

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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Honoring the Saints November 6

Celebrate on Sunday, November 6, those who have died and been raised to new life in their baptisms this past year and those who have died and been raised to new life in Christ at their death this past year. **The bulletin will include the names of those who have been baptized and those who passed away this past year.** If you have had someone in your life who was baptized or who died in the last year, who weren't members of FLC, please let the church office know by Wed., Nov. 2 so that they can be remembered during our worship service.

Pledge Sunday Jesus, Joy, Jazz & "J"enerosity November 13

First Lutheran will celebrate Pledge Sunday on November 13, bringing forward our pledges for 2017. It will be a festive and joyous service of jazz.



It All Belongs to God

The Beauty of Bach

Sunday, November 20, 4:00 p.m.



Musicians of First Lutheran Church collaborate with other professionals from the Twin Ports to offer a concert of early music. Of particular interest will be a performance of the Cantata 1 of Johann Sebastian Bach, *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*, for choir, orchestra, and soloists. Featured soloists include William Bastian, Derek Bromme, and Patricia Dorn. Resident organists Jason Branham and Karen Sande will be playing solo pieces of Bach and related composers. Also included on this program will be an entire lute suite performed by Bryan James Gatten, classical guitar. As Christians worldwide begin to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, First Lutheran is pleased to offer this exciting concert, highlighting the most celebrated of Lutheran composers. Seize this opportunity to hear enriching music, rarely heard in the Northland, in its most authentic setting. There is no charge for admission, though a free-will offering will be collected. Nursery care will be available.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 22 - 7:00 p.m.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 835 W. College St.

Churches in the area will be attending an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service together on Tuesday, November 22. This year it will be held at the Unitarian Church on College Street. First Lutheran members and friends are encouraged to attend.



VISION & MISSION

The People of First Lutheran Church will....

Love one another as Christ loved us by: honoring, respecting, and affirming one another; practicing Christian hospitality; ministering to the elderly, and to those with special needs.

Grow in Faith through: strong Christian spiritual education programs for all ages; small group Bible studies; inspirational worship, art and music; cultivating a life of prayer; compelling youth and family ministry.

Share the Gospel through: a positive Christ-centered atmosphere; joyful fellowship with one another in Jesus' name; intentional, prayer-filled communication; gathering around the table.

Spread the Gospel through: active individual and congregational involvement in outreach to the local community; active individual and congregational involvement in global ministries.

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

FROM PASTOR DIANNE LOUFMAN



Jesus, Joy, Jazz, and “J”enerosity

When our sons were younger and my husband’s birthday was coming up, I would ask him: “What do you want for your birthday?” He would characteristically respond, “Nothing; I don’t need anything.” One year I retorted, “You know, it’s not about you. The kids need to give; they want to give; it brings them joy.”

Churches ask people to give because the promise of Christ – the Great Giver – is that a life of giving is a life filled with joy and balance and a growing faith.

Yes, the church needs people to give so that we can do the things God has required and inspired us to do – gather to worship and praise God and be fed with the Word and Meal; to teach our children and one another the stories of God’s history with God’s people; to welcome in the stranger; to be strengthened to go forth to make known Christ’s name and to work for justice.

We need people to give so that we have a place to gather and staff to organize us and instruments to help us with our praise and materials to help us grow in faith.

And if more people give or people give more – wouldn’t it be wonderful to be able to reach more people with an updated website and FB ministry and a ministry in the coffee shops and bars and what about those digital signs? And it is probably controversial, but we live in a visual age and couldn’t we have a screen for sermon images? And wouldn’t it be pleasing to God if we had enough staff to find someone to lead a grief group for all those who have lost loved ones and jobs and . . .?

All these things the resource of money does and will help us to do. But most of all, we ask you to give because Christ generously gave his life that we might have life, and have it abundantly. That’s why we ask that you fill out a pledge card because God promises that the more we give – the more we are filled with Joy and with God!

Pledge Sunday is November 13th – the day we celebrate the Fruit of the Spirit - joy! (See how the Spirit so wonderfully arranges things)?

Please bring your pledge card (remember to circle what form you’d like your giving to take). We will gather the cards during our festive, joyous service of jazz.

In the spirit of Christ’s generosity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Dianne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Dianne O. Loufman

FROM FLC PRESIDENT

You Wouldn't Believe How Busy I've Been!

If our beloved church building could talk, it might say, **"You wouldn't believe how busy I've been!"** From the third floor offices, conference rooms, and Sunday School rooms, to the Sanctuary, Gathering Space, Upper Commons, Nursery, Adult Education Room, to the Kitchen, Library, Parish Hall, Chapel, more Sunday School rooms and Promise Preschool, our church building gets only a few hours rest in the dark of night.



Many guests arrive to participate and enjoy beautiful music during the yearly Concert Series. Seven Last Words is just one example. FLC serves as an election day polling location, and our building is used by LSS for special events, welcoming members from many congregations.

This building at 1100 East Superior Street provides us, and many neighbors and guests, a welcoming place to gather for worship, fellowship, and service to others. THANK YOU GOD for this building that shelters our community of faith!

