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## FROM THE PASTOR

### DEAR FIRST LUTHERAN,

This coming Sunday, March 1, is a big day for our congregation. We will be presenting our commitments to the Inspire Faith capital campaign in worship. These commitments represent our prayers for the future of this congregation and our hopes that our building can be improved to be an even better tool for the gospel. I want to thank you in advance for taking the time to pray about your commitment, talk about it with your family and fill out the intention card.

I'm excited about the project because to me it's not about the building, it's about the mission. We are a congregation who cares for the homeless and hungry. We care for the imprisoned and disabled, the orphaned and aged and needy in our community. We are a congregation who shares the good news of Jesus with every generation and walks with people throughout their faith journey empowering their discipleship. When our congregation is strong these ministries are strong and our community is blessed. To maintain our strength and relevance and ensure that we are able to do this good work for generations to come we have to be good stewards of our building.

Just as we resurrected the Peel House and put it on a path to serve our community, so it is time to enliven the main building. Our buildings serve our mission and I'm excited to see how this renovation will be used by God to make sure our mission is strong and supported for many years to come.

Most of us don't get to build a church. We inherit our churches from those who have gone before us, and we are grateful that they made the sacrifice and gave generously to build what we enjoy. They did that so that the mission God did through them would continue through us. Now it is our turn to take care of and strengthen the infrastructure of our congregation so that the mission of God can continue long after we are gone. We improve upon what our forebears created so that those who come after us will be blessed and equipped to continue God's good work through First Lutheran Church.

I am so amazed at the generosity that has already been shown by some of our first givers. I can't wait to see what God does through the rest of us as we make our commitments this Sunday. May God make us generous and grateful as we give to His work in the world and give thanks for all that we have received.



PASTOR TRAVIS NORTON

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# Sunday's Message

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

JOHN 1: 43 – 51

PASTOR TRAVIS NORTON

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**CAN ANYTHING GOOD** come from Nazareth? I try to picture Nathaniel's face and tone when Phillip comes to him claiming to have found the Messiah and saying, "It's Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth." Did he roll his eyes when he said it, wondering if Phillip was messing with him? Did he scoff and wrinkle his nose in contempt at the small town of Nazareth as if the Messiah could come from there? Was he offended at the notion because he had his own understanding of where the Messiah might come from? It's a question of skepticism, of doubt, of critique. We all know that tone and that face of those who turn their nose up at our claim that Jesus is the savior. I had a roommate in college who was skeptical of my faith, of his own faith really, since he had grown up in it. But he asked hard questions when we got into conversations about Christianity. He was an English major, and I remember him asking me why God didn't make things clearer and more obvious. He was questioning God as a communicator. I did my best to respond but I don't think he ever abandoned his skepticism. These days most of the skeptics I encounter are online. I had a back and forth with a commentator from Asia recently who left a question on one of our YouTube videos. They asked how I knew Matthew to be historically accurate about the words of Jesus. I engaged with them a little bit and it became clear they weren't just skeptics but actively opposed to our faith. When I invited the person to zoom with me to further the conversation, they stopped responding. What do we do with skeptics and their questions?

Skeptics make us uncomfortable; we worry that they will ask a question that we don't know the

answer to. Their questions put us on the spot; they make us feel uncertain and unprepared. I think there's more to it than that though. Sometimes we actually share the questions of the skeptic, and we are afraid to ask the same questions. There is a fear that our own faith might stumble if we venture too far into doubt. There are some Christian denominations that actively discourage asking questions. But have no fear, Lutherans love questions. We believe God is big enough for the biggest questions and that asking them, even with skepticism, is the path to a deeper faith. If you've tuned into our podcast, you'll see that on display we ask the hardest questions because we believe exploring them inspires faith. Phillip comes to his friend Nathaniel with a bold proclamation that he has found the Messiah, the one the Bible predicted would come. And when his friend is skeptical – can anything good come from Nazareth – Phillip says simply, "Come and see," Phillip doesn't dismiss the question, nor does he disengage from his friend. He leans in and puts his faith in Jesus to bring his friend to share his own belief that the Messiah has come. I suppose Phillip could have argued with Nathaniel and pointed out scripture that showed that a savior would have a connection to Nazareth, but in that moment, he knew that what Nathaniel needed was a personal encounter with Jesus. "Come and see for yourself, have an experience and see if that doesn't convince you."

