

First Edition

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Confirmation

Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 11:00 AM
With Holy Communion

Three youth will celebrate “Affirmation of Baptism”

Aiden Dearman

Nathaniel Laurin

Jameson Sauder

Please join us in worship to support them
In this milestone of their life in Christ.



Saturday, April 23rd this year found over 80 First Lutheran members and friends at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center for our “Reconnect Dinner.” Organized by Paul Johnson, Lynn Novo and their team, we even a bit of First history in our Mixer. One person had a card with a question, another had a card with the answer. The task: find your counterpart, bring question and answer together.

After a long drought of fellowship due to COVID, the afternoon lifted spirits and, importantly, helped us get to know one another better. We greet one another in church, visit a bit with friends, but there are still fellow worshippers we simply don’t know well, sometimes not even their name. “Reconnect” moved us forward in overcoming that gap. Pastor Mark Swanson and his wife, Pastor Laura Csellak were with us that afternoon, which also gave folks a great opportunity to get to know them better as we await the beginning of his Pastorate this August. *And I’ve never had such a big birthday party in my life. Thank you!*



Another challenge remains. A significant number of worshippers who were active before COVID have still mostly not returned. The Reconnect Committee hopes to encourage their return to in-person worship. I’ve met a few who are now returning. COVID is still a significant deterrent for some and that is respected even as the latest variant finds its way into our communities. First continues to do our best to follow safe practices. But we hope, that when we do feel safe, past worshippers will come back and along with brand-new guests, try out the Contemporary Service at 9 or the Traditional Service at 11 and “Reconnect” with First, with one another and with the worship of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Blessings, Pastor Dan



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Memorial Fund – Library

In Memory of Carol A. Winterburn by:

Sue Keppel
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May, 2022

- For the good of the council: Wendy Larson reminded council members that anyone can report housing code violations to the city anonymously. This may be important as we observe the properties around the church. Karen Linn reported that Carol Winterburn's memorial service and luncheon went beautifully.
- Special guest Eric Livengood reported on the history of the Endowment Fund along with recommendations from the Endowment Committee regarding First Lutheran's finances. The fund was first established in order to maintain the church building and

facilities and was later expanded to include missions and ministries. The fund has for several years provided \$160,000 annually towards First Lutheran's budget (in the form of 4 quarterly withdrawals). Because of the large amount of cash currently in First Lutheran's checking account, the committee recommended that the next 1 or 2 withdrawals be postponed and that some of the funds from checking be moved to a short-term investment in order to earn interest. The council approved the postponement of the July withdrawal and the transfer of \$50,000 from checking into a short-term investment.

- Pastor's report—Pastor Dan Rumfelt expressed his thanks to all who helped to make Carol Winterburn's memorial service go so smoothly. Confirmation will be held at the 11:00 service on Pentecost (June 5) with three confirmands: Aiden Dearman, Nate Laurin, and Jameson Sauder. There will be a cake and coffee reception following the service.
- Worship and music—There was a discussion regarding some of the audio problems that have occurred at the 11:00 service. Council members agreed that there should be a detailed list of instructions posted on the audio cabinet and that there is a need for a technology committee to oversee audio and visual needs at both services.
- Property—The property committee is currently seeking bids for the roof on the educational wing. There is a sewer leak in the basement; the committee is doing research to make sure any needed repairs can be made according to city codes. For Pastor Mark Swanson's installation service on September 17, Steve Tedquist will be building a platform for Sacred Fire behind the bell choir. Pews will be removed to make this possible. Electrical service will be installed under the platform with lighting above.

- Reconnect—The Reconnect Dinner on April 23 was great and a lot of fun. Going forward, there is a need to analyze membership lists and methods to determine the best way to reconnect with members who have not attended worship in a while. Council members agreed that a summer picnic would be a good future event. Paul Johnson reported that the committee is working on a stewardship drive for this fall. Council members agreed that the drive should focus on time and talents in addition to money and that members should be reminded of what God's Word has to say about sharing what we have been given. Brigetta Overcash has been working on a schedule and sign-up sheet for teams of ushers to serve at both services. More information will be coming.
- Treasurer's report—A combination Finance and Endowment meeting occurred last week. Reports will be available soon.

