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FROM THE PASTOR

THIS SUNDAY I PREACHED about the gift of the church and why it's worth protecting, especially when sin threatens to divide one member against another. I want to share with you some more words about the church that come from our Constitution – yes, we have a constitution that governs our organization. I find these words helpful and a good reminder about what we are called to be and do together.

*C4.01. The Church is a people created by God in Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, called and sent to bear witness to God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world.

*C4.02. To participate in God's mission, this congregation as a part of the Church shall:

a. Worship God in proclamation of the Word and administration of the sacraments and through lives of prayer, praise, thanksgiving, witness, and service.

b. Proclaim God's saving Gospel of justification by grace for Christ's sake through faith alone, according to the apostolic witness in the Holy Scripture, preserving and transmitting the Gospel faithfully to future generations.

c. Carry out Christ's Great Commission by reaching out to all people to bring them to faith in Christ and by doing all ministry with a global awareness consistent with the understanding of God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of all.

d. Serve in response to God's love to meet human needs, caring for the sick and the aged, advocating dignity and justice for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, and standing with the poor and powerless, and committing itself to their needs.

e. Nurture its members in the Word of God so as to grow in faith and hope and love, to see daily life as the primary setting for the exercise of their Christian calling, and to use the gifts of the Spirit for their life together and for their calling in the world.

f. Manifest the unity given to the people of God by living together in the love of Christ and by joining with other Christians in prayer and action to express and preserve the unity which the Spirit gives.

As I read through those words I find myself smiling at all the ways First Lutheran fulfills them. But the line that always stands out to me is the in C4.02e "to see daily life as the primary setting for the exercise of their Christian calling." The church is a people who live in the world as followers of Jesus. We are the church in our neighborhoods, at our workplaces, in our families and schools and among our friends. Thank you for being the church and I pray that the Holy Spirit fills you with joy and purpose as you follow Jesus in your daily life!

PASTOR TRAVIS NORTON, SENIOR PASTOR

Sunday's Message

AUGUST 30, 2026

MATTHEW 18:15 – 20

PASTOR TRAVIS NORTON

FINALLY, JESUS GETS practical, no parables, no esoteric teaching, just straight talk. Jesus gives a four – step process for dealing with someone who has wronged you in the church. This isn't one of those scripture passages that requires a lot of interpretation. There's no "Well, it could mean this, or it could mean that." There's no guess work here about what it means to follow Jesus. It's extremely concrete, simple, and actionable. And yet almost none of us do it. This isn't advice; this is instruction. If you are a follower of Jesus and find yourself in conflict with another Christian, your savior has told you what to do. Go to the person alone and point out the fault. Simple right? Someone cuts you off in the bread line after church and takes that last piece of sourdough, you go to them one on one and point out the fault. Someone shushes your kid in worship and makes them never want to return, you go to that person one on one and point out the fault. Someone parks so close to your car that you can't get through the driver's side door, or worse, takes up two parking spaces, you go to that person one on one and point out the fault. This is not rocket science, this is straight forward religion. There are three more steps in case that first step doesn't work, but I'm not sure they are worth talking about since most of us will do almost everything else to avoid taking that first step. We'll try passive aggressive tactics, talking loudly to no one in particular, "I can't believe some people park like that!" We'll go for triangulation, complaining to the pastor, urging him to talk to that person who wronged them or make an announcement or post a new sign. How many church kitchens have you been in that are covered with signs telling people to clean up after themselves or put things back where they found them? We love signs, they are the ultimate tool of the passive aggressive. But our absolute favorite tactic is avoidance. Someone makes me mad, wrongs me in some way, does something I disagree with, well I just won't talk to them anymore, that'll solve it. It's a big church, maybe I'll sit somewhere else in the Sanctuary or start going to a different service. Worst case scenario, I'll just go down the street to the next church so I never have to deal with that person.