There are a couple things to learn from Phillip. The first is that he wants his friend to believe in Jesus. He cares enough about Nathaniel and knows him well enough to want him to know the Messiah. As Christians we all should want the same thing, for

the people we care about, for our friends and family members. If we love them, then we want them to know Jesus, too, to know God's love for them, to have the assurance of salvation, to receive the gifts of our Christian faith. Any evangelism to be worthwhile must start with genuine love. I've seen the opposite of this where sharing faith was more about doing a duty or impressing fellow Christians or getting a notch on your belt. But as Paul says in Corinthians, "without love we are a clanging cymbal, a noisy gong." The sharing of our faith must begin with love. Phillip goes to someone he knows and shares the good news with a friend.

The second thing we learn from Phillip is the importance of saying the words of your belief. In our age we often hope that people will see our good works and come to faith through that. Our good works matter. Caring for the poor, supporting those in need, and our church is committed to that work but if it doesn't come with the words that we do this because we believe in Jesus, we hinder the ability of people to make the connection. Phillip declares clearly what he believes, no hemming and hawing, just a simple declaration. We have found the one whom Moses and the prophets wrote about; it's Jesus the son of Joseph from Nazareth. I know that when you declare your faith so clearly there is this fear that people will reject it, and you and that things will be awkward. But I think more often people appreciate knowing what you believe and what motivates your actions even if they aren't there yet. And finally, when Nathaniel is skeptical, Phillip is wise enough to know his friend and simply issue an invitation to explore more.

Last week Jane Linnenberger shared how her friend Diane Millburn invited her to Lessons and Carols and how that invitation led her into this community of faith. Simply an invitation is still the number one reason people join a church. And yet statistics tell us that the average Lutheran has never invited a person to church. I'm not sure that's true here at First Lutheran, I hear a lot of stories of you inviting people to church. In Bible study this week Carissa and Edquaro shared how Stephanie invited them to church and

how they were skeptical at first. They thought church would be full of judgmental people. But Stephanie said, "come and see" and they did and they met you and have been warmly welcomed and loved.

I was doing a pastoral visit this week with a member whose husband is very sick. And when I arrived at their house, I recognized the house across the street as belonging to some of our members. When I pointed that out, the person I was visiting said yes, the reason she was here at First Lutheran was because her neighbors invited her to attend with them. It makes me wonder how many others are out there in your lives who simply need a warm invitation to come and see? One of the reasons we are doing this building campaign to improve our narthex and Gathering Place is so that when you issue that invitation to come and see, we have prepared a place that is beautiful and ready to help people meet with God. As Jane said last week, first impressions matter and we want our first impression to show our love for people and God.

After Phillip invites Nathaniel to come and see, the rest is up to Jesus. Jesus actually started the whole thing, too. It was Jesus who found Phillip, not the other way around. Phillip and all of us play an intermediary role. We are not the one people need; we are not the one they are looking for. We are not the one who will give them what their souls ache for. But we know who is. So, our job is to set the table, to make the introduction and let Jesus take it from there. Jesus is the one who inspires faith and he knows each one of us just as he knew Nathaniel. The encounter Nathaniel has with Jesus has a mysterious edge to it. Jesus calls to Nathaniel naming him as one with no guile, not deceit. Nathaniel is a straight shooter, telling you what is on his mind in an honest way that can come across too strong but is also endearing. I've always loved people like this who don't try to mask how they feel and you never have to guess what they think. Although they also make me nervous because they don't obey every social norm. Nathaniel shows his skepticism in his question to Jesus. "How do you know me?" The mystery part comes when Jesus says to Nathaniel, "I saw you under the fig tree". Some-

how that proclamation is all it took to break Nathaniel. Whatever that meant to him, that Jesus saw him under the fig tree, inspires Nathaniel to abandon his skepticism and proclaim faith in Jesus. “Rabbi, you are the Son of God, you are the King of Israel.”