NEW BUSINESS

- Elaine Rissel has written a "Help Wanted" article for First Edition, sharing some of her experiences with Sunday School teachers who helped to shape her faith and asking for volunteers to teach Sunday School and to inspire today's youth.
- September 17 installation service for Pastor Mark: the caterer will be Sandee's Bakery. There will be a buffet dinner with a Swedish theme followed by cupcakes and squares for dessert. The service will be at 1:00 pm with the reception following.

Synod Mission Message



WHEN WILL IT END?

I write this from Buffalo, only two days after a mass shooting in a grocery store took 10 lives, and the feelings are still very raw. The names and photos with bios are out now, making it all the more painful. These tragedies have always been somewhere else—Minnesota, Colorado, Texas—but this is right at home, and for the rest of our Synod, too close to home.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is saddened by the all-too-frequent occurrences of gun violence in the U.S. We mourn the loss of life. We grieve for the victims and their families, who often feel silenced. And we lament for those who have done violence to others and often feel removed from a community of faith. But what can we do besides be sad, grieved, and lamented?

The ELCA actively works to prevent gun violence, through Advocacy to state and federal law makers, and through its Racial Justice Ministries. It calls us to work toward the prevention of gun violence as people of God who strive for justice and peace in all the world. Your gifts to Synod Mission Support help these efforts to end the madness. Because it *must* end! **Thank you!**

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

PARISH RECORD

**Funeral for Carol A. Winterburn on 5/14/22
who passed away on 4/30/2022**

Newsletter
DEADLINE

The deadline for articles for the July 2022, *First Edition* newsletter is Thursday, June 16th. Please have all information into the church office by that date. Thank you.



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



Humanitarian Crisis in Ukraine

The international Lutheran community is actively engaged in humanitarian response to the crisis in Ukraine. Our donations through Lutheran World Relief will immediately help bring aid to the women and children living under and fleeing this nightmare. Log on to LWR.ORG to find out more.

Thanks, Pastor Dan



FIRST EDITION
NOTES FROM THE LOFT

JUNE, 2022

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

It's hard to believe that our choir season is coming to a close. We will sing the first three Sundays of June and then we will have off for the summer until September 11th. We will have many of our fine vocal and instrumental soloists perform for us during the summer months! Thanks to one and all for your wonderful ministry of music during the past forty weeks of the church year!

Below is a list of Lectors, Liturgists, and Hymn Cantors for the month of June. Please contact me if there is a conflict and I will find the alternate persons to fill-in. I will not include the July list as I am looking for new liturgists to begin in the summer months. Thanks again for your loyal service as worship leaders!

<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>LITURGIST</u>	<u>HYMN CANTOR</u>
6/6 Beth Johnson	Paul R. Johnson	Julie Costantini
6/13 Peter Larson	Lynn Novo	Marika Koch
6/19 Brenda Ecklund	Fred Larson	Peter Larson
6/26 Frank Gozdalski	Julie Livengood	Beth Johnson

This month I would like to feature the First Lutheran Church Band. Yes, you are right! We had an actual First Lutheran Band that was organized in 1904 under the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Julius Lincoln. They had a wide-spread popularity at local church and civic functions. There were as many as 55 members at one time and it was not unusual for them to have three small bands (made-out of the larger group), playing at various functions on the same day. One interesting fact is that the First Lutheran Band transitioned into the Jamestown Municipal Band that still is very active today playing at the Arthur R. Goranson Bandshell at Allen Park every week during the summer months!

Earnest J. Seaberg was the director and manager. By the year 1917 it had become so much in demand that the band became members of Union Local 134. Raymond L. Writeman, one of the original members at the Band's formation took over the management at this time. Samuel Thorstenberg, Director of Music at First Lutheran Church became director. This band then became the largest professional group in town by its merger with the Old Corna Band. The move also forced a separation from our church as this large group was placed under contract to the Celeron Amusement Park for Sunday afternoons.

During this period a new name, the Jamestown Concert Band, was enhanced when two Swedes from Wilcox, Pa., Herman Magnuson (father of Chuck Magnuson and grandfather of Tim Magnuson) and Mauritz

Swanson, began to assist Thorstenberg and Writeman. They eventually became manager and director respectively and carried on a good many more years.

