

The First Messenger

June 2025



Opening doors to life in Christ.

A Lot for Which to Be Thankful.

By Lead Pastor, Joe Skogmo

Happy Summer, everyone! For this month's newsletter contribution, I thought I would offer my annual report submitted for the May 18th Annual Meeting.

As another fiscal and programmatic year approaches its sunset, there is so much to reflect upon — and so much for which to be grateful. So, I begin with gratitude.

First, thank you. Truly. Being church together takes all of us, and I never want to take a single ounce of your presence and generosity for granted. Thank you for your presence in worship, your care for one another, your prayers, your generosity, your time, your initiative, your flexibility, your patience, your honesty, your creativity, your vulnerability, your excitement, your sharing... your discipleship. We are a large church navigating a wild and volatile time in history, and it has taken all the above — and more — to discern how to stay faithful to God's call to trust the love of Jesus and to love our neighbor as ourselves. These two calls are beautifully basic, yet staying steadfast to them is anything but simple. It is often complicated, and often an adventure. So, thank you — for all that you are and all that you give-for helping us stay as true as we can to our sacred path.

Second, I want to thank our incredible office staff. They work diligently and often behind the scenes to empower the abundance of ministries and community life happening here. Every day, they face an intricate web of challenges and tasks: facilitating social assistance needs, tending to interpersonal relationships, troubleshooting building woes and technology malfunctions, setting tables literally and figuratively for various groups and ministries, communicating wide-ranging information in accessible ways, managing budgets, caring for the vulnerable, answering phones, organizing calendars, coordinating volunteers — and doing it all while stewarding our community's well-being with love.

UPCOMING:

June 16 -19

VBS

June 19

Office closed—Juneteenth

June 24

Vision Council Meeting

June 23 & 30

Adult VBS

June 30

Office Closed—Staff
Development day

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

8:30am Traditional Worship Service
10:30am Outdoor Worship Service

Begins
May 25!

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It's not always easy working in a large community setting where, in some ways, it can feel like you have a thousand 'bosses' — yet our staff does so with grace. You, as a congregation, have supported them well, and for that I give thanks.

In an era of convulsing labor markets and uncertainty in so many workplaces, we are deeply blessed to have staff at all — and over and above blessed that our current staff brings such giftedness, dedication, and care to their work.

Finally, I want to thank Pastor Matthew. His vocational discernment, layered with unforeseen and traumatic personal events, has been a heavy dynamic for him to wade through. And yet, he has waded through it with authenticity, integrity, and sincere commitment to this community and his colleagues. So, I give thanks for his authenticity and high character.

Indeed, we grieve his departure from the ministry. We lament that this is how things unfolded. And, still, we give thanks — for all that he has offered us, especially amid adversity. We honor the care he gave, even when carrying his own burdens. And we send him forward with our prayers for health, peace, and joy in the next chapters of his life.

Pastor Matthew's departure and this transition bring yet another monumental change for our community. I could go on — sincerely — about how you all have the muscle for this, about how resilient you are, but I need to name something: you are resilient... and I wonder if we're tired of being resilient. I know I am.

And still — we have each other, and I know that the state of FLC is strong and healthy. We will weather this next chapter just fine. It is tiring, but we won't stop being who we are: a people committed to worship, to learning, to service, and to joyful fellowship with one another. Because that's who God frees us to be — every single day — no matter what we face.

Now, on to reviewing this past year and looking toward what lies ahead. To really get a full picture of the wonderful and faithful community you've been this past year, I sincerely implore you to read the annual reports of our teams and ministries in this booklet. We've had some incredible people doing incredible things — things that can't be captured in a single Lead Pastor's report, and their work deserves your time. I believe that after reading them, you'll be enormously proud of the community that you are.

Please — from the Beautification team to Building & Grounds, from Personnel Committee to Stewardship to Hospitality to 234 Fellowship to the preliminary work that's taken place with our Dream Big building endeavors — take a moment to witness the divine and sacred activity happening here. These reports remind us of who we are and who we are becoming, and they give me great pride, gratitude, hope, and joy.

