

A photograph of a snow-covered hill with a bare tree against a sunset sky. The sky transitions from a soft orange at the horizon to a pale, hazy blue at the top. The snow on the hill is a clean, bright white, contrasting with the dark silhouette of the tree.

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## FROM THE PASTOR

**JESUS BOILED DOWN** all of the commandments of God to two. *Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul* is number one. And *Love your neighbor as yourself* is number two. Take a minute today and ask what obeying those commandments looks like for you this year.

Let's break down the first one into heart, mind and soul. What does it mean to love the Lord your God with all your heart? The heart is the center of our passions and emotions. What does it mean to have affection for God, to want to be near God. Think about how you love your spouse or friends or children. One way to be obedient here is to worship regularly and with intention. When you sing the hymns and songs in worship do you do it with feeling and love? What about the prayers and sacraments. Pay attention to your heart and reach out to God with your affection during these moments.

Love the Lord your God with all your mind might be easier for us in our tradition. This might look like study and learning. What are you planning to learn about God this year? It also has to do with your thought life and turning your attention to God and meditating on his ways and intentions. Think about all the ways you engage your

mind and thinking and let God be part of those. Do you love watching the news or listening to popular podcasts? Is there a version of those that focus on God?

Love the Lord with all your soul. This is more all encompassing. Often the word soul is the same as the word life. It is meant to be that deepest part of who we are. Think of the goals of your life, your pursuits, the thing you aim for with your values and beliefs. Let God become the goal of all that you are.

Love your neighbor as yourself. This command is our ethic, our guide for all decision making. It might start with loving yourself well as a person made in the image of God, saved by grace through the work of Jesus and called to live a purpose – filled life. Love yourself well, and then treat everyone with the same love by making their thriving a priority. When you find yourself challenged with a decision about how to treat someone else, ask “What does love require?” When we carry that question with us into all of our interactions, we are learning to obey this commandment that has within it all the commandments of God.

As followers of Jesus we are people learning the way of love. Love is complex and requires courage and intention and putting others ahead of ourselves. May God teach us this year how to love Him and others better.

PASTOR TRAVIS NORTON



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# Sunday's Message

JANUARY 11, 2026

MATTHEW 3: 13 – 17

PASTOR TRAVIS NORTON

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** We are 11 days into the new year; how many of you have already broken your New Year's resolution? The new year is a time of reflection where we take stock of our lives and make decisions about what we want to change. Often, it's a time when the gyms are full again as people re-commit to their health. We might start eating better, and healthy cookbooks fly off the shelf. It's a time when we determine to do better in areas of our lives that matter most to us. Maybe this year we will spend more time with family or get control of our budgets or develop a daily prayer time. All this is to say that the new year is a time of repentance. That's not usually a word we associate with New Year's resolutions. But that's really what we are doing when we make a commitment to change. Repent is a word that literally means to change direction, to turn around. We associate it with sin and that is what it's about. But sin isn't just the big things where we break one of the Ten Commandments. Sin is all the decisions and behaviors that are incongruent with who God wants us to be. To repent of sin is to turn away from habits that don't line up with God's values. We often make New Year's resolutions to try to match our behaviors to our own ideas of who we want to be. We want to be healthier people who have good relationships and take pride in the way we live our lives. When we look around for values to hold as Christians, we look to God and ask Him what a good life looks like. God wants us to be healthy, God wants good relationships for us, God wants us to live towards a higher purpose. So we repent and make changes and try to live into God's hopes for us.

When John the Baptist came on the scene, he came

with a call to repentance. He invited people to confess their sins and come and be baptized by him in the Jordan River to mark their commitment to change. He gave specific instructions on how people should change. He told people who had extra coats to share with those who had no coat. He told people who had food to share with those who had no food. He told tax collectors to be honest and only collect what was required. He told soldiers that they should not threaten people to get money and be satisfied with their wages. He told religious leaders to live out their teachings in their deeds and habits not just their words. Repentance wasn't just a word game; it meant specific changes in specific lives. And people came from the city of Jerusalem to hear him preach, to receive his instruction and then to be baptized. They confessed their sins, they made a commitment to change, and they marked that commitment by going under the water guided by John's hand.