Candy Madich
Congregational President

We members of First Lutheran keep our building busy enough. Many groups gather to study God's word: Companions in Christ, Gathering (Circle) groups, Sojourners, Men's Discussion Group, Wednesday night Confirmation, Sunday School classes, Friday morning Bible Study—all seek a quiet space to study and share.

Leadership folks gather at tables to plan, think and dream: First Lutheran staff, Ministry Board, Ministry Teams and their Action Teams, Foundation Board, numerous committees and teams, and our Vision Council all enter FLC doors and meet together to provide the leadership we depend upon. And there are the musicians and choirs of all ages who gather to fill our beautiful church building with songs of praise and worship. Groups meet to create quilts and prayer shawls, and to care for the green and flowering beauty that surrounds our church building.

And that's just us, the members of First Lutheran, who keep our building bustling with activity. Our building also keeps a jam-packed schedule of activities that reach out to our neighbors. Imagine how many of our neighbors come through FLC doors for major outreach events: CHUM Rhubarb Festival, which FLC hosts on behalf of many faith communities, Lutefisk dinner, Fall Festival, and Lenten Suppers. The Kitchen and Parish Hall have witnessed extraordinary fellowship among those who cook and serve, and among those who share meals together.

And there is more! FLC is the meeting site for MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers), two AA groups, Extreme Parenting sessions and Yoga Devotions. Children come through our doors for VLM Day Camp and Preschool VBS, and our building is home to Promise Preschool.

The Concordia Orchestra Thursday, November 3, 7:00 p.m.

The Concordia College Orchestra is coming to First Lutheran to perform music of **Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, and the Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 3**, featuring pianist Grigor Khachatryan. A free-will offering will be collected.

If you are able to host 2 or more students that evening, please contact Jason Branham (jason@flcduluth.org) or the church office, 728-3668.



Advent Season Begins in November!

The first Sunday in Advent this year is on Sunday, November 27. The theme this year is "Fear Not". Mid-week Advent services will begin on Wednesday, November 30, and continue on December 7, 14 and 21. On the 21st, also the Winter Solstice, a Blue Christmas evening prayer will be offered for those who are feeling loss more than the desire to celebrate. All are welcome.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

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

2nd Sunday of each month (Dec. & Jan. adjusted)
9:45 -10:45 in the Parish Hall

Children and parents, couples, singles, elders, people of all ages are invited to come together once a month to learn and grow in community. Young and old can engage in sharing faith stories, activities, service and scripture, exploring the **Fruits of the Spirit** and connecting them to our lives. Fun, fellowship, food, and faith... for all! Each GIFT Sunday's focus will also be woven into the worship services that day.

Each GIFT Sunday features a different Fruit of the Spirit:

Oct. 9	Love
Nov. 13	Joy
Nov. 27	Peace
Jan. 15	Patience
Feb. 12	Kindness
Mar. 12	Goodness
April 9	Faithfulness
May 14	Gentleness & Self-Control



Middle School Gathering

Please keep the FLC middle school youth and their adult leaders in your prayers as they attend the NE MN Synod Middle School Gathering in Brainerd November 19-20. They will be joining over 405 other middle school youth and their adult leaders for an overnight of music, worship, fun, learning, and much more!

Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday, December 18

Put this important date on your calendar for December! Sunday School children will be leading the 11:00 a.m. worship on December 18. Come share in the joy at this annual telling of the Christmas Story. A light lunch will follow in the Parish Hall for all families.

New Website

Check out the new FLC Youth & Family website at www.flcduluthyouth.weebly.com.



On **Saturday, November 12**, FLC 9th-12th graders have an exciting opportunity. Coming to us is one of the top Peer Ministry trainers in the country!

Peer Ministry is about leadership. There is leadership where people stand in front at microphones and leadership where people plan and organize. These are good, but really only appeal to a few. However, the front lines of leadership, the most important kind, is what we call relational leadership. It is the Good Samaritan kind of leadership, where someone cares, welcomes, and affirms others face-to-face, one-on-one, friend-to-friend. We need you as a leader, helping us change the world, one person at a time.

Peer Ministry Training will give you tools to be this type of leader and friend at church, on your team, in the choir, in scouts, working a job, hanging out with friends, spending time with your family, doing all the great things you do! In every one of those situations, you have relationships. Relationships require people who care, welcome, and affirm them, loving because Christ first loved us. Peer Ministry gives you the skills to be a caring, welcoming, and affirming person every day, everywhere and in every relationship.

9th-12th Graders, if you're interested in being an FLC Peer Minister **there are still spaces available!** Please talk to Deb ASAP if you are interested in being a Peer Minister. You'll receive this awesome training and then FLC Peer Ministers will plan and lead a retreat for FLC's Middle School Youth. **Prayerfully consider applying!**

Confirmation Sunday

On Sunday, October 30 seven FLC youth affirmed their faith. God's blessings to Mikaela Smith, Eva Huber, Greta Worley, Sara Revoir, Addie Sampson, Katelyn Weaver, Kianna Donnellan as they continue their journey of faith in Jesus Christ.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Art & Movie Night

Sunday, November 13, 4:00-6:00 p.m.



Families and individuals are invited to get creative this November 13! **All ages are invited** to an afternoon of food, creativity and entertainment. We will be making Nativity sets/ Creches out of modeling clay that will later be baked by volunteers.

