

# First Edition

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**Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**



November is a changing time. Trees shed the last of their leaves to prepare for their winter rest. Early snows drop wet and heavy flakes. The sun sets earlier and earlier. We change our clocks to Daylight Saving Time. The current Church Year comes to a close; a new Church Year commences with the First Sunday in Advent on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Sundays in November begin with All Saints, a festival celebrated for over 1400 years. The earliest years of the Church saw numerous persecutions; attempts to discourage the faith. Christians known as “martyrs” (witnesses) were killed for refusing to renounce Christ Jesus. Their courage inspired other Christians to hold fast to their own faith. Local Christians communities named these witnesses “Saints.” The days of their deaths became local holy days.

As the number of Saints multiplied and as the Church became more centrally organized, Saint Days became too many to celebrate. By the early 600s the Church set a day to celebrate all these local and regional saints as a whole. Hence, All Saints Day. (A number of the most prominent Saints still maintained their own Saint days.)

In Lutheran tradition All Saints became more than a remembrance of the numerous, often nameless Saints of Christian history. Scripturally, the word “saint” describes all the faithful, not just the prominent faithful. We are saints through baptism and faith in Jesus, the crucified and risen Son of God. So

in All Saints today we remember the faithful who, since All Saints last year, have died to this life and been born into eternal life in fulfilment of the promises of Jesus.

The Sundays after Pentecost sneak in one final week, to be followed by Christ the King Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Unlike the hundreds of years behind All Saints, Christ the King is not yet 100 years old as a festival of the Church. Established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI, the festival faced down the rising totalitarianism of the era and said “no.” Christ is ruler of the world and of the world to come. When he returns in glory, he will judge the living and the dead. He will judge the tyrants who persecuted the saints and vindicate their faith. It is not the rulers and dominions of this world that have the final say. The final say is Christ, the Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End. The final say is grace to the faithful; judgement to the petty and the mighty who judged themselves as greater than Christ.

All the saints belong to Christ the King. So St. Paul would write the Christians in Rome: “No, in all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” *Romans 8:37-39*

The final say is our reunion with all the saints who have gone before us and who will come after us in the Eternal Kingdom of God. November is a changing time. Christ remains forever.

Pastor Dan Rumfelt

## FAMILY LIBRARY NEWS NOVEMBER 2021



During this season of thanksgiving, I want to once again express my appreciation to the congregation of First Lutheran Church for their support of the Family Library. Through the generosity of the congregation, the Family Library continues to grow and flourish. Here are a few facts that you may not know.

The Family Library as it currently exists on the first floor of the education building was started in 1994 (27 years ago) with a handful of children's books. The collection now consists of the following items:

- 700+ books of fiction and Christian fiction for adults and young adults
- 250+ inspirational biographies/memoirs
- 1000+ books of non fiction that include books on parenting and personal growth, reference books, Christian and inspirational books, bibles, books on grief and loss, and curriculum
- 1600+ children's story books (fiction and non fiction)
- 600+ children's chapter books (fiction and non fiction)
- 1500+ videos that include fiction, non fiction, and biography/memoir

Our library is unique among the churches of Jamestown and is something to take joy in. Congratulations on a job well done!

### NEW ITEMS ON THE LIBRARY SHELVES

#### Videos:

*Finding You* DVD  
*Here Today* DVD

#### For Children:

*Great Big Things* by Kate Hoefler  
*Thankful* by Elaine Vickers  
*God's Blessings of Fall* by Jean Matthew Hall  
*Sharing (Berenstain Bears Gifts of the Spirit)* by Mike Berenstain  
*Caring (Berenstain Bears Gifts of the Spirit)* by Mike Berenstain  
*Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom* by Carole Boston Weatherford  
*On the Eve of Christmas* by Katherine Willow  
*A Christmas Tree for Jesus: Celebrating God's Gift to Us* by Susan Jones  
*The Animals Speak: A Christmas Eve Legend* by Marion Dane Bauer  
*Thanksgiving Is For Giving Thanks* by Margaret Sutherland  
*Bear Says Thanks* by Karma Wilson  
*You Are Revolutionary* by Cindy Wang Brandt

#### For Adults/young adults:

*Surprised by Suffering* by R. C. Sproul  
*Shelter Theology: The Religious Lives of People without Homes* by Susan J. Dunlap  
*Portraits of Peace: Searching for Hope in a Divided America* by John Noltner  
*Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman

*Three Sisters* by Heather Morris  
*The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot* by Marianne Cronin  
*Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans

**The Family Library is open Sunday mornings and by special request. Suggestions, comments, contributions and appropriate donations are always appreciated. For more information or to volunteer contact Wendy Larson at 716-397-8819 or by email at [wendy.j.larson@gmail.com](mailto:wendy.j.larson@gmail.com).**

*“If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough.”*

**Meister Eckhart 1260 – 1328  
German theologian and philosopher**



*We extend a sincere thank you to the following people:*

**Memorial Fund**

**In Memory of Walter R. Finley by:**  
Nancy & Paul Holt

**Memorial Fund – Organ Fund**

**In Memory of Alan. L. Rupp by:**  
Marcia Rupp

**In Memory of Walter R. Finley by:**  
Janet & Jim Wahlberg



**October, 2021**

October is Pastor Appreciation Month – rousing round of applause & cheers for Pastor Dan Rumfelt

**Committees**

- Worship & Music - Check with committee to see possibilities to do some *outside* caroling at the housing apartments on Chandler and Crane St; Jane can work with TRC to carol for the Chandler ICF too.
- Call Committee – has met with another candidate with more steps in the process to come
- Personnel Committee – daily task list is being created to assist Sexton with various items to be completed
- Stewardship – Pastor and Liz are working on letter that will be sent out

**Pastor's Report**

- Three special Sunday's w/Communion coming up **October 31<sup>st</sup>** – Reformation Sunday, **Nov 7<sup>th</sup>** – All Saints Sunday – Pastor would like to recognize all people that we have lost in the past year in a special way to include prayers by name, date of passing and age; **Nov 21<sup>st</sup>** – Christ The King Sunday – receiving of 8 new members: Frank & Ruth

Baraducci, Tim Kindberg, Jill Kindberg,  
Karin Kennedy-Shelters, Randy Elf, Margaret Elf, Bruce Kidder

- Nov 14<sup>th</sup> – there will be a baptism
- Confirmation begins Nov 7<sup>th</sup> via Zoom
- October 10<sup>th</sup> was the final Sunday as a congregation for Gloria Dei, the building has been sold to The Church on the Rock, but the dissolution is another process.

Treasurer's Report – Endowment summary for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter shows a loss of \$15,000+

#### Old Business

- Goals for 2021
  - Ideas for New Mission – the Community Store's Mission will be re-designed and not function as a store, we will be in contact with case managers and counselors at schools and other agencies, etc, that will call on us and make appointments to bring people that are in critical need to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor to pick out items for free.
  - Endowment vacancies – we want to make sure all the correct players are still willing to be involved on this committee

#### New Business

- Nominating Committee – consists of Karen Linn, Brenda Johnson, Gail Espinoza, Jane Young, Janet Wahlberg, Lorie Johnson need to seek people to be nominated to replace 4 vacancies on the council.
- Christmas – Council approved to donate the leftover toys from the

Christmas party from 2 yrs ago to the TRC Toys For Tots 2021 Drive Thru donation collection that will occur on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Foote Ave Plaza from 12:00 noon -2:00 P.M.

- Rotary Club w/ A Cappella – Council approved the use of the parlors and Nave for Rotary's luncheon meeting if it was to be catered/boxed
- Jamestown Awning – Property committee recommends the purchase of an awning at the drive thru from their budget and color and style was chosen - to be ordered with printing on the entrance face w/color to be determined.
- R. Patti – will stripe the new cement once it has cured – the curbing and the parking spaces will be yellow and the egress sidewalk ramp will be blue

Newsletter  
**DEADLINE**

The deadline for articles for the December 2021, *First Edition* newsletter is Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. 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



## **NOTES FROM THE LOFT** **NOVEMBER 2021**

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

A reminder to the First Lutheran Choir members that we will rehearse on the first Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Choir Rehearsal Room # 9. We also rehearse every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room prior to the 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service. Even though we are into the new choir season please know that we are looking for additional new choir members to add to our ranks particularly in the soprano section. If you have the voice and the spirit, we welcome you! Below is a list of newly revised Liturgists, Lectors, and Hymn Cantors for the month of November. We wish to thank these volunteers for their ministry in word and song!