As tempting as these are and I certainly struggle with all of this, they are wrong. We are not the kind of congregation that points out faults very often. Usually, we look for some way to soften things, to make it not as bad as it sounds. Even saying "it's wrong" seems too harsh, too black and white for us. But Matthew 18 is just too clear to do anything else. Jesus has told us exactly what we are to do. Go to the person, ask them to step aside with you in private and tell them what they did and how you are feeling about it. It's simple, but it's not easy. It's awkward, it's uncomfortable, it requires courage, faith, love and vulnerability. Especially when you start obeying this commandment, it does get easier with practice. And the best part is, Jesus actually knew what he was talking about. Because when you have these uncomfortable conversations, nine times out of ten the situation is resolved right then and there. Half the time it's a misunderstanding that just needs clarification. Often the person at fault was clueless as to what they had done: they felt terrible and immediately apologized. Almost never is the person unwilling to admit any fault, although occasionally the situation requires going to step two and getting a third person involved. Jesus gives these instructions to the church along with the authority to forgive and retain sins

which he calls binding and losing. Jesus prepares his disciples to organize a church; yes, Jesus believed in organized religion. The church that Jesus organizes has his authority to admit and exclude, to forgive and to retain, to correct and to repair. He creates an organization that is resilient and able to handle the forces that will put strain on the church. Jesus intends to create a church where forgiveness will be granted in abundance. Not a cheap forgiveness that doesn't include truth about the sin and commitment to change, what we call confession and repentance. But Jesus does want us to be like the Father in heaven who is quick to forgive, even anxious to forgive. Like the prodigal son's dad who at first sight of his son returning from his sin ran down the road to forgive him and welcome him back. We are to be a people bent on forgiveness.

It's surprising and counter cultural. Usually when we think of these steps of accountability and hard conversations we think of work environments. In our jobs we might hear that the goal is to correct bad behavior, but we know better than that. Often documentation, verbal warnings, write ups and all the rest are aimed at giving cover to the employer when they fire someone. Not so in the church. Jesus isn't interested in getting rid of people, He's interested in healing divisions and helping relationships recover from disruption. It's no wonder that Peter responds the way he does after Jesus gives these instructions. Peter can't believe what Jesus is saying and he asks, "How many times must I forgive someone who sins against me?" Peter hears Jesus clearly that the offended party is expected to forgive. No vengeance, no silent treatment, no gossip or sabotage. The point is forgiveness and Jesus teaches that there is no limit to the amount of forgiveness we offer. The larger point is the kind of community that Jesus wants his church to be.

Look around you right now at the people sitting next to you in worship today. Consider the people in front of you and behind you. Do you know them? Do you know their names? Do you know their stories, and big for today, the one that lies underneath Jesus' commands? How much do you love them? To love someone is to know them and be known by them. To love someone is to open yourself up to them and trust them enough that they could hurt you if they abuse that trust. Do you love the people in this room that much? Are they able to hurt you if they sinned against you? What would it look like for you to take a step of love toward the people in this room?

We are a big church, so it is unrealistic to expect us to know everyone like that. But in your service with the people you see each week, it is possible to grow in love for each other. What would it look like if each person in this room made a commitment to grow in love for the members of this church? How would you measure your love for them? One measure might be the level of discomfort you are willing to undergo for their sake. Do you love them enough to have an uncomfortable conversation if something comes between you? Do you see what kind of community Jesus is trying to form in this thing called the church? We are not a casual community; we are not a center for individuals to come and get spiritual goods and services and then to go about our lives apart from each other. You are not at a grocery store right now or a concert or any kind of public space like that. You are at a church, and the other people here are not the general public, they are your brothers and sisters in Christ. Jesus wants us to be an intentional community where we know each other deeply, where we serve one another. A community that is so strongly bound together that we would fight tooth and nail against anything that would threaten our unity. A community so in love with one another that at the very first hint of sin we would run to each other to work it out and get back to being church united. It's an incredible vision that Jesus has for us. And he knows it will be difficult to achieve because wherever two or three are gathered together there is difference, conflict and sin.

