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## FROM THE PASTOR

**WHAT ARE THE CHANCES** that on the week we read from 1 Timothy that those with means are “to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life,” we would experience one the biggest acts of generosity this church has ever seen! Let me tell you the story, and I hope it inspires your own generosity for God’s work.

We received word this week that the 65-year-old heating unit that heats the Sanctuary would need to be replaced – urgently. The estimated cost is between \$300,000 and \$500,000 ... we’ll find out soon the exact number. Leadership from the church met to consider how we might pay for such an expense. We have reserves for things like this, but this kind of expense could completely drain those reserves and leave us in a vulnerable position should something else happen. But as we discussed what to do, one of our members who knew about the situation let us know that they would donate \$300,000 towards the cost of the repair! An amazing act of generosity on the same week I’m preparing a sermon on 1 Timothy 6 that this person didn’t know I was doing. Coincidence? I think not.

We are now in a position with this donation and our reserves to cover the cost of this expensive repair. I’ll

keep you updated, but I wanted you to hear this story to encourage you. God is watching over this congregation. God is inspiring our members to continue his work through our ministry. We are blessed.

Many of you are generous with your time, talent, and treasure. God takes all of our contributions and transforms them into a ministry that blesses and blesses and blesses so many people from generation to generation. I went from great worry this week to great relief and gratitude. Gratitude for you, the people of God, and for our Lord who provides for us all in beautiful and unexpected ways. Thanks be to God!

### 2026 BUDGET

Take a look at the budget, which you will find on Page 9, and please also attend a Ministry Gathering. I would ask that you begin to pray for our congregation every day if you are not doing that already. There is some really terrific momentum here at church, with record new member classes and visitors. I’m excited to see what God will do in 2026!



PASTOR TRAVIS NORTON

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# Sunday's Message

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

PASTOR TRAVIS NORTON

1 TIMOTHY 6:6 – 19

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**I'D LIKE TO** read you a list: Nikon D7500 DX-Format Camera, Fishpond Nomad Canyon Net, Fishpond Summit 2.0 Fly Fishing Sling Pack, Orvis Clearwater Wading boots (size 11), Orvis Clearwater Chest Waders, Cobra Golf Air-X 2 Men's Combo Iron and Hybrid Set, Bosch 5 in. Dual-Mode Random Orbit Sander, Milwaukee 2962-20 M8 Fuel ½" Mid-torque Impact Wrench with Friction Ring. Any idea what these things have in common? These are all on my Amazon Wish List, and Christmas is only **three** months away ... I'm just sayin'. If Amazon sold them, I'd add a 2025 Toyota Sienna and a house on Wood Avenue to the list. I don't know about you, but I want things. I think about the things I want, and I add them to this list. Then I visit the list from time to time and compare it to my bank account, wondering if I can pull the trigger on any of them.

I imagine you have a list, too. Maybe one that doesn't include tools and fishing gear, but it could include vacations and travel, or tickets to concerts and events. The thing about our lists is that they are tied to our vision of a good life. My list looks like playing golf, fishing, woodworking and photography. And I have to ask myself, "Is that the good life?" I know better than that because I'm a Christian, and God has given me a competing vision of the good life. But behind our lists of wants of material things dangles this deceit that if we get these things we will be happier, our lives will be better. There is a tension in our life between these two visions. As we mature in the faith, we recognize the hollowness of the material life. As I look back on my list, I think of the things that are no longer on that list because I bought them already. My house is full of things that used to be on

that list; my garage especially contains former occupants. They didn't make my life better; they didn't make me more fulfilled or satisfied or content. And as we progress in life, we recognize that those things as much as we appreciate them do not deliver on the promise of a good life. They are just things that come with burdens of their own, that take up space and require care. We learn not to trust in material gain for meaning or satisfaction.

