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FROM THE PASTOR

IT'S TIME FOR a hard hat update from the Inspire Faith Building Committee and the Inspire Faith Capital Campaign. When we started this project, I shared with you that the process involves trying to figure out what we want, what we can raise, and what it will cost all at the same time. The struggle is that you can't do one of these without the other. As a result, there are frustrations and surprises along the way. We started with a concept and a rough estimate of cost and a fundraising goal. Then you committed more than 6.1 million dollars towards that concept. Since then, we have kept working to refine the design and now have a new estimate from our contractor Nunn Construction based on their conversations with subcontractors. We now have a much more precise estimate of \$900,000 in support costs (architect, interior design, contingencies, furniture and fees, etc.) and \$6,127,624 in construction costs for a total of almost \$7.1 million. This funding gap is now the problem we are working to solve. This is the hard part of any capital project and frankly the least fun part! Many of you who have done big projects in your companies and personal lives understand that. We need to figure out how to increase our capacity and/or reduce the cost of the project to get to something we can afford. Next week Nunn will lead us

through a value engineering exercise to reduce the construction costs. The finance committee will evaluate ways to increase our capacity. That work will further clarify the funding gap.

There are at least three ways to bridge a funding gap. The first is to reduce the scope of the project. Maybe we don't do the sacristy in this phase, or we opt for a smaller addition. The second is to consider borrowing the difference. If we propose to borrow, we will bring it to the congregation for a vote. The third is additional fundraising, getting new donors to the project, asking existing donors to increase their pledge and inviting special memorial gifts.

Today we are at a critical point in our project, but I am confident our faith will see us through. I've done enough of these kinds of projects to find this familiar. We were in a similar boat in the Peel House, and I remember these kinds of discussions when I worked to build a Sanctuary at my last church. Knowing this keeps my anxiety down, and it reminds me to pray. I invite you to join me in prayer as we continue this exciting project. God will show us the way through. We will do our homework and develop a workable solution to this problem. I'm so grateful for all the people on the team volunteering their time to shepherd this project. I am grateful for your support and generosity. May God give us wisdom and make us good stewards of the gifts He gives. May He inspire our faith!

PASTOR TRAVIS NORTON



Sunday's Message

MAY 24, 2026

ACTS 2:1 – 21

PASTOR MICHAELA ESKEW

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH! On the day of Pentecost, we recognize that it is our birthday as a church. Not one stone was put against another stone and made a church. The church was built in the body of Christ. And so we recognize this a beautiful story of the Holy Spirit descending upon them. And everyone was able to speak in tongues that they had never spoken in before. Everyone could understand them. And there was full translation of the Gospel. The good news of Jesus, life, death and resurrection, and even his ministry could be spread as far and as wide as anyone could dream, because God was going to be with the disciples. And then Peter gives this rousing sermon, and suddenly people are clamoring to be a part of this church, to hear the good deeds of God and to follow in Jesus' ministry. And so they get baptized and they receive the Spirit, too. The church was born on the day of Pentecost.

I myself have a Pentecost – like story, and it is an intriguing one that has always kind of rocked me and has been a part of how I think about church ever since I was a college student. My freshman year of college, I had gotten an admissions letter from New York University. And they said, “We don't have room for you in New York City, but we have these study abroad sites. If you'll go there for a year, we'll make sure we have room for you next year.” And I said, “You don't have to twist my arm here. I will happily go to Europe.” And so I chose Florence, Italy.

I spent my entire freshman year of college abroad. I took an international flight to college. And when I got there, I thought, “This is amazing.” I was an art history major. It was amazing for many different reasons, but one of them, because I was a good church girl all of my upbringing. I was thinking, “I finally have the perfect

excuse to not go to church. I don't know the language. I don't know Italian. I can't go to church.” And so I slept in many, many, many Sundays. And I enjoyed it. And then God's voice, in the voice of my dad, was in my ear saying, “If you haven't gone to church all year, you better get your butt into church on Easter.” I found the one Lutheran church in Florence, Italy. It was on the other side of the Arno River. I'd been there for about six months at this point, so I knew my side really well, but it meant that I had to take a taxi across the river to go to this tiny little church. So I went extra early. I was very nervous, and I tried to brush up on all the best Italian that I could. Buena pasqua. Which is said badly here and will be said badly again. I tried to brush up on all my Italian so I could know what was going on in that service. So I take my taxi. It drops me off at this adorable little red brick Lutheran church. I take tons of pictures in front of it. I love it so much.

