

# THE BUILDER

A PUBLICATION OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



According to the Grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. No one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. 3:10-11



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### Invitation to Holy Week

**Gethsemane**, by Mary Oliver

*The grass never sleeps.  
Or the roses.*

*Nor does the lily have a secret eye that shuts until morning.*

*Jesus said, wait with me. But the disciples slept.*

*The cricket has such splendid fringe on its feet,  
and it sings, have you noticed, with its whole body,  
and heaven knows if it ever sleeps.*

*Jesus said, wait with me. And maybe the stars did, maybe  
the wind wound itself into a silver tree, and didn't move, maybe  
the lake far away, where once he walked as on a  
blue pavement,  
lay still and waited, wild awake.*

*Oh the dear bodies, slumped and eye-shut, that could not  
keep that vigil, how they must have wept, so utterly human,  
knowing this too must be a part of the story.*



It is hard to keep watch; we are lucky if we wake up on Easter morning to celebrate the good news which we already know we are going to hear - "He is risen!" Mary Oliver reminds us it is part of the story that we fall asleep and get drawn away when we are invited to wait and pray with Jesus who is awaiting his end. So there is acknowledgement and expectation even in that first journey to the cross. We might assume life wasn't as busy and as exhausting so long ago; perhaps, then we are surprised that the disciples do fall asleep, fall away, and are not able to remain with Jesus the whole way.

It may be the case for us as well, but I invite you to take the time to come to Maundy Thursday service and risk the foot washing and/or receiving forgiveness and/or remembering Jesus' new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you." Come on Friday afternoon or evening to hear the music of the seven last words - the compilation of the different gospels' last words placed upon Jesus' lips. Come on Saturday to the Vigil, the most ancient of services when we pass from darkness into light, traveling through the stories of Scripture from the first fires of creation, through the stories of God's movement among God's people, through the waters of the Red Sea and the waters of baptism to arrive at the altar of Resurrection. There we will hear the first pronouncements of that word buried on Transfiguration day as it is brought forth from the tomb, unfurled, shouted and sung in celebration of Christ's resurrection and our new birth. (If you forgot the word, come and hear)! Come and drink sparkling cider and sparkling wine as we toast a new day and feast on first fruits and those promised gifts of milk and honey in a new land.

It is a journey - we fall asleep or travel other paths along the way, but come, try and stay awake for one or two or all three days leading to Easter. You'll experience Easter with new, though maybe more tired, eyes!

*Pastor Dianne*

Pastor Dianne

**faithlovecommunity**

First Lutheran Church

Growing  
in Faith

Spreading  
God's Love

Gathering  
in Community

*The Builder* is organized along key elements of Christian Discipleship. The goal is to provide a resource to assist individuals and the church body as a whole on the journey of spiritual transformation:

- Worship
- Study
- Prayer
- Giving
- Serving
- Relating

**2017 Easter Journey**

**Palm Sunday Services - April 9, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

Meet in the Parish Hall 15 minutes prior to the services to assemble for an outdoor procession. All ages are invited to G.I.F.T. Sunday/Growing in Faith Together learning about the fruit of the spirit "Faithfulness" at 9:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

**Maundy Thursday Services - April 13, 7:00 p.m.**

At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another, which he shows us by kneeling to wash his disciples' feet, a ritual we share during this service. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

**Good Friday - April 14 ,1:00 & 7:00 p.m.**

**Presentation of *The Seven Last Words of Christ***

Director: Dr. Jason Branham  
Soloists: William Bastian, Tenor; Elias Mokole, Baritone; Patricia Dorn, Soprano  
Suggested donation: \$12

**Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 15 7:00 p.m.**

This is the night! This is our Passover with Christ from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life. Tonight is the heart of our celebration of the Three Days and the pinnacle of the church's year. The resurrection of Christ is proclaimed in word and sign, and we gather around a pillar of fire, hear ancient stories of our faith, welcome new sisters and brothers at the font, and share the food and drink of the promised land. Raised with Christ, we go forth into the world, aflame with the good news of the resurrection. *Please let Pastor Dianne know if you are willing to help plan and/or participate for this holiest night of the year.*

**Easter Festival Worship - Sunday, April 16 , 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

Easter morning we celebrate with joy the resurrection of our Lord. An **Easter Breakfast** will be served from 7:30-10:45 a.m. by FLC youth.

**Don't forget your scorpions!** Pick one up (a paper one) – put on it something that gets in the way of your living the full life Christ promises you and throw it into the fires at the Easter Vigil proclaiming, "Death where is thy victory! Death where is thy sting!"



# FROM FLC PRESIDENT

## It's All About Relationships!

Are you able to greet everyone at church by name? If you know someone's name, are you more comfortable striking up a conversation? **A church community is more likely to thrive when members build relationships with one another.** Some of us hesitate to begin a conversation if we can't remember (or simply don't know) a person's name.

Recently we have been blessed to welcome many new faces to worship services. Some of these folks decide to attend the Inquirer sessions and then become members of our faith community. **It is so important that we quickly involve our new members and frequent visitors in FLC activities and relationships.** That becomes much more likely when we come to know them by name. This is one of the reasons we initiated our **name badges**. Many of us are still working to learn names of long-time members as well. If you do not yet have a preprinted name badge, just complete the half-sheet form, found at a name badge table or the Welcome Desk, and place it in the basket. Name badges are, of course, strictly voluntary.

Intentionally seeking out new faces and introducing yourself helps us build familiarity with one another and reach out to guests. Reaching out in conversation with someone new is not difficult, as is demonstrated so often at FLC. "I don't think we've met," is a good way to start. Showing genuine interest (and concern/compassion when needed) might encourage new acquaintances to share "their story" with us. After we have built an initial relationship, it might be time to **Invite!** "What brought you to First Lutheran? Are you finding ways to get involved here at church? Are you familiar with our church building? May I show you around? (Do become familiar with the building yourself first, or you may regret this one. It's a big building!) I was just going to the forum. Would you like to go? Let me introduce you to .... Do you know about our Bible studies? We have wonderful Lenten services, and a terrific meal after." What a difference this makes in helping build connections and relationships for someone new to FLC.

