

The Friendly Visitor

First Lutheran Church

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Music Notes

The Chancel Choir of our church has resumed weekly rehearsals after a much-needed summer break. Have you ever considered the function of the choir in the liturgy? Simply put, the choir serves to lead the assembly's song, a long Lutheran tradition. Martin Luther encouraged choirs to lead the assembly's song rather than dominate it.

The choir sings what the assembly sings and more. They work diligently to prepare and rehearse music that is too technically challenging for the assembly. The choir is made up of people who have had musical training as well as those who have not had formal training. They wear robes to cover their street clothes and to reinforce their presence as a group and match the liturgical paraments and vestments. Robes also help impart a sense of unified purpose to the choir.

Choir members commit to rehearsing regularly in order to be better prepared for the responsibility of leading the assembly's song. Did you know that they rehearse hymns and service music, as well as choral anthems? The choir serves as a small group within the larger Christian community, reinforcing the sense of family and fellowship among its members. The Chancel Choir works hard, but also has fun along the way.

We invite you to consider joining with us in praising God through music. Consider these words of Martin Luther – "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world."

David McNease

An Update from the Call Committee

Remember the old adage "No news is good news" – unless it applies the pastoral search! After several honest, in-depth, prayer-filled discussions, the call committee decided to release our second candidate for pastor.

Synod has not been able to match an appropriate candidate with the needs and requirements of FLC, so we wait to hear good news from Pastor Geerdes. We continue to ask for your prayers and positive energies as we continue our journey.

Larry Askins
Chair, Call Committee

Movie Shoot

In case you haven't seen it, here is the link to the WLKY story about the Lifetime movie shoot!
<https://www.wlky.com/article/louisville-church-transformed-set-lifetime-movie/65935412>.

Sad News

It is with great sadness that I share with you the passing of Cheyenne Rose Spaulding Carpenter. Services were held at Arch L. Heady - Westport Village on September 20th at 3:00 PM.

Tim
Office Administrator



Vicky Frank and her grandkids visited the Schaffricks and gave them communion on October 8





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.

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



THE FRIENDLY PUZZLER

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

The remaining letters will reveal a hidden message.

Luke 18: 1-14

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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