



# Moment of Contact

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## Pastor's Message

### The Righteous Live by Faith

What does it mean to be righteous or right with God? It is not something we can claim, it is given to us by God, who creates and claims each of us as God's own. We are brought into the faith by our baptism and by the faith God gives us, which makes us holy children.

Martin Luther reformed what he considered to be a misdirection of God's intentions for God's people. Forming faith in God's people of all ages is life-transforming work. A faith that demonstrates the very presence of God moving, alive and active in God's people. We are the church, the people of God.

Being part of a congregation, a family, a divine family gives us our worth, even when we do not feel worthy. Growing in faith never stops, that is why we have faith formation offerings for all ages.

Jesus' disciples asked boldly for Jesus to increase their faith. They knew faith was something they needed in order to make their way in a difficult, challenging world. Jesus told them that

even a small amount of faith can do amazing things.

What does it mean to have this sort of faith, a faith that serves God's purpose in your life, in the life of your family and this congregation? As we make decisions about how to steward what God has given us, this congregation, and all of creation, we will gather to hope and dream together. Our faith is to do God's work, with our hands. What is that work? As Martin Luther reminds us, faith is a work of God in us, which changes us...and makes us completely different people in heart, mind, senses and all our powers.

Let us ask God to work such faith in us, empowering us to serve God, stewarding our time, talent and wealth for the good of all. Jesus points us not to a quantity of life, but to a quality of life, including our life of faith. From a small mustard seed, God can bring abundant growth!

*Pastor Kristine*

## FAITH FORMATION

Confirmation students begin their studies this fall with the Old Testament prophets as their companions. What can the prophets teach teenagers who are growing up in a world that is full of questions, concerns and challenge? Well, a lot!!!

In addition to studying the Bible, confirmands will also be serving during worship, discovering what their spiritual gifts are and finding ways to help others.

As you see youth in this congregation stepping up to serve, encourage their participation and affirm their baptismal promise. We are a people who love God and serve others.

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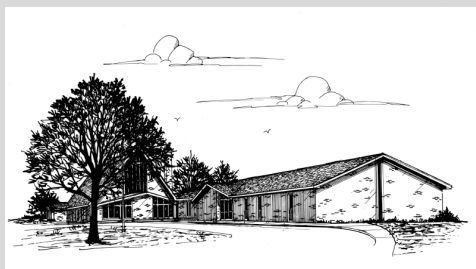
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**Worship Pattern for the Fall**

As we head into the autumn season, the gospel of Luke is filled with parables and memorable characters. The shepherd looks for the sheep and the woman her lost coin. The dishonest steward cuts deals. The rich man pleads with Father Abraham to send Lazarus to his brothers. The widow bargains with the unjust judge. The Pharisee congratulates himself for not being like the tax collector. Week after week we will learn the cost of discipleship and the dangers of wealth.

As we worship together, we will emphasize the joy that follows when those who were lost, especially those lost in their wealth, are found.

Join us in worship for the stories of Jesus where we offer our thanks and praise to the God who seeks out and saves all who are lost, not because of who we are, but because of who God is.

**STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS**

As we have journeyed through covid and continue to make choices for our safety and the safety of others, the council is assessing how we will gather, worship, teach and steward our resources in the coming days.

Our stewardship emphasis this year will include listening sessions. These listening sessions will be held before and after worship and specific evenings during the month of October and November. You will be invited to sign up for a group conversation of no more than ten members.

The council is interested in your input and insights. How you see yourself serving God and this congregation going forward? What are your hopes and dreams for the future? Where do you see yourself serving? How do you see yourself supporting the congregation with your time, talent and financial resources?

Small group stewardship conversation signup sheets will be available in the narthex beginning Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Or you can signup by going to our website and adding your intention to participate on the homepage.

This is God's church. We are the caretakers of First Lutheran, its worship life, its faith formation opportunities, its building and grounds, its staff and its community building and fellowship. Come make your voice heard. Come participate in the life of this congregation in order that we might serve God, and serve the needs of the people and the community in which we live. Don't let your voice be left out.



