

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH + SAINT PETER

# FIRST OUT LOUD!

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER, 2022



## Pastor Chris

As we begin November, we celebrate the fact that Sunday School has resumed on Sunday mornings. Faith Formation and Confirmation Classes have also been meeting on Wednesday nights. Once again, our building is filled with the wonderful sounds of excited voices and active feet moving throughout our classrooms and dining hall. It is a delight to hear! Our children, youth, and families are an important part of the life of First Lutheran Church. They are a source of joy and energy as they laugh and sing, play and work through their lessons as they continue to grow in their Christian faith.

During the School Year we are involving our youth in important ways during worship as Worship Assistants. Our 5th & 6th Graders have been present in the chancel area wearing albs and serving as acolytes during worship. Our 7th – 9th Graders have greeted those who have come to worship in our building. Our youth have been helping with the technology at worship and, they have read the lessons so that we might gladly hear and learn from God's holy word.

I am envisioning still another way we can involve our youth and celebrate what they bring to the life of our congregation. I'm thinking of calling it "First Sundays at First Lutheran Church." On the first Sunday of each month, I will offer a children's sermon. I would also like to see our youth involved more in the musical life of our church. They could sing with a choir. They could play instruments as part of an ensemble. They could take a "noisy offering" to benefit one of First's missions. What else could they do? Please pray about this and let's envision ways we can further involve our children, youth, and families in the life of First Lutheran Church.

## President's Report

I have not been as busy since this month. The biggest thing I have done is set up the display in the gathering space with the generous help of David Fienen. But I have many people to thank.

As always, I thank council members for their continued faithful work. And I am just as grateful to Pastor Chris for his faithful pastoral work. In particular, I received positive comments about his sermon on October 9.

His work, along with the work of the Congregational and Community Ministry Committee and many others, is bringing people to our church for worship. On October 9 I saw four people whom I have not seen at First for many years—more than twenty in the case of one couple. They indicated that they will come again. This is an encouraging development.

I also particularly thank the Stewardship Committee for their work with the videos shown in church and all the other work they are doing as part of our stewardship emphasis and encouragement for members to submit their estimates of giving. Please remember to return your estimate of giving card and time and talent sheet. Remember too that, even if you cannot make a pledge, your time and talents are wonderful gifts to our church.

I also want to extend my thanks to all members of our staff for their faithful work and commitment. I repeat my previous request that all of you thank members of the staff when you see them. One staff member expressed great gratitude for thanks and a compliment I gave them, and said they wished that more people would do it and not talk to them only when they have complaints. Gratitude and compliments are something that we all enjoy, and the members of our staff are no different.

I, and others, have received multiple questions from members who want to know whether the woodcut from Father Harry will be put in a public place so that we may view it any time. I have referred this to the Building and Grounds Committee. I have offered to write a brief explanation of the woodcut and Father Harry's deep connection to our church, to be displayed with it.

*Dr. Garrett E. Paul, Council President*



<b>SEPTEMBER 30</b> <i>Financial Report</i>	
Income	\$290,956
Expense	315,464
Net Loss	( 24,508)

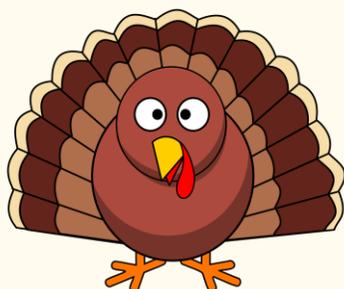
## Youth & Family – November Events

October was filled with mischief and mayhem at FLC! We hosted our 3rd Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest as well as our 2nd Annual community Trunk or Treat event!

### **High School Youth Group: Wednesday, November 2nd!**

Join us for our combined HS Youth Group with Trinity Lutheran Church and Union Presbyterian Church! Details below:

- **When:** November 2nd from 7:30PM-8:30PM
- **Where:** First Lutheran Church
- **Why:** This is a great way for us to connect with other Christians in our community!
- **What to expect:** We'll have a bonfire going with s'mores, games, and a time for check-in's and devos!



### **Thanksgiving Pie/Flower Delivery: November 20th**

Our Youth will be coordinating a pie and flower delivery for members that are unable to gather with their family over the Thanksgiving holiday. Please reach out to our office or Calleigh if there's someone specific you'd like included in this

service project.