I walk in; no one's there, which is fine. I got there really early. It was to be expected. In fact, I got there so early that the pastor was up front getting the elements still ready. And so he saw me just sitting there all by myself. He came over and he brought a bulletin for me. And he gave me the bulletin, and he introduced himself in Italian, “Buona pasqua.” And I said, “Buona pasqua.” And he heard me and said, “Oh, you're not from here.” And I said, “No, definitely not.” And so we had a nice little conversation in English about how I was studying there. And he welcomed me and said that he was so glad for me to come and join them on Easter and that this was a church for everybody and we're so glad to have you. And then as people, as our conversation was happening, people were swarming in. And so he excused himself to go get ready for the rest of the service. And I

said, “Of course.”

So I finally had a chance to look down at my bulletin and realize to my horror, it’s in German! If you ever go to Florence, Italy, the little Lutheran church is a German Lutheran church. I don’t know a lick of German. In fact, I was like so mad at myself. I was like, why didn’t I choose German in high school? And then I was like, okay, could I get out of here?

No, I just had a one – on – one with the pastor. I can’t possibly escape now. So I stay and I prep myself and I think, “Okay, it’s one hour of my life. I’m not going to know anything that’s going on. But I’m at church on Easter. This has to be a good thing, right? God, this has to be a good thing.” But then what I realized is the most beautiful blessing happening because they sang the same hymns that we sing here on Easter, just in German. And so I sang them nice and low to myself in English because I knew the tunes, I knew what they were singing, and so I sang it, and I sang out to my God. And then as the service continued, I knew what was happening. Oh, we’re getting up and we’re doing some readings. Okay, now it’s going to be time for the sermon. And I finally started catching the very familiar word that was throughout, which was “resurrection”. I still can’t tell you what it is, but I thought that’s probably resurrection. Because on Easter Sunday, what’s the sermon going to be about but resurrection? And so I sat through the sermon in German. And then we get to the table, and the Lord’s Prayer is said in the same cadence that we say it here. I knew exactly what we were saying. And so I just again said it to myself in my own language. And then when it came for communion, they actually brought us all forward to stand in a circle and give communion to one another. So I perked up because I said, oh, I’m going to need to know German. But it was beautiful. I was thankfully in the middle of the circle. And so as it went around, I heard everyone give their bread. And so I received the bread and the wine from the person to my right in German. And then I gave it to the person to my left in German. And I was a part of this global table, this global Christian church.

So I call it my Pentecost story, because the gospel was translated for me that day. Not once did I ever question where I was, what I was hearing, what I was a part of.

I was a part of a global church. And we were All Christians there celebrating, Jesus is risen. He is risen indeed. And we just had this beautiful morning together, but I immediately got out of there. I did not stay for coffee hour. I knew that that was going to be bad for me. But I had a great Easter morning that first year of college.

And it was a big part of why I ended up transferring and becoming who I am today. And so this was this moment where I could recognize that Jesus truly does speak across our language boundaries and barriers, that the gospel doesn’t have any particular language that it’s told in. It’s told in the way that we teach our children, through the history and the cadence and the way that we sing. And it’s taught through just the way that this pastor came forward to me and welcomed me and said that you belong here. And so it was a beautiful morning.

But I was thinking this week as I was prepping for this Sunday, about the ways that we share the gospel, that Pentecost is about translating the gospel. But when we are talking to our confirmation students or our youth, we talk about how we go and we spread the gospel through word and deed. And so I was thinking, “Who are my other translators?” Who are people in my life who translated the gospel to me in a way that I couldn’t recognize, or at least maybe I didn’t recognize right then? And I’ll tell you that the spirit was moving. We Lutherans don’t like to talk about the spirit moving often. But like, this was like, how did I remember these stories of these two people? And so my first story is about a financial advisor.

