

A child with a blue backpack is walking away from the camera, carrying a blue bag. The background is a blurred outdoor setting.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH + SAINT PETER

# FIRST OUT LOUD!

NEWSLETTER  
SEPTEMBER 2022

## **Pastor Chris:** *Preparing for the Season of Stewardship*

September will be a busy and important month in the life of our congregation! On September 4th we will resume weekly Holy Communion. Then, on September 11th, please wear your yellow t-shirts and come prepared to participate in service to our community on “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday.

This month also marks the start of our annual Stewardship campaign, and we are in for a real treat! Pastor Carl Bruihler and Dr. Annalise Rivas have been working hard with our Tech Committee. They have been interviewing and recording our members. During these interviews they were asked: “How long have you been a member of First Lutheran? Name one thing you are really thankful to God for. How have you seen God at work here in our congregation, the community or elsewhere?” Please come to worship on September 4, 11 & 18 to hear the answers to these questions and watch these brief videos for yourselves!

On September 18th, each committee in our congregation will be staffing a table under a tent on the Western side of our church. Come outside and visit with volunteers from each committee who will share with you what their committee does to further the life and mission of First Lutheran. Mingle with these great volunteers and see how God might be inviting you to share your gifts and passion to help serve our congregation, local community and beyond.

We will also be getting ready to resume our Sunday School, Faith Formation and Confirmation programs for 2022-2023! Please register your 5th & 6th Graders for Faith Formation and your 7th, 8th & 9th Graders for Confirmation by September 11th. We ask that you please register your PreK- 4th Grade youth for Sunday School by September 18th. This way we can be prepared for a wonderful year of fun, learning, and exploring our faith together! If you have questions, please contact Calleigh Carlson at: [cc.flcstp@gmail.com](mailto:cc.flcstp@gmail.com).

September will be a busy and exciting month! Join us for worship and all that God has in store for us as a congregation! God bless you all!

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Chris*

## Council President's Report: *Sharing Our Building with Neighbors*

The Church Council has been very busy over the summer. More than one of you has come to me with concerns about whether Pastor Chris will get to have the week of vacation that he spent sick instead. The Council has begun the process of working this out with Pastor Chris, and he will get that week of vacation!

We are in the process of revising the constitution. All these changes will be brought to the congregational meeting in December for a reading, and then to the January congregational meeting for a vote.

We are excited for our fall stewardship campaign, "First Fruits." This year's campaign is especially important since we will be asking for estimates of giving for both the annual budget for 2023 and for the next three years of our mortgage for the building fund.

We are preparing a display of information and artifacts from the history of First Lutheran as well as and a tour of the addition, especially for the benefit of those who have joined our congregation since it was completed, so that we can all appreciate what our mortgage is paying for.

It is especially important to remember that stewardship includes time and talent as well as financial support. Everybody can contribute, whether they can contribute financially or not!

We will have a special event on September 18th to kick off the campaign, highlighting both the improvements to the church building and the many ways in which we can offer our time and talents to serve one another,

We have been in negotiations with two groups seeking to rent space in our church. Ecumen has asked to make use of our basement for an adult day care service. The nonprofit Grass & Roots Outdoors, which, among other goals, seeks to get children active outdoors, has asked to rent office space. If the negotiations for these are successful, we will not only be serving our community but developing more revenue streams.

Thanks again to Pastor Chris, our wonderful staff, our volunteers, our energetic and faithful Council members, and all committee chairs and members—and to all who make worship happen!

*Garrett Paul, Council President*

### **Funeral Servers: Ready to be there for you**

As we continue to re-open our doors to activities, we are again publishing the monthly service lists for families to be ready to serve at funerals. The service coordinator for September is Cheryl Kautt (If you have questions about service lists, please contact Karen Smithers [ksmithers@flcstp.org](mailto:ksmithers@flcstp.org). *The Church Council passed a resolution presented by the Fellowship Committee that FLC is no longer providing baked goods and pickles for funerals.*

