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“Be joyful with those who are joyful.
Be sad with those who are sad.”

– Romans 12:15

HOW ARE YOU doing? Joys and struggles, optimism and weariness, bravery and fear? A new year and all the post-holiday decompressing can give us time to think about what it is that we’re holding onto tightly and what it is that we’re carrying that might lift us up or might be holding us back. This past holiday season was one where I have encountered many who are suffering. It was heavier than I remember at this time of year. I’m always grateful that so many of our people are willing to share their struggles and their joys with us (“us” being pastors, staff, and fellow congregants). For me, I want you to know that I pray for you, that I hold onto what you have shared with me,

and I try to check-in with you, and that your stories, your joys, your grief are all a part of our life together, and it’s a privilege to be a part of that. I hope you know that your church and its people love you, that God is with you, and that we are available to you. Thank you for sharing your vulnerable moments and those of great joy. If you’re ever wanting to share more of your story, I’m always looking for my next cup of coffee!

O God, we know that you are always with us. Let us come before you with our doubts and fears and our joys and delight. Help us to be brave in our tears and our excitement knowing that you walk with us as the stories we live unfold. For this we are grateful. Amen.

FROM
THE
PASTOR



ASSOCIATE PASTOR CARRIE BAYLIS

We are so glad you are here!

Please sign in at the Kiosk or use this QR code to fill out a connection card.

We would love to have the opportunity to fully welcome you to First Lutheran.

Welcome
Guests



Sunday's Message

JANUARY 19, 2026

MATTHEW 4: 1 – 11

PASTOR TRAVIS NORTON

THERE'S A VERSE in our Lutheran Fight Song, A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, about Jesus as a champion. "No strength of ours can match His might! We would be lost, rejected; But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected. You ask who this may be? The Lord of Hosts is He! Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored, He holds the field victorious." I like this image of Jesus going toe to toe with our enemy who in this passage is the devil. I think that's what the temptation of Jesus is all about. It is about our need for someone to win where we have lost, for someone to be victorious where we have been defeated.

The word tempted can be translated as tested, and I prefer the word "tested" here. The Spirit is the one who sends Jesus to this particular battlefield, right after Jesus is baptized and claimed by the Father as his son and filled with the Holy Spirit. Before Jesus actually begins his ministry, before he calls any disciples, before he preaches or heals, the Spirit sends him into the wilderness and commands him to fast for 40 days so that his body is at its weakest. And then allows the devil to test him. It's all a test to see if Jesus is strong enough to rescue humanity.

It reminds me of another song on the Footloose soundtrack which is maybe the best movie soundtrack there is. "Holding out for a Hero" where the singer says, "He's gotta be fast and he's gotta be strong and he's gotta be fresh from the fight." She's looking for a boyfriend, but I like that sentiment of needing a hero. But honestly, it's not a place I'm comfortable with. I have this voice in my head telling me that I need to be my own hero. We say that Jesus is our savior but then we live our lives trying to

convince ourselves and others that we don't need any help, that we can do it ourselves. Or that we're glad to have a savior in the abstract saving us from our sins, getting us into heaven, but leave the day to day saving to us, we'll be in charge of our own lives, thank you very much. But that's exhausting, especially when we know we aren't winning the battle. I know I live with the sinking suspicion that if there's a test, I'm failing it. I would hate to see the scoreboard showing the times I've gone toe to toe with the devil and all his clever temptations. I know enough to know I'm not winning. I need a hero, I need a champion; we all do. This test in the wilderness then isn't just about Jesus proving himself to the Spirit that he's got what it takes for the mission. It's also about Jesus showing us that God has sent someone who can succeed where we have failed.

These temptations that the devil comes up with are all ones that I have repeatedly failed. They are temptations that our leaders have failed century after century. They are temptations that when given in to, lead to the decay of humanity and creation. And yet on the surface they seem so simple, especially the first one. Jesus is hungry after his fast; the Spirit makes sure that Jesus isn't at full strength when he faces the test. Humanity needs a hero who can function faithfully when he's tired and hungry and weak. It's the same reason we run our soldiers through training that tests how they perform on little sleep and when they are cold and uncomfortable. Jesus faces the devil when he is famished from his fast and the devil leaps at the opportunity. Every word matters here. "If you are the son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." When I hear that, I think, "Why

not, good idea, let's eat. I think I'll make them into sourdough or cinnamon rolls." Jesus sees the trap that we've all fallen into. The devil wants Jesus to break relationship with God, to focus on himself and his needs and to be his own hero rather than rely on God. The devil would have Jesus rely on himself and use his power to satisfy his own needs first. Further, the devil would have Jesus exploit creation for his own ends seeing himself as the most important figure. How often have we looked at the resources of the earth and thought only of how they could meet our needs? This goes back to the original sin when Adam and Eve saw that the fruit was good and took it without regard to God's commands. They are just stones, rocks, nothing important. Surely it wouldn't be a big deal to transform them into food. Jesus will not make himself the center, he will not treat creation as his to exploit, he will not put his desires over the commands of God. Jesus responds simply. "Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." The Hero we need is the one who lives by God's word and not by his own appetites.

