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CHURCH**

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Messenger

NEWSLETTER

Praising God | Nurturing Faith | Serving All

INTERIM PASTORS

Amber Remillard
Barbara Rolph

OFFICE HOURS

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

COMMUNION

Served each Sunday

COFFEE HOUR

Following Sunday worship

YOUTUBE

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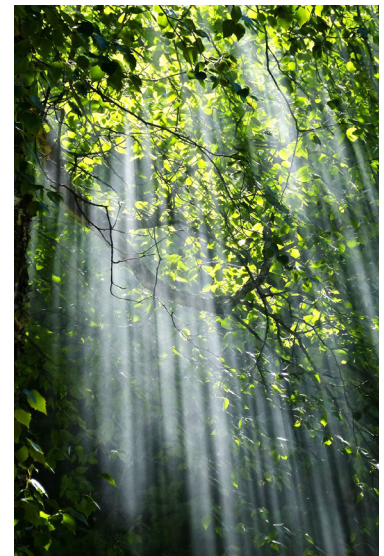
PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends of First Lutheran:

Summer is upon us with heat and activities. Pastors Amber and Barbara are stepping back for a while to rest and regroup. One of us will fill in as needed. Pastor Barbara is home for June on a semi-vacation, and recovering from bronchitis. Pastor Amber is busy with children home from school and job duties.

This is the season of post Pentecost, which is sometimes referred to as Ordinary Time. During this time period the scripture lessons lift up issues people face in ordinary times. All of us have had everyday problems and blessings not unlike folks did in biblical times. This is the beauty of scriptures. The Old Testament lifts up people who made mistakes and sinned, but God turned them around and used them for good. Examples are Joseph and King David among others. In the New Testament the Apostle Paul also was converted and became a great disciple.

God is able to use all of us for some greater good in the church, community and world. We may not be famous and do great things, but we can make a difference in someone's life.



Let us remember Jesus' many teachings and scriptures as we go forth and continue to serve Christ. Meanwhile, have a safe summer and remember to support the church in prayer and finances.

Blessings,
Pastor Barbara

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208-290-3880

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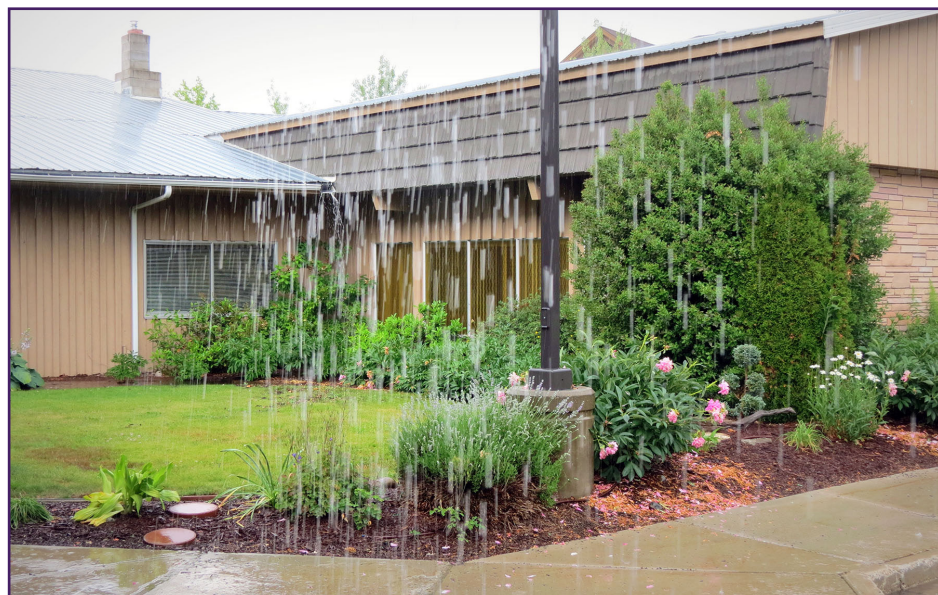
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HEAVY SPRING RAIN AT FLC

The Pend Oreille Chorale's June 9 concert was held here at FLC. Between its performance of "Alleluia" and local composer Mark Reiner's "Spring Rain," a sudden downpour, complete with lightning and thunder, erupted outside and water began pouring into the sanctuary. Choir members quickly moved off the floor to the first riser, and Jim Payne sprang into action, retrieving a bucket and mops, and, with the help of flautist Alisha Dawson's family, enabled the concert to continue. Many couldn't help but enjoy the irony of "Spring Rain's" opening line, "I feel, I feel the holy, gentle rain."