But my question is why did they come to be baptized? What was going on in their world that made them ready to make these changes? John told them that the Kingdom of God was near and God was about to act and things were going to change, and they wanted that change to come, they needed it to. They lived in Jerusalem which was occupied by the Romans at the time. Their taxes had been raised and the money used to pay foreign soldiers and governors who policed their streets and enforced obedience under the threat of death. John said he was fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy to prepare the way of the Lord, make his path straight. They remembered their history when Isaiah had prophesied an end to a different foreign oppressor, so when John promised a new

King was coming who would baptize with the Holy Spirit, the people were ready. When John prophesied that the new King had a winnowing fork ready to gather the wheat and burn the chaff, the people were ready. So, they came from Jerusalem and stood in line and got baptized, resolving to change their lives and be ready for the King. But when the new king showed up John was caught off guard by his request to be baptized. Jesus got in line and listened to John's call for repentance and walked into the Jordan river to make his commitment. You can understand why John was confused and said he was unworthy, that Jesus should be the one baptizing. Everyone else there was getting baptized to prepare for Jesus even though they didn't yet know who he was.

So why did Jesus ask for baptism, too? He tells us, although his answer is a bit cryptic. He says it is "to fulfill all righteousness". Righteousness is a loaded word that means to do what God commands, to live in alignment with God. Jesus is in his 30s at this point and in a sense, he is ready to change direction, to begin his public ministry. Submitting to baptism to fulfill all righteousness is Jesus making a new resolution, a new commitment to the mission that God has given him. The way he does it matters. Again, Jesus doesn't appear in the expected places; he's not in the temple in Jerusalem, he's not declaring his candidacy for King from a palace or lofty place. He goes to the Jordan River where the people who are repenting have gone. The Jordan River where God parted the waters so Israel could move from the wilderness to the promised land. He launches his ministry there to show his commitment to us first. Jesus is God incarnate, Immanuel – God with us. Which means he is with us in our need for repentance, with us in our desire for change, with us in our confessions and prayers for help. He is baptized to show that he is the kind of King who cares more about people than power. Jesus reveals his humility. He's willing to stand in line to wait his turn, to do what is required of others. That is the fulfillment of all righteousness. And when he is baptized, the heavens split open just as the Jordan had done in the past. And God the Father affirms Jesus' identity as the new King. 'This is my son, my

beloved, with him I am well pleased". And God the Holy Spirit affirms Jesus' identity by coming in the form of a dove and alighting on him. Jesus is revealed again to us as the King who is one with God, as the God who is one with us. We don't have a God who is far off who uses strength and violence to exert his will on us. No, we have a God who comes to us, loves us, and changes us through relationship. So that when we are baptized the heavens open to us and we are filled with the Holy Spirit and claimed by the Father as God's own son, too. Jesus was baptized with water; we are baptized with water and the Holy Spirit and called to follow the new King by repenting of our sins and aligning ourselves with His way in the world.

Jesus came at a time when the people were anxious, they were looking for a change, they were living in fear in their own city. And I know that many of you are feeling anxious about what is happening in our world. When we arrested the president of Venezuela, I felt that pit in my stomach wondering if it will lead to war that will cost American lives. When we pursue oil tankers on the high seas that are under Russian flags shadowed by Russian subs, I worry about a wider conflict with a major military power. When a young woman goes to observe immigration enforcement and ends up being shot by them in her car it makes me afraid for others like her. There is a climate of fear that has settled over our country where we are quick to point blame and slow to listen. That officer who shot the woman is a Christian man. That woman who was shot was a Christian woman. In any other moment their interaction would have ended up much differently. But when fear and tribalism pervade, everyone is put at risk and people make bad decisions. I don't know about you, but it often leaves me feeling helpless and afraid. How can we be agents for peace? How can we encourage our neighbors to love each other? How can we bring healing to anxious people? This is the world Jesus came into, the world he committed himself to when he waded into our waters and was baptized. The answer I believe is the same then as it is now. Repent and commit yourself to the Lord. Get in line behind Jesus and commit to follow him this year. Jesus is more powerful than we



are, he alone has moral clarity knowing what is right and what is wrong. Jesus is the one with the power to gather the wheat and burn the chaff. He is committed to this world, to changing lives, to healing sickness, to serving those in need and bringing peace.

