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THE BUILDER

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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

Fall Worship Schedule

Sunday, September 3
8:30 & 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Sunday, September 10
Worship times change to 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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Why?

When our son Kai was 7, he asked, "Mom, why are we Christian?" I responded, "Why do you think?" Kai said, "Because our parents are." Per, 2 ½ years younger chirped up, "Because God chose us."

I think both of these answers are true (as long as the sense of chosenness is about humility and mystery rather than superiority and exclusivity). But Kai's question asked at that young age is a question now asked by a large segment of the population, certainly by those who are Generation Xers and Millennials, but also by many who continue to gather to worship on Sunday mornings.

It is a good question this "Why?" and one we need to be able to answer if faith is to be passed on to new generations. There's actually a whole list of "Why" questions important for us to ponder for ourselves and for those who come seeking and wondering.

Why God? Why Jesus? Why Christianity? Why church? Why a Lutheran church? Why First Lutheran Church?

How do *you* answer these questions? *Can* you answer them? What if you practiced the answers with your friends, with your adult children, with your teenagers, with your partners? What if we practiced answering them with our fellow church members?

At age 7, Kai accepted my answer of both of their answers being true, but I can tell you, he has demanded much deeper and more thoughtful answers since. I have welcomed those questions because asking them is part of a faith and a life journey. I also have welcomed them because they remind me of myself – having never been satisfied with glib answers that only scratch the proverbial surface.

We're worth more than that; God is worth more than that; Jesus is worth more than that. There's something deep and profound and life-giving in this gathering of community around the holy things of Water, Word, and Table. Let's continue to dive into the Water, delve into the Word, and feast at the Table. Together let's figure out how to answer our children's and seekers' and long-since-given-up-on-church folks' "WHY?"

Pastor Dianne

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The Builder is organized using the Ministry Teams as a guide to share news. The following symbols may be used to show what team is represented as we share the mission of Growing in Faith, Spreading God's Love, and Gathering in Community.

- (E) Evangelism
- (LG) Local & Global
- (LL) Lifelong Learning
- (S) Stewardship
- (W) Worship

From Vision Council

Mission Planning

Vincent Magnuson, Councilor-at-Large

The FLC Vision Council has as one of its charges "mission planning." At the February Congregation Meeting members were asked to indicate their support for up to five of the nineteen initiatives proposed by ministry teams. These initiatives spanned a threefold mission: growing in faith, spreading God's love and gathering in community. The level of congregational support was measured by the number of post-it-notes each of the nineteen initiatives received. An End-of-Life Planning Educational Series and a Digital Sign Initiative were among the top seven supported by members.

Over the past four months I have had the opportunity to convene and participate in two small action teams working on each of the above initiatives. Membership of the action teams is made up of those members who indicated a strong interest in the initiative by signing their post-it-note. And what a privilege it is to work with these individuals as their dedication and abilities are extraordinary. On a personal note, working with these members, I sense my stronger commitment to growing in faith, spreading God's love, and gathering in community.

The End-of-Life Planning Educational Series is now titled "Time to be born, and a time to die…" This title is based on Ecclesiastics 3. Please see article on page 13, "A time to be born, and a time to die" that outlines the work of the action team. The first forum of the series is September17; funeral and funeral planning will be addressed. Additionally, the article describes the other four forums to be delivered during the next nine months.

The Digital Sign Initiative action team has met five times and is busy considering many of the issues associated with electronic message boards. Importantly, the team is discussing purpose, location, the number of signs (London Road and/or Superior Street), software operating systems, city setback requirements, design aesthetics, size of message board, warranty, etc. Members of the action team have observed numerous church and business electronic message boards across the city as well as numerous websites. A number of team members have consulted with churches that have installed electronic message boards. It is important to note that no fundraising initiative is currently being considered as the team thought more important to determine what it is that we want to fundraise for, as well as a realistic cost of electronic message boards and installation. Further information will be available at a later time.

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- Spreading God's Love
- Gathering in Community

Youth & Family

Sunday School Registration

Sunday School is offered for children ages 2 - 8th Grade. Information letters and forms have been mailed out to all families currently on FLC's mailing list. Regular classes are offered 3 times/month. On the 1st Sunday of each month all ages come together in the Parish Hall for our **G.I.F.T** experience - Growing in Faith Together. (See the dates and information in the article to the right.)

Online Registration

The easiest option for Sunday School registration is online. Follow the link on the website at **www.flcduluth.org**. Registration forms are also available at the Welcome Desk or church office, or can be downloaded from the website. We don't want to miss anyone and look forward to having all children involved!

Sunday, September 10 – Rally Sunday!

This Changes Everything **event begins at 9:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall - for All Ages!**

Everyone of all generations is invited to participate in the kick-off to a new year of faith formation! Come for a fun introduction to the year-long theme *This Changes Everything* and take part in the beginning of a new visual creation that will emerge throughout the year.

Following the activity there will be an "open-house" time for children and families to visit their classroom areas. The 2 & 3 years olds will meet in the Promise Preschool room, and 4 & 5 year olds in the Space to Grow room right next door. Grades 1 & 2 meet in Room 301, and grades 3-5 in the basement classrooms. Grades 6 -8 will meet in the basement Youth Room. Regular classes will begin on Sun., September 17.

2 & 3 Year Old Sunday School

Dear 2 & 3 year olds,

You and your grown-up(s) are invited to Sunday School! Come sing fun songs, hear Bible stories, meet our Backpack Guys and Backpack Gals, do an activity or craft, and have a little snack. We want you to come meet other kids and FLC teens and adults that love God, love you, and are happy that we are all in God's family. Come to Rally Sunday on September 10 for a chance to meet us. Our regular gatherings begin September 17. We'll see you Sunday mornings at 9:45!

Love,
2 & 3 Year Old Sunday School Team

Experience the G.I.F.T. - All Ages Growing in Faith Together

1st Sunday of each month (see dates below)
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 be part of community faith formation. Our focus this year is on transformation, as we join the theme of the 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering: *This Changes Everything*. In this way, we not only send our youth off to the gathering next summer, but we participate with them in a communal faith journey of discovery and growth.

Each month young and old can engage in sharing faith stories, activities, song, service and scripture, as we explore together the ways God's Word and Spirit work in our lives. Each G.I.F.T. Sunday's focus will also be woven into the worship services that day.

Mark your calendars for the G.I.F.T. Sundays this year! GIFT will replace regular classroom activities that day.

Sept. 10	**This Changes Everything**
Oct. 1	God's Promise
Nov. 5	God's Call
Jan. 7	God's Welcome
Feb. 4	God's Grace
Mar. 4	God's Hope
April 8	God's Love *(2nd Sunday)*
May 13	Jesus is Everything *(2nd Sunday)*

***Why* Growing in Faith Together?**

As a congregation, G.I.F.T. is our commitment to:

- Gather all ages and generations together for meaningful interaction and learning as the body of Christ.
- Build community and relationships as people engage in conversations, activities, and scripture.
- Provide models of faith practices in community that equip families and households.

