



The First Messenger

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

Adult VBS	August 7 th
Electric Vehicle Event	August 12 th
Stepping Stone Creating	August 13 th
Healing Service	August 27 th

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NOISY OFFERING TOTALS

The total Noisy Offering collected in June is \$499.08 and was donated to The Boys & Girls Club of DL!

Check back next month for the July Noisy Offering totals going towards Lutheran World Relief.

In the month of August, Noisy Offering collected will be go towards TeachHaiti. TeachHaiti seeks to help students of Haiti emerge from poverty and experience a purposeful Christ-led life.

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Camp Songs!

Fun!

Refreshments!

Crafts!

Vacation Bible School *FOR ADULTS*

Session 1—Monday, July 31
5:30 PM to 8 PM
Martin Luther & the Reformation
Led by Pr. Joe

Session 2—Monday, August 7
5:30 PM to 8 PM
Martin Luther's Theology of the Cross vs. Theology of Glory
Led by Pr. Joe

Mark Your Calendars!

RALLY DAY

Rally Sunday
Sunday, September 10

Rally Wednesday
Wednesday, September 13

PASTOR JOE'S UPDATE

Update from Lead Pastor Joe Skogmo



After three-plus years of being at First Lutheran Church, it is becoming increasingly clear to me that there are at least two unavoidable constants here at FLC. The first constant that seems to be a part of the very fabric of this place...**is change**. No three years have been even close to the same at this place since I and my family arrived in July of 2020.

The first 12 months were an undulating journey through the ever-convulsive turmoil and restrictions of COVID-19: online worship only, outdoor worship only, limited/RSVP worship only, worship with masks, full worship without masks, and then back to restrictions, then back out of restrictions; all the while, we tried to radically respond to the social assistance needs that were being asked of us in increasing numbers by people and families coming to our doors in desperation. Out of that moment emerged and evolved a critical ministry of serving the suffering among us. Not to mention, in that year, we were also trying to sort out how to house childcare in our building after Kids First Preschool lost its director and staff and momentarily ceased its services after decades of remarkable early childhood commitment.

The next 12 months were then spent figuring out re-stabilization after the height of Covid and other organizational restructuring: we had a significant Youth and Family Ministry overhaul – we changed the anatomy and process of confirmation, added emphases to early childhood ministry (0 to 3 years old), and added emphases to High School youth ministry, meanwhile trends for our young families swung drastically from Sunday programmatic to Wednesday programmatic; all the while, we spent that year learning how to ‘walk’ again as a congregation – back to full communion, back to full Lenten services and meals, back to Oasis meals but adding a full worship service on Wednesdays, back to full offering, and so on and so on.

These last 12 months have been feeling like we’re climbing back to a place of momentum and stability where we can more intentionally reflect on who we are and whom God is calling us to be: we’ve engaged in strategic planning, conducted cottage meetings, and had lay leadership analyze the data that the congregation was offering; we identified 1) that meaningful, dynamic, and faithful **worship** is a priority we need to continue to hold and devote ourselves to; 2) we identified that creating space and intentionality for authentic **fellowship/discipleship** to be developed is a core goal; 3) we identified that partnering with and supporting **staff/pastors** is a critical part of our sustainability, and, finally, 4) we identified that investing in our **building** is a critical element of living into God’s mission to serve our community, and vital part of continually forming our congregation faithfully. These last 12 months have been months of discernment and investment that have required sincere effort, diligence, adaptation and **change**.

Meanwhile and all along, we’ve experienced a turnover of multiple beloved staff in these last 36 months. From our Preschool Director (Diane), to our Youth Director (Maddie), to our Business Manager (Susie), to our Support Ministries Coordinator (Mackenzie), to our Youth and Family Ministry Director (Emma), we have had some of the best! —making it all the more painful and uncertain when their vocations here had run their course.

I haven’t even scratched the surface of the **change** we’ve experienced in the last three years, much less the change in the last 10 years. Going through such things from Covid to a high clip of staff turnover in these last three years, to managing other trials over the last decade plus have, indeed, been challenging and disadvantageous...and...**AND** the author and journalist Malcolm Gladwell, in his book *David and Goliath* writes that sometimes, such disadvantages can be “desirable” disadvantages, because when you survive them, you build muscle and tolerance for change and adaptation and you build skillsets that you otherwise wouldn’t have; as Gladwell puts it “out of despair,” if you can manage to traverse through it, “rises an indomitable force,”¹ or as is the hope and promise of our Scripture, out of death, comes resurrection and new life.

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¹Malcolm Gladwell, *David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants* (New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2013), 275.

LAURYL'S WORD

Update from Pastor Lauryl Ivers, Associate Pastor

Dear First Lutheran Family,

In Lutheran theology and terminology, we are all a “priesthood of believers”, and we live out that call by actively loving God and our neighbors. One of the ways we, of all ages, can all do this is by visiting people who are suffering. Some of our members share this ministry regularly as they visit homebound members monthly - for which I’m so grateful! And some of us share this ministry when we’re called upon – like when we visit someone in the hospital, home or nursing home, or offer comfort to someone who is grieving. Some of us are uncomfortable doing this though - I often hear people say, “I don’t want to visit this person because I don’t know how I’d react/what I should do/what I should say....” Those are very normal feelings and concerns because we don’t want to say or do the “wrong thing”, so sometimes we do nothing at all. And in my experience, that can be hurtful to someone who is suffering.

