

First Impressions

First Lutheran Church

January 2022

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Worship Times

Sundays 8:30 & 11:15 a.m.

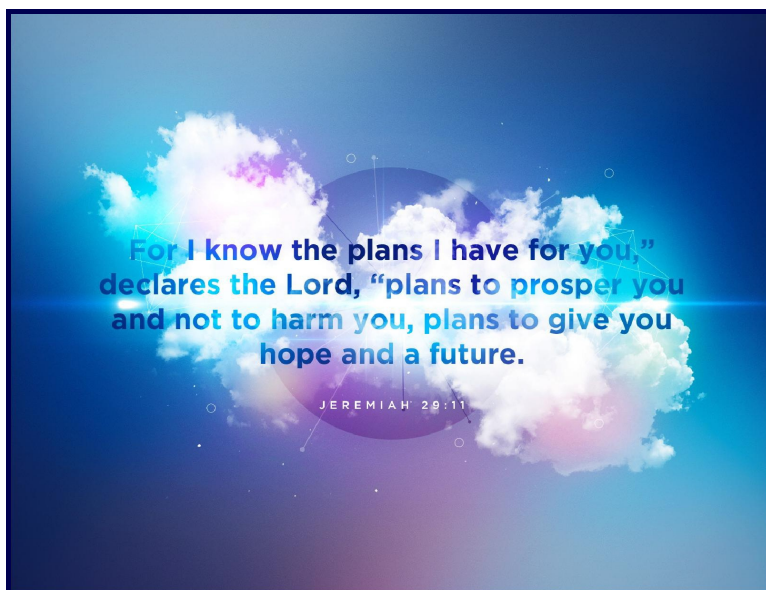
Contemporary Worship 2nd & 4th Sundays @

11:15 a.m. with live worship team

Communion 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays

Mid-week Worship

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. during Advent & Lent



**“That which we have seen
and heard concerning the Word
of Life, we proclaim to you.”**

FLC Statistics for DECEMBER 2021

Confirmed Membership.....	249
Baptized Membership.....	308
Child Baptisms	(0)
Adult Baptisms	(0)
Jr. Confirmands	(0)
New Confirmed Members	(0)
New Baptized Members	(0)
Transfers Out (Confirmed)	(0)
Transfers Out (Baptized)	(0)
Releases (Confirmed)	(0)
Releases (Baptized)	(0)
Deaths.....	(0)
Weddings	(0)



Shane & Shawna Locke	Jan 7
Steve & Becky Hackney	Jan 11
Herm & Karen Arends	Jan 24

Office Deadlines

- Bulletin announcements are due no later than Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. unless otherwise advertised
- Newsletter articles and information are due no later than the 15th day of the month.



Aaron Doig	Jan 1
Thomas Rasmussen	Jan 1
Patricia Mishler	Jan 2
Tim Aben.	Jan 3
Lydia Longden.	Jan 4
Elisa Hatter	Jan 6
Sylvia VanLangevelde.	Jan 6
Becky Hackney	Jan 8
Drew Kregel	Jan 10
Grant Goff	Jan 15
Blake DeWyse.	Jan 15
Kathy Spotts	Jan 16
Vickie Yankee	Jan 16
Tyson Vorce	Jan 17
Jonah Longden.	Jan 18
Chuck Carr.	Jan 21
Justin Keiffer	Jan 22
Chris Olson	Jan 23
Paul Yankee	Jan 25
Amanda Ells	Jan 26
Liz Latoszewski	Jan 28
James Beal II	Jan 31
Rhian Hackney.	Jan 31

If you have a birthday or anniversary this month and you do not see your name listed, please let the church office know so we can update our records.
Church office: 517-543-4360 ext. 221

EMERGENCIES!

If you have a pastoral emergency such as a hospitalization, death in the family, or are in need of urgent Christian counsel, please call Intentional Interim Pastor, Jim Eggert (517) 703-6529 OR Specific Ministry Pastor for Care Ministries, Mark Gawura at (517) 667-6853 OR Specific Ministry Pastor for Youth and Family Ministry, Daniel Longden at (248) 802-2392.



First Lutheran Phone Number is 517-543-4360:

Church Office (Amy) - extension 221
Pastor Eggert - extension 222
Pastor Daniel Longden - extension 229
Kitchen - extension 224

**If you call the church and do not get an answer, please leave a message- we may be in the office but unable to answer the phone at the moment. Thank you.*

WORSHIP WITH US

Weekly Sunday Worship at 8:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Traditional worship with communion

on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays at both 8:30 & 11:15 a.m.

Traditional non-communion worship at 8:30 a.m. on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Modern Worship with Worship Music Team at 11:15 a.m. on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

You may wear a mask if you so desire. Hand sanitizer will be available.

STREAMING AND ONLINE WORSHIP

If you are immune compromised and cannot attend in-person worship,

or if you are unable to attend for another reason,

please join us for worship online by going to <https://www.facebook.com/flcharlotte/live>

The worship services will be livestreamed at both 8:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

The worship services will be available for viewing after the livestream has ended.



INSTALLATION OF PASTOR ESTERLINE

Pastor Sean Esterline will be installed as Pastor of First Lutheran Church on Sunday, January 30, 4:00 p.m. A dinner will follow.



ELECTRONIC GIVING AVAILABLE

First Lutheran has an electronic giving option called Kindrid.

To utilize this option simply go to our website at www.firstlutherancharlotte.org look for the Kindrid smart giving logo below where the sermons are on our homepage and click on it.