Youth & Family

September 10– Blessing of Backpacks

Pre-schoolers to post-grads, bring your school backpack (or book bag or whatever you use) to church on Sun., September 10 for a special blessing at either the 8:30 or 11:00 worship. God blesses you in your studies, and your church family wants to acknowledge that publicly and give you a small gift so you can "wear your faith" each day to school.

Bible Sunday for Children September 17

Along with their parents, First Lutheran congregation makes promises to each child at their baptism: that the Holy Scriptures be placed in their hands so they might hear and know the stories of God's great love for them. Each fall FLC lovingly gives Bibles to children reaching a milestone age, to be used at home and in Sunday School.

Two year olds receive the **Read & Share Toddler Bible**, a good way for children to be introduced to the stories of God's love and promises.

4 year olds receive the **Spark Story Bible**, which is wonderful way for children to become familiar with the Bible through 150 engaging stories. This is a great read for parent and child together.

3rd Grade students will receive a special Spark **NRSV Bible** which they will use in Sunday School and through confirmation. Their "Journey" begins with Bible Basic class on Wed, September 20.

As a congregation, we lift up these children and their families in prayer as they learn and grow in their faith.

Passing on the faith to our children – it's one of the most important things we do!

...and volunteers are needed all year long! Teachers, song leaders, piano players, workshop leaders, special events – it takes many loving hands and hearts each Sunday morning! There are many opportunities to help, with varied and flexible time commitments. Can't be available every Sunday? Many can't, so we work together to share our time and talents, and the more people involved the better! It's not only teaching, many gifts are needed and welcomed!

Whether you love being around the very youngest children as they begin to learn about the love of Jesus, enjoy the energy and curiosity of elementary age kids, or the growing intellect of middle schoolers, there is a need and a place for you! To learn more, contact Ann Beck at 728-3668, or annbeck@flcduluth.org.

Synod Journey to the ELCA Youth Gathering

If you're going into 9th-12th grade, you're going to want to be a part of this!

June 23 - July 2, 2018 will be the Northeastern Minnesota Synod Journey to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering.

The first part of the trip the group will travel with others from Northeastern Minnesota to Galveston, Texas for a time of service learning, then after a few days will move on to Houston to attend the Gathering. Through days spent in inter-active learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

While Summer of 2018 may seem far away, **registration for this event is due September 10. 2017.**

If you have questions, please contact Deb Westerberg.

This is one of those trips with a firm deadline – there won't be an opportunity to decide later that you'd like to go so don't miss out!

The Synod Journey to the ELCA Youth Gathering Info Packet is now on the FLC Youth & Family Ministry website (www.flcduluthyouth.weebly.com).

Youth & Family

Jour·ney / ˈjərnē/

An act of traveling from one place to another; process of personal change and development; a partnership between families and the congregation to fulfill promises made at our children's baptism. Gathering together for worship, study, fellowship and service opportunities helps youth grow in faith and prepares them for their Affirmation of Baptism.

Journey is for families with youth in Grades 3-10. Each school year 3rd-6th Graders meet for 6 weeks of classes plus the kick-off night, while 7th-10th Graders have 9 weeks of classes plus the kick off night.

Journey is about helping equip youth, parents and families on their faith journey with an understanding of what it is to be a Christian through a Lutheran lens. It's also about deepening relationships with family, peers, the congregation and Christ. Studies show that parents are the greatest influencers of their child's faith* and that is why at First Lutheran parents or another adult are encouraged to attend Journey with their child (3rd-8th grade). It is an opportunity for intentional faith conversations to happen between parents and kids.

Register today to get signed up! If you haven't been to Confirmation/Journey in the past, it's not too late to sign up! Register online or visit www.flcduluth.org.

* For more information on this study, visit www.fulleryouthinstitute.org

Journey Kickoff for all 3rd-10th Graders
September 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
Fun for the Whole Family! Pizza dinner, fun activities and end with a special worship service!
September 20 sessions begin for 3rd Graders & 7th-10th Graders

- 3rd Grade at 5:15-6:15 in the Youth Room (basement) – Deb Westerberg, Leader
- 7th& 8th Grade at 5:15-6:15 in the Adult Ed Room - Dave Westerberg, Leader
- 9th & 10th Grade at 6:30-7:30 in Adult Ed Room – Pastor Dianne and Jim Zastrow, Leaders

After the Kick-off night, 6th Grade begins session on October 11 and 4th & 5th Grade sessions begins January 10.

6th-9th Graders: Acolyte Training and Schedule

Acolytes play an important role in the worship service each Sunday morning. FLC 6th-8th graders, this is one way you're able to serve at church! Because the US Mail Service takes longer, we are no longer mailing out reminder postcards. Instead, you receive a reminder email through Sign Up Genius. An email went out with a link to the sign up. If you did not receive an email or would like to sign up in another way, please contact Deb Westerberg.

There will be a training session on Sun., September 24 during Sunday School for students new to acolyting and a refresher course for those that have been an acolyte before. Meet in the Youth Room and then move to the Sanctuary.

School Pictures

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 also are a visual reminder to lift up prayers for our youth.

Also, do you have an upcoming game, race, recital, performance, etc? Let Deb know and she would love to try to attend and cheer you on!

Youth had a great time on their canoe trip to the Bounday Waters this summer!

Day Camp & Preschool VBS- A Great Week!

You couldn't miss the fun and laughter if you were around First Lutheran the week of July 23! Over 60 kids participated in VLM Day Camp and Preschool VBS this summer, ages 3- 4th grade. With the theme of "Water of Life", VLM camp staff Rachel, Ben, Jay, and Markel provided a great week of Bible study, music, crafts, games and an all around good time! Thanks to Karen and Jon Sande for providing housing, to Suzanne Canfield who was the onsite volunteer organizer each day, and to the many people who brought in snacks, or provided meals for the staff.

A special thanks to Tim Schandel for arranging a ride on the North Shore Scenic Railroad and a fun hour at the Depot Railroad Museum!

Blessing of the Youth Room

This past year the Youth Room has been transformed! It's been cleaned, painted, and new carpeting has been installed. There's new furniture and artwork for the walls. And now this inviting place is ready for FLC youth to play, learn, and grow! Please join us for a blessing of the youth room on Sunday, September 10 at 10:40 a.m.

