

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

SEASON OF CREATION

8 & 9:30AM

# ANIMAL SUNDAY



FIRST  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4pm; Friday 8:30am-Noon

Fall Worship Schedule:

8am & 9:30am - Sanctuary | 9:15am - Sunday School

# WELCOME

## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 25, 2022

Season of Creation

Embracing Love's Adventure Together

### **WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**

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Visitors are welcome at any worship service or activity. We are happy to have you! New members may join at any time. Feel free to call the church office with any questions at 608.752.7434 x10.

**Communion:** Pre-filled cups are located at the entrance to the sanctuary. Gluten-free wafers are available from the communion server. Communion elements can be brought to people in the pews who have difficulty walking—ask an usher or server.

*Please inform the church office at least twice a year that you have communed. This can be done by filling out a yellow communication card from the pew rack and handing to an usher, putting in the offering plate, calling the church office (608.752.7434), or emailing Nan at [nbandt@flcj.org](mailto:nbandt@flcj.org).*

**Hearing Assists:** Two types of Hearing Assists can be found on the table by the entrance to the sanctuary, to borrow for services. One uses headphones, the other has a Neckloop Telcoil Coupler. Instructions are in the bags.

#### **Emergency Exits in the Sanctuary:**

- Front right corner door leads directly outside
- To left of altar, through sacristy, to stairway, to exit

### **YAY FOR KIDS!**

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If you are a parent with young children, we are thrilled that you are here. What you are doing is hard and important work. We support you! Feel free to use the **Prayground** located in the front of the worship space to sit and engage in *holy play* during worship. Or fill up an **Activity Bag** in the Gathering Space with some hands-on items and fidgets to engage your child's hands and brain during worship. Please know that if your children are physically active in worship, vocal, or distracted, we understand. We were all children once! Their creativity, energy, and affection add to our total worship experience.



# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

## WELCOMING WORDS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

God of abundance, the land we walk on is holy ground.  
Send forth your grace to help us heal the wounds of this world.

Open up the soil of our hearts to your word of life.  
May we be strengthened by this time together  
and grow into the community you are creating us to be.

## GATHERING SONG - Your River O God

**Refrain**

Your riv - er, O God, is full of wa - ter, wa - ter a -  
live with jus - tice and grace. Your riv - er, O God, it  
flows with mer - cy for ev' - ry child through ev' - ry  
time and place.

**Verse**

Come and hear all who fear, you are  
not a - lone. Come and see,  
be set free, rest here in your home.

to Refrain

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The presiding minister invites reflection and remembrance. Then the people join the prayer of confession:*

Sisters and brothers, we come to the God of mercy  
mindful that the world upon which we all depend is suffering...

The sacred creation given to us,  
the immense beauty surrounding us,  
the complex web of life supporting us has been broken,  
not only by others, but by our own hand.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*silence*

God of mercy and forgiveness,  
**we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**  
**We have harmed your good creation.**  
**We have failed to do justice,**  
**love kindness,**  
**and walk humbly with you.**  
**Turn us in a new direction.**  
**Show us the path that leads to life.**  
**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**  
**Amen.**

*The presiding minister proclaims forgiveness in the name of Christ.*

As surely as the rain comes forth to water the earth,  
God's mercy comes to us as a gift, abundant and freely given.  
The same God who created the cosmos and raised Jesus from death to life  
brings healing and forgiveness to the world today.

You are loved and restored.  
In Christ, you are made new.  
**Thanks be to God.**

As we come home to earth,  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

As we seek to love our home,  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

As we reach out to care for our kin,  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**HYMN** - All Creatures Worship God Most High

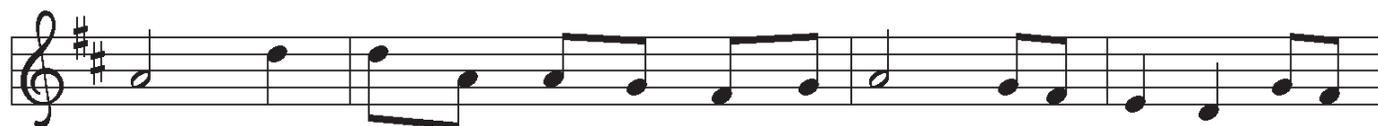
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1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
Alleluia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God, our Creator,  
you gathered the waters together, allowing dry land to appear,  
then brought forth green plants and all varieties of animal life.  
Teach us to know your presence in the creatures of the wild.  
Humble us and fill us with awe before your Wisdom,  
that, awakened to the connections that join us to our animal cousins,  
we may learn to respect and care for the world you have made,  
through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