If you’ve ever talked to me about my ordination and why I didn’t get ordained 10 years ago when I was in seminary, it’s because my synod had said, “You have too much student loan debt. We want you to go to a financial advisor. We want you to figure this out. How are you going to get out of debt?” And so I made an appointment with a financial advisor, and he walked me through these things. But he also said, “This is going to take a while. You should come back. We should do more meetings.” And I said, “I can’t really afford meetings.” And he said, “Oh, don’t worry, this is all pro bono. I love you and you’re doing great things and I’m going to definitely care for you.” And it was in this moment he didn’t see all the shame and judgment that I felt for

my student loan debt that I had a packed on through undergrad; he just saw me in that moment and said, “I have gifts of skills and skills, and I’m going to offer them to you completely free because you’re going to go off and do your amazing work in the church.” And so he saw me with mercy and grace and kindness, and he translated the gospel. In that moment, he lived into what it means to be Christian.

My second story, which I truly am giving to the spirit, because it’s the birth of Lincoln. I had an amazing nurse, and I remember very little of that birth story because it was pretty scary. I didn’t know what I was doing. I was very nervous. I’m becoming a mom for the first time, let alone in labor. But this labor and delivery nurse was there, and it was such a long delivery that she actually had to switch. She was supposed to take off her shift. She was supposed to be done. And so she comes and she tells me this, and she says, “I have to leave. My shift is over.” And of course, I’m obviously sad. And I say, “No, you have been my person through this whole thing. You cannot leave. I love my husband, but you can’t leave.” And she’s like, “You know what? No, I’m gonna stay. And so she leaves, goes and gets out of her scrubs, comes back in dressed in just regular clothes. Stranger turned friend. And she stands at this side of the table, and she just coaches me through the birth of my son. She witnessed and was a part of me becoming a mom for the first time. And her presence was such a blessing. She again saw me with grace and kindness and love in a way that I could only describe as the gospel of Jesus Christ. And so she was a translator in that moment to be there for me.

And so when we consider our gifting, we read stories like we read the passages, like first Corinthians, and we say, “Oh, well, those are gifts that other people have. Those aren’t my gifts.” Or you get jealous, and you say, “Those are the gifts that people have, and I don’t have them.” You do have your own gifting. Pastor Travis said a few weeks ago that we are meant to try to figure out why God put us where God put us in the places we are at the time we are. But I also think you’re supposed to question how God has gifted you for those moments for those places. What skills do you have that only you have? And they’re in the places that only you can be in

that bring the Holy Spirit and the gospel to be translated. How are you translating the gospel in the places that only you could.

I’m going to tell one last story. I had the honor of going all the way out to Calhan, Colorado, had a beautiful drive all the way out there, all the way back, had some prayer time with God, but I was out in Callahan because our Southeast Colorado Conference includes Calhan. We get together as pastors once a month, retired pastors and active pastors, all to just talk about ministry once a month in our conference. And Calhan’s been included in this. And we keep being told about what Calhan’s doing because Calhan’s doing something a little different. Calhan has been struggling with finding a new pastor. There’s a clergy shortage right now, which means fewer people are going into seminary, fewer people are coming out of seminary wanting to be pastors. And it’s just a really hard economic season, right? They can’t afford to give the best salary. And also pastors can’t afford to take a lower salary gig. And so they’ve been sitting there waiting for a pastor. In this waiting they realized they could either close their doors or they could step up. So they chose as a community to ask for something. And that something has become Synodically Authorized Ministers. People that are just everyday lay people, they were ranchers, they were business people, they were retired. And they wanted to be retired. And they chose instead teachers and they chose instead to take leadership on in their church, to preach the word, to preside at the table. And so they become SAMs, Synodically Authorized Ministers, meaning that the Synod sees them and says, “I see your gifting, I see the Holy Spirit in you. Let’s do this thing together.” So I went all the way out to Calhan a few weeks ago and talked with these people that chose to do this. And my first question was, “Why would you choose to do this? And they said, “well, we had been talking for years and saying, ‘We are the church, we are the church. So we actually owned it. We are the church. I’m going to stand up and I’m going to learn these things. And so the synod will train me in these little videos once a month, and we’ll figure this out, but I’m not going to let my church die.’” I’m going to stand up and I’m going to be a part of this ministry.