If we want peace in our world, then we must follow Jesus. If we want to put an end to senseless violence and fearful tribalism, then we must follow Jesus. We need to learn to love our enemies, to protect the vulnerable, to serve our neighbor and to see everyone as our neighbor. That is the way of Jesus. Learn the way of Jesus in this world, commit yourself to him.

I don't know what this year will bring, there have already been some really scary things. I think there will be some really good things, too. I do know whose lead I will follow this year, I will follow the lead of King Jesus, the Son of God, beloved by the Father and filled with the Spirit. He knows the way. He is the way. He will lead us through. He will lead us home. Amen.



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT**  
**LIGHT**

**ROLLING DINNER**  
Gathering Place 5:15 – 6:15 p.m.

**WORSHIP**  
Worship starts at 6:30 p.m.  
Followed by Small Groups  
(*Students through Adults*)

**Pre-Confirmation** for grades 6–7  
**Confirmation** Small Group for grades 8–9  
**High School** Small Group for grades 10–12  
**Adults** Small Group **led by Pastor Carrie Baylis**

## PIKES PEAK HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

First Lutheran is scheduled to serve on the Interfaith Build site on Saturday, January 24, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. We have promised ten volunteers for the morning shift. No experience necessary, just a passion to serve. Contractors on site teach you everything you need to know! I've learned how to use a chop saw, install insulation, dry wall, and even hang doors! **We only need three more volunteers!** Please email [cheryl@flccs.net](mailto:cheryl@flccs.net) if you are available to help.

## ARE YOU AVAILABLE AND ABLE TO HELP AROUND THE FLC CHURCH CAMPUS?

During heavy times of events or winter weather, our sextons and administrative staff can use a little help. We are looking for energetic individuals to help with snow removal and/or set-up and tear-down of tables and chairs for events. Sometimes we need a little extra help with churchwide mailings. We are also looking for people willing to serve as a photographer for major church events (your camera or borrow ours). Indicate where you are willing and able to help here: <https://bit.ly/48pizFo>

## HELP US RE-SUPPLY OUR BUSY BAGS

FLC provides bags of books and small toys for small children that attend worship with their parents. Our "Busy Bag" team replenishes supplies each time a bag is used. They are in need of purchasing some additional items to stuff the bags. If you are a Thrivent member and haven't used all of your Thrivent Action Teams for the year, please consider applying for a \$250 to help the "Busy Bag" team. Contact [cheryl@flccs.net](mailto:cheryl@flccs.net) if you need help applying.

## JANUARY OUTREACH FOCUS

### FAMILY PROMISE

During the month of January 2026, First Lutheran will support Family Promise three ways:

1. We will be collecting King Sooper and Safeway Gift Cards to give to the situationally unsheltered families to purchase food for breakfast and lunch items while living in the day house as well as gas for their car.

2. Under the mural Feeding of the 5000, we will have an In-Gathering of Household/Hygiene items including toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo and conditioner, face wash, body wash, bar soap, deodorant, baby wipes, body lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand towels, razors, her shaving cream, tissues, hand sanitizer and lip balm. Please be sensitive to families with other than Caucasian skin and hair. This is not intended to be a racial issue, just a real one.

3. Our goal is to provide all 13 evening meals, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, for the month of January! We still have 11 open slots! Please sign up for your spot now! Delivery to the Day House at 324 North Nevada can be made anytime between 4 – 6 p.m. Meals should feed 12-15 people (3 – 5 adults and the remaining children). Please sign up to bring a meal in January here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoB4AA9A-C28A3FEC52-49949464-meals#/>

## WAYFARERS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15 | 11:30 A.M.

Meet at Black Bear Diner, 975 North Academy Blvd, located on the north side of Citadel Crossing. Please contact Annette Kester if you plan to attend: [719.641.1053](tel:719.641.1053) or [anjakester@comcast.net](mailto:anjakester@comcast.net)