This is the lesson that Paul is urging Timothy to teach to his congregation in Ephesus. Ephesus was a wealthy city and Timothy's congregation needed instruction on the proper place of wealth for the Christian. Some of the issues included people walking into worship, making a show of their wealth in their clothing and jewelry. Imagine how disruptive that would be if you looked around and saw who had a lot of money and who didn't. But the deeper issue Paul warns Timothy about is how dangerous to a good life the pursuit of wealth is. He writes, "But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains." Here he's not only talking to the wealthy but also to those who want to be wealthy, those who are eager to make more money. And which of us doesn't want riches? Our whole culture tells us early on to make decisions that will lead to wealth. We all know people who give themselves fully to that pursuit and some find wealth, and some don't. But if that is their life's purpose they end up lonely and empty and often an-

gry that the money didn't give them what they were really looking for. Paul describes it as a sort of captivity, a set of chains on your life that keep you from being free and enjoying the life God wants for you. When you believe in the lie that wealth will satisfy you, you can never stop chasing it because you always want more and you never believe you have enough. God has something better for us and Paul sums it up in one word, contentment. What God wants for us is contentment, which is an inner peace that is satisfied and joyful without regard to possessions or anything material. Whether you are rich or poor, God wants you to possess a contentment that is yours regardless of any external circumstance. Content if you're single, or married, content if you have the job of your dreams or just one that pays the bills. Content if you have grandkids or don't, content if you are beloved by many or just a few.

Let me ask you, do you have this prized possession? Do you have contentment? Where does it come from? It comes from God, a proper understanding of the world and a faith that relies on God above all things. Paul writes, "For we brought nothing into the world so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these". (Side note – Paul recognizes that all people need the basics, and we should work to ensure that everyone has food and clothing, shelter and safety). He ends his words saying that we are to set our hopes not on riches but on God "who richly provides everything for our enjoyment". God wants us to enjoy this life. This wisdom isn't meant to take something from us, but to give us something that we all want. We want a good life, a life of meaning and purpose, and enjoyment. That life comes from God and pursuing the things of God. Paul wants these things for Timothy and gives him a path to pursue. He puts it in athletic terms, fighting the good fight. If you are a gym goer or a runner or play any kind of sport you have a sense of the effort Paul is talking about. I go to the gym a couple times a week, but I don't have the body I want – not yet. I'm pursuing it though, pursuing health, pursuing strength, and I see progress each month and year. In the same way Paul says to his protégé

Timothy to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. These are the replacements for seeking after wealth or wish lists that can't deliver on a good life.

Righteousness and Godliness – living in relationship with God, thinking about everything you do in terms of what God wants. Faith – trusting in God and God's way that has been shown to us in Jesus. Loving your enemies, forgiving those who sin against you, giving to those in need, serving others and putting them ahead of yourself. This is the way of faith. Love – letting everything you do be motivated by care and compassion. Endurance – keep going even when it gets hard; don't seek the easy way out but persevere in good times and hard times. I see this endurance in many of you who have lost loved ones, and coming to church without them is emotional and hard, but you endure and you bless us with your presence. And gentleness, think about how you hold a baby with great care so that you don't hurt them in any way. I see some of you bringing elderly grandparents and friends to church, and I'm inspired by the gentleness with which you support them. This is the way of the Christian, to be gentle with others, thinking about their vulnerabilities and needs and adjusting your behavior to protect them.

When I go to the gym, I have a series of exercises that I do to target different muscles. Squat and deadlift for my legs, bench press for my chest, rows for my back, curls and extensions for my arms, planks and rollouts for my abs which I absolutely despise doing. But when I do them, over time I get stronger and balanced and healthier. Paul wants us to do the exercises of righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness so that over time we get better at this life, not just for us but for all those around us because part of the key to thriving in this life is becoming more like Jesus in that we turn away from ourselves and toward the care of others.

Which one will you work on this week? Which one will you practice? Paul writes to Timothy that when his wealthy members are free, when they trust in God to provide a good life for them, then he can instruct them, "to do good, to be rich in good works, gener-

ous and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.”

There are plenty of people in the world pursuing wealth for their own ends or just to get more. What the world needs are wealthy Christians who have learned contentment and trust in God and are free to do good and be generous. I’ve seen the good that they can do to build up the church, to care for the vulnerable, to make a real difference in the lives of others. Generosity is powerful and it’s contagious, but we can only be generous if we are free from pursuing wealth for its own sake. Jesus has set us free so we can trust in God to provide for us. I know the world seems scary right now and heavy and dark. I was a history major in college, and I’ll tell you that the world hasn’t changed very much since the beginning of time. The world has always been scary and dark, threatened by those who seek power and wealth for themselves over the welfare of others. There have always been wars and rumors of wars, a great disparity between the rich and poor. People have always been anxious about their children and grandchildren not having a good life, not having faith. Greed has always worked to keep the world from sharing with those in need. But God in Jesus is also at work against these dark powers. God has placed a people in this world who know a different way and can show life that really is life. You are those people; you are the strategy God is using to remake this world and get it back on track.