### **Sunday School Schedule:**

11/6/2022	Sunday School Class	<i>The Sadducees' Question</i>	9:15AM-9:55AM @ FLC
11/13/2022	Game/Craft Day	<i>Thanksgiving Card Making</i>	9:15AM-9:55AM @ FLC
11/13/2022	Sunday Worship Music Opportunity	<i>Sunday Worship</i>	10AM-11AM @ FLC
11/20/2022	Sunday School Class	<i>The Day Jesus Died</i>	9:15AM-9:55AM @ FLC
<b>11/27/2022</b>	<b>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS - THANKSGIVING BREAK</b>		

### **Confirmation/Faith Formation Schedule:**

11/2/2022	Session #6	6:30PM-7:30PM @ FLC
11/9/2022	Session #7	6:30PM-7:30PM @ FLC
11/16/2022	Session #8	6:30PM-7:30PM @ FLC
<b>11/23/2022</b>	<b>NO CLASS - THANKSGIVING BREAK</b>	
11/30/2022	Session #9	6:30PM-7:30PM @ FLC

## Stewardship Report as of 10/26

### 2023 Envelop Offering

92 pledges  
\$274,775

### Building Campaign 2023-2025

69 pledges  
\$318,778

## Worship Notes

### November 6: All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday falls on the first Sunday in November each year. You are invited to bring a photo or small keepsake of a loved one to display during worship, and you will have the opportunity to light a candle for them.

### November 23: Thanksgiving Ecumenical Worship

Hosted by Trinity Lutheran. Pastor Chris will be preaching. Service begins at 7pm.

### Wednesday, November 30: Advent Midweek

There will be four midweek services during Advent - beginning Nov 30 - featuring the Holden Evening Prayer by Marty Haugen each week at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. You are invited to make this a part of your Advent spiritual journey.

### Advent 2022: What Can't Wait?

We return to A Sanctified Art for a beautiful and slightly different approach to Advent this year. The series, What Can't Wait, will take us on a journey through Advent, Christmas, and will end with Epiphany.

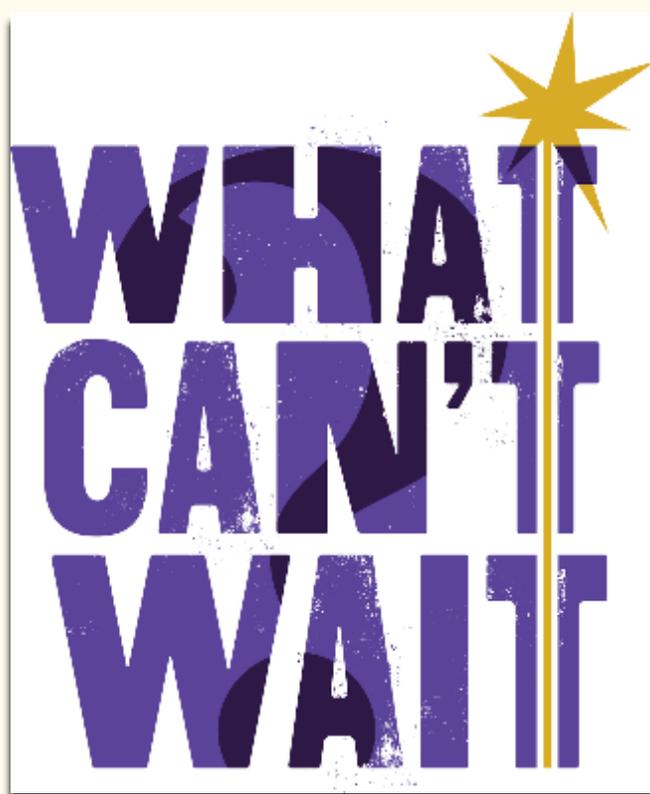
Digital devotional booklets will be available during this time. Since they contain beautiful artwork and imagery, it is recommended that you view them electronically, and due to copyright rules, we cannot post the booklet to our website. You will receive a special link to view the devotional booklet in the Heartbeat beginning on November 23 and through the end of the year. We will print by request only to save resources. Please contact Angela if you would like a black and white version printed for you.

### Musicians this Month

We welcome four musicians this month: David Fienen, Steve Kidder, Sharon Malm, and Sophie Martinez! A big thank you to these people for leading the music during our worship, and a special note of thanks to Sophie for directing the handbell choir!

