



### Our Prayer

We pray for the well-being of the places we live , First Lutheran, this community where we minister, for in their welfare is ours as well . Gracious Lord: “How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!” Please, Bless those you bring near to live in your courts! Wrap us in your warmth like a quilt, O God of love. As days grow colder, make our hearts burn with your love for you and one another.

**Amen**

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God's work. Our hands.

### Church Council Meetings Review :

**Present:** Corrine Coyle, Bryan Friedman, Steve Putz, Kay Hesse, Allison Bartholmey, and Connie Lucas

**Call to Order:** Friedman called the meeting to order at 6:30pm September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Devotions:** Kay Hesse provided an opening prayer.

**Approval of Minutes:** Council reviewed the minutes from the August 18th, 2022 meeting. Bartholmey moved to approve. Putz seconded. Motion passed.

**Reception of Petitions/ Communications:**  
N/A

**New Business:** Friedman attended a Zoom meeting led by Bishop Amy Current for Council presidents on August 22nd. The Bishop encouraged everyone to

sign up for the Synod's weekly email updates. She also said that the Synod will hold a “revival” event for all congregations next May at Grandview University.

Sunday School resumes September 18th at 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Conversations with Holy Trinity-Friedman met with Pastor Kari Lee and church council president from Holy Trinity. Discussion on working together.

Holiday schedule- Christmas Eve service will be held at 5:30. No service is currently planned for Christmas Day. Synod may have as online service we can share.

Chapter 155- Lucas reviewed dates for potential gatherings to discuss one mission. Stewardship- plans are being prepared for a stewardship drive.

### **Old Business:**

Shared Ministry- no updates regarding shared ministry with UCC. Friedman is keeping in close contact.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Coyle presented the August financial statements and explained the notable items.

**Calendar Review:** No changes

### **Committee Reports:**

Call Committee received update on new pastor. The Synod is still looking.

**Next Meeting:** October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30Pm. Connie Lucas will read the devotions.

**Adjournment:** Coyle moved and Lucas seconded to adjourn. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted:  
Kay Hesse.





**September 11th was God's Work. Our Hands !  
Thank you to everyone who helped with all of the projects.**



**Happy to help**

Jesus said we'll be happy (or "blessed") when we're meek, merciful, pure and so on (see his Beatitudes in

Matthew 5:3-12). In other words, happiness results from putting others' needs above our own. Research confirms that helping others boosts people's self-esteem, forges strong friendships, offers a sense of belonging and purpose, decreases stress, increases gratitude and sparks others to "pay it forward." In fact, University of Texas researchers found that the "activism cure" is a great way to overcome bouts of sadness. So get helping — and get happy!



## Zinga Month is here!

After three years of dealing with Covid, Paula and Denny will finally return to Zinga in March, and construction and development at the Children's Hospital will resume. Medical students and teams of volunteers are already on the schedule, and there is excitement in the air.

Throughout this time, the hospital has, of course, been seeing patients, and the grounds have had to be kept up. In order for everything to operate smoothly as life returns to a new normal, there are necessary repairs to be made. That will be our focus for Choices in Mission this year.

Machines such as the Bobcat and the large lawn mower that are essential for upkeep of the property need repair, as does the backup generator that provides power when the TANESCO (Tanzania Electric Supply Company) power grid fails.

Vehicles such as the Toyota Noah minivan and the bus that carries workers and patients from the highway also need attention, and the X-ray machine, which was hit by lightning, needs a new Automatic Voltage Regulator to protect from future power surges.

Look for details on how you can help on the Choices in Mission bulletin board in Fellowship Hall! And remember, our congregation matches gifts up to a total of \$5000, doubling the value of your gift. Together, we can do this!

Zinga Sunday is October 9, and while Paula and Denny Lofstrom will not be here in person, there will be a message from them during the service, and handmade Tanzanian gift items will be available for sale during fellowship time. You will want to be there!



