



The First Messenger

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

Confirmation Sunday	May	5 th
New Member Wednesday	May	8 th
New Member Sunday	May	12 th
Senior Recognition Sunday	May	19 th
Annual Meeting	May	19 th



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NOISY OFFERING TOTALS

The total from the March Noisy Offering going to Becker County Food Pantry totaled \$1,378.83. Check back next month for noisy offering total for April going to Churches United of Moorhead.

In the month of May, Noisy Offering will go towards Lutheran Disaster Response. Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

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SECOND SERVICE TO REMAIN INDOORS FOR NOW



Worship Times will be changing on Sunday, May 26. Traditional worship services will continue as usual at 8:30 AM in the FLC Sanctuary. The contemporary worship service will move to a 10:30 AM start time; however, due to ongoing building projects the second service will continue to be held INDOORS IN THE SANCTUARY until further notice. We are sorry for any inconvenience and hope the lawn space will be ready soon. Please watch the bulletins and announcements for updates as to when we will be heading back outside.



FLC ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, May 19, 2024
at 9:30 AM in FLC Sanctuary

Please plan to come!
We need 50 members to have a quorum!



PRESIDENT'S POST

Update from Vision Council President Gail Colby

Hello First Lutheran Church!

This is my final message to you as your President before our Annual Meeting on 5/19/24 at 9:30. It's hard to believe a year has gone by already. I would like to thank our Vision Council members for their support and dedication this past year. We met every month this past year with a few additional email meetings and in person meetings to accomplish some important tasks, from updating our kitchen to approving the hiring of three new staff.

We welcomed Sarah Nelsen as our Ministry and Social Assistance Coordinator in June and Olivia Sauer into our Youth and Family Ministry Director position in October. Thanks to the work of our Personnel Committee. And thanks to our *very* dedicated Call Committee, we will be welcoming Pastor Matthew Engum on May 1st, which is quite an accomplishment!

The Dream Big Committee has formed. Carla Solem, our President for the next year, has helped gather information to help FLC meet the goals that have been created from Strategic Planning. Mark Solem is working on safety plans for FLC for the building and for natural disasters.

Our repairs and maintenance of FLC have not stopped. Those in need of social assistance in our community have not stopped. I am so grateful that FLC continues to grow. I am so grateful for the amazing staff and the volunteers of all ages that seem to have an endless supply of love to do God's work. We have exciting things happening here and a lot to look forward to. Please keep our staff, leadership committees and our members in your prayers and we will see you at the Annual Meeting and summer worship!

With God all things are possible. —Matthew 19:26



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**"Wireless communication is nothing new.
I've been praying for 75 years!"**

FLC BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, May 7, 2024 - 8:00 AM to 12:45 PM
First Lutheran Church Dining Room

Donors needed! Please consider donating the gift of life. To schedule an appointment, go to vitalant.org and enter the donor code: dlfirst or call Denise at 218-847-5656.



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Parish Health

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Mental Health Awareness Month is a Time for Self-Care

The following article was written by Anita Everett, M.D. DFAPA, Director of the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS).

It's May and spring is officially here. Flowers are blooming. Kids are playing outside. Birds are chirping. This time of year, is often associated with growth, renewal, hope and positivity—a perfect time to kick off Mental Health Awareness Month and a perfect time to focus on our own mental health and wellness.

Self-care is essential for mental health and overall well-being. We are seeing professional athletes, actors and actresses, and other high-profile public figures putting their jobs on hold to put When you take care of your mental health, your physical and emotional health improves; you become more resilient; and it makes it easier to find ways to manage life stressors in a healthy and positive way. Here are just a few suggested strategies that you can use to maintain positive mental health. The key is to try them and see what works for you. Then put them into practice regularly.

