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Welcoming, Growing, Sharing in God's Grace

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May 24, 2022



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

REVEREND MIKE LOUIA

Senior Pastor

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³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ[t] who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 8:31-39, New Revised Standard Version - Updated Edition)

I've been leaning constantly on Paul's words to the church in Rome these past few weeks as the realities of life in this world weigh heavily on my heart, mind and soul. The news (whether received from traditional media or social media) gives little hope, it seems. More discouraging than the price of gas at the pump or groceries at the store, stories of school shootings, of violence on city streets, of siblings of color being hunted down and murdered are almost unbelievable. Unbelievable, except that they are moments of truth that plague God's world and the people who live in it.

Like many of you, perhaps, I wonder some days, if God, having seen the mess that humanity has created in the world, has simply given up on us, left us to our own devices, waiting to intercede only when the last few of us are left. We're all tired. We're all overwhelmed. We're all waiting for someone, perhaps even anyone, to come up with a plan and set the world aright.

And when I reach the lowest level of the pit, when all seems hopeless and there is no better future ahead, I sit and ponder these words from Paul who tells us that there is NOTHING in this world that can ever separate us from the love of God! NOTHING! That's a broad description of all that lurks in the shadows, ready to pounce on us at any moment.

NOTHING! Not even our natural propensity to care for self above neighbor, to point blame at those who are in a different political party without looking in the mirror and seeing how we too have contributed to the chaos in the world around us, NOTHING in all of creation can drive a wedge between God and God's people because, when Jesus, who came into the world to show us a different way of being in relationship with God, was killed by an oppressive government at the request of religious leaders who were threatened by this new way of living as God's people, God said to the world, "NOTHING can come between you and me and the love that I have for you. NOT. EVEN. DEATH!"

So as we wait, ponder, and hope, may we recommit to living into this life-giving reality. May we recommit to loving God above everything else. May we recommit to loving neighbor over self. May we recommit to taking actions, in addition to our thoughts and prayers, when we are faced with all those earthly powers that try and separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. May we recommit ... today and every day to come.

Peace,
Pastor Mike



***A reminder of God's promise that greets us
as we enter the building for worship!***

REVEREND TAMIKA JANCEWICZ

Associate Pastor

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Small Encounters: A Series

In August of 2021, I started practicing Capoeira, a martial arts form that originated in Brazil during the time of enslavement at the beginning of the 16th century. Last month I mentioned how moving my body has been a great source of healing during this time, and Capoeira is one of the ways I move and heal. I've always wanted to practice this beautiful art form for years but could never find the right studio to join. But last year I found a small studio in Takoma Park, MD, and thought it'd be worth the drive if the community was open and welcoming.

Well, it has been and I believe, for this journey of my life, it is a healing space where I have found friends and a new community of people to get to know. The beautiful aspect of Capoeira is that it involves so many elements. It involves music, instruments, dance, acrobatics, play, and joy. And it all came from people of the African diaspora who wanted to learn how to defend themselves with their bodies and spirit. The form originated from enslaved people as a form of survival and resistance and evolved into a martial arts form that would be outlawed. Capoeira became a place of refuge and freedom and it still feels that way each time I go to practice and learn with my community. It is freeing to move our bodies and learn new tricks and have joy. And in many ways, I am learning to be patient with myself. I am learning not to worry about being the best or doing the moves perfectly, but to enjoy the ways I can move with what I have right now, and expect to make mistakes and grow from them. And it has given me something to look forward to each week. Something that makes me feel alive and capable.

And the people? Well, they are a joy to get to know. So many different skill levels and personalities. And while I still feel very much like a beginner most days, everyone is so encouraging and uplifting. They are becoming like family. And for that, I am grateful.

My prayer is that you all are finding new ways to move and be free, friends. Remember that it is a gift to be able to move in whatever way our bodies allow. I do not mean this in an ablest kind of way. I mean move however you can and whenever you can. So that we can heal, grow and be free. You are worth it. We all are.

Peace y'all,
~Pr. Tamika

DR. WAYNE WOLD
Director of Music Ministry
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*God, we gather as your people to raise our song above,
and we dare to claim the promise of your love.
Though the day may not yet be here, we trust it soon will be,
when your children will be free.
Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened, fling the church doors open wide.
May there be room enough for everyone inside.
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.
May that welcome be our song.
David Lohman (ACS #1038, st. 1)*

During the last few weeks I have been exploring the contents of more than a dozen hymnals and supplements from numerous denominations. Why? Well, for one, I am always on the lookout for new material; and, secondly, I am preparing to lead a two-week long worship and music conference at Shenandoah University. This conference draws folks from numerous denominations, so we use a wide variety of hymnbooks and worship resources. In addition to walking through the Church Year in our worship services, we will also focus on topics including Juneteenth, prayers for peace, and children.