### Update on Emily's Sabbatical

During the week of Thanksgiving, Emily will be the Village Musician at Holden Village in Chelan, Washington. She sends her gratitude to First Lutheran for the opportunity to help plan and lead Thanksgiving worship in this unique and beautiful place. To learn more about Holden Village, visit <http://www.holdenvillage.org/>



## Social Justice Committee - Update on "The Kitchen"

The Kitchen will be serving its first free meal at Trinity Lutheran Church on October 24th from 5:30-6:30. The meals will be served on a rotational basis with Trinity Lutheran, Union Presbyterian, The Church of St. Peter, and First Lutheran all participating. First Lutheran Church will be planning, preparing, and serving a meal on November 21st. A signup sheet will be posted if you would like to volunteer. Donations are also needed to support this service to our community. If you would like to donate, please place a check in the offering with "The Kitchen" written on the memo line. We are hoping to serve meals to the community every Monday throughout the year except for major holidays and in case of bad weather. If you have any questions, contact Marilyn Kochsiek 612-695-6270 or members of the Social Justice Committee.

*Submitted by Marilyn Kochsiek*

## 2023 Stewardship Campaign Wraps Up

The Stewardship Committee and staff are grateful to all who have turned in an Estimate of Giving card for 2023 and/or a three-year Building Campaign pledge card. If you haven't yet done so, we welcome you to still turn in your estimates so that we may plan for 2023 and beyond. First Lutheran Church can do amazing things with generous support from all our members!

## Worship and Arts Committee - Noteworthy News

Our committee has some SENSATIONAL news! Recently, the church council has designated \$70,000 from some of the funds that were set aside for capital expenses to support the organ restoration project! We could not be more thrilled about sharing this news! Once Emily returns from sabbatical, the plan is for her to connect with Patrick Fischer so that plans can be made to finish up the remaining phases of restoring our beautiful instrument!

We would like to thank all who were involved and participated in the "FLC's Got Talent" event earlier this month. Everyone seemed to have such a great time! It's fun to learn about the variety of talent and gifts that people at FLC have to offer and share with others!

We would like to sincerely thank all who have volunteered their time and musical talents to support our music ministry at FLC! A lot of time and work - much more than many people realize - is involved in rehearsals, scheduling, and preparation to provide that sweet music that we are so fortunate to hear each week. We wanted to remind our musicians and volunteers that this isn't going unnoticed! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

One other reminder about worship: If you are able, it would be wonderful to have more help during Sunday services. We have a lovely group of volunteers who often step up to fill these roles. We appreciate them greatly! However, we are concerned about "volunteer burnout." Many of these tasks are simple and easy to learn. If you've been a little apprehensive about opting to do this, consider this your invitation! YOU are needed!

*Submitted by Michelle Doose*

## The National Lutheran Choir- Christmas Festival

### Christmas Festival at the Basilica of Saint Mary

#### Live Concerts

- Friday, Dec. 9th - 4:30pm and 8pm @ The Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis
- Saturday, Dec. 10th - 8pm @ The Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis
- Adults and seniors: \$33 | Students: Pay what you can | 18 and Under: Free

#### Livestream

Friday, Dec. 9th - 8pm

Free to all | Visit [NLCA.com](https://www.nlca.com) to watch. For tickets and more information, visit [NLCA.com](https://www.nlca.com) or call 612-722-2301.



WE HAD  
A LOT OF  
FUN THIS FALL!  
JOIN US  
THIS WINTER!

# SOUP COOK-OFF & DESSERT AUCTION

Soup/Chilli Entry

Dessert Entry

Recipe Name

Your Name

E-Mail

Phone

Please Indicate if your recipe includes any of the following allergens:

Gluten/Wheat

Tree Nuts

Dairy

Peanuts

Eggs

Soy

Fish

Crustacean/  
Shellfish

Calling all Cooks! We are now taking entries for the First Annual Soup Cook-Off and Dessert Auction. On November 20<sup>th</sup>, immediately after church, please join us in the dining hall to sample the entered soups/chilis. Attendees will be voting with their spare change and dollar bills. The cook whose soup raises the most money will win the coveted Ladle trophy. All are welcome.

While you are sampling the soups, please look over the auction table and be ready to bid on your choice of the available desserts to take home. That means we are also calling for First Lutheran bakers! Please donate a dessert (cake, pie, or other dessert) for the auction.

All proceeds from the event will go to the church's General Fund. Please join us for this fun new tradition at First Lutheran. A little bit of good natured "Lutheran" competition never hurt anyone! The Ladle Trophy will travel from winner to winner each year.

If you are interested in entering a soup or donating a dessert, please complete the Entry Form. Forms can be turned into Angela in the office or placed in the offering plate. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Timm 507-340-0846 or [iquilt4love@yahoo.com](mailto:iquilt4love@yahoo.com)

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