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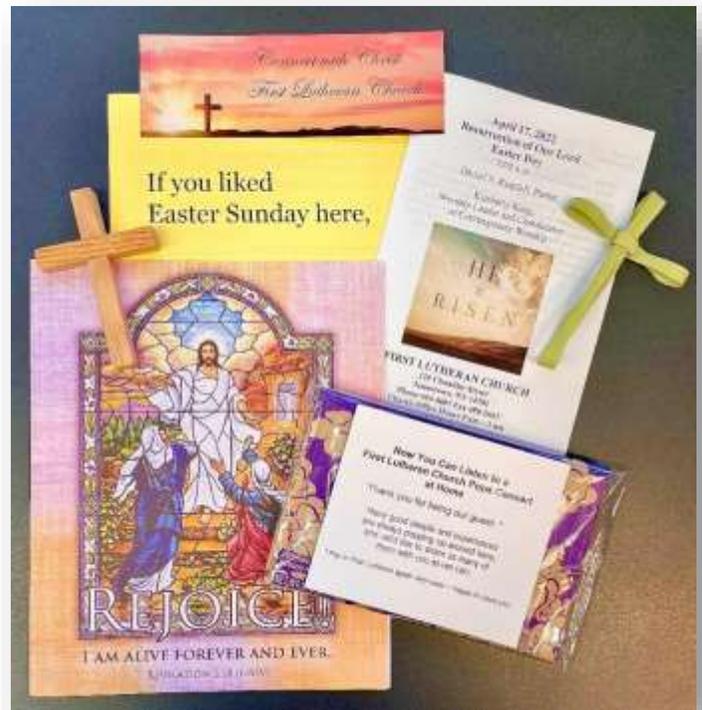


*“It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
To sing praises to your name,
O Most High;
To declare your steadfast love in the morning,
And your faithfulness by night,
To the music of the lute and the harp,
To the melody of the lyre.
For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
At the works of our hands I sing for joy.” Psalm 92:1-4*

Today I give thanks to the Lord for the exquisite worship at First Lutheran on Passion/Palm Sunday and on Easter Sunday. The people and friends of First declared the love and faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ in contemporary and traditional liturgies, in drums and guitars, organ, choir, bells, masterful vocal solos, children crying out “Alleluia.” We served communion at the head of the aisle with wafers and individual cups of wine. In the contemporary service children retrieved the “Alleluia – He is Risen” banners from the “tomb” and we hung them on the wall. The traditional service featured the cross of lilies below the altar. We felt exhilarated. We felt the Holy Spirit of God. And we felt the joy of sharing that spirit with both church family and new guests who came to “Connect with Christ.”

I give thanks to those who took up the call to invite friends to worship at First. This is the even greater joy of the energy surrounding First: the energy of invitation, welcome, encouraging connection with those who could find a meaningful and celebratory church home at First.

I give thanks to the individuals and small groups who created gifts for members and guests alike. The Altar Society prepared the palm crosses for Palm Sunday. A member handmade hundreds of small



chestnut crosses from wood originally part of First House. Another took an idea from Adult Bible Study and designed the “Connect with Christ” bookmarks. There are many more of both, so please get one for yourself and some to use to invite friends to First. Folks involved in the “Reconnect Dinner” also developed the popcorn packs and the “If you liked Easter Sunday here” insert. The insert eloquently speaks to who we are and who we aim to be. Thank you to everyone who carried through these beautiful ideas!

Easter Sunday comes once a year, but every Sunday is known as a “Little Easter” all year long. Every Sunday offers members and guests the opportunity to set judgement aside and discover grace. Every Sunday the music and melody, the praise, the joy continues because everyday the love and faithfulness of Christ our Lord continues. Connect with Christ.

Blessings, Pastor Dan



We extend a sincere thank you to the following people:

Memorial Fund

In Memory of Ruth Marie Westerberg Rulifson by:

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April, 2022

- For the good of the council: Randy Elf stated that the Easter service was wonderful and inspirational. Wendy Larson mentioned that the bulletin insert (“If you liked Easter Sunday here”) was a great addition to the bulletin.
- Some Other Place--Volunteers are preparing for a community sale to be held on Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 4. The council

approved these dates. Donations are being accepted.