## CHERYL'S CORNER

### God's Presence Still Amazes Me Every Time

Well over a year ago, Pastor Travis encouraged me to follow-up with our members that we haven't seen in a while to make sure they are doing well and see if they need anything from us. I wrote a workflow to keep track of our members' attendance. It automatically assigns me an interaction to call the member if they haven't checked in for worship in the last three months. Most of the time it identifies a member that I know comes to worship regularly but just doesn't check in at a kiosk or fill out a connection card. Sometimes it picks up on members that travel south for the winter. In these cases, I don't make a phone call. But if I don't personally know the person and/or their situation, I work up the muster to call them. You'd think I wouldn't be so nervous about making such calls. I'm not trying to sell them anything. I just want to let them know they were missed and see if they are okay. Yet this is one of the most difficult jobs on my weekly "To Do" list.

This past week, I had to reach out to someone that I don't know although she has been a member since 1988. She is 80 years old and her last record of attendance was in October. I was very nervous, but I told myself it was important to call. Perhaps she's in the hospital and the pastors needed to be notified. Or

maybe she is a snowbird, and I needed to note her winter address. I picked up the phone and dialed her number. We had a lovely chat. She happens to attend most often online but hasn't been able to figure out how to complete a connection card. I assured her that isn't a problem and we are just glad she is enjoying our live-stream worship service.

Before I hung up, she mentioned that she received many lovely cards for her 80th birthday from members of First Lutheran. I told her about our Card Ministry Team (an idea from Kiersten Lehmkuhl almost four years ago). There are 27 First Lutheran members on this team, and they send out cards each month for "special" birthdays and anniversaries. They also send out get well, sympathy, etc. cards as requested. One of the birthday cards she received was a hand-crafted card, and this especially touched her heart. She explained that she is the owner of "Creative Impressions," a store on Garden of the Gods that sells papers, stamps, embellishments and tools for scrapbooking and creating cards! She asked for the contact information of the woman that had created her special 80th birthday card in order to provide free supplies for her card ministry. She then said, "Please invite anyone on the First Lutheran Card Ministry Team to come in for free supplies or to attend a workshop to learn how to create their own cards!" What a blessing! God is always present with me on those phone calls



CHERYL MAHON, DIRECTOR OF LAY MINISTRIES

## RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

Your Building Committee is hard at work! We continue to meet weekly with our architects (CRP) as we move toward a clear Phase One plan for renovating our facility. Here's what's happening:

### PHASE ONE SCOPE DEFINED

- Expanded Narthex
- New Elevator & Stairwell
- Expanded Gathering Place
- Updated Bathrooms
- More Functional Kitchen in the Gathering Place

### FACILITY ASSESSMENT

CRP and their engineers have reviewed our building's mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and structural systems.

GOOD NEWS: The building is in overall good condition with no major concerns. However, systems are aging and will need ongoing maintenance and upgrades.

### FIRE SAFETY UPGRADES

- Currently, only the lower level has sprinklers. We plan to extend sprinklers and upgrade the fire alarm system for the Sanctuary, main level, and upper level
- Estimated cost: \$350,000

GOOD NEWS: The Sanctuary can be sprinkled with minimal impact on its appearance.

### DESIGN, CITY, AND NEXT STEPS

CRP is refining concepts for the front façade and tower/entry tied to the new elevator and stair. We're outlining a process to select an interior designer and general contractor this spring. A pre-application meeting with City planners is scheduled this month to review zoning and other requirements.

**Thank you for your prayers and support as we seek to steward our building for future ministry!**

## Inspire Faith Project – 1<sup>st</sup> ph

### Objective:

Renovation of the Church's Sanctuary and Narthex. We are a big welcoming congregation. We need our building to communicate the narthex, small hard to find bathrooms, difficult navigation on entry, windows and church finishes.