With that, I'll now point to some statistical data that also helps tell the story of some of this past year; every year we must submit data to denominational agencies for trend tracking, demographic research, etc. Here are some FLC data highlights for calendar year 2024:

Ministry Numbers	Calendar Year 2023	Calendar Year 2024
Baptisms	17	16
Members Transferred IN	44	39
Members Who Died	21	16
Members Transferred Out	23	9
Newly Confirmed	16	15 (*23 in '25)
Avg. In-Person Attendance.	300	322
Total Membership	1,301	1,331

Once more, a lot for which to be thankful.

On ahead we go, friends, together in Christ Jesus! I look forward to another year of being church together with all of you. I am full of hope.

Peace be with you,

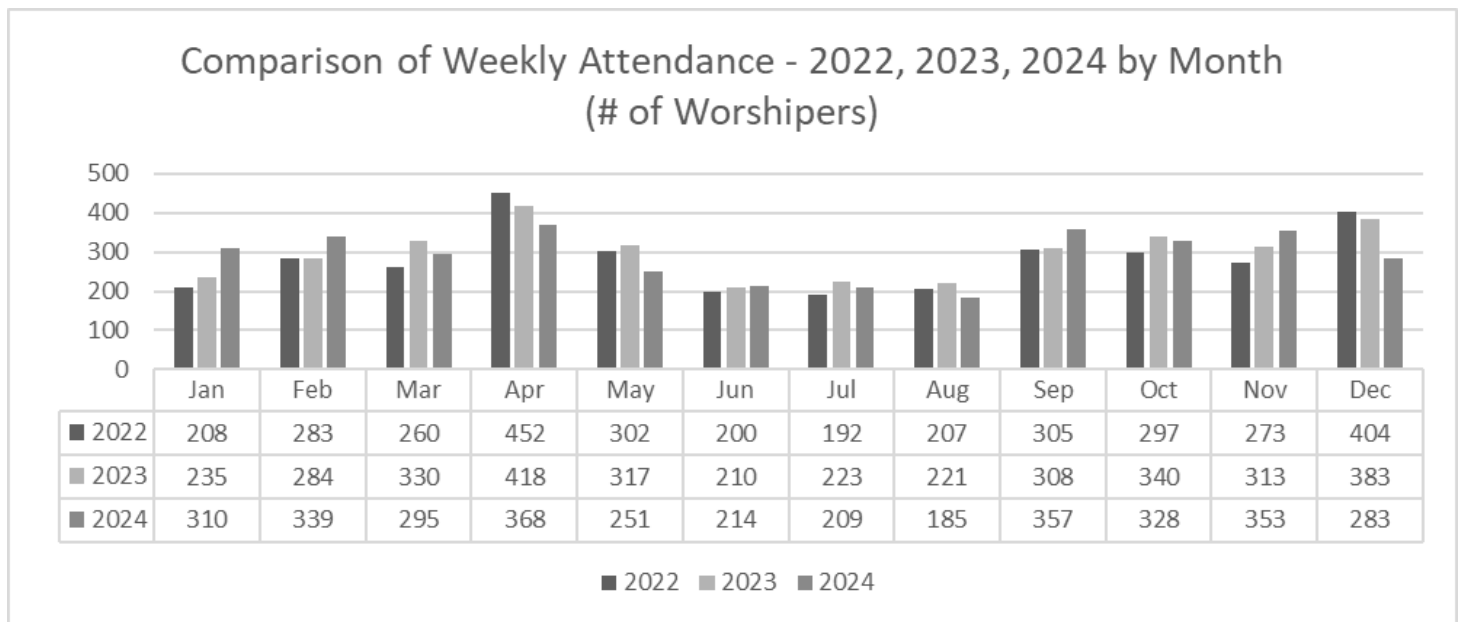
Pr. Joe

President's Message | Tom Neuenfeldt, Vision Council President

Greetings First Lutheran! I am Tom Neuenfeldt, the Vision Council President for the next year. First a little background information. Phyllis and I moved to Detroit Lakes when we retired in 2018. We chose this community to be close to our daughter and her family. We joined First Lutheran because of the welcoming spirit we felt here. It felt like family. I have been involved as a worship assistant, member/facilitator of the Creation Care Team, chair of the Stewardship Team, Treasurer, and then President-Elect on the Vision Council. In addition to those positions, I attend the Men's Daybreak Bible Study and Phyllis and I are part of the crew that washes dishes for Oasis.