Pictured above, Ben & Rachel with small group activity. "It was such a blessing to spend this week with your kids at First Lutheran. I was genuinely blown away by the way they got involved in the Bible studies and discussions… it wasn't just us teaching the kids, it was us learning from them as well." Ben Lane

Nineteen preschoolers ages 3-5 enjoyed three mornings with fun Bible stories and activities around the theme of water - Noah, Walking on Water, and Baptism. Special thanks go to Dana Varland, Jackie Johnson, Karen Fronden, and Carl Freund for planning and leading, along with the help of Carol Prohaska and Addie Sampson.

Pictured on right: Kids made musical wands that reminded them of God's love and promise to them through the rainbow.

Youth & Family

Cinnamon Roll Sundays

We're mixing up the Cinnamon Roll tradition, but no worries, there will still be delicious cinnamon rolls each month! They will now be on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Families, Cinnamon Roll Sundays happen with your help! There are 3 ways to help out:

1. On the Saturday before Cinnamon Roll Sunday, there's a need for a family or two to prep the rolls. The rolls are pre-made, frozen "pucks". You simply place them on the pans and make up some caramel sauce. The whole thing takes about 60-90 minutes.
2. Then on Sundays, help is needed starting at 8:00 a.m. to bake the rolls and plate them for sale.
3. 6th-8th grade Sunday School students (and others who would like to earn money for camp, summer trips, etc.) help sell rolls between services.

Please contact Deb to let her know how you'd like to help! The first Cinnamon Roll Sunday will be on September 17.

Save the Dates

- ✓ **Confirmation Sunday** on Sunday, October 29
- ✓ **Cardia Deo** (9th-12th grade retreat) March 2-4
- ✓ **Elementary Rejuve** (3rd-6th grade retreat) March 16-17 at Camp Vermilion

6th-8th Grade Youth Group

On Sunday mornings starting in September meet up in the Youth Room for a time of games, snacks, hanging out, and digging into God's Word. This year we are going to do something called Peer Ministry Training. It's all about being a Good Samaritan kind of leader, where someone cares, welcomes, and affirms others face-to-face, one-on-one, friend-to-friend. Peer Ministry Training gives 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!

Typically the schedule will be

- 1st Sunday: GIFT in Parish Hall (6th-8th Graders will be providing some leadership to these mornings)
- 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays: Meet in Youth Room
- 3rd Sunday: Sell Cinnamon Rolls

Here's September's Schedule:

Sept 10 – GIFT Sunday in the Parish Hall
Sept 17 – Cinnamon Roll Sunday (meet in kitchen)
Sept 24 – Meet in Youth Room + Acolyte Training

Middle School Youth Gathering

Hey 6th-8th Graders! The Middle School Gathering (MSG) at Cragun's Resort is coming up on Saturday, November 18 through Sunday, November 19. It's an awesome weekend of gathering with other middle schoolers from Northeastern Minnesota for a speaker, band, time to experience the theme, "All the Time", and an evening of fun – swimming, basketball, tons of arts and crafts, video games, a prayer room, games with the camp staff, and so much more! Inflatables, anyone?!

The cost is $75. Your registration form plus a non-refundable deposit of $40 is due October 8. (Registrations received after October 8 are based on availability – the event does fill up quick – and will then cost $100.) Registration info has been sent out by email and is also available at www.flcduluthyouth.weebly.com.

Adult leaders (21+) are also needed. Adult leaders are there to transport the group to Brainerd, hang out with the youth, lead discussions, and being present to experience the MSG together. Registration costs are waived for adult leaders. If you are interested, please talk to Deb Westerberg.

It's no "FL-UKE"...

The First Lutheran Ukulele group is starting up again! 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 – 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.

Meet in the Gathering Space on Sunday, September 17; 3:30-4:00 is a time for beginners and 4:00-4:45 is a time for strumming your favorite songs! The group will continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Bring your own ukulele if you have one. If not, we have a couple extras that can be borrowed (first come, first served). If you have questions about purchasing a ukulele or anything else about the group, talk to Angel Saur or Deb Westerberg.

Worship & Music Ministry

Worship Notes

Live Radio Broadcast: KDAL AM 610, 8:30 a.m. Sundays
Live Streaming of 8:30 service, go to www.flcduluth.org. Or go directly to www.kdal610.org.

Worship Schedule
Summer Sermon Series on unfamiliar stories in the Bible

Sun., September 3 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. - Sanctuary
Readings: Jer. 15:15-21; Ps. 26:1-8; Rom 12:9-21; Matt. 16:21-29

Sun., September 10 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Readings: Ezek. 33:7-11; Ps. 119:33-40; Rom. 13:8-14; Matt. 18:15-20

Sun., September 17 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Readings: Gen. 50-15-21; Ps. 103:1-3; Rom. 14:1-12; Matt. 18:21-35

Sun., September 24 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Readings: Jonah 3:10-4:11; Ps. 145:1-8; Phil. 1:21-30; Matt. 20:1-1

Readings are from Revised Common Lectionary.

Choir Rehearsals Begin

Adult Choirs begin Rehearsals September 6

Thinking of joining a choir? Now is the time to start. These choirs meet on Wednesdays:

Jubilation Ringers: 5:30 p.m. - Music Room
Soli Deo Gloria: 7:15 p.m. - Sanctuary

Apostle Choir/Music Experiences for K-6th Graders Begins September 20

Apostles meet on Wednesday afternoons from 5:15-6:15. Confirmation kick-off dinner is on September 13, so we'll begin the following week. Kids of confirmation age can rotate in and out as their confirmation schedule allows. This fall we plan to offer experiences in handchimes, recorder, and ukulele. Contact Karen Sande at ksande@flcduluth.org for more information.

Youth Ringers Handbell Choir for 7th-12th Graders Begins September 17

Youth Ringers meet 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 willingness to attend rehearsals regularly and enjoy making music to praise God! Contact Karen Sande at ksande@flcduluth.org for more information.

Intergenerational Instrumental Ensemble

High school through adult instrumentalists are invited to participate occasionally in an Intergenerational Ensemble. Ensembles play a prelude or offering piece and accompany hymns on festival Sundays. Rehearsals are scheduled as needed. Contact Karen Sande (ksande@flcduluth.org) if you would like to be on the email list or have questions.

The cross given to First Lutheran from sister city Los Ranchos, El Salvador, is now located inside the Superior Street entrance. Check it out. Doesn't it brighten up the narthex?

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., Sept. 11 - 7:00 p.m. - Homes

Leah Gathering
Tues., Sept. 12 - 9:30 a.m., Parish Hall

Mary & Martha Gathering
Thurs., Oct. 12 - 7:00 p.m., Upper Commons

Dorcas Gathering
Wed., Sept. 20 - 10:00 a.m., Homes

Esther Gathering
Wed., Sept. 20 - 1:00 p.m., Lakeshore

Naomi Gathering
Thurs., Sept. 21 - 11:30 p.m. - Bev Haugejorde's home

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July 2017 Memorials & Gifts

Gifts to Radio Broadcast in memory of June Ness by Janice Cullito, Kenneth & Sharon Sievers, Margaret Amacher, Greg & Rebecca Hansen, Elizabeth Cohen, Paul & Carol Anderson, Dan & Marjorie Bergeland, Rick & Carol Hanson, Bob & Jackie Johnson, Dave & Marcia Lothner, Vince & Nancy Magnuson, Don & Laviere Johnson, Helen Ness; **in memory of Martha Loufman** by Betty Anderson.

