

Extra! Extra!

Read All About It!

In-Person Worship Returns

Summer Worship Times

(FLC In-Person) - First Lutheran Church will celebrate our Lord every Sunday inside our nave at 9:00 and 10:30 during June, July and August. Both services will be broadcast to our parking lot. Upon arriving in the parking lot, tune your radio to 100.1FM.



The Body and Blood of Christ

(FLC Remembrance) - Communion will be celebrated on June 6th. Beginning the first Sunday of July we will return to Communion every Sunday. June 6th and July 4th we will use the remaining communion kits we have. After the Communion kits are gone we will use wafers, and return to the use of homemade Communion Bread after Labor Day Weekend.



Celebrating With Our Voices

(FLC Worship) First Lutheran will sing a joyful noise unto the Lord. Singing hymns and liturgy while participating in worship with verbal responses will again fill our nave with thankfulness.

"...we will strive in everything we do to help the people of our community and the world move one step closer to God"

Rooms Opening

(FLC Events) Following the Governor's recommendation, as of June 2nd there will be no limits on room capacity with the exception of the nave. The spacing in the nave will remain as it is now set. Plan your Bible study, Rummage Sale, Church Activity etc. now. Face coverings are not required but will be left up to each individual's preference.

Fall Hours

(FLC Fall) Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, September 5th, there will be one worship service at 9:00 with broadcasting to our parking lot. On September 12th we will return to 8:15 & 10:45 with Sunday School at 9:30, with the hope of being completely open.



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The article I will have in next month's Newsletter will explain the easiest way I know you can witness to others and invite them to come to worship with you. Read and pray about what I have said so far and maybe read the Acts of the Apostles and the Disciples.

Yours in Christ
Rev Dr. Paul DeMoss

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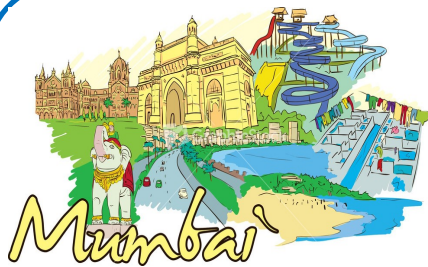


All Aboard!

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[Welcome to Mumbai!]

Though **Mumbai** can feel chaotic and crowded, there are peaceful moments to be found here. Nibble a paper cone of bhelpuri while you stroll the sands of Chowpatty Beach. Then, take a short walk to Mani Bhavan, where Mahatma Gandhi once lived, strategized, and was ultimately arrested. The markets are spirited places to bargain for spices or souvenirs. Take a guided tour of Dharavi – made famous by "Slumdog Millionaire" – for an eye-opening glimpse into what Mumbai life is like for nearly a million people. And don't forget to see the Taj Mahal if you have time.



Lutherans in India? You bet! The United Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India represent some 4 million members [more than the ELCA!]. These churches were established by German and Scandinavian Lutherans in the 19th century. Today the ELCA doesn't "send" missionaries to convert Indian people but works with the UELCI to aid and support these already established ministries wherever we may be needed. This is a statement of the of the ELCA: "As a member of The Lutheran World Federation, the ELCA is one of 145 member churches in 98 countries all over the world. Combining our gifts and working together, Lutherans can achieve things on a scale and scope that we could never do alone.

Working with international Lutheran churches allows the ELCA to address ministry opportunities effectively while skilled and faithful companion churches self-govern and take the lead on local ministry. Together we: • Advocate for one another • Build personal relationships across cultures • Connect congregations and synods through relationships • Create and collaborate on ministries and programs • Exchange pastors and leaders • Pray for and visit one another. **We are called to walk alongside our Lutheran brothers and sisters to grow the church and to do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities everywhere."**

When you put your offering in the plate or send it to the church, you probably wonder: "What difference can my little offering make." Did you ever think that some of it goes as far as **India**. It may bring a man to Christ. Or help a woman avoid COVID-19. Or heal the sick or feed the hungry? Or bring peace to a hungry, hurting soul? Yes! Stewardship is more than paying the bills or meeting the budget. It is life affirming, life saving and life giving!