### Scope:

#### Includes:

- Sanctuary and Gathering Place
- New elevator/stairwell addition
  - Gathering Place addition and expansion
  - Gathering Place bathrooms
  - Gathering Place kitchen

#### Excludes:

- Upper floor
- Sunday School
- Nursery
- Storage
- Sexton's office
- Sacristy
- Upper Floor
- Remaining Plan (3<sup>rd</sup> phase)
- Increase

### Approach:

- Develop Master Plan across all three phases, with detail in the 1<sup>st</sup> phase.
- Develop "As Is" Assessment of moving forward with 'Phase 1'.
- Finalize this charter for Phase 1.
- Develop Implementation and Schematic deliverable from architect.
- Define and kick off governance and communication plan for 1<sup>st</sup> phase (problem solving).
- Develop and publish schedule of work; detailed milestones, deliverables.
- Track and manage against project plan for 1<sup>st</sup> phase.
- Celebrate success and develop plan for 2<sup>nd</sup> phase.

### Dependencies:

- Capital campaign.
- City approvals and necessary exceptions to building codes.
- CRP architects work schedule

### Assumptions and Constraints:

- Capital campaign will deliver monies necessary to fund 1st phase.
- We will use project management best practices to manage this initiative.
- Communication plan, work plan, risk mitigation, and status reports.
- Cost of phase one is in the 6-million-dollar range

### Resources and Roles:

- Pastor Travis – Executive oversight
- Gary – Renovation Committee Chair
- Tad – Capital Campaign Chair



Business Case:	
ht, growing, energetic, and at truth by addressing the dark small aging elevator, outdated sanctuary	Renovation will allow us to attract and retain people into the life of the congregation. Renovation will help prevent the decline of membership noted in neighboring churches.
Cost: (To Be Finalized/Updated)	
oor bathrooms (2 <sup>nd</sup> phase) School Rooms (2 <sup>nd</sup> phase) (2 <sup>nd</sup> phase) Closet (2 <sup>nd</sup> phase) (2 <sup>nd</sup> phase) oor Office Remodel (3 <sup>rd</sup> phase) ing portions of Landscape Master phase) e in parking availability	Capital Cost: \$10 million over three phases; Constructions costs increase annually
Key Milestones:	Target Date:
✓ Council receives proposal for master plan development and determines to move forward.	12/2024
✓ Contract signed with CRP architects for developing Master Plan.	1/2025
✓ Congregational Town Hall with architect Bruce Smith to receive input from the congregation.	1/14/25
✓ CRP works with staff, Council, pastors to flesh out master plan.	2/25 - 5/25
✓ Plan reviewed by congregation. Specific elements for 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and 3 <sup>rd</sup> phase are debated and prioritized by congregation.	6/24/25 - 7/31/25
✓ Pastor Travis meets with members who are willing to be lead givers (over \$100,000).	7/25-8/25
✓ Church Council finalizes Feasibility Assessment for 1 <sup>st</sup> phase, its scope, and estimate of its costs. Council identifies leaders for a Capital Campaign and a Building Committee.	10/19/25
✓ Congregation reviews and votes on recommendations from Council.	10/20/25
✓ If approved by congregation, capital campaign begins with the quiet phase. Prospectus is drafted, information is organized, Inspiration and Lead Gift teams kicked off.	11/25-12/25
• CRP architects develop "As Is" assessment, schematics and then construction designs. Timeline for construction of 1 <sup>st</sup> phase is published and estimated for 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> phase.	1/11/26
• Lead Givers commitments due	1/26-3/26
• Public phase of the capital campaign is kicked off	1/27/26
• Due diligence completed	2/8/2026
• Kick off general campaign	3/26/2026
• Charter for 1 <sup>st</sup> phase updated, 1 <sup>st</sup> phase work plan published.	
Key Risks:	
beginning April 2026. initiative. This means a formal ting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not having commitments for estimated spend</li> <li>Unexpected but necessary hazardous material mitigation.</li> <li>Failure to maintain open periodic communication with congregation.</li> </ul>
Coordination Points:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CRP Architects; City and local councils; Congregational clubs; Capital Campaign;</li> </ul>



