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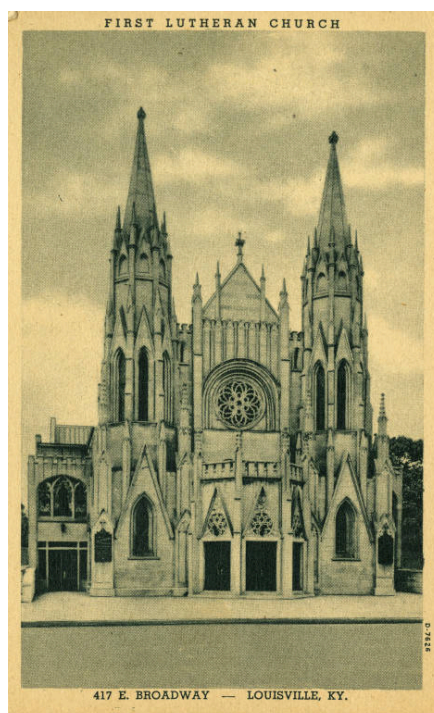
*THE FRIENDLY VISITOR*

2026

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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:

06/12: 10:30 AM Breakfast before Service  
06/14: 12:00 PM Craft Group / Bible Study  
**06/18: 3:00 PM Installation and Ordination of Pastor Paul-Anthony Turner**  
06/19: 12:00 PM Church Council Meeting

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## Updates from the Office Manager

- **Welcome Pastor Paul!** We are thrilled to have Pastor Paul-Anthony Turner joining us here at First Lutheran, and are looking forward to this exciting new chapter!
- **NOTICE: THE OFFICE EMAIL HAS CHANGED.** Please send all correspondence to "office@firstlutheranlou.org".
- **Office and Luther Hall doors:** We have selected two colors for the front and Luther Hall doors. We can't wait to see the vision come to light.



## Music Ministry

Hymns are an important part of our worship. We sing them every Sunday. Perhaps one comes to mind during the week. But how much do you really know about hymns? Let's take a closer look. Have you ever actually examined what makes up a hymn? Let's consider the tune. A hymn tune is a musical composition to which a hymn text is sung. The next time you find yourself near a hymnal, take a look at how the hymns are printed. You will find that each tune has a name, typically printed in all capital letters. The practice of naming hymn tunes helps to identify particular tunes. In the past names were often chosen by the compiler of the tune book or hymnal, but in modern times they are usually chosen by the composer. The majority of names have a connection with the composer and many are place names. From the late sixteenth century in England and Scotland, when most people were not musically literate and learned melodies by rote, it was a common practice to sing a new text to a suitable hymn tune the singers already knew. Books did not print the music with the hymn text until the middle 1800s. Tunes were printed separately in tune books. Many early hymnals were published in editions which contained only texts. Editors and publishers would indicate at the top of each hymn the tune to which it was intended to be sung. As more people became musically literate, it became more common to print the melody, or both melody and harmony in hymnals. Contemporary practice in the U.S. and Canada is to print hymn tunes so that lyrics underlay the music; the more common practice in the UK is to print the hymn tunes on one page, and the hymn text either below, or on facing pages. Partnership of texts and tunes can give special attention to the interpretive opportunities in a text by providing artistic support of the message through its musical setting. Editors must consider whether the important words in the text fall on stressed notes, whether climax points in the ideas correspond with musical climaxes, and whether the tempo for the music matches the style of the text. Think about this the next time you sing a hymn and remember, as it says in Ephesians 5:19, to "Sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs among yourselves, singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts."

David McNease

# Letter from the Council President

Hi Church Members,

With our called congregation meeting being held on May 31, 2026, we have elected and called Pastor Paul-Anthony Turner to be our new pastor. He has a welcome enthusiasm for serving our congregation and our community. As we transition to again having a pastor, please be as useful as you welcome him to the congregation.

Hoping everyone will have a safe and fun summer.



**Vicky Frank**  
Council President



## Meet our Custodian



We would like to introduce our new Custodian, Iurii Vorobev. Mr. Vorobev is from Russia and he and his wife came to America in 2023. They have two sons and five grandchildren. Iurii and Nina are involved with the Americana Community center. In Russia, Iurii says, they had a big farm, but decided to come to the US for a better life for their grandchildren.