Gift to FLC Gardening Ministry in memory of June Ness by John & Beryl Bredeson.

Gift to FLC Memorial Fund in memory of June Ness by Nancy St. Marie; **in memory of Martha Loufman** by Betty Lou Monson, Carol Prohaska.

Gifts to FLC Library in memory of June Ness by Claryce Swensen.

Gift to FLC Music Ministry in memory of Ivah Sundquist by Robert & Linda Vokes.

Gifts to CHUM in honor of Mary Schmitz by Diane Skomars.

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FLCW Luncheon

Thurs., September 14, 11:30 a.m.

All women are invited to the First Lutheran Church Women's luncheon on Thurs., September 14. Hospitality begins at 11:30 with lunch served at noon. Sandra Chadwick will speak on "Understanding Dementia" following the lunch in the Parish Hall.

The Scandinavian Food & Craft Festival

Sat., October 28, 2017, 9:00 a.m. tol 1:30 p.m.

Plans are being made for the Festival and we hope you will be part of the preparation. Some of the group activities are "stand up" and others are "sit down". Come any of the days listed below and there will be something you can do.

Preparations are in the kitchen and begin at 9:00 a.m.

- **Wed., Sept. 27** - Prepare mixes: breads, apple crisp, ginger cookies - with Beryl Bredeson
- **Tues., Oct. 3** - Fun Mixes in a Jar with Muriel Lehman
- **Date to be Announced** - Apple pie making
- **Wed., Oct. 25** - Learn to make Scandinavian cookies with Carol Anderson
- **Fri., Oct 27** - Soup and sandwich making, pie baking and set up for Festival
- **Sat., Oct. 28 - Scandinavian Food & Craft Festival, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

More opportunities to be involved with the festival

Part of the fun of the festival is helping! If you are available at any of the times listed above, simply show up. There will also be sign up sheets at the Welcome Desk. Share a craft, staff a booth, welcome others, bring baked goods, treats or lefse to be sold at the Bakery.

Donations of lightly used Christmas items, books, games, or puzzles are welcome. No magazines, encyclopedias, or textbooks please! Donated items may be placed on the stage after October 1.

Gently used jewelry for the Jewel Box booth may be dropped off at the church office any time.

Proceeds from this event after expenses are given to help needy groups in the community, support FLC Youth, and global ministries supported by FLC. Thank you.

Questions, suggestions, and new ideas are appreciated. Contact Margaret Broderius (728-6101), Carol Prohaska (724-2203) or Beryl Bredeson (728-2031).

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It All Belongs to God

Margaret Broderius, Stewardship Team

It started with one square…

Just one colorful square. Together with dozens more it becomes a unique quilt. By spring, thanks to the diligence of the FLC quilters, there are 50 quilts! Each is folded and boxed, addressed, and loaded into a bright red trailer on loan from Mark Boyce, together with 500 more quilts from other Duluth and Proctor and Cloquet churches. On June 8, Steve Broderius delivered the filled trailer to Grand Rapids where women from the NE MN synod gathered their hearts and prayers and 3,047 quilts at the Women of the ELCA synod conference. Many hands helped Beth Holst load the semi-trailer donated by Halvor Lines in Superior with a volunteer driver who proceeded to Minneapolis for further travel overseas. The quilts arrived at their final destination where anxious beneficiaries were thankful to receive these gifts of love and generosity.

One year, 1,500 tons of handmade quilts went to economically poor countries through Lutheran World Relief, 452,870 quilts sewn and hand tied (starting with just one little square). And some helped in another way; you bought pie or coffee or jam or jelly or a used book or a bread mix at the Fall Festival contributing to the $2.50 cost of shipping per quilt.

Many hands touched each quilt or box in some way on its journey to warm a soul and lift the spirit! Thanks be to God for the importance of a quilt square!

But I am not poor. I may look poor, but in truth my heart is full to bursting, filled with memories of all the happiness I've given and received. I'm the richest man I know. - *from* The Quilt Makers Gift

FLC/LSS Financial Counseling

Wed., September 6

If you know someone who could use a little help getting control of their budget, consider Lutheran Social Service Financial Counseling Services. You can schedule an appointment held right at First Lutheran Church on the date of **Wed., September 6**. Or you can schedule appointments anytime at the Lutheran Social Service offices in the Ordean Building in downtown Duluth. Call 218-529-2220.

Fall Yogadevotion classes begin

September 11 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 8 week session (ending Oct. 30) will be **$64**. **Registration deadline for this session is Wed., September 6.** (Ten people are needed, signed up, by this date to proceed with the session.) 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. Our 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 the 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.

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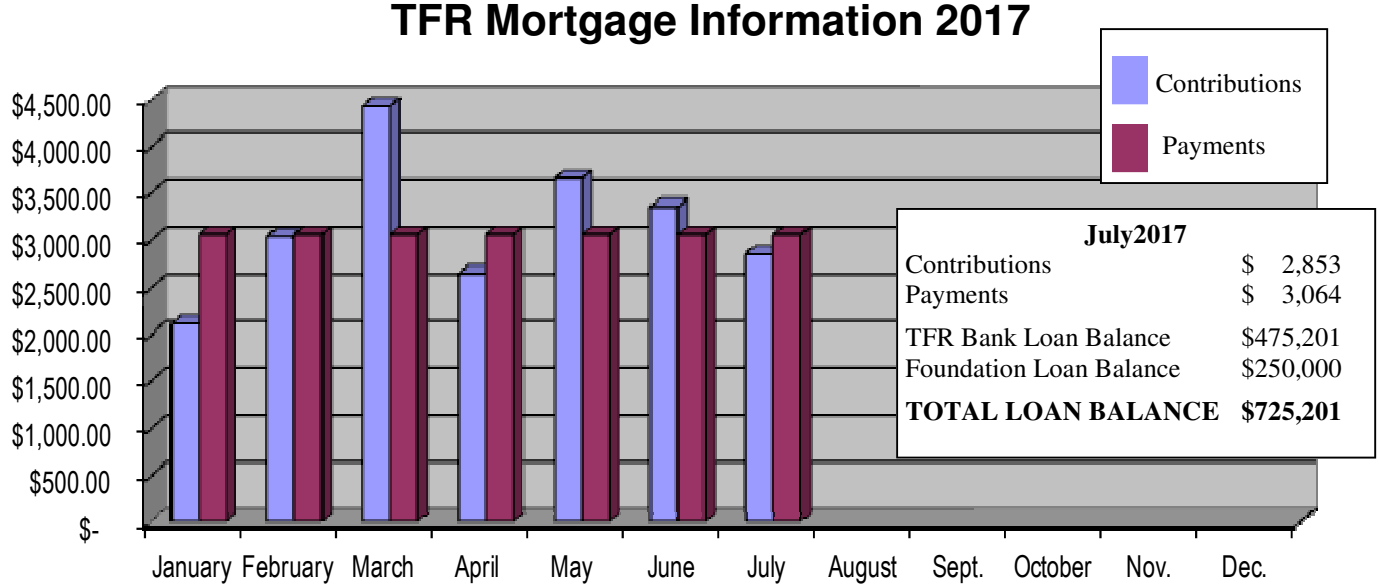


Please remember TFR (Time for Renewal) in your giving.

