

Welcome to... **First Lutheran Church**

116 South B Street; 309-734-2106; www.flcmonmouth.org

Sunday Worship

10:00 AM

Sanctuary

Pastor

Pastor Jamie Gallagher

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What We Believe

1. We are saved by grace and not by works
2. We are called to Love our Lord and Love our Neighbors
3. In worship, we encounter God in Word and Sacrament
4. Faith leads us into serving our community and world

First Lutheran Church features

Tradition and contemporary worship styles with piano, organ and band led music

Purpose and Vision Giving ... once a month special focus giving

Intergenerational faith learning

And monthly ministry activities (see back)

For more information

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www.flcmonmouth.org

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First Lutheran Monmouth

First Lutheran Church is a congregation of



Northern Illinois Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

What Can I Expect when I come to

First Lutheran Church?

Everyone Is Welcome to come to our worship services. This means everyone. We are inclusive of everyone.

Come as you are. There is no dress code

Come with what you have. There is no fee to come, there is an offering—but this is an opportunity for every individual to choose to give or not give as each is able. This is completely voluntary.

Come for a cup of coffee. We have a Keurig coffee machine in our gathering space and this is free to use for anyone who attends our worship. You can even drink your coffee during the service.

We sing. We sing old hymns, new hymns, contemporary songs, short songs, long songs.

Don't worry about not knowing the words or the tune. We have words on the screens and hymnals for those who want to read the music.

We pray. We have prayers that are led by the pastor, we have prayers led by a member of the church, we have prayers we all say together.

All of our prayers and responses are on the screen, there are no spontaneous prayers.

We hear God's Word. We read lessons from the Bible. Typically two from the Old Testament and two from the New Testament, though sometimes we change this up. After the a member of the congregation reads the lessons, the pastor offers a message called a Sermon, which is a connection between those readings and something going on in today's world.

We have Communion. Communion is a sacrament that connects us with Jesus when we receive the bread and wine. You do not need to be a member to receive. You simply hear the invitation and come forward as the usher directs. If you have any questions about participating in Communion, please speak with Pastor Jamie ahead of worship, and you will be assured you can receive communion in our worship service.

We do all this using a set pattern for worship called "liturgy". Our "liturgy" often changes depending on what we are celebrating in worship, so while much of what we do will be familiar every week, there are many ways we sing, pray, hear God's word, and celebrate communion, so every week may be just a bit different.

Join us for these ministry events

Seasonal Community Events

Holy Week/Easter Services—March and April

Community Care Days—June

Strawberry Festival—June

Prime Beef Drive-Thru—September

Halloween Fun Night—October

Advent and Christmas Worship—December

Sankta Lucia Celebration—December

Find out more about each of these events by going to our website: www.flcmonmouth.org and click on our newsletter

What We Support ...

In our Community ...

Birthday Cakes to the Alternative School

Open Table (community ministry)

Lutheran Pre-School and Day Care

Jamieson Center, Strom Center

Cooperation with high school with space sharing for music program and other classes

... And more

In our world...

Missionaries Dr. Steven and Dr. Bethany Friberg
serving in Tanzania

Lutheran World Relief

Lutheran Disaster Relief

Lutheran World Hunger

.... And more

First Lutheran Church Is:

Home of the Lutheran Day Care and Preschool

Bobbi Nees, Director

Day Care phone number—309-734-5350

Charter Organization for Monmouth BSA
Troop 705

Scoutmaster Jamie Gallagher

Samaritan's Closet—a resource providing limited food and toiletry items for anyone who needs. Limited assistance is available for automobile fuel or utility bills, based on need.

Are you looking for a place to explore what it means to believe in God but are feel the message of the church doesn't quite fit?

Here at First Lutheran Church you will be able to explore your faith with open questions, not all questions have absolute answers. Sometimes questions lead to more questions.

The Bible isn't cut and dry, it isn't a guidebook for how to live now to get into heaven later. It is a collection of stories that help us understand how people in ages past connected with God helping us to see where God is connecting with us today. And this leads to many questions which sometimes don't have clear or simple answers.

Here at First Lutheran, when we say everyone is welcome, we mean everyone is welcome. Our culture is so divided over identity issues and race. Here at First Lutheran, we erase lines of division and we are all children of God—regardless of ethnicity, regardless of identity. You are a beloved child of God. You are included in God's amazing love. You have a place where discovering God's amazing love will welcome you with open arms.

So yes, if you are a person who is LGBTQIA+ and have felt the rejection of church or have heard society say you are not acceptable in church, well we have a completely different message here! And we are firm in this because in the First Letter of John, we are told God is Love and that love is inclusive of everyone — especially you.

For any question you may have about what to expect at First Lutheran, or how to explore your faith in God here, please call Pastor Jamie Gallagher.