For my first President's Message I would like to highlight worship attendance. In the book of Hebrews, Paul writes to Hebrew Christians who are struggling with their faith. I invite you to consider Hebrews 10: 23-25: *Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

Focus on that part that says "not giving up meeting together." Here's some worship attendance data to ponder:



Probably not big news to most of you: attendance drops considerably in the summer months. The good news is that average weekly attendance in 2024 (315 worshipers) is greater than the previous 2 years (291 in 2023 and 271 in 2022).

We meet together to worship our God, celebrate the wonder of His love, share our faith, and to "encourage one another."

I encourage you to keep coming to worship during the summer months. If you have guests, invite them to come, too.

See you in church!

Youth & Family Ministry By Olivia Sauer, Youth & Family Ministry

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

Service Project

Last month we concluded our 2024-25 Service Projects with some messy fun with our 1st graders! We learned about our earth and how we can help make a difference in our community. At the end of the evening we made recycled seed papers to plant at home.

JUNE NEWS

Vacation Bible School

Registration for VBS is now OPEN! To sign up, visit the Children's Page on the church website. Hard copies are also available in the office. Sign up will close on June 4th.

We are also in need of volunteers to help make this the best week ever. We have spots available to help with snack time, counselor support (aka extra eyes), and counselor meals. A volunteer only sign up can also be found on the Children's Page of the website.

LOOKING AHEAD

Rapid City HS Trip

July 27th-31st our high school youth will be taking a trip to Rapid City, SD. We will be exploring all there is to do; from Mt. Rushmore to Crazy Horse and having fun downtown, we're here for it all. Olivia and Matthew will be joined by 8 wonderful high schoolers and chaperone Terry Hamar. Check back next month for more exciting details about our trip.

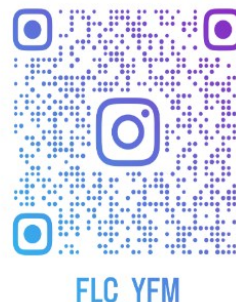
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

On May 5th, we had a special confirmation service for our 8th graders. Over the past two years they have put in a tremendous amount of work learning about Lutheranism and the Bible. Pr. Joe, Pr. Matthew, and I couldn't be more excited about their accomplishment. Please join me in welcoming our 23 newly confirmed FLC members:

Calvin Adams + Jerzey Gigstead + Brynley Sackenreuter + Reagan Badurek + Harlee Hoban + Claire Schantzen + Preslee Barker + Jenner Jensen + Kylee Schulz + Ashlyn Beck + Sophia Karlgaard + Josie Stattelmann + Macie Cervantes + Lauren Knopf + Paxtyn Steinmetz + August Doll + Logan Lotzer + Logan Swenson + Cora Elijah + Cambry McBroom + Bella Vogt + Vayda Flint + Jax Nygaard



Follow First Lutheran Youth and Family Ministry on Instagram!



If you have any questions or concerns, or want more info, contact Olivia at: 920-860-4655 or email: olivia@firstlutheranchurch.com | Typically in office M-Th 8:30am-4pm

Thoughtful Tidbit *by Pastor Matthew Engum*

Thought Tidbit: As my final farewell, I'm going to leave a longer list of my recommendations for movies/shows/music/books that I found to be particularly interesting or life-changing for me. Cheers!

What I've been doing: I believe art and the imagination to be a Truth telling device as we live out the Gospel together. Engaging in and consuming art together is a way to *be the Kingdom of God*, here and now, together. So here is what I've found particularly impactful in my consumption of art:

- *Sable, Fable* (Music Album by Bon Iver)
- *Night and Fog* (Documentary Film directed by Alain Resnais) (VERY graphic)
- *Man's Search for Meaning* (Book by Viktor Frankl)
- *The Process* (Music Album by Judah & the Lion)
- *Dead Poets Society* (Film directed by Peter Weir)
- *Some Kind of Peace* (Music Album by Ólafur Arnalds)
- *The Silent Cry: Mysticism & Resistance* (Book by Dorothee Soelle)
- *Paterson* (Film directed by Jim Jarmusch)
- *Silence* (Book by Shusaku Endo)
- *The Universal Christ* (Book by Richard Rohr)
- *The Good Place* (T.V. show currently streaming on Netflix)
- *Interstellar* (Film directed by Christopher Nolan)
- *The Revenant* (Film directed by Alejandro González Iñárritu)
- *Modern Man in Search of a Soul* (Book by Carl Jung)



Best,
Pastor Matthew Engum

CLOTHES

by Patti Cummins

2 Corinthians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all Comfort.

We were in the middle of our seasonal clothing transfer, sorting out the clothes that were either too small for this rapidly growing little girl or unsuitable for the coming season. After whittling the pile down, she tried on wardrobe additions from store sales, rummage sales, and the Boys and Girls Club Thrift Store.

Grandma was slightly frustrated – she nixed jeans and the flouncy skorts or rompers.

"We can put them in the drawer, but I probably won't wear them," she explained as she added them to the "keep" pile as a conciliatory gesture.

"Jeans are more appropriate for walks in the woods and other outdoor activities, and they will be better for cool or windy days", I countered. "You love wearing dresses for special occasions, why don't you like the skorts and rompers?"

"Grandma," she gently offered, "I like clothes that squeeze me. I don't like clothes that won't stay close to me."

And there it was – she liked clothes that hugged her. Clothes in which she felt comforted and protected. Clothes that gave her the freedom to live and move fully through life without worry.

So it is with us also. We experience true freedom in life when we go forward clothed with full knowledge of God's love and care for us and we feel His presence with us whatever comes our way. We are called to freedom by truly loving our neighbor as ourselves.

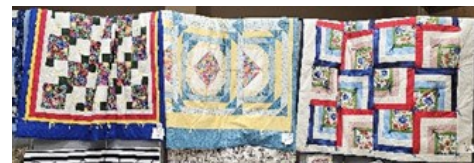
My hope and prayer are that, as Oaklyn continues to grow and mature spiritually, she will know God's love and care for her, and that she will experience the "hug" of God's comforting presence with her every day.



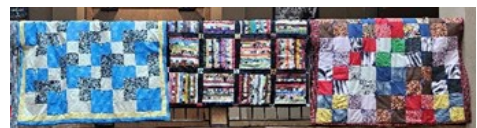


Do you need a quilt for a gift? Or to fold at the foot of the bed or near the couch for a spot of color? Check out the quilts on display near the dining room, upstairs and on the stair railing. Some quilts on display will change every week or so and will be on view until Vacation Bible School starts in mid-June. Funds from quilt sales allow us to purchase supplies to continue making donation quilts. We recently purchased ten rolls of quilt batting, (a pickup truck full), in order to continue to make quilts for donation locally, nationally and internationally.

We are currently pushing to finish and box up as many quilts as we can for the spring shipment to Lutheran World Relief. There are sewing and non-sewing jobs to do. Join us!



The FLC Quilters meet
Tuesdays from
8:30 to 11:30 am in the
Recreation Room.
Join us !



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Join us for a Fundraising Event @ FLC on **Sunday, July 20**. Enjoy a morning of FUN while supporting a great cause!

The Beautification Team is raising money to update our Christmas decorations. After 40 years of use, our large sanctuary Christmas tree needs to be replaced—and you can help!

+ Have your picture taken with Santa while he is here on summer vacation!

+Enjoy a glass of lemonade, a Christmas cookie or a cup of Holiday Blend coffee!

+Purchase some Lefsa or Krumkake!

+ Pick a Giving Envelope off the Angel Tree and drop it in the offering plate or the church office.

We appreciate you! All donations will be used to beautify our spaces @ FLC!!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

In May we welcomed several new members to First Lutheran!

MiKayla Borah and Briella Giwoyna.

Wade Dutton

Deb Erickson

Debra Knutson

Kyle & Kayla Muckenhirn, and their children Owen & Rory

Nancy Noben-Trauth

Donald & Mary Beth Okeson

Steven & Deanne Sperling

Kyle & Liz Waterman and their child Taylor



Making Connections | Meet KO & Becky!