We could speculate all day as to why that knowledge converted Nathaniel. Was he praying? Was he hiding? Was he having a breakdown or making a decision? We don’t know. But what I do know is that faith comes from meeting Jesus. And Jesus is at work in every person’s life right now before and after they believe. I know my own faith does not come from years of going to church or all the theology books I’ve read or the scripture that I love. If I drill down, I believe in Jesus because Jesus saw me and met me when I was alone: when I prayed my first prayer in my bedroom at eight years old; when I was driving my car home from college at 21 years old; when I was begging for my son’s life in a hospital parking garage at 34 years old; when I was praying for my church at my dining room table at 5:30 a.m. at 49 years old. God has met me and filled my heart with wonder at his presence, challenged me to repent, reminded me of his love and told me like he told Nathaniel, “You ain’t seen nothing yet.”

Our encounters with God are as varied and personal and mysterious as Nathaniel’s encounter under the fig tree and on the shores of Galilee Jesus meets us in our skepticism, loves us and inspires us to faith. And the faith he inspires always calls us into a future that is beyond what we can imagine today. Jesus says to Nathaniel, “Do you believe because I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these, very truly I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the son of man.” I wonder if we like Nathaniel need our imaginations to be opened to what God has in store for us. I remember when we were remodeling the Peel House and dreaming of how God might use it. We had some good ideas, but none of us imagined it being used as fully and widely as it is today. God had bigger dreams for that building than we ever had.

What else does God have in store for First Luther-

an Church? We believe because we’ve encountered Jesus, because God has met us on our turf where we needed to meet him. But can we also believe that there is more to come? Can we hear Jesus saying to our congregation, “You ain’t seen nothing yet.” What do you say First Lutheran, are you ready to see the angels of God ascending and descending on the son of man? Are you ready to see what else God can do? May God use us like God used Phillip to bring our friends and neighbors and family to encounter the God who knows them already so that they too can see and believe in Jesus. Amen..

## 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>

## AGING TOGETHER

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

PEEL HOUSE 201 | 10 TO 11 A.M.

Our topic will be *Creating Documents that Your Loved Ones Will Need*. Call Maureen Tuttle, 719.640.1985 or Anne Rivers, 719.351.4268 for more information, or if you'd like a ride to the meeting. This is a casual gathering to share our thoughts and experiences during our journey through the years.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers designated in memory or in honor of a loved one are now \$100.

Order flowers here: <https://bit.ly/4nKyPYq>

## EASTER BASKETS

We plan to provide 250 Easter Baskets for children served by the El Paso County Department of Health Services and Lutheran Family Services. We need volunteers on Sunday, March 22, to give of their time and talent on the Easter Basket assembly line. If you can stop by after your worship service to make 2+ Easter Baskets, we'll be done in no time! In the meantime, we need supplies to stuff in the baskets. You will find tubs under the "Youth Posters" in the Gathering Place to place your donations. Here's what we need:

- 60 Easter Buckets/Pails
- 140 Med/Large Stuffed Animals
- 210 Coloring Books
- 210 Lined Spiral Notebooks
- 90 - 8 Pack Crayons
- 230 - Erasable Markers
- 250 Misc Small Toys (Playdough, etc. no small parts please)
- 230 Chocolate Bunnies
- Plastic Eggs
- Misc Small Individually Wrapped Candies
- Monetary and Thrivent Action Team Donations Welcome

## CHERYL'S CORNER

### LUTHERANS LOVE THEIR COFFEE

and their sourdough bread, muffins, cookies, doughnuts, fruit...all the things you might find here on a Sunday morning in-between church services! Pastor Travis has passed his sourdough starter on to members of the congregation and now we have at least five loaves of bread each Sunday morning. This bread must be sliced and put out for each service. Bill Busovsky donated an amazing hand-crank rotary-saw bread cutter. It is a game changer on cutting through the crispy crust, but it still takes lots of time. Muffins need to be cut in half. Fruit needs to be washed and put in bowls. Butter needs to be plated. Coffee condiments need to be refilled and set out on the counter. Our tea bag box needs to be restocked. The tea kettle needs to be filled and heated. A pitcher of lemonade and water needs to be prepared for the kiddos.

Oh, let's not forget the coffee! Lutherans drink a lot of coffee! We need two full pots of regular and a pot of decaf ready to go when the 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. services let out. We can't run out in the middle of the line!