Think about this room and how many different kinds of people are gathered together trying to be one. Some of you are from cities, and some of you grew up on farms. Some of you are men, and some of you are women. Some of you are old, and some of you are young. Some of you are conservative, and some of

you are progressive. Some of you grew up Lutheran, and some of you grew up Catholic, and some of you even grew up in one of those nondenominational raise – your – hand churches. Some of you talk a lot and some of you don't talk at all. Introverts and extroverts, huggers and those who prefer smiles at a distance. And Jesus wants us to be a church united to share the gospel, to nurture each other in faith. He knows it will take boatloads of forgiveness to build a church full of people so different from each other. Next week we are adding 27 more people to this mix. We will baptize five of them this month, and the rest join by affirmation of baptism. They will make promises to us, and we will make promises to them, promises to support each other, to nurture each other in faith, to come together to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper and pursue the mission of Christ.

Jesus has given us the gift of the church. I know the church has been a gift to me throughout my life. People told me about the love of God and then embodied that love in their care for me. When I was in high school, the church taught me how to teach the faith to students younger than I am. The church mentored me in leadership and sponsored me on mission trips to share Christ with the world and learn from Christians around the world. The church made me a pastor. When my second son was born and needed open heart surgery at two months old, the church rallied around my family and raised thousands of dollars to help us with medical bills. Jesus once said that his mothers and fathers and sisters and brothers are those who do the will of His Father in heaven. The church has given me mothers and fathers and brothers and sisters in you, to love and support and be loved and supported by. You've seen the gift of the church in your own life. She's given you opportunities to grow in your faith, to receive support in times of sickness and grief, a purpose and mission bigger than yourself. The church gives friendships and the ability to serve the world in ways no one could by themselves. The church gives the body and blood of Christ at this table every week and from this table to those unable to attend because of illness or disability. The church at its best is the body of Christ, united in love, serving the world with the goodness of God. That is worth protecting, it is worth sacrificing for and certainly worth confronting any sin that threatens to divide.

Wherever two or three are gathered there is sin, division and conflict. But Jesus has also said that whenever two or three are gathered in my name, I am there with them. Jesus is here with us, loving and forgiving and uniting us. Jesus is here to heal us, to bind us together and give us as a gift to each other. Jesus is here in the person next you, behind you and in front of you. Take a step of love today and discover even more the gift God has given us in the church. It's a gift worth fighting for. Amen.

MUSIC MINISTRY: A NEW SEASON BEGINS!

First Lutheran Choir is open to everyone – no audition is required, you don't have to sing for all three services, and childcare is available during rehearsals. On Thursday, September 17, we'll begin at 6 p.m. with a potluck dinner in the Peel House, then rehearse in the choir room from 7 to 8:30 p.m. After the first week, rehearsals continue, 7 – 8:30 p.m., each Thursday. Join us! For more information, contact Carrie Strand at **carries@flccs.net.**

Handbell Opportunities

Carillon Ringers is our handbell ensemble for advanced ringers. The first rehearsal of the season will be from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, September 16, in the handbell room.

Joy Ringers is our handbell ensemble for intermediate ringers. The first rehearsal of the season will be from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Thursday, September 17, in the handbell room.

New ringers, please contact Deacon Joan Kuehn for more information at **jlynnkuehn@gmail.com.**

ANGEL TREE FOR YOU

There are traditions in our family where this is the time of year to begin making Christmas presents. It is a time-honored tradition of making that special gift for someone you love. The time invested in the gift is part of the gift and the receiver loves the gift all the more. We don't do enough of that as we get caught up in the festivities and travel that makes us who we are. I would like to encourage you to give a gift where your time and Christian love are the gift. Where can you do that? You can do that with Angel Tree Ministry. **We have four main needs**:

Talkers – people who love to make a phone call and talk about the children. How are you doing? What are the children doing? What would they like for Christmas?

Gift Givers – People who take the time to pick a child and find a gift for them that is fun and meaningful.

The Party Boys and Girls – The people who help someone have a good time with song and food.

The Delivery Drivers – The folks who love to drive around town and drop off the gifts to the families that could not attend our Christmas party.