And they recognized new gifting that they had

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received. Because like I said, these are lay people. These are not people that chose seminary. These are not people that felt a call to ministry until this moment, until the Spirit moved upon them and made them realize they're gifting. Because as they stood strong in the we are the church, they felt called to this. They also said, "But I was terrified to give my first sermon." And I was like, "Of course you were. We all are the first time we stand up here." And so they said, "So we had our training, we knew how to do a sermon. All four of them that were there had these beautiful stories of how nervous they were the first time they gave their sermon. But then they all had a story for after the sermon that afterwards the congregation came around them and just said, "Thank you so much. That was wonderful. You did great." Some even said, "Oh, I had never thought of the scripture that way before." Suddenly they realized they actually had a gift for preaching. Never once had they considered that they could be gifted in preaching. In fact, if you had talked to me five years ago, and you asked me, "Why aren't you ordained?" I would have said, "I'm horrible at preaching, I hate it," and yet here I am and I love it now.

So this story is to go to show that sometimes your gifting is different over time. You might not have had the gift of healing at one point or the gift of faith at one point in your life that you do now. If someone tells me, "Oh, I don't have that gift," I say, "When was the last time you tried it out? When was the last time you tried pastorally caring for someone else in the midst of suffering? When was the last time you tried to hold faith and speak faith wherever you could? When was the last time that you felt prophecy?" I can foresee how this is going to go. These are gifts that sometimes pop up when the Spirit needs them to pop up. And so I'm just going to do a plug because we are in a clergy shortage that if any of you want to go to seminary, we'll make it happen. If any of you want to be Synodically Authorized Ministers, we will make it happen. There are plenty of second career folks in seminary right now, or first career folks.

In fact, I've been talking to a few teenagers that feel the call. And it's really amazing to see that, because the spirit moves when the spirit wants to move and offers

gifts for when you need them, too.

So this is my question to you this morning, How are you translating the gospel? Maybe you're already doing it. Maybe you are going to be the person that sees the person that walks in here, and English is a second language to them and you actually help them translate the service. Maybe you are the nurse, maybe you are the financial advisor. Maybe you're a stay at home mom or dad or a grandparent that's really starting to pick up the kids and be around them all the time. Maybe that's your mission field. Where are you translating the gospel in only the way that you could translate the gospel? Because we have been given a gift by one spirit to all of us. We have been chosen, we have been blessed with gifts and we have been sent out. So how are you translating the gospel?

FRIENDS BY THE FIREPIT – IT'S BACK!

Let's get together by the firepit and join in Bible study and life discussions based on the theme of Sunday's sermon. This summer small group will meet on Wednesdays from 6 – 8 p.m. for ten weeks starting on June 10. All ages welcome. Childcare available for young family members. If we have inclement weather, we will meet on the front porch or inside the Peel House. Each week we will spend our last 30 minutes making s'mores!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers designated in memory or in honor of a loved one are now \$100.

Order flowers here: <https://bit.ly/4nKyPYq>

CHERYL'S CORNER

DID YOU KNOW THAT FIRST LUTHERAN HAS A CARD MINISTRY TEAM?

Many people are surprised to learn just how active and heartfelt this ministry truly is. What began as a simple effort to reach out with kindness has grown into a vibrant team of 29 dedicated volunteers who pour love, creativity, and encouragement into every card they send. These cards go out for special birthdays – 21, 50, 60, 70, 80, 85, and 90+ – as well as milestone anniversaries such as 25, 30, 40, 50, and 60+ years. The team also celebrates life's joyful moments like births, graduations, and weddings, while offering comfort through sympathy cards and get-well wishes.