Those willing to share will be entered into a drawing to have their creche displayed in the Gathering Space during the Advent and Christmas season.

Bring a favorite dish to share in a potluck and enjoy a movie that evening as well. See you Sunday, November 13 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



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 meet in the Parish Hall.

School Photos & Activities

As you get your school pictures back this fall, consider bringing one to church to share with Deb. Her office door could use some sprucing up and what better way than with all the awesome faces of FLC youth?! The pictures are also a visual reminder to lift up prayers for our youth. Do you have an upcoming game, race, performance, recital, etc? Let Deb know and she would love to try to attend and cheer you on! debflcduluth@gmail.com



SERVE

Love Jesus. Love Others.

Pack Food Backpacks

Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank partners with local schools and agencies to provide food to children on weekends. Each week nearly 700 bags of food are provided to children throughout NE Minnesota and NW Wisconsin as part of their local Backpack Programs.

Help pack for the Backpack Program on Thursday, December 1 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. There are 5 spots available for students 12 years and older. Sign up on the Kiosk in the Upper Commons or contact Deb Westerberg.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

For students who are 6th grade and older that enjoy working with young children your help is needed in the nursery on Sunday mornings. If you're interested, please talk to Gail in the nursery.

Cinnamon Rolls

Sunday, November 6

Families, Cinnamon Roll Sundays happen with your help! On Saturday, November 5 there's a need for a family or two to prep the rolls (takes about 60-90 minutes). Then on Sunday, November 6, help is needed starting at 8:00 a.m. to bake the rolls and plate them for the sale. Please contact Deb to let her know how you'd like to help!

6th-8th grade Sunday School students (and others who would like to earn money for camp, summer trips, etc.) will help sell rolls between services.



WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY

Music & Ministry Opportunities

Contact Karen Sande at ksande@flcduluth.org for more information.

Apostle Choir Meets Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m.

Apostle Choir is for Kindergarten - 5th graders and meets on Wednesday afternoons in the 4 -5 year old Sunday School room from 5:15-6:00 p.m. There will be weeks when 3rd, 4th and 5th graders have confirmation classes during this time, so kids are welcome to participate in choir as the schedule allows.



Youth Ringers Handbell Choir Meets Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

Youth Ringers is for 6th-12th graders and meets on Sunday mornings in the 1st floor music room from 9:45-10:45 a.m. New ringers are welcome! Some music background is helpful, but most important is a willingness to be at rehearsals, work hard and enjoy making music to praise God!

Worship Notes

Live Radio Broadcast: KDAL AM 610, 8:30 a.m. Sundays
Live Streaming of 8:30 service, go to www.flcduluth.org.

Sun., Nov. 6 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Readings: Dan. 7:1-3, 15-18; Ps. 149; Eph. 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

Sun., Nov. 13 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Readings: Mal. 4:1-2a Ps. 98; 2 Thess. 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Sun., Nov. 20 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Readings: Jer. 23:1-6; Ps. 46; Col. 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Sun., Nov. 27 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Readings: Isa. 2:1-5; Ps. 122; Rom. 13:11-14; Matt. 24:36-44

Readings are from Revised Common Lectionary.

GIVING

September 2016 Memorials & Gifts

A gift to the Radio Ministry in memory of Phyllis Verchota by Ron & Jean McKinnon; **in memory of Bob Ledford** by Jeanette Paulson; **in memory of Susan Freemont** by Judy Bennick, Norma Hoffbauer, Carol E. Anderson; **in memory of Diane Grau** by Craig Grau; **in memory of Ruth Perkins** by Barbara Vohres, Peter & Patricia Peterson, Robert & Bonita Harle, Shirley Enstrom, Janet Koski, Janice Johnson, Joe & Mary Stevens, Gwen Muermann, Ivan & Naomi Semingson, Lois Duffy, Robert & Grace Rubesh, Arlene Knudsen, Tom & Sharon Conley, Dennis Johnson, John & Janelle Cockrell, Shirley Moretto, Dick & Yvonne Anderson, John & Beryl Bredeson, Ron & Lorraine Carlson, Kenneth & Bernice Pederson.

A gift to Memorial Fund in memory of Virginia Wiklund by Marilyn & Mark Anderson, **in memory of Ted Johnson** by Dick & Bea Ojakangas; **in memory of Barb Benson** by Betty Monson, Steve & Margaret Broderius, Dan & Jan McCarthy; **in memory of Ruth Perkins** by Paul & Becky Kilgore, Bob & Candy Madich.

A gift to Music Ministry in memory of Vivian Galeski by Dick & Bea Ojakangas.

A gift to World Hunger in memory of Ruth Perkins by Gudrun Hoivik.

A gift to Time for Renewal in memory of Ruth Perkins by Ruth Johnson, Lois Reich, Tom & Mary Boman; **in memory of Barb Benson** by Elizabeth Larson.

A gift to CHUM in memory of Ruth Perkins by Kenneth & Ruth Melby, Edward & Janet Bressler, James & Connie Beck, Mary Koss, Raymond Muskat, Philip & Susan Berge.

