



# The Friendly Visitor



## First Lutheran Church

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**June 5, 2022**

**Come celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Pentecost Sunday**

June, 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10:30 am Worship Service	30 Food Pantry Closed 5:30 pm NA Meeting 6:00 LYG	31 11:00 am Food Pantry	1 11:00 am Food Pantry 4:30 pm LYG 6:00 pm NA Meeting 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	2 4:00 pm Food Pantry 4:30 pm LYG 5:30 pm AA Meeting 5:30 pm NA Meeting	3 Food Pantry Closed 7:00 pm LYG	4 12:30 pm NA Meeting
5 ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY 10:30 am Worship Service 12:00 pm Anniversary Luncheon	6 Food Pantry Closed 5:30 pm NA Meeting 6:00 pm LYG	7 11:00 am Food Pantry	8 11:00 am Food Pantry 6:00 pm NA Meeting 6:30 pm LYG 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	9 9:45 am NAMI Meeting 4:00 pm Food Pantry 4:30 pm LYG 5:30 pm AA Meeting 5:30 pm NA Meeting	10 Food Pantry Closed 7:00 pm LYG	11 12:30 pm NA Meeting
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19 10:30 am Worship Service 1:00 pm Council Meeting 3:00 pm PFLAG Meeting	20 Food Pantry Closed NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 5:30 pm NA Meeting 6:00 pm LYG	21 11:00 am Food Pantry	22 11:00 am Food Pantry 6:00 pm NA Meeting 6:30 pm LYG 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	23 4:00 pm Food Pantry 4:30 pm LYG 5:30 pm AA Meeting 5:30 pm NA Meeting	24 Food Pantry Closed 7:00 pm LYG	25 12:30 pm NA Meeting
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June Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 2 Patsy Lee Heck     | 19 Karen Wartschlager          |
| 5 Chase Wartschlager | 26 Sally Hallman               |
| 6 Daniel Wisner      | 28 Sharon Bellucci             |
| 8 Nancy Brian        | 8 Bruce and Melody Sterling    |
| 11 Bruce Sterling    | 15 Harley and Joan Butler      |
| 14 Elijah McCoy      | 29 Cassie and Matthew McDaniel |



## Note From the President

Hello all! I know it's been a while since I've sent my messages out. With the departure of our office administrator Wayne Garret a disruption occurred, but things are back on track now. I would like to welcome Rebecca White who will be producing the Friendly Visitor for the foreseeable future. Also, I would like to thank Nancy Brian, Kristy Peavey, Vicky Frank and Sharon Lillie for taking care of the other office duties and needs. They will be doing so for at least the time being. As of this writing, the Ministry Site Profile is near completion by the Call Committee and will be presented to the Council for review and approval, after which it will be sent to the Synod. Once that occurs, pastoral candidates will be forthcoming. As we all know, the Pegasus Parade occurred on Sunday this year and it went off with little inconvenience to Sunday worship. We had guests for the parade from both Christ Lutheran and Ascension Lutheran, and some of the youth were also represented. A week or so after Easter, First received a letter of greeting from the new Archbishop Shelton Fabre, which was also a response back from a letter of welcome that I composed and sent to the archdiocese on behalf of First upon his appointment from Pope Francis. Whomever our new pastor will be I believe the new Archbishop is someone that he or she will be able to work with on various local issues along with continuing the Lutheran/Catholic dialogue. All is on track for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and we'll enjoy a special worship service with our Synod

Bishop Bill Gafkjen presiding. Thanks to Larry Askins and Nola Lillie and the rest of the anniversary committee for all the hard work. And as always thank you David McNeese for continuing to find and schedule our pulpit supply.

Peace, Paul



### First Lutheran Church Council Meeting, April 24, 2022

The members in attendance were Paul Nellis, Stephanie McCoy, Vicky Frank, Drew Wartschlager, Jim Blincoe and Pastor Gianzero. The devotion was given by the pastor with the message “God meets us when we don’t have the right answers, and God meets us when we don’t have the right questions.”

The secretary’s report was approved by a motion from Jim Blincoe and seconded by Stephanie McCoy, with the addition of the correction “and experienced candidates” to the call committee “site profile” sentence. The motion passed.