# SCIENCE AND RELIGION

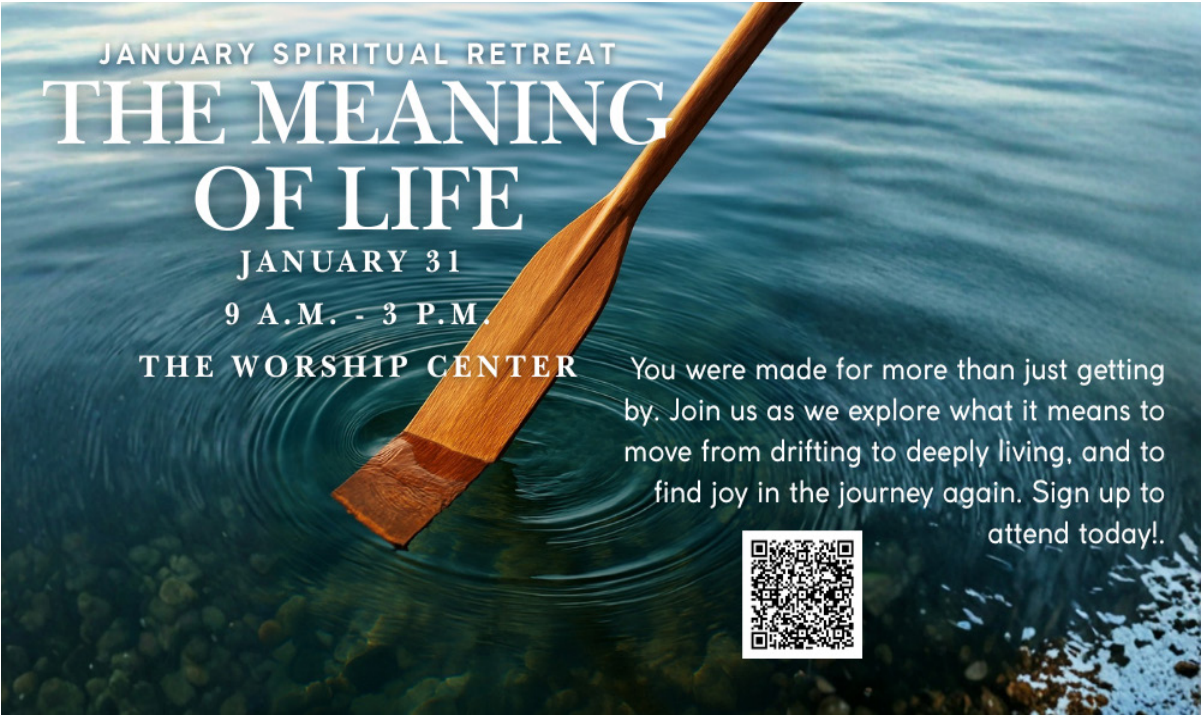
The Bridge Between Discovery and Faith

SUNDAYS, JANUARY 11, 18, & 25, 2026

9:15 - 10:15 A.M.

PEEL HOUSE PARLOR

*Exploring how science and Christian faith work together to  
understand God's creation*



## JANUARY SPIRITUAL RETREAT THE MEANING OF LIFE

JANUARY 31

9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

THE WORSHIP CENTER

You were made for more than just getting by. Join us as we explore what it means to move from drifting to deeply living, and to find joy in the journey again. Sign up to attend today!





## THE EMMAUS WAY

"Jesus, I know you died for me but I don't give a d..."

—a young Frenchman, 1936

Early in my Christian journey, around 1984, I heard a Southern Baptist pastor in San Antonio, Texas, tell this story:

A group of French boys dared each other to play a prank on the local priest by confessing to outlandish sins to see how the priest would react. At least one boy – a Jewish boy named Aron – decided to take the dare. It didn't take long for the priest to figure out what was going on, though, and after Aron "confessed," the priest told him that he needed to do penance: he was to go to the altar, kneel before the large image of Jesus on the cross, and say three times, "Jesus, I know you died for me but I don't give a damn." The

boy, still thinking everything quite funny, thought this would be an easy thing to do. So he went to the altar, knelt before the image of Jesus, and delivered his line. Once. Twice. But in the middle of the third time, he broke down in tears and couldn't finish saying it. He left the church a changed person.

This story stuck with me for years, though I did wonder at times if the pastor had made it up to bulk up his sermon. Then, not all that long ago, I bumped into the story again, and this time there was a name and even more astonishing story attached. The event had originally been related in a homily by a French Cardinal of the Catholic Church, Cardinal Jean-Marie Aron Lustiger. And he closed his homily with words along these lines, "The reason I know this story is true is that I was that young man."