### **September Servers:**

Laurie Blomgren  
Galen & Kaari Bly  
Laura Dietrich  
Keri & Beth Eichmann  
Silvia Hahn  
Bonnie & Harry Hunt  
Joel & Susan Jackson  
Edward Johnson  
Larry & Janice Johnson  
Marilyn Kochsiek  
Brenda McHugh  
Marwood & Ginger Neilson  
Pat & Amy Pehrson  
Rick & Janice Prososki  
Rachel & Dave Ribar  
Patsy & Ken Rossow  
Tammy & Jesse Samuelson  
Mary Ann Scharf  
Lauren & Bob Shoemaker  
Kayla Thompson  
Mike Torkelson

### **PRIDE Parade: Support LGBTQ Community**

First Lutheran Church will have an entry in the PRIDE parade on **Saturday, September 10 at 10:30 a.m.** Please contact Mary Spear (507-317-1817) if interested in being in the parade.

## **Youth & Family Programming: Registration is Now Open for 2022-2023**

### **Sunday School (Pre-k-4th Grade):**

The Sunday School programming will continue with the same model as last year! This model is less intimidating for busy families (as well as volunteers), all the while still offering programming every Sunday, for families that enjoy weekly participation. Check out the Church calendar to keep up with Sunday School programming dates.

#### **→ Important Dates:**

- ◆ **Registration Deadline: September 18th, 2022**
- ◆ **Rally Day/First Day of Classes: Sunday, October 2nd from 9:00am-9:55am at FLC**
- ◆ **Registration Link:**  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeYirmO\\_D4w4LZdGPKecMZWu1Adk0KZpzAI35mVQ\\_wvFBBgJA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeYirmO_D4w4LZdGPKecMZWu1Adk0KZpzAI35mVQ_wvFBBgJA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### **Faith Formation (5-6th Grade):**

FLC is ready to welcome back 5th-6th Graders for Wednesday night education!

#### **→ Important Dates:**

- ◆ **Registration Deadline: September 11th, 2022**
- ◆ **Orientation: Wednesday, September 21st from 6:30pm-7:30pm at FLC**
- ◆ **Registration Link:**  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdCFq0Ig12yVNdzlIjSZd7YNgGphiDFdiB6Xv0MN3meU4MBUG/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdCFq0Ig12yVNdzlIjSZd7YNgGphiDFdiB6Xv0MN3meU4MBUG/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### **Confirmation (7-9th Grade):**

It's time for another year of learning about God, each other, and ourselves in Confirmation class!

#### **→ Important Dates:**

- ◆ **Registration Deadline: September 11th, 2022**
- ◆ **Orientation: Wednesday, September 21st from 6:30pm-7:30pm at FLC**
- ◆ **Registration Link:**  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfo36zasK33M8yPTpZIxngs-4bCw1wv05vzGFSIXUXe7capA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfo36zasK33M8yPTpZIxngs-4bCw1wv05vzGFSIXUXe7capA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### **High School Youth Group (9th-12th Grade):**

Back by popular demand, we will be continuing our HS Youth Group with Trinity Lutheran & Union Presbyterian. Join us on the 1st Wednesday of each month and stay tuned to our church Facebook page & calendar and the Heartbeat for all the extra activities too! More information on a start date soon!

### **CONFIRMATION MENTORS NEEDED!!!**

A confirmation mentor is someone willing to befriend and guide a confirmation student in matters related to faith and life. Ideally, a mentor is an adult, non-family member, who is actively involved in worship and congregational life at First Lutheran Church. Confirmation students are asked to get together with their mentor at least twice each year. Please contact Calleigh ([cc.flestp@gmail.com](mailto:cc.flestp@gmail.com) or 507-779-6866) if you are interested!

## Worship Notes

### September 11, 2022: God's Work. Our Hands.

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is an international event organized by the ELCA and all participating congregations, including ours! Come and be inspired to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world and stick around for some exciting service opportunities after church!

### September 18 - October 23: Season of Stewardship

Join us each Sunday for a special focus on being good stewards of our gifts through the lens of this year's theme: First's Fruits.

We welcome three substitute musicians this month: Steve Kidder, Sharon Malm, and Sophie Martinez (our GAC Music Scholar from Fall 2021)! A big thank you to these people for leading the music during our worship!