This ministry is more than paper and ink; it's a way of reminding our members that they are seen, valued, and held in prayer. A handwritten card can brighten a difficult week or make a milestone feel even more special. If you enjoy making cards, writing notes, or simply spreading joy, we would love to welcome you into this meaningful work. And if someone in your family could use a little extra encouragement or congratulations, we are here for that, too. You can join the

First Lutheran Card Ministry Team or request a card anytime using this link: <https://bit.ly/3LNss30>.

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN VIEW THE ENTIRE CHURCH CALENDAR ON YOUR PHONE?

This is another feature many members don't realize they already have at their fingertips. Recently, a member asked what time an event was happening. When I suggested checking their phone, they were surprised to learn that the full church calendar is available directly through the "Church" by Ministry One app – the one with the white cross on a purple background.

Once you open the app and tap "Calendar," you can scroll through every upcoming event. Touching any event opens a full description, making it easy to stay informed and connected. The app is full of helpful features, so take a few minutes to explore.

If you suddenly lose access to the directory, it simply means you've been logged out. Only First Lutheran members can view directory information, so just tap the profile button at the top and re-enter your email and cell number to verify your account. And if you ever run into trouble, you can always call me at **719.447.6064** – I'm happy to help.



CHERYL MAHON, MINISTER OF CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE



BASIC

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 22 - AUGUST 12
6 - 7:30 P.M. | PEEL HOUSE, ROOM 201
LED BY DEACON JANICE ZIMBELMAN

APRIL 22 BIBLE, PART ONE
APRIL 29 BIBLE, PART TWO
MAY 20 ABIDE, PART ONE
MAY 27 ABIDE, PART TWO
JUNE 10 SALVATION, PART ONE
JUNE 24 SALVATION, PART TWO
JULY 15 IMITATION, PART ONE
JULY 22 IMITATION, PART TWO
AUGUST 5 CHURCH, PART ONE
AUGUST 12 CHURCH, PART TWO

Don't miss this opportunity to build a
stronger foundation - together!



OPEN INVITATION TO
OPEN CONVERSATIONS

ALPHA

WEDNESDAYS, 6 - 8 P.M.
GATHERING PLACE
MAY 6 - JUNE 24

8 WEEK COURSE
DINNER | VIDEO | DISCUSSION

Explore life's big questions
no matter who you are or
what you believe. There's a
seat for you at the Alpha
table. Dinner is free. Sign
up through QR code.



LUGGAGE FOR PRISON FELLOWSHIP CAMPERS

FLC volunteers drive the children of offenders within the state prison system to summer camp. Last year we noticed that many of the campers did not have proper luggage. If you have small to medium suitcases or large duffle bags that you no longer use, please bring them to the Welcome Center Desk.

JUNE OWLS

AFA GENERAL BRADLEY AND ZITA HOSMER VISITOR CENTER

THURSDAY, JUNE 25 | FREE

LEAVE: 9:30 A.M. | TOUR TIME: 10 A.M.

LUNCH | POLARIS HOTEL VIA CONNECTED WALKWAY (PAY ON YOUR OWN)

IT IS OPEN!!! We have been waiting for a long time to visit this new and exciting addition to the Air Force Academy. The 34,000-square-foot center will offer an immersive experience into the 47-month Cadet journey and the Academy experience, highlighting the legacy of the Long Blue Line and the importance of selfless service. Guests can watch video presentations on oversized screens, enjoy interactive displays, visit the 108-foot grand atrium, and exit the experience through a 3,000 square-foot gift shop and team store. For more exciting information, please visit the following website:

<https://www.usafa.edu/visitors/visitor-center/>

Sign Up Deadline: Monday, June 22

Sign up by using the following link:

<https://bit.ly/4tNgmNr> or by calling the church at 719.632.8836.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will not meet May 24 and 31, but will resume on June 7 in the Gathering Place.

First Kids will continue meeting in the Fireside Room during the Contemporary Service.

DINING OUT WITH FIRST LUTHERAN

SELECT TUESDAYS | 5:30 P.M.