Through training and experience I’ve learned many things about how to approach visiting people who are hurting. First of all, there is no “cookie cutter” rule. When you show up for someone, just be yourself, with all your real emotions and concerns, you don’t have to fix the problem, you’re there to care. Put their needs first, first, and first, and leave your needs at the door. (I say a quick, silent prayer before I walk into their room, asking God to take away my agenda and let me be open to God’s and their agenda.) Even if you don’t say a word, you can just sit there (sitting is better than standing – get to an eye to eye level), or hug them, or hold their hand (I ask permission to touch them)– it will touch their heart and bring comfort. And it may surprise you, that it will bring comfort for you as well. Of course, if the person isn’t open to your visit right then, respectfully leave, and check with other family or staff to learn when it might be a better time to visit. My rule of thumb is to make the visit short– 10 minutes or so. If you want to talk, maybe ask them how it’s going, and just listen, patiently, accepting the silent pauses, just listen. And before leaving I ask them if there is something I can get for them – a drink of water, a blanket, a short prayer (if they’d like a prayer, I ask them what they’d like me to pray for – and that’s what I pray.)

I read some helpful suggestions from CaringBridge, an online support community, last week, that I’m passing along (with some of my inserts) in hopes they’ll be helpful for you in this important, loving ministry.

7 Ways to Console Someone Going Through a Hard Time (and I added an 8th and 9th)

1. Be there for them: Show up **throughout** the crisis.
2. Tell them you love them (if that’s your relationship – this means a lot); and show them you care, e.g., doing something practical they would find useful like making a dinner, watering plants, etc.
3. Let them know you’re thinking of them – e.g., send a card, call, text (if that’s something they can respond to), let them know you’re praying for them, (you could ask if they’d like to be in the church’s public prayers and/or on the confidential Prayer Chain)
4. Take time to just listen – even months and years later....
5. A hug can speak volumes (I ask first if it’s ok for me to hug them)– sometimes that’s better than talking, when words are hard to find.
6. Share memories, (or uplifting stories you know they’d be interested in)
7. Continue to offer support even after the crisis
8. (Don’t be afraid to “weep with those who weep.” Honor their feelings of sadness, anger, frustration... not judging or trying to fix them, only loving with compassion.)
9. (Add them and their concerns to your personal prayers after you leave.)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction... (2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NRSV).

Thank you and God bless you,
Pastor Lauryl

PRESIDENT'S POST

Update from Vision Council President Gail Colby

Hello First Lutheran!

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. The summer is half way through and I'm already worried about the cool mornings getting cooler. I worry about the warm weather projects I need to get done. When I work on my projects that need to get done before it gets cold, I realize I'm forfeiting my "fun" summer time for "project" time. It's hard to keep a balance. I guess I prefer mowing to snow blowing. I would rather be sweaty and dusty than have my fingers and toes go numb from the cold! I like it warm. I know there are some that will disagree with me. Maybe our Minnesota summers wouldn't seem so amazing if we didn't have to battle all the blizzards, ice dams and sub-zero weather. So let's enjoy our glorious summer!



First Lutheran's projects continue to be in process. Your continued prayers for the timing of the contractors to all work out smoothly is appreciated. The Building and Grounds committee has recommended the VC approve a proposal to use some of the funds from the dedicated kitchen fund for a mini-makeover of the kitchen until the larger scale remodeling can be done to address some of the more urgent issues. We also hope to accomplish this before the school years starts. We will do our best to keep you updated.

Congratulations to our Vision Council member at Large, Scott Sonstegaard on his retirement and the sale of his store Becker Pet and Garden! He and Angie will be moving to Alexandria in the fall. Unfortunately for the VC we will be looking for someone to finish the last 9 months of his term. I would like to thank Scott for his service on the Vision Council. We wish him the best in his retirement and we will very much miss him and Angie in our church and community!

Please pray for those in our church and community who have had to endure the loss of loved ones and all people that have been involved in accidents of all kinds. Please follow the safety rules while you enjoy your recreation. Stay hydrated, wear lifejackets, helmets, sunscreen and wide brim hats. Remind your friends, neighbor and all your loved ones to do the same. We are all precious in His sight!

See you at worship!

We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you. 2 Chronicles 20:12



FLC is no longer taking furniture donations. If you have furniture you would like to give, please consider contacting the Lakes Crisis Center or The Boys & Girls Club. We will continue to take gently used clothing or hygiene items, which can be dropped off in the church office. Thank you to all who have donated in the past. It is greatly appreciated.



MEALS NEEDED FOR HOMELESS GUESTS

We are in search of volunteers willing to make meals to handout to those who are hungry. The church will provide containers and reimbursement for ingredients to make the meals. Examples of meals that people have made in the past are: tator tot hotdish, spaghetti, or meatballs and potatoes with gravy, but you are welcome to make whatever you prefer. Any questions regarding this ministry can be directed to Sarah in the church office.