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS, 6-14-2023

PROPERTY:

The Bonner County Board of Commissioners has denied First Lutheran Church's request for tax exempt status for Luther Park per Idaho Code #63-602. Sharon Roget will send a copy of the commissioners' letter to Senior Services of America.

FLC should receive Senior Services of America's contract to become the new management company for Luther Park by Friday, June 16.

The contract bid with Vyve to separate phone and internet from Luther Park submitted by Don Farnham was approved. The cost per month will be \$494.97 for a 60-month contract. This includes the fire suppression line.

PASTORAL SERVICES:

Rev. Dave Walker from Spokane will be conducting services on July 9 and July 16.

The Call Committee has not received any candidates for Pastoral services from Pastor Phil Misner from the Synod.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Volunteers are needed to weed the landscaping at the parsonage located at 1110 Elm St. Rather than an organized event, volunteers are asked to work on their own time and to bring their own tools.

FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Upcoming council meeting dates are set for set for July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, and December 13.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Thurston
Council Secretary

Sunday Readings for June

June 4..... Holy Trinity

Gen 1:1-2:4a

Ps 8

2 Cor 13:11-13

Matt 28:16-20

June 11.... Lectionary 10

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Ps 50:7-15

Rom 4:13-25

Matt 9:9-13, 18-26

Jun 18Lectionary 11

Exod 19:2-8a

Ps 100

Rom 5:1-8

Matt 9:35-10:8 [9-23]

Jun 25.....Lectionary 12

Jer 20:7-13

Ps 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

Rom 16:1b-11

Matt 10:24-39

Year A 2023

Church Year Calendar





COMMUNION FOR LP RESIDENTS

Those residents of Luther Park who would like shut-in communion, please contact the Church office at 208-263-2048 during office hours, Tue-Thurs.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

In May, FLC member donations totaled 68 pounds of food and \$55 in cash.

Bags of Blessings—

This month's contributions will be collected on Sunday, June 25th. Cash donations may be given directly to Marie Beebout. Foods and household and personal items that are especially needed are listed above the Bags of Blessings box outside the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your participation!

NEWSY NOTES

FROM NW INTERMTN SYNOD: NEW BISHOP ELECTED

Rev. Dr. Meggan Manlove was recently elected to succeed Bishop Kristen E.M. Kuempel as Bishop of the NW Intermountain Synod.

Currently serving Trinity Lutheran in Nampa, Rev. Manlove graduated from the University of Chicago Divinity School, was ordained in 2004, and holds a Doctor of Ministry from San Francisco Theological Seminary. Her duties will officially begin in July.

The Assembly gave Bishop Kuempel a standing ovation and expressed thanks for her six years of service.

THANK YOU FROM HELPING HANDS HEALING HEARTS

From February through April, FLC members participated in Helping Hands Healing Hearts' (HHHH) Samaritan Pouch fundraiser, coordinated by Tina Sundquist. HHHH is a joint ministry of Sandpoint area churches with

donations this year totaling over \$14,000.

A recent note from co-directors John and Cathy Pomeroy reads: "Thank you so much for participating in our Samaritan Pouch Fundraiser. Your generous people gave a total of \$430.67. That is an amazing blessing, and we are deeply thankful for your partnership in this ministry."

The focus of HHHH's mission is to help the needy in the Sandpoint area. Their spring newsletter says, "Together we fulfill being sheep on the right that feed and clothe 'the least of these,' as well as help with financial and spiritual needs. This pleases our heavenly Father as well as blesses our community."

To learn more about Helping Hands Healing Hearts and their plans for building The Good Samaritan Inn, see their website: <https://helping7b.org>