Up until a few weeks ago, there had been one solitary volunteer handling these duties before and after the 8 a.m. service (7:30-8 and 9-9:30) and one single host before and after the 11 a.m. service (10:30-11 and 12-12:30). It is nearly impossible for a single person to set up all the food before the 8 a.m. service, and if you stop by the Gathering Place kitchen at 1 p.m. on a Sunday that Carol is serving all by herself, you'll see her just finishing up. Of course, she leaves the kitchen spotless!! Our current goal is to schedule two people per shift to make this a bit easier.

We currently have two couples and five individuals giving of their time and talent to host the coffee reception before and after the 8 a.m. service and two couples and four individuals to host before and after the 11 a.m. service. With  $13 \times 2 \times 2 = 52$  spots each quarter, each person would have to host at least three times per quarter. I'll tell you that some individuals host way more double that each quarter.

Many hands make light work and we need MORE HANDS! The best way to learn the ropes is to volunteer alongside one of our experienced Coffee Reception Hosts and they would be ecstatic to have the help. Please email [cheryl@flccs.net](mailto:cheryl@flccs.net) if you'd like to give it a try.



CHERYL MAHON, MINISTER OF CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE

Save the Date For ...

## GALLERY OF LIVING ART 2026



**MARCH 13, FRIDAY**

Gallery of Living Art • 7:30 p.m.

**MARCH 14, SATURDAY**

Jr. Gallery of Living Art • 11 a.m.  
Gallery of Living Art • 2 and 5 p.m.

**MARCH 15, SUNDAY**

Gallery of Living Art • 3 p.m.

Free admission | Free childcare in our professionally staffed nursery | Doors open one hour prior to each presentation

## GALLERY OF LIVING ART VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in volunteering to help with GOLA behind the scenes, contact Cindy Bauer, [cindy.bauer.is@gmail.com](mailto:cindy.bauer.is@gmail.com) or Chris Parkhill, [chris@flccs.net](mailto:chris@flccs.net).

## 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

<b>March 10</b>	La Bella Vita 4475 Northpark Dr
<b>March 24</b>	Famous Daves/Texas T – Bone 5245 North Academy Blvd
<b>April 14</b>	Bourbon Brothers 13021 Bass Pro Drive
<b>May 12</b>	NaRai Thai 805 Village Center Drive



# The Art of Neighboring

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS | 6 TO 7:30 P.M. | GATHERING PLACE

Join us Wednesdays in Lent for a soup supper, a presentation on practical ways Jesus helps us become good neighbors, and thoughtful discussion around the dinner table. Each evening will conclude with Holy Communion. The nursery will be open for young children, and special First Kids sessions will be offered for children Kindergarten through Grade 5.

**WEEK 1** February 25: *Who are My Neighbors?*

**WEEK 2** March 4: *Making Things Right with Neighbors*

**WEEK 3** March 11: *Loving Difficult Neighbors*

**WEEK 4** March 18: *Talking about Faith with Neighbors*

**WEEK 5** March 25: *Comforting Grieving Neighbors*

**BONUS WEEK** Thursday, April 2: *Jesus, the Perfect Neighbor*



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE ART OF NEIGHBORING

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS.

Please consider being a great “neighbor” and volunteering to assist with the following dinners: Dinners start at 6 p.m. and are followed by table discussions until 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday,	February 25	5 – 8 p.m.
Wednesday,	March 4	5 – 8 p.m..
Wednesday,	March 11	5 – 8 p.m..
Wednesday,	March 18	5 – 8 p.m..
Wednesday,	March 25	5 – 8 p.m.
Thursday,	April 2	5 – 8 p.m.

Please sign up to volunteer using the following link:

<https://bit.ly/4tlxfzu>

I will provide soup for the Lenten dinners:

<https://bit.ly/3MEi7wP>

## 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>

## SABBATICAL LEAVE FOR PASTOR CARRIE, APRIL 12 – JULY 4

The Rocky Mountain Synod of the ELCA encourages sabbatical leaves for rostered leaders, which is defined as pastors and deacons. In alignment with this, First Lutheran Church has adopted a Sabbatical Leave Policy, which provides a rostered leader the opportunity to request a paid leave of three months upon completion of seven years of full-time service, or seven years of service since a prior sabbatical leave at First Lutheran Church.