A gift to the FLC Library in memory of Ruth Perkins by Marilyn Dresden, Arne & Phoebe Peterson, Mark & Marlene Haugsby, Al & Sandra Maudal, Edward Zweldfel, Carol Turcotte, Steven & Nan VanSandt, Larry & Darlene Anderson, Jacobson family, Dave Ostercamp family, John & Eileen Dexter, Rick & Carol Hanson, Norma Hoffbauer, Glenn & Erna Peterson, Elizabeth Larson, Claryce Swensen; **in memory of Betty Nelson** by Claryce Swensen.

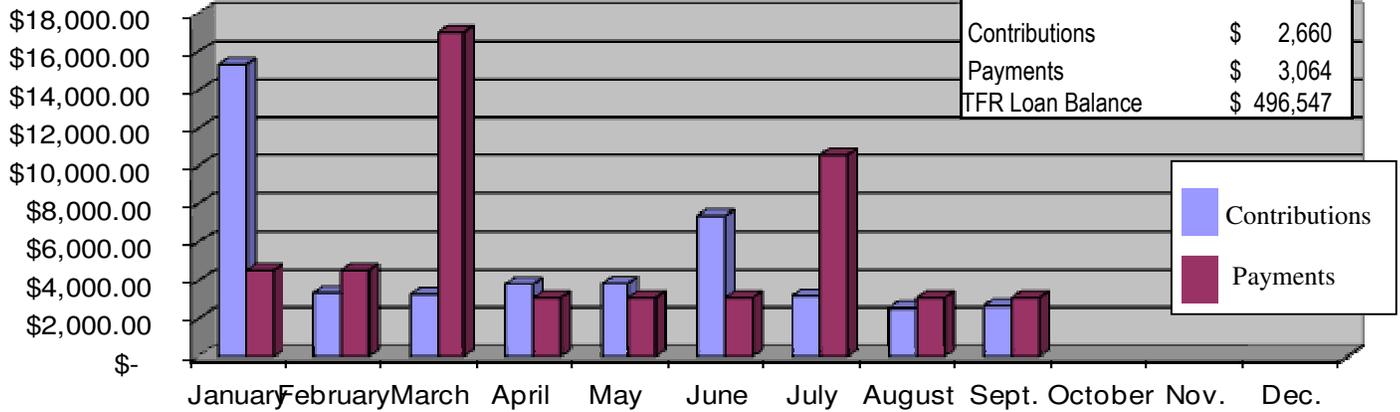
A gift to FLC Foundation in memory of Gene Huffman by Dan & Jan McCarthy.

GIVING

TFR Mortgage Information 2016

September 2016

Contributions	\$ 2,660
Payments	\$ 3,064
TFR Loan Balance	\$ 496,547



2016 Mission Plan Update

	September				Annual Mission Plan	2015
	Mission Plan	Actual	Year to Date Mission Plan	Year to Date Actual		Year to Date Actual
Ministry & Mission gifts	\$52,445	\$56,671	\$481,410	\$526,433	\$768,249	\$530,687
<i>Plus Other Income</i>	<u>4,168</u>	<u>3,744</u>	<u>49,033</u>	<u>33,930</u>	<u>43,091</u>	<u>38,753</u>
Total Income	56,613	60,415	530,443	560,363	811,340	569,440
<i>Less Expenses</i>	<u>68,382</u>	<u>62,053</u>	<u>548,076</u>	<u>596,331</u>	<u>821,605</u>	<u>606,278</u>
Cash surplus (Deficit)	-\$11,769	-\$1,638	-\$17,633	-\$35,968	-\$10,265	-\$36,838

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

Giving for the Ministries & Missions of FLC

Weekly offering through:

Sun., Sept. 18	\$19,197
Sun., Sept. 25	\$ 7,430
Sun., Oct. 2	\$17,204
Sun., Oct. 9	\$11,665
Sun., Oct. 16	\$15,082

Hunger Offering

Amount donated to the Hunger Offering in September: \$723.57

Worship Attendance

Sept. 18	356
Sept. 25	327
Oct. 2	383
Oct. 9	331
Oct. 16	367

GIVING

It All Belongs to God

- Who has taught you about stewardship? How did they do that?
- Stewardship is “heart” work. What does that mean to you?
- When I think about my life, I am filled with gratitude. Agree or disagree? Why?
- What does it mean to be a steward of ourselves?
- How are you a steward of yourself?

Do these questions intrigue you? These are a few of the 25 questions included in the Conversation Starter Card Decks that have been distributed to families over the past several weeks. Please take time to contemplate these questions in preparation for pledge Sunday, November 13.

The Stewardship Team’s job is not to ask you for money. Rather, it is our job to help you discover and nurture the ways in which you are and could be awesome stewards of all that is God’s. Our prayer is that you have done some of this with the card decks and we encourage you to continue that journey after November 13.

Wouldn’t it be great if each morning everyone would ask themselves – “In what ways will I be a good steward today?” and then pray for God’s guidance and support as you move through your day.

Carlene Sippola, Stewardship Team



First Lutheran Library was first housed in what is now the Parish Hall store room! Pictured is Ingeborg Collins. See article on p. 9.

