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Pastor's Message

Give us faith to go out with good courage

One of the prayers I memorized as a young adult was from my pastor who prayed the same prayer after every sermon…give us faith to go out with good courage. At the time I had no idea that it was a prayer in our hymnbook. I had learned it by heart listening to it each week. I remembered it because it resonated with me. I wanted to be a faithful child of God, with good courage, trusting God was leading me.

As a result of that prayer, I went back to school to finish my bachelor's degree. If I had not gone back to school at that time, when God called me to go to seminary to be a pastor, I would not have had the education to do so. I listened to God, trusting God's goodness for me. In faith, with good courage, I set a course, a path toward a life I had no idea God was calling me to live.

I have prayed this prayer multiple times as I prepared what I wanted to share with you in our listening sessions this past month. As members of the congregation gathered, I prayed this prayer to begin our sessions. As I have shared what I believe are important concerns for the congregation in the coming year, I have prayed that God will call us to respond to these concerns with good courage.

Your participation in the life of the congregation is wanted and needed. This is God's church, we are the caretakers of this church, its members, its building and grounds, its ministries and programs. God is calling us to use our time, our talent, our resources to courageously identify our vision for the work of this church.

I am committed to walking with you as together we listen for where God is leading us. This walk is a community walk. A journey we all share. God's church is made up of a variety of people, with different ideas, gifts and abilities. Together we will go out with good courage, trusting in God's leading to become the faithful people of God at First Lutheran.

Pastor Kristine

ADVENT MID-WEEK WORSHIP

Beginning **Wednesday November 30 through December 21**, we will gather to prepare for Christ's coming among us this Advent season. Our theme is ***Healing: Hope and Expectation***. Gathered around the altar in the chancel we will invite God to bring healing to our lives. The burden of our wounds come to us in many forms, old sorrows, new diagnoses, suffering in mind, body and spirit. During our advent worship we will ask God to be our hope and expectation as we heal from life's burdens.

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ADVENT FESTIVAL

Plans are underway for an intergenerational Advent Festival as we begin the advent season at the end of this month. Preparing for Jesus coming in our secular world includes decorations and concerts, meal preparation and invitations to family and friends, juggling schedules and deciding from a multitude of options what to choose.

Advent in the church is a time of waiting. Of wonder. Of hope. Of healing.

In the midst of your very busy and important schedule include time for what matters most, the coming of the Christ child. Gather with others to spend time re-discovering the joy of Christmas in the waiting of the coming of Jesus.

We will gather to make an advent wreath to mark the coming days. We will create stars to give beauty to our homes and remind us of Christ our light.

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

Three listening sessions have been held for the council to encourage your participation in identifying which of several concerns members would like to focus on in the future.

As a result of these groups, we will be gathering your input and the congregation council will provide a recap of our discussions at the annual meeting.

If you have an interest in being part of the group which seeks to envision the future of this congregation, contact Pastor Kristine or President of the council, Alison Hertenstein.

This is God's church. We are the caretakers of this congregation. Your input and gifts as we identify the priorities and make decisions on the future of the congregation are needed.

ADULT EDUCATION

We will conclude our Thursday at 1 pm study on Genesis on November 10th and look forward to a new study beginning in January. Stay tuned for more information!

Life Passages
If we live, we live to the Lord
Karen Tagatz…October 17, 2022

2023 radio and livestream sponsor signup lists are in the narthex.

FLC Finance Update

Needed weekly per budget is $5,442.31/for the month of October $27,211.55. October income is $17,351.40.

On **All Saints Sunday, November 6th**, during worship, we will remember before God those who have died in the faith. The *Tree of Life* book is a place to write the names those whom you have loved and want to remember on this day. Names will be included in our prayers of intercessions. Blessed be the memory of those who have died in Christ, who have lived and worked among us.

MATCHING GRANT SCHOLARSHIPS

The congregation provides a matching grant scholarship to members of the congregation attending an ELCA university. We have three students this year receiving this grant. Here is a little information on how they are doing!

