday, December 18, 2021 9:30 AM – Poinsettias are delivered

October, 2021
First Lutheran Church
Contemporary Worship

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

Hello Everyone,

Hello to all and hoping that you will find time to enjoy the Fall season and giving thanks for an abundance of God's beautiful creations in the fall season.

Sacred Fire and myself are so grateful for everyone's "welcome back" wishes! We are very happy to be back with you all leading worship and singing praises! Thank you!

Our Contemporary Worship Service continues each Sunday **at 9:00am** in our Worship Center in the lower level of the church. The service lasts about 35 minutes. The first Sunday of each month we celebrate Holy Communion (COVID safe). Facial masks are now required for all within the church building.

Sunday School The Contemporary Service ends with enough time for you to go to prepare and participate in Sunday School.

A GREAT Outreach Ministry - The 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 9.12.2021. Don't forget to share these services with your friends and family!!

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



Rally Day Picture





Income & Expenses through August, 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	*52,548	17,288	35,260
August	13,288	24,522	-11,234
September			
October			
November			
December			
Total			
	267,933	186,599	81,334

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Attendance for September

September	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday
2020	160	90
2021	82	91
	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday
2020	88	88
2021	92	

On-Line Views of Worship Video

Date	Contemporary & Traditional	Total
8/22/21		97
8/29/21		98
9/5/21		90
9/12/21		92

* 40,000 from Endowment

Thank you to all who are mailing their offering!

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
Glenn Utter

(Jeanine & Mike Dearman – Non-Voting Members)

Synod Mission Message



HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Most everything has been harvested from the vegetable garden by now. But in the southern hemisphere, it is spring and time for planting. In Chile, Maria Carrasco has worked since 1985 with a program, founded in 1982 by an ELCA missionary, called Educacion Popular en Salud (EPES).

Supported by ELCA World Hunger, EPES trains students, public officials, health and education workers, and women from vulnerable communities to advocate for the rights to health care and sustainable food. As a response to Covid-19, EPES proposed to start community gardening workshops online. The problem is, in Maria's neighborhood, there are very few green spaces for gardening. But she learned how to improve soil quality and reduce waste by composting, and to work with natural light and the space she had. Soon, arugula, chard, and spinach were growing in the 6-foot walkway to her front door.

In Chile, as in many other countries, people experiencing poverty are especially vulnerable to illnesses caused by poor nutrition. Add to this the pandemic, and food has become expensive and difficult to access. Cultivating community gardens gives families greater autonomy and assures them access to fresh produce. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make all this possible. *Thank you!*

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

Luther's Rose



**Reformation Sunday
October 31, 2021**



SCRIPTURE READINGS IN OCTOBER

Lectionary 27

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 3rd

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 8

Hebrews 1:1-4,2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

Lectionary 28

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 10th

Amos 5:6-7,10-15

Psalm 90:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

Lectionary 29

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 17th

Isaiah 53:4-12

Psalm 91:9-16

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

Lectionary 30

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 24th

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 126

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

Reformation Sunday

October 31st

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 46

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

**Baptismal
Anniversaries**

We celebrate with you!

*indicates birthday when baptism is not known

October

02	Wendy Larson
02*	Shavonne Kruszynski
03	John Sixbey
03*	Karen Lindeman
04	Betty Hedstrand Peter Nelson
05	Jenna Jaroszynski Joanne Puder Marilyn Rew Aaron Town
06	Jonah Gruber Bruce Harshaw
07	Karen Murray Susan Swanson
08	Caeden Johnson
10	Lydia Gozdalski
12	Stephanie Armstrong Mackenzie Miller
13	Bryce Baglia Kimberly Gibson Erin Kling Matthew Marchincin Emily Ryberg
14	Pamela Carlson
16*	Karri Johnson
17	Kaitlyn Johnson
18	Levi Johnson
20	Scott Johnson Annika Samuelson
20*	Francis Gozdalski
29*	Brigetta Overcash
30	Laura Carlson



Prayer Ventures October 2021

1 Remember in prayer countries or regions where there is conflict, civil unrest or violence, especially Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Myanmar and the Middle East. Pray that God will protect and care for people who endure conflict; have been displaced from their homes and nations; suffer loss, despair, persecution or trauma; and long for peace, healing and stability. Give thanks for the work we do together through Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, Lutheran Disaster Response, ELCA Witness in Society, ELCA World Hunger and our partner organizations.