### FLC's Got Talent!

Thanks to everyone who has signed up for FLC's Got Talent, which will be October 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall. There is still time to sign up!

Do you:

- Sing, dance, or play an instrument?
- Act or give interpretive readings?
- Make magic, entertain, or stack cups?
- Create pottery, textiles, furniture, paintings, drawings, or any other visual art or craft?
- Grow, cook, and/or bake a healthy snack? (A sweet treat is already being provided!)
- Entertain or create in some other way not listed here?
- Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/2w9vysua> or by contacting Calleigh at [cc.flcstp@gmail.com](mailto:cc.flcstp@gmail.com) to reserve a spot by Tuesday, October 4!

### What Does This Mean? A Guide to Worship Resources

Here is a brief guide to some of the worship resources that we regularly use and that we will use this fall!

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, or ELW, is the title of our red (some would say cranberry) hymnals that are found in the pew racks throughout the Sanctuary. This is the most common place to find various parts of the liturgy or special orders of worship (in the front of the book) and the hymns (in the last two thirds of the book).

### Church Financial Reporting

7/30/2022

Income 243,329

Expense 248,822

Net - 5,493

*All Creation Sings*, or ACS, is a supplemental hymnal that was published in 2020 with newly composed liturgies and hymns. The church does not own this hymnal, but you have and will see hymns from All Creation Sings printed in our bulletins since we have the licensing and copyright permissions to do this.

*Now the Feast and Celebration*, or NFC, is a liturgical setting written by Marty Haugen. We have used this setting either in the summer or during the fall, and it is coming up again this year during our Season of Stewardship! You will receive a booklet with your bulletin and will be asked to turn it in at the end of worship.



## God's Work Our Hands: Service Projects Planned

We will celebrate the ELCA day of service, known as God's Work Our Hands Sunday, on Sunday Sept. 11th. After Worship, you will have the opportunity to choose from two different projects to show God's love to our neighbors.

The two different service projects to choose from are:

- Tying blankets and making birthday cards for Camp Noah. Camp Noah is a program of Lutheran Social Service and supports kids affected by disasters. Meet in the Gathering space to participate. Contact Rachel Szybnski if you have questions about this project ([rszybnski@gmail.com](mailto:rszybnski@gmail.com) or 507-380-0379)
- Yard work and window washing at Union Street Place in St. Peter. Union Street Place is a temporary shelter run by Partners for Housing, a nonprofit that supports people experiencing homelessness. Wear appropriate clothing to do this work and bring work gloves. We can carpool there after worship. Contact Mary Spear (507-317-1817) if you have questions about this project.



**ALSO: If you have a God's Work Our Hands T shirt, please wear it on Sunday, Sept. 11th!**

## Social Justice Committee News

What: South Central MN PRIDE Parade

When: Saturday, September 10th

Where: Meet at Bridge Plaza Parking Lot (old Embers location), 201 North Riverfront Drive, Mankato. Park somewhere in Old Town other than the library or staging area.

Time: 10:30 a.m. (parade starts at 11:15 sharp)

FLC will be walking in the Jessica Flatequal Memorial Pride Parade, and we invite all to join us for this event. We will carry the FLC banner, pass out candy and pens and spread goodwill along the parade route. We should be finished by noon or shortly thereafter so come join us!

## Free Community Meal on Mondays: The Kitchen

Plans are underway to revive the free community meal on Monday nights that was stopped due to COVID. A member of our Social Justice team, Marilyn Kochsiek, has been attending informational meetings with representatives from Trinity, Union Presbyterian, and Church of St. Peter. The program was formerly called "The Kitchen" and the group has agreed to keep that name going forward. The meal will continue to be hosted at Trinity Lutheran church but will be a joint project of the churches previously mentioned. They are looking at ways to fund the program through grants and donations.

## **Committee Highlight: Stewardship Committee Charter**

Would you like to join the Stewardship Committee but are not quite sure what the committee is all about? Below is an outline of the committee's charter with the annual cycle of stewardship planning and activities

### **Charge**

"The Stewardship Committee is responsible for promoting biblically based stewardship through temple talks, newsletter articles, and special programs for the congregation. The Committee is also responsible for conducting an annual financial pledge drive and soliciting responses to time and talent surveys."

