

# First Edition

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## November Worship

**Sunday, November 6**

**All Saints Sunday**

Members Remembrance

**Thank You Sunday**

Donuts, Muffins, Fruit, Beverages &  
other goodies after each service

We make financial promises for 2023

8:30 am - Spirited Traditional

10:00 am - Celebration



**Sunday, November 13**

**Holy Communion**

8:30 am - Spirited Traditional

10:00 am - Celebration

**Sunday, November 20**

**Christ the King Sunday**

**Holy Communion**

8:30 am - Spirited Traditional

10:00 am - Celebration

**Wednesday, November 23**

**Thanksgiving Eve and Pie Fest**

7:00 pm - Worship

**Sunday, November 27**

**Greening of the Church**

at both 8:30 am and 10:00 am

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**I will give thanks to  
the Lord with my  
whole heart;  
I will tell of all your  
wonderful deeds.  
~Psalm 9:1**



# Flat Roof Maintenance

Question: How many flat roofs does FLC have? Answer: 6! Our Property Committee decided to monitor our flat roofs and discovered a variety of cracks and crevices on a couple of those roofs. The church Council approved the Property Committee to do some sealing and filling of those cracks.

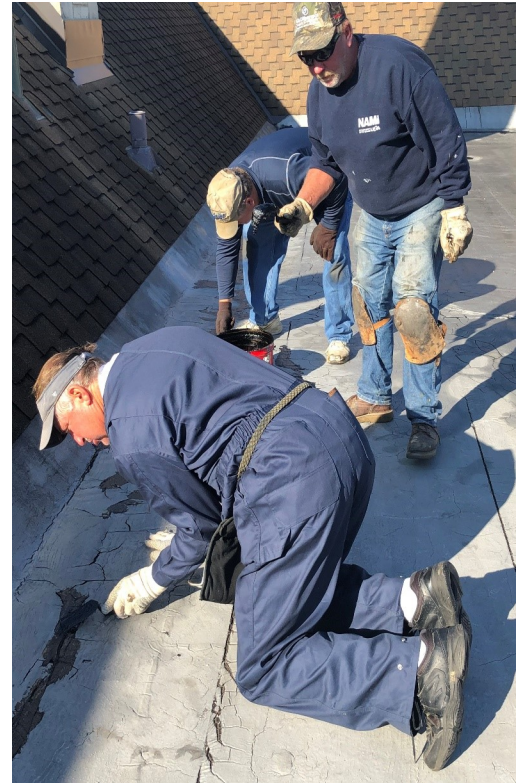
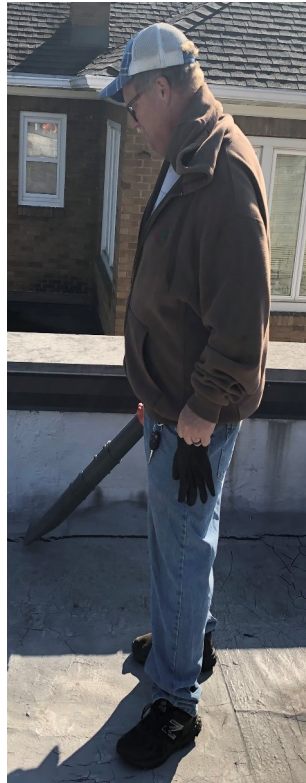
FLC member and roofer Scott Quam provided the professional sealant and guided the workers to make the repairs.

First, they needed to blow the water and granules out of the major cracks. It took 3 blowers and at least 45 minutes before the sealant could be applied.

Second, they filled the cracks with a tar based sealant. Some of the cracks were a bit deep; others did not need to be filled. (See picture below.)

Third, the same process was used on a small flat roof just above the metal roof of the back foyer.

Finally, one of our members provided a lift so that the highest flat roof of the church could be examined. Fortunately, the cracks were not deep. So, no filling was needed up there. But they did find a fascinating shape made by the cracks and crevices on that roof! (See page 3)





## Council Highlights

At its October meeting, FLC's Council:

- ✦ Learned that an **organ consultant** assessed the malfunctioning electronic control system in FLC's pipe organ. He is now exploring options to replace the current system.
- ✦ **Approved financial reports** for September.
- ✦ Celebrated a **gift of \$60,000** to our Medical Missionaries, Dr. Steve and Jodi Swanson, who are serving in Arusha Tanzania. This gift is part of our Caring Hearts and Hands Appeal for Missions (pink envelopes).
- ✦ Learned that cracks in two **flat roofs** of the church were sealed by members of the Property Committee and led by Scott Quam, an FLC member and roofer. Thank You!
- ✦ Voted to hire FLC member Wayne Kiefer to **assume some bookkeeping responsibilities** that will average around 5 hours per week. This is a separate position in addition to his volunteering as our Church Treasurer.
- ✦ Heard that **Thank You Sunday** will be held on November 6. It will include a menu of breakfast goodies and bringing our 2023 financial stewardship promises to the altar.