Hi from KO & Becky!

Technically, we are Keith Owen (KO) Arneson & Rebecca (Becky) Rudel, but if you want us to respond quickest, go for the shortened versions. We are native North Dakota farm kids who grew up doing it all on our family farms. KO is originally from Edmore, ND where he still has a farming interest. Professionally, he started as an elementary teacher and moved into the role of School Superintendent for 20 years, retiring from Northwood ND. He got his undergrad degree from UND and grad degree from NDSU (ah - go Sioux!). Becky comes from Fessenden, ND and got her nursing degree from Minot State, a grad degree from UND, and another from UND. In practice for 45 years, Becky taught nursing for 32 of those years, retiring as a professor with MSUM.



Our first young families were highly involved in our respective communities and churches and we served on countless local, state, and national boards related to our passions and our work. Whew. Then, life as it was, changed for both of us. KO and his four (mostly teen-aged) kids were suddenly and tragically alone. Becky and her three girls (ages 18-23) became "single." Both KO & Becky lived by how the song goes, "People need the Lord... at the end of broken dreams, He's the open door" (Steve Green).

Fast forward and magically we met and will soon celebrate 19 years of marriage. So grateful. Combined, we've got seven kids. KO's are Kyle (Frannie), Kellen (Annie), Kelsey (Nicholi) & Keaton (Amanda). Becky's are Heidi (Jason), Jill (Nic), & Kristen (Shane). (Fun fact #1: Heidi & Jason are ELCA pastors in Chicago.) Add to this, the blessing of 10 grandkids— who we never get enough of. The grands' ages range from 17 to 3. (Fun fact #2: two of KO's sons had twins!) The families are now so busy that we mostly trek their ways to cheer them on (to Chicago, Minneapolis, Sioux Falls, Grand Forks, and Fargo). Oh – and the big group photo is from Kelsey's wedding in our backyard, missing three from Chicago and a set of twins!

KO & Becky retired on Cotton Lake in 2020. Fun fact #3: Cotton is a "home" for Becky. In 1903, her great-grandfather Meland emigrated from Norway to a nearby farm. Then, in 1980, Becky's ND parents bought a humble spot on Cotton. So far, retirement has been such a gift and joy. We love Cotton, we chase around a lot, and spend months in Mesa. So, you might not see us in "our" pew (ha!) every Sunday at FLC (but we take in 1-3 services in-person and online each Sunday).

First Lutheran Church (FLC) is our chosen home. What an amazing gift. FLC is a community united by faith, showing God's love in service. FLC is alive, thriving, and real. FLC lives the ELCA mission, emphasizing that God's love and grace is limitless, all people are welcomed, and by striving for justice and wholeness here and in the world. We love all of it.

We are so grateful for our Pastors, for FLC's amazing staff, and for you fellow Lutherans in whatever pew (or sofa) you sit in. Thanks.



MEMORIALS | *Thank you to those who gave in honor or memory of their family and friends.*

GENERAL

- In honor of Reagan Badurek: given by Jean & Philip Olson

SOUND & TECH

- In memory of Arlene Rishovd : given by Adrienne & Larry Buboltz

Reminder: when giving memorials to the FLC Foundation or FLC Quilters, please make separate checks.

NOISY OFFERING TOTALS

The total from the **April** Noisy Offering, going to: **Solar Sister is: \$ 1,038.25**

The **May** Noisy Offering went to: **Lutheran World Relief.**

In **June**, the Noisy Offering will go to: **ELCA Seminary Support**

FLC APRIL FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Actual Revenue*, Year to Date:	\$605,830.85
Budget Revenue, Year to Date	<u>\$634,920.00</u>
Favorable/(Unfavorable)	(29,089.15)
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SHARE YOUR MUSICAL GIFTS WITH US!



Do you have a musical message you would like to share during one of our worship services this summer? Perhaps you have a relative or friend visiting that would like to share their talents with us. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact the office or Karen Bimberg at Karen@firstlutheranchurch.com

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! | A message for the Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee would like to wish Sarah the very best as she pursues her new goals. Our committee has been under her leadership and we would all agree that she was the first to say "How can I help," or "What can I do"? Now it's our turn to ask that same question of ourselves and one another.

