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Welcoming, Growing, Sharing in God's Grace

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“You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.”

(John 15:16, NRSVUE)

I've always held tightly to this selection from Jesus' teaching contained in the 15th chapter of the Gospel of John. First delivered as part of Jesus' "farewell discourse" in John's gospel, Jesus is getting his disciples prepared for, not only what they will witness in the coming days as he is arrested, tried, beaten and crucified, but perhaps more importantly, for life that comes after his death and resurrection. I distinctly remember the life-changing moment I experienced when I heard Jesus' words for the first time ... because I think for the first time, I understood the grace of our loving God!

Immediately prior to this grace-filled verse, Jesus issues a commandment to love one another (actually a reminder from the first time that he issues the commandment to love one another after washing the disciples' feet), promises that they would receive the accompanying gift of God's Holy Spirit, and speaks of Jesus' abiding presence with those called as disciples. In many ways, Jesus' words prior to verse 16, at least for me, always seemed to be an outline of the things I needed to do in order to receive God's grace. Love one another, receive the Holy Spirit, walk and stay close to Jesus, and God's grace will be given to you as a reward.

But that's not how grace works. If we step back and view the whole story of God's work in the world with and through God's people, that work always starts with God's initiative to choose us. From the beginning in the garden to the selection of Abraham, from freeing God's people from oppression in Egypt to Jesus' calling those first disciples, all of God's work begins with God's choosing. It's a life-giving invitation extended, not because we have earned it, not even because we might have our lives together, but simply because our God's faithfulness is so complete that there is nothing in this world that will keep God from choosing us: Every. Single. Day.

It was God's work in choosing us that Luther brought to light so many years ago. It is God's work in choosing us that gathers us together in what we know as church. And it will be God's work in choosing us in the days and weeks to come that will sustain us as we continue to emerge, re-form and be the fruit-bearing body of Christ in the world today.

In the October 2021 edition of The Messenger I ended my article in this way:

During this month of "re-formation" (Reformation Sunday is October 31st this year), may we all take a moment to give thanks for God's re-forming work in the world many centuries ago and to ask, once again, that God's Holy Spirit walk with us in our turbulent present as we continue to live as God's people, called and claimed as a community grounded in grace that continues to say to all of God's people: "You are loved. You are cherished. You are mine."

One year later, even as things haven't "returned to normal" as we might have hoped, God's call on our lives, individually and, more importantly as a faith community, God's declaration, "You are loved. You are cherished. You are mine." is perhaps an even greater gift as it reminds us that it is God's choosing us, not our choosing God, that makes all the difference in the world!

See you at church (on-site, online or wherever God chooses to gather us together),

DR. WAYNE WOLD
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*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.*
Latin Hymn, 7th C., ELW 645, st. 1

You may have noticed that I was away a few Sundays in July and August (thanks, Mark, for filling in). The first Sunday away I found myself in Rome and Vatican City, so when in Rome . . . I went to mass at St. Peter's Basilica and afterwards caught some of the pope's message from his window overlooking the courtyard. It was a memorable experience to worship in such a special place, whose construction began in 1506, surrounded by great architecture and art (including Michelangelo's Pietá), with people from around the world. The following Sunday I was in Venice and I found my way to St. Mark's Basilica, whose construction began around 1063 and is filled with domes and mosaics. Another memorable experience. Both Sundays the worship was in Latin and Italian, but the liturgy was our common heritage so I found myself able to worship. The third Sunday found me in Athens, Greece. My "worship space" for that morning was the Temple of Athena (aka the Parthenon) on top of the Acropolis, so I was more of a tourist than a worshiper that Sunday. These ruins date back to at least the Fifth Century BCE. One stop a few days later was in Ephesus, Turkey, where we contemplated Paul's letter to the Ephesians and visited the ancient ruins, including that of the church said to be founded by St. John and the spot believed to be where Mary lived in her later years and then died.

One of the many take-homes of this trip is an increased sense of perspective. Our church in Ellicott City has an impressive history and has served many generations already. But we are a baby compared to many other places in the world. We are grateful to our forebearers who in 1874 founded First Lutheran Church. And we can be equally grateful for those churches founded hundreds and thousands of years ago. We build on the shoulders of millions of believers before us. In October we observe Reformation Day, a time to celebrate, ponder, and recommit ourselves to Christ's Church here on earth and pray that it will continue to serve the world's people.

Our choirs are up and running! Our bell choir **Jubilate** rehearses Thursdays 6:30-7:25 p.m.; contact Jenne Burnham fenris1954@yahoo.com for more information. **First Lutheran Choir** for adults and teens meets Thursdays 7:30-9:00 p.m.; contact Mark Helms helmsmo@gmail.com for more information. And our **children** now have music built into their Sunday morning education hour which begins at 11:00 a.m. There is a place for everyone to join the song!

*Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son,
praise and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run.*
ELW 645, st. 3

Keep singing! Wayne

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

October Lydia Circle



The next Lydia Circle walk at 9:30am on Saturday, October 1st. We'll be heading back to Centennial Park - we'll meet at the Amphitheatre which is near the main entrance. (We met there on our first walk!) Hope to see everyone there.

2023 Calendar for Fighting World Hunger



The First Lutheran calendar for fighting world hunger is back for 2023! You may remember the 2019 calendar which featured First Lutheran men including Pastor Mike as the January New Year's baby and the 2020 calendar with First Lutheran women including Pastor Tamika as the July Statue of Liberty.

Bring the entire family out for some fun and laughter on Saturday, November 5 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Center while we raise money for World Hunger. We'll start with a potluck lunch followed by the introduction of the First Lutheran family members dressed in costumes representing each month of the year. Bring lots of cash bills to show your support to the participants of the 12 months. In December, copies of the 2023 calendar will be available for purchase with all money going to ELCA World Hunger.

First Lutheran Women's Retreat



Saturday, November 12

All women are invited to the First Lutheran Women's Retreat on Saturday, November 12 at the Bon Secours Retreat & Conference Center, 1525 Marriottsville Rd, Marriottsville, MD 21104. Our program will be led by Pastor Tamika. The cost of the retreat is \$55 per person and includes a hot breakfast and lunch. Please note that if you paid in 2020 for our retreat that was canceled because of Covid and didn't get a refund, you may be able to attend this year without additional payment. Look for more information at the retreat registration table in the narthex on Sunday mornings in October.

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunity to Join the LEAD Team



LEAD (Living Everyday As Disciples) is looking for some new people to join our team. LEAD has been part of the life of FLC since 2016. Our mission is to listen and connect our congregation with partners in the neighborhood. We are beginning a new listening journey in the neighborhood, as the pandemic has changed us and the neighborhood around us. We meet once a month (the 4th Tuesday) from 7-8:30 for devotion, updates on current partnerships and new opportunities. If this is something you feel called to be a part of, we'd love to have you. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any member of the team for more information. Looking forward to having you as a part of our LEAD journey!

Current LEAD Members:

Joanna Casto
Tom James
Kim Kearns
Cathy Rice
Pastor Tamika
Pastor Mike

Snack Drive for Veteran's Elementary



We have been asked to help provide snacks for the students at our partner school, Veteran's Elementary. We're looking for snack size donations of items such as:

Goldfish crackers
chewy granola bars
popcorn
Pirate Booty
veggie straws
cheese n' crackers.

Please bring donations to church and place them in the cart labeled VES Snack Donation in the vestibule by Sunday, October 2. Thanks in advance. Please contact Joanna Casto with any questions.

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grassroots Day Center Meal



We will serve Grassroots Day Center lunch and dinner on October 17th

Deliver your donations to the Social Hall Kitchen on Sunday, October 16th, and we'll prep the food. If you have questions, please contact Joanna Casto or Amy Isler. Thank you for your support of this ministry! Use the SignUpGenius or call the office at 410-465-2977 if you would like to donate part of the meal.

Items needed include:

- prepared Manwich
- clementines
- bananas
- frozen corn
- frozen peas and carrots
- canned green beans
- dinner rolls
- hamburger buns
- bagged kale salad
- potato salad
- macaroni salad
- chocolate chip cookies

Please see the sign-up genius for more specific instructions regarding donations.

Time & Talent



We invite you to think and pray about the best use of your talents and then complete the form with your commitment to engage in ministries of your greatest interest.

In the coming days you will be receiving a copy of the 2023 Time and Talent form in the mail. You may also complete the form online or download a PDF copy of the form by visiting firstlutheranec.org/ministries.

Completed forms may be printed and placed in the box located in the church vestibule or emailed to the church office.

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Semi-Annual Frederick Road Cleanup



Saturday October 22, 2022 | 9-11 am

Volunteers are needed for our semi-annual Frederick Road clean-up. We are responsible for a three mile stretch and we will be doing an end of summer clean-up as an ongoing part of serving our community.

Howard County requires youth younger than 18 who participate to have a Parental Permission signature and the church office has the form. This is a great project for high school community service credit, in addition to it just being a good thing to do. To sign up, please send an e-mail to Rich Funke, call him at 410-992-8015 or use the SignUpGenius.

You can now visit
firstlutheranec.org/updates-and-announcements
to find all the latest information on upcoming events at First!