It wasn't until 1956 when the First Lutheran Church celebrated its 100th Centennial Year celebration that they reorganized the band once again and they had Arthur R. Goranson, conduct the band and made our beloved First Lutheran Band come alive again in two short rehearsals! Below is a list of participants in the First Lutheran Centennial Band Concert.

TRUMPETS

Theodore Johnson
Gilbert Kling
Joseph Mallare
Wallace Ostrom

TROMBONES

Daniel Carlson
John DeMarco
David Griffith
Lawrence Johnson
Wallace Johnson
Milton Larson
David Young

BARITONES

Kenneth Colander
Oke Malmberg
Raymond Writeman, Jr.

ALTOS

Algot Hanson
Edward Johnson
C. Sigfried Larson

BASS

Curtis Johnson
Gunnar Larson

CLARINETS

Garfield Eggleston
Frank Guinta
Roy Nelson
Donald Strand
C. Oliver Sundquist
Daniel Swanson
David Swanson
Susan Swanson
Harold Wade
Donna Young

FLUTE

Cynthia Swanson

SAXAPHONE

Robert Hess

DRUMS

William Crosby
Lewis Niederlander
Richard Hultgren
Ralph Husted

ORGANIST

Mrs. Clesson E. Peck

Perhaps many of you remember or are related to the musicians on this First Lutheran Centennial Band list! I would like to thank Martha Paulson for sending me the 1956 commemorative program for the First Lutheran Centennial festive celebration! We have a lot to be thankful for in years past as well as today! May God continue to bless us with musicians who will inspire us and bless us into the future!

**Together in His Service,
Brian**

June, 2022
First Lutheran Church
Contemporary Worship

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

Hello,

I would like to start by offering a thought to ponder on....

Could we identify June in our liturgical church year as “Unity month?” I was pondering this theme as I read the devotion for May 16th in our devotional book, “Christ in Our Home.” This year the first Sunday in June is “Pentecost” and the Second Sunday is “Holy Trinity” Sunday. The devotional offers the images of working together as one, being one with God, uniting as one in sharing our faith together, and sharing our love for one another.

So just as the “Trinity”, represents to us God the three in one, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, I think this can be compared to “unity” in our daily walk with God. After reading the devotional, I can understand that Our Father wants us to work together to share the “Good News” and to love one other.

I hope you have a chance to read this devotional for May 16th and see what ideas you find.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICES----ALL ARE WELCOME ☺

Contemporary Worship Service each **Sunday at 9:00am** in our Worship Center in the lower level of the church. The service lasts about 40 minutes. The first Sunday of each month we celebrate Holy Communion with “health precautions”. Nursery care is now available.

Sunday School Our Contemporary Service ends with enough time for you to go to prepare and participate in Sunday School. Our Sunday School is for **ALL ages**. Adults- Remember that Glenn Utter leads the Adult class in the Fellowship room.

A GREAT Outreach Ministry - The service is videotaped each week and posted on Facebook, Vimeo and on our church website. (flcjny.org) 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 4.10.2022. 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!!

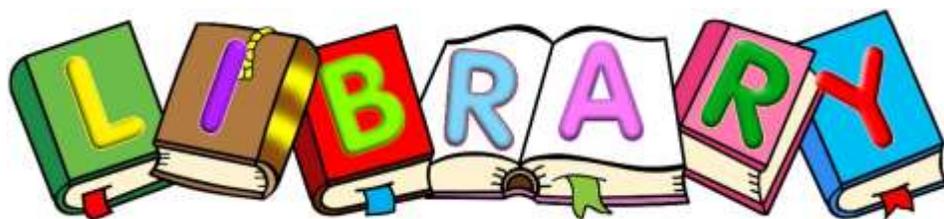
As God continues to shine Love and Blessings on you! Remember to share God’s Love and Grace with others!!

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



FAMILY LIBRARY NEWS

I have been a movie lover since I was young and have especially enjoyed picking movies over the years for the Family Library that will inspire and entertain you. Have you been in the library lately and looked through the video collection? I realize in this time of cable TV and streaming services most of us have access to a wide variety of films. But the ones on the Family Library shelves have all been specially selected for you. And many of them are not elsewhere available without a fee. In our library they are free!