Parish Health

Denise Gaard ♦ 218-847-5656 ♦ denise@firstlutheranchurch.com

UV Safety

Too much exposure to ultraviolet rays from the sun can weaken the immune system, making it harder to fight infections.

What is U.V. light and why is it damaging?

Radiation is emitted from the sun in the form of Ultraviolet or U.V. light. This light is invisible and present during the day, especially during the times of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. when the sun is at its peak. Too much exposure to this U.V. light can cause sun damage if you're not protected.

5 ways to protect yourself against the sun's harmful light

Consider some ways to protect yourself against harmful U.V. rays this summer.

1. **Stay in the shade.** The sun is the brightest and most harmful during the times 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Make sure you are shaded during those times.
2. **Protect your skin.** Wear clothing that covers your arms and legs. If it's warm, consider lightweight long sleeves and pants.
3. **Wear a hat.** Protect your ears, face, and neck by wearing a wide-brimmed hat.
4. **Use sunscreen.** Apply sunscreen on all skin exposed to the sun. Dermatologists recommend using sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30 which blocks about 95% of the sun's harmful rays.
5. **Wear sunglasses.** Minimize your eyes' exposure to bright sunlight by wearing large sunglasses that cover your eyes and skin. Many eye diseases, such as cataracts and glaucoma, can develop without the use of sunglasses.

POLLINATOR GARDEN STEPPING STONES



The Pollinator Garden is taking root. Volunteers have been watering diligently. Please stop out front of the education wing and take a look. It will take a few years to mature into the flower oasis we are hoping for. Our next step is to create stepping stones to use to make a walking path.

The stepping stones will be 8-inch diameter cement circles and 3 inches thick. We are making 15 of these on Sunday August 13 after the 10:30 church service. We are asking for volunteer to help decorate the surface with inlaid stones, marbles or designs. We will mix and prepare, just bring your imagination and special items you would like to use. We will also have an assortment of items too.

To help offset the cost of this project we will be collecting a freewill offering for the stepping stones.

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In other words, change is a constant here and change is hard...and change at FLC has built endurance; as the Apostle Paul wrote to his church in Rome, “affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts...” (Romans 5:3-5).

And there is the other constant I alluded to at the start of this article. The other constant I’ve experienced in this place is...**endurance. Because of God’s love** experienced through Word and Sacrament, God’s love experienced through all of you...FLC has built up endurance (and, to be sure, endurance doesn’t mean you aren’t miserable and tired at times, just ask any marathon runner at mile 18; rather, endurance means the strength and skillset to keep going).

The two constants of FLC in my time here: **change** and **endurance** - through God, the power to keep going.

Friends, we’ve had Covid, we’ve had staff changes that take the wind right out of us, we have a building that currently needs our attention, investment, and creativity, we have a staff of veterans and talented, spiritually gifted newcomers, we have laypeople and leadership that has been tested and tried, and we stare down holy risks in the near future, down the pike we have institutional uncertainty, a changing and unpredictable religious landscape, and a future absolutely sure to be one filled with increasing changes and need for adaptation...*and*...we have the God who does not fail, and we have endurance. We have each other and we have hope.

As we enter into the programmatic year with a lot of uncertainty from the Director of YFM position to the investments to our parking lot, brickwork, and HVAC system – all sure to bring changes to the way we worship and function here... we’ve got this, and God has got us.

To change and endurance,

Pastor Joe



“Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.”

We had sat in both the front and the back before. Then one Sunday, Oaklyn didn’t even glance at the back pews as she purposefully strode to the chairs up front. She sat on her chair backwards, assessing all the action that was happening behind our seats.

“Grandma, when do we get to do other stuff?” she queried after a few minutes. I didn’t get what she was wondering about initially, whether she thought we had plans for after church, or something else was brewing in that brain so filled with curiosity and wonder. I asked her what she meant, and she answered, “You know - like handing out the papers and other stuff.” By papers, she meant the bulletins. I’m not sure what the “other stuff” was, but she was seeing it as possibilities for joy.

Why is it that kids see the joy in activities that adults see as “duty” or “obligation”. Where have I, as an adult, lost some sense of wonder, joy, and connection that kids so enthusiastically dive into? Kids reunite us with joy and wonder.

It seems like I’ve attended a lot of funerals this year. The people whose lives I’ve helped celebrate carried joy with them – Bev, Marny, Jean, George, Al, and others. They “served the Lord with gladness” (Psalm 100:2a), sharing the fruits of the Spirit that imbued them with joy, even as they brought joy to others.

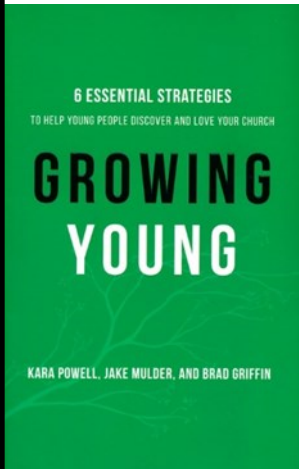
One of our liturgical pieces reminds me of Psalm 51:12, “Restore to me the joy of thy salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit.” It reminds me that genuine joy comes from the knowledge of God’s grace and faithfulness, and that joy increases when my spirit is willing to serve God’s creation, including all His people.

