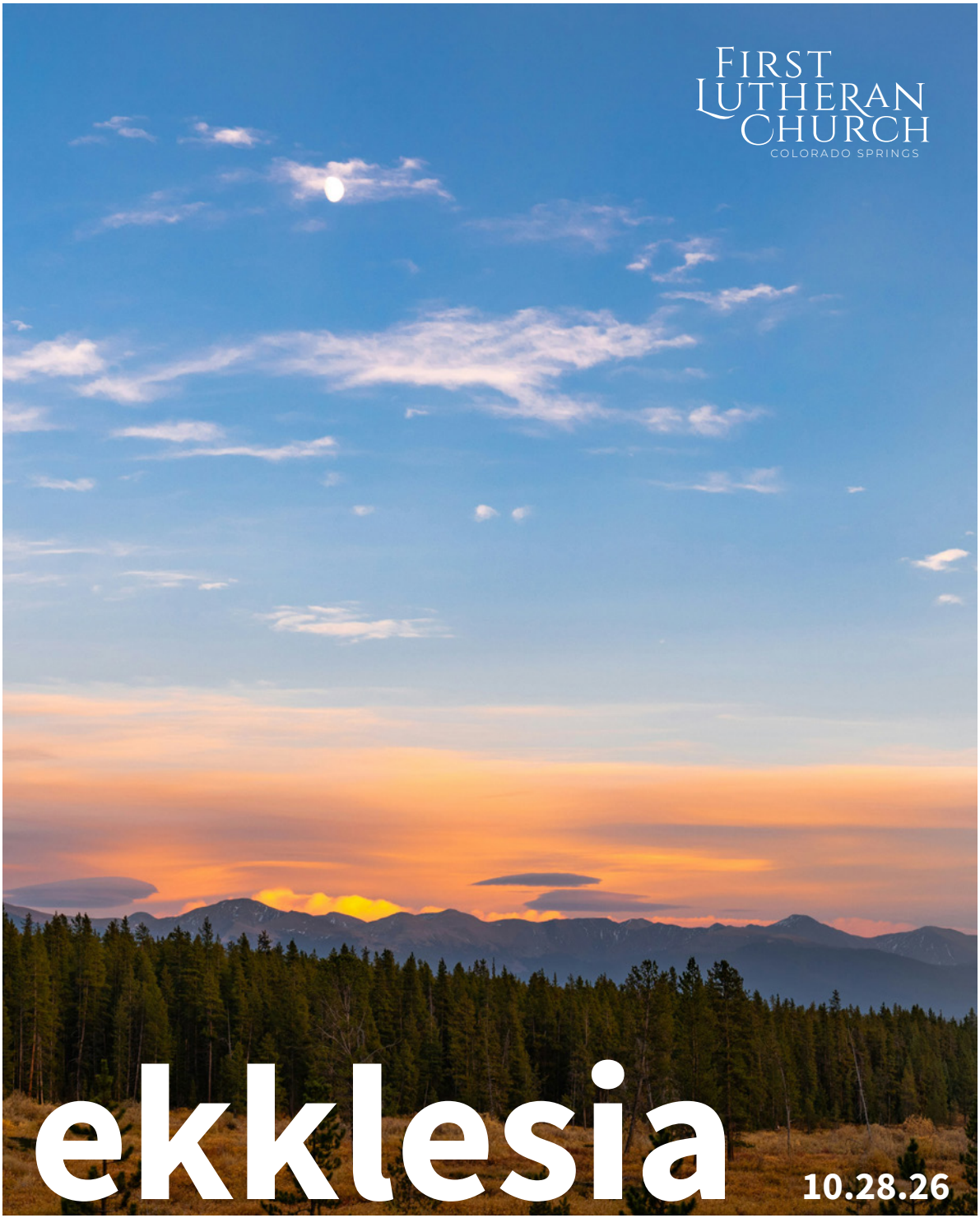
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FROM THE PASTOR

AS WE TURN the page towards calling a new associate pastor I have some significant updates for you.