The key to our success are the Talkers. They are the ones who call the caregiver, whether it is an aunt, uncle, grandparent, mom, or dad. They are the ones who reach out and invite them to participate. They are the ones who talk and find the special gift. We need four or five more people to complete our team. If you love to talk, the rest is history. Come join us. You will make five – six calls and have the opportunity to share Jesus.

You can talk to **Ken or Debra Boehm *719.352.2377*** or use the church app find the Talker job under Angel Tree Ministry. Merry Christmas to you!

Sign up here (by September 30):
https://bit.ly/3Um9v1z

FALL CITY SERVE

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 3 | 9 A.M. TO NOON.

We have chosen two City Serve projects to work on together as a congregation. Our goal is to have at least 10 First Lutheran members at each service site. We will meet at First Lutheran at 8 a.m. for a continental breakfast, pick up our "Gods Work Our Hands" t-shirts and car-pool to the volunteer sites. Spots fill up fast so we will be submitting our volunteer list by September 13. Sign up on your Church app or at **https://bit.ly/4wWDpae.**

AGING TOGETHER

Aging Together will meet on Friday, September 11, 10 a.m. in the Peel House, Room 201. This is a casual gathering to share our thoughts and experiences during our journey thru the years. Call **Maureen Tuttle, *719.640.1985* or Anne Rivers, *719.351.4268*** if you would like a ride to the meeting or if you have any questions.

CHERYL'S CORNER

SIGN UP FOR FOURTH QUARTER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES NOW!

Those who have served in the past have already received their links to choose their dates to serve. Now, we need those in the congregation that haven't made a commitment to find an area to share their light! Feel free to just try something. We provide instructions!! Use the link below each description to choose date/time.

Worship Assistants Light/extinguish the candles, serve wine during Communion, and collect the offering. We have several Sundays during September-December where they will process/recess with the torches!
https://flccs1.elexiochms.com/external/form/e9f9ef5c-6c65-43d2-9ff4-8d613e14ad61

Greeters Welcome people to worship with a handshake and a smile. If you are comfortable, you can greet near a check-in kiosk to help others print a name badge.
https://flccs1.elexiochms.com/external/form/52ce46af-64de-4ee1-876d-fdd4b704cc9e

Ushers Hand out bulletins, help visitors find a seat, collect offering, and invite the congregation forward for Communion
https://flccs1.elexiochms.com/external/form/90178ca7-2782-4ce9-9d2a-57da478e55f7

Coffee Reception Hosts Brew coffee in our commercial coffee pots and lay out bread, muffins, and fruit
https://flccs1.elexiochms.com/external/form/ff440da2-f2a3-4dcf-8643-fcb42875a0b9

Crucifer Carries the cross into worship and out of the Sanctuary after worship. You need to be comfortable carrying the 15 lb. cross while walking
https://flccs1.elexiochms.com/external/form/4fa9bae2-1dbb-4561-a046-0111487259bb

Communion Team If you attend the 8 a.m. worship service you prepare the trays of bread and wine for all three traditional services. You set up the elements for the 8 a.m. service and reset them for the 9:30 a.m. service before you leave.
https://flccs1.elexiochms.com/external/form/dab8595e-d950-43ca-92d9-484f140ca96d
If you attend the 11 a.m. service, you would clear away the elements from the 9:30 a.m. service, reset them for the 11 a.m. service, and clean-up after worship.
https://flccs1.elexiochms.com/external/form/a48eae9f-4c90-4190-a4d1-da07f59efe79

Welcome Center Host Stands at the Welcome Center to greet visitors and answer general questions about upcoming events. You have a choice of hosting from 9-9:30 a.m. for those who attend 8 a.m. worship or host-

CREATING HOMES FOR ALL

TOGETHER COLORADO

Colorado Springs Faith Table

HOUSING JUSTICE FORUM

Provide your voice to Faith Table's response to the Colorado Springs Housing Plan

Sept. 17, 2026 from 6:00-7:30 PM

Grace & St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

RSVP: https://bit.ly/co-springs-housing

GUEST SPEAKER

Catherine Duarte, AICP

Senior Vice President, Housing Development
Catholic Charities of Central Colorado