FLCW NEWS

Many Thanks

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make the Scandinavian Food and Craft Festival a success! Whether you helped prepare, plan, serve, greet, donate, bake or shopped we are glad for your involvement! It was a fun day, and will provide many with funds to help make their lives better! Watch for a report on where the monies raised are given. This is truly Gods work with our hands!



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., Nov. 7 - 7:00 p.m. - Homes

Leah Gathering

Tues., Nov. 8 - 9:30 a.m., Parish Hall

Mary & Martha Gathering

Thurs., Nov. 10 - 7:00 p.m., Upper Commons

Dorcas Gathering

Wed., Nov. 16 - 10:00 a.m. - Homes

Esther Gathering

Wed., Nov. 16 - 1:00 p.m. - Parish Hall

Naomi Gathering

Thurs., Nov. 17 - 11:30 p.m. - Upper Commons



NEWS OF THE FIRST FAMILY



Confirmed

Sunday, October 30, 2016

Kianna Donnellan
Eva Huber
Sara Revoir
Addie Sampson
Mikaela Smith
Katelyn Weaver
Greta Worley

NEWS OF THE FIRST FAMILY

LIBRARY NEWS



A Loss in the Family

Family of **Bill Perkins** on the death of his wife **Ruth Perkins**.

Family of **Jackie Johnson** on the death of her brother Gene Huffman.

Family of **Ginny Nelson** on the death of her mother **Betty Nelson**.

Family of **Barb Benson**.

Family of **Immanueli Magomolla** on the death of his nephew Zakayo Magomolla.

Family of Kristian, Erik, Anders and Carsten Knusten on the death of their mother **Heidi Knutsen**.

Family of **Colleen Birt** on the death of her father Kenneth Matheson.

Family of **Mavis Keller** on the death of her husband **Bill Keller**.

Family of **David Fossum** on the death of his mother Terrie Fossum.

Family of **David Haavik** on the death of his aunt Betty.



Weddings

9/10/2016 Tyler & Stacie Curnow

10/1/2016 Justin & Monita Niemann

10/2/2016 Jason & Christina Branham



Baptisms

9/25/2016 Calvin Glen son of Jeff & Lisa Karlgaard

10/17/2016 Lila Helen daughter of Kyle & Ashley Marynik

New in the Library

Imaging the Word: An Arts and Lectionary Resource edited by Kenneth Todd Lawrence. United Church Press, 1994. Volume 1 (Call #: 263.9 Ima V. 1)

Imaging the Word: An Arts and Lectionary Resource edited by Susan A. Blain. United Church Press, 1995. Volume 2 (Call #: 263.9 Ima V. 2)

Celebrate Thanksgiving!

Books for children:

The Berenstain Bears Give Thanks by Mike Berenstain (Call #: B Ber)

The First Thanksgiving by Linda Hayward (Call #: B Hay)

If You Were At the First Thanksgiving by Anne Kamma (Call #: B Kam)

P Is for Pilgrim: A Thanksgiving Alphabet by Carol Crane (Call #: B Cra)

Thank You for Thanksgiving by Dandi Daley Mackall (Call #: B Mac)

Thank You God for Fall by Jane B. Moncure (Call #: A Mon)

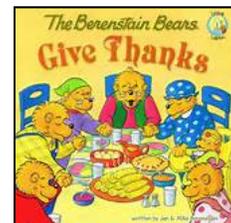
Thank You, Sarah: the Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving by Laurie Anderson (Call #: B And)

Thanks for Thanksgiving by Julie Markes (Call #: A Mar)

Thanksgiving: A Harvest Celebration by Julie Stiegemeyer (Call #: B Sti)

Thanksgiving Is... by Louise Borden (Call #: B Bor)

The Thanksgiving Parade: The Good News Kids Learn About Faithfulness by Dorothy K. Mock (Call #: B Moc)



FOOTNOTES from the Church Library

Did you know that in October of 1958 the first books were circulated from the “new” church library? There was great excitement when 1/3 of the new books were checked out at an October Family Night - 12 of the 32! Located then in what is now the storeroom in the Parish Hall, the FLCW gave \$100 to get the library started. Just two shelves held the books which quickly proved inadequate. More shelves were added, and again the FLCW purchased and gave two sofas and two chairs to make the space more inviting. Under the leadership of Marcella von Goertz and Ing Collins the library continued to grow. Today there are literally hundreds of books in the present spacious library in the Parish Hall. Do avail yourself of this wonderful resource which for 58 years has provided books, DVD's and other materials for both young and old. Today you can even use your home computer to find books in the library!

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 in the Parish Hall or Adult Ed Room. All are designed to inform, inspire, challenge and equip us to better understand God's Word, and to living a life of faith.

There is no registration and no homework. Grab a cup of coffee and treat on your way. Unless otherwise noted, forums and classes will begin at 10:00 a.m. On GIFT Sundays all ages meet together in the Parish Hall at 9:45 a.m.

