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Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Our Prayer

“Great is the Lord. ... One generation shall praise Your works to another” (Psalm 145:3-4). Amid global wars, earthquakes and plagues, may your words and wisdom sustain our hope in you. (Luke 21:5-19). A new church year, a new season, a new focus is upon us. Thank you, Creator God, for the coming weeks to prepare our hearts anew for the arrival of your Son. With all the saints, O God, We praise your name. Amen

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 6:32pm
October 20th, 2022

Devotions: Connie Lucas provided an opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Council reviewed the minutes from the September 22nd 2022 meeting.
Coyle moved to approve. Bartholmey seconded.
Motion passed.

Reception of Petitions/ Communications:
N/A

New Business: Friedman announced that Nicole (Our Administrative Assistant) will be starting the process to through the Synod to become a Deacon.

The Budget meeting for council will be held on December 7th from 6:-6:30 Pm.

The General Congregation meeting will be held on December 11th. Following worship service.

Holiday schedule- Christmas Eve service will be held at 5:30. Presently no service is planned for Christmas Day. Or New Years Day. The Synod may have as online service we can share or we can join Holy Trinity for services.

New Council nominations were discussed.

Discussions regarding shared social and bible studies with UCC.

Teaching videos and Zoom meetings for council members provided by the Synod were discussed.

Old Business:

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

Conversations with Holy Trinity-Friedman is keeping in close contact with Pastor Kari Lee with discussions on working together.

Treasurer's Report:

Coyle presented the September financial statements and explained the notable items. And movement. She suggested we put the interest earned for the remainder of the year in the Uninsured Damage Reserve account.

Putz moved to approve. Bartholmey seconded.
Motion passed.

Calendar Review: No changes

Committee Reports:

Faith Formations- Bartholmey reported setting 8 will be used in our services until the Lenten season. We will then be switching to setting 4.

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Property Committee-
Putz reported on the painting
process on outside of the
church building.

Fellowship- Hesse reported we
are in need of more volunteers
to sign up for coffee hour.

Chapter 155-
Lucas reported many
suggestions that will help
continue the success of
Chapter 155.

Next Meeting: November 15th
at 6:30Pm.
Allison Bartholmey will read the
devotions.

Adjournment: Hesse moved
and Putz seconded to adjourn.
Motion approved.

Respectfully
submitted:
Secretary Kay
Hesse.



Special dates

*All Saints' Day,
November 1, 2022*

*Daylight saving time ends,
November 6, 2022*

*Veterans Day,
November 11, 2022*

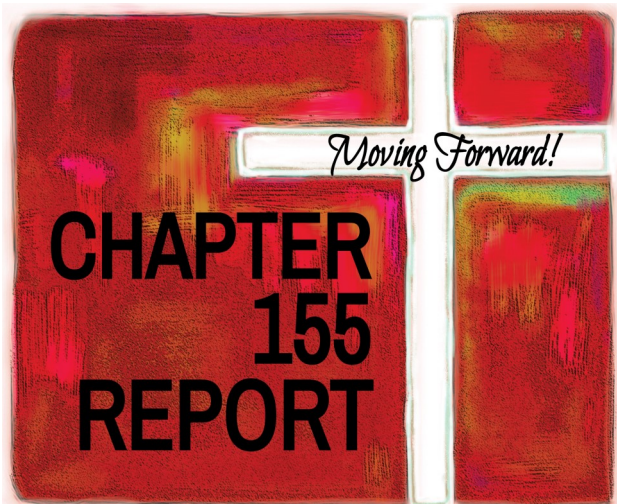
*Christ the King Sunday,
November 20, 2022*

*Thanksgiving Day,
November 24, 2022*

*First Sunday of Advent,
November 27, 2022*

Thankful for the saints

In our day of Thanksgiving one psalm let us
offer for the saints who before us have found
their reward.
When the shadow of death fell upon them,
we sorrowed,
but now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord. ...
These stones that have echoed their praises
are holy,
and dear is the ground where their feet have
once trod.
Yet here they confessed they were strangers
and pilgrims,
and still they were seeking the city of God.
—William H. Draper (1916)



Moving forward with recommendations from
you, we now have planning in place for an
evening adult Bible study, Reaching out in
compassion with a date to paint the
Emerson Hough elementary school
playground and we have located a previous
brochure to share with the Welcome Wagon.
Other plans are to place cards in the pew for
people to share anything they would like
prayers for as well as during the service.
We certainly need the prayers and help from
everyone as we strive to do God's work.