- **Enjoy the awesomeness of nature:** Research indicates that being immersed in nature can help with mild depression and anxiety symptoms. For example, just going for a walk or a hike in a natural setting can help you manage these depression and anxiety symptoms. Consider setting a reminder for yourself to get up and get out! This will help you stick to your plan to get some fresh air and will also help you maintain positive mental health throughout your day.
- **Connect with family or friends:** This is another great way to reduce stress and even improve mental health. We are social beings and thrive on the connection, support, love, and belonging that friends, family, and our communities bring to us. Studies show that people who feel connected to others are less likely to feel anxiety or sadness, and often feel increased happiness.
- **Practice mindfulness:** Mindfulness techniques, such as breathing exercises or guided meditation, can help manage stress and anxiety. Making time for mindful techniques, even just a few minutes at the end, or beginning, of your day can make a big difference.
- **Extracurriculars:** Join a book club, take a hobby related class, or enjoy live music with others.
- **Spend time with your pets:** Owning a pet can help to reduce stress and boost endorphins. Pet owners may socialize and connect with other pet owners or be outside more often – both great ways to improve or maintain positive mental health.
- **Volunteer:** Helping others and participating in community organizations can also be a positive boost. Many community organizations welcome volunteers.
- **Sleep:** Another critical piece to maintaining positive mental health is getting enough sleep. Set your sights on trying to sleep for however long you need to feel rested and recharged during the day.
- **Join a support group:** Reach out and connect with others who can share strategies for getting through challenging times.
- **Eat right:** Food can affect our mood. Avoid processed and sugary foods.
- **Exercise:** Spend time each day to walk, run, bike, or whatever you can do to move your body.
- **Reduce or eliminate alcohol and other substance use:** Limiting the use of substances will improve your health and mental health.
- **Practice self-gratitude:** Being grateful for yourself, what you have, and the life around you, can promote positive thinking.

Focusing on self-care is important because we play a part in each other's mental wellness. It's up to each of us to be a lifeline, sharing in a commitment to care for ourselves and those around us. However, you cannot be of help to others if you are not taking good care of your own mental health. Think of it like the safety instructions we receive on an airplane. We are told to put on our own oxygen mask first before we can be of help to others. The same philosophy applies to taking care of our own needs, including mental health needs, before being able to be fully present, and supportive of others, in our lives.

When it comes to mental wellness, small actions can have a big impact. During Mental Health Awareness Month, do something kind for others: hold the door open for someone; give a compliment; pay someone else's kindness forward. See how these small acts boost your mental health and have the added bonus of likely making a positive impact on others. More importantly, check in on loved ones and ask them about how they're doing. Talk to your kids about their mental health. We know that 1 in 5 kids are experiencing behavioral health issues, such as anxiety or depression, which was further exacerbated during the pandemic. If you notice that your children are struggling, reach out for help. Getting help during the early stages of mental illness, or at the first signs of mild behavioral health symptoms, can help those symptoms from developing into more serious conditions. In addition, getting help for yourself or your children could help your children develop healthy habits that will benefit them throughout their lives.

Remember, taking care of yourself is not selfish; it is necessary for you to be able to take care of others and lead a fulfilling life. By encouraging others to seek help, helping others access help or simply by being there for someone when they need us, we instill hope in ourselves and those around us.

So, make self-care a priority this May and beyond. Spread positivity. Be hopeful. Practice patience and kindness and empathy toward others. It may just make a life-changing difference.



Youth & Family Ministry

By Olivia Sauer, Youth & Family Ministry Director

April Highlights

RESCHEDULED 2nd grade Service Project: On April 10th, our 2nd grade classes had the opportunity to help animals at the Lakes Area Humane Society. They made dog enrichment toys and cat boxes!



1st grade Service Project: On April 17th, our 1st grade class had the opportunity to help save our planet with the help of Becker County Soil and Water District. They were able to create recycled seed paper. So cool!

May News

Confirmation Sunday: This service will take place May 5th, in the sanctuary. Service will start at 1pm, with photos and light refreshments to follow. Please consider attending this special service to congratulate our 2024 confirmands on the work and dedication they put into their faith journey.

Senior Recognition: Graduating high school seniors will have a special recognition and blessing on their new journey. This recognition will take place on May 19th at both 8:30 and 10:45 services.

If you would like to take part in this special day, we are looking for individuals or families to carry on the tradition of creating a homemade blanket to gift to a graduating senior. Please sign up at the volunteer table or contact Olivia for more information.

Sunday/Wednesday School: **LAST DAY OF CLASSES—Sunday, May 5th and Wednesday, May 8th**

Mother's Day Performance: **PLEASE JOIN US FOR MOTHER'S DAY WORSHIP!** Sunday and Wednesday School kids will have a special performance for all of us, but especially for our moms.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 17TH-20TH (9AM-3PM)

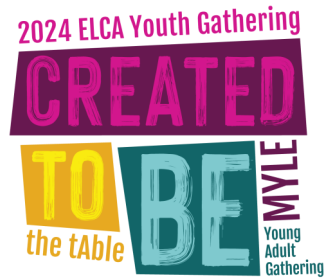


Register via
the QR Code!