Pursue godliness with contentment through the Christian practices of faith, gentleness, love, and endurance and all the rest. Not only will you see more enjoyment and peace in your own life, but you will bring that same healing to those around you. Above all put your trust in God, he will provide everything you need. Maybe not all the things on your Amazon wish list but certainly everything that makes for the life that really is life. That’s the life we pursue. Amen.



## FALL CITYSERVE

OCTOBER 3 AND 4

**The COSILoveYou CityServe projects are live!** For 10 years, the “Big-C” Church has gone out into neighborhoods, parks, schools, and non-profits to express the tangible love of Jesus through every pile of leaves raked, every wall painted, and every card written with care. Plan a day to volunteer with your small group or pew neighbors! You can choose to serve on Friday, October 3; or Saturday, October 4. For more information, visit **<https://serve.cosiloveyou.com>** or scan the QR code, below. The website lets you filter projects by category, type (family friendly, little kid friendly, middle school friendly, high school friendly, limited mobility friendly, etc.), and zipcode.



2 Corinthians 9:6-7

# FALL STEWARDSHIP 2025 SOW GENEROUS

## MINISTRY GATHERING DATES

- Sunday, October 5 · 1:00 p.m. in person
- Tuesday, October 7 · 10:00 a.m. in person &  
7:00 p.m. Zoom only
- Sunday, October 12 · 1:00 p.m. in person



Join us at a time that works best for you in  
The Gathering Place. Use the QR code for Zoom.

## CHERYL'S CORNER

### HELP! I'M NOT RECEIVING EMAILS FROM FIRST LUTHERAN!

I helped someone last Wednesday morning with this very issue. Her friend receives weekly emails from First Lutheran, but she doesn't. Why? The fact is those who subscribe to our emails should receive a minimum of two each week.

On Sunday mornings, you should receive an email from **flc@flccs.net** with the subject *FLC Online Worship* followed by the date. This email gives a summary of what our scriptures and sermon will focus on today. There are also announcements of upcoming events.

On Wednesday mornings you should receive an email from **flc@flccs.net** with the subject *First Weekly Newsletter* followed by the date. This email highlights three upcoming events and includes the pastor's

First Thoughts video which gives us a preview of what the pastor will be talking about on the following Sunday. If you are not signed up to receive *FLC Online Worship* or *First Weekly Newsletter*, you can sign up here: **<https://mailchimp/flccs/signup>**.

You might get other emails from First Lutheran.

If you sign up to attend an event (OWIs, theatre, etc.) you will re-

ceive a confirmation email from our church management system. This email comes from **submission@ministryforms.net**.

If you sign up to serve during a worship service, prepare Communion, host the Care and Share Mobile Market, serve at a memorial service, etc., you will receive reminder emails six and two days before you are scheduled to serve. These emails come from **noreply@elexiochms.com**.

If you are not receiving any of the above emails, they could be going to your junk or spam folder. The easiest way to discern if this is what is happening would be to go to your junk/spam folder and search for the email addresses listed above. If you find emails from First Lutheran in your junk/spam folder, you need to unblock them and/or tell your system to never block the sender. Each email service provider uses different terminology. I can usually walk you through it over the phone and am happy to help. Adding the following into your contacts can help too:

General First Lutheran messages:

**flc@flccs.net**

Cheryl Mahon:

**cheryl@flccs.net**

First Lutheran Form Submission:

**submission@ministryforms.net**

Volunteer Schedule Reminders:

**noreply@elexiochms.com**



CHERYL MAHON, DIRECTOR OF LAY MINISTRIES



## OLDER WISER LUTHERANS (OWLS)

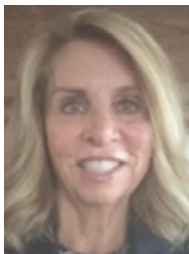
HOTEL ST. CLOUD TOUR | CAÑON CITY  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