We are going to be short staffed this summer so we need all hands on deck to help relieve some pressure on our staff and help avoid things like Pastor Joe looking for volunteers on Sunday mornings. That means we're looking for folks to serve as ushers, greeters, readers, and communion servers for both services. If you've done it before, consider inviting someone new to join you—maybe even make it a family moment. And if you're brand new and feeling a little nervous, no worries: Sarah has left us with simple, step-by-step instructions (available in the narthex) to make it easy. Truly, there's no way to mess it up.

We also need some helping hands to host Fellowship Hour between services. It's as simple as brewing coffee (cheat sheets are posted for that too!). Cookies are served weekly, but only if someone signs up to bring them—store-bought is absolutely fine!

You'll find the volunteer sign-up sheets just outside the office. The Hospitality Committee hopes you hear this as a warm invitation—but also a real call to action. We're a church that shows up for each other. Let's keep that spirit alive this summer. Thank you!

First Lutheran Church Foundation

First Lutheran Church Foundation Meeting Minutes April 27, 2025

Members present: Ryan Manke, Shar Arvig, Patti Cummins, Sue Schaffer, Les Perry, and Mike Fillmore-Investment Advisor

Members absent: Don Busker, Pam Orth, Alex Hagedorn

The meeting was called to order by Ryan Manke at 10:30 AM, followed by a group prayer.

Secretary's Report: Report prepared by Patti Cummins and members reviewed prior to meeting. Ryan asked that Building and Seminary funds be line-itemed on the Treasurer's report and Sue Schaffer agreed. MSA: Sue Schaffer, Les Perry

Treasurer's Report: Sue Schaffer presented the report MSA: Shar Arvig, Les Perry.
Mike Fillmore: Balance even with dips. Cash generation continues to be what we anticipated. He doesn't believe the cash generation will be where it is at by year-end, but doesn't expect a big change. Average annual return since the Foundation inception about 8.5%.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Board member open position – Church Council suggested LeAnn Mouw. Ryan Manke discussed with her and she is willing to serve. MSA: Sue Schaffer, Patti Cummins
- Suggested a board member be chosen as intern to the Treasurer to allow time to train for the position. The intern would become the Treasurer at the next open term.
- Foundation books have never been audited. To check whether Foundation books could be added onto annual report and what cost would be. Ryan will explore costs.

Funding Requests:

- Acknowledge Becker County DAC was given
- Kepha Mwangi – Doesn't meet our guidelines as a non-profit. MSA: Ryan Manke, Les Perry
- Vacation Bible School – Discussion to fund the full cost of \$5500.00 MSA: Shar Arvig, Les Perry
- TeachHaiti – Grant full request of \$8000. MSA Sue Schaffer, Shar Arvig
- Essentia Foundation Fundraiser Sponsor – Discussion would like something more project-specific. Decline this particular request: MSA: Les Perry, Ryan Manke
- Let's Go Fishing has a new pontoon and would like to have logos placed for major donors, of which we are one. Discussion to just include name. Will include script First Lutheran Church Foundation. If they require logo we will pass. MSA: Shar Arvig, Les Perry
- Scholarship committee and approval. Four scholarships received and are granted. Discussion to grant \$1000 per application. MSA : Les Perry, Shar Arvig

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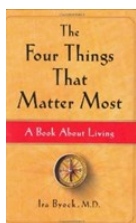
Promotional materials received from the following: Lakes Crisis & Resource Center, YMCA - Camp Cormorant, Downtown Alive Pamphlet–Detroit Lakes City beautification. Global Refuge Pamphlet. Request considerations declined at this time. MSA: Shar Arvig, Sue Schaffer.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 11:40 AM.