Sharon Lillie



Craft group makes nice blankets using donated yarn!

Melody Sterling

Well Done!



Charley Chhabria, Kristy's granddaughter, was 23 out of 170 for the World's Final Ultimate Ninja Regionals in Chicago, IL. She is 9 years old.





# Meet our Pastor!

## *The Rev'd Paul-Anthony Turner*



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Pastor Paul-Anthony Turner (or just Pastor Paul) loves Jesus and finds his greatest fulfillment in helping others to connect with God in meaningful ways. He served as a pastor in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the church of his upbringing. After coming out as gay, he joined and was ordained a minister of Word and sacrament in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

After a period of prayerful discernment, Paul-Anthony found his way into the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, seeking to be a part of a denomination that is confessional, liturgical, and justice-centered. He is proud to be Lutheran because of the tradition's theological focus on the free grace of Jesus Christ and the sure promises of God. He believes the Evangelical-Lutheran understanding of the Gospel has the ability to give peace and hope to people in today's restless society.

Paul-Anthony is in the final stages of his PhD in Philosophy program (expected 2026) at the University of Kentucky, where he studies hermeneutic phenomenology and postmodern theories of truth. He enjoys using philosophy to guide people to think in nuanced ways about truth and to reconsider how we might interpret the various "texts" of life in a way that is honest, imaginative, and life-affirming.

Paul-Anthony has completed two marathons, and you can find him most any day working out in the gym, listening to Star Wars audiobooks (big Star Wars fan), or vibing to Stevie Wonder and PJ Morton. But his favorite pastime is laughing and hanging out with his friends.



# Do you remember...?

1872-1992

*Playing together builds  
relationships*



For many years the Lutheran Men's Bowling League in Louisville has been populated with First bowlers...

◀ *Mike Conway, Ricky Meyer, Rick Meyer, Dale Breitenstein and Polk Conway lead the League!*

In 1991, Volleyball became an important part of our family life, now involving over 40 members as players and cheerers. (We're doing better all the time...this season we've actually won a lot of games!)



▲ *Our 1991 Softball team!*

Softball came to life again this past summer...after a few years of lying dormant. Our team is off to a good start and anxiously awaiting next season!

Golfers also unite two times in 1992 for a fun Golf Scramble organized by Evert Vaughn.







# Dare to Care Food Bank

*Hope starts here.*

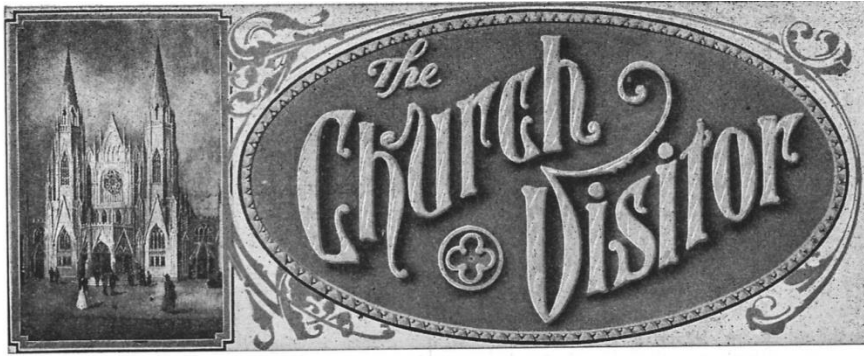
The Food Pantry continues to be thankful for all the support - in bags and donations that the congregation provides. We are told through the grapevine that another food pantry has opened up in the area so that has taken some of the pressure off of us.

Sharon Lillie



At the annual Pride of Kentucky Trivia night we were well represented by Sharon and Jay Lillie, Ron and Lori Caron and Stephanie McCoy. Although a small team we did very well although, we are proud to say, the only reason we did not finish at the top is that none of us knew the answers to any questions about reality TV shows.

Sharon Lillie



LOUISVILLE, KY., JUNE, 1906.

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## THE CHURCH VISITOR.

### HOLY COMMUNION.

The Holy Communion will be celebrated at the morning and evening service, Sunday July 1st. The preparatory service will be held on the Friday evening previous, at 8 o'clock. Let us all heartily obey the command of our Lord, "This do in remembrance of me."