- Pastor Chris



Library News

It is good to be alive.

I have been spending some library money again. Thank you to all the donors. WELCA gave money in memory of the women of the church who died in 2020. I bought The Book of Comforts in memory of Eileen Mains; Life Is Simple, Marilyn Wilson; A Simplified Life, Marilyn Schweitzer; and Momentum, Barb Smith. Rachel Circle donated money in memory of two of their members who died in 2020. I bought Grow All You Can in Three Square Feet in memory of Marilyn Schweitzer and The Faith of America's First Ladies in memory of Barb Smith. The library budget still has \$100 for purchases in memory of Phil Tuttle. So far I have bought three books about the Bible in terms for children in his memory. All books are on the book cart – take a look.

Other purchases include The Extravagant Fool in which the author, who loses all his assets in 100 days, chooses to place his trust in God; and After Shock, in which the author who witnesses the earthquake in Haiti, works on the question of "why suffering?"

Chris Brooks donated about fifteen more books to the library and I finally got all of the books that Miriam Gibson donated. (What a phenomenal donation. Thank you.)

So...now I have a challenge for you. With all the books we have in our church library, it's time for all of you to get your hands on the books. (Then I can dust the shelves. J Or not!) I want each of you to check out at least two books this summer. First, I ask you to check out a book on improving your lives. Now don't get all upset – I am NOT saying there are things wrong with your lives. I AM saying, though, that we can all make further strides in our Christian lives. So, read a book that will guide you to a higher step of Christian living. I will have sections marked on the shelves where you might find a book that appeals to you. I will also have some suggestions on the book cart.

Second, choose a book from any of the shelves to read for whatever reason. Make it a children's book (north wall), a biography (921 on the south wall), fiction on the west wall, or books that aid in reading the Bible on the south wall. Then fill out the form below, fold in half and place in the basket on the library counter. I can't wait to read your comments about your reading. Over Labor Day weekend, we will have a random drawing for surprise gifts. (Again, the big surprise is on Paul who doesn't know Welcome to the hint of summer. Weren't the flowering trees glorious greetings from God this April? And then the reminder that winter wasn't over? SNOW. But it wasn't a major problem - we just dug out those boots again! yet that he's paying for them.) Let's relax and read this summer .

—Kathy Brooks

BOOKS FOR SUMMER

Title _____

Comments:

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Celebrations

June

Birthdays

Kristi Gerdeman	6/1
Crystal Clark	6/2
Chery Francis	6/2
Mildred Thomas	6/4
Dalton Blunk	6/5
Megan Peplinski	6/6
Mike Tabler	6/8
Randall Eakin	6/9
Phil Burson	6/11
Noah Routson	6/11
Amy Bowser	6/12
Zarina Dillon	6/12
Nora Cochran	6/14
Kyle Nunn	6/15
John Dale	6/16

Greg Johnson	6/16
Jennifer Treece	6/16
Beverly Yammine	6/16
Morgan Kirk	6/17
Carie Eakin	6/18
Kim Blunk	6/19
Candy Deitrick	6/19
Virginia Borger	6/20
Elaine Leonard	6/20
Kris Thomas	6/23
John Ried	6/25
MaryAnn Chubb	6/27
Kelsey Dudics	6/27
Zachary Short	6/30

Anniversaries

Jack & Nancy Meek	6/3/1955	66
Richard & Susie Polder	6/3/1989	32
Randy & Chery Francis	6/5/1998	23
Jason & Crystal Clark	6/10/2000	21
Thomas & Pamela Basinger	6/14/1980	41
David & Shirley Gerber	6/14/1958	63
Steven & Sally Rice	6/15/1969	52
Jon & Sandra Burnside	6/19/1981	40
Kurt & Jane Ebersole	6/19/1976	45
Robert & Sara Cleary	6/20/2009	12
Clyde & Linda Mitchell	6/21/1974	47
Cloyce & Janet Baker	6/22/1958	63
Mark & Karen Rose	6/22/1985	36
James & Judy Routson	6/27/1992	29
Mike & Amy Tabler	6/28/1997	24



Worship Assistants

ALTAR FLOWERS

June 6 - Mary Lou McCann
June 13—Mary Ann Cubb
June 20 -
June 27 - Steve Brossia

Forms for your bulletin announcement are available on the bulletin board and at 1stLutheranChurch.org.