## WORD

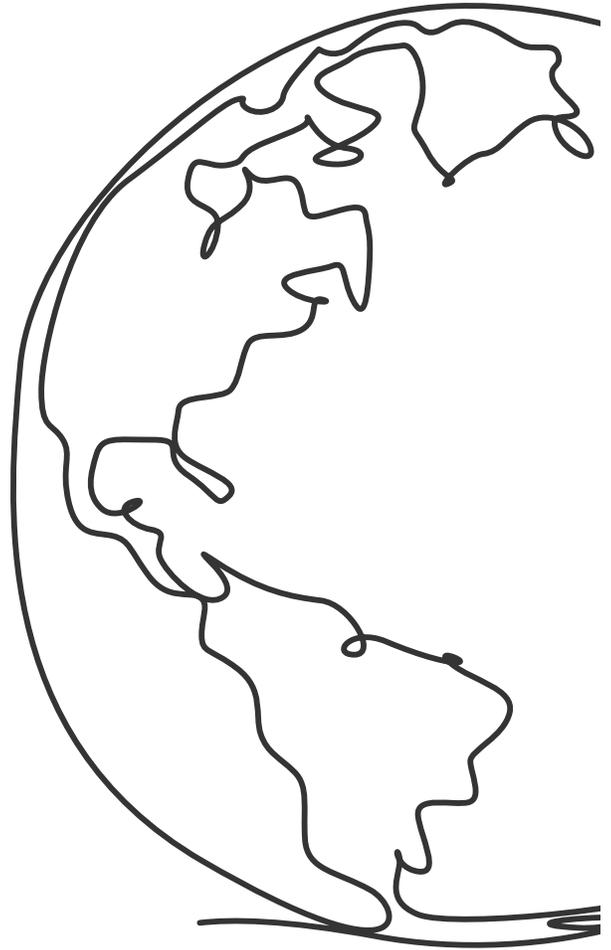
### FIRST READING - Psalm 104:14-23, 31<sup>NRSV</sup>

*God not only nurtures and sustains all creatures of the wild, but also joins with them and us in celebration.*

[The LORD] makes grass grow for the cattle  
and plants for people to take care of.  
That's how they get food from the earth.  
There is wine to make people glad.  
There is olive oil to make their skin glow.  
And there is bread to make them strong.  
The cedar trees of Lebanon belong to the Lord.  
He planted them and gave them plenty of water.  
There the birds make their nests.  
The stork has its home in the juniper trees.  
The high mountains belong to the wild goats.  
The cliffs are a safe place for the rock badgers.  
The Lord made the moon to mark off the seasons.  
The sun knows when to go down.  
You, Lord, bring darkness, and it becomes night.  
Then all the animals of the forest prowl around.  
The lions roar while they hunt.  
All their food comes from God.  
The sun rises, and they slip away.  
They return to their dens and lie down.  
Then people get up and go to work.  
They keep working until evening.  
May the glory of the Lord continue forever.  
May the Lord be happy with what he has made.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**



### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Celtic Alleluia

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL** - Luke 12:22-31 NRSV

*The kingdom of God and the kingdom of the wild complement each other, says Jesus. God provides for all and wills for all species to survive and thrive.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus spoke to his disciples. He said, “I tell you, do not worry. Don’t worry about your life and what you will eat. And don’t worry about your body and what you will wear. There is more to life than eating. There are more important things for the body than clothes. Think about the ravens. They don’t plant or gather crops. They don’t have any barns at all. But God feeds them. You are worth much more than birds! Can you add even one hour to your life by worrying? You can’t do that very little thing. So why worry about the rest?