**We had fun making art together!**

**Our next Faith Formations Fellowship time will be after church, Oct. 16, if you want to make one of these or a different activity!**



## Upcoming Faith & Fellowship Events from Faith Formations at First Lutheran

**All Ages Welcome!**  
**Invite a friend or get to know the neighbor from the next pew. Come and go as your schedule allows.**

### Craft & Podcast Time

**Sun, Oct 16** approx. 10:30 am-12:00 pm  
Bring a craft project you're working on or create something new with us. Listen to some food for thought as you work and discuss with friends.

### Cardmaking/Letter Writing Time

**Sun, Nov 13** approx. 10:30 am-12:00 pm  
Show your thankfulness via the lost art of snail mail.

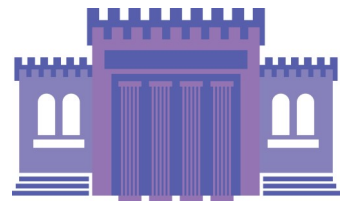
### Music Jam Session

**Wed, Dec 7** 6:30-8:00 pm  
Bring along your instrument- the trumpet, your voice, the spoons- and join in some Christmas tunes for the fun of it.

### Bible Quiz

Which king allowed — even encouraged — the Judean exiles to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple?

- A. Cyrus of Persia
- B. Tiglath-pileser of Assyria
- C. Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon
- D. Hiram of Tyre



Answer on Pg. 6

### *Special Thanks*

*A huge thank you to  
Pam Comer for donating  
a mini-fridge to the  
church to be used in the  
office waiting area.*

## Elementary Sunday School!!!

Elementary Sunday School will be held on Sundays from 10:30-11:00 in the youth room. We're using the Celebrate Wonder series designed for all elementary ages together. Come join us for Bible stories, songs, and games!

Thanks to the teachers who have volunteered so far- please check the sign-up downstairs if you'd still like to help.

This Sunday, September 25, Sunday school kids are invited to join the adults upstairs for the vision/mission workshop. We'll have coloring pages and small group sharing time where they can say what they like about church.

## Book Study

The Love Does book study for adults will be held in the narthex before the service starting at 8:40. Come join us as we share examples of putting faith into action.





## HAPPY Birthday FROM YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

David Goos 10/08

Alicia Troen 10/09

Brenda Hodnett 10/17

Marie Quanbeck 10/22

Laird Trusler 10/26

Nicholas McVey 10/27

David Troen 10/27

Matthew Coyle 10/28

Ruth Kelly 10/28

Carolyn Hesse 10/29

Ken Weiland 10/29

Aaron Bartholmey 10/30

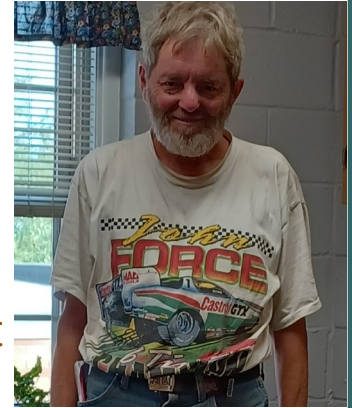
Emmeline Ketcham 10/30

Tom Sharp 10/30

Marc Dellamuth 10/31

## DID YOU KNOW?

The trim on the outside of church has been being painted by our very own Steve Putz. It looks great!! If you get a chance, be sure to thank him. It is commitment like this that keeps our church functioning.



## Christian symbol

**COINS**—The Bible often uses coins to symbolize human greed. During Holy Week, 30 silver coins — usually shown with a bag or purse — represent Jesus' betrayal by his disciple Judas (Matthew 26:14-16).

Many of Jesus' teachings are about money, including the parable of the lost coin. Coins also symbolize giving as an act of worship, just as the widow offered her last "mite" (Mark 12:41-44).



## Note from Barb Birkenholtz

I just want to thank everyone who sent me a card, made a phone call, made a visit, and gave me a gift during my stay at the nursing home. And especially for the prayers!

A special thank you to Pastor Marcia for her visits and calls.

I am at home now and doing as good as I can be with the help of my wonderful family.