2 Continue praying for people and communities impacted by recent hurricanes, flooding, severe weather and wildfires, and for those working to recover from natural disasters. Pray that all will find comfort, strength and hope in God's loving presence and in the response and support of caring neighbors, faith communities, disaster response volunteers, Lutheran Disaster Response, and the global community of siblings in Christ.

3 Give thanks for the teachings of Jesus that clarify God's desire for us to value, respect and accept people of all ages, genders and circumstances.

4 *Feast of Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)* Pray that we will greet each day with a sense of awe, gratitude and respect for creation, for the organisms and creatures that inhabit the earth, for our pets, and for humanity in all its diversity and complexity —

the handiwork of God entrusted to our care and love.

5 Praise God for the gift of Jesus Christ — the Son of God, born as one of us and the “exact imprint of God’s very being” (Hebrews 1:3) — who fulfills the promise of God’s love and mercy and assures us of our salvation.

6 Pray for ELCA congregations and our work together to serve our neighbor, share the story of Jesus, create vibrant communities of faith and reflect the radiant light of God’s love, grace and justice in the world.

7 Pray for congregational leaders, laypeople and health care professionals participating in the Addiction & Faith Conference (“Awakening Faith Communities to Address Addiction”) in Bloomington, Minn., that they will be inspired and further equipped to care for people who struggle with addiction, as well as their loved ones.

8 We should be humbled to know that God has crowned us with glory and honor, especially given how insignificant we seem in the vastness of God’s creation. Give praise and thanks to God!

9 Pray for the planning team of the 2022 Multicultural Youth Leadership Event, which precedes the ELCA Youth Gathering and focuses on youth of color. Ask God to nurture an inclusive, Spirit-inspired community, that we might celebrate our cultures together in the church, embodying equity, diversity, mutuality and oneness in Christ.

10 Pray that the Word of God, example of Jesus and work of the Spirit will inspire, equip and guide us to be service-minded disciples bearing faith, hope, justice, peace and love into the world.

11 Give thanks for the bounty of autumn and the people who tend crops and orchards that nourish and sustain us. Pray that we will work together year-round in our communities to help our food-insecure neighbors find convenient, consistent, affordable sources of healthy food.

12 God, we ask you to teach us to appreciate life and see each day as an opportunity to do God’s

work in the world — serving our neighbor, sharing our faith and expressing our gratitude for God’s steadfast love and compassion.

13 Pray for soldiers serving in places of conflict, returning home from deployment or recovering from injuries or trauma. Give thanks for the people who attend to their well-being and daily needs, especially chaplains serving in the U.S. military and in Veterans Affairs hospitals, and congregation members providing care and support for soldiers and their families.

14 Nothing is hidden from God, who knows our every thought, intention, desire and need. Give thanks for Jesus, the Son of God, who lived in the world with us and reassures us that, in every circumstance, God is approachable, full of grace, mercy and understanding.

15 Give thanks for women today and throughout church history who have served as reformers and leaders, helping ground our church, institutions and ministries in the good news of Jesus Christ and the work God calls us to do in the world.

16 Pray that the Spirit will strengthen our wisdom and skills that we might better steward our oceans, which influence weather, provide bountiful food, facilitate global trade and travel, and renew us with their beauty and power, reflecting God’s creative might.

17 Pray that, as siblings in Christ, we will encourage and assist one another in being diligent, empathetic and humble as we serve our neighbor throughout our baptismal journeys.

18 Pray that during this lingering pandemic the Spirit will guide us to show patience, exercise flexibility and care for our neighbor’s physical and spiritual well-being, and that it will inspire in us a spirit of sacrificial love and concern for one another, especially the most vulnerable.

19 Pray for our elders, who strengthen our congregations and ministries with their experience, wisdom and passion for doing God’s work in the world. Ask the Spirit to stir our creativity in reaching out to and engaging with elders who are

homebound or in assisted-living facilities or senior communities.

20 Give thanks that in Christ we have a loving, patient teacher and a clear example of how to care for our neighbors in need and pursue justice, equity and healing in the world.