You can also find links to sign up for all current volunteer opportunities, in one place, at
firstlutheranec.org/volunteer-sign-ups

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Delaware-Maryland Synod Service of Thanksgiving for Bishop Gohl

Sunday, October 2 | 3pm



We are excited to be hosting the DE-MD Synod's Service of Thanksgiving celebrating the beginning of Bishop Gohl's second term. Bishops are not "reinstalled," but we gather around Word and Sacrament, Prayer and Praise to ground these next years in the love of God, the grace of Jesus, and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit! The liturgy will be held at First Lutheran Church (3604 Chatham Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042) on Sunday, October 2 at 3 p.m. The Rev. Vivianne Thomas-Breitfeld, former bishop of the South Central Synod of Wisconsin, will preach. A reception will follow. You can RSVP and receive updates through the Synod's Facebook event.

Reformation Sunday & Affirmation of Baptism

Sunday, October 29

PARISH REGISTER

Death Notices

As of August 31, 2022

Ruth McCullough | August 6, 2022

Paul Combs | August 30, 2022

General Memorial Fund:

In memory of Ruth McCullough
by: William and Nancy Galloway

Rev. Herbert Payne Scholarship Fund:

In memory of Ruth McCullough
by: Anne Marie Howser
by: Wayne and Melanie Hoffman

as of August 28, 2022



REMINDERS

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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Journeying Through Grief

*Tuesday evenings, October 4 – November 1, 2022 from 7 – 8:30pm
First Lutheran Church, Ellicott City
(Library)*

“We love because God first loved us.” – 1 John 4:19

“Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. – 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Throughout our lives, we experience various losses: the death of a loved one, divorce, leaving home, changing jobs, broken friendships, or life transitions. As a natural response to those losses, we experience grief.

And, in the presence of our grief, the ever-abiding love of God accompanies us as we Journey Through Grief.

Beginning October 4th and concluding on All Saints Day, November 1st, our Stephen Ministry team will be providing an opportunity for those who are experiencing grief in their lives to journey through that grief accompanied by God's love. Weekly sessions are held on Tuesday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30pm at First Lutheran Church, in the Library, and will give participants permission to grieve in a supportive, healing environment as they open up to opportunities for change, growth, validation and new insight.

To register, please complete the form below and drop it off or mail it to the church office:

Attn: Cheryl Mason, Stephen Minister & Journeying Through Grief Facilitator, First Lutheran Church, 3604 Chatham Rd., Ellicott City, MD 21042.

You may also register by calling Cheryl Mason directly at (443) 838-0947, emailing her at (cherylmsmason@gmail.com) or emailing the church office at (flcoffice@firstlutheranec.org).

Registration Form

Journeying Through Grief Support Class (October 4, 11, 18, 25, and November 1, 2022)

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

RECONCILING IN CHRIST UPDATE

The Reconciling in Christ Team gathers twice monthly, and when we leave, we feel fed by the Holy Spirit. We usually start with one topic for discussion, and it quickly expands into a wide ranging conversation about the gospel; who we are as church; what our priorities should be; where the Holy Spirit is calling us; what new ideas we could try to live into our mission of Welcoming, Growing, and Sharing in God's grace.

At our last meeting, we read a passage in Acts, in which the early church identifies and taps new leaders. This led us to a discussion about how to identify, nurture, and activate new leaders, through education, communication, empowerment, and discussions of grace and faithful growth.

Since July, we've been talking to folks about their experiences at First, how they first felt welcomed, how their involvement grew, and what they'd like to see us sharing in the near future. Look for information about what we are hearing and learning, which we'll be sharing on the new website.

Welcoming
intentionally

Growing
authentically

Sharing
in community

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.

Our congregation council met on September 20, 2022 in a hybrid fashion (on-site and via ZOOM). Council spent time with devotions centered on our call as leaders in God's church as it continues to experience life in God's karios (time), reviewed ministry reports received by various staff and ministry leaders, and took the following actions:

Motions approved:

- New Members to be received at an upcoming worship service.
- Partner with St John's Community Assoc. in holding a Flea Market/Yard Sale on Oct 15, 2022 (rain date: Oct 22, 2022) for the benefit of Ukraine Relief through Lutheran World Relief.
- New signage for the exterior of the building to better serve visitors to our property (not to exceed \$6,000 paid from memorial gifts funds).
- Approved serving as a Ministerial Fieldwork site for United Lutheran Seminary for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Received the following report from our finance committee:

Congregation Income and Expense Financial Statistics

August was a strong month for First Lutheran from a finance ministry perspective. Revenues were higher than August in either of the past two years and expenses were comparable with the previous two years. We continue to monitor our spending and income as we move into the fall of the year.