Schedule for November

November 6

People Yearning for a Blessing - Dr. James Bailey

At this All Saints Sunday forum, Dr. Bailey will discuss the Beatitudes of Jesus from the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:3-12). Two years ago, Jim and his wife Judy moved to Duluth from Dubuque, IA, where he taught at Wartburg Seminary. He also taught at Trinity Seminary and Concordia College, Moorhead, after serving a congregation in Cincinnati, OH. In 2013, Jim published a book entitled *Contrast Community: Practicing the Sermon on the Mount*. - Parish Hall

God's Story: Our Story - Sunday Bible Study

For all seekers, come explore some of the familiar, and not so familiar, stories of the Bible. Each week will include a brief presentation to provide biblical context, followed by small group discussions to wrestle with questions together on what the story means in our own lives. This informal study will meet each week except GIFT Sundays. All are welcome! - Adult Ed Room

November 13

GIFT Sunday: Fruit of the Spirit - JOY

What does it look like to bear the fruit of Joy? We'll add Jazz and Jesus for a special morning to learn, share, and celebrate with people of all generations! - Parish Hall

November 20

Faith in Society: Race, Ethnicity and Culture

Beth Holst, Voula Heffernan & Micah 6:8 Action Team Learn about a new action team and how you can have a part. Strive toward greater understanding about the challenges and complexities of social, political and economic problems people face in our society because of race, ethnicity and culture, through awareness-building experiences and education. Hear also from guest presenter, Kevin Brown, from Peace Church, on a workshop this winter called *Cracking the Shell of*

Whiteness. Come to listen, share, learn, and grow in our mission, as reflected in Micah 6:8: Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly. - Parish Hall

God's Story: Our Story - Sunday Bible Study

For all seekers, come explore some of the familiar, and not so familiar, stories of the Bible. - Adult Ed Room

November 27

GIFT Sunday: Fruit of the Spirit - PEACE

On this 1st Sunday in Advent, come together as a family of faith preparing for the Prince of Peace. How can we each bring the fruit of peace to our world? Create an Advent project to use and to share. - Parish Hall

Join the Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, November 10 at 1:00 p.m.

3rd Floor Conference Room

Let your hands be the hands of Christ as you create a beautiful tapestry of love intertwined with prayers of hope, faith, and love. Let the love of Jesus be expressed through a caring embrace, the embrace of a prayer shawl wrapped lovingly and comfortingly around the shoulders of another.



Prayer Shawl Ministry group meets on the second Thursday of each month (excluding June, July and August) in the 3rd floor conference room at 1:00 p.m.

Friday Morning Bible Study



Come feast on the Word! This pastor led Bible study meets on Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Adult Ed Room.

Invite a friend or neighbor along this year. Have you met someone new at worship, a visitor? Invite them to Bible Study. All are welcome - no preparation or homework required.

RELATING

FLUKE

(First Lutheran Ukulele)

Have you ever wanted to learn how to play the ukulele? Do you already play but would like to get together with others to play some songs? All are welcome to FLUKE (First Lutheran Ukulele) – kids, youth, and adults of all ages and of all uke abilities!



Angel Saur will lead the group through the basics of getting started and learning chords during the first part of the session. Then put it all together and play some songs as a group to wrap up the time together!

Meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 3:30-4:30 p.m.. Bring your own ukulele! (There will be a couple of ukuleles to borrow on a first come, first serve basis if you don't have your own and want to try it out before purchasing one.) If you have questions about purchasing a ukulele or anything else about the group, talk to Angel or Deb Westerberg.



Topnotchers meet November 11

Topnotchers will begin at the “winter hour” of 12:30 p.m. on Friday, November 11. Bishop Tom Aitken will be speaking on “The Lutheran Church: Reformed and Always Reforming.” Ask a friend to come, too. If you aren't on the regular caller list, call Dorothy at 525-5550 or Elaine at 724-1068 by Tuesday, November 8 for a reservation. Cost is \$8.

FLC Crafters Group

The FLC Crafters will not be meeting in November and December because of Thanksgiving and Christmas. Plan on crafting together again in January.

Be a Greeter on Sunday Mornings

How would you like to be a part of a very important ministry at First Lutheran? Be a greeter and welcome those who come into the church doors each Sunday morning. Call Jackie to sign up: 724-4796.



Yogadevotions

New classes begin November 7

"Yogadevotion classes begin Monday, November 7 at 5:30 p.m. at First Lutheran. Yogadevotion is a practice of breath, prayer and movement led by a trained yoga instructor. Yogadevotion helps to encourage healthy living and a peaceful presence. Whether you are just beginning to explore the benefits of yoga or an experienced yogi, you are welcomed to this community. Cost for this 7 week session (ending Dec. 19) will be \$56. Contact Stacie Curnow, volunteer Yogadevotion Coordinator, at sak903@gmail.com to register for classes or with questions. As with everything, personal invitation is the best promotion. Please invite your friends!

Class description

Yogadevotion LLC classes begin in the breath, centering ourselves in the presence of God...setting aside all that distracts us from the relationship God intends for us. Devotional time is at the beginning of the class, opening with scripture that speaks to a practice of faith, during the breath work. Reflections on the scripture are written by Pastor Cindy Senarighi, ordained pastor in the ELCA. The body of the class is a combination of standing poses, balance poses and floor poses. Music is used in classes as well as silence to intentionally listen for God's voice. The classes close with restorative yoga, a practice of calm alertness that allows a time of reflection and thanksgiving for God's Presence in our lives. The faith based language you will hear in class is familiar, the benediction, invocation and prayer that closes the class. This class is for all levels as Yogadevotion LLC teaches that the primary teacher is your own body and that voice is the important one. Modifications are offered for all poses.