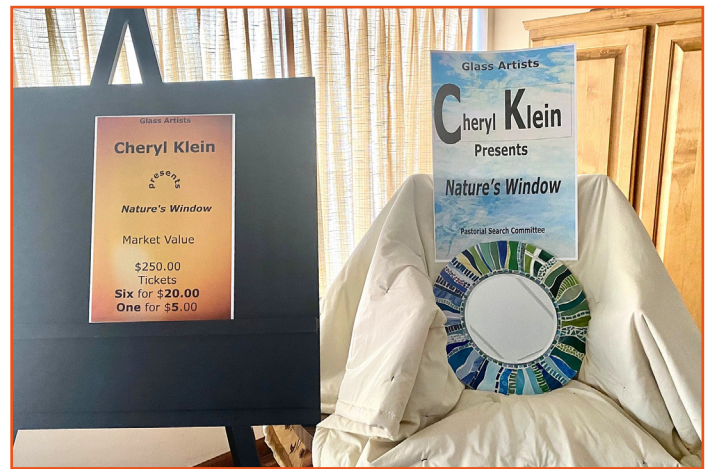


WOMEN'S SYNOD LUNCHEON GATHERING

The church will host a Salad/Dessert luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, August 12. Women from all of the Synod's churches are invited to attend. There is no registration fee.

The theme this year is "Shoulder to Shoulder, Side by Side." Plans for the event include a business meeting, speaker, and short presentations by Helping Hands Healing Hearts and Panhandle Special Needs.

Attendees will participate in a service project - tying fleece blankets - that will be donated to Helping Hands Healing Hearts.



Half of the thank offering taken at the event will go to Panhandle Special Needs and half to the Synod.

Raffle Tickets Available

FLC members are invited to purchase raffle tickets on two donated items pictured here, a special hand-crafted mirror created by Cheryl Klein and a beautiful quilt made by Lynn Youngren.

Purchase a ticket for \$5 or 6 tickets for \$20 through the month of August. They'll be available during coffee hours after worship or at the church office. Proceeds from the raffle will go to the Pastor Search Committee.

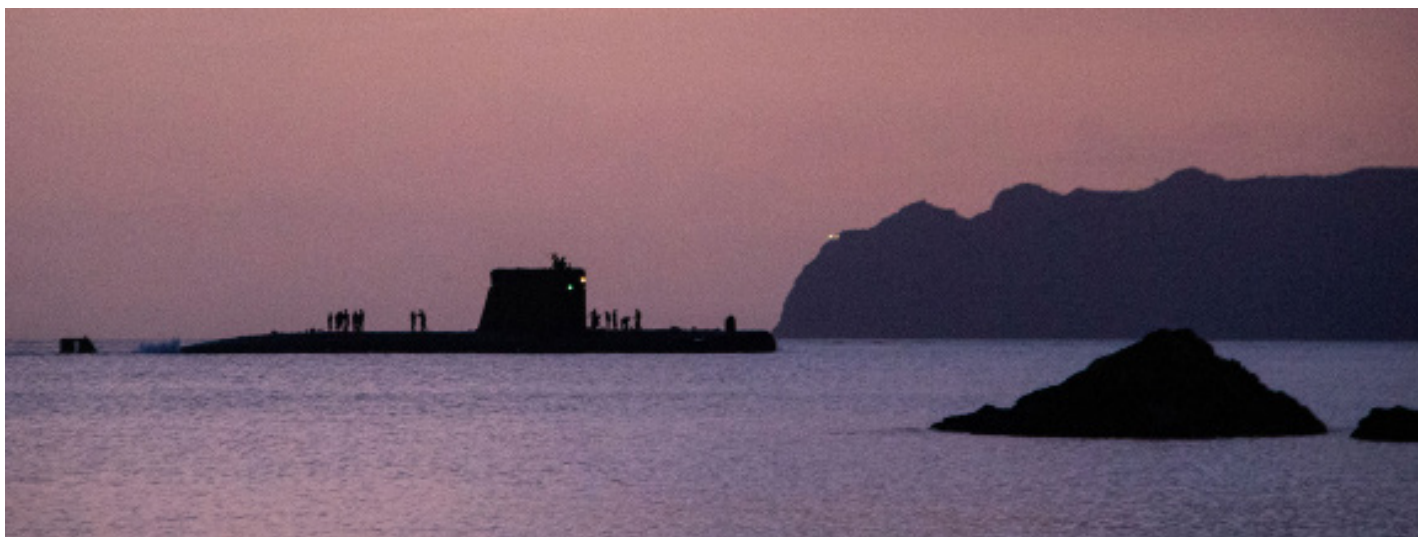


CHURCH YARD CLEAN-UP

Linda Lacy reports that more than a dozen hearty folks showed up May 21st to gather and haul away leaves and branches, plant some new plants, and spread some of the 30 bags of mulch she donated to the cause. Thanks to everyone. It's really made a difference!