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR KIDS ENTERING 1ST-6TH GRADE
\$15 PER CAMPER**

(Youth & Family Ministry Article continued from page 4.)

Youth Gathering: What is the gathering? Every three years, thousands of high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

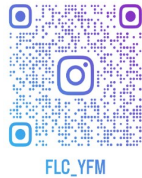


New Orleans - July 16th-20th

FLC Busy Bags

We love that kids are in worship and want to continue to have them present! We understand that sometimes it can be difficult to be engaged with worship when you're a kid. To help stay engaged we are introducing FLC Busy Bags, intended for elementary aged kids. You'll find them on the coat rack just outside of the sanctuary. In these bags you'll find various activities and fidgets to keep you busy and engaged during worship.

Follow First Lutheran Youth and Family Ministry on Instagram!



If you have any questions or concerns, or want more information feel free to contact Olivia
Email: olivia@firstlutheranchurch.com or Cell: 218-325-3953
Typically in Office M-Th 8:30 AM—4:00 PM

CARDBOARD—SUBMITTED BY PATTI CUMMINS



What do people gain from all their labors at which they toil under the sun? Generations come and go, but the earth remains forever. Ecclesiastes 1:3-4

Someone coming into my house might wonder about the pile of cardboard sections occupying space in my living room. Remnants of tape or paint remind us of previous configurations. They are Oaklyn's and have, at different times, been a car, a room, a dollhouse, a school bus, and an apartment building. After patching them together to honor her most recent imaginative thread, she tears them down so they are ready for her next flight of fancy.

I wish I were as good at moving on as Oaklyn is. As I look out over the yard I will be leaving in the not-to-distant future, I wonder about all the flowers, shrubs, and trees I have carefully curated over the years. They tug at my heart. I am told there are too many flower beds, that no one is going to want the work they require. The asparagus, honey berries, rhubarb, strawberries, and raspberries will stay rooted here. Various flowers surrounding the house will also remain, but some will join the flowers in other beds that need to find new homes.

I ask myself – what have I gained from my toil in this place? The answers come easily. Enjoying the beauty of the flowers and birds, the thrilling clouds of butterflies, the buzzing of bees, the freshness of fruits and vegetables. I have taken comfort knowing seeds and wild berries will help the local wildlife survive the winter.

My living situation has changed a few times over the years, and I have tried to leave each dwelling better than I first found it. Nothing miraculous, like Moses throwing a piece of wood in the water at Marah and making it clean. But making each place more aesthetic (at least to me), bountiful, inviting, and healthy. And I think about the trail we leave behind. Ecclesiastes tells us the earth remains forever. But what will earth look like, how will it be able to sustain life?

The same is true of relationships. Some are fleeting, some last for a season, some leave their imprint long after we part, some change our DNA. Do I remember to salt my words with grace and warm the atmosphere with love of neighbor in each instance? Leave each relationship in a healthy place? I hope Oaklyn experiences God's grace and love in a way that allows them into her DNA, along with her imaginative and creative spirit.



FLC is now hiring a full time Communications Director!
For more information, please go to
<https://www.firstlutheranchurch.com/jobs>

INSTALLATION OF PR. MATTHEW ENGUM



**Sunday, May 5th
at both services**

Join us for a welcome reception in the dining room between church services. All are welcome.



SENIOR BLANKETS

Volunteers are needed to make tie blankets for the FLC graduating seniors. The sign-up sheet is available on the volunteer table. Blankets need to be to Olivia by May 12th.



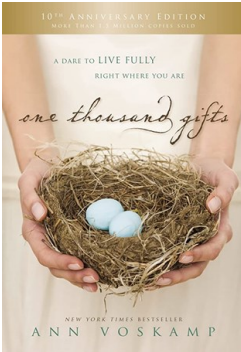
Just a friendly reminder that starting on **Friday, May 31** the First Lutheran Church office will be switching to their **summer office hours**:

Monday—Thursday
8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Fridays
8:30 AM to Noon

Please mark your calendars accordingly.