Flowers need to be delivered to the church by noon on Friday.

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Tom & Cindy Fitzpatrick
Carol Meyer

COUNTERS

Carole Wittenberg
Judy Kipker

LSS DELIVERY

Caroline Wilde

FLOWER DELIVERY

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

9:00/10:30

June 6
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June 27



Please call the church office at 419-422-2638 or email flcFindlay@gmail.com to let us know your senior is planning to attend.

Food Cart Requests



Laundry
Detergent
Tooth brushes/
paste, Condiments,
any packaged food
items

All donations benefit LSS
The cart is in the coat room.



Women of the ELCA

WELCA Calendar of Events for June & July

Rachel Circle is in-service for the month of June
Hannah Circle is in-service for the month of June
June 22 - Hannah Circle, Dinner Out – Gillig Winery – 6:30
July 17 - Program book information turned into the office
July 20 - Hannah Circle, Dinner Out,
Place & time to be determined

Just because its summer doesn't mean Circles can't meet! Plan a picnic, a potluck, a devotion, a time to have morning coffee, an afternoon snack, or an evening ice cream cone. Maybe you can't all get together at the same time, that's okay it's the fellowship that counts!



Knock-Out Rose Bush

Knock-Out Roses have the most flower power of any shrub on the market. More than other roses. More than anything else.

No other flowering shrub blooms as long or as often! Rachel Circle purchased a Knock-Out Rose bush in memory of Eileen Mains and Dave Gerber planted it in the church garden this past month. Eileen's willingness to serve at First Lutheran will be remembered not only by the rose bush but by her generosity and loving spirit.

WHAT IS KATIE'S FUND?

What your loose change supports.

Katie's Fund is an endowment that supports ministry in three areas: leadership development, global connections, and living theology. Katie's Fund is now more than \$1 million. Women of the ELCA established Katie's Fund in 1997 to honor the legacy of Katharina von Bora Luther, raise up bold leaders for the churchwide women's organization, and support bold and creative ministry for generations to come.

Your gifts to Katie's Fund go to the endowment, generating income each year to support ministry. Your generosity makes a real difference in women's lives. Thank you!

Church News



In Its 14th Year!

If you look on the south side of the church, you will find the Good News Garden in full bloom and production, just in case you've never noticed! In its 14th year, and after a low activity year during the pandemic (2020), we are hoping to be back on a more normal "production." Last year, you may remember the outstanding sunflowers, the beautiful zinnias, bachelor buttons, and a variety of other annuals. One quarter of the space is also devoted to sustainable perennials—dinner plate hibiscus, Montauk daisy, butterfly bush, coneflower, coreopsis, and more. Once again, we hope to have Pr. Bob bless our first fruits (and vegetables!) and we are looking forward to lots of zucchini, cucumbers, and tomatoes to use at the Community Dinners and to give away.

As you can imagine, the garden does not just tend itself. We would welcome your help with ideas and time to do the work. This is a great family project. Please watch for bulletin announcements and a sign-up sheet for help with this ministry. If you are interested in weeding, watering, cultivating, picking, or cooking and freezing some of the produce, please call Jerry Bryant (419-422-0015) or Jane Ebersole (419-422-9640).



Community Dinners Continue as Drive-bys!

March 8, 2020 was our last in-person Community Dinner, and we still have

no time set to return to our former way of doing things. Our community misses the "community" of dining together, but until our Community Dinner Council meets to talk about the various facilities and implications of resuming in-person dining, we will continue on with drive-by sack lunches.