Focusing on children takes on special meaning this year. We have seen recent legislation that inhibits their knowledge and experience of others—and of themselves—and, of course, we have seen the tragedy of so many lives traumatized and even snuffed out due to violence. How long, O Lord? Thoughts and prayers are not enough, but they can be a starting point from which real action springs forth. And so we will sing and pray about it.

One of the songs we will sing at that worship service will be the one quoted above. Here is how that hymn ends:

*Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and shame,
so afraid of who they are and whom they love.
May the message now be banished that your love is for the few;
may their faith in you renew.
Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened, fling the church doors open wide.
May there be room enough for everyone inside.
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.
May that welcome be our song.
(ACS #1038, st. 4)*

Whether in praise, prayer, or lament, keep singing!
Wayne

JENNY JAMES
Director of Preschool
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First Lutheran Preschool is looking for a creative, nurturing, positive, and fun-loving Pre-K Lead Teacher to begin August 29, 2022. We believe that children learn best through play and exploration. The ideal applicant will have experience leading 4–5-year old's in a multicultural preschool setting. Experience creating and implementing play-based curriculum that meets Maryland state standards is also a plus. A bachelor's degree in early childhood education is preferred, and a willingness to explore nature alongside young children in an outdoor classroom on a regular basis is required. The hours are 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you share our vision and enjoy working with a supportive staff in a Christian environment, please send a resume and cover letter to director Jenny James jjames@firstlutheranec.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Vacation Bible School will be held
August 15th-19th from 9am-Noon.**

Open to ages 3 to 5th grade.

Volunteers needed!

Download registration forms at
firstlutheranec.org/vacation-bible-school-2022/

Please return your completed registration form to alyssa@firstlutheranec.org or to the church office.



SOUND SYSTEM TASK FORCE UPDATE

Submitted by Diane Schwarzman

I would like to give thanks to those who served on the sound system task force this past year including Mike Blemly, Tom Broderick, Rich Funke, Tom Hunt, Bruce Isler, Adam Lowe, Glenn Severn, Charlie Wehr, Wayne Wold, Pastor Tamika & Pastor Mike.

In April, the task force reviewed two proposals that were submitted by Armbruster A/V and Audio Video Group. Proposals were requested from both of these vendors to address the recommendations from the December 6, 2021 Room Acoustics and Sound System Analysis completed by acoustical engineer Neil Shade of Acoustical Design Collaborative Ltd. The proposals included the following equipment:

1. New microphones for the pastors, the choir, the bell choir, vocalists, instrumentalists, the piano, and a sanctuary reference / ambient mic. The existing microphone at the pulpit will remain as that mic has performed well for us.
2. A new sound mixer
3. A digital sound processor with amplifiers
4. A new desk to contain the equipment and provide adequate workspace for our live-streaming volunteers

The task force selected Armbruster A/V to complete our project at a cost of \$49,868.17 funded by a past church member's estate gift. With a 14 to 16 week estimate of receiving the new sound desk, the contractor is estimating a timeframe of early September to begin installation. We all look forward to the new equipment and hearing improvements for both in-person and on-line worship.

In May, First Lutheran said goodbye to member Tom Hunt as he was moving out of state with his family. Tom was 1 of the 2 (with Adam Lowe) regular volunteers who operate the equipment at the sound desk for live-streaming during worship. We need more volunteers to continue providing this service and encourage you to offer your talents. Training is available in-house and Armbruster A/V will be providing training in September to 6 volunteers after the equipment is installed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS • REMINDERS • UPDATES

Flamingo Fundraiser



Help support the youth summer service-learning trip this year while having a little pink flamingo fun!

Make a donation to send a flock of pink flamingos to your friends', family members', or neighbor's front yard!

Visit tinyurl.com/firstflamingos to make your donation or learn more!



DeDining Women: Special Summer Events

End-of Summer Event at Big Cork Winery
Saturday, August 20 from 11am-6pm

Featuring three bands:
The Reagan Years
Advanced Party Solutions
Groovalicious

Food trucks, including
Blazin' Butts BBQ
The Paella and Tapas Place
Firestone's
Scoop Dawg Ice Cream

Tickets: \$18.75

Comedian Bill Engvall at the Maryland Theater

Saturday, August 6 at 6:00 PM.