“Think about how the wild flowers grow. They don’t work or make clothing. But here is what I tell you. Not even Solomon in his royal robes was dressed like one of those flowers. If that is how God dresses the wild grass, how much better will he dress you! After all, the grass is here only today. Tomorrow it is thrown into the fire. Your faith is so small! Don’t spend time thinking about what you will eat or drink. Don’t worry about it. People who are ungodly run after all those things. Your Father knows that you need them. But put God’s kingdom first. Then those other things will also be given to you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** - Learning from the Animals

Pastor Jim Johnson

**HYMN OF THE DAY** - O God, Your Creatures Fill the Earth

O God, your creatures fill the earth with wonder and delight,  
And every living thing has worth and beauty in your sight.  
So playful dolphins dance and swim; Your sheep bow down and graze.  
Your songbirds share a morning hymn To offer you their praise.

You made the pets we welcome in — They're wondrous blessings, too.  
With paws and whiskers, wings and fins, They offer praise to you.  
O Lord, you call us to embrace These creatures in our care.  
May we show kindness, love and grace To all pets everywhere.

You made the creatures on each farm; You know the things they need.  
May they grow healthy, safe from harm, And safe from human greed.  
Just as a shepherd loves the sheep, You know their joy, their pain.  
Lord, bless the animals we keep; May all farms be humane.

Your creatures live in every land; They fill the sky and sea.  
O Lord, you give us your command To love them tenderly.  
We're called to have dominion here — To care for them always.  
By loving creatures you hold dear, We offer you our praise.

**HOLY BAPTISM (9:30am)**

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Evelyn, Alaina, and Dustin O'Connor, Jr.

Parents: Dustin and Carmen O'Connor

Sponsor: Ashley Keller

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**


Hope of all cre - a - tion, Heal - er of re -  
 la - tions, We lift our prayer to you. We  
 lift our prayer to you.

*Spoken response:*Hope of all creation, **we lift our prayer to you.****PEACE**

Jesus Christ has reconciled us to God in one body through the cross.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.****OFFERING TIME***A story of our ministry...***OFFERING PRAYER**

God of all creation,

all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.

You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.

Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.****MEAL****THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

When we marred your purpose in creation, causing pain and harm, you sent prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

**In the fullness of time your Son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering world.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
**Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.**  
**Do this to remember me.**

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
**This cup is my blood, poured out for you and all people**  
**for the forgiveness of sin.**  
**Do this to remember me.**

Remembering, therefore,  
Jesus' life, death, and resurrection,  
**we wait for him to come again**  
**and restore all things to life.**

Send your Spirit on us  
and on this bread and wine we share:  
**bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.**  
**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table. Share the fruit of God's creation.  
Discover here your kinship  
with all who receive their life through Christ.



## COMMUNION - On Eagle's Wings

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1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

Refrain

Leader or All  
3

3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by

day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

Leader or All  
3

4 For to the an-gels God's giv - en a com-mand to

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

*Final refrain*  
All

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

*When all have communed:*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the abundant table,  
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  
with bread for the journey.

Give us your grace on the road  
that we might serve our neighbors with joy  
and assist in the healing of your creation,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING WORD

*Discipleship question and prayer focus for the week.*

## BLESSING

The Spirit of God, who is above all and through all and in all,  
fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in Earth  
and the movement of + Christ within you.

**Amen.**

# SENDING

## SENDING SONG - All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir



All God's crea-tures got a place in the choir, some sing low and some sing high-er, some sing out loud on the



te - le-phone wire, and some just clap their hands, or paws, or an - y-thing they've got now.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace in the name of Christ to love and tend the Earth.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, Sept 25

- 8:00a Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:00a Coffee Hour (Gathering Space)
- 9:15a Sunday School (Chapel)  
Masterpiece Class (Chapel)
- 9:30a Worship (Sanctuary)  
Nursery (ages 5 & under)  
Live Broadcast (Facebook & YouTube)
- 10:30a 9th Grade Confirmation Orientation (Chapel)  
Chancel Choir (Choir Room)  
Dementia Discussion

### Monday, Sept 26

- 1:00p Daylilies (Choir Rm)
- 6:00p Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

### Tuesday, Sept 27

- 9:00a Knitters (Gathering Space)
- 1:00p Staff Meeting (Rm 302)
- 6:00p Stewardship Board (Rm 302)

### Wednesday, Sept 28

- 10:00a Bible Study (Rm 302)
- 2:00p FLCW Bible Study Leader Review (Rm 302)
- 7:00p Youth Group (Youth Room)

### Thursday, Sept 29

- 5:30p Child's First 25th Celebration (Gym)
- 6:00p Smart Recovery (Rm 302)
- 7:00p Worship Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### Friday, Sept 30 - None

