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“Souper Bowl”



On Super Bowl Sunday – February 13th – the Social Ministry Committee will be hosting our annual chili & soup cook-off, following the 10:30 worship service. Even if you don’t want to enter the competition, please come and sample the soups, and vote for your favorites!

Prizes will be awarded in two categories: 1) Chili, & 2) Other soup. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Be sure to mark your calendar so you don’t miss out on the fun!



Christmas Touch of Love Giving Tree...It’s A Wrap!



A special THANK YOU to Karen Hartman and the Confirmation kids and parents for their help with the “Touch of Christmas Love” Giving Tree! You have made this mission a labor of love and we appreciate all you do...moving the gifts downstairs, sorting and boxing, and helping wrap! You are a blessing to our church family!

Thank you to ALL who helped give families in need a Merry Christmas by kindly shopping for gifts. This year, our congregation donated over 200 gifts to Parents As Teachers to help bring joy into the lives of others this Christmas season!

With gratitude, The EvangaTeam

Join us for a fun afternoon of

Paint, Praise & Pizza

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
313 E FAYETTE ST MANCHESTER
JANUARY 16TH, 2022 11:30-1:30 PM
ALL ARE WELCOME!

(See more info in the Christian Ed news on p. 3)

January Radio & Flower Sponsors

KMCH Radio Broadcast

January 2.....The family of Betty Sutton in honor
& celebration of her 95th birthday
January 9.....The Ron & Tirzah Wedewer family
January 16....Janis Creveling
January 23....OPEN
January 30....OPEN

Altar Flowers

January 2.....OPEN
January 9.....The family of Betty Sutton in honor
& celebration of her 95th birthday
January 16....Tim & Diane Egemo, in celebration
of grandson Leo Sullivan's baptism
January 23....OPEN
January 30....OPEN

Baptisms

12-19-21Jada Elizabeth LaPage.....Rev. Ede



Coffee & Fellowship

I am planning to offer coffee January 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th between worship services. If anyone is interested in joining me in the Fellowship Hall for a short devotional and discussion or just a quick treat, please stop down! Also, if anyone would like to help with baking a treat or two, I would be happy to have you join me. - Cheri Orcutt

~ Plastic Containers Needed! ~

If you have any empty Cool Whip, cottage cheese, or other plastic containers with lids taking up space in your cupboards, please consider contributing them to the church kitchen. Thank you!

Pastor Ede's

OFFICE HOURS

(Hours are also posted on his office door)

Sunday: 11:30 A.M. - ? *

2nd Monday of the month: 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.*

Tuesday: 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.*

Wednesday: 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. & 8:00 P.M. - ? *

Thursday: 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.*

**Also available by appointment, as needed. All times are subject to change to allow for emergencies.*

Greet & Gather ~ January/February 2022

Our January "Greet & Gather" will be a **Vision Boards Workshop at The Gathering Place, Saturday, January 8th at 9:00 A.M.** Vision Boards are a creative way to map out your goals and intentions for the new year. This workshop will share ways for connecting your dreams with God's vision for your life. Please bring scissors and old magazines that you don't mind cutting up. A freewill offering will be accepted. Please contact Lisa Guetzko with any questions.



On Sunday, February 6th, please join us for an afternoon of outdoor family fun at Tirrill Park at 1:30 P.M.! Come dressed for the weather and bring your sleds and your friends! The EvangaTeam will provide a bonfire, s'mores, and hot chocolate. Hope to see you there!



The EvangaTeam

Jen Cassutt, Sarah Maurer, Leah Beaman, Michelle Ries, and Lisa

\$\$\$ TAX-FREE Contributions \$\$\$

Hey all,

Just a quick reminder on how to direct some dollars to the church that would otherwise go to Uncle Sam in the form of taxes...

You can make a contribution to the church from your IRA and have the stocks, bonds, or mutual funds transferred directly to the church's brokerage account. This way 100% of what is transferred goes directly to the church without you having to pay State or Federal taxes on it. The church then sells the securities and the cash is transferred to the church's bank account without ever being taxed. If you have securities in a non-qualified account that have appreciated substantially this is a good strategy for them as well.

