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Pastor's Message

One of the truly remarkable features of the past eight months of pandemic is your faithful financial support of the congregation. While we gathered by way of radio and livestream for the first five months and did not pass an offering plate during that whole time, you were not deterred. You mailed your contribution in to us. You signed up for simply giving. You stopped by the office to hand deliver your gift to the ongoing ministry of this congregation. Thank you for your continued support during these challenging days.

November is a time to reflect on those things for which we are truly thankful. For three Sundays in November (8, 15 and 22) we will focus on stewardship as a way of life during worship.

- Stewardship is an act of worship....we give of our time and talent. We come to church to worship God, to express our thanks for all God has given us and to give out of our own abundance.
- Stewardship is an expression of faith.... We see God's world as good creation and we are grateful to be part of it. We know God cares for us and we trust God to provide whatever we need. We want to live out our faith in our daily lives.
- Stewardship is a spiritual discipline...we seek to know God more and more each day. We pray before meals. We read scripture to hear God's word. We see God in our neighbor. We give generously to support the work of God in the world.

As we remember God's goodness to us, let us also remember the joy of giving back, giving to others, and giving ourselves....for the sake of the whole world.

Pastor Kristine



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

This weekly offering continues at **11 am every Thursday morning**. We gather on Zoom to discuss the Psalms. If you are interested in being part of the conversation, please let Pastor Kristine know, she will provide you with call-in information.

Life Passages

Whether we live or whether we die, we are the LORD's
Gary Hollstein, October 9, 2020



Be on the **lookout** for an Advent Faith Formation Activity in **December**.

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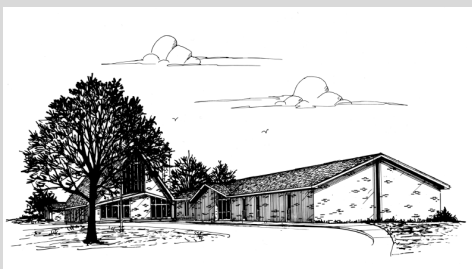
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Seasonal Worship in November

We gather to worship during the month of November as saints and sinners. On **Sunday, November 1**, we will remember those who have died in the faith this past year, as well as the newly baptized. If you plan on worshipping by radio or livestream, I would encourage you to light a candle in your home during the service. The light reminds us of Christ, who is our redeemer. We have no fear of death because we have been baptized into the death of Christ.



We will focus on stewardship on three **Sundays in November (8, 15, 22)**. We will continue to hear from Matthew's gospel who will call us to use our gifts for the greater good.



On **Sunday, November 29th**, we begin a new church year. Advent begins on this Sunday and we enter into the mystery of the coming Savior. The Advent Wreath will remind us we must wait for the coming of the Messiah with wonder and expectation.

November Sundays are full of rich and meaningful scripture passages which we will explore together as we worship in our homes, in our sanctuary and in our hearts.

Communication Meeting, November 8 following worship

Join First Lutheran Congregation Council members as they provide an update on what has been happening at First and plans for the future of the congregation. **Following worship on Sunday, November 8th**, we will broadcast by way of Facebook livestream. You will be able to ask questions through the "comment" section on facebook. More information will be provided during the worship service. We hope you will plan to join us for this informative meeting.

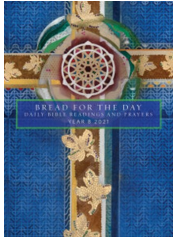
"WELCOME NEW CUSTODIAN"

We accepted the resignation of our custodian, **Orlando Morales**. Orlando brought a great energy, loved plants (which are evident throughout the building!), and helped to keep our building clean and tidy. If you would like to send a greeting to Orlando to thank him for his service these past three and half years, please send your greeting or card to the office and will we get to Orlando.

We are also pleased to announce we have hired a new custodian, **Jim Larson**, who began his work with us on October 22nd. Jim has several years of custodial experience and will be working three afternoons each week. We welcome Jim to First Lutheran and give thanks for Orlando's work among us.

2021 Bread for the Day Devotions

Devotional books for 2021 are available in the office for \$10. These devotional books provide a biblical reading and prayer for each day of the year. If you are so inclined there is also a hymn to sing for each reading. Pick up your copy before they are gone!