- Pastor’s report--Pastor Dan Rumfelt thanked all those who made the Easter services so remarkable. As we move past Covid restrictions, the Worship and Music committee will need to work to rebuild teams of ushers and communion helpers. Brenda Ecklund’s communion committee also needs new members. Fred and Wendy Larson, along with Pastor Mark Swanson, will attend the Synod Assembly in June.
- Treasurer’s report--Jane Young and Liz Lobb now have web banking access. Paul Johnson reported that the office computer is very slow and probably needs to be updated or replaced. The council approved a motion to research and seek bids for a new server/computer. Mike Dearman will assist with this project.

Old business

- Reconnect with Christ--Paul Johnson and Lynn Novo are finalizing plans for the Reconnect Dinner at LCLC on April 23. Sandee’s Bakery will cater the event with Lynn in charge of appetizers and desserts. There will be “icebreaker” activities for adults and Earth Day-themed activities for kids. Brigetta reported that the committee has also been working with Ross Blake on ideas for strategic planning. Currently the committee members are studying a book, *Advanced Strategic Planning*, to come up with ideas for congregation building. Meanwhile, they will continue to offer “Thanks for popping in” popcorn to visitors; and there will be more bulletin inserts similar to the one included on Easter.
- Nursery--Child care has been provided to children in the nursery during both services for the past two Sundays. Church members are reminded to encourage parents with small children to attend worship and take advantage of the child care offered in the nursery.

New business

- Summer camp at LCLC--First Lutheran has money available to help children attend camp. There are numerous opportunities available for campers ages 4 and up. Please contact the church office if you know of someone who could use financial assistance for camp. LCLC is having a Pick-a-Project Day (work day) on April 30; volunteers are needed.

Synod Mission Message



WHERE IS GOD IN THE MIDDLE OF A WAR?

Why should it be said among the peoples, “Where is their God?” (Joel 2:17)

The carnage and destruction in Ukraine is hard to watch, and it seems it will only get worse before it gets better. The Ukrainian forces and civilians are fighting back valiantly, and the courage of the inhabitants is inspiring. But one-quarter of the population has been displaced and the true number of dead may never be known. It is tempting to ask, where is God in all this?

Here is the good news: God is still present in the midst of war and injustice. Nearly the whole world has condemned the brutality of the attacks, and scores of countries are stepping forward in solidarity with Ukraine. The ELCA has responded to the crisis with prayer, advocacy and financial support through Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR), and as refugees reach other countries, the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) helps them get settled. In these ways, our Church is carrying out the New Commandment we heard on Maundy Thursday to love one another as God has loved us. “They will know we are Christians by our love.” Your congregations’ gifts to mission support,

and your individual gifts to LDR and LIRS make it happen. *Thank you!*

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

PARISH RECORD

**Funeral from Glenda K. Lyon on 4/21/2022
who passed away on 4/17/2022**



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

Confirmation Class Schedule for May via Zoom

Sunday, May 1st
Sunday, May 15th



CHRIST IN OUR HOME

Devotional Booklets
April, May, and June

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

Free Trex Bench

Please remember to collect your plastic file/bags and bring it to the church. First Lutheran Church can earn a free bench from Trex by recycling 500# of plastic file and bags. This will keep it out of the landfill. We need to collect 500# in a 6 month period.

Collection guidelines are listed below. The plastic must be CLEAN, DRY, and FREE of FOOD RESIDUE.

Grocery bags - Stretch film and pallet wrap - Plastic mailer bags - Case overwrap - Bread bags - Paper towel/toilet tissue overwrap - Bubble wrap - Air Pillows - Dry cleaning bags - Cereal box liners - Produce bags - Newspaper sleeves - Furniture foam wrap - Ziplock or food storage bags - Salt bags - Pellet bags - Ice bags - Mattress bags. Again: All plastic must be Clean, Dry, Free of Food Residue.

Please make sure to donate only the above types of plastic.

NO saran films and NO meat wrap.

Collection boxes are located throughout the Church.

Thank you, Sandy Hatfield. Please contact me with questions (716) 490-4115

shatfield321@gmail.com. I'm also looking for a few volunteers to help me.