August Schenzel

I am attending Augustana University in Sioux Falls, and I am receiving a sports management major. Over the past 9 weeks, the best part that I have enjoyed from attending an ELCA university is the sense of community up here. We have campus worship every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Our Savior's Lutheran, which is only a 5 minute walk from my dorm, is highly active within the community and supports college students. My favorite class is Intro to Sports. I would have to say the most memorable experience I have had is going to Church on the Street. This Lutheran-based initiative provides a bi-weekly church service in an outside location, usually in Heritage Park, and they offer a meal, clothes, and other means of support. Thank you for all of your support so far and Go Vikings!

Emma Gross

I am a sophomore and I'm attending St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. I have declared a Psychology major but also thinking about double majoring in Norwegian. I am not 100% on the Norwegian major but that will be determined during March which is when major declaration day is. I currently have three declared concentrations/ minors: nordic studies, family studies, and gender and sexuality studies. The best part about going to an ELCA college is that there are more faithful opportunities and people to help listen to if needed. The pastors here on campus are a great resource for mental health services due to them being confidential resources. My favorite class is Psychology of Personality. My professor is really out-going and the class is very interesting! I have seen God work throughout the community here at St. Olaf. There is a notion that students, professors, and student organizations on campus are working together for social responsibility.

Shae Downing

I am attending Luther College in Decorah, Iowa and am currently undecided on my major, but am exploring sociology, social work, and likely adding a counseling minor somewhere in there. I am really enjoying the community here at Luther because everyone is so kind and accepting of others! I also really like participating in a choral ensemble here and am finding vocal lessons to be very fulfilling. It has been easy to see God at work on this ELCA campus, particularly in the friends I have found, success in my classes, and little signs here and there that encourage me to know I am on the right path.

November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Key *CR = Community Rm* *FH = Fellowship Hall* *FR = Fireside Room* *SS = Sunday School Room* *YR = Youth Room*	*1* *10:00 Text Study* *5:00-6:30 Rising Stars in Gym* *6:30-8:00 Girl Scouts in FH* *7:00-9:00 Pickleball in Gym*	*2* *9-11:30 Food Pantry* *1:00 WELCA in FR* FFC *4:15 - 5:15 7th Gr Confirmation in FR* *5:30-7:00 8th & 9th Gr Confirmation in FR* *7-8:00 Choir in Sanc.*	*3* *1:00 Adult Bible Study in FR* *7:00-9:00 Pickleball in Gym*	*4* *9:00 Quilters in FH* *7:00 AA in FH*	*5* *9:00-11:00 Pickleball in Gym*
6 ***All Saints*** *10:00 Worship-SS - In Person/FB Live/Radio w/Holy Communion* *Fellowship in FR* *11:15 Adult Forum Funeral Prep*	*7* *Pastor's Day Off Office Closed* *5:00-6:30 Rising Stars in Gym* *7:00 Scouts in FH*	*8* *10:00 Text Study* *5:00-6:30 Rising Stars in Gym* *6:30 Exec in FR* *6:30-8:00 Girl Scouts in FH* *7:00-9:00 Pickleball in Gym*	*9* *9-11:30 Food Pantry* FFC *4:15 - 5:15 7th Gr Confirmation in FR* *5:30-7:00 8th & 9th Gr Confirmation in FR* *7-8:00 Choir in Sanc.*	*10* *1:00 Adult Bible Study in FR* *7:00-9:00 Pickleball in Gym*	*11* *9:00 Quilters in FH* *7:00 AA in FH*	*12* *9:00-11:00 Pickleball in Gym*
13 *10:00 Worship-Baptism-SS - In Person/FB Live/Radio w/Holy Communion* *After Worship - Harvest Luncheon in FH*	*14* *Pastor's Day Off Office Closed* *5:00-6:30 Rising Stars in Gym* *7:00 Scouts in FH*	*15* *10:00 Text Study* *5:00-6:30 Rising Stars in Gym* *6:30 Council in FR* *6:30-8:00 Girl Scouts in FH* *7:00-9:00 Pickleball in Gym*	*16* *9-11:30 Food Pantry* *FFC* *4:15 - 5:15 7th Gr Confirmation in FR* *5:30-7:00 8th & 9th Gr Confirmation in FR* *7-8:00 Choir in Sanc.*	*17* *12:30 Rachel Circle* *7:00-9:00 Pickleball in Gym*	*18* *9:00 Quilters in FH* *7:00 AA in FH*	*19* *9:00-11:00 Pickleball in Gym* *9:00-11:00 Fellowship First Com-munion*
20 ***First Communion*** *10:00 Worship-SS- In Person/FB Live/ Radio w/Holy Communion* *Fellowship in FR*	*21* *Pastor's Day Off Office Closed* *5:00-6:30 Rising Stars in Gym* *6:30 Mary Circle* *7:00 Scouts in FH*	*22* *10:00 Text Study* *5:00-6:30 Rising Stars in Gym* *6:30-8:00 Girl Scouts in FH* *7:00-9:00 Pickleball in Gym*	*23* ***Contact Deadline*** *9-11:30 Food Pantry* *7-8:00 Choir in Sanc.*	*24* ***Happy Thanksgiving*** *7:00-9:00 Pickleball in Gym*	*25* *7:00 AA in FH*	*26* *9:00-11:00 Pickleball in Gym*
27 ***Advent*** *10:00 Worship-SS - In Person/FB Live/ Radio w/Holy Communion* *Fellowship in FR*	*28* *Pastor's Day Off Office Closed* *5:00-6:30 Rising Stars in Gym* *7:00 Scouts in FH*	*29* *10:00 Text Study* *5:00-6:30 Rising Stars in Gym* *6:30-8:00 Girl Scouts in FH* *7:00-9:00 Pickleball in Gym*	*30* *9-11:30 Food Pantry* *6-6:45 Choir in Sanc.* *7-8:00 Advent Worship*			