SCAN TO RSVP

Questions? Email info@togetherco.org

ing before and after the 11 a.m. service (10:30–11 a.m. and then again from noon–12:20 p.m.) **https://flccs1.elexiochms.com/external/form/7eaa2539-64f6-4642-9d00-35dcb924b547**

Sanctuary Clean-Up is the perfect volunteer position for people that like to work behind the scenes. You tidy the pews sometime between Sunday at noon and Wednesday at noon. Replace pencils, connection cards, etc.
https://flccs1.elexiochms.com/external/form/d4918c35-ef13-4d92-9e1b-62c7ae993662

Laundry is a way you can help First Lutheran from home. Grab up to six tablecloths or a soiled alb (white robe) or two, launder them and bring them back to church next week.
https://flccs1.elexiochms.com/external/form/d019caf9-1198-433c-be64-8418a7b7ab11

Meet "YOUR NAME" – I'm looking to take you to coffee and learn more about you and what you enjoy participating in at First Lutheran! Schedule your coffee here: **Book time with Cheryl Mahon**

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers designated in memory or in honor of a loved one are now $100.
Order flowers here: **https://bit.ly/4nKyPYq**

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/41Rh4ff**

UPCOMING SCHEDULE	
October 12 (Monday)	Streetcar 520 520 South Tejon Street
October 27	Outback 2825 Geyser Drive
November 10	Marigold's Cafe and Bakery 4605 Centennial Blvd
November 24	Mexico Real 1899 S Nevada Avenue

SINGLES – DINING OUT WITH FIRST LUTHERAN

This is a new small group just for singles! Carrie Lyne Mathiesen has graciously agreed to lead the group on a trial basis. We are starting with one dinner a month to see what kind of interest we get. We will make reservations for 7 p.m. on a given Thursday each month. No partner? Come and join us for food, fellowship and a chance to meet new friends! **September 17 - Trainwreck - 812 S Sierra Madre St**

Sign up here: **https://bit.ly/4vgSaEP** no later than September 9!
RESERVATIONS ARE MADE ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE.
CANCELLATIONS AFTER THAT DATE ARE DISCOURAGED.

ROOM TO GROW

BEARING FRUIT THAT LASTS

JOHN 15:16

HIGHLIGHT YOUR SMALL GROUP AT THIS YEAR'S MINISTRY GATHERINGS

We will have tables set up around the perimeter of the Gathering Place at our 2026 Ministry Gatherings to highlight our various small, social, study, and support groups. We have purchased foam board for you to create a display board for your group. You can pick up this foam board at the Welcome Center. Please also create a sign-up sheet for people interested in joining your group. You are welcome to have a member or two present to answer questions, but this is not required. **Ministry Gatherings will be held at the following times:**

Sunday, October 4 at 1 p.m.
Tuesday, October 6 at 10 a.m.
Tuesday, October 6 at 7 p.m. (Zoom Only)
Sunday, October 11 at 1 p.m.
Please contact Cheryl for more information.

PHOTO BOOTH ON RALLY DAY

Kristin Dunkin has volunteered to host a Photo Booth from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Rally Day, Sunday September 13. Families can update their profile photos, and Kristin can take a headshot of each child as well as a headshot of the parents (if desired).

INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS AND THE LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 27
PEEL HOUSE PARLOR | 9:15 A.M.

Please join us as we invite the Holy Spirit to guide us in courageous truth-seeking and truth-telling regarding the difficult truths of how our government and Christian Churches harmed Tribal Nations through policies and practices that included Indian boarding schools. The ELCA is committed to investigating our past involvement and walking a path of healing for all involved. Come and learn more about what the ELCA has already done as part of the Truth and Healing Movement and what opportunities and challenges await as this initiative continues to move towards healing and reconciliation.

