



The Friendly Visitor



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This issue of the Friendly Visitor is sort of a place-holder, as we attempt to keep all of you up-to-date on what is happening at First.

Our Easter Sunday worship service was well attended with the Rev. Doodle Harris, guest preacher, presiding. Celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord was made even more beautiful because we were able to actually sing the Easter hymns accompanied by David McNease on the organ. The choir is back in business and offered a beautiful anthem under David's direction. On the day before Easter, Larry Askins led the team of Worship and Music committee members who decorated the sanctuary and the chancel. Take a look at our website to see the results. Thanks to everyone who contributed. The church's Easter season lasts until the celebration of Pentecost which this year will take place on June 5, Anniversary Sunday.

For those of you who not have an email account, there will be printed paper copies to pick up on Sunday morning or which will be sent to you via snail mail or delivered personally by members who live close by you.

If you wish to submit a bit of personal news, a poem, a cartoon or anything else you would like to share with your First family, please send or give it to me directly, until further notice. My email address (below) and our home street address are both in the congregational directory.

If you know of anyone who would like the part time job of First Lutheran's office administrator, please contact Paul Nellis, president of the congregation council.

Meanwhile, thanks for your patience.

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**First Lutheran Church
1872-2022**

Honoring the past...creating a new beginning.

Dear Friends,

Having failed to get any of our plans concerning our 150th anniversary celebration printed in *The Friendly Visitor* newsletter, we apologetically are providing those plans here.

A year-long celebration occurred when First Lutheran celebrated her 100th anniversary. Fifty years later things have changed! With a smaller congregation, a different financial situation, a gap in pastoral leadership, and emergence from a global pandemic, we have made a conscious decision to begin our celebration on Anniversary Sunday, June 5, 2022, which is also Pentecost Sunday. We are honored to welcome the Bishop Bill Gafkjen, of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, that day preaching and presiding in worship. A catered luncheon will follow the service. An organ music festival is being organized, featuring local organists. Later on, a larger “homecoming” celebration featuring an open house and reception will be held. This celebration will include a montage of vintage photographs, a display of historic church directories, and congratulatory letters and notes containing memories. In addition, mini tours of the sanctuary will be offered, featuring commentary on the historic stained glass windows, as well as an explanation of the symbolism of the Last Supper altar carving. Invited guests will include former pastors, music directors, and members of First Lutheran, their families, and members of the public.

Nola Lillie has done an exceptional job discovering historical bulletins and newsletters, which she has been distributing every two weeks to the congregation. Sharon Lillie is researching and updating events that have occurred over the past 20 years (since our 130th anniversary) to bring our history up to date.

We are asking you to share special memories and personal stories and anecdotes of your years at First Lutheran. What brought you here? What keeps you here? What do you consider important to share with others about your experience at First Lutheran? These memories will be collected and included in a commemorative volume for all to share, as well as included in a time capsule. Please be thinking of appropriate items to be secured in a time capsule, so that they may be shared with generations in the future, giving them a glimpse into First Lutheran in the first half of the 21st century.

The dedicated and creative team members of the 150th Anniversary Committee are Larry Askins, Nola Lillie, David McNease, Drew Wartschlager, and Lexi Wartschlager. We are excited to share this historic anniversary with you.

Please join us as we *honor the past, and help us create a new beginning.*

Regards,

Larry E. Askins, DMD
Chair
150th Anniversary Committee

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30 AM Worship Service	2 Food Pantry closed 5:30 PM NA Meeting 6:00 PM LYG	3 11:00 AM Food Pantry	4 11:00 AM Food Pantry 4:30 PM LYG 6:00 PM NA Meeting 7:00 PM Chancel Choir rehearsal	5 4:00 PM Food Pantry 4:30 PM LYG 5:30 PM AA Meeting 5:30 PM NA Meeting	6 Food Pantry closed 7:00 PM LYG	7 12:30 PM NA Meeting
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May Birthdays and Anniversaries

10 Charlotte Blincoe
 11 Lori Caron
 12 Vaira Otvars
 15 Kristin Logsdon & Darrin Carr
 16 Clay Hallman
 18 John Spetz
 19 Ken Wartschlager
 21 Joan Butler & Jackie Rosky
 22 Lori Sorensen
 28 Samantha Ficks
 31 Monica Claypool