If you have questions, call the church office and Lynne can help you get set up with how to do this.

- Jeff State



Stewardship Update



Malachi 3:6-10 - "For I the LORD do not change...but you say, 'How shall we return?' Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me... In your tithes and contributions. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me; the whole nation of you. Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing until there is no more need."

Try this: give a small child a cute teddy bear. The child's eyes will light up and a big smile will appear. Then, try to take it back. The smile turns to a frown, the eyes get dark, and "No, it's mine" rings out. No matter what the good gift is, you won't get it back without a fuss. Sound familiar? God gives us blessings every day. Our smile and eyes light up as our time, talent, and treasures

pile up. Then, God asks us to give back a little bit back. Our smile turns to a frown, our eyes get dark, and we say, "No, it's mine!" We think God is being unfair to ask for a small portion back of what entirely belongs to Him. We forget we are stewards, not owners.

Thankfully, God does not change. We receive His grace, His undeserved love and mercy every day. He brings that grace to us by means of the Word, Baptism, and Holy Communion. For everything God has done for us through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus to give us eternal life, how can we not be good stewards of the earthly blessings He daily provides and return a portion to Him? God is faithful and will take care of us. Father, thank You for Your daily blessings. Help me to be a faithful steward of them. Amen.

Sincerely,
Larry Richmond
Stewardship Chair

Christian Education/ C³ Youth & Family Update



Happy New Year! Thank you for your continued support of our children, youth, and family programming. We are looking forward to a great 2022! Please see below for several updates and stay tuned on Facebook and via email from firstlutheranfamily@gmail.com for more info regarding our Christian Education opportunities at First Lutheran Church. If interested in joining a small group or study - or leading one - please contact Tanya Burnett.

Sunday School: We will resume Sunday School for preschoolers through 6th graders on Sunday, January 9th with a fun Kick-Off. During the month of January our theme is "A Day at the Museum", centered around Jesus' early life and ministry and the spiritual habit of "Using Our Gifts". Sunday School meets from 9:10 to 10:15 A.M. each Sunday morning. We welcome all to our opening each Sunday morning in the sanctuary, and pick-up is from your child's classroom. For questions, please contact Sunday School Superintendent Dawn Askeland.

Sunday School Serve & Sing: The children will be serving at our 10:30 A.M. worship service on Sunday, January 9th. Parents, please check your emails for a sign-up and more details, or contact Alana DeMoss or Dawn Askeland if you or your child would like to read, usher, greet, or assist with worship in any way.

Grab your bible and join us for "Lessons from the Land: The Gospels" with our guide Barry

Britnell on Wednesday evenings in January from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. All are welcome to join us for this intergenerational study on Wednesday evenings. It's not just for women - men and children, we want to see you, too! No passport is needed as we journey together visiting the places where Jesus lived and taught. We will step inside a first-century synagogue, take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee, and walk through the busy streets of Jerusalem and learn many thought provoking applications along our journey. No study guide or homework. We will watch videos from our guide and discuss. We will watch Season 2 of "The Chosen" in February. Please let Sarah Maurer or Tanya Burnett know if you have any questions.



Small Groups Study: Seventh graders through adults are welcome to join us for "Unexpected", a 4-session series from the Gospels on Jesus on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15 A.M. in the Inspiration Room. First meeting will be January 9th.

"Paint, Praise, and Pizza Party": All ages are welcome to join in the fun on Sunday, January 16th in the education wing from 11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M. We will provide pizza and have materials to paint a canvas to add to our gallery for a fun "Art Gallery Open House" on February 6th.

C³ Youth & Family: Our crew will be meeting on Sunday, January 9th in the Inspiration Room, following the 10:30 A.M. worship service.

Tanya Burnett
Christian Education Director



A heartfelt “thank you” from Pastor Ede and the church staff for all the Christmas greetings, cards, & gifts. They are truly appreciated more than you know!!