### Saturday, Oct 1 - None

## Child Care Options

- A **Staffed Nursery** for younger children (ages 5 and under) is located outside of the Sanctuary, past the Gathering Space on the right.
- **Prayground** is located in the front of the worship space (sanctuary) and is available for children and parents to sit and engage in *holy play* during worship.
- When getting ready to enter the sanctuary families may stop in the Gathering Space and fill up an **Activity Bag** with some hands-on items and fidgets to engage your child's hands and brain during worship.
- In **Sunday School**, children learn about God and their faith, sharing the love of Jesus in their own lives each and every day.



## Readings for Next Week

Job 28:20-27  
Luke 8:22-25

## Stewardship - Week in Review

### Giving

**Last Week's Giving:**  
\$10,441.95 *Thank You!*

**Avg Weekly Giving YTD:** \$14,377.47

**Weekly Need:** \$15,073.00

### Attendance

**8am:** 78

**9:30am:** 71

**SS:** 22

### TODAY: Coffee Hour

- All are welcome for coffee hour after the 8am service!
- Would you like to host coffee hour? Hosts bring treats, make coffee, and clean up afterwards. Call the office with any questions. Sign up sheet located in the Gathering Space by the serving window.



### TODAY: 9th Grade Confirmation

**Orientation (10:30am; Chapel)** - 9th Grade Confirmation orientation will be today at 10:30am in the Chapel. Get the who, what, when, and where for Confirmation. [www.flcj.org/youth](http://www.flcj.org/youth)

### TODAY: Living Well With

**Dementia - Our Living Well With Dementia** conversations resumes today, meeting in the chapel on the 4th Sunday of each month.



### TODAY: First Congregational United

**Church of Christ Anniversary Choir Concert (Today; 2pm; FCUCC Church)** - FCUCC in Janesville is planning a celebration of the church's heritage through music today at 2pm. The concert will feature the debut of our commissioned choral composition

entitled "You are the Peace" by Elaine Hagenberg, a nationally recognized composer. **Pastor Michael and Amy Hartsough** will be singing as part of a select choral ensemble (approximately 16-20 singers) to perform the commissioned composition as well as four additional choral octavos featuring brass quintet and organ. Please join us for this afternoon full of music.

It is with a grateful heart that I want to thank my First Lutheran family and friends for their prayers, love and support during this journey in my earthly life. God is in charge and I am trusting Him and He is giving me peace.  
—Kay Nodolf



Gathering Space through Oct 9.

**Safe Families for Children Baby Wipe Collection (Oct 9)** - First is collecting baby wipes for a Safe Families for Children family who is being hosted by First Lutheran Members. We are asking for Pampers brand unscented baby wipes. Please bring them to the

**Family Holiday Fair Yard Signs** - We need your help!

If you live in Janesville (or any of the surrounding cities) and are on a main street or a street well-traveled, please consider placing a yard sign in your front yard for the Family Holiday Fair. Signs can be picked up between services from Barb Clem in the Gathering Space or stop by the church office. After the fair, please drop off the signs at the church so they can be reused.



**Register for Sunday School & Masterpiece Class (9:15-10:15am)** - Welcome back to Sunday School and Masterpiece Class! We are excited about two changes this year: Sunday School will begin at 9:15am and run during the 9:30am worship service. Students will return to

worship to join their families for communion.  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION:** [www.flcj.org/register](http://www.flcj.org/register)  
**MASTERPIECE REGISTRATION:** [www.flcj.org/masterpiece](http://www.flcj.org/masterpiece)

**Knitters (Sept 27; 9am; Gathering Space)** - Join us Tuesdays at 9am in the Gathering Space for smiles, laughs, and lots of knitting!