While our income has improved in recent months, our long-term income projections continue to reflect a potential short-fall in revenue to cover expenses contained in the 2023 Faith Spending Plan. We will continue to monitor those expenses. At the same time, our Discernment Team has provided a recommendation and several other potential discussion items for our council to consider in the coming months. Please know that the congregation will be kept in the communication loop as we move forward.

A financial snapshot is provided in the chart on the following page. On the unrestricted side of the Faith Spending Plan, we posted positive monthly and year-to-date numbers. (Please note, we have previously approved property motions that total approximately \$50,000 in expenses which will be paid in the coming months.) The restricted side of the Faith Spending Plan posted a positive figure for the month and continues to reflect a financial deficit year-to-date. As a reminder, the restricted side of our Faith Spending Plan contains income and expenses for specific (therefore restricted) items that are not covered by the general, unrestricted offering. Many of these expenses are being paid from income that was generated in previous years (such as from last year's Capital Reserve appeal).

COUNCIL CORNER
Greg Seen, Council Secretary
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Unrestricted giving and expenses (Faith Spending Plan)

	August 2022	YEAR TO DATE (Thru 8/31/2022)
Income	\$70,985.81	\$554,559.30
Expense	\$58,018.43	\$494,754.45
Net	+ \$ 12,967.38	+ \$ 59,804.85

Restricted giving and expenses:

	August 2022	YEAR TO DATE (Thru 8/31/2022)
Income	\$ 7,310.00	\$ 57,839.50
Expense	\$ 2,127.00	\$ 142,774.90
Net	+ \$ 5,183.00	- \$ 84,935.40

Your financial offerings are a blessing! They really are life-giving funds that enable all the various ministries to which God continues to call us, especially those mission priorities for this particular 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.



A NOTE OF THANKS

Disciples from First volunteered at Home of Our Own as part of God's Work, Our Hands weekend.

Email from HOOO Howard County President Betty Pearson:

What an exhausting but awesome work day we had at our Gateway Center. An amazing group of volunteers from the First Evangelical Lutheran Church joined us Saturday to help us get caught up on much needed tasks.

Thank you to the HOOO team members who assisted in each of the areas: Steve Clinger, Scott Maclean, Kristi Marton, Nancy Gray, Shawn Finnan, Dallas Pearson, Betty Pearson

Tv's were tested, cleaned and new batteries in remotes ready to be donated to clients.

Mattresses, box springs, frames and headboards were placed in sets ready to be delivered.

Lamps were tested, cleaned, matched up with shades and displayed for easy selection.

Volunteers organized, counted and boxed up items to be sold at next Saturdays yard sale at the First Episcopal Church at Dobbin Road and Oakland Mills Road from 9am-2pm. Come out and support us.

We thank First Evangelical for all their support.



Volunteers from First were:

Nancy Louia
Betty Kohls Stehman
Cindy Starr
Amy and Grace Isler
Marty Falls
Bob Huebner
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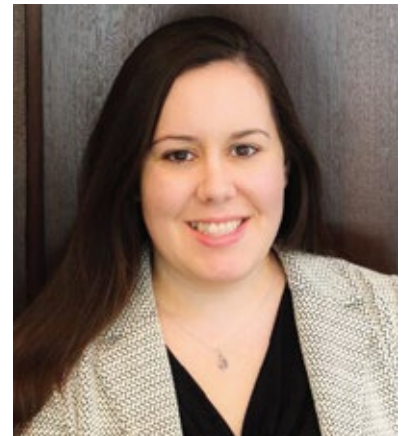
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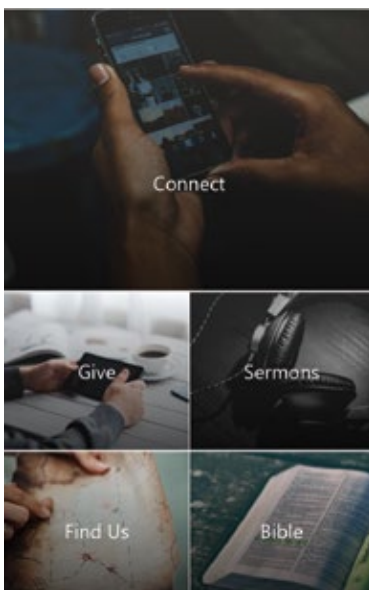
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Be sure to opt-in for push notifications, so that you don't miss FELC updates.

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.

You are welcome to grow, and share in God's grace with us!

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Did you know that even if you have to miss a service, you don't have to miss an opportunity to give? There are several easy and convenient ways to consistently give.



1. Website - Select the "GIVE" tab
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or death in the family
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call:
410-465-6779

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