The first is our decision to hire Colton Laptad to take on some of the most essential duties of the associate pastor while we search for a settled pastor. Colton spent this past summer doing his Clinical Pastoral Education with us and as a result got to know many of you on our visitation list. He will resume visitation and will work with the Christian Caregivers and pastors to ensure we provide excellent pastoral care for the congregation. His duties will also include presiding over the liturgy on Sunday mornings. We have permission from Bishop Meghan for Colton to preside over Communion with the caveat that an ordained minister consecrates the elements. Colton will need to quit his second job to take on these duties so we are committing to him in this role until he goes on pastoral internship next August. Colton will begin this new position on November 29.

People ask me how they can help knowing that an extra work load now belongs to me and to Pastor Michaela. One of the ways you can help is by receiving Colton's ministry to you when you are hospitalized, recovering from illness or in need of a funeral for a loved one. The more you receive him during this interim the more we can share the pastoral workload evenly between him, Pastor Michaela and myself.

The second update is that council has elected the following to serve on the Call Committee: Marcus Kochis, Ron Furstenau, Stacy Gatto, Deacon Janice Zimbleman, Joanne Larson and Pat Friedell. They will work with me and the office of the Bishop to complete the Ministry Site Profile and interview candidates. The average process takes about eight months. Please join me in praying for them and for God to guide us to our next associate pastor. We will have an installation for the Call Committee at all services on November 8.

As the Call Committee begins their work they will want to hear from you to help them discern all that we need in a next associate pastor. Please take advantage of any surveys, listening posts and other invitations to share your perspective with the team. And pray intentionally every day for God to stir up the heart of the right person to join us in ministry that they would do their work to prepare themselves for a call and God would make it clear to us and to them.

I'm grateful to do this work in a congregation that is so healthy and gives me so much trust. Thank you.

PASTOR TRAVIS NORTON, SENIOR PASTOR

Sunday's Message

OCTOBER 25, 2026

JOHN 8: 31 – 36

PASTOR TRAVIS NORTON

IF YOU DIED TODAY, how certain are you that you'd go to heaven? That's a terrible question to ask someone, but it is the question I posed to random people when I was in college as part of Campus Crusade. It did not lead to any good conversations, and no one came to faith. I don't recommend this approach to evangelism.But it is a question that came to mind when I read through our gospel lesson from John because if you answer that question and say you are certain you are going to heaven when you die, I'd want to know where your certainty comes from. How do you know you are going to heaven? What makes you so sure?

I saw the results of a poll that Ryan Burge shared about how people in different faith traditions answered the question,"Are you absolutely certain that God exists?" How would you answer that? Absolutely certain? About 60% of mainline people like us Lutherans said we were absolutely certain that God exists. Evangelicals were the most certain at 86%, and what I found funny is that even 1% of atheists said they were 100% certain God exists. Just a reminder that you can't trust the polls!

I'd answer those questions with a lot of certainty. I believe that I'm going to heaven when I die, and I am absolutely certain that God exists. I'd answer that way because that's what I'm supposed to believe, that's what a pastor is supposed to say. Is it the truth though? Am I absolutely certain? Am I completely sure? Absolutely not, but I don't like admitting that. And truthfully, I'm pretty skeptical of certainty. It's often an idol we serve that causes all sorts of second effect problems. We are called to have faith, not certainty.

In our gospel lesson Jesus confronts the Jews who had believed in him with a question that probes at their certainty, their confidence. He makes a statement that would make any of us uncomfortable and put us on the defensive. It starts with the word "if" which already sets us up to wondering where we stand with Jesus. He says this to those who believed in him, keep that in mind. He's with a group of Christians, Jews who had believed in him. And he says to them, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." It's a statement that sends them reeling like pulling the rug out from under their feet. In this one sentence Jesus says their discipleship is not certain, they don't yet know the truth, and they aren't free. You may think you are absolutely certain that your salvation is completely secure, but will that certainty remain when Jesus stress tests your faith? That's what Jesus is doing here with these first Christians. He's probing them to show them where their confidence is and where it isn't. They get defensive and reveal that their confidence comes not from Jesus, but from their ancestry. "We are descendants of Abraham; we have never been slaves to anyone." Their confidence is based on their DNA, their history, their religion. They think they are free, but Jesus says that their sin has them in shackles. They can't see the truth of their situation, and until they see the truth they can't truly be free.

