

The Friendly Visitor



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Message from the President

Hello all! It's October and fall is arriving. We have moved worship back into the sanctuary and are taking advantage of the free AC! As of this writing, the new HVAC units for the sanctuary have been installed. After a mishap, we're still waiting for the electric work to be done and we're working at resolving that issue soon.

We bid welcome to David Patton to First Lutheran as our new church custodian/sexton! Welcome, David!!

We were saddened by the news of the passing of our friend from the Synod, Pastor Rudy Mueller who entered the Church Triumphant on September 16. Pr. Rudy was always a favorite when he came and led Worship at First, and as an assistant to the Bishop, he was a tremendous leader in a very long transitional time in the life at First following the retirement of Pastor Frank Miller, which included the brief ministry of Pr. Judy Brennan to the calling of our most recent Pastor Austin Newberry. Pr. Rudy you will be missed!

Thank you to another friend from the Synod, Pastor Heather Apel for coming down from Indianapolis and providing us pulpit supply.

There is not much to report from the Call Committee except that they are conducting their first interviews, which is promising at least! Peace to all and enjoy the autumn weather! Paul



Pastor Rudy Mueller

We have received the sad news that Rudy Mueller, longtime assistant to the IK Synod Bishop and a friend of the congregation of First Lutheran Church entered the Church Triumphant on September 16, 2022.

He was ordained in 1979 and served as pastor of several churches before becoming an assistant to the Bishop from 2001-2017. During that time, he presided at First Lutheran Church during some of our call processes and was always a loving and caring presence. We rejoice and are grateful for the time and service we had with Reverend Rudy Mueller. We send our sympathies to his family.

Memorial contributions may be made to [Evangelical Church in America](#), World Hunger, or the Speedway Christian Church food pantry, 511- West 14th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46224.

Food Pantry Report

In August, we served over 400 households, a large increase and a challenge for our volunteers. At the beginning of the pandemic, we were instructed to not ask for proof of address or keep to our own territory. I decided to reinstate proof of address at this time, and if our numbers continue to exceed what we can do, we will again limit ourselves to residents of the downtown area. I don't want to do this, because many of our folks work downtown and this is the easiest food pantry for them to get to.

We continue to have a great group of dedicated volunteers. Our equipment and the facilities work and store the food we are given well. We do still need plastic bags and empty, clean egg cartons.

We are especially grateful to our volunteer David Patton, who has been helping Vicky and me with some of the cleaning and maintenance of the church.

Soap and Toilet paper are also often requested.

Thank you for all that you do in support of the First Lutheran Food Pantry.

Sharon Lillie

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 3 Sarah Wartschlager
- 5 Eugene Dempster
- 8 Jean Abshire
- 14 Leni Logsdon
- 17 Linda Quire
- 21 Lauren Frank
- 27 Robert Wartschlager

Anniversaries

- 4 Gene and Kim Peavy
- 6 Ed and Donna Young
- 8 Glenn and Kristy Peavy
- 10 Sid and Rachael Chhabria
Earl and Monica Claypool

HAPPY CELEBRATIONS TO YOU ALL!

Autumn



The Friendly Puzler

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2 Kings 5: 1-3, 9-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! Are not Abana and Parpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant."

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By Puzzlemaster Jay R. Lillie

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