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Messenger

NEWSLETTER

Praising God | Nurturing Faith | Serving All

INTERIM PASTORS

Amber Remillard
Barbara Rolph

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Lynne Campbell

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM in the sanctuary
Online via YouTube by following day

COMMUNION

Served each Sunday

COFFEE HOUR

Following Sunday worship

YOUTUBE

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PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Dear Members & Friends of FLC,
 Summer is upon us, along with forest fires, vacations, special events—you name it. Meanwhile, First Lutheran remains faithful in preaching the gospel messages, which are needed, looking at the world scene as our national news. With violence in all forms, there is little peace in the world. Please pray for peace, and for strength for those ministering in places of war, famine, and natural disaster. Lutheran Refugee Service provides assistance to those fleeing their homes as well as resettling refugees here in the States. Our mission helps to support these efforts.

Locally there is a constant need at the Food Bank and for folks needing rental assistance. Community Resources, Helping Hands Healing Hearts, and Bonner Transitions each help in a small way, but the need is greater than the supplies. Pray and support these local groups in any way you can.

The Luther Park Board members are working to help with the

transfer of management from Ecumen to Senior Services of America. There have been a few snags, but each one is being addressed as it occurs.



Blessings to Marie Beebout as she moves to Tacoma, Washington, to live with her son. She and her contributions will be missed.

Continue to pray for the ministry of this church and the pastor search committee.

Blessings,
 Pastor Barbara

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208-263-2048

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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS 7-6-2023

An emergency council meeting was convened to address the new Luther Park Management Agreement with Senior Services of America.

The Management Agreement was presented and discussed. The last two pages attached outline changes that the committee and Luther Park board have asked for, and Senior Services has agreed to make in order to finalize the agreement.

A motion was made to accept the agreement with the added six item changes in the attachment. The motion was seconded and passed, and the Senior Services of America Management Agreement was then signed by Council President Ray Yaw.

The July 12 council meeting has been cancelled. The next council meeting will be held on August 8.



COMMUNION FOR LP RESIDENTS

Shut-in communion is available for all Luther Park residents upon request. If you are interested, please contact Lynne Campbell at the church office during office hours, which are Tuesday through Thursday, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM. You may also phone 208-263-2048.

LUTHER PARK MANAGEMENT TRANSFER UPDATE

At a special meeting on July 6, the church council approved the new management contract with Senior Services of America.

Luther Park's files are in the process of being transferred, and the licensing transfer to Luther Park will start when the management contract is signed. The process is definitely moving forward.

NEWSY NOTES

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

FLC members are invited to purchase raffle tickets on two donated items displayed in the Fellowship Hall—a specially hand-crafted mirror created by Cheryl Klein and a beautiful quilt titled “Into the Woods” made by Lynn Youngren.

Purchase one ticket for \$5 or six tickets for \$20 through August 12. They'll be available during coffee hour after worship services or at the church office. Proceeds from the raffle to be used by the Pastor's Search Committee.

STORIES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Lynne is always looking for stories for FLC's monthly newsletter. Your input—news or information that would inspire, inform, or entertain others—is not just welcome, but desired!

Lynne is happy to write or edit your piece if writing is not your thing, but DO, please, share your stories.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

In June, FLC member donations totaled 55 pounds of food and \$20 in cash.

Bags of Blessings

Contributions this month will be collected on Sunday, July 30.

FLC is grateful to Marie Beebout—who, unfortunately, is moving from Sandpoint—for overseeing Bags of Blessings donations. Our thanks to Marianne Foster for taking her place.

Cash contributions may be given directly to Marianne or left in an envelope with Lynne in the church office.

Food, household, and personal items that are especially needed are listed above the Bags of Blessings box outside the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for your participation!



A MESSAGE FROM SYNOD BISHOP, REV. DR. MEGGAN MANLOVE

Dear Friends in Christ,

I spent the first two weeks of June leading summer staff training sessions for Luther Heights Bible Camp in the Sawtooth Mountains and Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp south of Glacier National Park in Montana. I led sessions on Lutheranism 101 and then took the counselors on deep dives through the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Bible Studies.

The text for Day 2 Who is Jesus?

Is John 15:1-17 (the vine and branches passage). Because we were at the beginning of staff training at both camps, biblical passages about community were also used for worship and devotions. These passages included 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (the body of Christ). I found it wonderful to juxtapose these two passages with the summer staffs, but I also find it helpful as I begin my call as bishop of our synod. In the passage from John, Jesus uses a metaphor that highlights interrelationships and is nonhierarchical. Perhaps most significant, the branches are also anonymous; nothing distinguishes one branch from the other. The only measure of one's place in community is to love Jesus. Period. Contrast that with the Apostle Paul's metaphor of the body in his letter to the church in Corinth. Instead of anonymity, Paul has an abundance of specificity. What both passages share is an emphasis on interdependence, with God in Jesus and with one another.

I look forward to venturing out into our synod and discovering all the specificities throughout our synod. Please be ready to share with me what is unique about your neighborhood, community, congregation, and maybe even you! How have you experienced God's love and grace? What energizes you about responding to that love and grace in your setting? In turn, be prepared for me to remind us of all that unites us, most importantly our love of Jesus Christ and Jesus' unfailing love for us.