Please contact me if you can help.



Sunday School Teacher/Staff Recognition

We are back in person for Sunday School. Thank you, Pastor Dan Rumpfelt, Glenn Utter, Tracy Grey, Karen Lindeman, Heather Conti, Hannah Grey, Wendy Larson and Susan Mlacker for helping to make it possible.

In recognition of them Christian Education has purchased books in their name **to be placed in the library**.

The books purchased are:

3:16 The Numbers of Hope by Max Lucado

The Other Side of Yet - Finding Light in the Midst of Darkness by Michelle Hord

The Lord's Prayer - The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught by Adam Hamilton

Petook The Rooster Who Met Jesus by Caryll Houelander

Howie's Broken Hee-Haw A Story for Palm Sunday by Josie Siler

What Will I Do With My Love Today? by Kristin Chenoweth

Where'd My Giggle Go? by Max Lucado

Little Pilgrim's Progress by Helen Taylor



NOTES FROM THE LOFT

MAY 2022

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

Thank you so very much to the several musicians that participated in our Easter Day Celebration including our First Lutheran Choir; First Lutheran Good News Ringers, directed by Karen Linn; Julie Costantini and Marika Koch, soprano soloists; Gail Espinoza and Julie Livengood, pianists; Al Johnson and Glenn Utter, trumpeters. What a memorable service of worship and music celebrating our resurrected Lord and Savior!

Our First Lutheran Choir will continue practicing on the first Wednesday of the month, May 4th at 6 p.m. in the choir rehearsal room. Our Sunday morning rehearsals will also be at 9:30 a.m. in our choir room # 9. Below is a list of Liturgists, Lectors, and Hymn Cantors for the months of May & June.

<u>LITURGIST</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>HYMN CANTOR</u>
5-1 Frank Gozdalski	Randy Elf	Beth Johnson
5-8 Beth Johnson	Don Sandy	Julie Costantini
5-15 Peter Larson	Janet Wahlberg	Marika Koch
5-22 Brenda Ecklund	Ellen Ditonto	Peter Larson
5-29 Frank Gozdalski	Brenda Ecklund	Beth Johnson
6-5 Beth Johnson	Paul R. Johnson	Julie Costantini
6-12 Peter Larson	Lynn Novo	Marika Koch
6-19 Brenda Ecklund	Ross Blake	Peter Larson
6-26 Frank Gozdalski	Julie Livengood	Beth Johnson

This month I would like to talk about our “Radio Cathedral Hour” that featured a live broadcast weekly, every Saturday evening at 7 p.m. that aired on Radio WJTN from 1950-1978. The Rev. Dr. Paul A. Westerberg was the one who spearheaded this whole production and if you remember that he was also the Radio Pastor every weekday morning at 5:55 a.m. for a three-minute morning devotional on Radio WJTN, for several decades! I found this old brochure (located in this issue), that gives you a sample of some of the participants and musicians who were involved in the weekly radio production. All of the personalities are identified in the brochure except the singers in the First Lutheran Temple Quartette consisting of (from left to right), the Ahlstrom brothers: Edmond (“Curley”) Ahlstrom, Jerome Ahlstrom, Harold Ahlstrom, and John Lindell.

When I arrived at First Lutheran in 1971 the following musicians, as well as myself, were involved in this weekly radio production including Charlotte Dahlbeck, vocal soloist who also served as my assistant organist; Helen Condon, Kathy Swenson-Gilray, Clarice Lundine, Chuck Magnuson, Hazel Smith, and Sharon Westerberg. These faithful vocal soloists rotated on a weekly basis. We continued recording the Radio Cathedral Hour at the WJTN headquarters that was located on the first floor of the Hotel Jamestown in the early 1970’s. Later that decade we moved to WJTN’s new headquarters on 2 Orchard Road in West Ellicott.

You might also remember that we were part of a Sunday Morning Broadcast on WJTN where First Lutheran rotated with 6 other local congregations that were a part of the Sunday Radio Chapel Series. We would feature Pastor Westerberg and the First Lutheran Choir and soloists. First Lutheran certainly had a welcoming voice and presence in our community as we evangelized in these various radio broadcasts for several decades! Thanks for going down “Memory Lane” with me for some of the very special programs and evangelical outreach ministries sponsored by our Jamestown First Lutheran Church! Happy Easter All!