Join the OWLS Thursday, October 23, for a leaf-peeping road trip and the opportunity to tour the newly renovated 1883 Hotel St. Cloud in Cañon City. We'll leave the church at 9:15 a.m.; the free tour begins at 10:30. This hotel is one of the 10 oldest hotels in Colorado and opened in Silver Cliff in 1883. After the silver mining went bust, the hotel was disassembled brick-by-brick and moved, in 1886, to Cañon City via the Rio Grande Railroad and reassembled on Main Street. It was once the headquarters for the KKK and has welcomed several cowboy movie stars. Visit the website showing all the hotel history at <https://www.hotelstcloud.com>. We will tour the hotel, including pulling two books from the bookshelf to enter the speakeasy. We'll enjoy fellowship and lunch in the 1887 Historic Eatery (where we'll each cover our own lunch). Please register by October 17, at <https://bit.ly/48GaPRM> or by calling the church office.

## Our Council Nominees



Bruce Carlson



Stacy Gatto



Chris Lieber



Corby Meyer



Diane Millburn



Betsy Pimentel

# 2026 Comparison Budget

| Category                                    | Account Name                                        | 2025 Budget                | 2026 Budget                |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b><i>Benevolence - Outreach</i></b>        |                                                     |                            |                            |
|                                             | Synod - Mission Support                             | 101,250.00                 | 98,550.00                  |
|                                             | Missionaries                                        | 12,000.00                  | 12,000.00                  |
|                                             | Local Benevolence                                   | 96,160.00                  | 97,872.00                  |
|                                             | <b><i>Total - Benevolence</i></b>                   | <b><i>209,410.00</i></b>   | <b><i>208,422.00</i></b>   |
| <b><i>Ministry Expenses</i></b>             |                                                     |                            |                            |
|                                             | Worship & Stewardship                               | 8,940.00                   | 3,471.00                   |
|                                             | Music                                               | 94,320.00                  | 89,553.00                  |
|                                             | Christian Education                                 | 1,300.00                   | 4,176.00                   |
|                                             | Evangelism                                          | 12,730.00                  | 4,870.00                   |
|                                             | Youth Programs                                      | 18,650.00                  | 18,865.00                  |
|                                             | Transportation                                      | 8,000.00                   | 11,100.00                  |
|                                             | Fellowship Events                                   | 15,588.00                  | 12,950.00                  |
|                                             | Child Care Center                                   | 800.00                     | 200.00                     |
|                                             | Funeral Expenses                                    | 0.00                       | 4,100.00                   |
|                                             | <b><i>Total - Ministry Expenses</i></b>             | <b><i>160,328.00</i></b>   | <b><i>149,285.00</i></b>   |
| <b><i>Staff &amp; Staffing Expenses</i></b> |                                                     |                            |                            |
|                                             | Continuing Ed/Conferences                           | 17,900.00                  | 13,600.00                  |
|                                             | Staff Compensation                                  | 1,171,811.00               | 1,157,213.00               |
|                                             | FICA/FAMLI Leave Benefits                           | 82,730.00                  | 95,917.00                  |
|                                             | Benefits                                            | 226,276.00                 | 245,634.00                 |
|                                             | <b><i>Total - Staff &amp; Staffing Expenses</i></b> | <b><i>1,498,717.00</i></b> | <b><i>1,512,364.00</i></b> |
| <b><i>Administrative Expenses</i></b>       |                                                     |                            |                            |
|                                             | Office Supplies/Printing                            | 73,264.00                  | 61,274.00                  |
|                                             | Phone-Website-Media                                 | 43,368.00                  | 41,290.00                  |
|                                             | Postage                                             | 20,700.00                  | 20,400.00                  |
|                                             | Banking Fees                                        | 1,200.00                   | 1,200.00                   |
|                                             | OnLine Giving Fees                                  | 7,500.00                   | 11,750.00                  |
|                                             | Legal/Audit Expenses                                | 0.00                       | 0.00                       |
|                                             | <b><i>Total - Administrative Expenses</i></b>       | <b><i>146,032.00</i></b>   | <b><i>135,914.00</i></b>   |
| <b><i>Property Expenses</i></b>             |                                                     |                            |                            |
|                                             | Facilities and Equipment                            | 0.00                       | 8,000.00                   |
|                                             | Property Maintenance                                | 109,427.00                 | 95,000.00                  |
|                                             | Utilities                                           | 91,000.00                  | 89,200.00                  |
|                                             | Business Insurance                                  | 79,428.00                  | 96,800.00                  |
|                                             | <b><i>Total - Property Expenses</i></b>             | <b><i>279,855.00</i></b>   | <b><i>289,000.00</i></b>   |
|                                             | <b>Budget Totals</b>                                | <b>2,294,342.00</b>        | <b>2,294,985.00</b>        |