The treasurer’s report shows the past month’s attendance average is 30 members, ensuring that the number of 15 church members was met for a quorum at any called congregational meeting. Our contributions are low but steady. There is a drop in our total assets of \$67,000, mainly because of the stock market. Drew Wartschlager made a motion requesting \$2,500 from the Trinity Fund to cover the expenses for the teardrop and side-wall

banners promoting the church's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The motion was seconded and passed. The acceptance of the treasurer's report was moved, seconded and passed.

The pastor's report started with his appreciation of Jim Lillie's sending him the monthly finance reports. Pastor Gianzero thanked Pastor Nola Lillie for handling Mary Wings' funeral. He is aware that a revisiting of the called group to administer communion to the shut-ins is again being considered. He's available if needed for guidance. The acceptance of the pastor's report was moved, seconded and passed.

**Old Business:** The Call Committee is moving forward and hopes to have a status update next month. We invited other Lutheran churches to enjoy the Pegasus Parade with us at our location and 7 church members from Ascension Lutheran Church responded. There was a possibility that some Christ Lutheran members might attend also. Drew Wartschlager said he would bring his grill and Ian McDonald was asked to assure adequate parking for the parade. Flyers about the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary from Larry Askin and Nola Lillie were included in the church bulletin. Vicky Frank's Monday work group has been sprucing up a number of church rooms every month. The WIFI security company was to come back the following week to improve the cosmetic appearance of wires.

**New Business:** The office administrator/bookkeeping position needs to be filled again due to the resignation of Wayne Garret. Assistance from Vicky Frank, Sharon Lillie, Kristy Peavy and Nancy Brian will cover the church phone and some office duties during the week. Sharon Lillie has suggested retaining Rebecca White (past member of First Lutheran) to compose the Friendly Visitor newsletter each month for a stipend of \$45. After some discussion the motion was made, seconded and passed. The need for more than one inner office key for check signers was considered, since the one key has at times been misplaced and could potentially cause problems getting bills paid on time. Paul Nellis will follow up on the suggestion. It was also noted that Patsy Heck's key only opened the Luther Hall door and not the front office door.

A question was raised concerning any Ukraine assistance. Pastor Gianzero suggested checking with Pastor Rift at Synod Lutheran Disaster Relief ([www.elca.org/our-work](http://www.elca.org/our-work) or [www.elca.org/disaster](http://www.elca.org/disaster) response websites).

Paul Nellis moved to adjourn, and the motion was seconded by Stephanie McCoy. It passed, and the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be May 22, 2022. Vicky Frank will bring refreshments.

Respectfully submitted by Vicky Frank, Secretary of the Church Council



## Food Pantry Report

We are definitely seeing an increase in the number of homeless people who come to the food pantry, just looking for what we call a 24-hour bag. In one of those bags, we typically have a bottle of water, raisins and some other snacks. They really appreciate it when we have canned food with a pull-top, like ravioli or soup.

Our volunteers are wonderful and have a great sense of humor as they work with each other and the clientele. We added Becki Kostrach, who is a realtor in her day job, and we sadly said goodbye to Sergio, Inigo and Diego, U of L students who were a great help these last two months. They are finished with their semester and heading back home to Spain.

In the future, we may have workers from Dismas Charities coming in to do a deep cleaning. If this works out, we will have them come quarterly.

Thanks to everyone who donates for eggs and brings in cartons. As always, we need grocery bags.

Sharon Lillie

The Friendly Puzzler, by Puzzlemaster Jay R. Lillie

*Find the words in bold amongst the letter grid at the bottom. The remaining letters will reveal a hidden message.*

Genesis 11: 1-9

Now the **whole** earth had one language and the same **words**. And as they **migrated** from the **east**, they came upon a **plain** in the land of **Shinar** and **settled** there. And they said to one **another**, "Come, let us make bricks and **fire** them thoroughly." And they had **brick** for **stone** and **bitumen** for **mortar**. Then they said, "Come, let us **build** ourselves a city and a **tower** with its top in the heavens, and let us **make** a name for **ourselves**; otherwise we shall be **scattered** abroad **upon** the face of the whole earth." The LORD came **down** to see the **city** and the tower, which **mortals** had **built**. And the LORD **said**, "Look, they are one **people**, and they have all one language, and this is only the **beginning** of what they will do; nothing that they **propose** to do will now be **impossible** for them. **Come**, let us go down and **confuse** their language there, so that they will not **understand** one another's **speech**." So the LORD scattered them **abroad** from there **over** the face of all the **earth**, and they **left** off building the city. Therefore it was called **Babel**, because there the LORD confused the **language** of all the earth, and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the **face** of all the earth.

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