While some may initially question the need for such a leave, it is useful to consider the unique role of a pastor. While certainly worthy professions, a doctor can close their practice to new patients or refer patients to another doctor; an electrician can schedule a service call at a time convenient with their calendar and if the customer does not wish to wait, can go elsewhere; a lawyer can refuse to represent another client. Not so with a pastor. When a member of the congregation is experiencing a personal crisis such as a death, illness, divorce, addiction, or a myriad of other issues, a pastor responds regardless of the time of day, day of week, or the long hours they may have already worked that week or what may be happening in their personal life. Given the nature of these personal interactions in highly stressful conditions, the pastor then frequently takes these cares and concerns home. It is truly a role in which the pastor is always “on call” for their congregation and there is little time for release from the pressures of their call to service in the church.

Because of the persistent obligations of daily parish life and the statistically high burnout rates among clergy, sabbaticals in the ministry have become commonplace. There is also a Biblical basis in such an investment in reflection and renewal. See, e.g., Mark 6:31; Exodus 20:8-11; Leviticus 25:4-5. Unlike a vacation, a sabbatical is planned with intentionality for the purpose of providing the pastor the opportunity to step fully away and engage in reflection and renewal, so that they might return to their duties with renewed purpose, energy, and enthusiasm. The Congregation Council approves the pastor’s sabbatical proposal in advance, which might include taking classes, traveling, or spending time with family.

**With this framework in mind, Pastor Carrie has been approved to take a sabbatical leave from April 12, 2026, through July 4, 2026.** A Sabbatical Committee, comprised of Stacy Gatto, Deacon Joan Kuehn, Chris Lieber, and Betsy Pimentel, is working with Pastor Carrie to ensure compliance with relevant policies, a smooth transition, and a successful sabbatical experience for her and for the congregation. We will provide information on send-off activities for the congregation to wish Pastor Carrie our best as well as opportunities for her to share her experiences upon her return. Any questions may be directed to the Committee.

From the Sabbatical Leave Committee: Stacy Gatto Betsy Pimental, Chris Lieber, and Deacon Joan Kuehn

## THE EMMAUS WAY

“The most important thing in your life is not what you do; it’s who you become. That’s what you will take into eternity.”

–Dallas Willard

We have turned the page from Epiphany to Lent. As we move forward in the church calendar, let’s take a moment to think about who we are becoming in the world. It is so natural to wonder, “What should I do?” that we can forget to ask, “Who am I becoming?” As Dallas Willard says above, who we become is the only thing that we will take with us into eternity. And though it may now be Lent, we’re still experiencing winter. Is it possible to grow in ‘becoming’ during life’s dormant seasons? Perhaps Nicolas Herman can help us...

Nicolas was born in the year 1614 in Lorraine, France. One winter day, when he was eighteen, he was looking at a barren tree in a field,

bereft of all signs of life. In

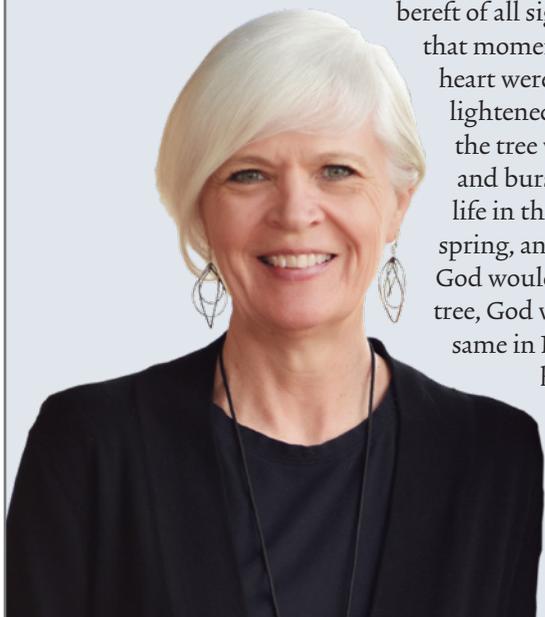
that moment, the eyes of his heart were suddenly enlightened; he knew that the tree would bloom and burst forth with new life in the soon-coming spring, and as surely as God would do that in the tree, God would do the same in Nicolas’ own

heart. He says, “In the winter I saw a tree stripped of its leaves and I knew

that within a little time the leaves would be renewed, and that afterwards the flowers and the fruit would appear. From this I received a high view of the power and providence of God...” This revelation changed the course of his life. Some of us know Nicolas by the name he took as a disalced\* Carmelite – Brother Lawrence, the author of *The Practice of the Presence of God*.