2017 Mission Plan Update

	July					2016
	Mission Plan	Actual	Year to Date Mission Plan	Year to Date Actual	Annual Mission Plan	Year to Date Actual
Ministry & Mission gifts	$59,196	$59,948	$420,712	$411,832	$759,979	$418,904
Plus Other Income	3,321	2,769	34,410	32,486	58,000	27,686
Total Income	62,517	62,717	455,122	444,318	817,979	446,590
Less Expenses	70,499	62,311	477,675	459,557	823,233	461,799
Cash surplus (Deficit)	-$7,982	$406	-$22,552	-$15,239	-$5,254	-$15,209

Giving for the Ministries & Missions of FLC

Weekly offering through:

Sun., July 23	$16,026
Sun., July 30	$12,034
Sun., Aug. 6	$17,402
Sun., Aug. 13	$ 8,729

Worship Attendance

July 23	287
July 30	280
Aug. 6	285
Aug. 13	296

Hunger Offering

Amount donated to the Hunger Offering in July: $695.21

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 ->

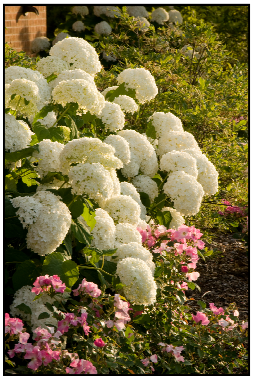
VISITING: www.flcduluth.org/stewardship

USING: your TFR offering envelop

Stewardship

FLC Gardens Need Your Care

Bob Dylan wrote a song "The Times They Are A Changin" and passing time has produced changes in the Gardening Group. The group started about 23 years ago having a goal of landscaping and flowers for the then recently finished Time to Build addition. The group prepared the soil on the London Road side, planted and maintained winter resistant roses, hydrangea, and junipers. We set and maintained memorial trees, trimmed hedges, and lilac trees, planted and maintained the Peace Pole rose garden and containers now at the new Superior Street entrance and on London Road. We moved trees when the latest addition occurred. We established a perennial garden by the East parking lot. Each year, Glenn and Erna Peterson organize, selected purchase and transport the annual flowers which the group plants by the Superior Street and London Road church entrances. The group prepares the soil in the Spring and cleans gardens in the Fall. Watering, from planting to frost, often requires several hours and perhaps several days during "your" week if there isn't rain. The full group meets twice a month to maintain the gardens. The usual activities are weed pulling, deadheading old blossoms, fertilizing, shrub and tree trimming, mulching, and general grounds clean up. We gather after each meeting for devotions, visiting, planning, and eating. A good deal for all.



Times are "a changing". Through the years the numbers in the group have changed as people joined, transferred, stopped or otherwise could not continue. In general, the numbers have decreased while the group age increased. The group average age is well over 70 years. Requests for new gardeners have added some, but average age has not changed. In sum, it is unlikely the same effort applied through the last 23 years can continue unless others join. What is to be done when the group cannot do the work?

We invite all members to support gardening activities at FLC. Will you consider joining the gardening team? Contact Glenn or Erna Peterson at 728-5285.

Why was Jason wearing a raincoat in church?

Temple talk given by Joanne Jokela, Vision Council Treasurer, on Sunday, August 20:

Good morning,

It's a blessing to be worshiping outdoors again today and appreciating all that God has trusted us to care for. Looking at the forecast late yesterday, one weather app showed that the whole day was sunny or partly sunny except for 10:00 which showed thunderstorms! But I hear that Jason was ready for any kind of weather today….rumor has it that he wore a raincoat while playing the organ at the early service. Well the story behind this this is that Vision Council wants to let you know that we need to do something about the roof over the sanctuary soon so Jason and the rest of us don't get rained on....even though we do love worshipping in nature!

Last month we learned at Vision council that a roof inspection concluded that a portion of the roof need immediate repair to protect the organ and the sanctuary. We looked at an option of a temporary repair for that section, but decided that was unwise because the entire roof is at the end of its life, and this would involve replacing the same area twice. It made more sense to replace the entire roof over the sanctuary and offices. In order to pay for this we will need to draw on the capital improvement fund. However, we are also hoping to preserve this fund as much as possible for future projects and we know that there will be other major repairs or replacements in the building. We have been preparing for future needs by creating a capital improvement fund, but the roof issue came up sooner than we had expected.

With that in mind the Vision Council is offering a special giving opportunity for the roof replacement. Work will begin soon, at an expected cost of $70,000, and we are asking for anyone who is interested in making a financial gift toward this project within the next month to indicate on your envelope or check that it is for the roof.

Thank you for considering this giving opportunity so we can make sure Jason doesn't have to wear a raincoat!

Stewardship

Young Family Ministry

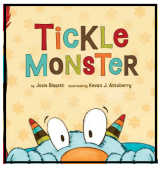
There are nine First Lutheran families who have welcomed babies or are expecting them this fall/winter. What a wonderful opportunity to be church for these young families and show them Christ's love.

Several ways to participate:

Meal Train

If you would like to make a meal for a family with a new baby, please sign-up at the Welcome Desk or email Dana Varland at dvarland@gmail.com.

Baby Book Shower & Potluck



On Sunday, September 17, there will be a potluck following the 11:00 a.m. service and a stack of children's books to give each family. Sign-up for the potluck at the Welcome Desk. If you can make a donation towards purchasing the books, make a check out to FLC and mark it Baby Books. Look for a Facebook post coming soon to vote on your favorite baby books as we try to choose from all our favorites!

Bible Study for Young Families

Sarah and Tim Climis will be leading a Bible Study for young families on Saturday mornings. *(See article on page 13.)*

This is church – showing up in people's lives to help mark these holy times. We are blessed to be a blessing.

