



# Worship Notes

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## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Friends and Family,

Long-time member Marjorie Swanson passed away on Thursday. The family has made arrangements for a visitation on Monday, October 4th from 5 PM to 7 PM at the McGuire and Davies Home in Monmouth. Please remember your masks when you attend. The family will plan a service at a later date.

Thank you for continuing to keep Marjorie's family in your prayer.

*Thank you for your generous support of our ministry*

Thank you to all who bring offerings to worship.

Thank you to all who mail offerings to the office.

Thank you to all who continue electronic offerings.

Thank you to all designate offerings for special projects, like our capital fund campaign, vision and purpose giving, and many other ministry projects.



*Please keep in prayer the following:*



Bradley Anderson, Josie Blake, Bev Coulter, Nancy Dowell, John Ellison, Linda Ellison, Dave Erlandson, Jim Erlandson, Brad and Jodie Haist, Cassie Jern & Family, Delores Johnson, Graham Johnson, Bob Kerschke, Ila Roseberry, Norman Worthington, Evelyn Volz, Darrell Thirtyacre, Donna Larson, Beckie Bean, Joy Johnson, Pat Root,

The family and friends of Marjorie Swanson and Sgt. Lacey Elliott, who continues to serve our country

*Please let the church office know any updates that are needed to our prayer list.*

### In-Person Worship Habits

Thank you. We are doing a great job reducing the risks of the pandemic as we continue following these habits:

- \* If you are sick, please stay home.
- \* Face masks are required for attending in-person worship. The church has extra masks if you forget yours at home.
- \* Social distancing in the pews means we sit at least 6-feet apart from other family units.
- \* Offering plates are at each entrance for you to place your giving as you enter or depart.
- \* Communion practices include social distancing as well, follow the signs on the floor for where to receive and where to consume.

### This week in worship



The Israelites have arrived at Mt. Sinai. The LORD has begun speaking to his chosen people. The LORD's voice is too powerful and too scary for the people to hear, so Moses goes up the mountain to be alone with the LORD and to receive the words that become the foundational covenant between the LORD Yahweh and the people of Israel. We know these words as the 10 Commandments. Join us this week as we explore our relationship with these words and the covenant we have with God today.

WORSHIP  
VOLUNTEER  
opportunities



This Week

Worship Assistant: Ellen Shrader

Usher: Diane Carlson

*Thank you to all who volunteer to assist in leading worship.*

We have openings for altar flowers



**Altar  
Flowers**

October 4	Diane Carlson and Janice Algren
October 11	Linda McGuire
October 18	
October 25	

Mini PBF Follow-Up

What a wonderful day our congregation had on Tuesday serving up ribeye sandwiches, sloppy joe sandwiches, chips and pie.

The sale brought in just under \$4200. Expenses are being tallied, and the final totals will be shared later. But thank you to all who helped – setting up, making pies, serving, and cleaning up. And especially, thank you to all who came and supported our church through this fundraiser.

Living the Creed

Living the Creed is an opportunity to grow in faith at home.

This week when you download our Living the Creed PDF, you will learn how to memorize the 10 commandments using a fun drawing project. This is really simple, and anyone can do it. All you need is an imagination.

We will also compare the 10 Commandments with the Beatitudes that Jesus offers in Matthew's Gospel. How do the two lists compare, how do they shape how we live as God's people? Download the PDF and grow in faith with your family at home.

*Blessings*

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, beloved, that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the Gospel.

Philippians 1:12

St. Paul had an interesting journey as an apostle. He wasn't well received by the other apostles in Jerusalem, when he traveled around the Roman Empire, he was often chased out of cities when his work was seen as causing trouble, and in the end he was arrested by the Romans and charged with spreading false things. As he writes his letter to the Philippians he is in prison. If anything, he could complain about his lot in life. He could grumble against God for dragging him through the muck and the mire. But instead, he sees the good that is coming from his trials and tribulations.

Even as he sits in prison, St. Paul knows the Gospel is being proclaimed and that the guards are hearing the Word of God and are learning to praise God for what Jesus did. St. Paul sets us an example to always ask ourselves, "how is the Gospel being spread, even as we continue to suffer?" It isn't to say there is never room for grumbling, I am guessing St. Paul grumbled a time or two as well. But he kept that grumbling in perspective of what God is ultimately doing through his life.

In our own time of trials and tribulation, we have had our fair share of time to grumble. We also have our example of seeing the Gospel spread. Online worship keeps the Word of God accessible to all who cannot come to worship. Quilts, school kits, are still sent out. The community is impacted by the meal we served, and the donations we provide to local charities. I want you to know, beloved friends and family at First Lutheran, that what has happened this coronavirus pandemic has actually helped to spread the Gospel. And for that we give God all the thanks.

In Peace,

Pastor Jamie