So many thank yous go out to the faithful volunteers, who a year ago were SO eager just to be together, have continued to build sandwiches, burritos, and put hotdogs in buns. Our assembly line to fill paper sacks with fruit, cookies from Mitchell Candy Co., treats, and napkins has been a highlight of this ministry. So, hoping I'm not leaving anyone out. A big thank you to Joe Spoon, Devra Hall, Jim, Mitchell, and Nathan Routson, Jerry and Carolyn Bryant, Robin Bowman, Daryl and Cyndy Rotman, Phil and Denise Burson, Kim Blunk, Diane Adler, Bob and Arlene Schriener, Maria Schell, Evelyn and Kristan Napier, Mary Lou McCann, Tom Basinger, and my husband Kurt!

Whether you picked up Panera bread at 9 p.m. on Friday night, cut bread and sweets on Saturday mornings, packed, donated fruit, passed out lunches or hand-delivered them, or helped clean-up and deliver to City Mission, we so appreciate your help. If I were in charge of such things, you would all have "stars in your heavenly crowns," but just accept my thanks. Truly, this ministry does not happen by itself! Jane Ebersole



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Your opportunity to witness comes as you **listen** to what someone is sharing with you. You **listen closely** to their story and where there is pain or difficulty **that** is the place that you might share with them how Jesus has healed you by showing His grace, His mercy and love, with similar experiences that has brought you **through the storms of life**. In doing this, you are telling them about the Kingdom of God, sharing God's wonderful grace and being a disciple of the Risen Jesus. This is the best way to share the story of Jesus Christ that people might listen, be moved and healed. You don't have to worry about these encounters and what you're going to say, for you will be surprised how the Holy Spirit equips you for what you need to say.

I attended a four day conference for Lutherans in Minneapolis about "Healing and the Holy Spirit". One evening in a bible study class I was teaching we were discussing the healing ministry of Jesus. I showed them a brochure I had received in the mail which was called "Lutherans for Healing and the Holy Spirit" and it was being held in Minneapolis by Lutherans. It was a four day conference and the expenses were far greater than I could afford. Someone asked me if I was going? I said it was too expensive for me to attend. A couple days later someone from that class called me and told me that they had prayed about it and the expenses would be covered by the class, for they wanted me to attend this conference.

I thanked them for their generosity and attended the conference. Believe me I saw things I had never seen before in a Lutheran worship service or conference. We attended a worship service every

morning followed by a lecture on the topic for the day. In the afternoon each day, we had several hour long lectures on different topics related to the topic for the day. After dinner we concluded our day with another worship service and a powerful sermon. Healing was also available during the worship services and any time of the day in a room available for those who wanted prayers with anointing and healing.

One afternoon I attend a lecture about the “Holy Spirit and Healing through Prayer”. I was impressed with what the presenter had to say and he gave me plenty to think about. At the end of his presentation, he asked if there were any ministers in the room. A few people began to raise their hand and my hand went up slowly, as I thought I wanted to be anonymous. The presenter asked that the ministers come up front and form a line across the front of the room. He then invited the rest of the people to come forward to one of these pastors if they wanted prayers and the pastors would place a hand on their head and pray. Oh yes, the people coming forward weren’t to tell the pastor for what they needed in prayer.

“What?” I thought to myself. “What have I gotten myself into? How am I supposed to know what to say or pray?” Maybe no one would come to me.” But God did direct some people to line up in front of me. I remember

in particular a young woman who came to me; as I was praying she started crying and I knew the Holy Spirit was definitely guiding my prayer. I learned something that day that I had been thinking about as I anointed and laid hands on people for healing prayers in the congregation I served. I had to get out of the way and be a conduit for the Holy Spirit to flow to the people for whom I prayed. See my friends, God knows what that person that was sent to us needs and God wants to bring them His peace. God will heal and give His peace if we get out of the way and let the Holy Spirit flow through us to them. We are being disciples as we share our story with someone and we need to remember to let go of our fears and thinking we have to do or say something special. Let go of your fears and **trust** that the Holy Spirit will guide you. We don’t live with **fear**; we live with **FAITH** and **TRUST**.

