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WELCOME TO

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



Whether you're new to the area or seeking a spiritual home, we're glad you're here. Nestled in a beautiful historic building in downtown Louisville, we are a vibrant community committed to worship, service, and growth in faith.

At First Lutheran, we strive to create a welcoming environment where love, grace, and peace guide our shared journey. Our mission is to help all people connect with God, grow in faith, and contribute to the work of Christ.

As a Reconciling In Christ congregation, we celebrate and affirm the dignity of all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

We look forward to serving you and walking together in faith.

In this newsletter:

Latest news, projects, workshops, and more. Keep Reading!

Add to your calendar:

08/09: 9:30 AM Breakfast before service

08/11: 12:00 PM Craft Group

08/23: 12:00 PM Church Council meeting

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Updates from the Office Manager

- **NOTICE:** THE OFFICE EMAIL HAS CHANGED. Please send all correspondence to "office@firstlutheranlou.org".

Remembering Jim Blincoe



It is with great sadness to inform the congregation that our longtime member has gone to be with his beloved wife, Charlotte. We will miss him greatly.

Please keep Jim's siblings in your prayers.

Vicky Frank

Music Ministry

Each Sunday we join together to worship and sing to God using a variety of different types of music. Let's consider the psalm that we sing during the section of the service in which the word of God is proclaimed. From their origin the psalms were intended to be sung. Certainly the meaning of the text can be communicated when spoken, but the quality of this ancient poetry is inherently musical. Lutheran Book of Worship first provided us with a system simple enough for singing by a cantor, choir, or assembly. Evangelical Lutheran Worship continues this, but with a few differences. In Evangelical Lutheran Worship, all 150 psalms are included. They are the first 150 numbers in the Assembly Song section of the book. This is a reminder that the version of the psalms included in Evangelical Lutheran Worship is intended for singing. The introductory material to singing the psalms is on pages 335-336. That information will help explain how to sing the psalms. Read this short section in the hymnal the next time you find yourself awaiting the start of worship to gain a better understanding of how the psalms are sung in our tradition.

David McNease



Letter from the Council President

Hi Church Members,

It was a memorable day, July 18, 2026 with the ordination, installation, and service with Bishop Tim Graham and Dan Forehand leading the service. A group of pastors from several states came to support Pastor Turner in his accepting of pastoral care with First Lutheran and the community.

I'm thinking of getting a group together to either go bowling or to a Louisville Bats baseball game in August. Please let me know which activity you would like to attend.

We did have our younger church members attend Lutherwald this past week. I hope they enjoyed themselves.

New things will be coming. Hope to see everyone at church this Sunday.



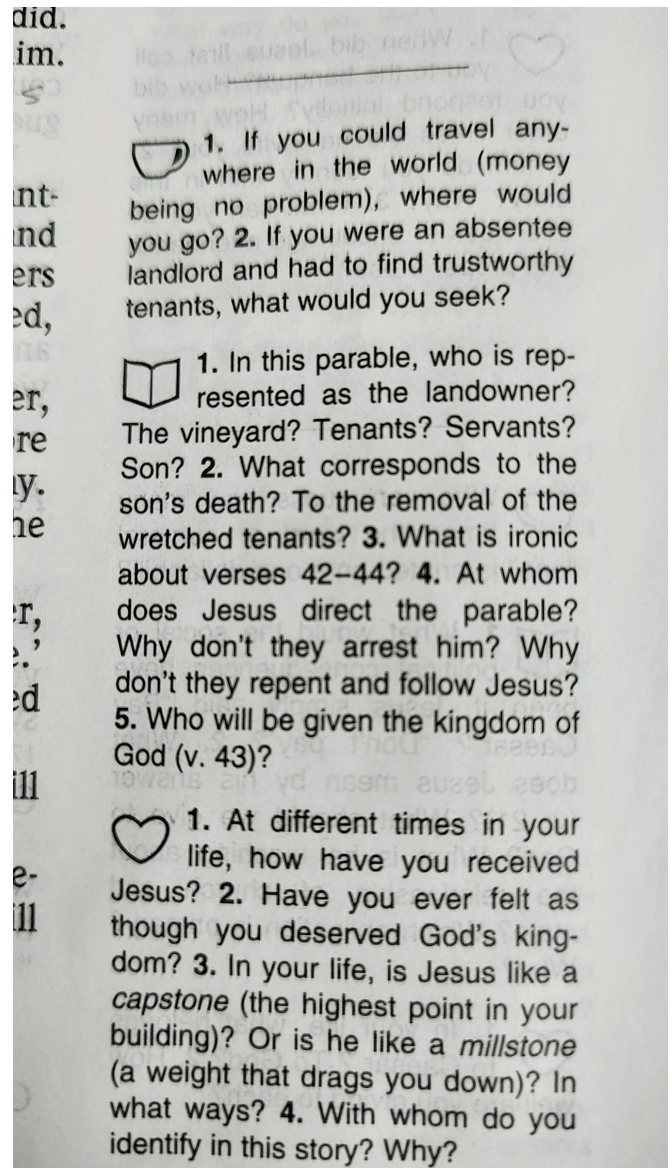
Vicky Frank
Council President

First Lutheran Goes to Hollywood (cont.)



It has arrived! Check out First Lutheran's cameo in the newly released movie, "My Granddaughter Has Your Son's Face." Available to stream on Amazon Prime Video.

Scriptural Interpretures



--Lori Caron



Do you remember...?

1872-1992

*People give
time & talent...*

Men in the kitchen??? You bet! Every Sunday morning our Men's Breakfast-Making teams are slaving over the stove, making breakfast for you!!!

Serving time: 8:45am til 9:30am.

Even the cook eats! Nellie Craig, Chair of our Hospitality Committee spends countless hours in the kitchen preparing meals, Wednesday night suppers and afternoon worship special receptions.



Giving ourselves to one another in Christ's love...it is what our FAMILY LIFE at First is all about. We have tried to give you a taste in this album of our life together...it is really just a sampling, for there are many groups and activities that we had no pictures to represent. Please be sure to take pictures in the coming year of the groups you are involved in, and pass them on to the Stewardship Committee for our Album next year!

Hope your summer is going well.
I'm glad I and the other church
mice are in a nice cool basement.

We got together and decided that a
short collection of advertisements
in the Church Visitor of 1906
might be fun for you to look at.

Remember, in your September
"Friendly Visitor" we'll be able to
read about his travels



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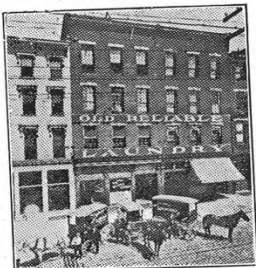
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THE FRIENDLY PUZZLER

Find the underlined words amongst the letter grid at the bottom.

The remaining letters will reveal a hidden message.

Romans 12: 1-21

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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At First Lutheran Church we believe that God delights in the diversity of all creation. As a Reconciling in Christ community, we welcome all into fellowship; recognizing the dignity of every human being regardless of gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, economic status, race, or any other identifier. You are accepted and welcome here, no matter where you are on your spiritual journey.

If you need to contact one of the church's committee chairs, here is a list of all the committees and their chairs. Please let them know if you have any problems, suggestions for improvements, or compliments.

Building Users	Vicky Frank
Christian Education	Lori Caron
Endowment Funds Subcommittee	Harley Butler
Finance	Drew Wartschlager
Food Pantry	Sharon Lillie
Membership	Vicky Frank
Property	Paul Nellis
Social Ministry	Stephanie McCoy
Vision and Outreach	Paul Nellis
Worship and Music	Nancy Brian