**Together...Joyfully in His Service,
Brian**

THE CATHEDRAL HOUR



Pastor Paul A. Westerberg

THEY TESTIFY . . .

Jamestown—"Just a card to say I am enjoying the Cathedral Hour. The message on Prayer was very good. Charles Magnuson is a good announcer. Wish he would sing a solo sometime. The Music by the Temple Quartet is excellent."

A Friend—"I like the Cathedral Hour program very much and look forward to it each Saturday and think the time is all right. Keep it going".

Two Listeners—"We enjoy your program very much and hope you keep it on the air. The hour is very convenient for us".

Four Listeners—"The Best religious broadcast in Jamestown and we say that even though we are not Lutherans. Stay with it."

Vega Street—"We enjoy the Cathedral Hour very much. We feel that we miss a great treat if affairs interfere with the 7 o'clock radio hour Saturday evenings. Your messages and the singing by the Temple Quartet are so inspirational, comforting, and are a fine start for the Sunday School and worship services. They come as a beautiful calm in these busy, more than busy days."

First Lutheran's Radio Program *Serving the Present Age* *With the Changeless Christ*



Mrs. C. E. Peck, Organist

Van Buren Street—"There are three families consisting of ten listeners in our neighborhood on Van Buren Street who listen in to your broadcast on Saturday evenings with the greatest of interest. It comes at a time that prepares one for Sunday."

Warren, Pa.—"Your message on "Prayer" should be printed in the Reader's Digest or some periodical. It should not be forgotten only because it is spoken."

Radio Station WJTN
AM and FM
1240 Dial
Saturday Evenings
Seven O'clock



Charles Magnuson, Announcer



Temple Quartette

TOPICS

- Oct. 20—"Without God In the World"
- Oct. 27—"The Supremacy Of Christianity"
- Nov. 3—"God's Claim On Our Life"
- Nov. 10—"The Old Gray Coat"
- Nov. 17—"Our Possessions Belong To God"

May, 2022
First Lutheran Church
Contemporary Worship

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

Hello Everyone,

May is here and hopefully we will experience warmer weather and beauty in God's creations of blossoming trees and flowers.

Have you ever thought about the meaning of blossoming? Is our faith and journey with our Lord blossoming?

Is our Church community blossoming? How comfortable are we with sharing our faith with others' and encouraging them to attend church with us?

Let's take a look at the definitions of "blossom" and "blossoming"

"blos·som| 'bläsəm | noun- a flower or a mass of flowers, especially on a tree or bush: *tiny white blossoms* | *the slopes were ablaze with almond blossom*. • the state or period of flowering: *fruit trees in blossom*.

Verb- [no object] (of a tree or bush) produce flowers or masses of flowers: *the mango trees have shed their fruit and blossomed again*. • mature or develop in a promising or healthy way: *their friendship blossomed into romance*."

"blossoming | 'bläsəmiNG | adjective- (of a tree or bush) producing flowers or masses of flowers: *blossoming magnolia*. • maturing or developing in a promising or healthy way: *a blossoming career in TV*.

Noun- promising or healthy development: *the blossoming of experimental theater*."

Let us consider the parallelism between "blossoming" and our own Christian faith. In order for the blossoming of plants and trees, a foundation of healthy soil, fertilizer, water, sun and other care is needed to bloom and flourish. The is the same for our own Christian faith and daily journey. Making sure we feed ourselves "spiritually", remain close to our Father in prayer, bible reading, devotions; and also sharing our faith with others and our community of faith.

So, as we see God's creations blossoming, let it remind us to take a fresh look at our own Christian faith. Is it "blossoming" and continually evolving? Is it on a solid foundation and well nourished? And don't forget to share this with others'.

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 and our “coffee hour” has resumed. Coffee hour begins right after the Contemporary service has ended. People are enjoying the time with each other, once again.

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. I am sure you can take your coffee there, too. ☺

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



Income & Expenses through March, 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			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
Total			
	105,261	80,350	24,911

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Attendance for April

April	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday
2021	147	72
2022	103	108
	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday
2021	88	87
2022	200	105

*** 40,000 from Endowment**

Thank you to all who are mailing their offering!