Zinga News!

Our Choices in Mission focus during Zinga Month, October, was to fund various maintenance and repair projects at the Children's Hospital at Zinga. Thank you to everyone for faithfully supporting our Tanzania mission! With one more Sunday to go as this is being written, the tally is not yet complete, but we are well on our way to meeting our goal, enabling the repairs to be completed and contributing toward the stretch goal of eventually replacing the older vehicles. More on this next month! want to be there!



Many thanks to folks who helped do God's Work Our Hands part 2! Earlier this fall, Robyn Friedman contacted the principal of Emerson Hough Elementary to see how we can partner with them, and one thing she mentioned was repainting some faded playground elements- a US map and an obstacle course. Thanks to a Thrivent project, the generosity of Diamond Vogel Paint, and the willingness of some awesome First Lutheran volunteers, we were able to help them with that. We had great weather, so we saw a few students and parents there playing, including a third grader who gave her seal of approval on the paint job and one student who wanted to help us write notes of encouragement with sidewalk chalk. We hope that by brightening the playground, we bring smiles to student and community members' faces! Thanks so much Monroes, Quanbecks, Coyles, Rachel, Linda, Evelyn, and Jane for painting, Robyn for organizing and ordering paint, Diamond Vogel for donating brushes, and anyone else I missed! - Allison



*For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, Be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

For All the Saints, William Walsham How (1864)

All Saints Day doesn't get the religious or cultural hype that Christmas and Easter get. And often its missed while people are recovering from the community events and sugar overload of Halloween. (My older sister is a Halloween baby, so it's always birthday party time in our family.)

For Lutheran, All Saints Day is filled with the conviction that in Christ, every saint is a sinner, and every sinner is a saint (*simel justus et peccator*). We are simultaneously 100% sinners who are in bondage to sin who cannot free ourselves. But as sinners we are redeemed by the grace and passion of Christ we are also made 100% saint. It is God's grace, totally separate from our works, that makes us saints. Christ redeems us. Our joy in that promise demands that we respond to that grace by loving each other. And when our labors of love are complete then we find lasting rest in the mercy of God.

And honestly, I thank the lord that All Saints Day is a day of thankful rest. Growing up, it was always a competition to see who had the better Halloween costume. I also grew up on a farm, so to participate the expectation was that you have to show up in town. As an adult I am surprised at how often we unintentionally (but also intentionally) compete to see whose church or denomination makes us the better Christians. And its still the expectation that we must pilgrimage to a place of gathering. Otherwise, we do feel excluded and left out. Competing for who has the best costume or decoration is a rat race and competition that God never asks us to participate in. It's a man made - ill advised - venture that we self-elect into... who can dress up in the cooler costume as a kid becomes who can put on or create the cooler version of righteousness when we become adults. Our faith isn't a game of dress up. But neither is our righteousness in God's eyes something we can create. It's given to us through Christ. It fully and completely claims us.

When our events and competitions are all done what remains is our identity as Children of God, made in God's image who are created to live in supporting and loving community with each other. I pray that the fall festivities that surround All Hallows Eve reminded you of the great privilege it is to have communities in which to spend our time with.

May these days give us reason to rest from our labors to save ourselves. May you rest and take time to give thanks for all the saint who have gone before us and now rest in God's eternal light. And may we take time to be thankful for those saints who still reside alongside us all.

*But, lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Rev. Kari Lee





HAPPY Birthday FROM YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Nicole George 11/01
Tiffany Ketcham 11/01
Shad Marvelli 11/02
Andrew Ketcham 11/03
Betty Peterson 11/08
James Baker 11/11
Brock Jordan 11/13
Carolyn Kirchhoff 11/13
Dennis Porter 11/14
Mo Wilkins 11/14
Larry Birkenholz 11/16
Brittany McNeer 11/16
Marjorie Baker 11/19
Dennis Dobesh 11/22
Mary Ann Iske 11/23

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.