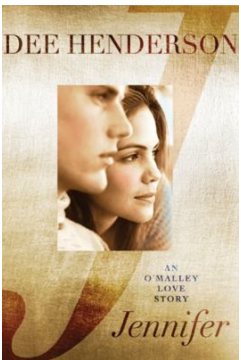
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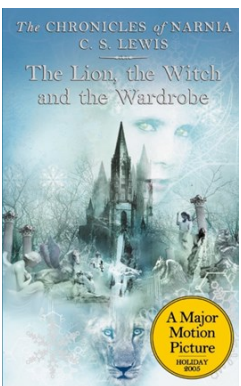
ONE THOUSAND GIFTS—DVD - Just like you, Ann Voskamp hungers to live her one life well. Forget the bucket lists that have us escaping our everyday lives for exotic experiences. How, Ann wondered, do we find joy in the midst of deadlines, debt, drama, and daily duties? What does the Christ-life really look like when your days are gritty, long and sometimes even dark? How is God even here?

In *One Thousand Gifts*, Ann invites you to embrace everyday blessings and embark on the transformative spiritual discipline of chronicling God's gifts. It is only in this expressing of gratitude for the life we already have, we discover the life we've always wanted, a life we can take, give thanks for, and break for others. We come to feel and know the impossible right down in our bones: we are wildly loved by God.

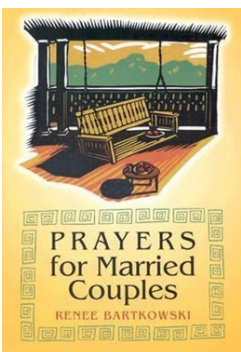
Let Ann's beautiful, heart-aching stories of the everyday give you a way of seeing that opens your eyes to ordinary amazing grace, a way of being present to God that makes you deeply happy, and a way of living that is finally fully alive. Come live the best dare of all! Just like you, Ann Voskamp hungers to live her one life well. Forget the bucket lists that have us escaping our everyday lives for exotic experiences. How, Ann wondered, do we find joy in the midst of deadlines, debt, drama, and daily duties? What does the Christ-life really look like when your days are gritty, long and sometimes even dark? How is God even here?



JENNIFER—The busy physician has a pediatrics practice in Dallas, and meeting Tom Peterson, and falling in love, is adding a rich layer to her life. She's sorting out how to introduce him to her family--she's the youngest of seven--and thinking about marriage. She's falling in love with Jesus too, and knows God is good. But that faith is about to be tested in a way she didn't expect, and the results will soon transform her entire family.



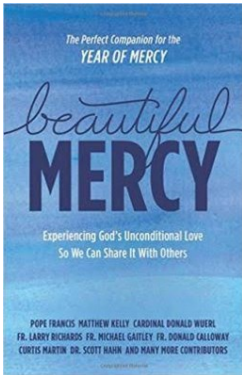
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA—Narnia ... the land beyond the wardrobe, the secret country known only to Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy ... the place where adventure begins. Lucy is the first to find the secret wardrobe in the professor's mysterious old house. At first, no one believes her when she tells of her adventures in the land of Narnia. But soon Edmund and then Peter and Susan discover the Magic and meet Aslan, the Great Lion, for themselves. In blink of an eye, their lives are changed forever.



PRAYERS FOR A MARRIED COUPLE—This book contains over seventy-five prayers that express the hopes, the concerns, and the dreams of today's married couple. With this book as your guide, the two of you can share, aloud, prayers reflecting a rainbow of circumstances.

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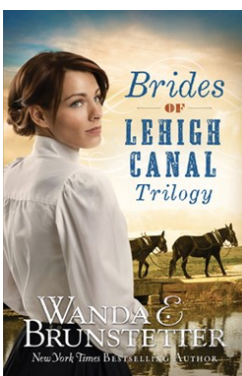
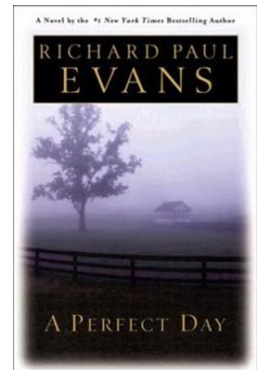
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BEAUTIFUL MERCY—Matthew Kelly has enlisted the help of 24 incredible authors who witness to the power of God's mercy, provide simple practical tips on how to be an instrument of that mercy and bring hope to anyone searching for deeper meaning in their life.

This book will touch the core of who you are. In the end, we all need God's mercy. So, no matter where you are, not matter what you have been through, there is not a better time than right now to rediscover the incredible power of God's mercy.