The devil comes back at Jesus with another clever test. He takes Jesus up to the city and says, "Since you are the son of God, throw yourself down for it is written, He will command his angels to lift you up...you will not dash your foot against a stone." It's a similar temptation to be the kind of leader who takes full advantage of your position for your own comfort and safety. But this time the devil uses the Bible to tempt Jesus. How often has the Bible been used to justify sinful behavior? The Bible was used to justify slavery in the past; it has been used to justify abuse of women; it has been used to justify stripping the earth of resources. The Bible has been used to justify wars and violence, bigotry and chauvinism. The devil is tempting Jesus not to reject scripture but to misuse it, to make it a weapon, to advance his own agenda. We get the Bible wrong all the time and so we need a hero who not only can quote scripture but interpret it correctly. Jesus knows the angels will protect him, but he also knows that is not the point and that playing games with the devil is not why he's

come. So, he quotes the Bible right back at the devil, "It is written, do not put the Lord your God to the test." We receive from Jesus an interpreter of scripture who understands the point and keeps us on track. It's why we Lutherans always take Jesus with us when we study the scripture so that we read it through his eyes. "Love God with all your heart, love your neighbor as yourself." We need Jesus to keep us from using scripture to put ourselves first or hurt our neighbor.

The final temptations seem like it would be easy to resist. The devil asks Jesus to worship him and in exchange promises to give him all the kingdoms of the world. If it's just a temptation to get riches for himself then most of us would likely be able to resist. But that's not the temptation, it's not about the riches but it is about giving Jesus exactly what he wants. Jesus has come to save the world; he wants all the kingdoms of the world so that he can bring them all back to the Father. Jesus has come to rescue the kingdoms of the world from the devil, from sin, from death. This is simply that old justification of sin where we say to ourselves "the ends justify the means." How often do we take shortcuts or rationalize doing the wrong thing in order to achieve a worthy goal? We rely on those old axioms. It's better to ask for forgiveness than for permission' so that we don't have to slow down and do things the right way. Or "this is for the greater good" as we commit sin but excuse ourselves. The devil offers Jesus a shortcut; all the things he wants in the world but without the pain of the cross. The success without suffering, the win without the sacrifice. We all want to avoid the cross, we want to avoid pain, we want to avoid sacrifice and obedience to God. But if our champion takes the bait and bends the knee to the devil, then he simply joins us in defeat. We need a savior who doesn't take shortcuts, who does the right thing when it is hard and when it hurts. We need a savior who puts God and God's ways above his own desires and needs and comfort every time. We need a hero who knows scripture and wields it to defeat our true enemy rather than use it for selfish ends.

Jesus passes the test; he is the one who can defeat the devil. But this wasn't the battle; this was just a

test. Jesus passes the test and then wades into ministry. He will face the arrest and death of John the Baptist, the lack of faith, betrayal and abandonment by his disciples. He will face the scrutiny and rejection of his religious leaders and peers. He will be arrested, put on a trial, and killed by a government indifferent to truth, just trying to sweep away a problem. He will suffer and be mocked and at his weakest be tempted again to save himself to be his own hero. But Jesus did not waver, he did not come to save himself but to save you and me. Jesus stayed the course because he loves you and me. We are the ones who have failed, but that failure will not define us. No failure, past, present or future defines you because Jesus passed the test, because Jesus went to the cross, because Jesus defeated not only the devil but sin and death. You do not have to save yourself, you have a savior. Jesus is your champion; you don't need to be your own hero. Let go of that pressure to save yourself and trust that Jesus has done it already. We walk in his strength, his love, his faithfulness. Let yourself be rescued by the only one who can save you. 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 two more volunteers!** Great activity for a couple to do together on a Saturday morning! Please email cheryl@flccs.net if you are available to help.

JANUARY OWLS

JOURNEYS OF PAUL TRIP – PRESENTATION BY PASTOR MICHAELA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

POTLUCK LUNCH | PEEL HOUSE 11 A.M.

PRESENTATION: 12 – 1 P.M.