Last Sunday, Paula Schultz prefaced her reading of the day’s scripture with “It gives me joy to read to you . . .”, and it brought to us joy as well. Peggy Hammerling’s talent freed our hearts and minds to experience “Simple Gifts” and to feel the joy God has for us.

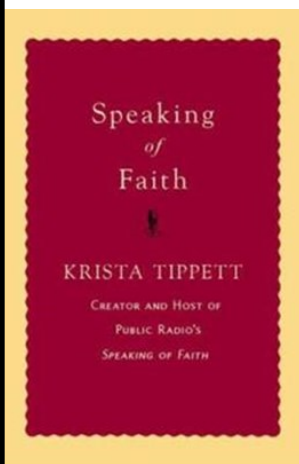
Many people have heard me say that I won’t let some “thing” steal my joy. Sometimes the concerns of this world try to steal my joy, and I need to reclaim it through prayer, worship, and service to God’s people. I am so grateful for everyone who has served as a blessing to me, and hope that I can pass that blessing on to others. And I hope Oaklyn always knows what a blessing she is to Grandma.

-Written by Patti Cummins

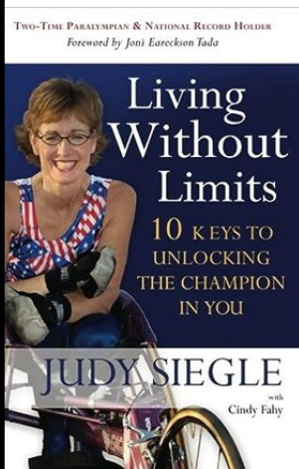
LIBRARY UPDATE



What makes *Growing Young* unique is that it is based upon an in-depth study of scholars, national ministry leaders, youth ministry experts, as well as research and visits to 363 diverse congregations who have effective ministries to young people. The authors recognize that there is hope for the church today. All is not lost. There are congregations truly engaging and equipping the next generation. Second, young people should not be an add-on to the church, but the heart of the church. When this is done right, it brings a true vibrancy to the entire congregation. As the authors observe, "The good news is that when we bridge generation gaps, *everyone* grows young." And third, at the end of each chapter there are practical steps for church leaders and volunteers to take to help their church "grow young." This is a book of research, stories, and application.



From the creator and host of public radios "Speaking of Faith," this book offers the story of the conversational journey of discourse among theologians, scientists, ethicists, and seekers who explore such complex subjects as justice, evil, and love--all within the concept of spirituality.



In a split second, Judy Siegle's dream of playing college basketball was shattered when a car crash left her with a broken neck. In *Living Without Limits*, Judy relates her story of intense rehabilitation and years of hard work that allowed her to become a two-time Paralympian. In a stunning departure from theory, Judy's intensely personal story of triumph shatters the most common barriers that prevent personal and professional success, revealing the principles of excellence that can help anyone achieve a life that is fulfilling and rewarding. She shares ten powerful life keys designed to unlock the untapped potential and purpose within each one of us. This exciting story will inspire anyone looking to fulfill their dreams and unlock the champion within.



Thank you to the FLC members who volunteered at Tuesdays in the Park in July! Even with the rainy weather, they were able to serve 97 people and raise \$759 to benefit the Fuller Center of Housing!

First Lutheran Church Strategic Outline

GOAL 1: Create accessible, relevant, and faithful worship to promote congregational and community engagement.

Promote intergenerational worship opportunities.

Invest in audio visual and online technology to enhance both in person and online worship.

Cultivate belonging through volunteer opportunities.

Actions taken to date in response to Strategic Planning: Replacing outdated soundboard equipment, invested in hearing assistance technology for sanctuary to make worship accessible for persons with a hearing impairment, invited our youth to increase engage through noising offering, helping w/ communion, ushering, acolyting, worship technology, serving meals, and changes to confirmation, Advent & Lent community worship and lunches.

GOAL 2: Grow in authentic relationships & discipleship.

Create a fellowship team that will host at least four fellowship opportunities each year.

Hold at least four Adult Faith Formation opportunities throughout the year.

Allot time for gatherings just to get to know one another.

Task each ministry and fellowship group with creating opportunities develop relationships and discipleship.

Promote more small group opportunities.

Engage in intentional story telling.

Respond to the human needs of the community by membership outreach.

Actions to date in response to Strategic: The Hospitality team have been working on more robust volunteer and new member engagement strategies; Adult Faith Formation, Creation Care Team, WELCA, Pastors and staff have planned a myriad of educational and fellowship opportunities (Bible studies, Holy Land presentation, Grief Share, Mental Health Forum, book studies, Walk to Jerusalem, Advent and Lenten lunches, Oasis, youth trips to Duluth and Tulsa, Theology on Tap, Creation Care and WELCA events.

GOAL 3: Promote, Support, and Retain Healthy Pastoral & Staff Leadership

Develop a robust and sustainable volunteer program to help hold up the work of the church.