A PERFECT DAY—An inspiring story about a man who has to rediscover his priorities after finding money and fame. Robert Harlan has three loves in life: his wife, his daughter, and his writing. But when his thirst for success causes him to lose focus on his family life, it takes a few more missteps --and finally, a stranger with a mysterious message about the brevity of his future--before he discovers the truth about himself: who he has become, what he has lost, and what it will take to find love again... "A Perfect Day examines love, relationships and self-awareness...This well-written story spans the range of emotions from joy to sorrow and grief."



BRIDES OF LEHIGH CANAL TRILOGY—Relive bygone canal days with the Brides of Lehigh Canal For artistic Kelly, life is a daily drudge of driving her father's mules along the canal. Can a general store owner prove he's not like Kelly's father and just right for her? Betsy reluctantly returns to small-town Walnutport, Pennsylvania, only to butt heads with the new pastor. Will the two find enough common ground to stand on--and build new love? Widow Sarah dreams of a life without locks and gates. But when a canal captain and a blacksmith both vie for her affection, will her heart or mind prevail?



The Women of FLC Mother's Day Project

As a project for Mother's Day, the WFLC will be collecting items for Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits. A list of items they will be collecting can be found to the right. Please have all donations dropped off in the bin by the church office by May 12.

BABY CARE KIT NEEDED ITEMS

- o **TWO** lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies)
- o **TWO** long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- o **TWO** receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square
- o **FOUR** cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- o **ONE** jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- o **TWO** pairs of socks
- o **ONE** hand towel, dark color recommended
- o **TWO** or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars
- o **TWO** diaper pins or large safety pins

Making Connections

The Quam Family



Hello. We are the Quams.

Steve is retired from BTD Manufacturing where he worked for 27 years. He is originally from Austin, MN and had lived in Owatonna, MN before moving to Detroit Lakes in the early 1990's. Steve has 2 grown sons, Jim (along with Wendy and their 3 children, Kenley, Kyson, and Kellan) who lives in Grimes, IA and Dan, who lives in Las Vegas, NV.

Steve's interests are Motocross, Nascar, hiking, and solving problems by 'MacGyvering'. He is first to help others and never seems to tire (according to Sue). Sue loves to read, hang out with friends, play games, and eat gourmet food. Together they enjoy traveling, playing dominoes, spending time with family, and just being with each other.

Sue is retired from her dream job of monitoring Head Start programs. This job took her all across the country and was a perfect fit. When Covid hit, it was a good time to retire and the days are now filled with a freedom that is so appreciated. Sue has 2 children, John Schmidt (with his wife Sara) who recently moved to Nashville, TN. They have 3 children, Tyler in Minneapolis, ShaiAnne in Hibbing, MN, and Cristian who died 5 years ago at age 19. Sue's daughter, Nicole Herman, lives in Detroit Lakes with her husband, Nick, and a son Jude, and daughter Charley.

Both Steve and Sue lost their spouses. In 2014, Steve's wife, JoAnn died from complications during surgery in Seattle, WA. Sue lost her husband, Bruce to liver cancer in 2016. During this difficult time, they each turned to a grief support group, GriefShare, which was offered by David Donehower Funeral Home. They met through this group, became friends, and then began dating. In the summer of 2020, during Covid, surrounded by their children and grandchildren, they were married by Pastor Lauryl. It has been a blessing that neither could have predicted.

Sue has been a member of First Lutheran since 1981. Steve was a member of United Methodist Church in Detroit Lakes and was as active in his church as Sue was at First. It was a tough decision for Steve to leave his church, but the music at First drew him in and he became a member in 2020. During their time at First, Sue has been on many committees and the Vision Council, was a Sunday School teacher for decades, volunteer at funerals, serve as worship assistants, and much more. Steve is also volunteering as a worship assistant, Feed My Starving Children food packaging, and other events.

God has been so good to us both and we are thankful every day. We know the pain of grief, but also know the joy and peace that passes understanding. Blessings to you all!



Interested in becoming a member of FLC?
New Member Welcome
Wednesday, May 8
Sunday, May 12

If you're interested in becoming a member, please fill out the form for each member of your family at firstlutheranchurch.com/membership.