A Jewish boy – turned – Cardinal. A Catholic priest. A Southern Baptist preacher. And a young Texas lady, who, after quite a spiritual journey, is now an old-ish Lutheran. What binds their stories together? One answer: the cross of Jesus.

As we move closer toward our spiritual retreat on January 31st, I ask you to spend some time reflecting on the meaning the cross of Christ brings to your life. How has it changed your life? How does it shape who you are, how you live, and who you long to be in the world? What does it mean to you, right here, right now? Come to the retreat, and let's gather around the cross of Christ, together.

Register here:  
<https://bit.ly/44vZbGo>



LORI DUNCAN, MINISTER OF SPIRITUAL CARE



# Gallery of Living Art 2026

Gallery of Living Art is a unique and powerful presentation of Jesus' life, passion, and resurrection, told through staged life-size works of art.

**Casting • Sunday, January 18**

Children • 1 p.m.

Women and Teen Girls • 1:45 p.m.

Men and Teen Boys • 2:30 p.m.

Bring your friends and family ... or come on your own!



SAND CREEK THANK YOU

Thank you all for the shopping, cooking, delivery, and help setting up and cleaning up on Tuesday, January 6, for our annual Back to School luncheon for the teachers and staff at Sand Creek. Everything was so good and the consistent comments were, "This is wonderful!, It almost makes me want to be back!, Thank you so much for doing this. Happy New Year!" We had a wonderful spread of goodies and were able to leave some for the afternoon as well. For anyone who had a dish or platter there, you can find them in the Gathering Place kitchen to pick up at your leisure. Thanks again for all the help.

Blessings!  
Betsy Pimentel

HANDBELLS FOR CHILDREN WITH KATE AND KATIE

Katie Ackerman and Kate McCall will teach beginning handbells for children in grades 2-5 beginning Sunday, January 25, in the bell room from 10:45-11:30 a.m. The class will continue every Sunday through the end of April. Contact Deacon Joan for more information at [jlynnkuehn@gmail.com](mailto:jlynnkuehn@gmail.com).

HANDBELLS 101

Returns for another session beginning Thursday, January 15, at 7 p.m. in the bell room and will run for five weeks. This is for anyone interested in brushing up on handbell skills or just learning how to play. Open to youth sixth grade and up and adults. Contact Deacon Joan for more information or to sign-up: [jlynnkuehn@gmail.com](mailto:jlynnkuehn@gmail.com)

DINING OUT WITH FIRST LUTHERAN

SELECT TUESDAYS | 5:30 P.M.  
VARIOUS RESTAURANTS

All are welcome to join this group, which meets at local restaurants on two Tuesdays of each month to enjoy various cuisines and fellowship. Reservations will be made two weeks in advance, so be sure to sign up early. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/41Rh4ff>.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

February 10	Hacienda Colorado 5246 North Nevada Avenue
February 24	Urban Tandoor 8125 North Academy Blvd
March 10	La Bella Vita 4475 Northpark Dr
March 24	Famous Daves/Texas Road-house 5245 North Academy Blvd

EASTER HOPE EVENT

We have confirmed that we will be bringing Easter worship to Four Mile Correctional Facility on Thursday evening March 26, 2026. This facility will give us more space to host worship for more offenders than Arrowhead did at Christmas. Volunteers can choose to prepare and/or serve the snack, visit with the offenders, act in an Easter skit, pray with the offenders, etc.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/4qMpEZz>

# In the Life of the Church ...

## Birthdays

- January 19** Brian Goff  
Bob Hann  
Alex Knox  
Jodi Milberg
- January 20** Palmer Friedell  
Naomi Lehmkuhl  
Kristie Scism  
Don Smith
- January 21** Pastor Carrie Baylis  
John Beck  
Joe Boehringer  
Karen Busovsky  
Melissa Heiny  
Gina Rocha
- January 22** Dana Massey
- January 23** RJ Huebner  
Kelli Jarmuth  
Nick McKibben  
Kathy Peterson  
Josh Sturdivant
- January 24** Candy Gerlach  
Karen Snyder  
Thelma Wiebke
- January 25** Dee Anderson  
Diane Bell  
Paul Haller  
Brady Proft