Everyone is welcome to attend!
An optional late lunch/early dinner at Bulls & Bears will be at 4:00 PM.

Tickets: \$53 (with discount for groups of 10+)

If interested in going, please let Nancy Louia know by June 30, so tickets can be ordered together.

ANNOUNCEMENTS • REMINDERS • UPDATES

On-Site & Online Worship Services & Gatherings

You can find information regarding on-site and online worship services and gatherings (guidelines, bulletins and livestream service links) on the website under Connect <http://firstlutheranec.org/connect/>

Midday Prayer

Midday Prayer gatherings will be held three days a week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday). We invite you to join fellow disciples on Facebook live for a time of scripture reading, meditation, song, and prayer at noon. Recordings of these gatherings are available on demand for replay on Facebook, YouTube, online, and the app. Send requests for prayer to **Pastor Tamika** at tamika@firstlutheranec.org.

Healing Prayers

Receive healing prayers by phone with **Lynn Anderson**, one of our healing prayer leaders at (443) 562-9690.

WELCA Lydia Circle

Monthly on the first Saturday at 9:30am. Contact: **Amy Isler** at (443) 840-6570

WELCA Martha Circle

Monthly on the second Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. Contact: **Valerie Roth** at (410) 456-6733.

WELCA Rebecca Circle

Monthly on the third Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Contact: **Sue Davis** (410) 418-4535 or betsysue8@gmail.com.

Small Group Bible Study

Weekly on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. Contact: **Sue Davis** (410) 418-4535 or betsysue8@gmail.com.

Living in God's Story

Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Contacts: Pastor Mike prmike@firstlutheranec.org and **Pastor Tamika** tamika@firstlutheranec.org.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Monthly on the third Friday at 7:30 a.m. Contact: **Jay Zumbrun** (443) 745-0737.

Prayer Shawl Ministry (Creating Shawls, Lap Robes, and Scarves)

Monthly on the first Monday at 10:00am Contact: **Karen DeWitt** (410) 750-9744.

Sewing Circle (Creating LWR Quilts and Isolette Quilts)

Monthly on the second Monday at 9:30am. Sewing skills are not required. Contact: **Deb Hardesty** (410) 530-9772.

First Lutheran Choir

Weekly on Thursdays at 7:30pm. Contact: **Mark Helms** at mark@firstlutheranec.org

Jubilate Bell Choir

Weekly on Thursdays at 6:30pm. Contact: **Jenne Burnham** at fenris1954@yahoo.com

For meeting locations and login details for Zoom meetings, check the church calendar on the website at <https://calendar.churchart.com/calendar/738973650> or call the office at (410) 465-2977.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES & EVENTS

Independence Day

Monday, July 4

The church office will be closed. In the event that you need emergency pastoral care, you can contact the pastor on call at (410-465-6779).



PARISH REGISTER

Death Notices

(as of May 31, 2022)

A. Margaret Folkemer

May 6, 2022



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OUR FELLOW DISCIPLES, NEIGHBORS, & COMMUNITY

Welcoming, Growing, Sharing in God's Grace

- Blankets for Project Linus
- Howard County Food Bank & Community Garden
- Virtual Food Drive in partnership with Community Action Council of Howard County (CAC)
- Breath of God Lutheran Church Food Distribution (Baltimore/Highlandtown)
- Clothing and textile donations for Project PLASE
- Donations for Grassroots Day Resource Center
- Women and Children's Shelter/Soup Kitchen

Soup Kitchen: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4aaba92aa46-soup>

Grassroots Meal: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4ca5a629a5f94-grassroots>

Baptismal Font Cleaning: www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4aaba92aa46-baptismal

Worship Assistant: www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4aaba92aa46-worship

Worship Sponsorships: www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4aaba92aa46-worship2

You can find these and other opportunities to serve and support our neighbors and community in the weekly e-letters by visiting the **GET INVOLVED** section on the website and clicking the link under **Current Service Opportunities** - <https://firstlutheranec.org/get-involved/>.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH REMINDERS

Prayer Requests

Submit prayer requests by calling the church office (410) 465-2977. We kindly ask that when requesting prayer for others to obtain their permission beforehand, include your name, and if possible, the nature of the prayer request. Prayer requests will be included in the congregation's prayers for two weeks, unless specified otherwise. For more information about prayer requests, express interest in becoming a part of the First Lutheran Prayer Network or receiving the Inter-cessory Prayer List, please contact the church office at flcoffice@firstlutheranec.org or (410) 465-2977.