## A Word from the Pastor

Two Pastors and one Theologian offered different perspectives on what it means to be thankful. Each of their thoughts were recently printed in a publication under a traditional heading: "Thanksgiving Potpourri."



### From Pastor Felix A. Lorenz, Jr:

"Thank you for...

The mess to clean up after a party, because it means I have been surrounded by friends.

The taxes I pay, because it means I have an income.

The people behind me in church who sing off key, because it means I can hear.

The alarm that goes off in the morning, because it means I am alive.

A lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning and gutters that need fixing, because it means I have a home.



Getting too much email, because I have friends who are thinking of me."

### From Pastor James A Gillespie:

The family of a Hebrew philanthropist had a motto: "Thank and Think". Why?

Apparently, the word "thankfulness" also meant "thinkfulness" in the old Anglo-Saxon language. In other words, people who are grateful are usually thoughtful. Or, said in reverse, when we truly think about our blessings, we are more likely to be grateful!

### From Theologian Richard Nouwen:

"The discipline of gratitude is the explicit effort to acknowledge that all I am and have is given to me as a gift of love, to be celebrated with joy."

As we anticipate Thank You Sunday and the Thanksgiving holiday, what prompts us to feel gratitude and appreciation? Perhaps a sign of being faithful Christians is to recognize our blessings and gratefully thank God for them in response!

**Pastor Lehman**



**See the shape of the cross in the cracks on FLC's highest flat roof?!**



## Sharing and Caring

### Our Condolences to family & friends of...

Jane Garrett, *sister-in-law of Mary Heckard*  
Eric Kluever, *son of Kenneth Kluever, brother of Ken*

### Known to have been hospitalized...

Marno Stellmacher

### Special Prayers for...

Jane Conner  
Tom Doepke  
Jeanie Geurink  
Woody Knutson, *father of Lori Moll*  
Lani Kohrt  
Joyce Koskelin  
Paul Krueger  
Linda Mills, *sister of Val Vervoort*  
Phil Molina  
Jean Peterson



Do you have a prayer request or would like your loved one to be listed in this section of the newsletter? Please contact the church office or one of the pastors.

Marilyn Slagsvold  
Pete Slagsvold  
Tom Thorpe  
Vera Thorpe

**Congratulations to Aaron Jahr and Hallie Evenson on their wedding.**



**Congratulations to Steve and Laura Bardouche on the baptism of their daughter, Samantha Grace. Her sponsor, David Zickus, (center) held her for the baptism.**

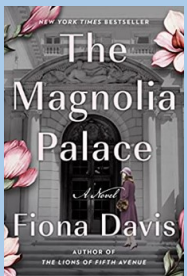


## Small Group Ministries



**Circle 3 Meeting  
Tuesday, November 8  
11:00 am at Deak's**

### Book Club



The **Selah Book Club** will be meeting on Thursday, **November 17**, at 10 am in the church library. The book this month is *The Magnolia Palace* by Fiona Davis. If you have questions about this book club or would like to join please contact Marcia Seybold at (608) 333-7326.

### Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

**Meeting:** This study group meets on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** of each month.

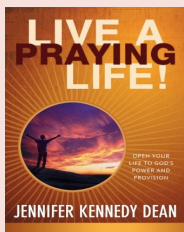
**Breakfast:** 7:45 am at The Pancake Cafe.

**Bible Study:** 9:00 am in the Fireside Room at FLC.

**For Information Contact  
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albrightclannn@gmail.com or  
(608) 215-6027



### Soul Sisters



The next meeting will be on Monday, **November 14**, in the Fireside Room from 10 - 11:45 am.

Guests and new members are always welcome.

Our series on *Live a Praying Life* reminds us that our prayers will never do anything except release God's power for God's purposes. Because faith and prayers are connected, we know how faith is born of firsthand experiences with God.

### Phoebe Circle

The November lesson will focus on a Bible study from the Gather Magazine on **Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith**.

*Prep for the session is not necessary.*

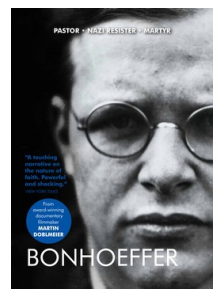
We will meet at 7pm on Tuesday, **November 8**, at Val Vervoort's. If you are interested contact Erlene at [killeen3@aol.com](mailto:killeen3@aol.com) or 608-449-6540 for more information and/or materials!

We would love to have you join us!