Identify ways to support staff so they can thrive as employees and individuals.

Encourage continuing education for pastors and staff.

Facilitate a healthy environment that retains church leadership and staff and promotes the shared mission of FLC.

Actions taken to date in response to Strategic Planning: Approved a 5% raise for staff/pastors, increased benefits, and added a continuing education line item.

GOAL 4: Provide a safe, healthy, inviting facility & location to support the thriving of FLC's ministries.

Plan and complete facility renovations of the kitchen and education wing.

Building and Grounds will plan a celebration for the Centennial in 2023.

Building and Grounds will public and maintain a prioritized list of facility maintenance needs.

Conduct an energy audit every five years and implement recommendations as necessary.

Research grants to increase accessibility.

Actions to date in response to Strategic Planning: Approved HVAC & humidifier replacement, successful congregational vote on loan to fix patio and parking lot, volunteers working on making our Lake Avenue entrance more inviting, approved a pollinator garden, and workshopping a two-phased building investment plan for major maintenance and renovation projects (kitchen, education wing, dining, etc.)


2023 LAKES AREA

ELECTRIC VEHICLE EVENT!

August 12, 2023

First Lutheran Church
912 Lake Ave. Detroit Lakes
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

LEARN MORE
ABOUT REBATES
UP TO \$14,000
PER
HOUSEHOLD

TEST DRIVE  OUR CLEAN
ENERGY FUTURE IN A FUN,
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Fresh  Energy

KEYNOTE

Discuss Inflation Reduction Act regarding new electrification incentives (up to \$14,000). This will be held at 12:00pm.

LOCAL

UTILITIES

Come and talk with your local electric utility to learn about all the electrification incentives they have to offer.



EV DEALERS

Several local EV dealers and owners on site with their EV. There will be an owner panel discussion 11:00am.



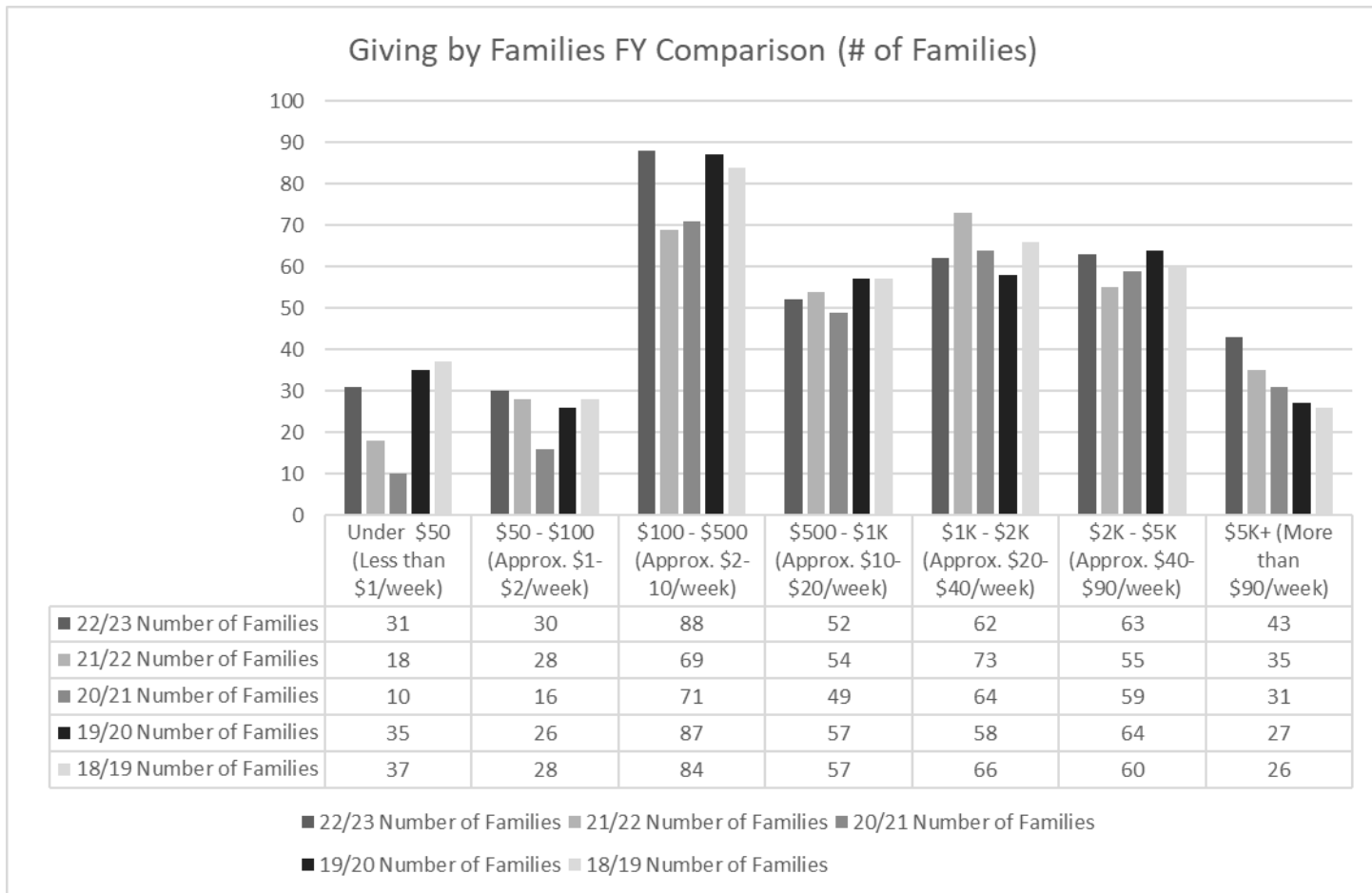
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FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 FAMILY GIVING INFORMATION