Sometimes the truth is hard to see, hard to admit. We deny problems for a long time rather than face failure. Last year for my wife's birthday I bought her a hot tub. That sounds like an extravagant gift so let me tell you the truth. I bought her the cheapest hot tub I could find, an inflatable Coleman hot tub. It worked pretty well for a few months last year and our

whole family enjoyed it. My son Sam, who loves the water, especially enjoyed it. He also enjoyed poking at it with the fire poker I left out in the backyard. Apparently, several times, leaks appeared over the course of this year. At first, we couldn't find the holes but then we discovered that if you take Dawn spray you can look for bubbles and patch them up. She did her best to patch the holes until Sam got serious and put an inch wide hole in the side. The patches didn't hold and Victoria, who doesn't give up on anything, threw in the towel. I thought I'd come save the day and found a new way to patch the hole. It seemed to be holding so I filled up the tub with air and then put water back in and heated it up. I was hoping to be the hot tub hero, but my patch failed the stress test, and the sides began to slump again. It just wouldn't hold, as hard as it was to admit. It's time to abandon it and find something more durable, it's time for a real hot tub!

When Jesus says to the early believers, "You will know the truth and the truth will set you free", He's inviting them to put their trust in something new, to give up on a patched-up religion, old wineskins and turn their trust to Jesus instead, not their Abrahamic heritage, not their temple sacrifices, not their old covenant. He's inviting them instead to put their trust in Him. Jesus is the new covenant. Jesus is the living sacrifice. Jesus is the truth that will set them free. He is the one who can raise up descendants of Abraham through faith, through the Holy Spirit. He is the son of God who alone has the ability to make us permanent members of the Father's household. He uses another analogy about the position of servants and sons in a household. Only the son has a permanent place, only the son can give you 100% confidence in your belonging and place. If the son makes you free, then you are free indeed. All of this is Jesus telling a hard truth that if we are relying on anything other than him for salvation, we are in danger. Our confidence can only be in one thing and that's not a thing at all, it's not a religion, it's not a history, and not ourselves. Only Jesus saves, only Jesus forgives, only Jesus can set you free.

It's a truth that has needed to be repeated time and time again throughout history. A truth that has needed to be declared, especially to those who had believed in Jesus. That's why we chose this passage for our commemoration of the Reformation of the church. Over 500 years ago those who had believed in Jesus were confronted by Martin Luther. He revealed that believers were putting their confidence not in Jesus but in the Pope, in the traditions of the church, in indulgences and works of righteousness. Luther argued that we are saved by Christ alone, through faith alone. And that a trust in any other source for freedom, for salvation, was a false promise that needed to be rejected. It was a hard truth to hear, and it led to violence and pain and the church today is still divided and hurting. But it is a truth that when believed leads to true freedom and true security. Only Jesus can set us free from sin, from death, from evil. And trusting him does mean letting go of the former things that we relied on for our security. That will always be hard because we are invested in those things; they are our family, our traditions, our heritage. They are our religion, our identity. And Jesus tells us the hard truth that those things will not make us free; they are not able to hold us up. We can spend our lives trying to patch them up, trying to pretend they are able to save us, falsely believing we are in control, or we can listen to Jesus' word to us today and continue in his word, know the truth and be set free.

It's not just the Jews who had believed in him or the Roman Catholics of the 15th century who needed to hear Jesus' words. We are all tempted to rely on something that comes from ourselves for salvation and security. We are all tempted to deceive ourselves into thinking that we are secure because of something we control or something we can see. And let's also be honest that it can be our own church, our Lutheran identity that needs correcting, that needs reformation. We either trust in Jesus or we trust in ourselves. And so often we choose ourselves because it is so scary to trust in someone else. Trusting in Jesus is hard because he's a person,

not a religion, not a set of rules, not an institution. A person is unpredictable, uncontrollable. You have to believe they will do what they said they will do. Trusting in Jesus scary because he asks us to let him decide what direction we go, what we let go of, what we change.