Our online **photo directory** is another important tool for building relationships in our faith community. Browse the directory now and then; you will see new faces, folks recently joining FLC, and you will be able to greet them at church, especially if they are wearing a name badge! That's building relationships! If you prefer to use the print version of the directory, which can't be updated quite as quickly, pictures of each new member group will also be displayed in the Gathering Space.

If you have not yet entered your contact information in our directory, please do so (again, strictly voluntary). Folks frequently ask why a family they know is not in the directory. You enter only as much contact information as you want, and you may have a photo taken at church (see dates below), submit your own photo, or have no photo at all. **Our directory is password protected and only someone with an email listed in the directory is able to download it on a mobile device.** If you need directions for downloading a current, up-to-date version on your computer desktop (from the FLC website), or guidance for putting the directory on your smart phone, take a sheet from the display on the kiosk as you exit the sanctuary. The print version booklet is updated and reprinted yearly and is available at minimum cost.



Our name badges and photo directory can help us reach out to guests and new members, and to build relationships with one another, demonstrating that we care about each person in our midst. **It's all about building relationships!**

*Candy Madich*

Candy Madich  
Congregational President

### Photo Directory Pictures: April 2 & April 16

FLC Photo Directory pictures will be taken: **April 2 & 16, 9:30-11:00, in the Upper Commons.** Please join us for picture-taking if you: Are an FLC member not yet listed in the directory; would like an updated picture due to family changes; would simply like to update your photo. Remember you may submit your own photo if you prefer, or have your contact information entry with no photo. Be sure to call the FLC office, or stop by the



photo-taking area if you need to **make any changes in your current listing.** Help make our photo directory [accurate and complete!]

# YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

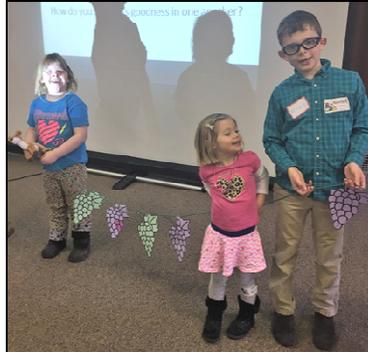
## Experience the G.I.F.T. – *all ages* Growing in Faith Together

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month

9:45 -10:45 in the Parish Hall

Each month we've been gathering in the Parish Hall to learn about one of the fruits of the Spirit. We've had great conversations and activities as young kids and oldsters together explore how each quality connects them with God in their daily lives.

In March we learned about **GOODNESS**. Being "good" is when our words and actions are aligned with the values of our heart. Like grapes on a vine, we are connected to God through the Holy Spirit, helping us to follow the way of Jesus. We come to know God's goodness and share that goodness with others!



## Palm Sunday, April 9 – FAITHFULNESS

As we enter into Holy Week we will be remembering the faithful journey Jesus made from Jerusalem to the cross. All ages are invited to take part in painting colorful, symbolic Easter banners that express the events of the week, and the joy of new life.

*Growing in Faith Together – all welcome!*



## Sunday Mornings with 6th-8th Graders

On Sunday mornings meet up in the Youth Room for a time of games, snacks, hanging out, and digging into God's Word! (Cinnamon Roll Sundays on the first Sunday of the month and on GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) Days we'll meet in the Parish Hall.)

## VLM Daycamp at FLC – July 24-28, 2017 WATER OF LIFE

Mark your calendars! Camp staff from Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry will be leading a fun and spirit-filled week of activities around the theme of Water of Life. Through games, Bible stories, music, worship and art, kids will learn how God, through water – creates, heals, saves and revives!



Day Camp is open to kids who have completed Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Invite your friends and neighbors! The camp runs from 9:00 – 3:00 Monday-Thursday, and ends on Friday, July 28 at 11:30 with a closing program.

Registration: Only \$15 per camper, thanks to the generous commitment of our congregation. The registration form will be available at Sunday School, at the Welcome Desk, in the church office, and online at [www.flcduluth.org](http://www.flcduluth.org)!

## Preschool Vacation Bible School!

Plans are underway for preschoolers to enjoy mini-day camp. A special 3-morning VBS will be held Tuesday through Thursday, July 25-27 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at First Lutheran, for ages 3-5. These campers will enjoy singing, crafts, games, and most importantly learning about the love of Jesus. This is FLC volunteer led, and leaders are currently being recruited!

## FLUKE

*(First Lutheran Ukulele)*

**Will not be meeting in April**

FLUKE will be taking a break during April due to the regular meeting dates falling on Spring Break and Easter. Keep strummin' and we'll see you in May!



# YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

## Cinnamon Rolls

The next Cinnamon Roll days are April 1st to prep and April 2nd to sell rolls between worship services. Those that help will raise funds to help pay for summer trips and camp.

### Saturday, April 1

9:30-10:45 a.m. - Prep Rolls. If you're able to help prep rolls please let Deb Westerberg know. All ages are invited to help with the prep on Saturday.

### Sunday, April 2

7:30-8:30 a.m. - Turn the ovens on and bake the rolls

8:15-9:30 a.m. - Help plate rolls on Sunday morning. All ages invited to help.

9:30-11:00 a.m. - 6th-12th grade Sunday students will sell rolls between services

Please contact Deb to let her know how you and your family would like to help (debflcduluth@gmail.com).

## Easter Breakfast

### An annual tradition continued!

Would you be interested in helping plan this year's Easter breakfast? Take a look and see how your family might help with this opportunity for hospitality to those attending Easter Services at FLC. Those that help will earn funds towards church activities (summer trips, camps, retreats, etc).

### Help is needed on:

- Saturday, April 15, 9:00 a.m. (last year it took about 2 hours) for Set-up and Food Prep
- Easter Sunday, April 16 serving and cleaning up.  
Shift One 7:00-8:30 a.m. (baking and final prep)  
Shift Two 9:15-10:45 a.m.  
Shift Three 10:45a.m. until clean-up is done (usually done around noon)

Breakfast is served from 7:30-10:45 a.m. The shifts above are the busiest times where help is needed.

An email link was sent out to families to sign up. Talk to Deb if you would like to help and don't have the link.