A recent addition to the video shelf and one that I highly recommend is **“Mass”** from 2021. This particular movie is rated PG13 and is clearly marked as are all of the movies that have a rating higher than PG. Four people (two married couples) in this movie spend an afternoon sitting across a table from each other in a church fellowship room. One couple has lost a son to a school shooting perpetrated by the son of the other couple (now also deceased). Now, several years later they have agreed to sit down together to ask questions and try to understand. I was profoundly moved by this movie. The courage the couples demonstrated was remarkable and, in the end, they walked away stronger and better able to deal with the overwhelming grief they have.

Here are a few more of my favorite movies from the shelves that you might want to take a look at:

An Unfinished Life copyright 2005 starring Robert Redford, Morgan Freeman and Jennifer Lopez – “a powerful story of risk and redemption.”

Arrival copyright 2016 starring Amy Adams and Forest Whitaker – “a stunning, stellar masterpiece with a mind-blowing ending that you will want to see again and again.”

The Cure copyright 2004 – “One summer, two boys went in search of a dream...and found the friendship of a lifetime.”

Flipped copyright 2010 – “This tender coming-of-age comedy takes Bryce and Juli from grade school to junior high, through triumph and disaster, family drama and first love, as they make discoveries that will define who they are – and who they are to each other.”

Goodbye Mr. Chips copyright 1939 – “Robert Donat portrays a stiff, unpopular schoolmaster converted by love into an inspirational mold of lives.”

The Grass Harp copyright 1995 starring Piper Laurie, Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau and Sissy Spacek – “Following the death of his parents, young Colin Fenwick comes to a small southern town to live with his father’s cousins, Verena and Dolly Talbo.”

Guess Who’s Coming To Dinner copyright 1967, winner of two Academy Awards, starring Spencer Tracy, Sidney Poitier and Katherine Hepburn – “a delightfully acted and gracefully entertaining film.”

Here Today copyright 2021 starring Billy Crystal and Tiffany Haddish – “Charlie Burnz and Emma Payge find a sort of soul mate, forging a deep bond that kicks the generation gap aside and redefines the meaning of friendship, love, and trust.”

The Long Walk Home copyright 1990 starring Sissy Spacek and Whoopi Goldberg – “When housekeeper Odessa Cotter honors the 1955 Montgomery, Alabama, bus boycott by walking an exhausting nine miles to and from work, Miriam Thompson offers her a ride.”

Mrs. Miniver copyright 1942 starring Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon – winner of six Academy Awards – “When Hitler did his worst, Mrs. Miniver did her best.”

The Spitfire Grill copyright 1996 starring Ellen Burstyn and Marcia Gay Harden – “Percy Talbott has had few choices in her twentysomething life, but she’ll make the most of this one. She’s chosen Gilead, Maine, as her new home.”

The Staircase copyright 1998 starring Barbara Hershey and William Petersen – “Based on the real legend of the “miraculous stairway” at the Sisters of Loretto Chapel in Santa Fe, this is an inspirational, life-affirming drama of hope and faith.”

Touching Wild Horses copyright 2003 starring Jane Seymour – “After a terrible car accident involving his family, 12-year-old Mark is sent to live with his Aunt Fiona on a beautiful remote island where each learns lessons from the other about compassion, faith and family ties.”

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn copyright 1945 starring Dorothy McGuire and Joan Blondell – “Based on the best-selling novel by Betty Smith, the film relates the trials and tribulations of a turn-of-the-century Brooklyn tenement family.”

The Trip To Bountiful copyright 1985 starring Geraldine Page and John Heard – “A richly textured and triumphant tale of an elderly woman’s journey home.”

This is just a small sample of what we have to offer. There is also a large selection of biographical films and nonfiction films on many topics. And of course, we have animated films for kids young and old that entertain and teach.

Need a suggestion for something to watch, just ask. Or if you have a favorite inspirational movie that you would like added to the library please let me know.

Thank you for the financial support, appropriate item donations and volunteer time provided. For more information about the Family Library contact Wendy Larson at 397-8819, via email wendy.j.larson@gmail.com or stop by the library on Sunday morning. The Family Library is open on Sunday mornings and by special request. Comments, suggestions, and recommendations are always welcome!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Love is the master key that opens the gates of happiness, of hatred, of jealousy and, most easily of all, the gate of fear.