Think about our congregation; we just lost an associate pastor and now we have to trust in Jesus to provide for us. Our Call Committee and Council and Staff all have to pray and trust that Jesus will bring to us another pastor or deacon or someone to help us in this shared ministry. Or think about our move to expand this building and remodel it so that we remain relevant to this generation. We have to trust Jesus to guide us through the disruption, to provide the resources, and to guide us into the future. As much as I want to control all of that, I know that the only true security comes from releasing control and trusting Him to provide.

In our life together and in our individual lives Jesus asks us to trust in him alone. Let's turn the question on ourselves today, seeking reformation in our own lives as the Holy Spirit guides. Imagine yourself standing before Jesus and hearing him say these words to you, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." Now pay attention to the first thing that comes to mind as you hear those words, the thing that makes you defensive or scared. Is there something you've been counting on, holding on to that Jesus is asking you to release to him? Is there some way you've been resisting him and the path he is inviting you to take? Is there a recognition that you haven't been continuing in his word, and it's time to return? What is the hard truth God is speaking to you today? Know this, that whatever the hard truth is, it is backed up by a Lord and Savior who loves you. Jesus is trustworthy, we can believe in him. Jesus doesn't say these things to hurt us or push us away. He is always inviting us to trust more fully in him because he knows that if we let him, he can heal us, save us and set us free from all that binds us.

Trust again in Jesus, convert again, turn your life over to him again. He gave his life for us, he is the way, the truth and the life. In Christ alone we are secure. Believe in Jesus and you will be free. Amen.

Crafting Music for Worship

WITH ERIC WICKS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
12:15 P.M. IN THE FIRESIDE ROOM

Join our Minister of Worship and Music, Eric Wicks, for a Lunch & Learn in the Fireside Room on November 15th. He will be hosting an interactive, behind-the-scenes look at what goes into planning the music for our Sunday morning traditional services. Please RSVP if you plan to attend so we can be sure to have plenty of food!

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WHERE SHOULD OUR NEXT ADULT STUDY TRIP GO?
GERMANY/PRAGUE OR EGYPT?
VOTE BY NOVEMBER 30
https://bit.ly/4hYKZeP

NEW MEMBER CLASS
Main level of the Peel House | 12:15 p.m.
(Lunch Included)
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
Introduction to First Lutheran
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
Lutheranism 101

CHERYL'S CORNER

HOPE EVENT AT LIMON CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

This Christmas season, First Lutheran Church has been given a special opportunity to share the hope, love, and grace of Christ with residents at the Limon Correctional Facility. Over the past year, our congregation has partnered with correctional facilities in Canon City, Colorado, hosting both Christmas and Easter Hope Events. These events have provided meaningful opportunities for worship, fellowship, encouragement, and prayer. Because of the positive impact of those gatherings, we have now been invited to bring a Christmas Hope Event to Limon.

For many incarcerated individuals, the holiday season can be one of the most difficult times of the year. Being separated from family, friends, and especially children can intensify feelings of loneliness and isolation. A Hope Event offers residents a chance to experience encouragement, connection, and the message that they have not been forgotten. Through worship, personal interaction, and prayer, we hope to remind them that God's love reaches every person, regardless of circumstances.

Our Contemporary Worship Band, Pastor Travis, and a team of approximately 10 to 15 volunteers will travel to Limon on Thursday, December 17. Because Limon Correctional Facility is a Level 4 facility, security procedures are more extensive than at other locations where we have served. The worship team will arrive early to allow time for all instruments and equipment to pass through the required inspections. Their bus will depart from the church at 2 p.m., with facility access for setup beginning at 4 p.m.

Prison Fellowship will generously provide snacks for the event. A second church bus carrying volunteers will leave First Lutheran at 3:15 p.m. Volunteers will assist with setup, snack service, and hospitality throughout the evening. These moments of simple conversation and personal interaction often become some of the most meaningful parts of the event, helping residents feel seen, valued, and cared for.

The Hope Event is scheduled from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and will include contemporary worship and opportunities for prayer. Whether serving snacks, greeting participants, helping with setup, or praying with residents, volunteers play an important role in sharing Christ's hope.

If you would like to be part of this ministry and help bring encouragement to the residents of Limon Correctional Facility during the Christmas season, please sign up here: **https://bit.ly/3WDoPHS.** Together, we can make a lasting difference by sharing the hope of Christ where it is needed most.