## Art & Movie Afternoon

Time to let your inner artist shine! On Sunday, April 23 at 3:00 p.m. there will be the annual Painting and Movie event. Come and find out what the theme of the paintings will be this

year! Start painting at 3:00 p.m. Potluck meal and movie to follow. All ages invited



Pictured above is the FLC Crew from Cardia Deo, the senior high retreat put on by the Northeastern Minnesota Synod LYO Board. Over 200 youth and their adult leaders from the synod attended the retreat. It was a great weekend of worship, learning, Bible studies, fun, and games all centered around how God is calling us.

# YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

## Camp

Summer is just around the corner and it's time to start thinking about camp! Youth from FLC have had a long tradition of heading to camp each summer. During those times away, friendships are formed, laughter is shared, and God is experienced in new, exciting ways!



First Lutheran Church is a Member Congregation of Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry (VLM). VLM offers programs at two camps: Camp Vermilion in Cook, MN and Camp Hiawatha in Deer River, MN. A common question is "Which camp is best?" Both sites are beautiful locations to experience God's Great Northwoods! Camp Vermilion is a more rugged, wooded setting along the shores of Lake Vermilion. Camp Hiawatha is a more open location with a gentle, grassy slope to the shores of Deer Lake. Each one is special and unique in its own way and you can't go wrong with either site.

There are camp opportunities for all ages.

Check out [www.vlmcamps.org](http://www.vlmcamps.org) to learn more about the camps and to register. Register online or find forms there as well. Be sure to note that you're registering with First Lutheran Church to receive the Member Discount. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Deb Westerberg ([deb@flcduluth.org](mailto:deb@flcduluth.org); 218-728-3668) or VLM.

## Canoe Trip

On the ride home from the high school retreat, a group talked about the possibility of a summer trip. The consensus? It's time for an adventure in the Boundary Waters on a Canoe Trip!



Current 8th-12th graders are invited to spend a week in God's amazing northwoods as we paddle and explore the BWCAW. Voyageur's Lutheran Ministry will provide guides and equipment.

The trip will be the week of July 30  
Limited to 7 youth  
\$100 deposit due by April 23rd

If you are interested in going on the trip, talk to Deb.

## Camp Work Day

Summer Camp is right around the corner! Your help is needed to get the camps ready.

Camp Vermilion Family Overnight - Friday, May 19  
Camp Vermilion Work Day - Saturday, May 20

Volunteers and families are invited to stay overnight the Friday before each Work Day. Join the crew for dinner and a campfire before the next day's work. Please RSVP to Deb by May 12. There are things to do for all ages and abilities!

- 8:00-9:30 a.m. - Registration, rolls and coffee available
- 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - The work happens!
- 12:30 p.m. - Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. - The work continues for as long as people are able to stay.



Fun at Rejuve!



# LIBRARY NEWS

## Check Out the Books Featured this Month

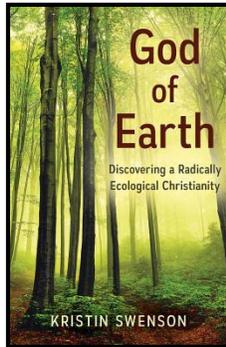
There are wonderful books in the First Lutheran Church Library just waiting to be read. Stop by and *check* them out. A couple of displayed books have been taken out of the library which haven't been checked out! Please remember to sign the library card inside the book and place it on the desk. There are check-out directions posted.

Did you know that Sunday School classes regularly visit the library? Make it a part of your Sunday morning too.

**A Spirituality of Caregiving** by Henri J. M. Nouwen (Call # 248.86 Nou)

**Blest Be the Pie That Binds** by Dick Hardel (Call # 306.85 Har)

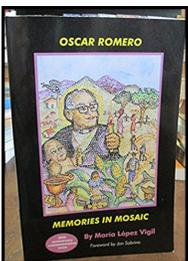
**God of Earth** by Kristin Swenson (Call # 231.7 Swe)



**Bible Readings on Hope** by Roger C. Palms (C # 234.2 Pal)

**Free to Be** by James A. Nestingen and Gerhard O. Forde (Call # 238.4 Nes)

**Earth Stewardship and the Missio Dei** by David M. Carlson (Call # 304.2 Car)



**Voice of the Living Light / Hildegard of Bingen and Her World** edited by Barbara Newman (Call # 282.092 Bin)

**Memories in Mosaic - Oscar Romero** by Maria Lopez Vigil (Call # 282.092 Lop)

**Through the Year with Oscar Romero** translated by Irene B. Hodgson (Call # 242.2 Rom)

# NEWS OF THE FIRST FAMILY



## *A Loss in the Family*

Please keep these families in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their loved one:

Family of Carol Johnson on the death of her husband, John Johnson.

Family of Marlys & Tradasha Wittmer on the death of Marlys' father-in-law and Tradasha's grandfather, Melvin Wittmer.

Family of Julie Barnett on the death of her father, Russell Tollefson.



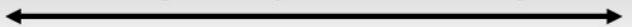
## *Baptisms*

2/26/2017 Everett Emanuel Keyler  
son of Trevor & Brigitta Keyler

# Time for Renewal

(mortgage reduction)

*Thank you to all who have contributed.  
Your generosity has been a blessing!*



## **HELP is NEEDED to accomplish future payment goals**

Please prayerfully consider contributing now or increasing your current giving to assist FLC in achieving our financial commitment.

**GIVE BY ->**

**VISITING:** [www.flcduluth.org/stewardship](http://www.flcduluth.org/stewardship)  
**USING:** your TFR offering envelop

# NEW MEMBERS

## Kaitie & Josh Larson



Kaitie and Josh Larson learned about First Lutheran Church from friends in the community. Pastor Dianne also reached out to them and made an effort to connect with them outside of church. Following their discussion they went to worship and fell in love with the warm

embrace from the community and the widespread feeling of inclusiveness of all people.

What moves them to worship? “We are pulled to worship because it grounds us. The sermons are always applicable to life and the music brings joy.”

Asked what they would like to see happen at FLC, “We'd love to see the congregation continue to grow with more young families who can continue to drive the church forward as the more senior members have done throughout the years.”