Oliver Wendell Holmes 1841–1935
Supreme Court Justice



Income & Expenses through April, 2022

Month	Income	Expense	Total
January	*58,580	25,039	33,541
February	29,314	25,756	3,558
March	17,367	29,555	-12,188
April	*56,669	24,878	31,791
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
Total			
	161,930	105,228	56,702

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Attendance for May

May	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday
2021	88	88
2022	89	86
	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday
2021	72	101
2022	90	96

*** 40,000 from Endowment**

Thank you to all who are mailing their offering!

On-Line Views of Worship Video

Date	Contemporary & Traditional	Total
4/17/2022	(Easter)	254
4/24/2022		175
5/01/2022		121
5/08/2022		120



Baptismal Anniversaries

We celebrate with you!

*indicates birthday when baptism is not known

SCRIPTURE READINGS IN JUNE

Day of Pentecost

June 5th

Acts 2:1-21

Psalms 104:24-34,35b

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17[25-27]

The Holy Trinity

First Sunday after Pentecost

June 12th

Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31

Psalms 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 19th

Isaiah 65:1-9

Psalms 22:19-28

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 26th

1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21

Psalms 16

Galatians 5:1,13-25

Luke 9:51-62

June Baptisms:

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

6/25 Marie Hill
 Kristin Seekings
 6/26 Giana Cusimano
 6/27 Nora Roetzer
 6/28 Collyns Baglia
 6/29 Rowen Toth
 Steve Toth
 6/30 Daniel Kling
 Carey Skelton



Prayer Ventures June 2022

1 *LGBTQ Pride Month* Give thanks for the gifts, wisdom and faith of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer neighbors and siblings in Christ. Ask the Spirit to stir and embolden us to advocate for laws, practices, values, and institutional and social change that address injustice, bias and exclusion.

2 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Central/Southern Illinois, Nebraska, North Carolina and Sierra Pacific synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

3 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Florida-Bahamas, Lower Susquehanna, Montana, Northwestern Ohio, South Dakota, Southeastern

and Western North Dakota synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

4 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Eastern North Dakota, Metropolitan Chicago, Northwest Washington and West Virginia-Western Maryland synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

5 *Day of Pentecost* Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Illinois and Upstate New York synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

6 Pray for an end to the invasion of Ukraine and the violence inflicted upon its citizens, for the safety and well-being of its refugees, for the healing of its communities and for the restoration of its infrastructure.

7 The ELCA World Hunger Global Farm Challenge is a youth-focused campaign to accompany our neighbors who live with the threats of hunger and poverty. Pray that our church will meet its fundraising goal of \$500,000 to equip communities around the world and in the U.S. with the resources needed to turn hunger into hope and self-sufficiency.

8 Remember your baptism and give thanks that, in Christ and through the Spirit, our new identity as children and heirs of God is revealed, shaped and guided so that we might live our faith with confidence and joy and serve our neighbor with compassion, mercy and generosity.

9 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Central States, Indiana-Kentucky and New England synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose

leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

10 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Grand Canyon; La Crosse Area; Northeastern Pennsylvania; Metropolitan Washington, D.C.; Northeastern Iowa; Northwestern Pennsylvania; and Southwestern Texas synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

11 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southwestern Minnesota, Southwestern California and Allegheny synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

12 *Holy Trinity Sunday* Celebrate and pray for our faith to deepen as we embrace the mystery of the Holy Trinity — Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, always present for us.

13 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the South Carolina Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

14 “When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?” (Psalm 8:3-4). Give thanks and praise that God shows no bias, understands our human complexities and is not constrained by human borders, rules or traditions.

15 Pray that our hope and strength will be grounded and renewed in God's boundless and unfaltering love, especially in times when we feel uncertain, discouraged or powerless to impact what goes on in the world today.

16 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southwestern

Pennsylvania Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

17 *Emanuel Nine, martyrs* Today we remember the members of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, N.C., who were killed by a self-professed white supremacist while gathered for Bible study. Pray that we — as individuals, a church and a society — will reaffirm our commitment to repent from the sins of racism and white supremacy, and that the Spirit will change our hearts and lead us to value, love and welcome all people as the wonderful handiwork of God.

18 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

19 *Juneteenth* This day of celebration commemorates the end of slavery in the United States, an observance dating back to June 19, 1865. Give thanks to God for the diversity of humankind and pray that God will help, guide and strengthen our commitment to work for the full inclusion of all people in the church, in our society and throughout the world.