First Lutheran Church completed our fiscal year 2022/2023 on June 30, 2023. The FLC Stewardship team has been able to gather and analyze financial stewardship data from the last year and compare this data to previous years. One of the comparisons the team looks at is giving by family unit. In the graphic below, you can see how the recently completed year’s data compares to 4 previous years. The data from 2022/2023 is the first bar in each of the giving brackets. Cash gifts not in an envelope are not reflected in the data.



There are some things to celebrate and some challenges based on this information. There were **358 family giving units in 18/19; 354 giving units in 19/20; 300 giving units in 20/21; 332 giving units in 21/22; and 369 giving units in 22/23.** The number of families in second, third, sixth, and seventh giving brackets increased significantly from fiscal year 21/22. We have a number of families who give less than \$ 50 a year. The number of families in fourth (approximately \$10 to \$20 a week) and fifth (approximately \$20 to \$40 a week) giving brackets decreased form fiscal year 21/22.

Prayerfully consider your financial gifts to the ministry of First Lutheran Church.

Many thanks to you for giving of your time, talent, and treasure to grow God’s mission through First Lutheran Church. Our church family is blessed to have you as a contributing member.

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. (Romans 12:6-8)

FLC Stewardship Team

PIECEMAKER

~The FLC Quilters~



The featured quilt this month (black and pink), measures 60 inches by 74 inches. For a closer look, the quilt is located on the stairway railing on the second floor near the elevator. The quilt top was pieced at home by a volunteer, with backing, tying and finishing completed at Church on a Tuesday morning.

A single quilt pattern can be known by different names. This block pattern is often called Rail Fence. The maker of the black and pink quilt was inspired by a Rail Fence quilt made by Lois Wisted. Lois was a long-time member of the First Lutheran Quilt group. Although the group started in 1969, there are not many records or photos prior to 1980. Lois was pictured in a 1980 photo, therefore her membership is established from at least that date.

For those who worked alongside Lois making quilts, she is remembered for finding a use for all donated fabrics. Often this meant collecting and using the leftover strips from other projects, to make a new quilt top. Lois is shown with the white and yellow Rail Fence quilt, the final quilt she made before retiring from the quilt group in May of 2018 at the age of 99. 1980 (or before) to 2018. That is service!

WE ARE NOW HIRING!



EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY!

First Lutheran Church is now looking to hire a full time Youth and Family Ministry Director! If you believe that you or someone you know would be a good candidate for this position, please feel free to stop by the office with questions! A full job description and application, can be found on our website or by request in the church office.



The family of Marny Dreyer wants to thank the congregation for your love, care and support of Marny and your generous gifts of music, testimonials and gifts to First Lutheran.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

A Celebration of Life for Lorraine McCawley will be held in the First Lutheran Church Dining Room on Tuesday, August 8 at 11:00 AM. All are welcome to join her friends for coffee & cake!



FLC acknowledges with grateful appreciation these memorials which have been received this past month.

AGAPE FUND

In Memory of: **Dave Johnson**
 Given by: Naomi McGaughey
 Given by: Dave Johnson Family
 Given by: Rene L. Mehlberg
 Given by: Susie Reitmeier
 Given by: Gary & Tanzy Haisley
 Given by: Keith & Cheryl Zeh
 Given by: NWMN Synod

In Memory of: **Jean Rolle**
 Given by: Ardys Horner
 Given by: Henrietta Malchow

In Memory of: **John Downs**
 Given by: Ardys Horner

In Memory of: **Ronda Ivers**
 Given by: Sue Christensen

In Memory of: **Lorraine McCawley**
 Given by: Sue Christensen

In Memory of: **John Downs**
 Given by: Pr. Ann & Robert Larson

In Memory of: **Marny Dreyer**
 Given by: Lynn & Beverly Hummel
 Given by: Jean & Wayne Benson

ALTAR GUILD FUND

In Memory of: **Ron Fasteen**
 Given by: Naomi McGaughey

BUILDING FUND

In Memory of: **Joan Marotzke**
 Given by: Beverly Olander
 Given by: Scott & Susan Busker

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FUND

In Memory of: **Phyllis Green**
 Given by: Dean & Sue Berg

In Memory of: **Lorraine McCawley**
 Given by: Jean & Wayne Benson

CREATION CARE FUND

In Memory of: **Ruth Balega**
 Given by: Patti Cummins

FOUNDATION FUND

In Memory of: **Jean Rolle**
 Given by: Mary Lou Ladeen Anderson
 Given by: Jean & Wayne Benson