## Anna Monke

In Anna's hometown, one of her greatest role models/mentors was a pastor at their First Lutheran Church; so when coming to Duluth “it felt just like God was guiding me to new role models and mentors at First Lutheran here.”

What moves her to come to worship? “The joy I see in others and the joy I feel when I am here.” Anna decided to start the new member classes because she had been thinking about joining for a while but didn't know how. Then one Sunday when she was planning to go to the 11:00 service, she arrived at 10:55 and was just in time for the last announcements (one of those Sundays with combined services) and the announcements were about the new member classes starting the next week. “So it seemed pretty clear that's God wanted me to hear!”

## Sara Betten

Sara and Nancy were members of Faith Lutheran Church that closed recently. They began looking for a new church home. Sara's uncle had been a member here so they visited and felt very comfortable. As friends, they are happy to be members together at First Lutheran. Nancy is June Alsop's niece.



## Nancy Marschke



# WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY

## Lenten Organ Recital Series

The Lenten Organ Recital series, sponsored by the Arrowhead Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, concludes in April. Recitals are on Wednesdays from 12:15-12:45 p.m. at churches in the area. A freewill offering will be accepted at each recital for the Arrowhead Chapter's Organ Scholarship Fund, which provides lessons, music and organ shoes for qualified students between the ages of 12 and 18.

**March 29:** Jeff Urbaniak, St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church (610 99<sup>th</sup> Avenue W., Duluth)

**April 5:** Jason Branham, First Lutheran Church (1100 E. Superior Street, Duluth)

**April 5:** Beverley Vavra, Emmanuel Lutheran Church (3756 Fair Street, Barnum)

## An update from the Worship Ministry Team

Since last fall, the Worship Ministry Team has worked with a sound specialist to develop a proposal to enhance our present sound system so that it will accommodate worship in the round. The property committee has agreed to use a portion of their budget to purchase the new equipment. Currently we are in the process of obtaining quotes for the project, with the intent of having the improvements done by June 1.

## Seven Last Words Rehearsals

The presentation of *The Seven Last Words of Christ* will be on Good Friday, April 14 at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Choral rehearsals will be held:

Wed., March 29 at 8:00 p.m.

Wed., April 5 at 8:00 p.m.

Dress rehearsal will be Wed., April 12 at 7:15 p.m.

## Worship Notes

**Live Radio Broadcast:** KDAL AM 610, 8:30 a.m. Sundays  
**Live Streaming** of 8:30 service, go to [www.flcduluth.org](http://www.flcduluth.org).

**Wed., April 5 5:30 p.m.**

**Sun., April 9 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. - Palm Sunday**

Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Ps. 31:9-16;  
Phil. 2:5-11; Matt. 26:14-27:66

**Thurs., April 13 7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday**

Readings: Exod. 12:1-14; Ps. 116:1-2, 12-19;  
1 Cor. 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**Fri., April 14 1:00 & 7:00 p.m. - Good Friday  
Presentation off the "Seven Last Words of Christ"**

**Sat., April 15 7:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil**

Readings: Rom. 6:3-11; John 20:1-18

**Sun., April 16 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. - Easter**

Readings: Acts 10:34-43; Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24;  
Co. 3:1-4; Matt. 28:1-10

**Sun., April 23 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

Readings: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Ps. 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9;  
John 20:19-31

**Sun., April 31 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

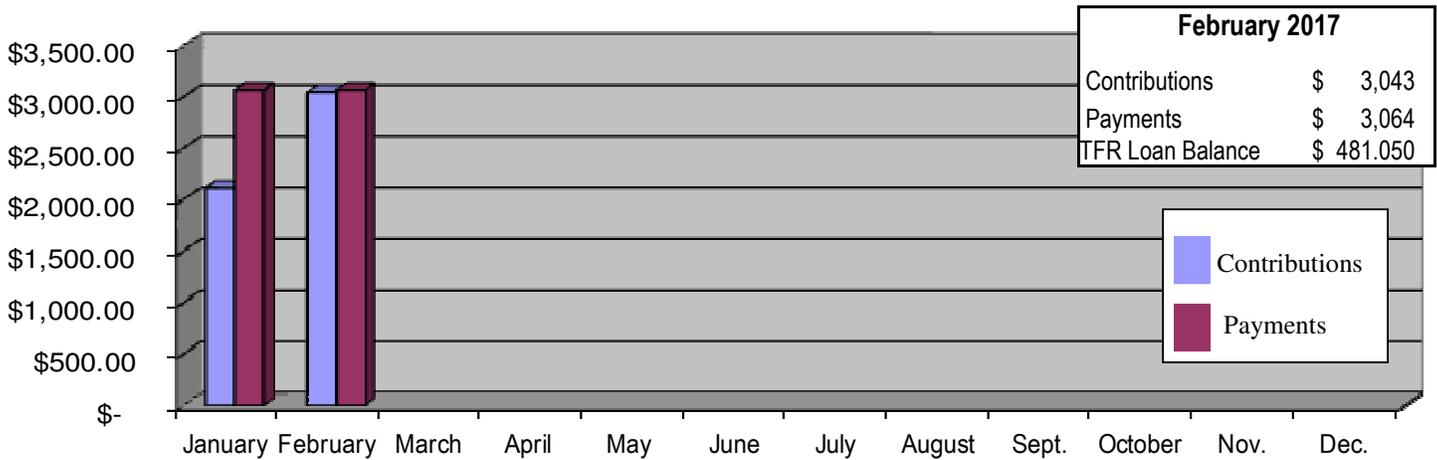
Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps. 116:1-4, 12-19;  
1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

*Readings are from Revised Common Lectionary.*



# GIVING

## TFR Mortgage Information 2017



Please remember TFR (Time for Renewal) in your giving. This project has created a new Gathering Space, beautified the sanctuary and provided the church with a magnificent Jaeckel organ.