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Photo Use Exclusion Forms

Members who prefer not to have their personal and/or family photos taken at church and/or church related events/activities used in communications outside of FELC (social media, etc.), can let us know by completing the Photo Use Exclusion Form. To obtain a copy of the form, please contact the church office at flcoffice@firstlutheranec.org.

First Lutheran App

Submit Prayer Requests, access social media, services (livestream and recordings), and receive push notifications for upcoming gatherings, important church updates, and more on the app. It's free. Text 'firstlutheranec app' to (833) 316-5698, or search your mobile device's App Store for First Lutheran Ellicott City.

Moving or Relocating?

Moving out of the state? Just as you have been a blessing to this congregation and community, we'd love to bless you and your family with a hearty Farewell and Godspeed as you go forth and continue to be a blessing to others, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in your new home town. So, please be sure to contact the church office by phone (410) 465-2977 or e-mail (flcoffice@firstlutheranec.org) and let us know - **before** you go.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL UPDATE

Susan Garde, Council Secretary

council@firstlutheranec.org

Our congregation Council met on June 21, 2022 both in person and via Zoom. We spent time with devotions focused on living as God's faithful people, reviewed ministry reports received by various staff and ministry leaders, and took the following actions:



Welcomed new Council members Tony Harris, Keith Hauk, Paul Ulrich and Youth member Natalie Rye!

Motions approved:

To enter into a contract with E. Stanley Asphalt Paving to reseal phase 1 of the church parking lot. Phase 1 includes the one-way driveway in front of the 1955 building from the Frederick Rd entrance to the Chatham Rd exit. It also includes the outer ring of the sanctuary parking lot from Chatham Rd to the 2nd median opening at the top of the stormwater management pond parking lot. ***** Note: A member has offered to fully fund this project.

To authorize spending authority for the property committee for the months of July and August this year. ***Note: Not to exceed \$10,000

To enter into a contract with Exterior Pros to make repairs to the organ gable on the lowest level of the sanctuary roof. ***Note: Not to exceed \$8,000.

To enter into a contract Exterior Pros to repair two porticos above the flagpole entrance and the Chatham Rd narthex entrance. ***Note: Not to exceed \$5,000

Discussion:

Follow up on the May Congregational meeting.

Received the following report from our finance committee:

Congregation Income and Expense Financial Statistics

Financially, May was a much better month for God's congregation here at First Lutheran. The combination of a five-Sunday month, a very generous offering (representing an annual offering), and continued monitoring of expenses resulted in a positive cash flow (in the unrestricted portion of the faith spending plan) for the month as well as for the year-to-date (see chart on p. 12 for specifics).

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During May, our staff and ministry leaders projected anticipated spending for the summer months (June – August) as well as projected offering income for the same time period. We anticipate that we will complete the next three months with a slight positive cash flow. We will continue to monitor income and expenses throughout the period to ensure that we are being fiscally responsible.

Restricted Funds (both income and expenses that support a specific ministry) reflected a positive cash flow for the month and a negative cash flow for the year-to-date. Again, this negative number reflects disbursements made in 2022 from funds received in 2021 as well as expenses paid to-date from the Capital Reserve Fund for repairs to the sprinkler system.

A discernment team is meeting to consider, prayerfully, how God is calling us to live into God's mission for this community in the coming months as well as looking ahead to 2023. Please pray for this team (Glenn Sevren, Genny Hardesty, Kathi White, Keith Hauk, Julie Riddler, and Jay Zumbrun) as they complete their work over the coming months.

A summary of income and expenses is shown in the charts below:

Unrestricted giving and expenses (Faith Spending Plan)

	May 2022	YEAR TO DATE (Thru 5/31/2022)
Income	\$75,931.00	\$336,881.98
Expense	\$55,059.99	\$315,035.31
Net	+ \$20,871.01	+ \$ 21,846.67

Restricted giving and expenses:

	May 2022	YEAR TO DATE (Thru 5/31/2022)
Income	\$23,322.00	\$ 39,954.50
Expense	\$ 3,681.02	\$ 76,166.02
Net	+ \$19,640.98	- \$ 39,211.52

Your financial offerings are life-transforming gifts for God's people. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you are being called to continuing your current support and increasing it as you are able so that we can continue to live into our three priorities for this year: worship and music, faith formation (especially with children and youth), and communications and engagement.

Scanning this QR code
will take you directly to
our online giving page.