PEACE *LOVE* HOPE *JESUS* PEACE

Thanks so much for the beautiful plate of goodies and for thinking of us at Christmas time. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Doris Helmrichs	Duane & Joan Sherman
Una Swanson	Joan Schmidt
Betty Sutton	Lillian Burns

PEACE *LOVE* HOPE *JESUS* PEACE

The Manchester Fire Department thanks you for your generous support. Your donations are a very important component of our ability to bring you the necessary services in the event of an emergency. A large portion of your 2021 donations were set aside for the purchase of a new truck in 2023.

As we reflect on this past year, we would remind everyone to please make sure your family is protected by having the following working in your home: A working smoke detector on every level; a working carbon monoxide detector; a family emergency plan; a family disaster supply kit; and a NOAA weather radio to receive warnings.

PEACE *LOVE* HOPE *JESUS* PEACE

On behalf of Mary Beth and Bayo, thank you for your generous gift of \$1,000 to the Mashiah Foundation. They are grateful for the support you give to further their ministry. Your generosity is a great encouragement to them as they continue to meet the needs of those people affected by HIV/ AIDS, especially during this time of the pandemic.

Blessings,
Sandi Wallestad



First Lutheran Church Council Minutes ~ December 13, 2021

The regular meeting of First Lutheran Council was called to order at 6:02 pm.

Members present: Pastor Tony Ede, Sarah Maurer, Doran Zumbach, Troy Askeland, Tanya Burnett, Karen Nieman, Vicki Zietlow, Brenda Saunders, Mark Guetzko, Lisa Guetzko, and Mitch & Cheri Orcutt (incoming council members); absent - Larry Richmond. Guests: Kelly Lorenzen, Alicia, Jeff State

Kelly Lorenzen was present to report on updates since completion of the GodSpeed Equine Victory Ranch fencing project. Much progress has been made, but still a long way to go. Horses are onsite and soon will be able to start kids in the program grooming horses to build trust and connection, and working with kids to build a Christian relationship. Fifty kids are on the waiting list to participate in this program from referrals by area school counselors. Alicia, 18-yo, shared her story of how Kelly and Al have helped her through life since age 11, and how the benefits of GodSpeed and riding have given her healing and hope in her life. A professional video was shown including clips from the beginning of day one of construction to the completion of the fence. This will be available for viewing by all who helped in any way. Appreciation was expressed to Kelly and Alicia for the updates and making the trip tonight.

Opening prayer by Pastor Ede: Church Growth/Reading of Constitution on hold for now...Part VI 'Officers and Boards' when continued.

Approval of November Council Minutes: Motion to approve minutes was made by Troy; seconded by Tanya. Motion carried.

Approval of November Treasurer's Report: Report was not complete by meeting time; Sarah will update and send to council members. Moved by Brenda, seconded by Karen to approve treasurer's report with revisions. Motion carried.

Total Income YTD (Nov) 2021	\$202,172.84	Total Income Prior YTD 2020	\$199,654.29
Total Income YTD budgeted	\$244,245.87		
Total Income YTD vs budget	(- \$ 42,073.03)		
Total Expenses YTD (Nov) 2021	\$219,093.01	Total Expenses Prior YTD 2020	\$206,888.21
Total Expenses YTD Budgeted	\$243,952.50		
Total Expenses YTD vs budget	(- \$ 24,859.49)		
Operating YTD Loss	(- \$ 16,920.17)	Operating Prior Year YTD Loss	(- \$7,233.92)

Treasurer's Report – Sarah Maurer: Sarah has researched other options for accounting services. Troy and Sarah met with Milestones Group. Two options were presented. Details, pros/cons presented. Motion by Karen, seconded by Troy to move accounting services to Milestones Group and Option 1. Motion approved unanimously. Council gives Sarah authority to work with company to determine best option for transitioning to a fiscal year accounting to coincide with annual meeting. Services with Goslings will end 12/31/21, with understanding they are responsible for end of year reports and tax documents. Decision has been made to purchase QuickBooks software for church accounting. Power Church software will still be used to maintain member giving records.