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>LITURGISTS</u></b>	<b><u>LECTORS</u></b>	<b><u>HYMN CANTORS</u></b>
<b>11-7</b>	<b>Beth Johnson</b>	<b>Ross Blake</b>	<b>Peter Larson</b>
<b>11-14</b>	<b>Peter Larson</b>	<b>Julie Livengood</b>	<b>Marika Koch</b>
<b>11-21</b>	<b>Frank Gozdalski</b>	<b>Don Sandy</b>	<b>Brenda Ecklund</b>
<b>11-28</b>	<b>Brenda Ecklund</b>	<b>Randy Elf</b>	<b>Julie Costantini</b>

Believe it or not, the Advent Season will begin this coming November 28<sup>th</sup>! Earlier this year, I started a series on **THE SEASONS OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR AND THEIR SYMBOLS.** We got through Lent, Easter, and Pentecost Seasons, and so it is time to address the Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Seasons in the next few months. We will begin this month with the Advent Season and its customs.

### **ADVENT SEASON**

**ADVENT** is literally the first Liturgical Season of the Church Year. This four-week penitential church season observes the preparation for the coming of Jesus as a baby, the Savior of the world, born in Bethlehem.

Likewise, the **ADVENT WREATH** is a meaningful tradition practiced by many Christians during the season of Advent. It began in the 16<sup>th</sup>-century Germany among Lutherans and Catholics. The custom is part of the spiritual preparations that believers make for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas. The Advent wreath is a circular

garland of evergreen branches representing eternity. On that wreath, four or five candles are typically arranged. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

The symbolism of the four Advent wreath candles include three purple candles and one pink candle. A more modern tradition is to place a white candle in the center of the wreath. These colored Advent candles represent the coming of the light of Christ into the world. Each week of Advent on Sunday, a particular Advent candle is lit.

**PROPHECY CANDLE:** On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle is lit. This candle is typically called the “Prophecy Candle” in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. The first candle represents **HOPE** or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah. “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14 NIV)

**BETHLEHEM CANDLE:** On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle typically represents **LOVE**. Some traditions call this the “Bethlehem Candle,” symbolizing Christ’s manger: “This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” (Luke 2:12 NIV)

**SHEPHERDS CANDLE:** On the third Sunday of Advent the pink, or rose-colored candle is lit. This pink candle is customarily called the “Shepherds Candle,” and it represents **JOY**. “And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.” (Luke 2:8-11 NIV)

**ANGELS CANDLE:** The last purple candle represents **PEACE** and is lit of the fourth Sunday of Advent. Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” (Luke 2:13-14 NIV)

**CHRIST CANDLE:** On Christmas Eve, the white center candle is lit. This candle is called the “Christ Candle” and represents the life of Christ that has come into the world. The white represents **PURITY**. Christ is the sinless, spotless, pure Savior. Those who receive Christ as Savior are washed of their sins and made whiter than snow. The Lord says: “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.” (Isaiah 1:18 NIV)

### **THE ADVENT CALENDAR**

The ADVENT SEASON would not be the same without the **ADVENT CALENDAR**, a popular tradition among many of our church families as a way to count down the days until Christ’s birth. There are many variations on the Advent Calendar. Some have a candy for each day, some have a daily poetry, prose, or scripture verse. Celebrating with an Advent Calendar and/or the Advent Wreath during the weeks before Christmas is an excellent way for Christian families to keep Christ at the center of Christmas, and for parents to teach the true meaning of Christmas.

**Blessings ~ Brian**

**November 2021  
First Lutheran Church  
Contemporary Worship**

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

Hello Everyone,  
Inspiration and thought ☺

Ephesians 6:7  
Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people,

Psalms 121:2  
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Psalms 54: 4  
Surely God is my help: the Lord is the one who sustains me.

Luke 4:8  
Jesus answered, “it is written: “Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.”  
(all scriptures taken from NIV translation)

Summary:  
Serve wholeheartedly and only the Lord, my help comes from the Lord, the Lord sustains me,  
and worship the Lord your God and serve only him.

Reflection:  
What is God’s definition of “wholeheartedly”? How much is how much? I think he wants us to  
do our very best, and yet keep us wondering if we could do even more. Remember that the  
Lord is our help and support as we serve him wholeheartedly. He is always there for us in  
every step and throughout everyday!

Special service celebrations coming up:  
October 31<sup>st</sup> – Reformation Sunday with Communion; November 7<sup>th</sup>- All Saints Sunday and  
Communion; November 21<sup>st</sup> – Christ the King Sunday and Communion.