## 2017 Mission Plan Update

	February					2016
	Mission Plan	Actual	Year to Date Mission Plan	Year to Date Actual	Annual Mission Plan	Year to Date Actual
Ministry & Mission gifts	\$64,287	\$53,626	\$128,689	\$118,940	\$759,979	\$128,114
<i>Plus Other Income</i>	<u>2,552</u>	<u>1,678</u>	<u>5,782</u>	<u>3,654</u>	<u>58,000</u>	<u>9,149</u>
Total Income	66,840	55,304	134,470	122,593	817,979	137,263
<i>Less Expenses</i>	<u>65,666</u>	<u>63,802</u>	<u>130,331</u>	<u>119,238</u>	<u>823,233</u>	<u>131,512</u>
Cash surplus (Deficit)	\$1,174	-\$8,499	\$4,139	\$3,355	-\$5,254	\$5,751

### Worship Attendance

Feb. 26	355
Mar. 1	298
Mar. 5	309
Mar. 8	185
Mar. 12	261
Mar. 15	208
Mar. 19	297

### Giving for the Ministries & Missions of FLC

Weekly offering through:	
Sun., Feb. 26	\$ 6,216
Sun., March 5	\$19,320
Sun., March 12	\$11,398
Sun., March 19	\$17,488

### Hunger Offering

Amount donated to the Hunger Offering in February: \$1,390.74

## GIVING

### February 2017 Memorials & Gifts

**Gift to the Time for Renewal in memory of Bill Samuelson** by Dave & Marcia Lothner.

**Gift to Time for Renewal in honor of Miriam Sommerness** by Glenn & Erna Peterson.

### Here's Where Your Quilts & Kits went in 2016

In 2016, thanks to the generosity of Lutherans all across the United States, Lutheran World Relief shipped 534,144 Quilts and Kits to 16 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe and Latin America. That's *amazing!*

Thank you to all the quilters and kit-makers who gather throughout the year to assemble these gifts of love for our brothers and sisters around the world.



## FLCW NEWS

### FLCW Bible Study Gathering

All FLC women are invited to attend any of the gathering meetings listed. Call church office for info.

#### Ruth Gathering

Mon., April 3 - 7:00 p.m. - Homes

#### Leah Gathering

Tues., April 11 - 9:30 a.m., Parish Hall

#### Dorcas Gathering

Wed., April 19 - 10:00 a.m. - Upper Commons

#### Esther Gathering

Wed., April 19 - 1:00 p.m. - Lakeshore

#### Naomi Gathering

Thurs., April 20 - 12:30 p.m. - Upper Commons

#### Mary & Martha Gathering (note date)

Thurs., April 20 - 7:00 p.m., Upper Commons



### Lake Superior Spring Gathering for the Women of the ELCA

**Sat., April 8 at First Lutheran Church**

The Women of the ELCA's Superior Conference invite you to the Spring Gathering on Sat., April 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, Duluth.

Lynn Gerlach-Collard, Director of Lutheran Social Services' Renaissance House and Street Outreach will be the speaker: "What is your story? Hearing stories changes lives." Pastor Dianne Loufman will lead worship around the Samaritan woman, John 4 text.

Lunch cost is \$8. Reserve a spot by calling Margaret at 728-6101 or emailing at [mbroderi@d.umn.edu](mailto:mbroderi@d.umn.edu). Donations of "Sox and Snax" for Street Outreach will be welcomed that day.

### Getting Ready for the next festival!

When you get a touch of spring cleaning fever, be sure to consider donating any gently used jewelry taking up space to the 2017 fall festival's Jewel Booth. Donations are accepted all year long. Drop them off at the church office.

Making room for new books? Donations of used books are also welcomed, but not until Fall. So put them in a "donate" box at home and set them aside until then.

# STUDY & PRAYER

## Sunday Morning Adult Education

No matter what our age, we are all growing as disciples. Every faith journey needs nourishment and encouragement! Each Sunday you are invited to come to one of the scheduled programs or discussions. All are designed to inform, inspire, challenge and equip us to better understand God's Word for us, and to living a life of faith. Except for GIFT Sundays, all programs begin at 10:00 a.m.

## Schedule for APRIL

### APRIL 2

#### **Lenten Gospel Study: The Raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-5) - Parish Hall**

During this season of Lent, the adult forums have been combined with Bible study as we unpack the Sunday's gospel message and discuss it from the perspective of reforming and transformation. This will be the final session of the series. Come to explore, question, and grow in Community. ALL ARE WELCOME!

### APRIL 9

#### **Growing in Faith Together -**

**FAITHFULNESS** - 9:45 a.m. in *Parish Hall*

All ages are encouraged to come learn and grow together in faith and fellowship while exploring the fruit of the Spirit. On this Palm Sunday we will create a visual expression of Jesus' faithfulness on his journey to the cross during Holy Week.



#### **APRIL 16 - Easter Sunday: No Sunday School, Adult Forum or Bible Study**

### APRIL 23

#### **Women and Justice: One in Christ - Parish Hall**

This forum is an introduction to the ELCA's initiative on developing a new social statement on Women and Justice. Using the synod's guide book, Faith, Sexism and Justice: Conversations toward a Social Statement, Mary Streufert and Mary Zastrow will provide an overview and begin the discussion. A four-week study/focus group on Thursday evenings beginning April 27 will follow, open to all interested (see article on page 13).

#### **Dwelling in the Word - Adult Ed Rm**

For all seekers, come explore the Sunday gospel text in an informal Bible study. Each week will include a brief presentation to provide biblical context, followed by small group discussion to wrestle with questions together on what the story means in our own lives. No preparation needed - all are welcome!

### APRIL 30

#### **FLC Stewardship Collaboration with LSS Financial Counseling: An Exciting New Adventure - Parish Hall**

Cate Rysavy, Senior Director, and Joanne Gilbertson, Supervisor, LSS Financial Counseling Learn about Lutheran Social Services' Financial Counseling Program that was developed in Duluth and is now a statewide program. They will also explain the novel collaboration between FLC and LSS in sponsoring on-site counseling at FLC. Question and Answer time will follow the presentation.

#### **Dwelling in the Word - Adult Ed Rm**

All are welcome to an informal Bible study that explores the Sunday gospel, and wrestles with questions on what the story means in our lives today.



### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

**will be gathering Thursday, April 13 at**

**1:00 p.m. in 3rd Floor Conference Room.**

If you want to learn more about First Lutheran's prayer shawl ministry, stop by on April 13. Feel free to bring your needles and crochet hooks along! Yarn provided.

# RELATING

## FAITH, SEXISM, JUSTICE: Conversations toward a Social Statement

The ELCA Task Force on *Women and Justice: One in Christ* would like our input on a social statement they are charged with drafting. To facilitate this process, First Lutheran is convening a focus group with the purpose of providing input. We will be using the synod's guide book, *Faith, Sexism, Justice: Conversations toward a Social Statement*.

The study will be introduced at the April 23 Adult Forum at 10:00 a.m. A four week focus group will convene the following Thursdays, April 27 through May 18th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at FLC. The focus group is open to all who are interested. Below is the schedule of meetings and topics to be discussed.

Sunday, April 23 – Sunday forum, overview touching on

- A. Module 1: Why do we need to talk together?
- B. Module 2: What problems do women face, and what does justice require?

Thursday, April 27 – small group meeting

- A. Covenant guidelines for conversation
- B. Module 3: How is sexism personal, and how are we the body of Christ together?

Thursday, May 4 - small group meeting

- A. Module 4: What does economic sexism look like, and how can we seek equity for all?

Thursday, May 11 - small group meeting

- A. Module 5: How can we address violence against women and girls?

Thursday, May 18 - small group meeting

- A. Module 6: Why do words and images for God matter?
- B. Module 7: How do we challenge the misuse of scripture against women and girls?

Other groups interested in the study are encouraged to access the guide online at [elca.org](http://elca.org). FLC has two guide books available.

Anyone interested in participating should contact Mary Streufert at [marystreufert@gmail.com](mailto:marystreufert@gmail.com) or 724-9084, or Mary Zastrow at [mgz56@yahoo.com](mailto:mgz56@yahoo.com) or 390-9170.

*As people of God, set free in Christ and brought together in loving community, we are called to work for justice and the flourishing of all God's people. We can be confident that the Holy Spirit will faithfully lead us through this conversation.* - Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

## FLC Crafters Group

The FLC Crafters will be gathering on Thursday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Do you have a goal of getting a craft project finally done? Bring it to craft night and work on completing it. Get inspired and encouraged while working with others. Various projects have been worked on: woodcarving, jewelry making, knitting, coloring, sewing, felting, print transfers, etc. Join the fun.



## Topnotchers

**Fri., April 21 at 12:30 p.m.**

The April meeting is on the third Friday, April 21, at 12:30 p.m. Pastor Tryggestad's program "Music and Poetry: Musings on Life, Love, and Ministry" will include music on the piano and original poetry.

If you are 50 or over you are a Topnotcher! Join us! Those not on the regular call list: call Dorothy (525-5550) or Elaine (724-1068) by Tuesday, April 18, to make a reservation.



## Short Sleeve Sunday! Blood pressure screenings

are held the third Sunday of each month, except holidays, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Family Room (by Adult Ed Room). Next screening is **Sun., April 23** (one week after Easter). Take your usual meds and wear short sleeves under your sweater or jacket. Bring your card if you have one.



# RELATING

## Caring Connections and Homebound Ministry

As a faith community we are called to care for each other, to walk with those experiencing difficult times, and to reach out to members who are no longer able to attend worship. If you would like to learn more about serving in this caring ministry, as a homebound visitor, a supportive connection, or a home communion minister, contact Ann Beck at 728-3668 or [annbeck@flcduluth.org](mailto:annbeck@flcduluth.org). Also, if you are aware of someone in need of caring support or visits, please let the church office know (728-3668).

### You've Got Mail!

Many of us have seen the movie "You've Got Mail" where the main characters, played by Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan, are focused on the email communication they receive from one another. Both movie characters are interested in what one another has to say and to make a connection. First Lutheran has its own version of *You've Got Mail*.

First Lutheran Church has many members who are unable to come to church on a regular basis or who have limited social contacts. Sometimes this leads to a feeling of separation from the life of the church. The Caring Ministry team is seeking volunteers who would take the name of a homebound member and send them mail. It may be a note at Christmas, Easter, or Thanksgiving. It might be a card wishing them Happy Birthday, or a post

card from your vacation. An update from the Rhubarb Festival, Lutefisk Dinner, or Fall Bazaar always provides interesting news. A child's drawing, the inclusion of a beautifully colored leaf in the fall, or a favorite Bible verse might be written and sent. *You've Got Mail* is a way to introduce yourself to a member and remind them that they remain an important part of our congregation!

We ask that each volunteer make five contacts throughout the year. You may send more if you wish! This is a wonderful way to be involved with the ministry of our church. The team has received numerous comments from homebound members and/or their families on how much these contacts mean and are appreciated!

Currently, the *You've Got Mail* Ministry Team has 14 dedicated volunteers, but we would like to have more people receiving mail. This is a perfect opportunity to be involved in a meaningful church ministry that can be done right from home.

Everyone likes to be remembered and included. As we know, our church family is an important part of our lives. Please consider being part of this ministry that reaches outside our church walls to those who have helped shape our church.

For more information, please contact the project coordinator Nancy Choquette ([nancychoqu@gmail.com](mailto:nancychoqu@gmail.com)) or Ann Beck ([annbeck@flcduluth.org](mailto:annbeck@flcduluth.org), 728-3668).



## Lunch for College Students Sunday, April 2

We're serving lunch after the second service on April 2nd for all college students who'd like a good meal and time to meet other college students attending worship at First. All are welcome. If you can help serve, contact Kim Schandel ([kim.schandel@gmail.com](mailto:kim.schandel@gmail.com)) or Pastor Dianne.

## Save the Date!

### LSS Youth Luncheon May 11

The LSS Youth Luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 11 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. at the Greysolon Ballroom. Learn how Lutheran Social Services is making a difference in the lives of young people at-risk or experiencing homelessness. Join in being a part of this important work! For more information or to register, contact FLC members Betty Preus (349-1939), Lezlie Oachs (724-5860), or Donna Bergstrom (525-6036). Or you can contact [Robin.Maxwell@lssmn.org](mailto:Robin.Maxwell@lssmn.org).