THANK YOU FROM LYNNE

Lynne Campbell would like to thank those kind souls -- Keith Carter, Sharon Roget, and Pastor Barbara -- who covered her office duties while she was away on vacation. The help was so very much appreciated!



COLLECTING GROMMETS FOR THE NEW USS IDAHO SUBMARINE

As part of a statewide effort, the Idaho State Society of Daughters of the American Revolution has asked all its members to collect brass grommets from retired American flags.

The grommets will be used to make a bell for the new USS Idaho SSN 799, a “leading-edge Virginia Class nuclear-powered fast attack submarine.” In the process of being built by General Dynamics Electric Boat in Connecticut, the USS Idaho SSN 799 will be the fifth boat to carry the USS Idaho name.

According to the commissioning committee website: “She will be christened sometime between late 2023 and spring 2024, and is likely to be commissioned into the Navy fleet during the spring of 2025. Much of the advanced acoustic stealth technology came from the US Navy’s premier Acoustic Research Laboratory in Bayview, Idaho on Lake Pend Oreille and is home to the largest unmanned submarine in the world.

The Navy facility is located on the former Camp Farragut; the second largest of seven Navy bootcamps in WWII, training almost 300k sailors during the war.”

If you have American flags ready to retire and would like to contribute to this effort, cut the tape with the grommets off the edge of the flag and put it in Trish Thurston’s mailbox. She’ll be collecting them through the summer. Thank you!

For more information, the Commissioning Committee’s website is: <https://ussidahocommittee.org>

WEEKLY BOOK GROUP

FLC’s newly formed book group is meeting on Fridays at 10 AM in the church library. We’re enjoying reading “The Sermon on the Mount” by Emmet Fox. New members are welcome. Contact Sharon Roget if you’d like to join and need a copy of the book.

NEW LUTHER PARK MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Negotiations with Senior Services of America to complete contractual agreements have begun/are continuing, and I have been in regular communication with them as First Lutheran's selected liaison for the transition for contract negotiations (Thank you Ray/FLC Council).

SSA has been gearing up for their arrival and are expecting to be on site soon to begin the transition phase, pending the finalization of the contract and then its signing. Regular emails and other communications have been occurring for completing licensure steps for the transition in management as per state guidelines as well.

Senior Services of America continues to be excited about Luther Park and have provided an outline of the transition steps to be completed. They have been a tremendous guide to ensuring appropriate steps are taken for a smooth transition and will continue to be in communication with Luther Park Board as we inch closer to their official start date, August 1.

Jerry and Randy both wanted to share their appreciation for the hospitality shown to them during their visit to Luther Park in May to meet with residents and answer questions in preparation to their selection. They were both presented with a gift basket of salmon, cod and raspberry jam from Jim and Diana Carlson as a thank you for clearing their schedules to eagerly and willingly be present for that meeting.

SSA executives have expressed that they feel a sense of pride in being selected to join the team and have repeatedly expressed their excitement and awe in the beauty and design of Luther Park. They note that they are ready to jump in and get started as soon as possible.

Please help me in thanking the other members of the contract committee: Walt Ebel (council), Diana Carlson (board), Dan Staglund (congregation) for their work and collaboration to assist with deciphering contracts and ensuring that all parties involved are represented and best interests are considered for contract negotiations.

Thank you to Jim and Diana Carlson for covering a portion of the legal fees to ensure FLC and Luther Park are legally protected and represented!

Thank you all who have shown confidence in the management search committee, contract committee, and in my leadership with both committees. I know I do not have to say what a challenge this transition is; but your continued encouragement and prayers are so warmly appreciated!

More updates to come as things progress.

-- Tiffany Wright





At FLC: Community Organizations

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild (non-profit)

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

Contact: Linda Oldridge,
208-597-1598

Food Addicts Anonymous

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

Contact: Brenda Swenson,
208-255-9339

Women's Circles

Phoebe Bible Study

Fourth Tuesday each month
9:30 AM | Library Room
Gather Magazine is used
Contact: Judy Payne
208-263-3564

Mary's Circle

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

Faith Bible Study

Fourth Tuesday each month
1:00 PM | Conference Room
Contact: Sharon Roget
208-610-9005
Faith Bible Study is open to all. Come and build lasting relationships.

Yoga Ministry

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

Quilting Groups

Bosom Buddies

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

Lutheran World Relief

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

Stitches of Love

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