It will be very gratifying to the pastor to meet all our people in this communion service. It will be the last service he will conduct before leaving for an extended vacation.

### SPECIAL REQUEST.

The pastor earnestly requests that during his absence all sickness be promptly reported to either of our Elders; Brother's Beecher, Hagman, Schreck; or to any member of the church Council. Mrs. Waltz expects to be at home during most of the time of our absence. Any calls for work on the part of these brethren, or for special pastoral work by Rev. Buschman, reported to her, will be promptly communicated to them.

The pastor asks that all our people be very watchful of the needs of the congregation and be ready to do what they can to supply them.

### SUNDAY JULY FIRST.

Let us all unite in making the communion service of Sunday morning and evening, July 1st, the largest mid-summer communion in the history of our church. Your presence and co-operation in this effort is earnestly requested by the pastor. Surely such an effort will honor God and be a great encouragement to the work of our church.

### THE PREPARATORY SERVICE.

The service preparatory to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is a most important one. It can not be neglected, except providence prevents attendance, without loss to the spiritual welfare of the heart. Let us all be present at the Preparatory Service on Friday evening June 29th, at 8 o'clock.

### PULPIT SUPPLY.

The supply of our pulpit during the pastor's absence, will be in the hands of the deacon's, of which Mr. H. E. Pfingst is chairman. Our people may be assured that satisfactory arrangements will be made for every Sunday. Let all the people support the services and encourage the preacher by their attendance.

### THE PASTOR'S WISH.

From now until he leaves the city, following the Communion service of Sunday July 1st, the pastor is anxious to be of any service possible to any of our people. If there is sickness or sorrow in any of our homes, he desires to be informed of it so that he may do all in his power to comfort. Do not hesitate or delay in letting him know of any pastoral service he can render any one. Time will not permit him to do any general pastoral visiting; but he will take pleasure in rendering any pastoral service in his power.

### PERSONAL.

It has been a great joy, not only to the pastor, but to our people, to have Mother Quest able to attend our church services. Her presence is always an inspiration in our worship. She has gone to the country to spend the summer with her daughter, Mrs. Ray. We shall all be glad to welcome her home again.

### THE RESPONSE.

Many approving responses have come to the pastor to the plan suggested at our recent anniversary service for paying our church debt. Something practical will doubtless come of it in the near future. In the meantime let us all help the council to provide fully for the current expense of the church, so largely increased because of the new building.

### HELP US.

During the first week in July interest and a note of our church debt falls due. Every dollar of unpaid subscriptions is needed to meet this obligation. Besides this, it will be necessary that all our people make as liberal offerings to this cause as possible.



120 years ago Pastor and Mrs. Waltz took an ocean liner to Europe for a long and spectacular vacation. They would not return until September; therefore the July and August Church Visitor issues could not be written since Pastor Waltz was its editor and its chief writer.

Meanwhile, the Rev. Waltz left lots of instructions for the church council and the members of First. I've been reading through the June 1906 issue and have chosen a page for you 2026 readers of the Friendly Visitor.

It looks as if the pastor had all bases covered. What do you think?

For one thing, notice that the July 1 communion service was one of four that they observed for the whole year. The pastor and his wife would leave Louisville soon after the service, and he hopes to make it the "largest mid-summer communion in the history of our church."



## THE FRIENDLY PUZZLER

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

The remaining letters will reveal a hidden message.

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

He put before them another **parable**: "The kingdom of heaven may be **compared** to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while **everybody** was **asleep** an enemy came and sowed weeds among the **wheat** and then went away. So when the **plants** came up and bore **grain**, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the **householder** came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good **seed** in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An **enemy** has done this.' The **slaves** said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would **uproot** the wheat along with them. Let both of them **grow** together until the **harvest**, and at harvest time I will tell the **reapers**. Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be **burned**, but gather the wheat into my **barn**.' "

Then he left the **crowds** and went into the house. And his **disciples** approached him, saying, "**Explain** to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the **good** seed is the Son of Man; the field is the **world**, and the good seed are the children of the **kingdom**; the weeds are the **children** of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the **devil**; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are **angels**. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will **collect** out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all **evildoers**, and they will throw them into the **furnace** of fire, where there will be weeping and **gnashing** of teeth. Then the **righteous** will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their **Father**. Let anyone with ears **listen**!

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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.

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| 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       |