Celebrate the Night Sky Week

September 17-23

The Twin Ports and Lake Superior region is having a celebration of stars! "Celebrate the Night Sky" is a week of activities and events, including a presentation of the SKYGLOW Project, neighborhood star parties, and a seminar of national experts in lighting.

Organized by Starry Skies of Lake Superior, the celebration runs from September 17-23 with events held at a number of venues in the area. The celebration is meant to raise awareness of reducing light pollution.

Information packets are available at the Welcome Desk.

Lifelong Learning

Friday Morning Bible Study Begins September 15

Fall schedules are already beginning to fill up. **Be sure to add Friday morning Bible Studies to your schedule!** 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 guest? Invite them to Bible Study. All are welcome - no preparation or homework required.

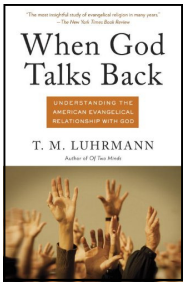
Parents with Young Children: Brunch and Bible Study

Sat., September 23, 10:00 a.m.

Come Grow WITH US

First Lutheran Church is starting a Bible Study for parents with young children. The first meeting will be Sat., September 23 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Get to know one another over a potluck brunch, have a devotion, and come up with a plan that works for the families that want to be involved. Please RSVP to Sarah Climis (sarah.climis@gmail.com) so childcare can be arranged. If your family would like to be involved, but can't attend the first gathering, please let Sarah know so you will be included in future gatherings. Make plans to attend and grow in faith with one another.

Tuesday Midday Book Group Resumes September 19



The first book this fall will be "When God Talks Back: Understanding the American Evangelical Relationship with God" by T.M. Luhrmann. Tanya Marie Luhrmann is a professor of anthropology at Stanford University. Read more about her and the book on her website www.luhrmann.net. The group meets every Tuesday from 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Upper Commons. Contact Brenda Sproat at bsproat6@gmail.com or Karen Sande at ksande@flcduluth.org for more information or to be added to the email list.

Lifelong Learning

Sunday Morning Adult Education

No matter our age, we are all growing as disciples. Every faith journey needs nourishment and encouragement! Each Sunday morning through the education year you a re invited to come to one of the scheduled programs or discussions. In the Parish Hall there will generally be a large group forum on a relevant topic of interest or concern. The Adult Ed Room (next to the nursery) will include activities with a more interactive or small group study format. 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, no homework, or time commitment. Grab a cup of coffee /treat and attend. Unless otherwise noted, forums and classes will begin at 10:00 a.m. Adults, including older youth not involved in other programs, are welcomed and encouraged to join in. Schedules for the month will be posted around the church, as well as *In the Fold* (bulletin insert).

Schedule for September

September 10

This Changes Everything! *Parish Hall, 9:45 a.m.*
All ages invited to the Rally Sunday event and intro to the Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) theme for the year.

September 17

A Time to Live & A Time to Die: Funeral Planning *PH*
The first in a series of presentations and discussions on topics related to the end of life. A big step towards easing denial and fear is information! Come for the well-being of your family, and you yourself will be helped. Pastor Dianne and other panel members will be leading this discussion. A repeat session will be held on Tues., Sept. 19 in the Adult Ed Room. *(See article on page 14.)*

Dwelling in the Word *Adult Ed Rm*
For all seekers, come explore a scripture 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!

September 24

Reformation 500: It's All About Martin? *Parish Hall*
Pastor Karen Bockelman
During this year of celebrating the 500th Anniversary of Luther's Reformation, it's important to put Martin Luther in context. He did not appear "full blown" as though there were no church reforming movements before him and the need for reform did not die with him. And, while Luther's name is the most well known, it's also important to recognize that the Reformation was a team effort. This will be an opportunity to review some history and begin to think ahead to the next 500 years.

Dwelling in the Word *Adult Ed Rm*
All are welcome to this informal Bible study and discussion.

Looking ahead:
Oct. 1: Growing in Faith Together (G.I.F.T.)
Oct. 8: *Together For Youth*, LSS initiative for LBGTQ youth

A time to be born, and a time to die.

In Ecclesiastes 3 is written "There is an appointed time for everything, and there is a time for every event under heaven. A time to be born, and a time to die.…"

Given interest in recent years in popular literature such as Atul Gawande's **Being Mortal**, initiatives in the community for Advanced Planning, and the often experienced fear and denial of the death we all anticipate, a group of First Lutheran members has come together to plan a series of Sunday forums related to this topic. We hope these will be useful to those who may see death on the near or far horizon, but also for the healthy middle aged who often are responsible for assisting their parents at the end of life.

At this time, we anticipate six discussions, the first being on Sunday, September 17 when funeral and planning for it will be addressed. Subsequent sessions will address 2) health care directives, health care agent, Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment; 3) estate planning, Power of Attorney; 4) wills, legacy giving, and one's spiritual legacy; 5) hospice, palliative, and elder care; and 6) grief and mourning. Adequate time for questions and discussion will be allowed, and repeat presentations will be held on the Tuesday evenings following the Sunday forums.

Lifelong Learning

News from the Library

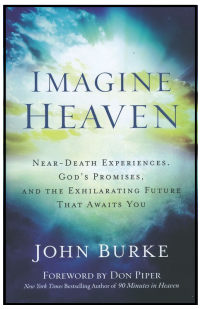
New Adult Books:

Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom by John O'Donohue (Call #: 248.089 Odo)

Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter by Lindsay Freeman (Call #: 220.9208 Fre)

Faith, Sexism, Justice: Conversations Toward a Social Statement by ELCA (Call #: 05.42 Eva)

H is for Hawk by Helen Macdonald (Call #: 598.944 Mac)



The Hammer of God by Bo Giertz (Call #: 833.914 Gie)

Imagine Heaven: Near-Death Experiences, God's Promises, and the Exhilarating Future that Awaits by John Burke (Call #: 236.24 Bur)

The Muslim Next Door: The Quran, the Media, and That Veil Thing by Sumbul Ali-Karamali (Call #: 297Ali)

A Secret Gift: How One Man's Kindness—and a Trove of Letters—Revealed the Hidden History by Ted Gup (Call #: 977.162 Gup)

Voices in the Stones: Life Lessons from the Native Way by Kent Nerburn (Call #: 299.7 Ner)

When Lightning Struck!: The Story of Martin Luther by Danika Cooley (Call #: FIC Coo)

Witnessing Whiteness: The Need to Talk About Race and How to Do It by Shelly Tochluk (Call #: 305.8009 Toc)

Look for the –

Reformation 500 Bookstore

at First Lutheran Church in the Upper Commons
September 24 through October 8

- View the display of 20 Reformation books published by Augsburg Fortress available for purchase.
- Place an order from this curated selection of books and receive up to 50% off the regular price.
- Your purchased books will be delivered to FLC for pickup.