VARIOUS RESTAURANTS

All are welcome to join this group, which meets at local restaurants on two Tuesdays of each month to enjoy various cuisines and fellowship. Reservations will be made two weeks in advance, so be sure to sign up early. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/4iRh4ff>

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

June 23 Old Spaghetti Factory
3101 N New Center Point

July 14 My Neighbor Felix
1645 Briargate Pkwy
Suite 203

July 28 Rusty Crab Daddy
1430 Harrison Road

August 11 Paninos
1721 South 8th Street

REFUGEES IN NEED OF A FEW ITEMS IN COLORADO SPRINGS

Our Colorado Springs Refugee and Asylee Office is looking for floor lamps, deodorant and all-purpose cleaner to support clients in need. **If you can support this request, please reach out to Adalie Duncan at Adalie.duncan@lfsrm.org, 719.922.4580.**

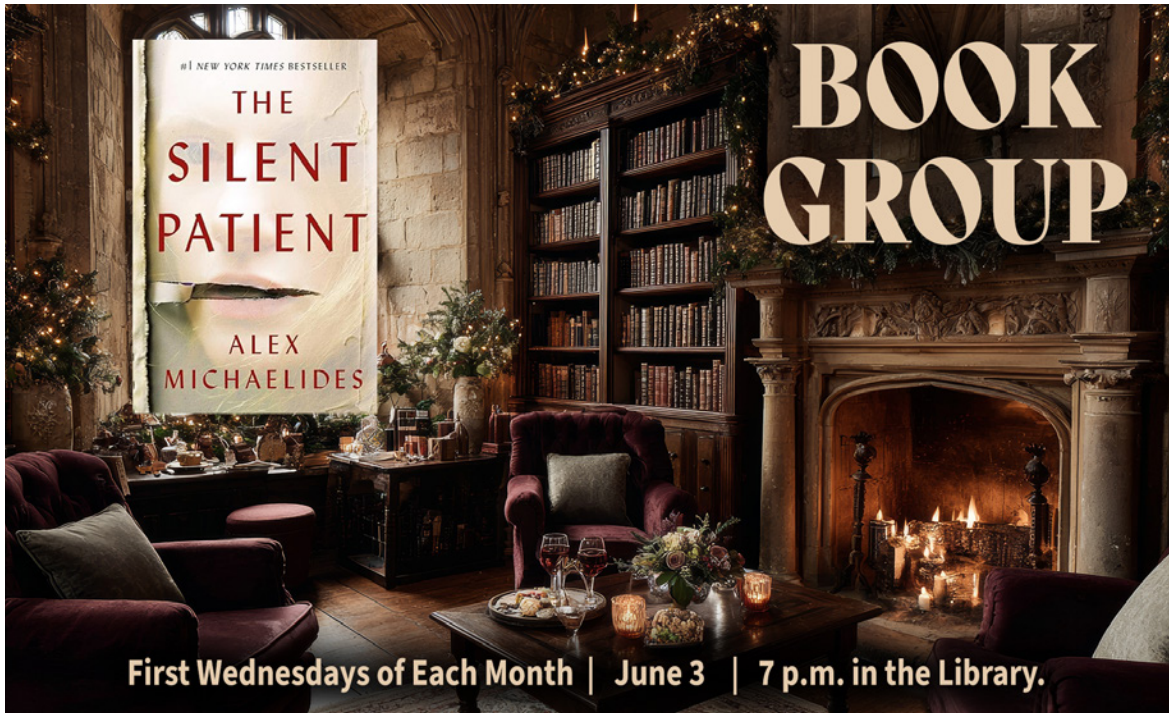
AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL CHORUS

JUNE 6 | 2 AND 7 P.M.

SUNRISE METHODIST CHURCH

America The Beautiful Chorus will present *A Walk Down Broadway*. The award winning Barbershop Quartet “Sunday Night Social” will be our special guests! Tickets available at atbchorus.com – \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door.

Questions: Gary Olson gxaxo@comcast.net



SOUTHEAST CO WOMEN OF ELCA SPRING RETREAT

SATURDAY, MAY 30 | 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
1128 E BOULDER STREET
COLORADO SPRINGS

Soaring with Grace will be this spring's theme. Pastor Gabrielle Brown, pastor at Grace Lutheran Church, Lori Duncan, Minister of Spiritual Care at First Lutheran Church, and Penny Carr from Kairos Prison ministry will be presenting.