On-Line Views of Worship Video

Date	Contemporary & Traditional	Total
3/20/2022		137
3/27/2022		145
4/03/2022		155
4/10/2022		187



SCRIPTURE READINGS IN MAY

Third Sunday of Easter

May 1st

Acts 9:1-6[7-20]

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8th

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15th

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22nd

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10,22-22:5

John 14:23-29

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29th

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21

John 17:20-26

**Baptismal
Anniversaries**

We celebrate with you!

*indicates birthday when baptism is not known

May Baptisms:

- 5/1 Diane Ploetz
- 5/2 Jillian Bloomquist
Hannah Grey
Raymon Hofgren
Elaine Rissel
Bryan Rissel
- 5/3 Marilyn Wilcox
- 5/7 Earl Griffith
Terry J. Smith
- 5/8 Lee Hoyt
Kevin Palmquist
Jane Young
- *5/9 Shannon Sauder
- 5/12 Gage McIntire
Mia McIntire
- *5/12 Andrea Magnuson
- 5/13 Katherine Sauder
- 5/14 Keith Miller
Shelly Traver
- 5/15 Heather Conti
- *5/16 Osiris Knowles
- 5/17 Lincoln Carpenter
Susan Mlacker
- *5/18 Timothy Town
- 5/19 Jeanine Dearman
- 5/20 Harold Almquist
- 5/21 Kent Lindstrom
- 5/22 Silas Conti
Izzibella Ordines
Luke Winchester
- 5/23 Julie Gable
- *5/23 Rhonda Main
- 5/24 Martin Swalboski
- 5/25 Erik Spitzer

5/26 Olivia Ordines
 Ryan Ordines
 Sandra Sandy
 5/27 Anna Wager
 Elizabeth Wager
 5/28 Benjamin Sixbey
 5/29 Kathleen Comber
 Gwyneth Kraft
 Kaia Vazquez
 *5/29 Mike Espinoza
 5/30 Kaitlin Healy
 5/31 Gillian M. LaMancuso
 Elianna Vazquez



Prayer Ventures May 2022

1 *Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month* Praise God for Asian and Pacific Islander members, congregations and ministries of the ELCA that use God’s gifts of culture, language and heritage to share the good news of Jesus Christ, loving and serving our neighbor in a multicultural world.

2 Pray for the safety and well-being of those directly impacted by the war in Ukraine — both the people inside its borders and the nearly 4 million who have left the country. Pray for peace, wisdom, justice, repentance and reconciliation, and give thanks for the assistance provided by Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration and

Refugee Service, and our partners and companion churches in Ukraine and across Eastern Europe.

3 “O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me” (Psalm 30:2). Pray for healing, comfort and peace for all who suffer sorrow, trauma, illness, fear or hardship, and ask the Spirit to equip us for responding to our neighbors in need with love, hope and support.

4 Give thanks and pray for Lutheran Men in Mission and other ministries with men in our congregations, that they will reach and serve men of all ages, strengthening their faith in Christ, equipping them to love and serve their neighbor, and creating faithful communities of men.

5 Remembering the story of how God transformed Paul’s life, purpose and spirit, pray that people everywhere might be changed by the grace of God, the work of the Spirit and the influence of caring and loving people, including ourselves.

6 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Metropolitan New York Synod, the New Jersey Synod and the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, 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.

7 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Southeastern Minnesota 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.

8 On Mother’s Day, thank God for mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, expectant mothers, women struggling with parenting, women trying to conceive and women who cannot bear children of their own but serve as loving and caring adults in the lives of children and youth.

9 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Rocky Mountain 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.

10 Remember in prayer students at college, university and seminary as they prepare for final exams, celebrate graduation or begin their careers, that they might find opportunities to use their gifts, faith and passion in service to their neighbors and communities.

11 "The Lord is my shepherd" (Psalm 23:1). Pray that we might find clarity and be reassured of God's love and attention through the psalmist's description of a shepherd who restores, leads, nourishes and accompanies us, calming our fears and showing us mercy.

12 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Delaware-Maryland 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.