FLC Finance Update

Needed weekly per budget \$5,442.31 / for the month of October \$21,769.24. Actual income for October \$. 26,967.00



First Lutheran Church Council Report, October 20, 2020

President:	Alison Hertenstein	Vice President:	Lori McClaren
Secretary:	Enola Peters	Treasurer:	Jen Snyder
Worship & Music:	Chris Taylor	Faith Formation:	Julie Thiele
Youth:	Jenny Denne	Mission:	Candy Johnson
Operations:	Lee Knop	Pastor Kristine	

The Council of First Lutheran Church met **Tuesday, October 20, 2020**. The highlights of the meeting were as follows:

- Council Vice President Lori McClaren called the meeting to order due to the absence of Council President Alison Hertenstein. Pastor Kristine led us in devotions from Isaiah.
- Treasurer Jen Snyder stated that our bank balance is doing quite well at this time. Included in the balance are the SBA funds of \$13,400. In general, giving is down a little but reminders will be going out with the third quarter giving statements. Jen will keep the council informed regarding the possible forgiveness of the SBA loan balance.
- In her Pastor's Report, Pastor Kristine told us that St. Mark's sent a thank you for the working together on services during the earlier pandemic times.
- Faith Formation - Julie Thiele reported that her committee is continuing to monitor the numbers of those participating in Faith Formation activities. An Advent activity is being considered. The Splash program continues for 0 - 36 month old children.
- Worship and Music - Chris Taylor reported that Communion distribution will resume on October 25th. The decorating for the Christmas season will be done on December 5th in a somewhat limited fashion. The radio broadcast and live stream of the Sunday service will conclude after the sharing of the peace, and then Communion will be prepared and served. Communion will be served at the rail with a great deal of concern to maintain safety for all of those participating.
- Candy Noonan-Johnson stated that the Caring Callers are doing very well. Following the placement of calls, a report is being made to the Pastor in case someone seems to need some extra pastoral care at this time. Calls are being placed monthly. More volunteers are needed and anyone interested can contact Candy.
- The volume of cans collected has become less and less. Numerous bottles are in need of attention at this time.
- The Food Pantry continues to serve between 28 and 30 families every other week. The District Health Department is encouraging the use of the outdoors as much as possible for safety reasons.
- Communication meetings will resume on November 8th. Details to follow.
- The Stewardship Drive will begin on November 8th and will feature three temple talks. On December 13th, the results of the drive will be announced. A letter will be sent out with the third quarter statements to explain the process a little more, and there will be a pledge card included with the letter.
- Plans are starting for the Christmas Season and the service schedule. It was mentioned that we may have a pre-recorded service so that families can observe Christmas in the safety of their homes. Members will be reminded that giving to the church is an important aspect of the season. When the final decisions are made, our services will be advertised locally.
- Pastor Kristine said that the Boy Scouts wrote an excellent plan that they will implement for their return to the building. The Scouts will do all of their own set up and cleaning. The Council voted unanimously to allow the Scouts to again use the facility with the implementation and following of their plan.
- A committee of Pastor Kristine, Ann Doellinger and Enola Peters have a new Employee Handbook ready for approval of the Council. We will address this handbook at the next meeting. Lori McClaren raised a question regarding the spokesman for the congregation with the media.
- Orlando has resigned his position and today was his last day of work. Members of the church are encouraged to leave cards or notes for Orlando at the church office and the staff will make sure that the cards get to him.
- Council representation for the 20-21 year was discussed very briefly. More to follow on this later. Jenny Denne will come off the Council as she has served the maximum allotment of time, but she will continue to be involved in the National Youth Gathering. Strategic Planning may be discussed at the Council retreat in March after the installation of the new Council.