Making Connections

The Christianson Family



We are the Christianson's—Eric, Melissa, Sophie and Parker. We have been members of First Lutheran for 7 years. We have enjoyed our membership and have all been involved in many ways. I have worked in the church office as the Communications Director for 6 years, but have recently decided to step back from this role to be home and enjoy our kids more. I am originally from Beardsley, MN and grew up a farm kid. Eric is a pharmacist working in nursing home consulting and also runs his own business selling study materials to students and those in the medical community. You can check out more information about his business at www.meded101.com. He grew up in Clinton, MN and also helped his dad out on their family farm in Kenmare, ND. We met in high school and got married in 2006. We spent a short time living in Duluth while Eric finished pharmacy school. We then moved to Fergus Falls and spent 7 years living there. We moved to Detroit Lakes in 2016 and have enjoyed it here ever since.

Sophie is 14 and an 8th grader at DL Middle School. She is an avid golfer and has been a member of the Varsity Girls Laker Golf Team since 7th grade. She will be Confirmed this May at the Confirmation Service. Parker is 11 and a 4th grader at Roosevelt Elementary School. He enjoys any sports activities, but his favorite is golf. You can usually find him on Lakeview Golf Course in the summer months.

We all enjoy our time and worship here at First Lutheran Church. We love the community and people we've met here and hope to continue to worship here for the years to come.



A Note from Melissa Christianson

I have greatly enjoyed my time here at First Lutheran Church as the Communications Director. I have enjoyed getting to know you all and helping you out when you needed it in the office. I will still be a member here at FLC and my family and I will continue to be involved in the church and the youth programs, so please don't look at this as a goodbye, as we aren't really going anywhere. I have asked not to have a farewell party, so please feel free to stop into the office and have a chat with me if you want to see me before I am done working in the office. I am very excited to spend some extra time on the golf course or basketball court and to be a mom chauffeur to my kids in the coming years. Thank you all for the wonderful years I've spent here in the office and I'll be seeing you around on Wednesday nights or Sundays in the summer!



FREE TREE GIVEAWAY

at First Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes, MN
by the FLC Creation Care Team

Sunday, May 5th, 2024

9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

in the FLC Parking Lot, by the playground

FREE TO ALL

We are offering 6"-10" bare root trees

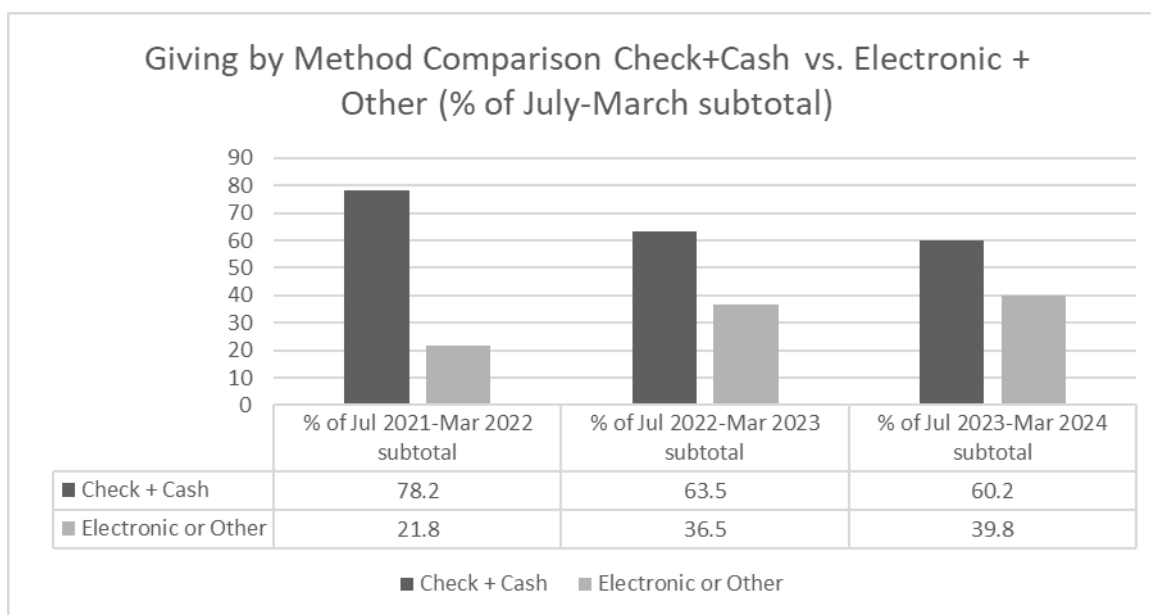
Limit 3 trees per person.

We have free tree mulch. Bring a container.