Brother Lawrence can help us understand how winter seasons contribute to who we are becoming in a couple of ways. The first is to recognize, as did he, that the dormancy of winter seasons in our lives is not the end of the story. God is faithfully at work under cover of snow and ice, soon to break through with new life: we can trust God to birth new life in us, even if we can’t see or feel it now. The second way is in how he never gave up practicing God’s presence, and even though it took him years to grow into a person who was aware of God’s continual presence in everything he did, he did not give up. He just kept turning to God, and in doing so, he became a beautiful soul whose writings have helped others practice God’s presence ever since. Let’s grow in becoming who God calls us to be, together.

\*denoting or belonging to one of several strict orders of Catholic friars or nuns who go barefoot or wear only sandals



LORI DUNCAN, MINISTER OF SPIRITUAL CARE



IMAGINE:  
JESUS INSPIRES OUR FAITH

A quiet place to hear about Jesus  
and have our faith inspired to draw near to him

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

11:30 A.M.

WORSHIP CENTER

FEBRUARY 25 THROUGH APRIL 1

Join us on six Wednesdays during Lent for a 30–45 minute guided Scripture meditation. Together, we will craft a quiet place to hear about Jesus and have our faith inspired to draw near to him. If you have never experienced entering into the Bible through guided meditation, come and touch the hem of his cloak.

SEASON TWO



Generation  
*to*  
Revelation



First Lutheran Church Podcast

Our podcast is an open conversation on the Christian faith, hosted by three people from different generations and religious backgrounds. This season, we're tackling some of the big questions Christians are asking today. We're especially mindful of those who may have stepped away from the faith they grew up with—or who never had much experience with faith at all—and are now wondering if Christianity has something meaningful to offer.

## IMAGINE: JESUS INSPIRES OUR FAITH

WEDNESDAYS | 11:30 A.M.

FEBRUARY 25 – APRIL 1

“When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd...” – Mark 5:27a

Join us on six Wednesdays during Lent for a 30

Feb. 25	The Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9)
March 4 (Mark 5:24-34)	The Woman Who Was Healed
March 11	Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52)
March 18	The Restored Man (Mark 5:1-20)
March 25 7:36-50)	“Do you see this woman?” (Luke
April 1	Jesus Washes Our Feet (John 13:1-17)

## ENDOWMENT FUND AWARDS GRANT TO THE PIECEMAKERS

A grant request was made from the Piecemakers for \$800 for quilting supplies. Church Council discussed the request at its February meeting and was pleased to grant the full \$800 from the First Lutheran Endowment Fund. The Piecemakers make quilts for distribution to those in need through Lutheran World Relief, Habitat for Humanity, CASA, TESSA and many more on behalf of the church.

The First Lutheran endowment fund exists to further the ministries of First Lutheran. Requests can be made to Council using the form found at [flccs1.el-exiochms.com/external/form/b93a8faz-64de-435a-9cdf-21655fdf65do](https://flccs1.el-exiochms.com/external/form/b93a8faz-64de-435a-9cdf-21655fdf65do)

If you'd like to make a gift to the endowment fund or leave a gift in your will, please contact Pastor Travis.

## OWLS - NEW YMCA COLORADO SPRINGS SENIOR CENTER

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

POTLUCK LUNCH IN THE PEEL HOUSE 11 A.M.

PRESENTATION: 12 – 1 P.M.

There is a new hangout in town!! Please welcome Tom Lathrop, the Operations Manager at the new YMCA Colorado Springs Senior Center as he gives a presentation about providing quality of life experiences for older adults. “Do you want to challenge your brain by experiencing something new? Is the creative side of you ready to explore new worlds on a canvas? Are you looking for a fun social outlet? Have you wanted to participate in an exercise or dance class? Then the Colorado Springs Senior Center is the place for you! Our mission is to offer quality of life experiences to adults 55 years of age and older.”

