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# THE FRIENDLY VISITOR

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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:

- 05/10: 10:30 AM Breakfast before Service
- 05/12: 12:00 PM Craft Group / Bible Study
- 05/14: 7:00 PM Worship and Music Committee Meeting
- 05/17: 12:30 PM Meet and Greet
- 05/24: 12:00 PM Church Council Meeting

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## Updates from the Office Manager

- **New Custodian!** We are welcoming Mr. Iuri Vorobev to our team! Feel free to say hello should you see him around!



## SYNOD ASSEMBLY

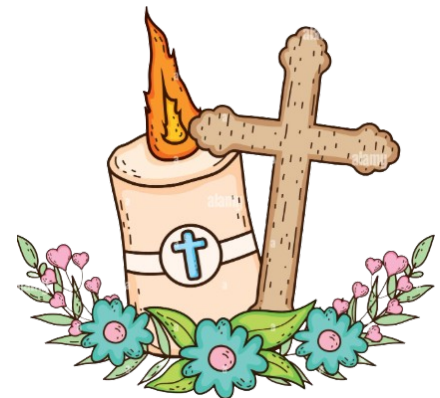
The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be held virtually on Saturday, June 6, 2026. The Assembly will be called to order on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at 9:30 am Eastern/8:30 am Central, ending at 1:00 pm Eastern/Noon Central.

**We still need two individuals**, one male and one female, to represent First. It is online, so there is no travel involved. The deadline for the early bird registration is April 15, and the final deadline is May 15. If you are interested in this, please contact the church office.

## Music Ministry

We are now in the midst of the joyous season of Easter, the season of the church year celebrating Christ's resurrection. You may have noticed changes in our worship space. The paschal candle usually stands near the baptismal font but it will also be lit each Sunday of the Easter season. We voice the Alleluia that has not been heard since before Lent. May ends with the festivals of Pentecost and the Holy Trinity. In the church year, the day of Pentecost is the culmination of 50 days of the Easter celebration. After showing himself to the disciples and after having ascended, Jesus' followers received the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. On the fiftieth day of Easter, our worship is filled with festivity, color, and movement as we both conclude the Easter celebration and welcome anew the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Feast of the Holy Trinity follows the celebration of Pentecost. Trinity Sunday celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This is one of the most fascinating and mysterious Christian concepts, that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are somehow distinct from one another, yet completely united in will and essence. Perhaps a musical analogy will help. Think of a C-chord. The C, E, and G notes are all distinct notes, but they join together to make one rich and dynamic sound. Let our worship in this season energize and renew you with new life as spring renews the earth.

David McNease



# Letter from the Council President

Hi Church Members,

First, a note to let you know we are moving closer to accepting a pastor. We will have a Meet and Greet on May 17th after the church service. Hope to see you all in the dining room area. Come and join us!

We are still looking for a representative from our church to go to the ELCA Synod Convention. This will be a virtual/Zoom participation on June 6th at 9:30 am. Please let me know if you would like to be our representative and we can make arrangements for you.

Hope everyone had a winner from the Derby festivities. If anyone would like to go to the UofL Football games, please let me know. Not sure which game I will be attending, but I would like to go to at least one game this season.

Hope to see everyone at church.



**Vicky Frank**  
Council President

## Wedding Bells!

We extend heartfelt congratulations to Bethany Lille and Mac Schapler who were married April 19<sup>th</sup> here at First Lutheran! Blessings upon you both!



## Dare to Care

Dare to Care has changed their ordering and reporting system and the FLC Dare to Care has survived the transition. We are loving the new doors which feel so much more secure and safe than the glass ones they replace.

You may have noticed the flooring that Dare to Care installed for us was buckled due to the water damage we sustained from the ice storm. It is being replaced with a partial loan from the Pantry Fund.

This past Monday Vicky, Sharon and Jay made repeated runs to the Kroger on 2nd street to pick up donated frozen dinners. We have three freezers full!!

Thanks again to all our volunteers and everyone who donates money and plastic garbage bags to the Pantry. Every bit helps this service from our church



**Dare to Care**  
**Food Bank**  
*Hope starts here.*

## THE FRIENDLY PUZZLER

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

Numbers 11: 16-17, 24-30

So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting and have them take their place there with you. I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take some of the spirit that is on you and put it on them, and they shall bear the burden of the people along with you so that you will not bear it all by yourself."

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp."

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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.

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