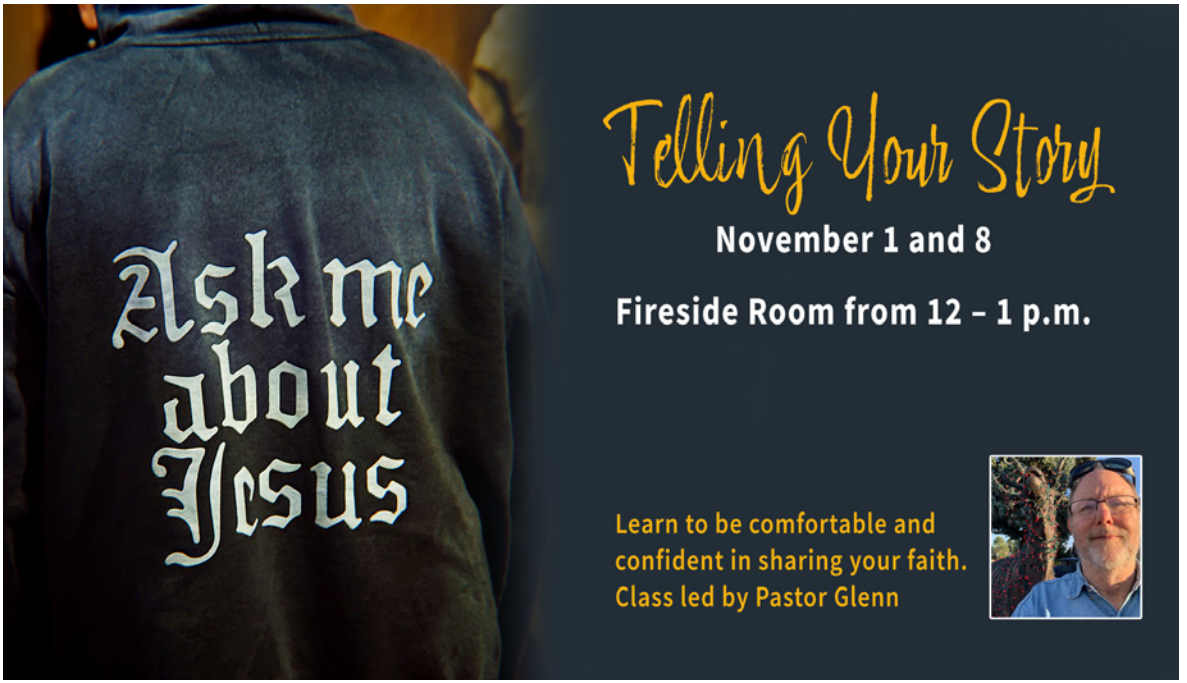
PRISON FELLOWSHIP
ANGEL TREE VOLUNTEERS

TALKERS (October 4 – November 15) 5-10 minute phone call - introduce yourself, talk about the children and what they would like for Christmas, invite them to the Christmas Party.

GIFT GIVERS (November 16 – December 6) Give that special gift for the special child. No sign up necessary; just pick up an angel tag when they are available.

PARTY BOYS AND GIRLS (December 12) Prep for party December 7-11 by filling sacks with candy and fruit. Assist at the party. Bake or provide cookies (optional). *Sign up before December 7.*

DELIVERY DRIVERS (December 13 – December 20) Deliver 4-5 gifts in a zip code. *Sign up before December 12.*



Telling Your Story

November 1 and 8

Fireside Room from 12 – 1 p.m.

Learn to be comfortable and confident in sharing your faith. Class led by Pastor Glenn

2026 COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING

No plans for Thanksgiving? Whether you're far from family or simply looking for a welcoming place to celebrate, join us at the Peel House for a cozy potluck. Thanksgiving hosted by Pastor Travis and the Norton family!

We'll provide a turkey! You bring additional meat, a side dish, or dessert to share!

Schedule:
12 p.m. – Doors open! Watch the parade, enjoy snacks, and help prepare the feast.
1 p.m. – Share a delicious meal together. Football games will be on, too!

Stick around afterward to help clean up – because we're all in this together!