**Wednesday Bible Study (Sept 28; 10am; Rm 302)** - Please join us from 10-11am in Room 302 as we dive into Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

**Youth Ministries (7-12th grade)**  
Contact Eric with any questions, call/text 608.290.7083, or email [eengen@flcj.org](mailto:eengen@flcj.org). Meets at 7pm unless otherwise noted.  
[www.flcj.org/youth](http://www.flcj.org/youth)



**Sept/Oct Schedule** (meets at 7pm unless otherwise noted)  
**Sept 28:** Youth Group - Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_  
**Oct 5:** Eat, Play, Learn, Pray - 6pm Meal, 6:45pm Play, 7:05pm Learn, 7:20pm Pray, 7:30-8:30pm Youth Group



provide companionship for the Human. It's a human-centered story, but it recognizes our connection with other animals. We will gather out on the lawn for a short "Blessing of the Animals" service here at First Lutheran. Bring your pet (in a cage or on leash) or bring a photo and a story to share. Together we will give thanks for the animals we love and bless them in the name of God who made them.

**Blessing of the Animals (Oct 3; 6pm; Outside)**

In one of the stories told in Genesis about the beginnings of life, God first creates Adam, the Human. Then God forms the animals to

**Page Turners Book Discussion (First Tues of the Month; 6pm; Gathering Space)** - Page Turners book group welcomes anyone interested! Contact Sally Schuenke 608.754.0407 with questions.

**Oct 4:** *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelly

**Nov 1:** *When the Apricots Bloom* by Gina Wilkinson

**Dec 6:** *Matrix* by Lauren Goth



**Mission Sew (Oct 5 & 19; 8:30am)** - Help Mission Sew with cutting, sewing, tying, and pinning quilts for Lutheran World Relief. These quilts are distributed

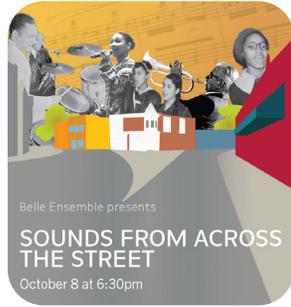
to struggling neighbors across the globe. For more info contact Margaret Drinkwater, by contacting the church at 608.752.7434.

**Eat, Play, Learn, Pray (Oct 5; 6pm)** - First Lutheran welcomes you to Eat, Play, Learn, Pray on Wed, Oct 5, 6-7:30pm, in the Gathering Space. Or should I say we dare you! Our October theme



is Fear Factor and embracing the peace that only Jesus can give. Our evening begins with a meal. This month it's a potluck. Bring your scary delish dish to pass. The evening continues with a group activity suitable for all ages because you can never be too young or too old to enjoy a laugh together. We conclude our evening with a time of learning and prayer. We dare you to attend & bring a friend.

**Belle Ensemble Presents Sounds From Across the Street (Oct 8; 6:30pm; Sanctuary)** - Join us on Sat, Oct 8 at 6:30pm for Sounds From Across the Street, a celebration of music composed by our friends and neighbors in our community. A free will donation will be taken at the doors and a reception will follow the event. *Sponsored by First Events*



**Pastor/Minister Appreciation Day (Oct 9)** - The Witness Board is sponsoring a Pastor/Minister Appreciation Day on Oct 9 to honor Pastor Michael, Pastor Jim, and

Eric Engen. They will be honored in worship with a presentation, special coffee time between services and cards of appreciation from the congregation. Cards can be sent to the church (612 Randall Ave, Janesville, WI 53545) or dropped off at the church on Sunday or during the week. We hope you will join us in appreciation by giving a card.

**Centering Prayer (Resumes Oct 10, 8-8:30pm; Zoom)** - Centering prayer, also known as the prayer of silence, helps you quiet your mind from the constant thoughts and impulses, and frees your true self to experience more of God's love in the very core of your being. You will gain inspiration, rich insight, and practical knowledge of a contemplative prayer practice that can open you up to deep experiences of inner healing and peace. Everyone is welcome to take part.



**Growing Leaders - Adult Education Class** - This fall we will offer four sessions for "Growing Leaders." The topics will focus on core skills that strengthen our abilities to build community and take action. The learning will be relevant to anyone currently serving in a leadership role, as well as to those who are growing into leadership. The training sessions will be led by Pr. Michael Mueller and are open to interested people of all ages.



**One-to-one Relationship Building**  
*Mon, Oct 10, 6:30-8pm in the Chapel*  
This training session will develop your confidence in building relationships one-to-one. You will learn to listen and ask questions that lead to the heart of what a person really cares about. Learning the skill and intention of meeting one-to-one opens the way for leaders to engage people with opportunities that fit their particular interests and abilities. That's empowering!