# October 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Key</b></p> <p>CR = Community Rm            FH = Fellowship Hall            FR = Fireside Room            SS = Sunday School Room            YR = Youth Room</p>						<p><b>1</b>            9:00 - 11:00 Pickleball in Gym</p>
<p><b>2</b>            10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/Radio w/Holy Communion Fellowship in FR            2:00 - 4:00 Fun Fall Festival Neighborhood Social</p>	<p><b>3</b>            Pastor's Day Off Office Closed            5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym            7:00 Scouts in FH</p>	<p><b>4</b>            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</p>	<p><b>5</b>            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 &amp; 9th Gr Confirmation in FR</p>	<p><b>6</b>            1:00 Adult Bible Study in FR            7:00 - 9:00 Pickleball in Gym</p>	<p><b>7</b>            9:00 Quilters in FH            7:00 AA in FH</p>	<p><b>8</b>            9:00 - 11:00 Pickleball in Gym</p>
<p><b>9</b>            10:00 Worship - Baptism/In Person/FB Live/Radio w/Holy Communion Fellowship in FR            LSI Refugee Kit Dropoff</p>	<p><b>10</b>            Pastor's Day Off Office Closed            5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym            7:00 Scouts in FH</p>	<p><b>11</b>            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</p>	<p><b>12</b>            9-11:30 Food Pantry            FFC            4:15 - 5:15 7th Gr Confirmation in FR            5:30-7:00 8th &amp; 9th Gr Confirmation in FR</p>	<p><b>13</b>            1:00 Adult Bible Study in FR            7:00 - 9:00 Pickleball in Gym</p>	<p><b>14</b>            9:00 Quilters in FH            7:00 AA in FH</p>	<p><b>15</b>            8:00 - 5:00 Girl Scout International Event in FH            9:00 - 11:00 Pickleball in Gym</p>
<p><b>16</b>            10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/Radio w/Holy Communion Fellowship in FR            LSI Refugee Kit Dropoff</p>	<p><b>17</b>            Pastor's Day Off Office Closed            5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym            6:30 Mary Circle            7:00 Scouts in FH</p>	<p><b>18</b>            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</p>	<p><b>19</b>            9-11:30 Food Pantry            FFC            4:15 - 5:15 7th Gr Confirmation in FR            5:30-7:00 8th &amp; 9th Gr Confirmation in FR</p>	<p><b>20</b>            12:30 Rachel Circle            1:00 Adult Bible Study in FR            7:00 - 9:00 Pickleball in Gym</p>	<p><b>21</b>            9:00 Quilters in FH            7:00 AA in FH</p>	<p><b>22</b>            9:00 - 11:00 Pickleball in Gym</p>
<p><b>23</b>            10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/Radio w/Holy Communion Fellowship in FR</p>	<p><b>24</b>            Pastor's Day Off Office Closed            5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym            7:00 Scouts in FH</p>	<p><b>25</b>  <b>Contact Deadline</b>            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</p>	<p><b>26</b>            9-11:30 Food Pantry            6:00 Siouxland Confirmation Together FFC (Faithful Family Confirmation) at Trinity Lutheran</p>	<p><b>27</b>            1:00 Adult Bible Study in FR            7:00 - 9:00 Pickleball in Gym</p>	<p><b>28</b>            9:00 Quilters in FH            7:00 AA in FH</p>	<p><b>29</b>            9:00 - 11:00 Pickleball in Gym</p>
<p><b>30</b> Reformation            10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/Radio w/Holy Communion Fellowship in FR</p>	<p><b>31</b>            Pastor's Day Off Office Closed            5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym</p>					



# ASSISTING ON SUNDAY MORNING

	October 2	October 9 Baptism	October 16	October 23	October 30 Reformation
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	TBD	Dan Moore	Alison Hertenstein	Bruce Miller	Janet Gross
<b>Sacristan</b>	Mike VanBeest	Julie Thiele	David Gross	Ian Hertenstein Tyler Hagan	Chris Taylor
<b>Reader</b>	Carole Heider	Tammy Mahaney	Jackie Paulson	Kassie Henderson	Dan Moore
<b>Crucifer</b>	Logan Hebert	Zach Hagan	Ellie Hertenstein	Andrew Hagan	Seth Reinhardt
<b>Communion Minister</b>	Jason Denne	Stacy Hagan	Jenny Denne	Tyler Hagan	David Gross
<b>Lead Usher</b>	Jay Schenzel	Mike VanBeest	Gary Troth	Mike Mahaney	Jay Schenzel
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	Larayne Olson Mark Viksten	Bruce Miller Richard Storm	David Gross Emma Gross	Mary McCoy LaVonne Lundgren	Mike Mahaney Tammy Mahaney
<b>Coffee Fellowship Host</b>	Nadine Holst Vanessa Bremer	Marlus Mammen Pastor Kristine	Ann Doellinger Sarah Biorn	David Gross Janet Gross	Dorothy Goettsch Candy Johnson

Life Passages

*If we live, we live to the LORD*

Stanley N. Navrude, August 12, 2022

## FLC Finance Update

Needed weekly per budget is \$5,442.31/for the month of September \$21,769.24. September income is \$22,254.30.



## ADULT EDUCATION

If you are interested in studying scripture with a group of dedicated and thoughtful, curious and delightful people, you need to come to **Adult Bible Study on Thursdays at 1 pm in Fireside.** Each week we dive into a scripture text from the first book of the Bible, Genesis. We discover characters who are flawed and messy, who don't ever respond the way you think they should, and who make you shake your head when God promises to be their loving God. Come join in an animated conversation with others as we explore how God began to make us God's people!



If you have church keys that you no longer need to use, please return them to Carla in the office.

## HELPING IN THE HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

October 4, 11, 18 & 25 Janet Gross & Nissa Downing preparing bags for Wednesday distribution.

October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26	November 2
Mary McCoy Lavonne Lundgren	Chris Taylor Ann Doellinger	Sue Mullin Candy Johnson	Mary McCoy Dorothy Chauncey	Dorothy Goettsch LaVonne Lundgren



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**MAKING A JOYFUL NOISE!**

The choir needs your voice. Rehearsals will begin on **Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 - 8:00 pm** in the sanctuary until further notice. The choir will sing twice a month. Contact Pastor Kristine or Yvonne Hazlett, our organist, for more information email at [Brian.Hazlett@briarcliff.edu](mailto:Brian.Hazlett@briarcliff.edu).

**NEW MEMBERS**

If you are interested in joining First Lutheran this fall please be in contact with Pastor Kristine. We are planning a new member Sunday for November.



**SAVE THE DATE**

Harvest Potluck on November 13 following worship.