## Cameroon Network

First Lutheran looks forward to welcoming the Cameroon Network to Duluth. Watch for more details.

# RELATING

## News from San Antonio los Ranchos (Excerpts from recent letters from scholarship recipients)

### From Ana Patricia Montes Escobar

I hope you all are in good health and may the Lord be with you day by day in your life.

First of all I would like to say thanks to God our Father of heaven for allowing me to accomplish my studies. Also thanks to you all for all the support you have given to me during all past years, without no doubt it was of a great benefit on the course of my studies.

In November I finalized my thesis process. Now I am just waiting for my graduation for completing the school process. The graduation is scheduled for December 22. Again, thank you for all the effort that you do every day to support the youth at our community. I am sure our Lord God will light your way for the work you do for all of us. Also thanks to God, I got a job at the Mayorâ's office at San Antonio Los Ranchos. My duties are about supporting different areas and programs such as children, youth, women, disabled and elderly programs, scholarship, agriculture and small producers programs.

In this way I have met one of my dreams, I hope to continue making real day-by-day all of my dreams as taking the chance of each opportunity that I can find on my way. I say goodbye for now, sending once more my gratitude for all of your work and effort. My Lord fills up your heart with love. Marry Christ mas to you and a very happy new year. Many blessings for you all and your respective families.

### From Sindy Bonilla

Hello dear sisters and brothers. Greetings to you I hope you are in good health with family and friends.

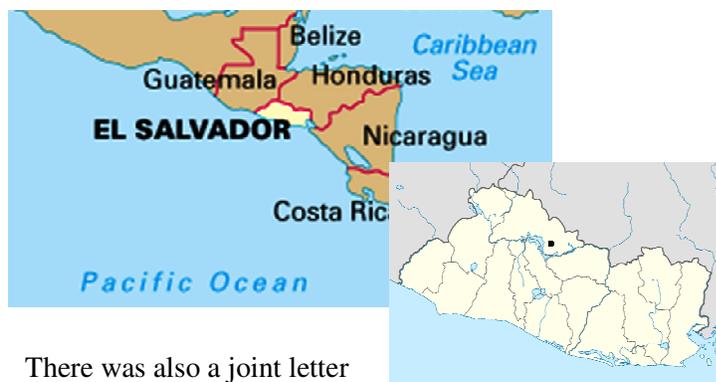
I want to tell you that thanks to God I did complete my studies, and finished my career in the University Monsignor Ã'scar Arnulfo Romero, I defended the thesis and everything went well thanks to God and soon I will receive my degree in Public Accountancy, it is very satisfactory for me to have finished my studies in the opportune time.

This has not been possible without the help of my relatives and especially of you. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support during all this time. Thank you for helping me to fulfill one of my proposed goals.

My family and friends are doing well thanks to God. The community is still the same, but Christmas time comes and the birth of the Baby Jesus. This is time for sharing and time for prayer, although all the time and every day of the year we should be praying and given thanks to God for what we receive.

I continue to collaborate in the church giving catechism to a group of children who are being formed for confirmation; it is very gratifying for me to have a space with these children.

I say goodbye for now, wishing you a happy day and successes in your daily work. I thank you again for all your support for being part of the achievement of this goal. Thank you for everything. May the Lord always take care of you and always protects you.



There was also a joint letter from the scholarship students on January 28, written by Alfredo Andaso, which expresses some of their concerns and also joys:

They first expressed concern that "the new government of the United States will not be an obstacle for the immigrant people who look with a lot of hope to their progress. At the time, we hope that the new government does not limit the good actions that you do for many young people like us." They are concerned also about the availability of drinking water to their homes. There have been problems due to the recent drought and also to those managing the water.

In mid January the community celebrated the signing of the Peace Agreements which ended the civil war in 1992 and also reflected on whether they can have peace.

"We as young people are involved in political, religious, cultural, and organizational community activities. We feel happy because it is another year of study and we are very close to fulfilling our objective, that is to complete our university career. But all of us are working hard for our goal is to culminate our studies and be excellent professionals. This year we hope will be of great satisfaction for us, as for you. And we wish you the best in all of your work."

El Salvador committee: Mary Streufert, Don Streufert, Bob Jokela, Joanne Jokela, Anne Rogotzke, Will Sjoblom, Dory Sjoblom

# RELATING, SERVING & REACHING OUT

## It All Belongs to God

Your Stewardship Ministry Team is continuing to broaden our congregational and individual understanding of “Stewardship”, to include Creation Care, Relationship Care, Finance Care & Personal Care.



The Stewardship Ministry Team article in the March issue of *The Builder*, briefly introduced a new partnership with Lutheran Social Services (LSS) to bring their outstanding counseling program to help people achieve and maintain Financial Wellness.

Brochures are available at the Welcome Desk. LSS will present an adult forum on April 30.

Financial counseling will be provided at First Lutheran Church free of charge. Here are the details:

- Wednesday, April 5 is the official start date
- Counseling will be offered the first Wednesday of every month
- Staffed by an LSS Certified Professional Financial Counselor, with scheduling handled directly through the LSS Duluth office to maintain strict confidentiality.
- Sunday Forum on “Financial Wellness” April 30 by LSS

The potential beneficial spin-offs from this opportunity can be almost anything our congregation can imagine.

We are excited about this opportunity to serve our members, the community, extended family, and friends.

If you have any questions, please contact Dick Swenson (swensonledges@gmail.com), Tom Boman (tboman@d.umn.edu), or Mark Osthus (markosthus@charter.net).

## LSS Financial Wellness Counseling from Pastor Dianne

One of the things Jesus talks about the most is money; one of the things we talk about the least is money. People accuse churches of: “All they talk about is money.” But I think, honestly, we don’t talk about money enough. I have joked before, though in all sincerity, that over my years of being a pastor I know infinitely more about people’s sex lives than I do about their use or misuse of money.

Why is that? Is there possibly more shame around money than sex? Interestingly enough, Jesus NEVER talks about sex. Hmmm.