Or you may go to the drop down menu (the three lines together) at the top of our website homepage and click on “give.”

Thank you for your continued support to your church ♥



FLC SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

January 2 - Christmas Break - No Sunday School

January 9 - 10 a.m. Sunday School Resumes



DONATIONS FOR FIRST LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL/DAYCARE

Our preschool/daycare is in need of donations of hats, mittens, snow pants, etc.

(the greatest need is mittens). For snow pants, sizes 3t, 4t, and 5t are needed. For mittens sizes 2t - 4t, or size small, are needed. Please leave donations of these items in the church office and Amy will see the preschool gets them. Thank you ♥

CHOIR REHEARSAL

The FLC Choir will be rehearsing every Wednesday in January at 7:00 p.m. in preparation to sing at the Installation of Pastor Esterline on January 30.



BIBLE STUDIES AT FIRST

- † Sunday Morning Bible Studies at 10:00 a.m. for Adults and Teens.
- † Monday Morning Men's Bible Study 7:00 a.m. at the Eaton Place Restaurant.
- † Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study 9:30 a.m. in the FLC Library (*recessed until Jan. 6, 2022*)



ELISABETH GUILD

Everyone is invited to join the Elisabeth Guild on Thursday, January 6, 1:00 p.m. as they dine out at the Eaton Place Restaurant, Charlotte. Please let Marj Huva know by Tuesday, January 4th if you plan to go (517) 543-1615.



FLC COMMUNITY DINNER

Our next Community Dinner will be held on Monday, January 17, 6:00 p.m. This dinner is free to anyone in our community or congregation regardless of need and will be dine-in. Helpers are needed please. If you would like to help, please contact George Hatter at 517-213-1939.



FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH MIDNIGHT MADNESS

Friday, January 28, 7:00 p.m. - Midnight.
Pizza, snacks, and games, in a Christian environment.
Friends are welcome.
Adults to help supervise are needed please.
Questions? Please text Daniel Longden at 248-802-2392 or call 517-543-4360 ext. 229.



The Staff of First Lutheran Church
and First Lutheran Preschool and Daycare
Wish all of you a very Blessed and Safe New Year!
Thank you for the Love and Generosity you have shown to the staff of FLC.
We are very blessed to serve both the you and the Lord
here at First Lutheran and FLPD ♥

**The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry – Newsletter Article – January 2022**

“In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ” (Acts 20:35)

And indeed, it is. Does this not strike a chord that resonates in us all? Which of us can’t recall the look of surprise and thanks for the Christmas gifts that we labored to give to those whom we love? And the joy written on their face when that gift is received with thanksgiving means more than all the gifts we have received. It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Our Lord knew this because He practiced it. He gave of Himself – sparing not even His life in death – in order to give us back to our Father in heaven. He knew that in giving you get more because joy is multiplied in giving. The one who receives and the one who gives both rejoice in what is given and received. And, what is more, the one who receives only wants to give back to the one who gave so generously in thanksgiving.

So it is with our tithes and offerings in church. We want to give because we have received from God all that we are and all that we have. Our giving does not originate in what we must do to earn God’s favor. We have God’s favor because of His gift of His Son, given through Word and Sacrament. Thus, we are made free from the compulsion of giving so that our tithes and offering are freely given in thanksgiving for what God has so generously given to us.

Why then does the church struggle to make budgets? Why does the church always seem stretched so thin when it is the place where God continually gives us His forgiveness of sins? Why does the church struggle when God, out of love for us, generously pours out His grace and mercy?

It is because we are sinners. Our fallen nature makes us selfish and miserly. It leads us to believe that we can have our cake and eat it, too. Because of sin, we want God’s grace and mercy; we want His blessings of body and soul. But we don’t want to share it with those around us. We want to remain comfortable in our own self-contained, neat, and tidy lives – without the headaches of loving those around us by helping them in their time of need.

“Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ” Remember that God has placed you in a church, not only to receive His grace and mercy, but to press His eternal and temporal blessings into service to your neighbor.

Your tithes and offerings ensure that those around you have a pastor to preach the life-saving and life-giving Word of God. They ensure that the lights, heat, and air-conditioning are working. They ensure there is water for Holy Baptism as well as bread and wine for Holy Communion. They even ensure that your pastor has food and clothing and presents for his own family. The gifts of God are immeasurable. They multiply and redound to everyone’s good as the fish and loaves in the feeding of the five thousand.

So, remember the words of the Lord Jesus: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” And remember the joy that attended the gifts you gave at Christmas. This same joy attends your gifts to the church.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



WHAT WE BELIEVE

Scripture Alone

We believe that the Holy Scriptures in their entirety are the inspired and infallible Word of God and that they alone are the only source and norm of faith and life for the Christian. We believe that the Bible is complete and requires no additions from any other source and that it clearly reveals God's plan of salvation for mankind.

Faith Alone

We believe that man was originally created holy by God but later rebelled against God and is now, by his nature, spiritually dead and blind. Only when man is brought to faith by the Holy Spirit working through the Word of God is it possible for man to be saved. Faith is God's work - not man's work - and comes only by hearing the Word of God. Man is justified before God by faith alone and not by good deeds.

Grace Alone

We believe that we are saved by grace alone and that man cannot earn his way into God's favor. Grace is the undeserved love of God who sent His Son Jesus into the world to take our place under God's law and to suffer and die to pay the penalty for our sins. Whoever trusts in that redemptive act of Jesus Christ will not perish but have everlasting life.