<https://seniorcenter.ppymca.org>

It is also named in honor of our very own First Lutheran member Nancy Lewis. Join in as we fellowship during a potluck lunch before the presentation. Please register using the following link <https://bit.ly/3OdZlrg> or feel free to call the church at 719.632.8836.

**Sign Up Deadline: Thursday, Feb 26**

# In the Life of the Church ...

## Birthdays

- March 2** Elizabeth Christie  
Tad Goodenbour  
Bill Hulka  
Chris Lehmkuhl  
Connie Mericle  
Maryellen Mitchell  
Lamar Parsons  
Quinn Remund  
Jeremy Wooten
- March 3** Bernice Daug  
Baylor Dean  
Darlene Edwards  
Elizabeth Heiny  
Ardis Jordahl  
Sally Lundmark  
Annie McCall  
Danielle Sena  
Christine Welch
- March 4** Andrejs Bocek  
The Rev. Hank Maertens
- March 5** Elaine Gibbs  
Everett Goff  
Chris Hansen  
Gloria Layton  
Chris Rose
- March 6** Clark Gaddie  
Derek Kruse  
Marilyn Kuhn  
Mark Mueller  
Del Random

## Anniversaries

- March 1**  
Linda and Kent Waterman 57 years
- March 2**  
Dave and Mary Rose 52 years
- March 5**  
Jan and Stephen Doyle 55 years
- March 8**  
Mark and Alice Mueller 46 years



# Prayer Requests

Lannette Abbey  
Chris, Katie & Emberly Ackerman  
Fred Bachmeier  
Ollie & Jean Baltus  
Brad Bauer  
Elmer Bauman  
Tana Beall  
Bob Bent  
Joan Boehm  
Bill & Barbara Brown  
Karl & Pam Cartwright  
Tanya Charbonneau  
John & Debbie Chlebus  
Nell Clowder  
Linda Collier  
The Don Diaz Family  
Howard & Sally Donaldson  
Rinda Dunson  
Alan Flinn  
Karen Frank  
Kelly Gemplet  
Corinne Gibson  
Nola Gosch  
Vickie Grounds  
Deb Grove  
Georgia Haberacker  
Hannah  
Private Steven Harris  
Doug Hering  
The Karl Hering Family  
Ginger Hipszky  
Jake Hodnett  
Randy Hollar  
Bill & Doreen Hulka  
Irene  
Alan Jacobsen  
Matthew James  
Josh Jones  
Shirley Jones  
Ann Junk  
Jonas Kagarise

Tami Kephart  
Kyong Kelley  
Gaye Lynn Kielcheski  
The Iona Kochera Family  
Cindy Koger  
Sharon Lakey  
Jesse Lawrence & Family  
Timothy Lillich  
Dayne Lindquist  
Issiah & Corrina Lopez  
Patricia Lopez  
Susan Lundmark  
Jim Matthews  
Nick McKibben & Family  
Hugh McNeely  
Brandon Miller & Family  
Gwyn Miller  
Marilyn Miller  
Paul Moe  
Wilma Nicolaisen  
Sam Norton  
Owen & Family  
Patsy Pedersen  
Jack & Judy Peterson  
Ralph Peterson  
Darlene Radke  
Jeff Rapp  
Guido Rohde  
Carol Schlater  
Karen Simon  
Catherine Spencer  
Matthew Stark  
Becky Sternal  
Barbara Swan  
Michael Taylor  
Tom Tetzlaff  
Aaron & Cindi Thorson  
Bob VanDuyn  
Karen Henderson-VanDuyn  
Doni Vest  
Jay Voth

Sandy Weber  
Christine Welch  
Greg & Carolyn Young

*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.

## QUARTERLY ADULT EDUCATION

Four times a year, we offer Adult Education classes at a variety of times and on a wide range of interesting topics. Be sure to read the Ekklesia for announcements and information about upcoming programs.

## 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 12:1 – 4a  
Romans 4:1 – 5  
John 3:1 – 17

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