**Gracious Leadership**  
*Sat, Oct 15, 9-10:30am in the Chapel*  
*Repeated Mon, Nov 7, 6:30-8pm*  
Learn to create a gracious space where people can feel confident that they will be honored and respected, able to listen and learn, as well as speak and be heard. We will explore together the RESPECT guidelines and learn a process of mutual invitation to welcome the participation of everyone in your group. Gracious leadership creates a culture that empowers full participation.

**Leading Effective Meetings**  
*Sat, Nov 12, 9-10:30am in the Chapel*  
Meetings are key to getting things done, but most of us don't seem to like meetings. Yet, *effective* meetings can be quite empowering. This training will teach some basic practices for planning, leading, and evaluating your meetings. These skills will help you to lead and participate in meetings in ways that will empower us together to accomplish our goals.



**Agrace Offers Virtual Grief Support (Oct)** - This October, Agrace is offering one-on-one grief support and a professionally led, virtual grief support group: One-on-one grief support is available by phone or video chat.

This support is open to anyone, even if the person who died did not have hospice care. Available by appointment only.

**Agrace Bridges Adult Grief Group (Oct 12, 26; 9:30-11am)** - Bridges is for adults grieving the death of any loved one. This October, virtual meetings are Oct 12 & 26, from 9:30-11am. Pre-registration is required. There is no fee for people whose family member was in hospice care in the past 12 months; fees for others can be lowered or waived, if needed. Call 608.327.7118 with questions, to register or make an appointment.

**Agrace Seeks Volunteers in Rock County (Oct 25; 9am-2pm)** - Volunteers are needed to assist customers, operate the cash register and sort

donations at the Agrace Thrift Store in Janesville, or make companionship visits to local Agrace hospice patients. Agrace will host volunteer orientation Tuesday, Oct 25, from 9am-2pm at its Janesville office. Pre-registration is required. Call 608.327.7163 or visit [agrace.org/volunteer](http://agrace.org/volunteer) to fill out an application.



**Ministry Fair (Oct 16; Gathering Space)** - What's happening at First Lutheran Church? Come and find out on Sun, Oct 16! A variety of ministries will be on display throughout the morning,

showing the opportunities for you to get involved. Leaders will be available to answer your questions. The Ministry Fair will be in the Gathering Space during the time between worship services and again after the 9:30am service. How do you want to connect with others, grow in faith, or serve our community?

**New Member Sundays (Oct 16 & 23)** - Have you recently connected with First? Are you interested in learning more? You are invited for brunch after the 9:30am worship service on Sun, Oct 16. You can first check out the Ministry Fair that day to learn about opportunities to get involved. At brunch we'll have time to get to know each other and learn more about the life and mission of First Lutheran from some of its leaders. Those who are ready to become members of FLC will be received in worship on Sun, Oct 23. *If you know you will be coming, give the church office a call at 608.752.7434.*



**Second Harvest Food Pantry (Oct 20): (Third Thurs of the Month, 3:30-5:30pm)** Distribution is outdoors. Please call Mary Gallup at 608.755.1399 so she knows if she has enough help. Set-up begins at 2:30pm.



**Family Holiday Fair (Oct 22; 10am-2pm; FLC; VIEW POSTER ON PG 16)**



**Janesville Dept of Recreation Trunk or Treat "FLC Trunk" (Oct 22; Riverside Park)** - First Lutheran is hosting a trunk at the Trunk or Treat on Oct 22 at Riverside Park. This event is sponsored by the Janesville Dept of Recreation and we are excited to make our second appearance. Donations

of individually wrapped candy are being accepted in the Gathering Space. We need 2,000 pieces! Wow!

## Caring For Your Needs

Please contact the office if you or a loved one is seriously ill, hospitalized, or in a care facility so we can keep in touch.



**Pastoral Visit:** If you would like to have a visit from Pastor Jim Johnson in person or by phone, please call the church office at 608.752.7434 x10.

**Prayer Chain:** Did you know that we have a very active prayer chain here at First Lutheran? If you, your family, or friends are in need of prayers for any reason, contact Jan Pinnow at [marinemom39@yahoo.com](mailto:marinemom39@yahoo.com) or 608.352.7022. Or, contact the church office at 608.752.7434 x10 or [office@flcj.org](mailto:office@flcj.org). You only need to give the first name of the person needing prayer and as much or as little information on their need as you wish. The members of the prayer chain will do the rest.