President's Report – Doran Zumbach:

- Recommends having copies of GodSpeed video made on a thumb drive for anyone who was involved and would like to view it. The video can also be viewed on You-tube and other sites. Motion by Troy, seconded by Mark to make 25 thumb drives for those wishing to view using this method. Motion carried. When 1099 reports go out to donors for tax purposes, the websites to view it will be included in that information.
- Introduced what will be known as the 'Triple R' project; Information was presented at the annual meeting depicting water damage, electrical hazards and other costly issues with the church building. These were identified after an exterior and interior building inspection was completed by Mark Guetzko. A committee has been appointed to study options and to formulate alternatives moving forward. Committee will study benefits of Repair, Renovate or Replace. Motion by Troy, seconded by Tanya to approve the Triple R project. Motion unanimously approved. Three meetings are scheduled in January to begin the process.

President-Elect - Troy Askeland: No report

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Pastor Ede's Report:

- Confirmation pre-test over material covered in the first term will take place this week;
- "Meal and a Message" was well attended;
- Window Walk was a success and fun. Great way to connect with community;
- Continuing Bible Study and communion at The Meadows and worship with guitar at GNH.

Christian Ed – Tanya Burnett:

- Sunday school Christmas program held Dec. 5th; program was creative, well done, and enjoyed by all. Thank you to Alana DeMoss and Sara Hamm for leading and for all the SS team for music and extras;
- "Christmas in the City" (how countries around the world celebrate Christmas) was done Dec. 12th;
- Birthday party for Jesus activities on December 19th will conclude SS for 2021. SS will resume January 9, 2022;
- Planning a Paint, Praise, & Pizza Party for all on Sunday, January 16th after SS. Will have an open House/Art Gallery in February;
- Working with SS Superintendent Dawn Askeland and Alana DeMoss to outline coming year with activities in the Grow curriculum;
- 7-12 Youth group planned childcare on the afternoon of December 5th for families who needed time for Christmas prep. No families participated. Youth group hosted "Meal and a Message" on December 1st. The group will go caroling after the worship service on December 22nd;
- Confirmation class was instrumental under the direction of Karen Hartman to make tags, secure gifts, stage gifts by families for wrapping, and help wrap. Special thank you to Karen for organizing this project. Ten families were sponsored with approximately 200 gifts. Thank you to members for donating the gifts.
- Still seeking leaders for God Squad group (4th – 6th graders) and organizing the church library.
- Intergenerational Bible study to resume in January after Wed. evening services. Watching and discussing "The Chosen" series.

Social Ministry – Vicki Zietlow: Twenty-five Christmas plates were made and delivered to shut-ins

Evangelism – Lisa Guetzko:

- December Greet & Gather was a photo op at the Window Walk. Over 250 pictures were taken using Pastor's truck as a back drop; candy canes with Advent service information were handed out;
- January G & G will be "Vision Boards" workshop at "The Gathering Place" January 8th at 9:00 am
- February G & G will be "Sledding & S'mores" & hot chocolate at Tirrill Park February 6th at 1:30 pm.
- Lisa has put together an Evangelism binder to make the transition smoother for Jen Cassutt as she takes over this position.
- Pay It Forward (PIF) has officially become its own 501c3. Thanks to the church for being the fiscal sponsor during the growth and transition of this organization. Sarah wrote checks for all their line items except the PIF Hope Fund (\$500) which the FFDC manages for PIF. This will be reviewed on a monthly basis with the anonymous donor per their request.
- PIF Christmas Hope initiative was awarded \$15K by the McElroy Fund, and funds will be used this year for Christmas Hope. 140 kids will benefit from this program this Christmas.
- Vision Planning: Mark and Lisa Guetzko met with Troy Askeland and Cheri Orcutt via zoom to transition the Vision Plan over to the 2022 Council President and President-elect.