Peace,
Bishop Manlove

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WOMEN'S SYNOD GATHERING

To be held on August 12 at FLC in Sandpoint, all women of the ELCA Northwest Intermountain Synod—with or without an active women's group—are invited to attend this event. A gift from Katie's Fund will cover the expenses as we gather for inspiration, fellowship, service, and worship.

Sign-in and refreshments begin at 9 AM, and the program will go from 10 AM to 2:30 PM.

The program includes a business meeting, short presentations from Helping Hands Healing Hearts and Panhandle Special Needs, as well as a service project—tying fleece blankets to be donated to Helping Hands Healing Hearts. Our guest Bible study leader will be Pastor Arianna Arends. A free salad luncheon with rolls and dessert will be provided.

The offering taken during the day will be shared between Women of the ELCA and Panhandle Special Needs.

RSVP by August 1. Please contact Carole Dinning, cdinning@frontier.com, 208-610-4885 to let her know who will be attending.



Friendship and Fellowship



MEET PASTOR DAVE

Hi! My name is David (Dave) Walker, and I have the honor and privilege of presiding at worship for several weeks during the month of July.

When I first arrived in Sandpoint to serve the Episcopal congregation of Holy Spirit, I had the pleasure of getting to know Pastors Lori, Steve, and Barb, along with several other local congregational/faith leaders. As a group we continue to gather together to review the lectionary readings for the coming week and toss around a few ideas and thoughts to chew on as we all prepare our respective sermons.

I have always been a part of a faith community. I was born into the American Baptist tradition which included being baptized, married, and having our

children dedicated in the same congregation. During college, I attended the closest congregation to my dorm, which always seemed to be Presbyterian.

I ultimately found my faith home in the Episcopal Church in 1991. My family and I relocated to Spokane from Sacramento in 1994 during which I joined the congregation at St. John's Cathedral. I was ordained to the Diaconate in 2005 and served at the cathedral in this capacity prior to leaving for seminary.

I have served as the Vicar of Holy Spirit since December 2020. Prior to ordination, I enjoyed a 40-year career in banking, mostly spent with Bank of America and US Bank.

I trust we'll have some fun together over the next several weeks. What a joy it is to worship the Triune God and as a result to live a life of both spiritual and relational abundance.

I am very excited about spending some time with you this month and appreciate your willingness to gather for worship a few minutes earlier than your historical time. See you in church!

Gratefully,

Dave+

Lynne's Note: More FLC pastor stories in newsletters to come.

Sunday Readings for July

July 2 Lectionary 13

Jer 28:5-9

Ps 89:1-4, 15-18

Rom 6:12-23

Matt 10:40-42

July 9 Lectionary 14

Zech 9:9-12

Ps 145:8-14

Rom 7:15-25a

Matt 11:16-19, 25-30

July 16 Lectionary 15

Isa 55:10-13

Ps 65:[1-8] 9-13

Rom 8:1-11

Matt 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23 Lectionary 16

Isa 44:6-8

or Wis 12:13, 16-19

Ps 86:11-17

Rom 8:12-25

Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

Year A 2023

Church Year Calendar





Yoga Ministry

Classes designed for “Late Bloomers” are held in the Fellowship Hall on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:15 AM. For more information, contact Judy Payne at 208-263-3564.

Quilting Groups

Bosom Buddies

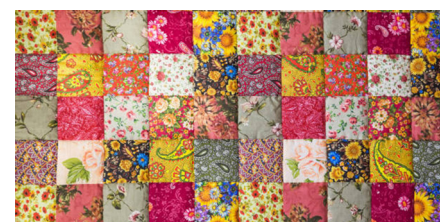
3rd Monday of the month
9:30 AM - 12 N, Fellowship Hall
Contact: Linda Aavedal
208-610-6565

Lutheran World Relief

Wednesdays, 1:00 PM
Sunday School Quilting Room
Contact: Sharon Roget
208-610-9005

Stitches of Love

Currently on hiatus
Contact: Brigette Sanborn
If you know of someone in the FLC congregation who would benefit from a tangible gift of love and caring through a handmade quilt, please contact Brigette Sanborn, 208-263-8120.



At FLC: Community Organizations

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild (non-profit)

Second Tuesday each month, Fellowship Hall. Providing education, enjoyment, and social exchange for those who enjoy the art of quilting. Please call with questions or for more information.

Contact: Linda Oldridge,
208-597-1598

Food Addicts Anonymous

Wednesdays, 10 AM - 12 Noon, Meeting Room across from the LWR quilting room. Based on the 12 steps of recovery, this group is for anyone suffering from food addiction.

Contact: Brenda Swenson,
208-255-9339

Women’s Circles

Phoebe Bible Study

On hiatus July & August
4th Tuesday each month
9:30 AM | Library Room
Gather Magazine is used
Contact: Judy Payne
208-263-3564

Faith Bible Study

On hiatus July & August
4th Tuesday each month
1:00 PM | Conference Room
Contact: Sharon Roget
208-610-9005
Open to all. Come and build lasting relationships.

Mary’s Circle

Each meeting arranged
Contact: Jean Cafferty
208-263-4942