Happy New Year, OWLS!! We start our year off with a presentation by Pastor Michaela giving us a day-by-day account of their trip as they ventured in the Footsteps of Paul through Greece and Turkey. You will enjoy a slide presentation filled with fabulous pictures and information put together by Andres Bocek. Join in as we fellowship during a potluck lunch before the presentation. Please feel free to call the church at **719.632.8836** or register using the following link: <https://bit.ly/4Jjm8wo>

Sign Up Deadline: Wednesday, January 28

BOOK GROUP

First Lutheran's Book Group will meet the first Wednesday of each month.

This month, February 4, 7 p.m. in the Library.

This Is Happiness by Niall Williams

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#/>

CHERYL'S CORNER

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR FOURTH QUARTER VOLUNTEERS! I INADVERTENTLY SENT THE WRONG LIST TO THE EKKLESIA EDITOR TWO WEEKS AGO. PLEASE GIVE GRACE!

With 900+ ways to serve each quarter on Sundays or through our regularly scheduled Community Outreach, we have many people to thank. Some also volunteer of their time to sing in the choir and/or play an instrument. If you see a number beside their name, they served in more than one area this quarter. If you'd like to find an area you would feel comfortable volunteering, please contact our Minister of Congregational Service cheryl@flccs.net

Laura Allton, Dave Aspenson, Gary Atkins, Patricia Atkins, Charlotte Auten, Mary Auten, Butch Backlund 3, Gail Backlund 6, Bonnie Bagley 3, Larry Bagley 3, Andy Ballas 2, Eileen Ballas, Cindy Bauer 2, Mike Bauer 3, Flo Bechtold, Bert Bedford 2, Jolene Bedford 2, Marion Behr, Cindy Berndsen, Georgie Bever 2, Marlene Bigelow 2, Mike Bigelow, Andrejs Bocek, Brenda Bocek, Darren Boedeker, Debra Boehm 2, Ken Boehm 2, Diane Boldt, David Bondurant 3, Judy Bondurant 3, Gary Bradley, Peter Bredlau 3, Shari Brian, Patti Bursell, Rich Bursell, Bill Busovsky 6, Karen Busovsky 7, Ann Carlson, Bruce Carlson, El Carter, Linda Cohrs, Jack Collier, Linda Collier, Nancy Craig, Char-

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CHERYL MAHON, MINISTER OF CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE

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! SAVE THE DATE! On February 26, there will be an all – congregation event for the Capital Campaign.

Inspire Faith Project – 1st ph

Objective:

Renovation of the Church's Sanctuary and Narthex. We are a bright, welcoming congregation. We need our building to communicate that. 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 floors
- Sunday School
- Nursery
- Storage
- Sexton's office
- Sacristy
- Upper Fellowship Hall
- Remaining budget for Plan (3rd phase)
- Increases in cost

Approach:

- Develop Master Plan across all three phases, with detail in the 1st 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 1st phase (problem solving).
- Develop and publish schedule of work; detailed milestones, deliverables
- Track and manage against project plan for 1st phase.
- Celebrate success and develop plan for 2nd 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 including a communication plan, work plan, risk mitigation, and status reporting
- 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

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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!.



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/48pi2Fo>

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

At First Lutheran you can become a member by attending the new member orientation class(es) of your choice and making the affirmation of baptism promises to the congregation. The next classes will be held in February 2026. The promises will be made on Sunday, February 22.

February 8, 2026 – Introduction to First Lutheran
Meet the staff of First Lutheran Church and get to know others looking into church membership. Noon in the Fireside Room.

February 15, 2026 – Lutheranism 101 – Pastor Travis will review what we “as Lutherans” believe and the promises you will make during the service of inclusion. This is a great time to ask questions. Noon in the Fireside Room.

Lunch will be served at both classes.

THE EMMAUS WAY

“The more experience in living we have, the more we sense that closeness grows in the continuous interplay between presence and absence.”

—Henri Nouwen

Each person's experience of God's felt presence is different. No matter how intensely we may — or may not — feel God's presence, it is a common experience along the Christian journey to encounter times of feeling that God is suddenly nowhere to be found, that God has “left the building” of our lives. It is very disorienting when that happens. Where has God gone? Did I do something wrong? What does it mean? I'd like to share something that helped me find meaning through those times.

In the movie called *The Hundred-Foot Journey*, two characters — an older man and woman who own competing restaurants across the street from each other — have

slowly overcome prejudices and developed a comfortable friendship. In a turn of events that surprises no one, during one conversation the man expresses to the woman that he has developed deeper feelings for her.

In response, she does do something surprising; without a word she

gets up and walks away, retreating to her establishment across the street. He is, of course, confused and concerned. After a few moments, he hesitantly gets up and follows her across the street, where he finds her in a beautiful room with music playing, waiting for him to come and dance with her.