Come as you are, bring your favorite dish, and let's make this Thanksgiving one to remember.
Sign up here https://bit.ly/4z2xAKb

ALL SAINTS DAY 2026

During our services on Sunday, November 1, we will be celebrating All Saints Day and remembering members of First Lutheran who have died since November 2, 2025 by reading their names aloud in worship. You are also welcome to include the names of other family and friends that you remember on All Saints Day. They will be remembered by having their names included in the bulletin. **You must complete this form no later than NOON on Wednesday, October 28: https://bit.ly/3WpqNeQ**

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 8

Please return your commitment cards, which you received in the mail, on November 8 at any of the four services.

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

November 24	Mexico Real 4375 Sinton Road
December 8	Thai Mint 1725 Briargate Blvd
December 22	Colorado Mtn Brewery 600 21st St, Suite180
January 12	Saltgrass Steakhouse 1405 Jamboree Drive

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers designated in memory or in honor of a loved one are now $100. Flowers needed for 11/8, 11/15, and 11/22.

Order flowers here: **https://bit.ly/4nKyPYq**

2027 ALTAR FLOWER DESIGNATION FORM NOW AVAILABLE

Purchase an altar bouquet in honor or memory of loved ones. This gift is three-fold. Not only do you remember someone's birthday, anniversary, etc., but you decorate our Sanctuary for our Sunday morning services, AND two volunteers break up the arrangement to deliver vases of flowers to our hospitalized or homebound members. Designate flowers for 2027 using this link: **https://bit.ly/3VwJJIi.**

INGATHERING OF FOOD FOR CARE AND SHARE DURING OCTOBER

Please bring all food donations to the mural of the Feeding of the Five Thousand in between the west glass doors to the Gathering Place. Most needed food items are: canned food, canned vegetables, soup, canned meat or tuna, cereal, peanut butter, oatmeal, prepackaged snacks, boxed dinners.

MEET YOUR BROTHER OR SISTER IN CHRIST

Schedule a conversation over coffee with Cheryl using this link: **https://bit.ly/4xGDUW8**

SEEDS OF JOY GARDEN GROUP

Seeds of Joy garden group will be starting a project "Leaves Fall, We Rakem" starting the later part of October through the end of November. The purpose is to help members of the congregation who would like help raking leaves on their property. Members of the congregation who would like to help will be connected to a member requesting help and arrangements can be made based on mutual schedules.

Please contact Cheryl Mahon at **cheryl@flccs.net or 719.447.6064** who will connect you to a member of Seeds of Joy for additional information.

THE EMMAUS WAY

"Jesus said, 'Abide in me.' ... A branch does not wake up every morning trying to convince the vine to accept it. It simply receives and participates in the life already flowing through it."

– Matthew Hester

Last week we talked about repentance – *metanoia* – as coming into agreement with God about reality, specifically the reality of being incessantly loved by God; our belovedness *is* our identity, and we are invited to contemplate that truth with God until it takes up permanent residence in our bones, so to speak. That will most likely require a consistent turning, a practiced re – membering (joining ourselves to again and again), that we participate in for the entirety of our lives.

Where else might we need to come into agreement with God about reality? Along the same lines of believing our belovedness is believing that the life of God is already flowing into and through us. Do we believe that? Do our lives look like it is the life of God flowing through us and producing fruit? It's okay if our initial response is hesitant to say that is true of ourselves. As always, it is in paying attention to whether that's true of us or not that the invitation comes.

I have a friend who will consistently ask me when I say these kinds of ethereal things, "But what does that *look* like?" Valid question. Here is a response for what we're talking about today. Is there a person in your life whom you find challenging to be around? Someone who rubs you the wrong way or whom you just don't like very much? It's okay if there is – we're human. But here's the question: Does God have a problem with that person? The answer, thankfully, is, "No." (If God has a problem with that person, then God also probably has a problem with us!) So what do we do?

We confess to God that we are challenged by that person. Then we acknowledge that God isn't. Then we ask God to help us let God love that person through us, and we say "Yes" to that love that is already flowing through us, choosing to participate in the life of God already present!