RELATING



Reformation Exhibit Bus Trip

Thursday, November 10

Join the Lake Superior Conference on a trip to the Minneapolis Institute of Art (MIA), which is hosting a special exhibit, "Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation," from October 30 to January 15.

The day's itinerary starts with departure from Duluth (meeting at Faith Lutheran Church building - 51st Ave. E. and Glenwood Sts) at 8:00 a.m. Thursday, November 10, returning approximately 5:30 p.m. There will be a stop for lunch before reaching the MIA. Cost of \$38 per person includes both coach bus fare and exhibit admission.

The exhibit promises to be very popular, and the bus has 45 seats. To reserve a spot, send your contact information (email/phone) and a check payable to "Lake Superior Conference" to Gary Loberg, Conference Treasurer, 3753 Keene Creek Lane, Hermantown MN 55811. The location for departure in Duluth will be forthcoming, so having your contact information will be essential. Questions? Contact: garyloberg3753@gmail.com or phone 393-4849.



CHUM Fall Assembly at First Lutheran

Thursday, November 17

6:30 p.m. - Fellowship

7:00 p.m. - Meeting

Speaker: Dr. Mahmoud El-Kati

"Where Are We Now? America & White Supremacy"

Mahmond El-Kati is a lecturer, author, and commentator on the African American experience. He is Professor Emeritus of History at Macalester College in St. Paul.

SERVING & REACHING OUT

Lutheran Social Service Needs Volunteers

The LSS Supervised Visitation Program is in need of volunteers at the downtown Duluth location. Volunteers assist children and families entering and exiting the facility; be an extra set of eyes to assure safety and supervision; do some light cleaning and organization in visit rooms and community spaces; and assist program staff with other projects as needed. There may be additional opportunities to interact with children and families. A variety of hours are available with primary needs occurring on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to Noon, and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to Noon, and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Interested? Contact Dawn Shykes at 218-626-1901 ext. 2 for more details.

Communion Servers: Sign Up On Line!

First Lutheran Church is implementing an on-line process for members to sign up as communion assistants for both services every Sunday. Members indicate what dates/times they are available on a quarterly basis. This method should streamline the process and make it easier to plan for worship services every Sunday.

Sign-up sheets have openings for 3 communion assistants for each service. However, be aware that the third assistant may not be needed on the day of the service, e.g., use of an assistant minister, etc. Here are the steps for signing up for a particular date/time:

1. Go to <https://www.volunteersignup.org/XTCRD>.
2. A list of dates and service times will appear with the number of openings available for that date/time.
3. Once you have found a date/time that fits your schedule, click "sign up" on the right of the screen.
4. You will be taken to a form to fill out your information, i.e., name, email, phone number. Click the "Agree and sign up" button on the bottom of the screen after identifying the item in the picture.
5. A screen will appear indicating you are signed up. You will be sent a confirmation email. Reminders will be sent out during the week prior to the Sunday you are serving, so entering your email address in the form is important.
6. If you need to change or send any info regarding your date/time, there is a button at the bottom of the signup sheet labeled "contact the signup sheet manager" to click/send your message. You can also email Roberta Maughan at ram96ie@yahoo.com.

Thank your help in this important ministry at First Lutheran Church.

MINISTRY BOARD

FLC Ministry Board

from Diana Ream

What is Stewardship...

More often than not, when we think of good stewardship, we think of how we manage our finances and our faithfulness in paying God's tithes and offerings. But as we're beginning to see, it's much more than that. In fact, it's more than just the management of time, possessions, environment, or health. It is all we do after saying, "I believe!" It is our obedient witness to God's sovereignty with all we are and all we have. Paul's stewardship involved proclaiming that which was entrusted to him - the gospel truth.

Your Stewardship Ministry Team: Dave Westerberg (Chair), Margaret Broderius, Carlene Sippola, Diane Skomars, Dick Swenson, Mary Schmitz (Ministry Board Representative).

The goal of the Ministry Board is that each Ministry Team have a maximum of 9 people, as you can see there is room for about 5 more members on the Stewardship Ministry Team. They meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. in the Library.

Please prayerfully consider where God might be calling you to "Minister".



VISION COUNCIL

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

Council members began the meeting with a devotion from the book, Called by God to Serve.

Ten-minute challenge: Each council member shared when and where they see LOVE in action at FLC: multi-generation Sunday school, kitchen staff, nursery volunteers, support to families suffering, the interaction with kids and youth, church in the park, Sunday school teachers, those who keep up church facility, sign of cross at Ash Wednesday services, etc.

Ministry Board Report: Discussed worship services and gathering more information about a 3rd service. Discussed what the barriers for attending the traditional worship service might be. Ministry teams are creating brochures, dream budgets, practical budgets, and narrative budgets. Nominations committee discussed Vision Council vice president, treasurer, and member-at-large terms that are ending.

Hymn Fest: This fest is planned for October 30. The VC discussed unique ways to draw in new members that do not traditionally attend events outside of service. This event will include a potluck, fellowship, and singing of hymns.