A continental breakfast and lunch are included in registration fee.

Come enjoy a day of Bible study, good conversation, yummy food, making a lovely craft, and ending with a worship service.

REGISTRATION FORMS AT WELCOME CENTER

JUNE "FOX TROT" LESSONS

SUNDAYS | JUNE 7 – 28
2 – 3 P.M. | PEEL HOUSE PARLOR
LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!

Angela Harder is back to teach us the "Fox Trot"! This is a four-week class. Keeping a maximum of twenty people allows Angela to introduce new moves each week while helping dancers progress at their own pace. Wear shoes that can slide on the wood floor of the Peel House parlor!

Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3PoBzVA>
\$80 couple / \$40 Single

THE EMMAUS WAY

Thinking of the Holy Spirit as a wild goose is uncomfortably dangerous. If the Holy Spirit is like a wild goose, then he (or she) cannot be pinned down or domesticated.

—Rachel Young

We celebrated Pentecost this past Sunday, embracing the coming to us of the Holy Spirit. How do you picture the Holy Spirit? Do you picture the Holy Spirit? It seems that if we imagine the Holy Spirit in a form at all, it typically is in the shape of a dove. And that makes sense, because all four gospels tell us that the Spirit descended “like a dove” on Jesus at his baptism. The early Celtic Christians, though, had a different avian image to represent the Holy Spirit – a wild goose. Some of us are familiar with this image, but for those who aren’t, let’s explore.



Doves are perceived as gentle, peaceful, docile; perhaps the Spirit came upon Jesus “like a dove” to show that Jesus was not coming to us as a conquering king but as a selfless savior. The Spirit’s arrival at Pentecost, though, looks quite different. There’s violent, rushing wind and tongues of fire and loud proclamation. The Celts saw in this event congruity with Jesus’ words in John 3:8: “The

wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes...”

Wild geese are unpredictable. They are bold, courageous, loud, fierce, challenging, untamable, and utterly free. To the Celts, this character is reflected in the Spirit of God who pours him/herself out on all flesh, who births the Church into the world, who boldly proclaims the truth of Jesus, who calls the unruly and the uncivilized into the Kingdom in words they can understand, who goes where s/he wants when s/he wants to accomplish what s/he wants. We do not control the Holy Spirit; the Holy Spirit is indeed utterly free.

As we begin the long walk of Ordinary Time, let us daily remember that we are filled with the wild and life-giving Spirit of God. Spend some time this week meditating on this quote from ELCA Pastor Sara Olson-Smith: “Like a wild goose, the Holy Spirit is hard to capture, difficult to nail down with an easy definition or quick answers. One can’t domesticate the Holy Spirit. There is freedom, surprise, and unexpectedness to this Holy Wild Goose. ... God’s Spirit is not safe, tame, or predictable. But God’s Spirit is good and never stops bringing life to this world.”

Artist: Mary Fleeson, Lindisfarne Scriptorium



LORI DUNCAN, MINISTER OF SPIRITUAL CARE

RAINFOREST FALLS

Exploring The Nature of God

Mark Your Calendars!
June 8 - 12, 2026

Join us in a fun-filled adventure on the open road, taking all the kids (Travelers) on thrilling journeys to exciting destinations. Led by the Navigator and adventurous pup, Scout, kids will learn that God is always with them. Through engaging stories from the Navigators' Guide (the Bible), Travelers will delve into timeless tales of faith from the Old and New Testaments. Get ready for twists, turns, and excitement as they face new challenges and find strength in God's presence on this unforgettable trip!

Register for VBS



GENERATION TO REVELATION



LIVE PODCAST EPISODE

May 28 | 7:00–8:30 p.m. | Peel House Parlor

Join us for a live recording of the Generation to Revelation podcast. Ask your questions about faith, life, and theology. This event will be recorded, and your questions may be included in the audio!



SPAGHETTI DINNER

FUNDRAISER
FOR SUMMER SERVICE TRIPS

FRIDAY, MAY 29

6 – 8 P.M.

PEEL HOUSE

In the Life of the Church ...