This is so freeing, because it means we don't have to try to conjure up love, or patience, or grace, or anything else, for anyone. God already has an infinite supply of those things, and the life of God is already fully flowing through us. We simply believe that it's true, and then we participate. And as we learned recently, salvation is in participating in the life of God. Let's participate together.

LORI DUNCAN, MINISTER OF SPIRITUAL CARE

https://bit.ly/3UZhm5v

HALLOWEEN DECORATING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 | 1 – 3 P.M.
Inside decorating of Luther Hall and Peel House

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 | 3 – 5 P.M.
Outside decorations for Luther Hall, the parking lot fence, and any other outside decorations

No signup, just show up

Volunteers still needed for Trunk or Treat and the Smores table at the firepit.

DECK THE FENCE!

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 15 | 11:30 A.M.

Decorate the church fence with garland on Sunday, November 15. Meet at 11:30 a.m. in the Gathering Place for a bit of instruction before we begin. The more volunteers, the faster we finish! Just show up!

FALL IS THE TRADITIONAL SEASON OF THANKFULNESS

We Lutheran women have a particular way of acting on gratitude called Thankofferings. Did you know that the concept of Thankoffering celebrations dates back more than 100 years and beyond Lutherans? Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and give us an important and tangible way to express that GRATITUDE.

Women of the ELCA (WELCA) Thankofferings offer an opportunity for women to celebrate and continue their commitment to the ministries of our women's organization. WELCA is the recognized women's ministry organization of the ELCA. Our organization includes members in more than 4,500 ELCA congregations, special units, clusters, conferences and Synodical Women organizations in the U.S. and the Caribbean. We gather for service, study, advocacy, fellowship and more! WELCA embraces all kinds of ministries that support our mission of mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

Thankofferings fund and support the total outreach of the WELCA organization. This effort is not just intended for women only to participate. All members of our congregations are encouraged and invited to join in this effort. Your gifts to Women of the ELCA through Thankofferings make our advocacy work, our support of WELCA groups in congregations and synods, resources, grants, scholarships, publications possible.

Instructions for anyone who wishes to send an individual Thankoffering by check:
Please make out your check to Women of the ELCA and write Thankoffering on the memo line. Then mail it to:
Women of the ELCA
ELCA Gift Processing Center
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield VA 22116-8009

Online payment options and additional info can be found at:
Thankofferings - Women of the ELCA
https://www.womenoftheelca.org/thankofferings

Gratitude cultivated, recognized, expressed and acted on. The ways we show gratitude and act on it are the ways we actually do make a difference in the world! Thank you for giving generously!

NOVEMBER OWLS

THE LEGENDARY READERS THEATRE GROUP PRESENTS *HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS CAPERS*

Thursday | November 19 | Peel House
Potluck Lunch 11 a.m.; Presentation 12 – 1:15 p.m

Welcome to the holiday season, OWLS! Please join us for a holiday potluck dinner followed by a fine presentation by the LEGENDary Readers Theatre Group as they perform vintage radio shows from the 1940's and 1950's. Your radio voices from the past will highlight four capers: *The Not-So-Wise-Men* (parody of Three Wise Men), *The Case of the Missing Holiday Brick* (high stakes culinary mystery), *The Real Wise Ones* (parody of the wives of the Not-So-Wise-Men) and *The Case of the Crimson Carat* (parody of a private eye who narrates his own life as he helps solve the case of a missing family heirloom).

Sign Up Deadline: Monday, November 16. Please sign up by using the following link: https://bit.ly/4skf7WQ or by calling the church at 719.632.8836.

In the Life of the Church …

Birthdays

November 2
Daniel Abraham
Kellee Briggs
Charlotte De Jong
Carolyn Kurtz
Kathy Mutz
Christina Stanley
Karen Weesner
Lillie Weis

November 3
Denise Gandy
Tony Keenan
Bob Larsen
Ed Pounds
Kyle Schroeder

November 4
Hosea Guerra
Lee Meyer

November 5
Bobby Kochera
Jessica Larson
Sarah Gunness Ostrem
Addi Weis
Chom Zust

November 6
Jan Britton
Maggie Goode
Jane Linnenburger
Gun Livingston
Brad Peel
Kristina Richard