13 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Oregon Synod, the Saint Paul Area Synod, the Northeastern Ohio Synod and the East Central Synod of Wisconsin, 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 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Great Lakes, Southeast Michigan and North/West Lower Michigan 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.

15 Pray that we will be faithful to Jesus' commandment to love one another, and pray that we might be recognized as disciples of Christ and communities of faith through our Spirit-inspired acts of love, kindness, service, justice and hospitality.

16 Remember in prayer the conflict in Ethiopia, which has caused displacement, suffering and loss of life among the most vulnerable — women, children and older adults. Pray for relief, hope and strength for those who have been impacted and for an end to the violence and ethnic discrimination. Give thanks for the relief work of Lutheran World Relief and the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, and for the financial support of Lutheran Disaster Response.

17 Ask the Spirit to stir our enthusiasm for sharing the good news of Jesus Christ throughout the world, that all people might know the boundless love of God that renews and unites us as siblings in Christ.

18 Pray that we might not grow weary or apathetic about the needs of our neighbor, especially when their difficulties and situations seem complicated, overwhelming or distant from us. Ask the Spirit to nurture within us love and concern that are enduring, impartial and wise.

19 Praise God for everything that brings joy, hope, encouragement or brightness into our lives.

20 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Pacifica, Greater Milwaukee, Southeastern Iowa and Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast 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.

21 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Northwestern Minnesota 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.

22 Promise to respond to those we encounter who are struggling, homeless, lonely, grieving or ill; ask the Spirit to encourage, equip and guide us when we feel ill-equipped to love and care for our neighbor.

23 Thank God for our special relationship with The Episcopal Church, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1999. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor, especially in these challenging times.

24 Among your siblings in Christ, who has surprised you with their welcoming spirit, generosity, wisdom or eagerness to share their faith? Give thanks to God for people who unexpectedly enrich our lives.

25 Give thanks for young adults from across the country who have responded to the call to serve in summer ministries at ELCA camps. Ask the Spirit to equip, inspire and sustain them for sharing their faith in Christ and developing caring communities of faith with campers of all backgrounds, abilities and ages.

26 *Ascension Day* “Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth” (Psalm 47:1-2). Praise and honor our wonderful God!

27 “The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you” (John 14:26). Remember in prayer the gift of the Spirit in our midst, working through us to call, gather, enlighten, bless and unify the church on earth.

28 Pray for the ELCA Justice for Women program and its work fostering gender awareness, justice and dignity, that our congregations and communities might value, embrace and be shaped by the unique voices and experiences of people across race, ethnicity, ability, class, sexuality and age.

29 Ask God to unite us as communities of faith and siblings in Christ, introducing others to what God

has done in the world through the life, teachings, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus.

30 *Memorial Day* Remember, honor and give thanks for members of the armed forces who sacrificed their lives for the sake of peace. Pray for those who serve in harm’s way today and for our neighbors around the world who have served their own countries in pursuit of peace, justice and freedom.

31 Pray for congregations as they prepare for mission trips, service-learning experiences and local community ministries, that their efforts might exemplify compassion, respect, mutual relationship, intentional partnership and our call to love and serve our neighbor as Christ loves and serves us.

2022 First Lutheran Church **Sunday School Schedule:**

May 15, 2022

May 22, 2020

Please look at the First Lutheran Sunday School Jamestown, NY page weekly for updates due to last minute cancellations or changes.

We look forward to seeing everyone for the end of the Sunday School year.



**EASTER Lilies
Are Given In
Loving
Memory of:**

John & Jane Wahlberg
John & Esther Platt
Ashley Reed
Steve Marchincin
Steven D. Marchincin
Doug & Nancy Kling
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Some Other Place

Some Other Place formally known as the Community Outreach Center will be holding a sale. The sale will be open to the congregation and the public.

The sale will be on the 3rd floor of First Lutheran.

Dates are Friday, June 3rd and Saturday, June 4th

Time is 9:00 AM till 2:00 PM both days.

Clothes ONLY will be \$5.00 a Bag.

They are currently taking donation of:

- Clothing
- Kitchen Items
- Small Appliances
- Toys
- Toiletries
- Linens

All items MUST be clean, in good condition, contain all pieces.

NO large furniture, appliance or televisions.



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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