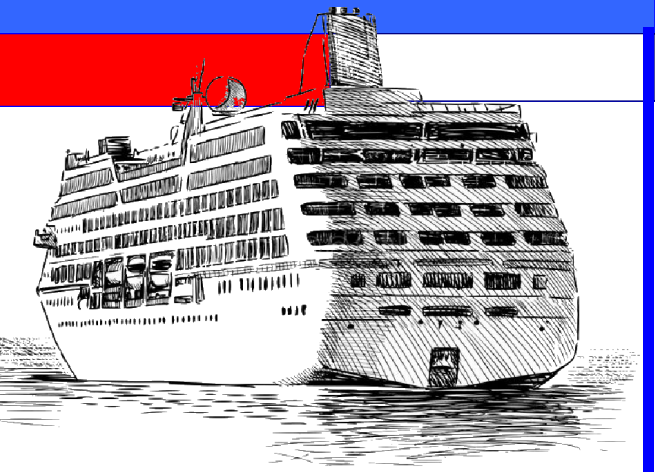
God gives us so many opportunities to be disciples, to share with others God’s amazing grace if we will **just do it**. May God Bless you on this wonderful journey **as you** are sent out to share God’s mercy and love with others.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Paul



DISCIPLESHIP

All Aboard! the STEWARD SHIP



In India, many people who had migrated to another part of the country for work lost their jobs due to COVID-19 closures. Without income or food, many made the long journey home on foot. Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response have supported companion churches as they have distributed water and food, and opened their church doors for rest. Since January 2020, Lutheran Disaster Response has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic in more than 35 countries around the world. Rev. Chandran Paul Martin is the ELCA regional representative for health care, development and disaster response in Bangladesh and throughout Asia and the Pacific.

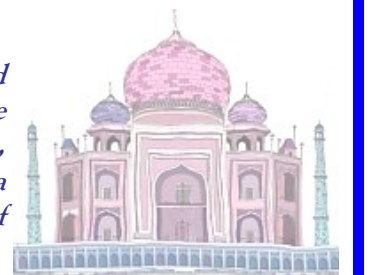
Lutheran Disaster Response

For the past year, Lutheran Disaster Response has continuously supported partners and companion churches throughout India to respond to COVID-19. These partners include: Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bodo Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lutheran World Service India Trust, Manipur Evangelical Lutheran Church, Padhar Hospital in Madhya Pradesh, United Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India.

They are supporting communities by distributing food and hygiene kits to vulnerable populations, conducting livelihood training for migrants, sharing information about COVID-19, and promoting prevention practices. LDR is currently gathering updates from partners and companion churches to plan for continued support.

CALL TO PRAYER

God, our peace and strength, we pray for India as it faces renewed uncertainties around COVID-19. Protect the most vulnerable, especially all who are currently sick and unable to receive medical care. Grant wisdom, patience, and clarity to health care workers, especially as their work caring for others puts them at great risk. Give those in India courage to face these days not with fear but with compassion, concern, and acts of service, trusting that you abide with us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Celebrations

Birthdays

Paul DeMoss	7/3	Tom Dillon	7/18
Anthony Masterlasco	7/3	Adam August	7/19
Evan Clark	7/8	Falkyn Roth	7/19
Mary Kondik	7/8	Diane Adler	7/20
Jerold Bosse	7/9	Eric Timbrook	7/21
Michael August	7/10	Milton Peters	7/22
Ella Zawisza	7/12	Diana Salisbury	7/22
Adelyn Thorbahn	7/13	Abigail Ruehle	7/27
Kristan Napier	7/14	Sue DeMoss	7/28
Toni Poling	7/14	Nina Dukes	7/28
James Staschiak	7/14	Matthew Meyer	7/28
Samuel Ried	7/15	Marisa Sanders	7/28
Kenneth Otte	7/17	Rick Howard	7/29
Joseph Breen	7/18	Bethany Rice	7/29

July

Anniversaries

Jim & Kimberly Fultz	7/1/2000	21
Glen & Mary Lou McCann	7/3/1965	56
Arthur & Carolyn Wilde	7/5/1969	52
Fred & Karon Makrancy	7/7/1974	47
Gregory & Sandra Rakestraw	7/17/1971	50
Thomas & Cynthia Fitzpatrick	7/24/1971	50
Rick & Roberta Howard	7/30/1976	45

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