# HANDBELLS 101

**Five Thursdays | Beginning October 16  
7 – 8 p.m. in the Handbell Room**

Explore the fun of ringing in a five-week class – no experience required! You'll learn to ring using a variety of techniques and discover rhythm notation and music reading. Led by Deacon Joan Kuehn. Everyone, Grade 6 through adult, is welcome. Please register using the QR code, right. For more information, contact Joan by email at [jlynnkuehn@gmail.com](mailto:jlynnkuehn@gmail.com).



## FRIENDS BY THE FIREPIT

**MONDAY EVENINGS | 6 P.M.**

We will meet for 60 to 90 minutes around the firepit just north of the Peel House. Bring a beverage to enjoy while we make s'mores and discuss questions based on Sunday's sermon. Sermon-based questions may be picked up Sunday mornings from an usher or at the Welcome Center. In case of rain, we'll meet on the porch. If it gets too cold, we'll meet inside the Peel House parlor. Childcare is available.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

**A GREAT WAY TO SERVE!**

Our First Lutheran team will work on the Apostles Build home Saturday, October 11, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. We need you! Please email me at [cheryl@flccs.net](mailto:cheryl@flccs.net) right away if you are interested in serving in this very special way! Six volunteer positions left to fill.

## WAYFARERS

**THURSDAY | OCTOBER 16 | 11:30 A.M.  
EDELWEISS RESTAURANT**

Wayfarers, a support group for women who have experienced the loss of a husband, will meet for lunch at Edelweiss, 34 East Ramona Avenue. For more information, contact Erna Haring at **719.210.2267**.

## MOMCO

**OCTOBER 14 AND 21 | 9:30 A.M.**

MomCo (formerly called MOPS) meets twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesdays in the Peel House Lounge, next to the upstairs coffee bar.

## AGING TOGETHER

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3 | 10 TO 11:30 A.M.  
PEEL HOUSE 201**

This group for seniors discusses issues of aging. For more information, contact Maureen Tuttle at **719.640.1985** or Anne Rivers at **719.351.4268**.

## THE EMMAUS WAY

*“Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.’”*

– Matthew 16:24

**I THINK I** would be remiss to keep talking about self-emptying and how our transformation is for the sake of others without touching on Jesus’s call to self-denial. The above Scripture is very familiar, but have we taken the time to sit with the Holy Spirit to discern what it means for us, personally?

Of course, I can’t begin to tell you God’s specific invitations for you in this area, but I can make some general observations. First, though, I want to clarify that self-denial does not mean self-negation, as if who we each are as human persons doesn’t matter. I think much damage has been done through the message that Jesus expects us to never think

of our own needs. Healthy self-care is actually a crucial component in overall spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being, which in turn frees us to love and serve others well. That said, we must always do the necessary internal work to make sure our self-care has not morphed into self-indulgence.

So, if self-denial is not self-negation,

what is it? While it certainly includes things like fasting (whether food, technology, or something similar), giving away possessions, and not satisfying certain desires, at its core, I believe it is becoming aware of where we are privileging our opinions, beliefs, comfort, desires, and status over and against the other, and then choosing to let go of those things to make space for and benefit the other. It is humbly recognizing where I crowd out someone else to satisfy my own comforts and preferences and then choosing to do the opposite. We can fast for 40 days and give away all our possessions, but if we never become aware of how we privilege our own lives over those of others, we remain untransformed, turning our fasting into an empty – and ultimately, self-serving – exercise.

As you sit with God to sense invitations to self-denial for you, consider if any of these practices resonate: allow another to lead and receive praise; let go of managing your image (i.e., don’t buy the latest fashion trend); allow someone else to teach or correct you; take the farthest parking place so as to open space for someone else; set aside any need to be in charge; forego a few meals and donate that money.

These are just a few ways to begin to put practical feet to self-denial. Please let me know the ways God invites you to grow in it! Let’s walk in healthy self-denial together.