Hosted by the FLC Library Committee

Basis of Faith: Faith 101

An invitation for discussion, learning, and wrestling with question of faith, from Ron Carlson

I was not raised as a Lutheran and have struggled through questions about the Bible and Christianity. I am offering to facilitate a small group that will discuss questions about why Christians believe, using several books as resources for our conversation.

The hope is to begin in late September or early October, meeting bi-weekly. The time and day will be determined by what works best for those interested. The goal is to provide a safe environment for those seeking answers to their questions on the basis of Christianity and the Lutheran faith.

Please contact Ron Carlson if you are interest or have any questions: ronduluth@hotmail.com or 525-6542.

Local & Global

Topnotchers

Fri., September 8, 12:30 p.m.

Members and friends, if you are 55 or older, make a point of attending a Topnotchers' event! A delicious meal is served followed by a program. This month's speaker is Frank Antilla. Frank left home at 16, joined WW II, and was on a merchant marine ship. Don't miss his story! Call Dorothy at 525-5550 to RSVP. Cost is only $8.

Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry Events

Fall Work Day

Saturday, September 23 at Camp Vermilion.
Help prepare the camp for winter! Lunch will be provided.
Cost: FREE. Please contact Deb Westerberg if you would like to attend.

Fall Festival

Sunday, October 8 from 2-5 p.m. at Camp Hiawatha.
Celebrate the changing of seasons with at camp! Bring your family and friends and play yard games, decorate camp-grown pumpkins, create some fall-themed crafts, take a trip in a canoe, and stay for a picnic supper.
Cost: $5/person ($20 family max).
Register online at www.vlmcamps.org/retreat-registration.

Raising Awareness

from Pr. Dianne

The world is a global place. That excites some, frightens others. Our responses don't change the reality that the world and this country are filled with the incredible diversity of God's people. One of the gifts we can give our children is to raise them with an awareness of that diversity and with the skills and comfort in being with all people and seeing and treating all people as being made in the image of God.

That ability comes from helping our children be comfortable in their own bodies and aware of and willing to examine their own emotions and motives. It also comes from giving our children opportunities to experience the breadth of humanity. Our children need tools to live in today's diverse world and the world needs people who are able to live in today's world with love and respect for all peoples. Part of our role as church is to help provide opportunities so that families can grow in understanding. **On this page are three current opportunities for such growth.**

Fostering the Roots of Cross-Racial Competence

This is a 3-day intensive training, September 5, 6, 7, led by Nam Provost and Kevin Skwira-Brown from *Cultural Fluency Associates, LLP*. **Note:** CHUM congregation members may attend this workshop through a full scholarship ($350) paid for by a special grant CHUM received from the United Baptists to build greater capacity for racial justice in member congregations. With limited enrollment and the popularity of this workshop, spots will fill.

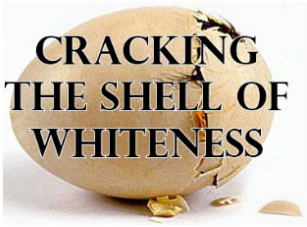
Further information and registration information may be found at: http://bit.ly/2vZ5IJA. If you have any session content questions, please contact Nam Provost (nam@culturalfluencyassociates.com) or Kevin Skwira-Brown (kevin@culturalfluencyassociates.com).

Beth Holst participated in this workshop and enthusiastically recommends it for all. She says: "If the timing doesn't work, an alternative is to attend the *Cracking the Shell* workshop on Sunday nights. It's not as in depth, but a good opportunity to explore what it means to be 'white' in our society, with all of its advantages and disadvantages - seeing life through a different lens."

Hiking at Hartley

Sat., September 9

All are invited to go hiking in the Hartley Nature Preserve with families from the early childhood program at the Steve O'Neil Apartments. What a wonderful opportunity to reach across boundaries and play together! If you are interested in being part of this event, please speak with Pr. Dianne or Aaron Wedge (290-3872 or aaron.wedge1@gmail.com).



A curriculum to build capacity for white people to be in solidarity with people of color in the work of dismantling racism.

What: A facilitated six week small group experience with discussions, activities, short videos, and readings focused on understanding the system of whiteness and white privilege.

Facilitators are: Beth Holst of FLC & Doug Bowen-Bailey of Peace Church

When: Sunday evening sessions 5:30-7:00 (optional 5:00 pizza), October 8 - November 12.

Where: First Lutheran Church, 1100 E. Superior St., Adult Ed Room (second floor next to the nursery).

Cost: Suggested contribution is $30 to pay for expenses such as pizza, childcare if needed, and a donation to an area racial justice organization.

Registration: Call Betty Preus 218-349-1939 or email her at bettypreus@gmail.com or Voula Heffernan 728-2854 or at vjheffernan@gmail.com.

The class is limited to 20 participants and is offered to people from FLC, Peace and Gloria Dei, so register soon if you know you want to attend!

Please plan to attend all of the sessions.

Vision Council

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

Vision Council Highlights
Thursday, August 3, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Teresa Zupancich, President; Candy Madich, Past President; Ryan Engstrom, Councilor at-Large; Diana Ream, Ministry Board Chair; Joanne Jokela, Treasurer; Tammy Fanning, Secretary; Vince Magnuson, Councilor at-Large

Members Absent: Aaron Wedge, Councilor at-Large; Jack LaVoy, Vice President; Pastor Dianne Loufman

Member Open Forum: No members in attendance.

Devotion: Called by God to Serve led by Candy Madich. Discussed how we dedicate our finances to God's work at FLC.

Ministry Board Report: Meeting August 15. A report will be provided at the September Vision Council meeting.

Treasurer Report: June Income and Expense and Time for Renewal reports shared. Forming an Audit Committee was discussed. Possible nominations will be brought forth by the Nominating Committee. The terms for membership of the Finance Committee were discussed as well, and nominations will be made for vacancies by the Nominating Committee.

Senior Pastor Report:

- A meal train has been formed at FLC for families with new babies. A baby book shower will be created that the congregation will be invited to participate in.
- Work is being done for FLC college ministry.
- Discussed an idea which entails individuals/families signing up to gather with others from the church community for a meal at a member's home. The purpose of this opportunity would be for the church community to get to know others they may not know well. The council supported the idea.

Old Business:

- Digital Signage Update (Electronic Message board): Committee met recently; in the process of researching products, software, and logistics. The goal for installing the message board is next summer.
- Mission Planning: Discussed Community Interview Questions and ways to accomplish visiting with the neighbors around the church. Ideas discussed were: possibly visiting area neighbors and asking a series of questions to learn more about the needs of the area, hosting a "business after 5" event at the church to gather information from area businesses, strategically asking questions that will open up dialogue, etc.
- Retreat for Vision Council: The Synod Assistant Bishop will assist the council in a strategic planning exercise, tentatively on Sunday, October 15 (after church).