Giving by Method Information

One of the data sets the FLC Stewardship team reviews is how members of our church are giving. Historically, people have chosen to give dominantly by check or cash. For a number of years, our church has offered giving by electronic methods. Looking at the data from July 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, as shown in the chart below, giving by electronic methods has grown to nearly forty percent of total giving. This is an increase from the same period in the last two years.

This data reflects giving to the General Fund, Designated Funds, Pass-through gifts, and special gifts.



There are some in our church family who feel it is very important to place a check or cash in the offering plate each worship service. This an active demonstration of their faith commitment to the ministries of our church. For some of these families, this method of giving continues a long tradition of active discipleship.

For a growing number of our families, electronic giving (either online or by text) has become the preferred method of supporting FLC. There are a number of reasons for this. One of the reasons may be not having to write a check each week or month. Another reason may be the convenience of automatic donations, whether they are present for worship or not. For those who give electronically and feel strange about the offering plate passing by, we have the laminated green “I give electronically” cards available in the pews. At offering time, a person could simply wave the card at the ushers thereby demonstrating their faith commitment to the ministries of our church. One of the cautions about electronic giving is the fact that a family has to remember to evaluate and possibly adjust their giving amount periodically as their income or desire to give changes. If you want to increase the amount you are giving electronically or start giving electronically, please contact Paul in the church office to help you.

Some people in our congregation have discovered giving by making a Qualified Charitable Contribution (QCD). For those of you who are 70½ years old and have an individual retirement account, a QCD to First Lutheran may be part of your tax-planning toolkit while supporting FLC mission and ministries. Consult with your financial advisor to find out if making a QCD is a wise move for you.

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

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. —2 Corinthians 9:7

FLC Stewardship Team

Memorial Gifts

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

AGAPE FUND

In Memory of: **Bev Skogen**
Given by: Ann Newgard-Larson & Robert Larson

In Memory of: **Lou Heino**
Given by: The Rebekah Circle

In Memory of: **Fern Brown**
Given by: Delyle & Sandy Willprecht

In Memory of: **Victor Rolle**
Given by: Ardys Horner

In Memory of: **Liz Mathison**
Given by: Tallack & Janice Johnson

ALTAR GUILD FUND

In Memory of: **Bev Skogen**
Given by: Audrey Neulib
Given by: Lorrain Erickson
Given by: Phyllis & Dennis Van Wechel
Given by: Terry Shaffer
Given by: Margaret Wischnak
Given by: Sue & Matt Wolfe
Given by: Catherine Anderson
Given by: Shirley Klomstad
Given by: Jan & Carl Fingalson
Given by: Nora & Jenelle Johnson
Given by: Lorrain Erickson
Given by: Alan Hagen
Given by: Dean & Sue Berg
Given by: Sandra Robertson

Memory of: **Lou Heino**
Given by: Dean & Sue Berg

BUILDING & GROUNDS FUND

In Memory of: **Victor Rolle**
Given by: Kathleen & Hal Norman

FLOWER FUND

In Memory of: **Fern Brown**
Given by: Rick & Shan Manke

FOUNDATION FUND

In Memory of: **Bruce Stone**
Given by: Wayne & Jean Benson

GENERAL FUND

In Memory of: **Judy Ford**
Given by: Alan & Mark Hagen

MUSIC FUND

In Memory of: **Bruce Stone**
Given by: Karen & Cliff Bimberg
Given by: The Rebekah Circle
Memory of: **Lou Heino**
Given by: LaVerne & Judy Maxwell
Memory of: **Judy Eiesland's Sister**
Given by: Sharron Wolf

RADIO FUND

In Memory of: **Fern Brown**
Given by: FLC Quilters
In Memory of: **Liz Mathison**
Given by: Ardis Hegna

UNDESIGNATED FUND

In Memory of: **Bruce Stone**
Given by: Arlene Olson
Given by: Deryk & Beth Ann Funkhouser

WFLC FUND

In Memory of: **Fern Brown**
Given by: Patti Cummins
In Memory of: **Bev Skogen**
Given by: Patti Cummins

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



March 2024 Financial Snapshot

Actual Revenue*, Year to Date:	\$517,960.47
Budget Revenue, Year to Date:	\$551,385.00
Favorable/(Unfavorable):	\$(33,424.53)