THE GREAT BOOK GIVEAWAY

First Lutheran is giving away its library, well most of it, anyway. All books will be put on tables in the Gathering Place beginning this Sunday, and are free to whomever wants them. We will keep them out for three weeks and then on September 21st will either donate or recycle any that have not been taken. Times have changed. The library just isn't used often enough to justify its maintenance, but we want to give the books a shot at a being useful to someone. Many of the books are from former pastors throughout the years and were important to their education.

-Pastor Travis

THE EMMAUS WAY

"Somewhere along the way we reduced salvation to an afterlife destination instead of an ever-deepening participation in the life of the Trinity."

–Matthew Hester

What does the doctrine of the Trinity have to do with salvation? Is it more than Jesus, as one Person of the Godhead, becoming human to pay for our sins on the cross? While certainly not less than that, let's explore the idea a bit more, considering first how we ourselves define salvation.

I have a dearly loved family member whose social media posts consist almost exclusively of terrifying memes portraying people burning in hell because they didn't accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior while alive, begging everyone to repent and "get saved" before it's too late. While extreme, I think it does reflect the majority belief about what salvation essentially is – being saved from our sins so we can go to heaven, not hell, when we die. Does that resonate with you at all? Will you take a few moments right now to search your own thoughts and beliefs about what salvation is? (As always, we're not concerned with "right" or "wrong" answers, just what the answers are.)

Now, please read, and then hold for a few moments, this definition: Salvation is "participation in the life of God."

What does that mean to you? Does it reframe or expand the meaning of salvation at all?

We've talked here before about Rublev's Trinity icon and how the Trinity's mutual indwelling and ever-flowing divine Love is seen in it. Our salvation issues from that Love: the Father sending the Son into humanity by the power of the Spirit to heal us from the inside. In Christ we are adopted into and embraced within the love – life of God that has always existed within "the happy land of the Trinity" (Fred Sanders). This means that salvation isn't just a pardon from a distance for some future reward, but is being drawn into living communion with God right here, right now.

When we begin to understand that salvation isn't some future state after death but is living, now, into and from the eternal flow of Love that dances within the Trinity, it changes our lives. As our friend Barton Breen says, "Salvation isn't only something done for us, though it certainly is that. It is also being brought into communion with the Father through the Son in the Spirit, and learning to live out of that communion in the world." Living from the same flow of love that Jesus does, our lives begin to look like they would if Jesus were living them, and that, friends, changes the world. Let's walk in Trinitarian love, together.

LORI DUNCAN, MINISTER OF SPIRITUAL CARE

SEPTEMBER OWLS
NEW CSFD FIRE STATION #24 TOUR

TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 22

Leave First Lutheran: 9:15 a.m. Tour time: 10 a.m.
Cost: FREE
Lunch: Selection of restaurants in that area – pay on your own

Colorado Springs has 25 fire stations, and we have the opportunity to visit the newest station, Station #24. Come see how fire fighters live (a third of their lives) when they are at work and what type of equipment they use. You might even have the chance to try on a set of turnouts! They will also give us tips on how we can stay safe at home. After the tour, we will fellowship and eat at surrounding area restaurants. **Sign up deadline: Thursday, September 17 – LIMIT 30 GUESTS** . Please sign up by using the following link: **https://bit.ly/4x58LeW** or by calling the church at ***719.632.8836.***