21 Give thanks that we can trust in God — our refuge, strength and hope in every circumstance.

22 Pray for the ELCA Innovation Lab, created to help our church respond to the opportunities and challenges of introducing more people to God’s grace in an ever-changing, increasingly complex world.

23 Praise God that our salvation doesn’t depend on who we are or what we do but comes to us as a gift of God’s love and forgiveness through the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

24 Pray that our faith in Jesus Christ will reassure us that God’s grace, mercy and compassion can be trusted and that only God can truly transform us and make us whole.

25 Pray for the work and ministries of our global companions during this time when we cannot accompany them in person. Give thanks that the Spirit continues to strengthen our relationships as siblings in Christ through prayer, technology, generosity, advocacy and shared resources.

26 Give thanks for our siblings in Christ who write hymns and songs that reflect on our faith, Scripture and God’s work in the world, helping us express our daily joys, sorrows and concerns.

27 The year-round outdoor ministries and retreat centers of our church provide opportunities for spiritual growth and renewal, leadership development and ministry with youth. Pray that they will flourish as they recover from and adapt to the impact of the lingering pandemic.

28 Praise God for the wisdom and intent of creating a wonderfully diverse humankind and world. Pray that we will respond with awe, respect and joyful thanksgiving.

29 “The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced” (Psalm 126:3). Give joy, praise and thanksgiving to God!

30 Pray for our neighbors who are, in increasing numbers, homeless or on the verge of becoming homeless. Give thanks for communities of faith that respond with food, shelter, clothing, social services and health care, and that work diligently to end homelessness.

31 *Reformation Day* The impact of Martin Luther and other reformers has special significance for the global community of Lutheran Christians. Give thanks that we are set free by the grace and light of God to grow, change, confess our flaws and failings, and ground our church anew in the word and truth of God in Jesus Christ.

PARISH RECORD

Nothing to report for this month.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class will start up in November with remote learning via ZOOM. We will meet twice a month on Sundays at 1 PM. Each session will last about 40 minutes. The first session is Sunday, November 7 at 1 PM.

Our class will include students who are in the second, and final year of Confirmation, as well as students who are just beginning their first year. **Watch your mail & email for invitation to the 2021-2022 class!**



Sunday School News

Rally Day was a huge SUCCESS!!! Thank you to all the families, children and teachers that made this in person return possible. It was great to see everyone! If you missed Rally Day, don't worry, we have registration forms available every week. Sunday School will start at 10:00 weekly in the Chapel. We have a shortage of teachers and would love to have some new teachers to add into the rotation. You don't have to teach every week, we will work with your schedule! We will need to cancel Sunday School on weeks when we do not have enough teachers....so please check the Facebook page and text messages for information. If you are not a member of our First Lutheran Sunday School page on Facebook, please ask to join. We are doing our best to maintain a minimum of 3 feet between students and wearing masks during Sunday School. Please contact Tracy Grey 485-3754 with any questions. This will be my last year as the leader of the Sunday School program. If you have an interest in leading this wonderful Ministry in our church, please reach out to me or Pastor Dan.

**2021 First Lutheran Church Sunday School Schedule
September-December 2021**

Sept 12 Rally Day	Sept 19 Bible story: Creation	Sept 26 Bible story: Noah's Ark	Oct 3 Family Devotions	Oct 10 Bible Story: Abram's Call
Oct 17 Bible Story: Abraham and Sarah's Visitors	Oct 24 Bible Story: Isaac's Blessing	Oct 31 Bible Story: Free from Slavery	Nov 7 Family Devotions	
Nov 14 Practice for Christmas Program	Nov 21 Practice for Christmas Program	Nov 28 Practice for Christmas Program	Dec 5 Practice for Christmas Program	<u>Dec 12</u> Christmas Program <u>Dec 19 & 26</u> No Sunday School



WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

**9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service
Contemporary Worship Center**

**11:00 am Traditional Worship Service Starting September 12th
Main Sanctuary**

**The Council has made a few updates for September
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 August 22nd masks will be required at First Lutheran for both of those who are fully vaccinated and those who are not vaccinated. Thank You!**
- 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 continue to sing liturgy and hymns while wearing a mask**
- 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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