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, Church website and on Vimeo.com. On Vimeo, search First Lutheran Contemporary Service and Sunday's date. For example, First Lutheran Contemporary Service 10.17.2021. 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](http://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](http://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





On Sunday, November 7th we remember and give thanks to God for the lives and witness of all Christians who have lived and died in the faith and now share in eternal life and glory through Christ. We will be thanking God for all the saints who shared their faith with us so that we too may be counted among God's faithful people. We will remember in our prayers those members and friends of our First Lutheran Church family who have passed away since last All Saints Sunday:

James C. Gardner  
Carol S. Phillips  
Carol A. Linn  
Larry K. Ross  
Jayme C. Sauder  
Richard L. Willman  
Charles R. Dillingham  
Wayne A. Schuver, Sr.  
Paul H. Lindquist  
Herman C. Ruhlman, Jr.  
Hazel A. Norberg  
Margaret V. White  
Hilary Elf  
Heather M. Potter  
Lucy A. Rider  
Marcia A. Eckman  
William L. Michalski, Jr.  
Sally J. Beckstrom  
David C. Forsberg  
Norma L. Arvidson  
Katherine C. Santiago  
Gerald W. "Butch" Peru  
Walter R. Finley

## 2021 TRC TOYS FOR TOTS

*The goal of the toy collection season will be taking on a very different look again this year, as everything has had to adapt. There will be very few box collection sites out in the county this year, so we will once again be holding our safe "drive-thru" drop offs donation sites for the generous people of Chautauqua County to bring their toys to us without getting out of their cars. On Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon- 2:30 pm at Chautauqua Mall, look for the Toys For Tots logo/signs for the exact location. This year's campaign will be very challenging for all the obstacles we all must adhere to. Please join TRC in our continued effort to make Christmas special for as many children as possible. 2020 was a record year, 4394 children received toys thru Toys For Tots.*

*Elf Jane Young*





**Income & Expenses through September, 2021**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Total</b>
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	15,280	**97,326	-82,046
October			
November			
December			
Total			
	283,213	283,925	-712

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**Attendance for October**

October	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday
2020	83	82
2021	104	82
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
2020	78	74
2021	89	88

**On-Line Views of Worship Video**

Date	Contemporary & Traditional	Total
9/19/21		106
9/26/21		210
10/3/21		151
10/10/21		223

**\* 40,000 from Endowment**

**\*\*Money transferred to Memorial Fund to pay for Drive Thru Project**

**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



### **SPEAK UP!**

What do you care about? What stirs your heart enough to act? What can't you help keeping silent about?

All those are part of advocacy—speaking up for someone who is unable to. All parents are advocates for their children at one time

or another and some people have experienced being an advocate for a relative who is ill and temporarily cannot speak for themselves. Have you ever thought of advocacy as a witness to Christ? Because what you are doing is caring for your neighbor. Do you remember the bracelets that said WWJD (what would Jesus do)? The answer is that Jesus would care about the hungry, the homeless, the stranger, the children and orphans and widows.

ELCA advocacy is a wide-ranging effort, touching on local concerns as well as national and world-wide. Sometimes advocacy is dramatic and very public, as in rallies and demonstrations. But more often it's quiet and slow, involving months or even years of work with governments and social agencies. It is not political as it does not identify with a particular ideology or party. Here is a partial list of topics that ELCA Advocacy focuses on: migrant children; corporate social responsibility; faith, science, and technology; justice for women; peace not walls; racial justice; social issues. Go to [elca.org](http://elca.org), type "advocacy" in the search box, and you can sign up for email updates of those issues and more. You can find opportunities for action and also more resources.

We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. Stand up for policies that create opportunities to overcome poverty, promote peace and dignity, and defend God's creation. Advocate as a witness to your faith!