Memory of: **Marny Dreyer**
 Given by: Ruth Tovson

GENERAL FUND

In Memory of: **Dave Johnson**
 Given by: Dave Johnson Family

HOSPITALITY FUND

In Memory of: **Marny Dreyer**
 Given by: Marny Dreyer Family

KITCHEN FUND

In Memory of: **Dave Johnson**
 Given by: James & Diane McCormack
 Given by: Don & Norma Smith
 Given by: Adrienne & Larry Buboltz
 Given by: Jean & Wayne Benson
 Given by: Denise & Todd Gaard
 Given by: Cindy Brufloft

In Memory of: **Jean Rolle**
 Given by: Cindy Brufloft
 Given by: Glenette Olson
 Given by: Adrienne & Larry Buboltz

In Memory of: **Marny Dreyer**
 Given by: Adrienne & Larry Buboltz

In Memory of: **Sonny Brahmer**
 Given by: Adrienne & Larry Buboltz

PARISH NURSE FUND

In Memory of: **Marny Dreyer**
 Given by: Patti Cummins

QUILTERS FUND

In Memory of: **Lorraine McCawley**
 Given by: Fern Brown

In Memory of: **Jean Rolle**
 Given by: Ardis Hegna

MUSIC FUND

In Memory of: **Marny Dreyer**
 Given by: Twila Halvorson
 Given by: Janelle Maday
 Given by: Marny Dreyer Family
 Given by: Ardis Hegna
 Given by: Howard & Carla Hansen
 Given by: Tallack & Janice Johnson
 Given by: Karen & Cliff Bimberg
 Given by: Gail Colby
 Given by: Elloyce & Gene Gaffney
 Given by: Ardys Horner

In Memory of: **Joan Marotzke**
 Given by: Cliff & Karen Bimberg

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FLC acknowledges with grateful appreciation these memorials which have been received this past month.

RADIO FUND

In Memory of:

Marny Dreyer
 Given by: Betty Fischer
 Given by: Fern Brown
 Given by: Garnet Hultgren
 Given by: Marlys Douglas

In Honor of:

Betty Johnston
 Given by: Bridget Johnston

UNDESIGNATED FUND

In Memory of:

Marny Dreyer
 Given by: Warren & Kristen Whitworth
 Given by: Eric & Danita Born
 Given by: Darrol & Grace Nichols
 Given by: Richard & Shan Manke
 Given by: Marny Dreyer Family
 Given by: Cheryl & Wade Barry
 Given by: Richard & Sharon Reed
 Given by: Ted & Holly Heisserer
 Given by: Karen Ostroot-Cater

In Memory of:

Jean Rolle
 Given by: Jim Elletson
 Given by: Rodney & Shirley Searls

WFLC FUND

In Memory of:

Jean Rolle
 Given by: Patti Cummins
 Given by: Fern Brown

In Memory of:

Dave Johnson
 Given by: Ardys Horner

In Memory of:

Ronda Ivers
 Given by: Don & Norma Smith

YOUTH FUND

In Memory of:

Maddi Kingsbury
 Given by: Dean & Sue Berg

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Lutheran World Relief | Fall School Kit Drive

School supplies are going on sale so now is the time to shop!

Items needed are:

- 70 Page Spiral Notebooks
- Rulers
- Pencil Sharpeners
- 24 Pack of Crayons

First Lutheran Church Women's Co Council will meet on Wednesday, August 16 at 9:30 AM in the FLC Conference Room.

'Action Corp' Monthly Hospitality Teams

August

Leader: Linda Dahlin

Gregg & Nicole Benson
Benjamin & Bridgette Bergman
Freddie & Barb Brackett
Kenneth & Marlys Christianson
David & Connie Coalwell
Dennis Dahl & Gloria DeShaw
Richard & Linda Dahlin
Jeff & Launa Doyle
Douglas & Carol Fliss
Kyle & Jenn Fode
Shawn Ford-Milligan
Dean & Karen Fossand

Brittany & Sawyer Hanson
Steven & Lisa Hanson
Eric Hausten & Tammy Merkins
Gordon & Gretchen Henrikson
Brian & Paula Hines
JoAnn Kvistero
Arnold & Judith Larson
Jennifer Leadbetter
Benjamin Noah
Richard & Carol Lee
Sharon Leitheiser
Ladd & Denise Lyngaas

Richard & Shan Manke
Ryan & Chelsea Manke
Emily Milligan
Deanna Motschenbacher
David & Mary Ann Mueller
Michael & Kimberly Pladson
Lawrence & Kellie Remmen
Linda & Robert Silseth
Charles T. & Tamara Thompson
Viggo & JoAnn Thomsen
Joan Westlake
Beverly Wilson
Jeanette & Earl Wohlman

Action Corps serves the Coffee Fellowship time on Sunday mornings, provides desserts for funerals and serves other congregational events.

The month you are on Action Corps, you will be called by your Action Corps leader to see when and how you would like to participate. For Sunday mornings: You **can serve** (set-up, serving and/or clean up). You **can donate food** items or you **can donate money** to purchase food items. You will only be called as the need arises for funerals & other events.