ASSISTING ON SUNDAY MORNING

	November 6 **All Saints**	**November 13** **Baptism/Potluck**	**November 20** **First Communion**	**November 27** **Advent One**
Assisting Minister	Alison Hertenstein	Dan Moore	Bruce Miller	Janet Gross
Sacristan	Kaia Downing	Mike VanBeest	Julie Thiele	David Gross
Reader	Tammy Mahaney	Chris Taylor	Mark Viksten	Gary Troth
Crucifer	Andrew Hagan	Ethan Walz	Karsen Maynard	Logan Hebert
Communion Minister	Stacy Hagan	Tim Geary	Sheila Geary	Jim Lippke
Ushers/Greeters	Mike VanBeest Chris Taylor Richard Storm	Gary Troth Bruce Miller Dorothy Chauncey	Mike Mahaney Mary McCoy Mike VanBeest	Jay Schenzel Gary and Candy Johnson
Coffee Fellowship Host	Mike and Tammy Mahaney	Schenzel Family	First Communion	Mary McCoy Bev Rosenkrans

First Lutheran Church volunteers helped to serve and clean up at the Soup Kitchen on Thursday, October 6th. There were more offers to help than was needed and we are so grateful for all of them!! Our members helping that day were Deb and Randy Burnight, Cindy Bennett, Becki McGlauflin and Candy Johnson. Thank you so much for your gift of time and service; and again to all who made the offer!

Harvest Potluck

Let's all gather for our First Family Harvest Potluck on **November 13th** after our worship service. Everyone is welcome to enjoy food, fun and fellowship together! All dishes and "shareables" are welcome. Fridge space or warming ovens will be provided or crockpot and packaged items also work. Please note if your shared item contains nuts or if gluten free. Beverages and tableware will be provided.

When: Sunday, Nov. 13th after worship
Where: FLC Fellowship Hall
Who: First Lutheran ~ all are welcome!

HELPING IN THE HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Janet Gross & Nissa Downing preparing bags for Wednesday distribution.				
November 2	**November 9**	**November 16**	**November 23**	**November 30**
Nadine Holst Dorothy Goettsch	Sue Mullin LaVonne Lundgren	Chris Taylor Ann Doellinger	Candy Johnson Dorothy Goettsch	Dorothy Chauncey Nadine Holst

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