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



**Baptismal  
Anniversaries**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS IN NOVEMBER**

**All Saint Sunday**

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 7<sup>th</sup>**

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 24

Revelation 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

**Lectionary 33**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 14<sup>th</sup>**

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11-14[15-18]19-25

Mark 13:1-8

**Christ the King**

**Last Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 21<sup>st</sup>**

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

Psalm 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

**First Sunday of Advent**

**November 28<sup>th</sup>**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36



**First Sunday of Advent**

We celebrate with you!  
\*indicates birthday when baptism is not known

**November**

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|-----|---|
| 02  | Jeanne Ecklund<br>Sharon Westerberg   |
| 02* | Daniel Wendt  |
| 03  | Shelley Sandquist   |
| 03* | DeAnne Gozdalski  |
| 04* | Dianne Dillingham   |
| 05  | Sharon Hamilton<br>Jarrett Lundgren<br>Kathy Ross                                       |
| 05* | Kathleen Hofgren<br>JoAnn Marchincin  |
| 06* | Natasha Peterson  |
| 07  | Julie Jaroszynski<br>Timothy Wright   |
| 09* | Greg Raymond  |
| 11  | Rebecca Bloomquist<br>Guy Ditonto<br>Kendal Gibson<br>Gayle Jackson<br>Christina Miller |
| 12  | Jordan Johnson<br>Kyle Sorenson   |
| 14  | Megan Sorenson  |
| 15  | Randall Wilcox<br>Ronald Wilcox   |
| 16  | Shannon Baglia  |
| 17* | Justin Conti  |
| 18* | Penny Highhouse   |
| 19  | Kelly Hill  |
| 20  | Bethany Lightfield<br>Chuck Ryberg  |
| 21  | Kevin Furcron   |
| 21* | Nancy Holt  |
| 26  | Floris Allen<br>Meilani Olson   |

28 John E. Peterson  
 Angela Ploss  
 Michael Johnson Jr.  
 Andrew Nelson  
 Logan Seekings  
 29 Rebecca Magnuson  
 30 Amber (Hansen) Kuras  
 30\* Scott M. Johnson



## Prayer Ventures November 2021

**1** *All Saints Day* Remember and give thanks for all the saints who have influenced our lives, faith, wisdom and vocational decisions, and who have left an imprint on us through their compassion and example. Pray for people grieving the loss of someone significant in their lives, that they will be comforted by God and know that, as members of the body of Christ and communities of faith, they are not alone in their grieving.

**2** *American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month* Give thanks for the gifts and witness of American Indian and Alaska Native members of the ELCA, and pray for the American Indian and Alaska Native Lutheran Association and for native congregations and ministries — ministries grounded in reconciliation and the building up of people of all backgrounds, tribes, regions, communities and congregations. Ask God to help us understand and express repentance for the injustices committed against American Indians, Alaska Natives and Indigenous peoples that continue to impact people today.

**3** Pray for the immediate and long-term needs of people whose lives have been disrupted by severe weather, wildfires, earthquakes or flooding. Pray that the Spirit will move us to generously support and pray for the people and organizations that respond to disasters, especially Lutheran Disaster Response and its partners.

**4** Ask God to look with mercy and loving care upon the Afghan people — and refugees and immigrants everywhere — who flee danger, persecution, economic crises or climate-related catastrophes, seeking a better life. Ask that we might participate boldly and persistently in God’s loving work to bring hope and relief, show compassion, respect and generosity, and advocate for justice for our neighbors who make their way to our nation’s borders.

**5** “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (Psalm 46:1). Give thanks and praise God for being present in every circumstance to dispel our fears, calm our anxieties and stir our hope, and for helping us live with confidence as children of God — loved, forgiven and renewed.

**6** Pray for people of all ages who experience loneliness and depression, and pray that the Spirit will make us observant of, attentive to and empathetic with those who suffer in our midst but whose emotional, spiritual and physical struggles may not be readily apparent to us.

**7** Give thanks for the story of Lazarus’ resurrection and for the promises of God, which assure us that death, despair and human vulnerability will have no power over us in the life to come.

**8** Pray for the leaders of our church gathering for the annual Lutheran Outdoor Ministries conference. Give thanks for their nationwide ministry with people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

**9** Pray that God’s word and truth, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, will provide us with hope, clear direction and purpose for doing God’s work in the world.

**10** Pray for our rural communities, congregations and church leaders as they respond to changes and

challenges by adapting old ministries and creating new ones. Pray that we might better understand and celebrate not only our diverse gifts and perspectives but also our interdependence and unity in Christ.

**11** *Veterans Day* Remember in prayer women and men who serve in the military, their families, federal chaplains and those who attend to the needs of returning veterans. Give thanks for the sacrifice veterans have made on our behalf to secure freedom, justice, peace and security for our country and other nations.

**12** Pray for leaders serving on the ELCA Church Council and ask God to bless their conversations, deliberations and decisions, which support, shape and further the mission of our church in the world.

**13** Praise God for the diverse blessings that sustain and enrich our lives, blessings that God has entrusted to our care, respect, fairness and generosity. Pray that we will remember the psalmist's words: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it" (Psalm 24:1).

**14** Ask for God's wisdom to discern who speaks the true gospel and word of God and who distracts us from our faith in Christ and our baptismal identity and purpose.

**15** Pray for those planning "the tAble: Limitless," a pre-event to the ELCA Youth Gathering that was created to bless and empower young people living with a wide range of physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities, so that they might grow as faithful, wise and courageous witnesses throughout the church and world.