We accomplish big things when everybody does a little bit! Thank You!!



September

Leader: Tanzy Haisley

Evangeline Barnack
Dawn Barnack
Terry & Linda Beilke
Ryan & Susan Bjorklund
Brent & Jodi Blake
Richard & Linda Branden
Ardith Carlson
Lenora Dire
Jim Elletson
Leif & Deb Erickson
Zackary & Sara Erickson
Betty Fischer
Steve & Rhonda Fode
Benjamin & Kristi Fradenburgh
Kim Fuhs
Brent & Sarah Fulton

Keith & Virginia Gilbertson
Steven & Rita Glunberg
Gary & Tanzy Haisley
Virginia & Justin Hanson
David & Elaine Hedman
Amanda Heisserer
Ted & Hollice Heisserer
Jody & Julie Hibma
Jeana Ketter
Josh & Tiffany Krieg
Sonja Lillquist
Robert Lund
Paul & Brenda Muckenhirn
Jeff & Lori Nustad
Charlotte Olson

Paul & Pamela Orth
Jena Ortiz & Jesse Trusty
Roger & Arlene Reieron
Samuel & Kayla Ruppert
Rodney & Susan Schaffer
Kristie Shaffer
Frank & Joleen Skolte
LaVonne Stallman
William Mayberry
LeRoy & Mathilde Svenby
Edward & Anne Trost
Gary Tunheim
Jeff & Barbara Wilson
Gary & Patti Ziebell
Patricia Zurn

Each family/person has a 3-month quarter in which they will be called upon for serving. If you know which Sunday you would prefer to help serve during Sunday Coffee Fellowship time, please contact your leader and let them know!
Call the office, 847-5656, if you would like to change the season in which you serve.

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Sunday Schedule <i>Baptism: Davey Duncan</i> 8:30a Traditional Worship 10:30a Contemporary Worship	31 5:00p Al Anon, Library 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm 5:30p Adult VBS	1 8:30a Quilters, Rec Rm 9:00a Office Staff Mtg 10:00a LSS Morning Out, Lib 2:00p Rachel Circle, Conf. Rm 5:00p Crisis Center Mtg, Zoom 5:00p YoungLife Mtg, Din Rm 6:00p NA Meeting, Library	2 6:30a Men's Bible Stdy, Hol. In. 10:00a Oak Crossing Wor. Svc. 11:00a YFM Meeting 4:00p Father's Project 5:00p Worship Tm Reh	3 8:00a Women's Bible St, Lib 2:00p Robert Roel Funeral	4 11:00a Ardis & David Hanson Funeral at FLC 12:00p AA, Library 12:00p Prayer Team, Chapel 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	5
6 Sunday Schedule <i>Communion</i> 8:30a Traditional Worship 10:30a Outdoor Worship	7 5:00p Al Anon, Library 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm 5:30p Adult VBS	8 8:30a Quilters, Rec Room 9:00a Office Staff Mtg 9:00a Rebekah Cir, Con. Rm. 10:00a LSS Morning Out, Lib 11:00a Lorraine McCawley Fun. 3:00p Adult Faith Formation Mtg 4:00p Sons of Norway 5:00p Crisis Center Mtg, Zoom 6:00p NA Meeting, Library	9 6:30a Men's Bible Stdy, Hol. In. 11:00a YFM Meeting 4:00p Father's Project 5:00p Worship Tm Reh.	10 8:00a Women's Bible St, Lib 11:30a Ruth Cir, Din Rm	11 12:00p AA, Library 12:00p Prayer Team, Chapel 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	12 Electric Vehicle Event
13 Sunday Schedule 8:30a Traditional Worship 10:30a Outdoor Worship	14 2:00p Lincoln Park Worship 5:00p Al Anon, Library 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	15 8:30a Quilters, Rec Room 9:00a Office Staff Mtg 10:00a LSS Morning Out, Lib 5:00p Crisis Center Mtg, Zoom 6:00p NA Meeting, Library 7:00p Creation Care Mtg, Libr	16 6:30a Men's Bible Stdy, Hol. In. 10:00a Ecumen Worship 11:00a YFM Meeting 11:00a Pelican Landing Devos 4:00p Father's Project 5:00p Worship Tm Reh.	17 8:00a Women's Bible St, Lib	18 12:00p AA, Library 12:00p Prayer Team, Chapel 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	19
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27 Sunday Schedule <i>Healing Service</i> 8:30a Traditional Worship 10:30a Contemporary Worship	28 5:00p Al Anon, Library 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm Kitchen Remodel Begins 	29 8:30a Quilters, Rec Rm 9:00a Office Staff Mtg 10:00a LSS Morning Out, Lib 5:00p Crisis Center Mtg, Zoom 6:00p NA Meeting, Library	30 6:30a Men's Bible Stdy, Hol. In. 11:00a YFM Meeting 4:00p Father's Project 5:00p Worship Tm Reh.	31 8:00a Women's Bible St, Lib	1 12:00p AA, Library 12:00p Prayer Team, Chapel 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	2



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