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



November 13th
**Commitment
Sunday**

Bible Quiz

Which of the following is not
called a "fruit of the Spirit"
— but probably could be?

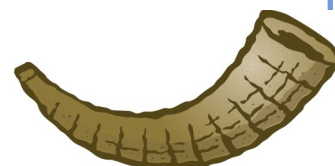
- A. love
- B. faithfulness
- C. self-control
- D. gratitude
- E. gen-
tleness



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Christian symbol

TRUMPET—In the Old Testament, trumpets, often
made from ram's horns, called people to worship or
war (and often promised victory). Joshua and the Isra-
elites used
trumpets to fell the walls of Jericho. Under Gideon, the
small Israelite
army blew trumpets and smashed jars to confuse the
Midianites into surrender. The New Testament says
trumpets will sound at the Last
Judgment and the resurrection of
the dead. In Revelation 11, a
seventh trumpet proclaims God's
final and complete triumph.



A good contagion

Thanksgiving is key in Christian prayer, but often our requests outweigh our thanks. By contrast, 85% of prayers in the Jewish prayerbook are blessings of thanks, according to Rabbi Evan Moffic. Noting that the Hebrew word for a Jewish person — Yehudah — means “one who is grateful,” he states, “Gratitude is at the core of how Jews pray.”

Someone once asked Moffic if he might know about a blessing he’d overheard at a restaurant. After a man proposed to his girlfriend and she said yes, he walked quietly to a corner, put on a yarmulke (a sacred Jewish head covering worn in prayer) and spoke a blessing. His fiancé teared up. The rabbi said the prayer was surely this: “Blessed are you, O God, sovereign of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us and for enabling us to reach this joy-filled moment.”

Why was this person so interested? “I am planning to propose to my girlfriend,” he shared with Moffic, “and I want to say this prayer with her.”

Unbeknown to the newly engaged pair, their gratitude transformed another couple’s life. When we give thanks to God, not only is our faith strengthened but our thanksgiving may inspire others. Gratitude is contagious!

—Heidi Hyland Mann



*The next
meeting will be on
November 2, 2022
6:30 Pm.*

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.

Quick Note

Thanks to those who came to our podcasting and crafting fellowship time. We had painters, stitchers, and collage makers. We listened to the On Being podcast where Krista Tippett interviewed Eugene Peterson, creator of the Message paraphrase of the Bible. Did you know you can read The Message online? If you go to biblegateway.com, there is a dropdown menu with all kinds of different Bible translations. It can be helpful to hear new ways of phrasing familiar verses!

Thanks!

*A faithful
person will be
richly blessed.*

Proverbs 28:20



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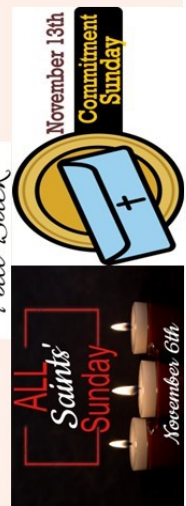
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November Pulpit Supply

Pastor Calvin "Cal" Oraw
Worship Service Every Sunday at 9:30am

Sunday School

Every Sunday 10:30-11:00am



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Property Meeting 6:30 pm.	3 Dorcas 9:00 AM	4	5
Rev. Cal Oraw Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 10:30-11:00	7	8	9	10	11	12
Rev. Cal Oraw Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School Cardmaking/Letter 10:30-11:00	14	15 Council Meeting 6:30 Pm	16 Lois Cr. 9:30 Am.	17 Martha Cr. 1:00 Pm.	18	19
Rev. Cal Oraw Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 10:30-11:00	21	22	23	Thanks be to God!	25 Office Closed	26
Rev. Cal Oraw Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 10:30-11:00 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	28	29	30			

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Sunday Morning Worship starts at 9:30 AM.

Let us know how we can pray for you!