### Bibles and Brews

**Bibles & Brews** meets every other Tuesday. Meetings will be on **November 8 and 22** at 7pm. They will be using a Bonhoeffer series.

This lively, social small group meets at various locations beginning with open prayer, check-in with each other and review the lecture questions. Please contact Phil Molina at [phillipgmolina@gmail.com](mailto:phillipgmolina@gmail.com) for more information.

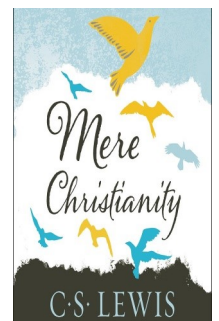


### Monday Zoom 6:00 pm each Monday

Join the Monday Study Group!  
This group meets Mondays at 6:00 pm on Zoom.

The book *Mere Christianity* will be the topic of conversation. We will be using a video series and study guide called *Discussing Mere Christianity: Exploring the History, Meaning, & Relevance of C.S. Lewis's Greatest Book* by Devin Brown.

Please see Pastor Sara at [pastor.sara@flcstoughton.com](mailto:pastor.sara@flcstoughton.com) if you are interested in taking part. Friends and Family who don't go to FLC are invited to take part as well.





# Social Ministry and Fellowship

## Food for Kidz

On October 15th, about 30 First Lutheran Church members helped package food for hungry kids all over the world! **Food for Kidz** brought all that we needed to put together over **140,000** meals! Awesome!



## HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH

The Social Ministry Committee reminds you to **check the expiration dates** on the food items you donate to make sure they are not expired.

Thank you!

## Women's Advent Event! December 11 at 2:00 pm

Come and center yourselves on Christ for the Christmas season! FLC women are invited to enjoy time of fellowship and worship together.

Sign up in the upper Atrium:

- \* To Attend and Bring a Friend
- \* Bring a dessert for the dessert table
- \* Host a table! Bring a center piece to decorate and invite others to join you.

If you have any questions please contact Erlene [killeen3@aol.com](mailto:killeen3@aol.com).

## Thank You Sunday and Thanksgiving

### Thank you Sunday is November 6!

*On this Day, we celebrate all the gifts God gives us through our congregation and make our financial promises for the next year.*



**8:30 am ~ Spirited Traditional Worship**  
**10:00 am ~ Celebration Worship**



**Join us after each service for a  
Special Fellowship Time!**

**Menu: Donuts, muffins, fruit, beverage & other goodies!**

### **The Great Turkey Giveaway!**

This year FLC will be delivering Thanksgiving meals to Stoughton families who may not be able to afford them. Last year, we were able to provide meals to almost 50 families; turkey, dressing, pie and all the sides were put together and hand delivered by members to wish these residents a Happy Holiday!

**Do you want to be a part of this FLC tradition?**

- Bring a frozen **10-12 lb. turkey** (the smaller size is best). We need to have turkeys delivered to church **on the same day of delivery to families, Sunday, November 20, by 11 am**, due to limited refrigeration/freezer space.
- **Help package and deliver** the meals to Stoughton families on **Sunday, November 20**, immediately following the **10 am service**.

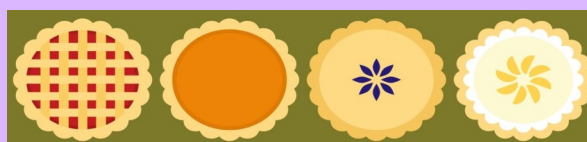
Let's give thanks and glory to God by paying our blessings forward. This will give those who receive the food a reason to give thanks to God as well.  
**Sign up sheets in the Information Center.**



### Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service



- **Wednesday, November 23, at 7:00 PM.**
- Enjoy the **Pie Fest** after service (**7:50 PM**) in the Fellowship Hall, too!





# Stewardship of God's Creation and Blessings

## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Kendra Eppler

**Reduce** – to cut back on the amount of trash we generate

**Reuse** – to find new ways to use things that otherwise would have been thrown out

**Recycle** – to turn something old and useless into something new and useful

The 3 Rs of waste management, as these are commonly referred to, are intentionally included in priority order. The best way to manage waste is to not make it in the first place, effectively **reducing** the amount of waste. **Reusing** what already exists also reduces waste by effectively extending the life of the item, and is considered the second best option. Finally, **recycling** lessens the amount of waste sent to landfills and is thereby considered the third best option. While there is a priority order, all 3 Rs have a role in managing waste, which is an important part of caring for God's creation. How do you currently practice the 3Rs? What's another step you could take to further reduce, reuse, or recycle?