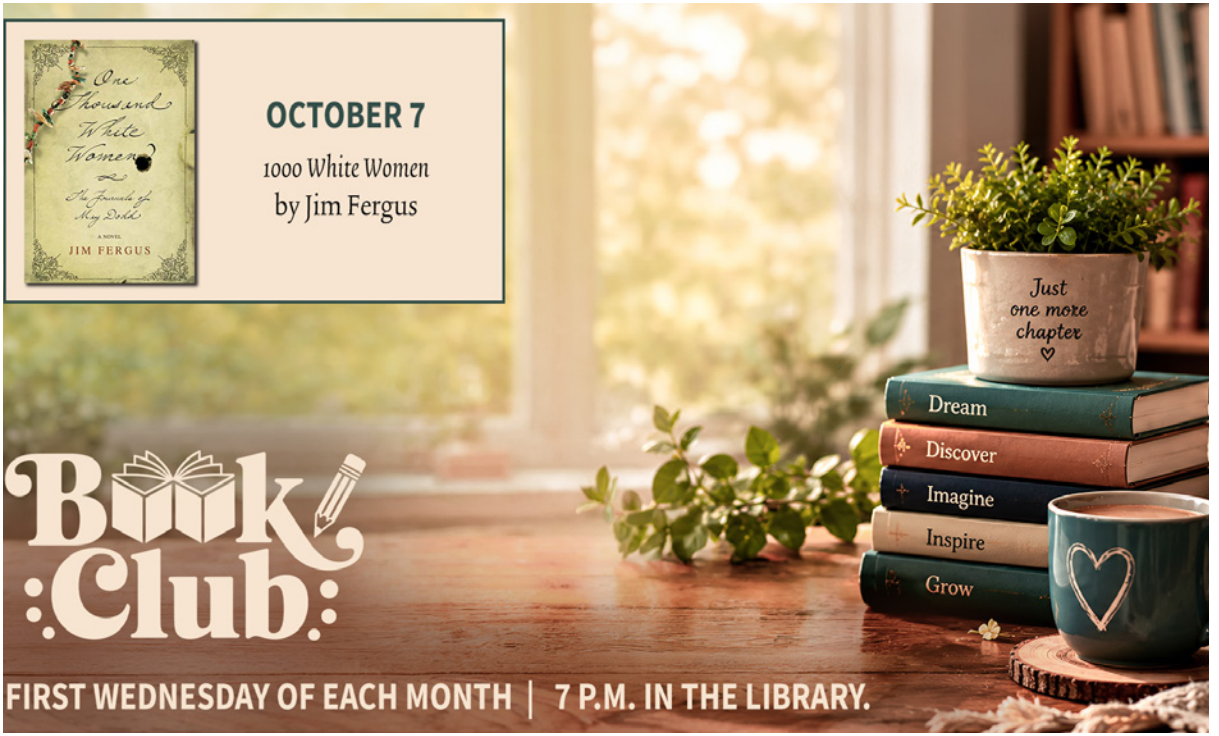
WAYFARERS

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 17| 11:30 A.M.

Edelweiss Restaurant, 34 E. Ramona Avenue

Please contact Erna Haring if you plan to attend.

719.210.4467, wayneerna@msn.com



RALLY DAY

September 13, 2026
9:30 to 1 p.m.

Join us for Rally Day as we celebrate the start of a new Sunday School year! Children will enjoy breakfast with their Sunday School classes during the 9:30 a.m. service or with their Children's Church leaders during the 10:15 a.m. service. After worship, the whole congregation is invited to the front lawn for a special coffee hour with bounce houses and inflatable slides until 1 p.m.

Sunday School and First Kids registration for 2026 – 2027 : https://bit.ly/4fSScvS

In the Life of the Church ...

Birthdays

September 14
Bob Evans
Shirley Jones
Zachary Palski
Loretta Rea
Kim Watts

September 15
Carolyn Fleming
Donna Flores
Ellison Fox
Rondi Shafer

September 17
Jim Simonson

September 18
Mark Andersen
Carol Anderson
Andrea James
Karen Matkin
John Palmen
Lucy Waters

September 19
Chris Ackerman
Dylan McConnell
Roger Williams

September 20
BJ Evans
George Gillaspie III
Amanda Kosley
Cathy Mellott
Kerstin Warwick

Anniversaries

September 14
Steven and Su Dewey *41 years*

September 15
Chris and Vanessa Schweiger *14 years*

September 16
Jennings and Jan Larson *56 years*
Kathleen and Preston Nash *3 years*