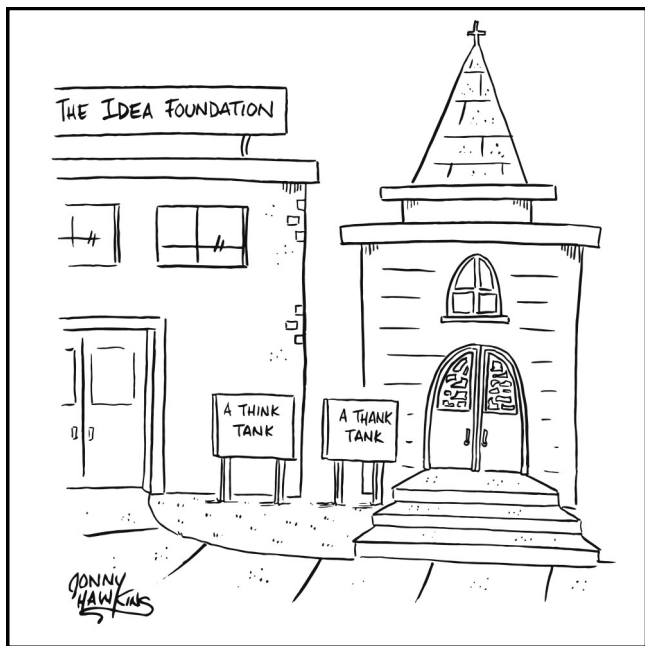
God bless you each and everyone and I ask you to continue keeping me in your prayers. Everything you did was greatly appreciated.

## Dorcas group

The Dorcas group has made 25 quilts since last October. We would normally deliver them to a Lutheran World Relief collection site in October. However, this year the nearest site is 115 miles away. So we have decided to hold the quilts until next year, hoping that there will be a collection site closer to us.

Our group continues to meet once every month on the first Thursday morning. If anyone would like to join us, you would be most welcome. Currently we are a small group, usually with 3 or 4 every month. We could also use donations of fabrics, bedding (sheets, blankets, mattress covers), draperies, etc. which can all go into the making of quilts.

Call Candy at 792-7386 with any questions.



Please do not forget to sign up  
to help set up communion.

We have spots in November and December that still need to be filled. The sign u sheet is on the table in the Narthex.

## First Lutheran does have a prayer chain!

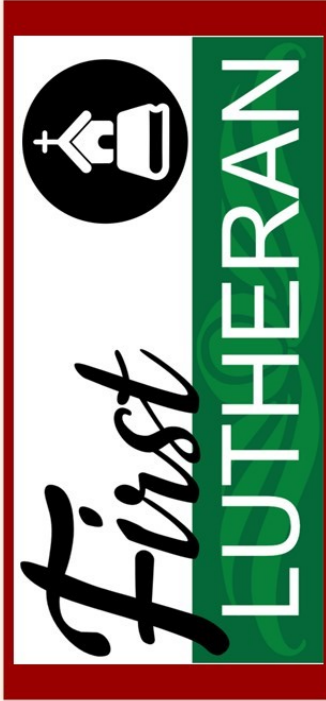
If you or someone is in need of prayer please contact the church office or Kay Hesse. If you would like to keep it private or confidential that is completely understandable and names can be left out if you wish.



*The next  
meeting will be on  
October 5th, 2022  
6:30 Pm.*







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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Rev. Cal Oraw Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 10:30-11:00	3	4	5 Property Meeting 6:30 pm.	6 Dorcas 9:00 AM	7	8
<b>Zinga Sunday</b> Rev. Cal Oraw Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 10:30-11:00	10	11	12	13	14	15
Rev. Cal Oraw Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School Craft & Podcast 10:30-11:00	17	18	19 Lois Cr. 9:30 Am.	20 Martha Cr. 1:00 Pm. Council Meeting 6:30 Pm	21	22
Rev. Cal Oraw Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 10:30-11:00	24	25	26	27	28	29
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join us

Sunday Morning Worship starts at 9:30 Am.

*Let us know how we can pray for you!*