### **Annual Cycle**

Below is the suggested annual cycle for the work of the Stewardship Committee. Additional meetings may be scheduled on an as-needed basis. The committee submits articles to the Heartbeat newsletter that encourage healthy stewardship on a regular basis.

#### *January Meeting*

Orientation for new members  
Review of the annual cycle and committee charter  
Receive updated pledge report from Financial Secretary.  
Possibly follow-up with those who have not pledged.

#### *May*

Begin brainstorming ideas for stewardship campaign for late summer or early fall.

#### *July-August*

Finance Committee communicates to Stewardship about possible fundraising goal.  
Create Stewardship plan (possibly including letters, postcards, events, pledge cards, gathering of gifts Sunday)

#### *August-September*

Implement Stewardship plan.

#### *October*

Send out thank you notes to all who pledged.

#### *November*

Follow-up with those who pledged the previous year but not this year yet.

### **Committees: Budget Deadline!**

Please make sure that your committee budget has been submitted so that the Finance Committee can review and make recommendations as they formulate the 2023 budget that is included in the 2022 Annual Report. If your committee needs to work with Karen, please call the office to make an appointment with her 934-3060.

## Cemetery Committee: Pop Quiz

Get Acquainted with Resurrection Cemetery with this Pop-Up Quiz.

1. What is the cost to mow the lawn each time at Resurrection Cemetery  
A. \$400                      B. \$525                      C. \$700                      D. \$200
2. Each mowing involves approximately \_\_\_\_\_ acres and includes both the Resurrection Cemetery and the State Hospital Original Cemetery  
A. Ten                      B. Two                      C. Five                      D. Eight
3. The death of \_\_\_\_\_ was a national and even international news story. Interment is in Resurrection Cemetery  
A. Governor John A. Johnson    B. Camilla Hall    C. Lillian Gault    D. Captain Dodd
4. The first known interment in Resurrection Cemetery occurred in \_\_\_\_\_  
A. 1870                      B. 1851 C-1858                      D. 1862
5. What is the purchase price of a gravesite in Resurrection Cemetery  
A. \$450                      B. \$600                      C. \$800                      D. \$550
6. There are a minimum of \_\_\_\_\_ unidentified grave sites in Resurrection Cemetery  
A. None                      B. 25                      C. 50                      D. 75
7. Civil War Veterans are interred at Resurrection Cemetery  
A. 3                      B. 6                      C. 10                      D. None
8. To access the road leading into Resurrection Cemetery take  
A. Highway 169    B. Sunrise Drive    C. Highway 99    D. Highway 22
9. What is the current number of known interments in Resurrection Cemetery (August 20, 2022)  
A. 1025                      B. 3235                      C. 1875                      D. 2063
10. What website has a memorial page for each known person who was interred at Resurrection Cemetery?  
A. [findagrave.com](http://findagrave.com)    B. [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org)    C. [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com)    D. [billiongraves.com](http://billiongraves.com)

### Answers:

1. *\$525*    2. *Ten Acres*    3. *Camilla Hall – Camilla was a member of the Symbionese Liberation Army, along with Patty Hearst, and was killed in a shoot-out in Los Angeles in 1974*
4. *1862*    5. *\$600*    6. *75 – the names of the deceased persons are known but not their exact gravesites – There are likely others whose names are unknown that are interred in Resurrection Cemetery. Most of these gravesites would be in the oldest section of the cemetery.*    7. *Six;*
8. *Highway 99*    9. *2063*    10. *[findagrave.com](http://findagrave.com)*

## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

1114 Traverse Road  
Saint Peter, MN 56082

## Non-Profit Organization

U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Permit #3  
Saint Peter, MN 56082

Phone: 507-934-3060  
Email: [flcstpoffice@gmail.com](mailto:flcstpoffice@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.flcstp.org](http://www.flcstp.org)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/FLCSTP](http://www.facebook.com/FLCSTP)

COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED

# EVERY SUNDAY

servers and preparers are needed,  
call the office to volunteer