Part of why we are partnering with LSS to offer financial wellness counseling is to break the silence about money. We want to acknowledge the hold money can have on us and we want to help people be good stewards of this resource.

Our parents often neglect to teach us about money or send conflicting messages; schools usually do not have a curriculum, and churches do teach us and ask us give. We’re hoping with LSS we will help people with their saving and their spending, so then they will also have the joy of being able to give.

## Holden Village Re-opening!

Holden Village, a retreat center near Lake Chelan in Washington, is re-opening this summer after being closed for a four year mine remediation project. They are in need of volunteer (and some paid) staff for the summer. Please see their website for more information: [www.holdenvillage.org/volunteer/key-staffing-needs](http://www.holdenvillage.org/volunteer/key-staffing-needs).

## Important Ministry Opportunities!

### VLM Day Camp

If you would like to be part of a fun, short term action team to help plan for this great week, we need you! Programming and activities for the week are provided by staff members from Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry, but an FLC team is needed for local coordination and advance planning, and support during the week.

### Pre-School Vacation Bible School

Leaders and helpers are needed to plan and implement this fun 3-half day program! Your participation in a short term ministry will have a BIG impact! For information on how you can help out with either of these programs, contact Ann Beck at [annbeck@flcduluth.org](mailto:annbeck@flcduluth.org) or 728-3669



## SERVING

### CHUM Awards 2017 Volunteer of the Year to Char Juntunen

from Mary Schmitz, CHUM Development Director

Char Juntunen has been involved with the CHUM Rhubarb Festival since its inception in 2005! She has used her considerable talents to engage others in the Rhubarb Festival as well. Between 2007 and 2016 the festival went from 6 congregations involved in baking to 23 today. Char's



encouragement, recipes and knowledge about making large batches of eats made it easier for congregations to say "YES!" (*Of course, Bea Ojakangas' work on developing a recipe to make pie crusts for the other churches also helped!*) Char has also been the brains behind ordering all foods and supplies, and making sure everything is delivered on the days needed. Getting Char to leave the kitchen the day of the Festival is nearly impossible as she and her crew bake crisps, bread pudding, and cobblers served right out of the oven throughout the Festival Day.

The first year I was involved in the festival, Chris Julin had created a TV ad about rhubarb burritos. We started receiving calls at CHUM asking about the burritos. I would tell people it was a joke, an attention grabber and we would not be serving rhubarb burritos. The night before the festival, Char took out her food processor, while a few of us were standing around the kitchen, and made up a rhubarb burrito. We all tasted and enjoyed. Thus, the rhubarb burrito became a reality.

Char has been involved in CHUM's work through First Lutheran's Transitional Housing program and positively affected the lives of those who lived there. (*Beth Holst was also integral to that program.*)

Char currently serves on the CHUM Board of Directors and its Congregational Outreach committee and she is ALWAYS promoting CHUM in one way or another. Char lives the mission of CHUM: working together to provide basic necessities, foster stable lives, and organize for a just and compassionate community. It was with great honor that I presented Char Juntunen the CHUM Volunteer Award!

## VISION COUNCIL

*Vision Council meetings are open. You are welcome to see how your Vision Council works.*

### Vision Council Meeting Highlights

**Thursday, March 2, 2017, 6:00 PM**

**Devotion:** Ron Carlson lead the council in a devotion from Called by God to Serve, "Christ is Risen." What are indicators the church is meeting the spiritual needs of the congregation? ...by number of people who are in attendance, stories we hear, prayerfully approaching how we meet the needs and trust that God will help us accomplish this, etc.

### Review of February 12 Congregational Meeting Minutes:

The Vision Council discussed the congregational meeting minutes and made corrections to the notes.

**Ministry Board Report:** Report will be provided in April.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ron Carlson shared January's Income and Expense report and a Time for Renewal update. The Vision Council discussed ways in which to bring in more funding for paying off the mortgage. The Finance Committee will be asked to bring forward ideas to address this.

**Senior Pastor's Report:** Speakers were purchased for the sanctuary for worship in the round during the summer months.

An idea was shared to build a structure/kiosk to place outside to gather suggestions from the community for the property on the corner. Humans of Duluth project (learning of passersby stories) might be started on the corner of Superior and 14th Street. Funds were discussed for the kiosk and a bench on the corner.

**Old Business:** Synod Assembly will be attended by Jane & Greta Worley, Chris & Teresa Zupancich, and Pr. Dianne the end of April. Theme: 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

**New Business:** It was reported that the Gateway Towers Inc. was replaced by a new group (Gateway Properties) and is refurbishing the apartment building. Gateway Towers Inc. will be dissolved soon. FLC president has agreed to be a representative to meet with the group and learn more.

FLC Staff Handbook has been updated by the Personnel committee. Additions were staff meeting attendance, continuing education for staff and how they will get approval and report back to the church about what they have gained. Also added was the protocol the church follows for time off and paying staff in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Job description for the Communication Coordinator was reviewed and discussed.

June Congregational Meeting date was set for June 11, 2017 at 11:15 a.m.

Vision Mission Strategies and Initiatives discussion was tabled until April's meeting.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, April 6, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

## GET BETTER CONNECTED ON OUR WEBSITE

- Go to [www.flcduluth.org](http://www.flcduluth.org)
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- Download new and previous editions of *The Builder*
- An audio "widget" has been added on the sidebar of the web page/home page. This widget connects to the worship audio files stored online. Click on the one you want to download and it will take you to download link. These are large files that will take a few minutes to download (you can minimize) and then you just play on windows media player or other players.

## KDAL AM Radio Broadcast

### FLC Sunday Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.

First Lutheran Foundation invites and encourages members and friends of the congregation to sponsor a Sunday morning KDAL radio broadcast for \$100. The Foundation will match that gift with \$100 to cover the full cost of a broadcast (\$200). Call Nancy, 728-3668, to make arrangements.

## Hospitalized? Death of a loved one?

If you or a family member is hospitalized or if there is a death in the family, please call the church office at 728-3668. Because of hospital policies, the church is not always informed when a member is in the hospital. For emergencies after hours, contact information is provided on the church answering system.

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*Please feel free to contact us.*

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# APRIL 2017

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