LORI DUNCAN, MINISTER OF SPIRITUAL CARE



## TRAIL TREKKERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9 | 9 A.M.  
WOMEN'S FEDERATION

Meet at the southeast corner of the Safeway parking lot, 3275 West Colorado Avenue. We'll stroll the rolling hills through pines, golden aspens and meadows in this delightful open space north of Divide. We'll have lunch on the trail. Four+ miles; rated easy with some gentle hills. Anyone capable of hiking three to six miles at altitude is welcome! For more information or to register for the hike, contact Judy Hagge by email at [outdoorjudy@comcast.net](mailto:outdoorjudy@comcast.net).

### REMEMBER ...

**Prepare** a daypack to include essentials: rain poncho, wind breaker, sack lunch, snacks, sunscreen, personal identification, at least one quart of water, bandana, hiking poles, other personal items.

**Dress** in layers; wear a hat, sunglasses, sturdy walking shoes or boots.

**Moderate hikes** have elevation changes, somewhat rugged terrain.

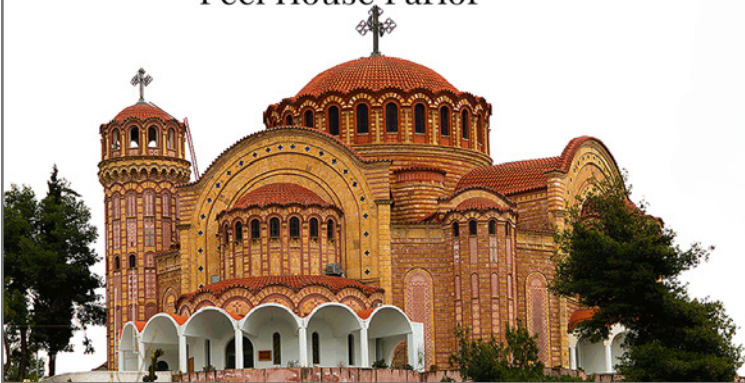
## In the Footsteps of Paul

### *6 Week Lunch & Learn Course*

September 21 to October 26, 2025

Sundays from 12 - 1 p.m.

Peel House Parlor



Please register in advance  
for this course by visiting  
<https://bit.ly/4p7aWM2>  
or by scanning the qr code.



THEATRE GROUP

MS. HOLMES & MS. WATSON, APT. 2B  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 | 2 P.M.  
FINE ARTS CENTER

Oddball female roommates Sherlock (Wait, is it a girl's name? Is it even a name?) Holmes and Joan Watson join forces and emerge from the Covid pandemic fog as a deeply codependent, quasi-dysfunctional odd couple adventure duo. Solving mysteries and kicking butts, they soon come face-to-face with a villain who seems to have all the answers. An irreverent, darkly comic, modern take on Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous sleuth and sidekick, this fast-paced romp reexamines the world's most famous detective story with a bold new lens. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/4pkGeiv> or scan the QR code, left. Cost is \$56.70.

HOLIDAY "CRAFTING AROUND"

SELECT TUESDAYS | 9:30 A.M.  
JOSEPH'S WORKSHOP

This group meets in the basement of the main building. This season, three additional crafters have prepared several different craft projects for people of any skill level for the upcoming holiday season. Sign up for one, a few, or all the projects being offered! The cost for these fabulous crafts is a bargain at just \$5 each again this year. Please pay in full when registering to ensure we have the necessary supplies. Be sure to check out samples of these crafts, on display in the Gathering Place near the Welcome Center! To register, visit <https://bit.ly/4l8eTwT> or scan the QR code, below.

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| October 7   | Rock Painting II*    |
| October 28  | Tree Wreath Ornament |
| November 4  | Gift Card Holders    |
| November 11 | Yarn Christmas Tree  |

\* One \$5 fee covers both sessions

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/4iRh4ff> or scan the QR code, below.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

|             |                                                |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------|
| October 21  | Old Spaghetti Factory<br>3101 New Center Point |
| November 4  | Mi Mexico<br>3956 Academy Boulevard            |
| November 18 | Lazy Dog<br>7605 Academy Boulevard             |
| December 2  | Ai Sushi<br>3215 Cinema Point                  |

OCTOBER INGATHERING OF FOOD

BENEFITS CARE AND SHARE

Please bring non-perishable and unexpired food to the Gathering Place vestibule. Especially needed are canned meats and peanut butter.

