

The Friendly Visitor

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Welcome summer!



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The President's Message

We are in an exciting time right now. We have a candidate for the position of full-time pastor. Reverend John Bell will lead our service on June 11 (this coming Sunday), and there will be a meet-and-greet afterward. The called congregation meeting to vote on the call will be June 18. You must be physically present to vote. Everyone is encouraged to attend. We are working on a way for those who can't attend in person to do so virtually, but I can't give all the information yet as I don't know all the answers. It has been a long two years, and I appreciate how everyone has helped out as they can. A very big thank you to David McNease, who has been filling our pulpit supply every week.

Sharon Lillie



We join together to give thanks for the life and service of Dan Diekhoff, who passed away suddenly. Pastor Dan was a talented preacher and woodworker as well as a loving father and a wonderful husband. He and his wife Judy were members of First Lutheran for many years and members of the Chancel Choir too. Dan was an entertaining storyteller, and many of us attended his Sunday School classes.

We are also very sad to report that our former custodian, Louis Broderick, passed away on June 8. Louis took very good care of our building and its inhabitants, especially our former secretary, Caroll. His son reported that he and Louis spent Monday fishing, and he was in good spirits. His time in the hospital was brief, and his son believes he wasn't in pain. We have sent condolences on behalf of the congregation, but if anyone would like to send a card, the address is 1044 Eglebach Ave., Louisville, KY, 40217.

Also, Susan Brian entered the church triumphant on May 29. Susan is the sister of Monica Claypool and the niece of Nancy Brian.

Our love, prayers and support go out to the families and friends of Pastor Dan, Louis and Susan.

Upcoming Events

We are trying to find out how many members (and their friends) would like to go to the Louisville Bats baseball game on July 19, at 6:35 p.m. It is Senior Night and Bingo Night. If we have 20 or more people, we can get a group ticket price. We would be trying for the infield RSVP sections 109 – 123 for our seats. The regular price for adult tickets is \$17 in advance and \$20 on game day, and for kids/military/seniors, they are \$15 in advance and \$18 on game day. Our group rate would be \$11.00 and must be bought in advance. Please let me know if you'd like to attend.

Thank you, Vicky Frank

Nancy Brian's Sweet Adeline Chorus, Pride of Kentucky Chorus, is sponsoring a Trivia Night on Saturday, June 24, at St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 330 N. Hubbards Lane. The doors open and a silent auction will begin at 7:00 p.m. The games begin at 7:30 p.m. Sharon Lillie is interested in putting together a team. If you are interested, please contact Sharon.

The next Craft Day will be on Wednesday, June 14, at 1:30 p.m. The Craft Room is on the first floor of the education building. We will be putting together the Personal Care Kits. Come join us for some fun and good fellowship.

Other Announcements

Jay and Sharon Lillie are delighted to announce that their daughter Amelia Lillie is now engaged to her long-time friend, Jacob Hack. They are both attending Eastern Kentucky University and will graduate together next spring.

Lexi Wartschlager will be attending a Lutheran music camp this summer. Anyone who wishes may make a donation to help with expenses by placing it in the offering place and designating it for her. The deadline for making donations is June 18.

We are starting to use the phone tree again. If you are not getting messages from us on your phone every other week or so, please call the office to update our records.

Vaira Otvars has moved to Kenosha, Wisconsin to be closer to family members. She'd love to hear from her First Lutheran family. Her new address is:

Tuscan Villas
8051 25th Ave.
Kenosha, Wisconsin

We have received notice from the office of Bishop Eaton that the LIVING LUTHERAN will cease publication of its printed magazine with the Nov/Dec 2023 issue. The reason is the increased cost of creating and distributing printed materials. They insure us that the sharing of stories and information will continue on the website, www.livinglutheran.org.

They understand that some readers may be unable to access the internet. They ensure us that they understand the need for an answer to this problem, but they are still working it out and will provide us with answers as soon as possible.

Did you know that there's a farmer's market happening weekly on Gray Street? Gray Street is one block behind the church. They will have fresh, locally-grown produce every Thursday, from 10:30 – 1:30. In addition to fruits and vegetables, there will be coffee, Georgia's Pie Company, crafts, and a rotating roster of food trucks. If you'd like to enjoy your purchase on the spot, there are tables in the area as well. What a wonderful business for downtown!

Another Note from Sharon

On May 18, Vicky and I walked over to a building that turned out to be the original building of Louisville Central Hospital, to hear an announcement about the LOUMED Ambassador program. LOUMED is a partnership of the University of Louisville, Jefferson Technical College and Norton Healthcare. The three are working together to improve the area around the hospitals. They are planning new small parks for employees to relax in around the area. The demolition of the U of L medical apartments behind the church is part of this, but specific plans have not been made for that area.

LOUMED has teamed up with a local business called Block by Block. They employ people as ambassadors to walk the area and keep an eye on things. They wear bright green polo shirts and baseball caps. If you get lost when in that area, you can always ask them for assistance.

We look forward to seeing more improvements in the downtown area!

Sharon

Everybody enjoy a safe summer!



THE FRIENDLY PUZZLER

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

The remaining letters will reveal a hidden message.

Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him and take our revenge on him."

But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

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