November 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 9:00 CE 10:00 Worship -FB Live/Radio/In Person	2 Pastor's Day Off 5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym 7:00 Scouts in FH	3 5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym	4 9-11:30 Food Pantry 1:00 WELCA in FH 5:30 - 7:00 LLC/ Confirmation in FH/ CR	5 11:00 Bible Study via Zoom 6:30 Worship & Music Mtg. in FR	6	7
8 9:00 CE 10:00 Worship -FB Live/Radio/In Person 11:00 Council Communication Livestream	9 Pastor's Day Off 5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym 7:00 Scouts in FH	10 5:00 First Responder Support Mtg. in CR 5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym 6:30 Exec in FR	11 9-11:30 Food Pantry 5:30 - 7:00 LLC/ Confirmation in FH/ CR	12 11:00 Bible Study via Zoom	13	14
15 9:00 CE 10:00 Worship -FB Live/Radio/In Person 11:00 Faith Formation Comm. Mtg. in FH	16 Pastor's Day Off 5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym 7:00 Scouts in FH	17 5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym 6:30 Council Mtg. in FH	18 9-11:30 Food Pantry 5:30 - 7:00 LLC/ Confirmation in FH/ CR	19 11:00 Bible Study via Zoom	20	21
22 9:00 CE 10:00 Worship/FB Live/Radio/In Person	23 Pastor's Day Off 5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym 7:00 Scouts in FH	24 5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym	25 9-11:30 Food Pantry	26 Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed 	27 Office Closed	28
29 ADVENT 9:00 CE 10:00 Worship/ Baptism - FB Live/Radio/In Person	30 Pastor's Day Off 5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym 7:00 Scouts in FH					<u>Key</u> FH = Fellowship Hall FR = Fireside Room YR = Youth Room SS = Sunday School Room CR = Comm. Rm

ASSISTING ON SUNDAY MORNING

	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
Assisting Minister	Bruce Miller	TBD	Dan Moore	Alison Hertenstein	TBD
Sacristan	Kaia Downing	Chris Taylor	Julie Thiele	David Gross	Kaia Downing
Crucifer	Jami Denne	Nissa Downing	Rylie Hermelbracht	Tyler Hagan	Ian Hertenstein
Reader	Chris Taylor	Kaia & Shae Downing	Tammy Mahaney	Lori McClaren	August Schenzel
Radio	Craig and Sandie LaMaster	Onee Iverson	Schenzel Family	Ann Doellinger	David and Janet Gross
Choir	David Gross Janet Gross	Kaia Downing Shae Downing	Enola Peters Ann Doellinger Jim Lippke	Jami Denne Ian Hertenstein Shae Downing	Enola Peters David Gross Janet Gross
Covid Hosts:					
Lead	Gary Johnson	Jay Schenzel	Kaia Downing	Gary Troth	Jay Schenzel
Narthex Door	Candy Johnson	Jenny Denne Jacob Simons	Diane Baker	Julie Thiele	Jen Snyder
Seating	Ken Carlson	August Schenzel	Jay Schenzel	Emma Gross	Gary Troth

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement and let Carla know ASAP so the weekly bulletin is correct. Thank you.



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

As we resume in-person worship we invite you to consider serving as a worship leader. If you are interested in helping, please contact Pastor Kristine.



FOOD PANTRY

HELPING IN THE HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

November 4	November 11	November 18	November 25	December 2
LaVonne Lundgren Dorothy Goettsch	Dorothy Chauncey Nadine Holst	Chris Taylor Ann Doellinger	Orville and Diane Kenowith	Dorothy Chauncey Nadine Holst



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Communication is important....

Please continue to keep us informed on how you would like to receive communication from us, U.S. Mail, Email or pickup at the office.

Adult Faith Event: "Gather, grow, and go!"

Wednesdays in November and December gather around the synod to explore Luther's Small Catechism. We'll gather together, grow and deepen our faith and then go and strive to live following Jesus.

Wednesdays at 7 pm (Nov 4, 11, 18 and Dec 2, 9, 16). We are promoting and asking those interested to check with their pastors for the zoom link.

FAITH FORMATION

Learning to know and love God for all ages!

Faith Formation on Sunday mornings

LLC on Wednesday evenings

Faith Formation continues in November on Sundays, where children gather at **9 am** in Fellowship Hall, Youth gather in the youth room.

On Wednesday evenings through **November 18**, grade school children 1st through 5th grade, confirmation students, grades 6-8, and youth in high school and their parents and grandparents, will gather for a meal at **5:30 pm**. Stories about Bible characters in the Old Testament will model for us how people just like us come to know and love God.

For more information, please contact Pastor Kristine or Julie Thiele, council representative for Faith Formation.