September 19
Anne and Rick Rivers *6 years*
Ed and Olga Strecker *23 years*

September 20
Jeremy and Lauren Wooten *12 years*

Prayer Requests

Lannette Abbey
Joan Abrahamsen
Beth Allen
Fred Bachmeier
Elmer Bauman
Tana Beall
Joan Boehm
Phil Brace
Linda Branesky
Brittany
Bill & Barbara Brown
Bryon
Karl & Pam Cartwright
Tanya Charbonneau
John & Debbie Chlebus
Nell Clowder
Linda Collier
The Rinda Dunson Family
Alan Flinn
Donna Flores
Corinne Gibson
Pam Goodhue
Nola Gosch
The Rob Haenze Family
Bob Haines
Hannah
Private Steven Harris
Ty Hecht
Doug Hering
Ginger Hipszky
Jake Hodnett
Melitta Hoffpauir
Randy Hollar
Bill & Doreen Hulka
Jeff Ipson
Sarah Iskra
Alan Jacobsen
Josh Jones
Shirley Jones
Ann Junk
Jonas Kagarise
Kyong Kelley
Tami Kephart
Gaye Lynn Kielcheski
The Bob Kleemeier Family
Cindy Koger
Marilyn Knutson
Sharon Lakey
Preston Lauscher
Jesse Lawrence & Family
The Leinweber-Cosico Family
Timothy Lillich
Dayne Lindquist
Bill Lipscomb
Irene Lopez
The Korrina Lopez Family
Jim Matthews
Nick McKibben & Family
Hugh McNeely
Megan
Michele
Brandon Miller & Family
Marilyn Miller
Paul Moe
Michael Morarie
Tricia Muehlbauer
Wilma Nicolaisen
Robert Nielson
Sam Norton
Jim O'Hagan
Vic Olson
Owen & Family
Jack & Judy Peterson
Darlene Radke
Jeff Rapp
Randy Schacht
Carol Schlater
Bonnie Sielkens
Becky Stabler
Cindy Stanley
Matthew Stark
Becky Sternal
Barbara Swan
Michael Taylor
Aaron & Cindi Thorson
Bob VanDuyn & Karen Henderson-VanDuyn
Doni Vest
Gudrun Vest
Christine Welch
Greg & Carolyn Young
Beth Zautke
Julie Frank Zeeb

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
WEDNESDAY SMALL GROUPS
6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

ONLINE WORSHIP
STREAMED LIVE AT 9:30 A.M AND 10:15 A.M.(CONTEMPORARY)
Tune in on First Lutheran's YouTube channel, on the church website, or in the church app.

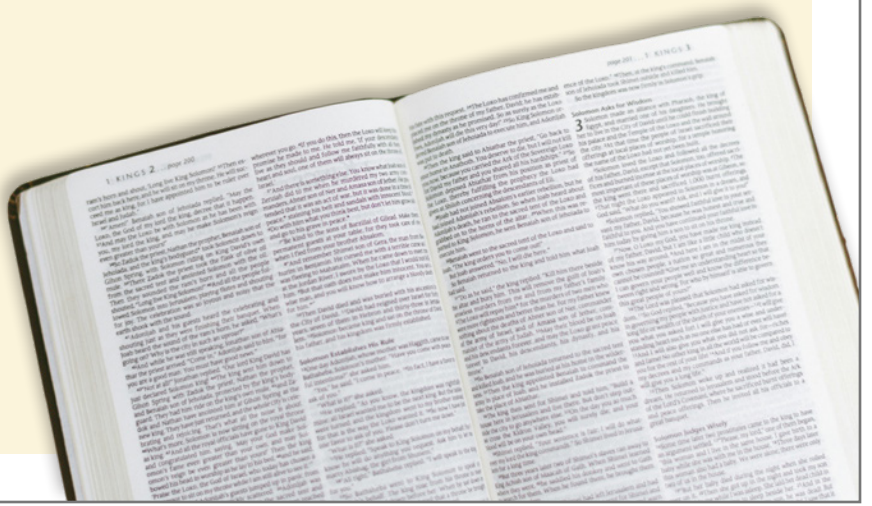
QUARTERLY ADULT EDUCATION
Four times a year, we offer Adult Education classes at a variety of times and on a wide range of interesting topics. Be sure to read the *Ekklesia* for announcements and information about upcoming programs.

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 50: 15 – 21
Romans 14: 1 – 12
Matthew 18: 21 – 35



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