November 7
Nichole Brtek
Judy Johnson
Bob McMullen
Mila Sokol

Anniversaries

November 2
Russell Flora and Donna Lovelace-Flora *19 years*

November 4
Victor and Dana Olson *43 years*

November 7
Alan and Sharon Jacobsen *58 years*

Prayer Requests

Lannette Abbey
Joan Abrahamsen
Beth Allen
Kim Arnn
Fred Bachmeier
Elmer Bauman
Tana Beall
Joan Boehm
Carrara Boone
Shari Brian
Brittany
Bill & Barbara Brown
Bryon
Karl & Pam Cartwright
Tanya Charbonneau
John & Debbie Chlebus
Nell Clowder
Linda Collier
The Al Eckley Family
Alan Flinn
Corinne Gibson
Nola Gosch
Krista Grant
Bob Haines
Private Steven Harris
Doug Hering
Ginger Hipszky
Jake Hodnett
Randy Hollar
Bill & Doreen Hulka
Jeff Ipson
Sarah Iskra
Alan Jacobsen
Kinsley Johnson
Josh Jones
Shirley Jones
Ann Junk
Jonas Kagarise
Kyong Kelley
Tami Kephart
Gaye Lynn Kielcheski
Cindy Koger
Marilyn Knutson
Sharon Kruse
Preston Lauscher
Jesse Lawrence & Family
The Leinweber-Cosico Family
Timothy Lillich
Dayne Lindquist
Irene Lopez
Garry MacCormack
Jim Matthews
Ayla McCluster & Family
Nick McKibben & Family
Hugh McNeely
Brandon Miller & Family
Marilyn Miller
Paul Moe
Michael Morarie
Tricia Muehlbauer
Wilma Nicolaisen
Robert Nielson
Sam Norton
Gwyn Miller-Olson
Owen & Family
Jack & Judy Peterson
Darlene Radke
Jeff Rapp
The Randy Schacht Family
David Selleck
The Bonnye Sielken Family
The Frank Sotomayor Family
Becky Stabler
Cindy Stanley
Matthew Stark
Becky Sternal
Barbara Swan
Michael Taylor
Karen Henderson-VanDuyn and Family
Doni Vest
Gudrun Vest
Lily Juemei Wang
Christine Welch
Suzanne Wilkinson
Greg & Carolyn Young
Beth Zautke
Julie Frank Zeeb
Charles Zerbe

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.

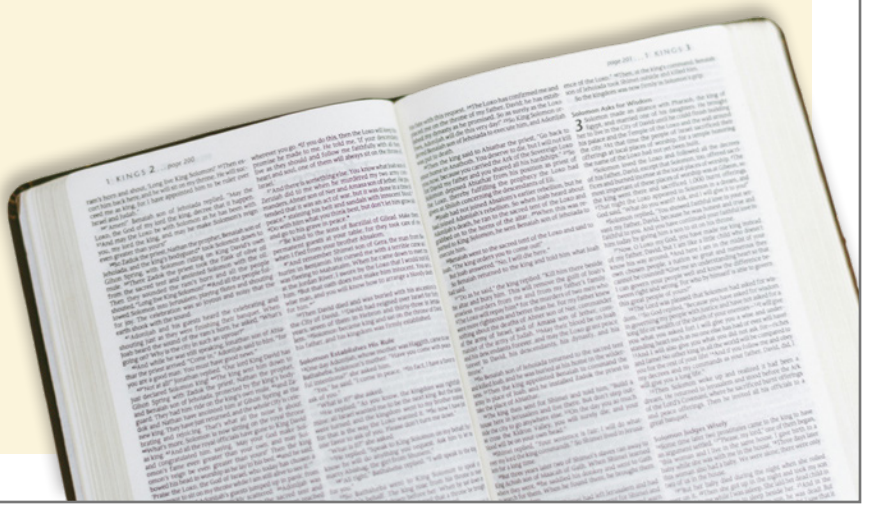
QUARTERLY ADULT EDUCATION
Four times a year, we offer Adult Education classes at a variety of times and on a wide range of interesting topics. Be sure to read the *Ekklesia* for announcements and information about upcoming programs.

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
Revelation 7: 9 – 17
1 John 3: 1 – 3
Matthew 5: 1 – 12Worship



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