**16** Pray for people spending their last days in hospice care; ask God to comfort them and their families and surround them with the hope of life eternal; and give thanks for the gentle, respectful and skilled care provided by hospice professionals, pastoral care teams and volunteers.

**17** "Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another" (Hebrews 10:24-25). Ask the Spirit to

empower, encourage and embolden us — as children of God and agents of change — to reflect the love of God in response to anger, discord, hurtfulness, isolation and bias in our world.

**18** Give thanks for ELCA Faith, Science and Technology and the Lutheran Alliance for Faith, Science and Technology, ministries that help us understand science and technology as gifts from God. Pray that we might use them to nurture community, care for creation, ease human suffering and better understand and respect the complexity and beauty of the universe.

**19** Lift up prayers of joy and thanksgiving for the presence of God, who gives us hope, comfort, guidance and refuge.

**20** Pray for the children, youth and family ministry leaders of our church. Give thanks for their vital, dynamic and creative service and for the work of ELCA Youth Ministry, ELCA Young Adult Ministry, ELCA Youth Ministry Network and related ministries of faith formation.

**21** Join other congregations today in celebrating and praying for Lutheran Summer Music, a faith-forming ministry that educates and inspires young musicians to use their gifts in the church, now and in the future.

**22** Pray for ELCA Justice for Women and give thanks for its work in helping us honor the integrity of women. Pray that we might work together to understand and eliminate violence, injustice and sexism against women, girls and people of diverse gender identities and expressions.

**23** Give thanks for the awesome nature of God, who is not bound by time, space, borders or human constructs.

**24** Pray for the pastors of our church, who have responded to God's call to serve communities of faith in a multitude of contexts. Ask the Spirit to invigorate and sustain their faith and equip them for the challenges of ministry; ask for guidance and insight on how we can best support, encourage and care for them.

**25 Thanksgiving Day** Give thanks today — and every day — for the undeserved blessings we receive from God for our sustenance and well-being. Ask God to help us live with gratitude, recognize the true source of our food and other blessings, responsibly manage our resources, and exercise generosity and love with our neighbors in need, here and globally.

**26** Pray for the work we do together through ELCA World Hunger to respond to the daily needs of our neighbors, address the root causes of hunger and poverty, and work toward a just world where all people are fed.

**27** Pray that we will raise up new leaders in the church who will ground us in God’s love and forgiveness, renew our congregations, grow our existing communities of faith, equip us to share the good news of Jesus Christ and inspire us to use our unique gifts to do God’s work in the world.

**28 First Sunday of Advent** Pray that we will not live in fear of the future but will anticipate with hope, joy and gratitude the day when we will be welcomed into the kingdom of God because of what Jesus has done for us out of pure grace and mercy.

**29** Give thanks for the church’s Mission Support network, through which our 65 synods and 8,900 congregations pool resources to love and serve the neighbor as no individual or congregation could alone.

**30** Give thanks and praise to God for knitting us together as siblings in Christ, so that we might encourage and strengthen each other’s faith, exchange care and support in times of need, and share our gifts, passions and wisdom to do God’s good work in the world.

**Confirmation Class Schedule for  
November via Zoom**

Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>



**Sunday School News**

Sunday School is back in person and going strong. If you haven't registered yet, it is never too late.

November 7- Family Devotions in the Chapel for 10-15 minutes for families, no regular Sunday School

November 14- Regular Sunday School  
10:00am in Chapel

November 21- Regular Sunday School  
10:00am in Chapel

November 28- No Sunday School

Please contact Tracy Grey 485-3754 with any questions.

**PARISH RECORD**

**Funeral:**

Gerald W. “Butch” Peru on October 1, 2021  
who passed away on September 22, 2021

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

<p><b>Nov 7</b></p> <p><b>Family Devotions</b></p>				
<p><b>Nov 14</b></p> <p><b>Practice for Christmas Program</b></p>	<p><b>Nov 21</b></p> <p><b>Practice for Christmas Program</b></p>	<p><b>Nov 28</b></p> <p><b>Practice for Christmas Program</b></p>	<p><b>Dec 5</b></p> <p><b>Practice for Christmas Program</b></p>	<p><b><u>Dec 12</u></b> <b>Christmas Program</b></p> <p><b><u>Dec 19 &amp; 26</u></b> <b>No Sunday School</b></p>



**Men's Breakfast**

# **WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

**11:00 am Traditional Worship Service  
Main Sanctuary**

- If you are ill, we ask that you remain at home out of concern for the health and wellbeing of others
- Beginning August 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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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