FOURTH QUARTER VOLUNTEERS

The forms to sign up to volunteer for Sunday worship services, October – December, have been emailed. Volunteers are needed for Communion preparation, worship assistants, etc. If you need a link, contact Cheryl at [cheryl@flccs.net](mailto:cheryl@flccs.net).

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THEATRE GROUP



CRAFTING AROUND



DINING OUT

# In the Life of the Church ...

## Birthdays

- October 6** Tasha Friedell  
John Kopenhafer  
Linda Parobek  
Maureen Tuttle
- October 7** Marty Barnhart  
Russell Downs
- October 8** Jennifer Baldwin  
Kathy Friess  
David Jarmuth  
Aiden McMillan  
Maari Olson
- October 9** Bert Bedford  
Chris England  
Tristan Fox  
Colleen McCarty  
Todd Mitchell  
Mindy Ross  
Becky Stevens  
Jaydon VanBuskirk
- October 10** Vickie Voth
- October 11** Dale Dunson  
Lisa Nelson  
Cathy Stanley  
Tatum Temmert  
Janice Zerbe
- October 12** Lily Bigelow  
Jack Collier  
Deb Grove  
Peggy Hinrichs  
Amilu Stewart

## Anniversaries

- October 6**  
Greg and Sarah Dirks 35 years  
Jason and Kristie Scism 18 years
- October 10**  
Brad and Cheryl Stokes 27 years
- October 11**  
Charlie and Stacey Huebner 22 years



# Prayer Requests

Lannette Abbey  
The Streeter Family  
Wanda Anderson  
Ashley  
Fred Bachmeier  
Janice Baldwin  
Elmer Bauman  
Tana Beall  
Joan Boehm  
Bill & Barbara Brown  
Justin Buck  
Calista  
Karl & Pam Cartwright  
Tanya Charbonneau  
John & Debbie Chlebus  
Nell Clowder  
Debi Deimling  
Carol Donachy  
Russell Downs  
Duane & Gaylene  
Rinda Dunson  
Alan Flinn  
Edna Fross  
Corinne Gibson  
Nick Gomes  
Nola Gosch  
Vicki & Austin Grounds  
Private Steven Harris  
Ginger Hipszky  
Jake Hodnett  
Bill & Doreen Hulka  
Irene  
Josh Jones  
Shirley Jones  
Ann Junk  
Jonas Kagarise  
Kephart, Tami  
Kyong Kelley  
Gaye Lynn Kielcheski  
The Family of Charlie Kirk  
Cindy Koger

Jesse Lawrence & Family  
Sharon Lakey  
Timothy Lillich  
Dayne Lindquist  
Patricia Lopez  
Susan Lundmark  
Elly Mahler  
Jim Matthews  
Nick McKibben & Family  
Hugh McNeely  
Brandon Miller & Family  
Marilyn Miller & Family  
Larry & Lucille Moe  
Paul Moe  
Sam Norton  
Owen & Family  
The Carol Palmen Family  
Jack & Judy Peterson  
Ed Pounds  
Darlene Radke  
Jeff Rapp  
Shay  
Matthew Stark  
Gwen Stein  
Becky Sternal  
Michael Taylor  
Tom & Gretchen Tetzlaff  
Aaron & Cindi Thorson  
Bob VanDuy  
Karen Henderson-VanDuy  
Harriet Warren  
Christine Welch  
Jody Wilbur  
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**.

## In Remembrance of Carol H. Palmen

MEMORIAL SERVICE  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7  
1 P.M.

Join us in the Sanctuary as we remember the life and witness of Carol, Ken Sr.'s wife; Ken Jr., Lisa, and John's mother; Chrissy, Dan and Mary's mother-in-law; grandmother of six.

## In Remembrance of Erv Rokke

MEMORIAL SERVICE  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8  
11 A.M.

Join us in the Sanctuary as we remember the life and witness of Erv, husband of Pam, father of Lisa and Eric, father-in-law of Cliff and Susan, grandfather of four.

# 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. Look 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

Habakkuk 1: 1 - 4, 2: 1 - 4

2 Timothy 1: 1 - 14

Luke 17: 5 - 10

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