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Sunday Attendance

	2021				2022			
	In-person Attendance	On-line Views	On-Line Attendance*		In-person Attendance	On-line Views	On-Line Attendance*	
May 2	71	188	376		May 1	140	129	258
May 9	74	182	364		May 8	162	128	256
May 16	84	248	496		May 15	157	174	348
May 23	85	208	416		May 22	155	149	298
May 30	74	182	364		May 29	127	135	270

*calculated as number of video views one week after premiere, multiplied by 2

Wednesday Midweek Worship

2021			2022	
	On-line Attendance*			On-line Attendance*
May 5	26		May 4	12
May 12	24		May 11	n/a Synod Assembly
May 19	24		May 18	6
May 26	32		May 25	No 7

** On-line attendance via ZOOM (live-streamed in 2022)

Yearly Average Worship Attendance

1997	2002	2007	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
500	540	515	358	348	336	306	312	311

2020	Online Worship	In-person Worship (as of 3/8/20)	Wednesday Midweek Worship
	588	288	28
2021	Online Worship	In-person Worship (resumed 3/14/21)	Wednesday Midweek Worship
	257	92	86

A NOTE OF THANKS

Joanna -
Thank you to
you and first
Evangelical for all of your
support throughout the years!
We truly appreciate EVERYTHING!
Julie Wentz

Thank you so much for supporting VES students
and families! Kay

Joanna -
We are grateful
for your support!
Alexcia Reed

Joanna -
We are so grateful
for your support &
friendship!
for you!

Thank you so
much for all the
support and resources
you provide to the
VES community.
-Kristen Maricco

Joanna -
Thank you so
much for everything
you have done for
the Veterans Community!
We appreciate you!
Jessica Wilson-Carr

A NOTE OF THANKS



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

May 31, 2022

First Lutheran Church
3604 Chatham Rd
Ellicott City, MD 21042-3920

Thank You

Dear First Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$9,007.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

*Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy*
(ELW 328)

This is a season of reflection and sacrifice, but it is also a season of hope. As we walk the 40-day journey of Lent, we know that we are walking toward Easter and the promise of renewal. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA are bringing that promise and hope to your neighbors around the world.

Your Spirit-filled generosity is helping families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

You are creating new beginnings. Thank you for sharing the hope of new life and the fullness of Christ's joy.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin K. Brown".

The Rev. Robin Brown
Director, Congregational Generosity

P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for your receipt.

A NOTE OF THANKS

A Home Of Our Own Howard, Inc.

PO Box 51
Simpsonville MD 21150-0051

homeofourownhoward@gmail.com



May 23, 2022

Pastor Mike Louia
First Evangelical Lutheran Church
3604 Chatham Road
Ellicott City, MD 21043


Dear Pastor Louia:

Thank you for the contribution to A Home Of Our Own Howard, Inc. made by the Social Ministry Committee of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

We received the check in the amount of \$1,000. A Home Of Our Own Howard, Inc. is recognized as a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

A Home Of Our Own Howard, Inc. welcomes the partnership and support given by the First Evangelical Lutheran Church for our mission to assist individuals and families transitioning from homelessness to permanent housing in Howard County.

Sincerely,



George S. Maclean

Secretary and Treasurer
A Home Of Our Own Howard, Inc.

A NOTE OF THANKS

· THANK YOU ·

Dear Members of First LC,

Thank you so much for your generous support of our ELCA World Hunger Program. In 2021, congregations and individuals in the DE-MO Synod donated \$438,311, the most in any recent year. You were part of this effort, and we members of the Hunger Task Force are so appreciative. Our giving truly makes a difference and changes lives. Thanks again for partnering with ELCA World Hunger.

Sincerely,
Claudia Harrington
Hunger Task Force

A NOTE OF THANKS

To all our friends at First
Lutheran

Thank you so very much
for the generous gift of \$500.
you blessed us with! As we
get back to in person worship
in the prisons and continue our
mailing's ministry, your gift
enables us to continue to
bring God's message of love
and forgiveness to our (over)

incarcerated siblings in Christ.
That message transforms lives!

We are grateful that you
are our partner in this
ministry and we are encourage
by your support.

May God bless you and
enrich your ministries
Pastor Susan

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THE COMMUNITY OF
ST. DYSMAS

I was in Prison

☛ You Came To Visit Me



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Connect, grow and share with us in all the amazing things God is doing here at First Lutheran Church.



Services on Demand

Sunday services and some of our other worship services are available via YouTube, Facebook, the app, and our website.

Interested in Joining?

When Jesus called his first disciples, he simply invited them,

"Come and see."

Following Jesus' example, we invite anyone who would like to become a member of the congregation to contact one of the pastors for a one-on-one orientation. New members are received on the fourth Sunday of every month.

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