Pastoral Report:

- Brochures for the teams was provided to the council. There will be 5 different brochures created – one for each team.
- A draft logo was shared and feedback was provided. The logo centers around FLC – First Lutheran Church, faithlovecommunity, Growing in Faith, Spreading God's Love, Gathering in Community.
- Mission/Vision Planning was discussed. The VC will create a process for planning at the next meeting.
- VC viewed "A Visitor's View" to create awareness of what a visitor might see and think as they visit First Lutheran. VC will discuss the needs for the facility at future meetings.

President's Report:

- Demolition is on schedule since asbestos has been removed.
- Congregational meeting will be Feb. 12, 2017.
- The church will sponsor 4 members to attend the Synod Assembly (April 28-30, 2017). VC will look for leaders able to commit to attending by the Feb. 12 Congregational Meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 3, 2016, 6:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Room

NOTE: Complete version of Vision Council minutes are housed in the church library.

GET BETTER CONNECTED ON OUR WEBSITE

- Go to www.flcduluth.org
- Sign up for *FirstNews* weekly e-mail updates by sending an e-mail to nancy@flcduluth.org
- Sign up to receive a full color, digital issue of *The Builder* via email (go green)
- 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.



Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:1-2

Hospitality on Election Day

First Lutheran is providing hospitality on Election Day to those who use our church as a voting site. If you would like to help host that day, please sign up at the Welcome Desk for a shift. If you can't come, but can provide treats, please sign up for these!

LEADERSHIP

Please feel free to contact us.

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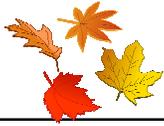
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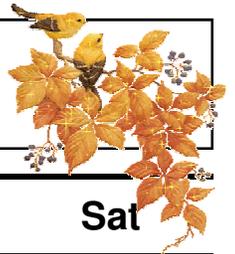
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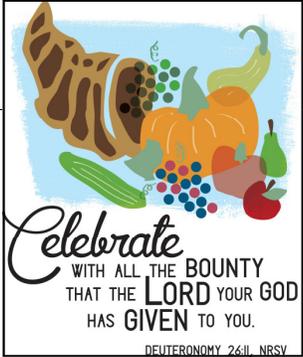
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<i>6</i> ALL SAINTS CINNAMON ROLLS 8:30 Worship-S 9:45 Sunday School 9:45 Youth Ringers-MR 10:00 Adult Forum-PH 10:00 Bible Study-AER 11:00 Worship-S 3:30 Ukulele Fun-PH	<i>7</i> 5:15 AA - PH 5:30 Yogadevotions-GS 6:30 Soj. II - CH 7:00 Soj. III - CF 7:00 Comp I - Homes 7:00 Ruth Gathering-H	<i>8</i> POLLING SITE 9:30 Leah-CF 11:30 Finance-307 11:45 Book Grp-UC 7:15 Local/Global-CF	<i>9</i> 10:30 Staff-AER 5:15 6th-8th Confirm 5:15 Apostle Choir-SS 5:30 Jubilation Rgrs-MR 6:30 9th-10th Confirm 7:15 Senior Choir-S	<i>10</i> 7:00 - Men's Disc-UC 9:00 MOPS Steering 1:00 Prayer Shawl-CF 2:00 OSL-CH 7:00 Mary & Martha-UC	<i>11</i> 7:00 Sojourners I -CH 9:30 Bible Study - AER 12:30 Topnotchers	<i>12</i> 10:00 AA-PH Peer Ministry Trng
<i>13</i> STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 8:30 Worship-S 9:30 Healing Prayers-S 9:45 GIFT/JOY - PH 9:45 Youth Ringers-MR 11:00 Worship-S 4:00 Art & Movie Night-PH (see p. 5)	<i>14</i> 1:00 Library Comm. 5:15 AA - PH 5:30 Yogadevotions-GS 6:30 Soj. II - CH 7:00 Soj. III - CF 7:00 Comp I - Homes	<i>15</i> 11:45 Book Grp-UC 4:45 Extreme Parenting-LC/PH	<i>16</i> 10:00 Dorcas-H 10:30 Staff-AER 1:00 Esther-PH 5:15 6th-8th Confirm 5:15 Apostle Choir-SS 5:30 Jubilation Rgrs-MR 6:30 9th-10th Confirm 7:15 Senior Choir-S	<i>17</i> 7:00 - Men's Disc-UC 9:00 MOPS-PH, etc. 9:00 Quilters-LC 12:30 Naomi-UC 6:30 Comp III-CH CHUM Fall Gathering	<i>18</i> 7:00 Sojourners I -CH 9:30 Bible Study - AER	<i>19</i> 10:00 AA-PH Middle School Gathery -----
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First Lutheran Church, dedicated to the mission of Jesus Christ, welcomes YOU into this community of faith, where we share life in its entirety, with all its joys and sorrows. We believe all people are created in the image of God and are offered God's love, grace and forgiveness, regardless of: religious tradition, age, gender, race, education, economic status, sexual orientation, family structure, mental or physical abilities. We extend a special welcome in Christ's love.

The Builder Schedule

- The following date is the deadline for submitting articles.
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