*unaudited

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Sunday Schedule <i>Healing Service</i> <i>Baptism</i> 8:30a Traditional Worship 9:30a Sunday School 9:30a Adult Forum, Library 10:45a Contemporary Worship 1:00p Lakes Area Chorale	29 5:00p AI Anon, Library 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm 6:00p Children's Ministry Mtg	30 8:30a Quilters, Rec Room 9:00a Office Staff Mtg 10:00a LSS Morning Out, Lib 6:00p Stewardship Mtg, Conf Rm	1 Wednesday Schedule 6:30a Men's Bible Stdy, Hol. In. 10:00a YFM Meeting 4:00p Father's Project 5:00p Worship Tm Reh. 5:00p Oasis Meal 5:30p Building & Grounds Mtg 6:00p Worship 6:15p Alleluia Ringers Prac. 6:30p Wednesday School 6:30p Confirmation 7:15p Jubilate Choir Prac.	2 8:00a Women's Bible St, Lib 10:30a Business Manag. Mtg. 6:00p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	3 12:00p AA, Library	4 9:00a Ditch Cleaning— Meet at Bleachers
5 Sunday Schedule <i>Communion</i> <i>Confirmation Worship</i> <i>Installation Sunday</i> LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:30a Traditional Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Contemporary Worship 1:00p Confirmation Worship	6 5:00p AI Anon, Library 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	7 FLC Blood Drive 7:30a FLC Blood Drive, Din Rm 8:30a Quilters, Rec Room 9:00a Office Staff Mtg 10:00a LSS Morning Out, Lib 2:00p Rachel Circle, Con. Rm 7:00p Theology on Tap	8 Wednesday Schedule <i>New Member Wednesday</i> <i>Communion</i> LAST OASIS 6:30a Men's Bible Stdy, Hol. In. 10:00a YFM Meeting 4:00p Father's Project 5:00p Worship Tm Reh. 5:00p Oasis Meal 6:00p Worship 6:15p Alleluia Ringers Prac. 6:30p Wednesday School 6:30p Confirmation 7:15p Jubilate Choir Prac.	9 8:00a Women's Bible St, Lib 10:30a Business Manag. Mtg. 1:30p Ruth Circle, DR 5:00p PEO Mtg, Din Rm 6:00p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	10 12:00p AA, Library	11
12 Sunday Schedule <i>New Member Sunday</i> <i>Mother's Day</i> 8:30a Traditional Worship 10:45a Contemporary Worship 5:30p Youth Gathering Mtg	13 5:00p AI Anon, Library 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	14 8:30a Quilters, Rec Room 9:00a Office Staff Mtg 9:00a Rebekah Circle, Din Rm 10:00a LSS Morning Out, Lib 2:00p Adult Faith Mtg, Con. Rm.	15 Wednesday Schedule 6:30a Men's Bible Stdy, Hol. In. 10:00a YFM Meeting 4:00p Father's Project 5:00p Worship Tm Reh..	16 8:00a Women's Bible St, Lib 10:30a Business Manag. Mtg. 6:00p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	17 12:00p AA, Library	18
19 Sunday Schedule <i>Communion</i> <i>Senior Recognition Sunday</i> <i>Annual Meeting</i> 8:30a Traditional Worship 9:30a Annual Meeting, Sanc. 10:45a Contemporary Worship	20 5:00p AI Anon, Library 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	21 8:30a Quilters, Rec Room 9:00a Office Staff Mtg 10:00a LSS Morning Out, Lib 7:00p Theology on Tap 7:00p Creation Care Mtg	22 Wednesday Schedule 6:30a Men's Bible Stdy, Hol. In. 10:00a YFM Meeting 4:00p Father's Project 5:00p Worship Tm Reh.	23 8:00a Women's Bible St, Lib 10:30a Business Manag. Mtg. 6:00p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	24 12:00p AA, Library	25
26 Sunday Schedule <i>Healing Service</i> 8:30a Traditional Worship 10:45a Contemporary Worship	27 Memorial Day Church Office Closed 5:00p AI Anon, Library 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	28 8:30a Quilters, Rec Room 9:00a Office Staff Mtg 10:00a LSS Morning Out, Lib 5:30p Vision Council, Din Rm	29 Wednesday Schedule 6:30a Men's Bible Stdy, Hol. In. 10:00a YFM Meeting 4:00p Father's Project 5:00p Worship Tm Reh.	30 8:00a Women's Bible St, Lib 10:30a Business Manag. Mtg. 6:00p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	31 SUMMER OFFICE HOURS 8:30 AM to NOON on Fridays 12:00p AA, Library	1



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