17 Peter & Leslie Spetz
 17 Drew & Allison Wartschlager
 24 Mike and Lauren Frank
 29 Jim & Nola Lillie

The Friendly Puzzler

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

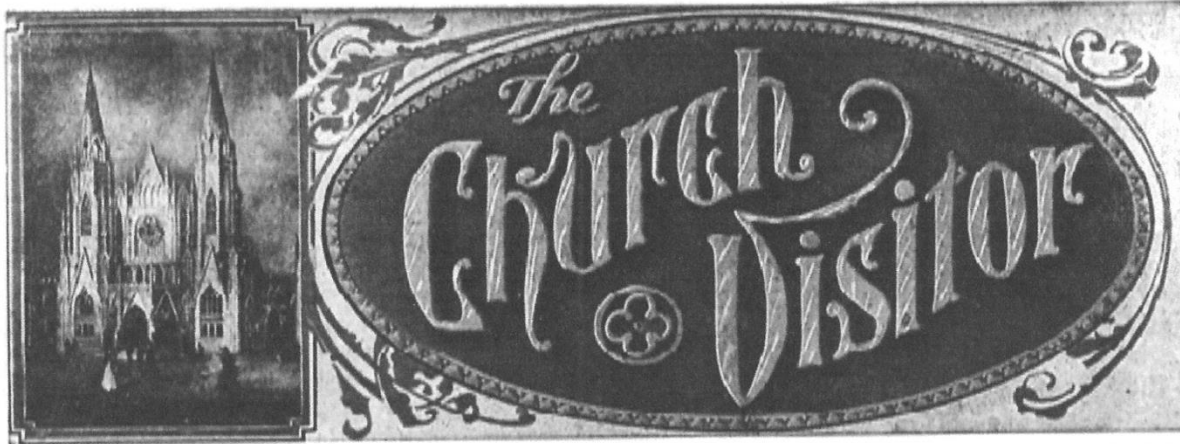
Exodus 12:1-4,11-14

The **LORD** said to Moses and **Aaron** in the land of Egypt: This month shall **mark** for you the **beginning** of months; it shall be the first month of the **year** for you. Tell the whole **congregation** of Israel that on the **tenth** of this month they are to take a **lamb** for each **family**, a lamb for each **household**. If a household is too **small** for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest **neighbor** in obtaining one; the lamb shall be **divided** in proportion to the number of **people** who eat of it.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins **girded**, your **sandals** on your feet, and your **staff** in your hand; and you shall eat it **hurriedly**. It is the **passover** of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of **Egypt** that night, and I will strike down every **firstborn** in the land of Egypt, both human beings and **animals**; on all the **gods** of Egypt I will execute **judgments**: I am the LORD. The **blood** shall be a **sign** for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no **plague** shall destroy you when I **strike** the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of **remembrance** for you. You shall **celebrate** it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your **generations** you shall observe it as a **perpetual** ordinance.

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B T O E G Y P T D J U D G M E N T S
M N N U E M S A N D A L S A I I S L
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TWENTY-FIFTH EASTER.

The Easter season just passed was the twenty-fifth of our pastorate in the First Church. That it was so precious and profitable was most gratifying to both pastor and people. The years have wrought many and great changes, both sad and joyous. God's love and His power to guide and comfort never change. The old, old story of the Gospel we have been telling all these years has not changed in its preciousness and its power. Our Lenten and Holy Week themes were all selected from the words of Jesus in the last days of His earthly ministry. Never did they come as such a message of hope to the pastor and never did they seem to have such power on other hearts as during this holy season. Let us take new courage and be inspired to renewed faithfulness in teaching the old

Gospel of redeeming love in Jesus Christ. With devout gratitude and humble praise the pastor looks up to God at this anniversary time and would ask all the people to unite in ascribing to Him all praise and honor. "Not unto us, not unto us," but unto God be all our thanksgiving.

WHITSUNDAY COMMUNION.

Sunday, June 7th, is Pentecost. It has been decided to hold our regular summer communion on that day. It seems appropriate that on the day that celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Christian Church that we should worship God in the Holy Sacrament ordained by the Saviour before his crucifixion. Let us make it a service, so far as is in our power, of no less interest than Easter.

Let us all attend the preparatory service on Friday night, the 5th.

Already persons have expressed the wish to unite with the church on that day. Others we trust will do so. What better time to unite with the church than on the day that celebrates its birth.

Let every member of the Church consider it a sacred duty and precious privilege to come to the Holy Communion on that day.