If you are interested in praying for others contact Jan Pinnow (contact info above).



**Convalescent Loan Closet (Fellowship Hall):** You are welcome to come and pick up or donate items. Accepting bath benches/chairs, toilet risers, commodes, walkers, canes, standard wheelchairs, and adult urinary incontinence products. **Hours:** Mon-Thurs 8am-4pm, Friday 8am-Noon.



**Masterpiece Ministry Coordinator** First is seeking a part-time (5-6 hours per week) Masterpiece

Ministry Coordinator. This position directs the planning, curriculum preparation, scheduling and volunteer coordination for FLC's ministry with people who have intellectual disabilities. To apply, please send a resume to [busadmin@flcj.org](mailto:busadmin@flcj.org).

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- Go to [bit.ly/flcjgive](http://bit.ly/flcjgive)
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## In Our Thoughts and Prayers



**Hospice:** Jan Sampson, Ted Hartsough

**St. Mary's:** Nancy Guse, Priscilla Helwig

**Prayers:** Kay Nodolf, Elaine Schilling, Sue Carpenter's mother hip replacement, Gary Kleinhans, Dave & Anne Anderts, daughter & pre-mature son Theo, Ruth Banwell, Rachel Collins, Betty Johnson, Allen Jones, Susan Popp, Jody Tilton, Willard Reck, Nathan & Heather Barlass, Nicole Belford, Renee Comstock, Ruth Cross, Karen Curry, Noah Fenrick, John Fronczak, Diane Harrier, Norma Higgins, Rosanne Jensen, Nancy Kelleher, Joan Malphy, Kathy Mikkelsen, Kevin Punzel, Ruth Wasson, Jan Wathke

**Nursing Home Care:** John Foss, Jan Degenhart, Janet Ballou, Lois Baes, Norma Comstock, Dee Foss, Pat Homan, Alice Johnson, Bethyl (Betty) Johnson, Betty Johnson, Dorothy Mishler, Chuck Smith, Darlene Olson, Bob Punzel, Phil Selgren.

**Homebound:** Marlys Carlson, Dorothy Babcock, Donna Bladorn, Evelyn Dahl, Troy Degenhart, Ray & Liz Decker, George & Helen Dallman, Art Eichman, Harriet Hanson, Sylvia Jersild, Wayne Koste, Sue Myers, Shirley Mooney, Jan Paulsrud, Jim Otterson, Lynn Reddel, Arlene Schlueter, Barbara Shew

**Military:** Zach Bumpus-Air Force, Tyler Carin-Army, Gunner Call-Air Force, Trevor Young-Army National Guard, Brad Consigney-Navy, Sean Gohlke-Navy, Kim Klusmeyer-Army, Erica Lindroth-Army, Marc Sunby-Navy, Jon Sunby-Air Force, Scott Kjendlie-Army, Brett Krueger-Army, Nick Krueger-Army, Alexander Shew-Navy.

*Please keep these families in your prayers. We will leave people on the prayer list; please remember to notify us if someone should come off.*

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN PRESENTS

# FAMILY HOLIDAY Fair

SAT, OCT 22  
10AM-2PM

BAKERY & STITCHERY SHOPPES  
\$10 WINE PULL • RAFFLES • LUNCH  
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### DONATIONS NEEDED

#### Baked Goods

Donations of baked goods for the bake sale, bring to Fellowship Hall kitchen on  
**Fri, Oct 21**

#### Bottles of Wine

Bring wine donations for the wine pull, \$10 value please to the FLC office by  
**Mon, Oct 10**

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact: Jan Pinnow 608.352.7022 or [marinmom39@yahoo.com](mailto:marinmom39@yahoo.com)

All are welcome at the Lord's table of Holy Communion.

## THIS DAY IN WORSHIP

### 8am

**Greeters:** Dave & Susan Cress

**Communion:** Brian & Anne Gohlke, Stuart Hamilton

**Lay Reader:** Stuart Hamilton

### 9:30am

**Communion:** Barb Tapovatz

**Lay Reader:** Steve Shulta

**Altar Guild:** CarolAnn Van Galder

### **Worship Participants:**

Kurt Saterbak

Dave Schroeder

Leo Johnson

Abby Young

Duane Meister

Susan DeGarmo

Mande Zierath

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