20 On Father's Day, give thanks and pray for fathers, stepfathers, foster fathers, fathers struggling with parenting, and men without children of their own who serve as loving and caring adults in the lives of children and youth.

21 Remember in prayer seasonal workers, often working behind the scenes, who are in transition throughout the year; pray that they will find safe and sustaining employment, affordable housing and a sense of community in our congregations.

22 Give thanks and praise that God is at work to reclaim, transform and unite us as children of God through our baptism in Christ.

23 Pray that summer programs and community ministries of our congregations will stir faith and hope and attend to the needs of communities. Give thanks for volunteers who share their enthusiasm, faith, time and gifts to help summer ministries thrive.

24 *John the Baptist* Though we may lack the single-mindedness, fervor and sacrificial spirit of John the Baptist in proclaiming Christ, give thanks that God uses our unique qualities and gifts to serve our neighbor and share the life-changing gospel with whomever we encounter in our daily life.

25 Pray for programs and partners of the ELCA churchwide organization that support young adults as they grow in faith and discover who God is calling them to be in the world, including ELCA Young Adult Ministry, Young Adults in Global Mission, Young Adult Justice Network, Campus Ministry, and outdoor ministries.

26 Pray that we might follow Christ with passion and commitment, sharing the good news, inviting others into faith and showing grace toward our neighbor when we encounter resistance, difficulty or disbelief.

27 Pray that God will hear our concern and yearning for our communities and schools to be safe from gun violence; pray that the Spirit will transform that concern and yearning into advocacy for common-sense gun laws, community conversations and initiatives, and loving care for those impacted by gun violence.

28 Give thanks and pray for the safety of firefighters, first responders, members of the National Guard, disaster response volunteers, relief agencies and neighbors who respond to individuals and communities in times of severe weather and natural disaster.

29 *Peter and Paul, apostles* Peter and Paul disagreed with each other yet were united in their commitment to spread the good news of Jesus

Christ and encourage communities of faith. Pray that we will be united in our faith as siblings in Christ, moving beyond our differences and using our unique gifts and perspectives to do God's work in the world, together.

30 Pray for the churchwide organization staff and volunteer leaders across the country preparing for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, and for the congregations, youth and adults anticipating this rich experience of worship, community, faith formation, learning and service.





*Spiritual Renewal ~
Centered
in
Prayer*

Saturday, October 1, 2022

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 21, 2022

~ Registration forms available by contacting ~

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2022 First Lutheran Congregational Council

Front Row (Left to Right): Gail Espinoza, Church Council Secretary; Jane Young, Church Council Treasurer; Karen Linn, Church Council President; Michael Laurin, Church Council Vice President

Back Row: Brigetta Overcash; Paul R. Johnson; Elaine Rissel; Wendy Larson; Michael Dearman; Randy Elf; Carey Skelton; and Sandy Hatfield

WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service
Contemporary Worship Center

11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
Main Sanctuary

Welcome

We welcome in the name of Jesus all who worship at First. It is our hope and prayer that you encounter God's gracious presence through this worship experience. If you want to know more about Jesus, please talk to anyone leading worship. If you want to know more about First Lutheran Church, our mission, and ministries, please visit the Welcome Table in the back.

Attendance Cards

Even though COVID 19 has been declining, and we've been able to relax some restrictions, please continue to complete an attendance card and leave it in the pew where you're seated. This will help us track and contact individuals if needed. In addition, it will also help us reconnect as a congregation. Thank you.

Masks and Social Distancing

Masks are no longer required. We do ask that worshipers continue safe practices, such as distancing, non-contact greetings and frequent hand washing to protect the vulnerable. If you or anyone in your home is ill, please remain home and follow CDC guidelines as appropriate.

Additional Precautions

Holy Communion will be served at the head of the aisle with individual wafers and disposable communion cups. Singing is permitted while continuing to social distance. Those who are leading worship, spoken and in song, will maintain extended distances from the congregation. You may place your offering in the box at the entrance of the sanctuary. We will share the peace in word without physical contact. We continue to observe precautions recommended by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and by directives from the State of New York. We appreciate your patience and cooperation!

- We will video record both worship services and post the recordings online through: Vimeo, YouTube, Facebook and the First Lutheran website: flcjny.org

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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