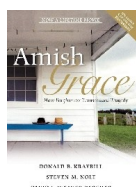
Next meeting: July 20, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in First Lutheran's conference room

Respectfully submitted by Patti Cummins

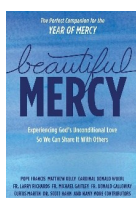
New At The Library | Submitted by Patti Cummins



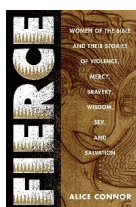
The Four Things That Matter Most by Ira Byock, M.D.. The inspiring stories in *The Four Things That Matter Most* demonstrate the usefulness of the Four Things in a wide range of life situations. They also show that a degree of emotional healing is always possible and that we can experience a sense of wholeness even in the wake of family strife, personal tragedy, divorce, or in the face of death. With practical wisdom and spiritual punch, *The Four Things That Matter Most* gives us the language and guidance to honor and experience what really matters most in our lives every day.



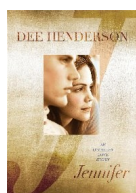
Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy by Donald B. Kraybill. In a world where repaying evil with evil is almost second nature, the Amish remind us there's a better way. In plain and beautiful prose, *Amish Grace* recounts the Amish witness and connects it to the heart of their spirituality. This balanced presentation blends history, current evaluation of American society, and an examination of what builds community into a seamless story that details the shootings while it probes the religious beliefs that led to such quick forgiving.



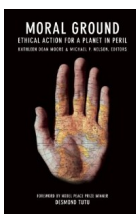
Beautiful Mercy: Experiencing God's Unconditional Love So We Can Share It with Others by Pope Francis. Giving and receiving mercy is central to living a life of passion and purpose. Yet, for some reason, most people believe they are either too young or too old, not religious enough, or simply don't have enough time to live a life uncommon. The perfect companion for the Year of Mercy called for by Pope Francis, it inspires readers to realize that extraordinary acts of love are possible for anyone no matter where they are in life.



Fierce: Women of the Bible and Their Stories by Alice Connor. Women in the Bible aren't shy or retiring; they're fierce and funny and demanding and relevant to 21st-century people. Some of their names we know, others we've only heard, and others are tragically unnamed. *Fierce* invites us to see them not as players in a man's story as victims or tempters nor as morality archetypes, but as fierce foremothers of the faith. These women's stories are messy, challenging, and beautiful. When we read their stories, we can see not only their particular, fearsome lives but also our own.



Jennifer: An O'Malley Love Story by Dee Henderson. Dee Henderson returns to the world of The O'Malley Series to share the untold story of Jennifer--the youngest O'Malley sibling! After finding God and falling in love, life is good for Dr. Jennifer O'Malley. But can her faith--and her family--survive the challenges ahead?



Moral Ground – Ethical Action for a Planet in Peril by Kathleen Dean Moore & Michael P. Nelson. **Moral Ground** brings together the testimony of over 80 visionaries: theologians and religious leaders, scientists, elected officials, business leaders, naturalists, activists, and writers to present a diverse and compelling call to honor our individual and collective moral responsibilities to our planet. In the face of environmental degradation and global climate change, scientific knowledge alone does not tell us what we ought to do. The missing premise of the argument and much-needed centerpiece in the debate to date has been the need for ethical values, moral guidance, and principled reasons for doing the right thing for our planet, its animals, its plants, and its people. This book encourages a newly discovered, or rediscovered, commitment to consensus about our ethical obligation to the future and why it's wrong to wreck the world.

Watch for the new Little Public Library to be installed on our front lawn!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
1 COMMUNION 8:30a Traditional Worship 10:30a Contemporary Worship-Outdoors	2	3 8:30a Quilters 9a Office Staff Mtg	4 6:30a Men's Bible Study 5p Worship Team Reh. 5:30p Build & Grounds Mtg	5 8:30a Women's Bible Study	6 <i>Office Summer Hours 8:30am— noon</i>	7
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Please note: this Newsletter Calendar showcases and prioritizes the basic ministry schedule at First Lutheran and does not contain every congregational activity or the multiple ways our building is being used throughout the month. Calendar is correct at time of printing. UP-TO-DATE CALENDAR AVAILABLE at firstlutheran-church.com/calendar



Adult Vacation Bible School

Following the Path of Paul through Greece & Turkey

MONDAY, JUNE 23 & MONDAY, JUNE 30
OUTDOORS ON THE GREEN SPACE



Schedule of Events:

5:30-6 p.m. Greek Appetizers/Beverages/Music

6-7 p.m. Education Hour

7-8 p.m. Greek Arts and Crafts

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