Lay Ministry – Karen Nieman:

- Forty-three poinsettias have been ordered and will be set out for Christmas Eve services;
- "Christmas in a Box" to be assembled December 15th after the worship service. Boxes will be distributed to shut-ins, GNH and Meadows residents by Pastor and Kathy Moorhouse;
- Will undecorate the sanctuary January 4th;
- Council installation to be December 26th at 8:00 am service;
- Discussion on having bulletin with weekly announcements printed - decided to print a limited number; they will be placed on the table by the offering plate for pick up;

Properties – Mark Guetzko:

- Received quote from DB Acoustics for new audio/video system. Report was reviewed. Due to cost of project, constitution requires congregational approval. Motion by Troy, seconded by Karen to proceed to schedule congregational meeting to vote on new sound/audio system. Motion unanimously approved;

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- Rekeying outside doors: Due to number of people who have keys to church doors, lost keys, looking at rekeying or a new system with keypad, remote unlock, or other possible options. Motion made by Sarah, seconded by Tanya to rekey doors ASAP and explore options for church locking systems. Motion carried. Mark will contact Mr. Lock and Key from Dyersville to research options.
- Thank you to whoever pruned and cleaned flower beds this fall;
- Replaced bulbs in all hanging lights in sanctuary with LEDs. One on pulpit side already burned out, so will contact electrician to be sure it isn't electrical problem;
- Necessary projects for new property director - sidewalk on east side to be replaced next spring.

Stewardship – Larry Richmond: No report

Secretary – Brenda Saunders: No report

Old Business:

- C3 Vision Planning will be rescheduled; January 15th date doesn't work. Troy will email new date;
- Volunteer Coordinator; Position was posted for hire, have had interest; no resumes received to date;
- Council will host "Meal and a Message" on December 22nd - menu and plans were discussed; Sarah will be in charge.

New Business:

- Meeting will be held after worship on December 19th to develop central calendar for 2022;

Thank you to all out-going council members for your hours of dedicated service: Doran Zumbach, Mark & Lisa Guetzko.

Next meeting: To be held January 10, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Saunders**

THANK YOU for your CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT to FIRST LUTHERAN

Attendance & Offering Report

<u>Year-To-Date Contributions</u>	<u>YTD Total Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Weekly Avg.</u>
September \$160,377.71	\$173,161.25	- \$12,783.54	494	124
October \$178,981.45	\$199,665.53	- \$20,714.08	656 (5 Sundays)	131
November \$202,172.84	\$219,093.01	- \$16,920.17	531	133

From our Treasurer, Sarah Maurer...



I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas with family and friends! As we embark on a new year, I want to thank everyone for their financial support of First Lutheran Church over the past year. This year was not as strange as 2020 with COVID shutdowns; however, it was unusual in its own way. As we look to the New Year, I encourage you to review your giving for the upcoming year. There are some maintenance and update projects at the church which will need to be addressed this year and I encourage you to consider increasing your benevolence for the coming year. We have multiple options for giving (see below), and I encourage you to set up automatic giving so if you miss a church service, your offering continues.

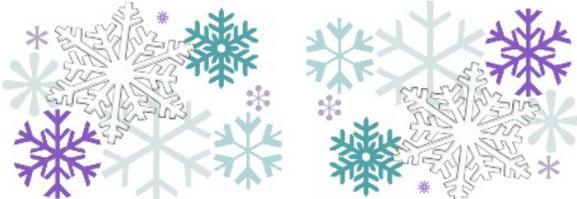
- ♦ Place your offering in the plate at the back of church after worship services
- ♦ Mail a check or cash to the church office, or drop it off during office hours
- ♦ Sign up for automatic giving with your bank
- ♦ Give through Venmo, @flchurch
- ♦ Give online via Subsplash through our church website, firstlutheranmch.com



January

2022



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January 2022 Worship Schedule

Sundays @ 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. ~ Wednesdays @ 6:00 P.M.

*(The Sunday 8:00 A.M. service is broadcast on KMCH Radio 94.7 FM
and live streamed on kmch.com and Facebook Live)*

OFFICE HOURS



Monday/Wednesday: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Tuesday/Thursday: 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
(Mon.-Thurs. gone for lunch from 12:30-1:30)



Our Mission Statement

***“To GATHER and CELEBRATE God’s saving love around Word and Sacraments,
to GROW in faith, love and service, & to GO into the world as Christ’s disciples”***