## Anniversaries

- January 20**  
Bob and Karen Hann 63 years
- January 22**  
Wally and Jane Astor 60 years



# Prayer Requests

Lannette Abbey  
The Wanda Anderson Family  
Fred Bachmeier  
Janice Baldwin  
Elmer Bauman  
Tana Beall  
Bob Bent  
Joan Boehm  
Kirsten Boyd  
Brian  
Bill & Barbara Brown  
Karl & Pam Cartwright  
Tanya Charbonneau  
John & Debbie Chlebus  
Payton Clem  
Nell Clowder  
Tom Crick  
Kim Domke  
Rinda Dunson  
Alan Flinn  
Donna Flores  
Edna Fross  
Corinne Gibson  
Eloise Goode  
Nola Gosch  
Stephanie Haas  
Private Steven Harris  
Ginger Hipszky  
Jake Hodnett  
Barry Holmes  
Bill & Doreen Hulka  
Irene  
Alan Jacobsen  
Matthew James  
Josh Jones  
Shirley Jones  
Ann Junk  
Jonas Kagarise  
Nina Komatz  
Kephart, Tami  
Kyong Kelley

Gaye Lynn Kielcheski  
Cindy Koger  
Jesse Lawrence & Family  
The Jerry Lillich Family  
Timothy Lillich  
Dayne Lindquist  
Patricia Lopez  
Scott Louis  
Susan Lundmark  
Mindy Mahler  
Connie Mahon  
Jim Matthews  
Nick McKibben & Family  
Hugh McNeely  
Brandon Miller & Family  
Gwyn Miller  
Marilyn Miller  
Larry Moe and Family  
Paul Moe  
Wilma Nicolaisen  
Sam Norton  
Owen & Family  
Patsy Pedersen  
Jack & Judy Peterson  
Ralph Peterson  
Darlene Radke  
Jeff Rapp  
Catherine Spencer  
Matthew Stark  
Gwen Stein  
Becky Sternal  
Barbara Swan  
Michael Taylor  
Aaron & Cindi Thorson  
Bob VanDuy  
Karen Henderson-VanDuy  
Jay Voth  
Sandy Weber  
Christine Welch  
Greg & Carolyn Young  
Fred and Wilma Zink

Please keep these members – and family and friends – of First Lutheran in your prayers this week. If you are requesting to have a name added to the prayer list, please consult with that person prior to making your request. Prayer requests may be submitted by using a Connection Card (in church) or by emailing **teri@flccs.net**.

## *In Remembrance of Jerry Lillich*

whose memorial service will be January 15, at 11 a.m. here in our Sanctuary with a reception to follow in the Peel House.

Date of death: December 17, 2025.

# Worship and Study

## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

SUNDAYS IN THE SANCTUARY  
8, 9:30, AND 11 A.M.

## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

SUNDAYS IN THE WORSHIP CENTER  
10:15 A.M.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHT

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORSHIP CENTER  
DINNER 5:15 P.M. | SERVICE 6:30 P.M.

## ONLINE WORSHIP

STREAMED LIVE AT 9:30 A.M.

Tune in on First Lutheran's YouTube channel,  
on the church website, or in the church app.

## QUARTERLY ADULT EDUCATION

Weekly Adult Seminar is now finished. We will continue with quarterly Adult Education classes. The Lunch and Learn Footsteps of Paul class is part of Adult Education. Check here in the Ekklesia in January and April for our winter and spring options, respectively.

## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

LUTHER HALL | 10 A.M.

Led by the preaching pastor for the week.

## GENERATION TO REVELATION

FIRST LUTHERAN'S NEW PODCAST!

Find our podcast on YouTube, on the church website, or anywhere you get your podcasts.

## PASTORAL TEAM

The Rev. Travis Norton, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Carrie Baylis, Associate Pastor

The Rev. Michaela Eskew, Associate Pastor

## NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES

Genesis 2: 15 – 17, 3: 1 – 7

Romans 5: 12 – 19

Matthew 4: 1 – 11

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