If similar thoughts weigh on your mind, consider joining me to form a group with one goal being to learn how we may improve our care for God's creation. If you're interested, you can reach me directly at 608-219-5525 or [jkepplerfamily@gmail.com](mailto:jkepplerfamily@gmail.com), or by contacting the FLC office.

## A Day of Many Blessings...

On Sunday, October 9, we were blessed to talk to Dr. Steve and Jodi Swanson, our Medical Missionaries in Arusha, Tanzania.

Our new AV system provided us with an opportunity to connect with the Swanson's live! They filled us in on their lives and their work.

This is the first time in FLC's history that we have been able to communicate with our missionaries in such a way. *Thank you* to AV techs Kyle Gleason and Hien Tran.

At the end of our visit, Pastor Lehman made a special announcement that FLC would be sending a gift of \$60,000 from the Caring Hearts and Hands Appeal to support the Swanson's in their ministry.

*A blessed day indeed!*



Thank You Angie Hjortland and Linda Halverson for cleaning the Altar Guild Room. It looks fantastic!. If you would like to join Altar Guild please call Carri Case at 608-279-6966 or call the church office at 608-873-7761.



New Member Class on October 16! New members were received on October 23. Please make sure to greet them and welcome them to the First Lutheran Family!



## First Kids and IMPACT 456ers

All children age 3 years - 6th grade are invited to attend either the 8:30 am or 10:00 am session of First Kids or IMPACT 456ers. The same lessons are taught during each time period by our wonderful teachers!

### First Kids and IMPACT 456ers Sing!

On November 6, all of the FLC Kids will sing "This Little Light of Mine" and help share a special message for Thank You Sunday!



### The November Topics are:

- November 6: Nehemiah Returns to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 1-2:20)
- November 13: God's People Rebuild Jerusalem's Wall (Nehemiah 4:1-23;6:1-15)
- November 20: Ezra Reads God's Law (Ezra 6:14-22; 7:1-10; Nehemiah 8:1-12 )
- November 27: Prophets Talk About a Coming King (Zechariah 9:9-10; Isaiah 9:1-7)



**4th - 6th Graders or IMPACT 456** will be learning about the Old Testament.



- November 6:** *The Covenant with David*
- November 13:** *David's Kindness and David's Sin*
- November 20:** *Troubles in the Kingdom*
- November 27:** *The Wisdom of Solomon*

*A reminder to students and families to work on the lessons for weeks that you missed. If you need extra help see your teacher or Pastor Sara. Also if you have not learned the books of the Old Testament yet please work on learning those as well*



## First Kids Students Receive Bibles

The following young people received their Bibles on October 30, Reformation Sunday:

Leah Anderson	Reagan Janowski	Ayla Sokolik
Kaitlyn Bardouche	Benjamin Klitzke	Elodie Wood
Camden Denure	Lucy Last	Connor Woodstovk

We give our young readers a Bible on Reformation Day because Martin Luther changed the church and the whole world by encouraging people to read the Bible for themselves and not to just let other people tell you what it says. Luther said: "The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me."

The Bible is God's Word. It is the Story of God and God's people. As we read it and interact with the stories, the Holy Spirit moves in our lives. The Word of God grounds us, which is why we listen to it in worship each week and engage it in our small groups, so we are able to apply the Bible to our lives.



# Youth and Family Ministries

## Laser Tag

**What:** A group just for Senior High Youth filled with fun, faith and growth!

**When:** Sunday, Nov. 13, after 2<sup>nd</sup> service.

**Where:** Pizza lunch before we leave. Laser Tag at Ultra Zone - Sign up on SignUpGenius or email Pastor Sara at [pastor.sara@flcstoughton.com](mailto:pastor.sara@flcstoughton.com).

**Who:** Youth in grades 9-12  
*Bring Friends!*

**Cost:** \$20

**Adult Drivers Needed**



**Sr. High Youth Scavenger Hunt and Bonfire**



*Christ has all our solutions*

## The Confirmation Class Would like to pray for you!



The 7th & 8th Grade class is learning about **prayer**.

They learned about *prayers of intercession*, which are prayers that are on behalf of someone else. As part of their learning they would like to pray for you!

In the Fellowship Hall, there is a rolling divider with an invitation for people to leave their prayers. You can put your prayers in one of the envelopes and members of the class will pray for you during that week. Prayers can be about things like health, a test, your family, the world, etc. You can choose to put your name on it or not.

...And if you think of it please pray for our class.

## Youth Serving on Thank You Sunday!

The Confirmation students and their families will head up the breakfast that has become a tradition at FLC on **Thank You Sunday**. Everyone's participation is vital to its success!

This year, Thank You Sunday will be held **Sunday, November 6**. All Confirmation students (7th through 9th grade) are asked to participate. Watch for more information soon!

*thank you*  
SUNDAY



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