Birthdays

- June 1** Jeff Hesselberg
Amy Mourning
- June 2** Judy Bondurant
Colton Laptad
Celia Molner
Barb Page
Betsy Tuma
Sandy Weber
- June 3** Sam Gallagher
Jon Heinicke
- June 4** Craig Bailey
Jim Moline
Alice Mueller
- June 5** Alex Anspach
Lorena Cerniglia
Katie Granados
Lyndon Loflin
- June 6** Darrell Shafer
Leslie Spaziani
- June 7** Tom Marcotte

Anniversaries

- June 1**
Tom and Judy Bogard 57 years
Charlie and Linda Helmstetler 58 years
Arleigh and Laurie Pfaff 1 year
Barb and Jack Schaefer 30 years
Roger and Murlene Williams 58 years
- June 4**
Paul and Judy Haller 38 years
- June 6**
Bernie and Linda Herpin 61 years
Brian Stacy and Alex Thompson 3 years
- June 7**
Joe and Laurie Goode 46 years
Joey and Maggie Goode 12 years
Sandy and Mike Halla 57 years
Tom and Jennifer Marcotte 30 years
Todd and Maryellen Mitchell 46 years



Prayer Requests

Lannette Abbey
Amy, Carol and Kaye
Beth Allen
Matthew Anderson
Yosh Anspach
Fred Bachmeier
Brad Bauer
Elmer Bauman
Tana Beall
Genni Beers
Joan Boehm
Brittany
Bill & Barbara Brown
Bryon
Kathleen Capron
Karl & Pam Cartwright
Tanya Charbonneau
John & Debbie Chlebus
Nell Clowder
Linda Collier
Ashley Cook
Jan Doyle & Family
The Drew Darrigan Family
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Mike Eckley
Darlene Edwards
Alan Flinn
Edna Fross
Corinne Gibson
Sandie Gilliam & Family
Pam Goodhue
Nola Gosch
Julian Green
Bob & Georgia Haberacker
Hannah
Private Steven Harris
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Timothy Lillich
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Hugh McNeely
Karen Mena
Brandon Miller & Family
Marilyn Miller
Larry Moe
Paul Moe
Levi Morarie
Michael Morarie
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Sam Norton
Mike Olsen
Owen & Family
Patsy Pedersen
Jack & Judy Peterson
The Linda Peterson Family
Ralph Peterson
Darlene Radke
Jeff Rapp
Ray
Skip Robinson & Family
Torrie Smith

Matthew Stark
Becky Sternal
Theresa & Larry Struble
Barbara Swan
Michael Taylor
Aaron & Cindi Thorson
Bob VanDuyn
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Doni Vest
Christine Welch
Starr Wise
Greg & Carolyn Young

*Please keep these members – and family and friends – of First Lutheran in your prayers this week. If you are requesting to have a name added to the prayer list, please consult with that person prior to making your request. Prayer requests may be submitted by using a Connection Card (in church) or by emailing **teri@flccs.net**.*

Worship and Study

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

SUNDAYS IN THE SANCTUARY
8, 9:30, AND 11 A.M.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

SUNDAYS IN THE WORSHIP CENTER
10:15 A.M.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHT

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RESUME IN AUGUST.

ONLINE WORSHIP

STREAMED LIVE AT 9:30 A.M.
Tune in on First Lutheran's YouTube channel,
on the church website, or in the church app.

QUARTERLY ADULT EDUCATION

Four times a year, we offer Adult Education classes at a variety of times and on a wide range of interesting topics. Be sure to read the Ekklesia for announcements and information about upcoming programs.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

LUTHER HALL | 10 A.M.
Led by the preaching pastor for the week.

GENERATION TO REVELATION

FIRST LUTHERAN'S NEW PODCAST!
Find our podcast on YouTube, on the church website, or anywhere you get your podcasts.

PASTORAL TEAM

The Rev. Travis Norton, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Carrie Baylis, Associate Pastor
The Rev. Michaela Eskew, Associate Pastor

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES

Genesis 1:1 – 2, 4a
Psalm 8
Matthew 28:16 – 20

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