New Business:

- Bible Study Groups for Weeknights: Discussed the opportunity to offer more Bible Studies with a variety of topics, times, and locations. Will explore ways to advertise current groups more, gather interest from the congregation for facilitation, and research possible topics/resources.
- Inter-serve Ministry survey results: The Lifelong Learning Team has reviewed the results of the survey. The key incites were in the area of faith formation, a desire (across all ages) to have meaningful relationships in church community and the desire to learn more about faith. The main obstacles were 1) conflicts with time and schedule, and 2) competing priorities. The Lifelong Learning Ministry Team is currently drafting a follow up survey.
- Promise Preschool little library: Preschool would like to provide a Free Little Library outside of the church. The council supports this idea.

Adjourned at 7:40 p.m. with a prayer lead by the President.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 7, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by Tammy Fanning, Council Secretary

Some of the softball team posed for a photo after a great game.

Flyers Have Successful Season

The Flyers Softball team had another successful and fun season and managed to capture the trophy for First Place in the YMCA Rec Softball League. Players on the team were: Vic Krause, Steph Krause, Les Drewes, John Toban, Wade Smith, Mikaela Braddy Smith, Karl Howg, Gunnar Howg, Tyler Curnow, Will Sjoblom, Leroy Henderson, Jon KenKnight, Austin Nelson, James Avery, Brian Rauvola, Also helping out were Shania Krause, and Ryan Sistad, and Dory Sjoblom. We want to thank our fans who supported us by cheering and watching us from the stands each week.

Get Connected

- Sign up for *FirstNews* weekly e-mail updates by sending a request to nancy@flcduluth.org.
- Sign up to receive a full color, digital issue of *The Builder* monthly newsletter via email by sending a request to nancy@flcduluth.org
- The website, flcduluth.org, is under construction. You can visit the old site while work is being done on a new version behind the scenes. If you can't find what you are looking for, call the church office (728-3668).
- Access the audio stream of the 8 a.m. service by navigating to KDAL610.com and click on "Listen Now" at the time of service.
- Looking for an audio archive? Call Megan at First Lutheran Church.
- Like and follow us on Facebook or Instagram for updates, promotions, and celebrations of our faith community!

Megan Kress
Communications Specialist

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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September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Short Sleeve Sunday! **Blood pressure screenings** are held the third Sunday of each month, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Family Room (by Adult Ed Room). Next screening is **Sun., Sept. 17.**		*AER=Adult Ed Rm* *CF=Conference Rm* *CH=Chapel* *GS=Gathering Space* *H=Homes* *K=Kitchen* *LC=Lower Commons* *Lib=Library* *MR=Music Room* *N=Nursery* *PH=Parish Hall* *S=Sanctuary* *UC=Upper Commons* *YR=Youth Room*			*1* 7:00 Sojourners I-CH	*2* 10:00 AA-PH
3 8:30 Worship-S 10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary	*4* **LABOR DAY** Office Closed 5:15 AA-PH	*5* 4:45 p.m. Extreme Parenting-PH/LC 5:30 Ministry BD-AER 6:00 End of Life-CF	*6* 10:30 FLC Staff-AED 8:00-- LSS Financial Counseling-Rm 307 5:30 Jubilation Rngrs 7:15 Senior Choir	*7* 7:00 Men's Disc-UC 5:30 Vision Council-AER 5:00 Promise Pre-S Meet & Greet - Clsrm	*8* 7:00 Sojourners I-CH 12:30 Topnotchers-PH	*9* 10:00 AA-PH Hiking at Hartley *(see p. 15)*
10 **RALLY SUNDAY** 8:30 Worship-S 9:30 Healing Prys-S 9:45 Altar Guild-CF 9:45 Rally/GIFT Sunday Event 9:45 Youth Rngrs 11:00 Worship-S	*11* 1:00 Library Comm-L 5:15 AA - PH 5:30 Yogadevotions-GS 6:00 HIV Support Grp-Rm 307 6:30 Soj. II-CH 7:00 Soj. III-CF 7:00 Ruth Gathering-Sutherland home	*12* 9:30 Leah Gathering-PH 11:30 Finance-307 5:00 Stewardship-PH 5:30 Evang/Wel-PH 6:00 Lifelong Lrng-PH 7:15 Local/Global-UC 7:15 Worship-PH	*13* 10:30 FLC Staff-AED 5:30 Confirmation Kick-Off - PH 5:30 Jubilation Rngrs 7:15 Senior Choir	*14* 7:00 Men's Disc-UC 9:15 MOPS Strng-GS 11:30 FLCW Luncheon 1:00 Prayer Shawl-CF 2:00 OSL-CH 6:30 Gardeners	*15* 7:00 Sojourners I-CH 9:30 Bible Study-AER	*16* 10:00 AA-PH
17 **CINNAMON ROLLS** 8:30 Worship-S 9:30 Short Sleeve Sunday-Fam Rm 9:45 Youth Rngr-MR 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship-S 12:15 Book Shower 3:30 FLUKE-GS	*18* 5:15 AA - PH 5:30 Yogadevotions-GS 6:30 Soj. II-CH 7:00 Soj. III-CF	*19* 11:45 Midday Book Group-UC 4:45 Extreme Parenting-LC/PH	*20* 10:00 Dorcas Gather 10:30 FLC Staff-AED 1:00 Esther Gathering 5:15 Conf.irm 3,7,8 5:30 Jubilation Rgrs 6:30 Confirm 9&10 7:15 Soli Deo-MR	*21* 7:00 Men's Disc-UC 9:00 MOPS-PH 12:30 Naomi Gathering 6:30 Comp II-CH	*22* 7:00 Sojourners I-CH 9:30 Bible Study-AER	*23* 10:00 AA-PH 10:00 Families w/ young children Bible Study *(see p. 13)*
24 8:30 Worship-S 9:30 Healing Prys-S 9:45 Sunday School 9:45 Youth Rngrs 11:00 Worship-S Reformation Book Sale	*25* 1:00 Library Comm-L 5:15 AA - PH 5:30 Yogadevotions-GS 6:30 Soj. II-CH 7:00 Soj. III-CF	*26* 11:45 Midday Book Group-UC 6:30 Foundation-CF	*27* 10:30 FLC Staff-AED 5:15 Conf.irm 3,7,8 5:30 Jubilation Rgrs 6:30 Confirm 9&10 7:15 Soli Deo-MR	*28* 7:00 Men's Disc-UC 9:00 Quilting-PH 9:00 MOPS Bible Study - CF 6:30 Gardeners 6:30 FLC Crafters-PH	*29* 7:00 Sojourners I-CH 9:30 Bible Study-AER	*30* 10:00 AA-PH

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