If I ever feel God's absence, this scene comes to mind, and I take that feeling of absence as an invitation to seek, follow, and then dance. It's my personal belief that God never “withdraws” (not that God leaves us, just that the sense of presence feels empty) except to lead us into deeper connection and relationship. Sometimes we are too comfortable where we are, and it takes God's felt withdrawal to get us moving again, seeking again, following again. But the end result, even if it takes a while, is a closer and more intimate connection — a divine dance.

Have you ever felt that God was absent? How did your heart respond? What meaning did you apply to that situation? What meaning can you draw from it now? Can you hear the wisdom in Henri's words above? Whatever your response and wherever you find yourself, I hope you feel drawn to come to the retreat at the end of the month, and I pray you hear God's invitation to dance. Let's pursue God together.

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



LORI DUNCAN, MINISTER OF SPIRITUAL CARE

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*

HANDBELLS FOR CHILDREN

Beginning handbells for children in grades 2-5 begins 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.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR FOURTH QUARTER VOLUNTEERS!

Noah Mellott, Corby Meyer, Teresa Meyer, Diane Millburn, Celia Molner, Judy Morgan 2, Cathy Mosco 3, Harry Mosco 2, Candi Mountain-Gaddie, Kathy Mutz, Elaine Myers, Paula Nickodemus 3, Mike Olsen 2, Patti Olsen 2, Carol Olson 3, Dana Olson 4, Chrissy Ostebo, Chris Parkhill, Jon Parobek 2, Linda Parobek 3, Janice Pavell 5, Patsy Pedersen 2, Lois Peel, Marilyn Peet 2, Mary Peet, Lynn Peterson 3, Bill Phipps, Sherry Phipps, Betsy Pimentel 3, Cheryl Pixley 2, Gwen Pool 3, Kristina Richard, Nathan Richard, Anne Rivers 5, Pam Rokke 2, Dave Rose, Carol Schlater 2, Carol Schmitz, Kathy Schroeder 3, Vanessa Schweiger, Verna Severson 2, Darrell Shafer, Tina Sharp 3, Liz Shoemaker, Chuck Simmons, Lenora Simmons 2, Gini Simonson, Jim Simonson, Margie Sisson 5, Brooke Smith, Karolyn Smith, Rusty Smith 2, Stephanie Smith, Steve Steiner 2, Deborah Steinke, Paul Steinke, Ed Strecker, Nick Striegel, Leighton Sybrant, Bob Tim 2, Scott Tonder, Betsy Tuma, John Tuma, Dick Utzke, Suzy Utzke, Gudrun Vest 2, Vickie Voth 2, Georgia Waldhausen 6, John Wicks, Sandy Wiebe, Linda Wilson Holt 2, Starr Wise, Kathy Wyant 2, Beth Zautke, Bill Zautke 2.

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 Roadhouse 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/4qMpEZ2>

In the Life of the Church ...

Birthdays

January 26 Kay Landon
Laurie Uddenberg

January 27 Becky Anspach
Vic Olson
Annette Smith
Joel Yoder

January 28 James Ilse
Mark Mahler
Susan Miller

January 29 Don Heinemann
Cheryl Mahon
Cynder Ros
Bethany Ziemer

January 30 Bob Biemesderfer
Beth Zautke

January 31 Georgie Bever

February 1 Tanya Charbonneau
Pamela Haines
Tami Kephart

Anniversaries

January 27
Jim and Susanne Baker 37 years

January 28
Mark and Susan Weeks 42 years



Prayer Requests

Lannette Abbey
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
Rinda Dunson
Alan Flinn
Donna Flores
Corinne Gibson
Eloise Goode
Nola Gosch
Stephanie Haas
Private Steven Harris
Ginger Hipszky
Jake Hodnett
Barry Holmes
Bill & Doreen Hulk
Irene
Alan Jacobsen
Matthew James
Josh Jones
Shirley Jones
Ann Junk
Jonas Kagarise
Nina Komatz
Kyong Kelley
Gaye Lynn Kielcheski
Cindy Koger
Jesse Lawrence & Family
Timothy Lillich
Dayne Lindquist

Patricia Lopez
Scott Louis
Susan Lundmark
Mindy Mahler
Connie Mahon
Jim Matthews
Bryan McLeod
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
Karen Simon
Catherine Spencer
Matthew Stark
Becky Sternal
Barbara Swan
Michael Taylor
Bob VanDuyn
Karen Henderson-VanDuyn
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.

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.

PASTORAL TEAM

The Rev. Travis Norton, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Carrie Baylis, Associate Pastor

The Rev. Michaela Eskew, Associate Pastor

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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 9:1 – 4

Corinthians 1:10 – 18

Matthew 4:12 – 23

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