

# First Notes!

May 31, 2020  
*The Day of Pentecost*



*First Lutheran Church & Little Lambs Preschool*

6300 Southern Maryland Blvd + Huntingtown. MD 20639

410-257-3030 + LLPS 410-257-3530  
Traditional Worship 8:00am  
Contemporary Worship 10:45am  
Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm  
firstlutheranchurch.org  
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*Joyfully Proclaim God's Word and Enthusiastically Share Christ's Love*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I don't travel much anymore. Work used to take me on many long trips. My method to survive – crash in the seat and hope I awoke as we started descending. But I usually woke up before then wondering, “*Are we in the middle somewhere or near the end?*”

Today is Pentecost. Jesus has ascended to heaven. He promised to come back ... a day we call the “last day.” As we wait, it's natural to think, “*I wonder when that day will come.*” Peter gives us a clue. As he speaks to the crowds on Pentecost, he says, “*But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: 'And in the last days it shall be ... I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh ...'*” (Acts 2:16-17)”

According to Peter we're in the last days ... he said they began when the Spirit was poured out on the disciples. But Peter also mentions the final last day, “*the day of the Lord, the great and magnificent day*” (Acts 2:20).” Jesus will return on the final last day. So ... today we're somewhere in the middle. But, something like waking up in the middle of a long journey, we don't know where.

This uncertainty can be problematic. First, distress might set in because we hear about fire, smoke, and the sun turning to darkness ... scary things indeed. Or, complacency might set in as we think we've got plenty of time to sort things out before the day of the Lord.

But there's a third option – “*It shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved*” (Acts 2:20-21).” As we live in these last days, we trust Jesus' promise that His return will be a great and magnificent day. So, let's not be distressed ... let's trust His promise. And let's not get complacent ... let's serve Him by proclaiming the good news to all we meet in words and deeds that they too might be saved along with us.

In Christian Love,  
Pastor Jim

*Prepare for worship this Sunday. Our readings for  
May 31st will be Numbers 11:24-30;  
Acts 2:1-21; and John 7:37-39*

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE ...** While we have paused our In-Person worship services, the costs to maintain our facility, staff, and outreach continue. We truly appreciate your continued faithful giving in this difficult time. You can continue your support of First Lutheran Church by:

1. On-line: [firstlutheranchurch.org/donate-now](https://firstlutheranchurch.org/donate-now) (be sure to enter the web address carefully)
2. Mail: First Lutheran Church  
6300 Southern Maryland Blvd.  
Huntingtown, MD 20639
3. Drop off: at the Church office, either in the outside mailbox, or in Nancy's mail slot in the church hallway.

Praying for safety and wellness to all our faithful members and families.

~ Jeff Lauer, Financial Secretary

## *Congregational Voters' Assembly June 7th*

On **June 7th**, immediately following the 10:00am service, we will meet (via Zoom) for a Congregational Voters' Assembly. Please plan on attending this important meeting to approve the next fiscal year budget, and elect new leadership.

*Trent Wolfersberger, BOD Chairman*



**Celebrate your graduate!** Tell us who in your family is graduating this May/June. Remember those who graduated mid-year. Please email Nancy at [flc@firstlutheranchurch.org](mailto:flc@firstlutheranchurch.org) to let us know as we wish to acknowledge their accomplishment. We will print a list of our graduates in our newsletter on Sun., June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**First Lutheran Live!**

**First Lutheran Live offers live access to worship services, Bible Studies and classes, and small groups through Zoom.**

**+++ Worship +++**

The **livestream will open 15 minutes before services** start to enable you to catch up with others in virtual fellowship.

Please **submit your prayer requests and any questions** you may have about the readings, message, or other areas through Zoom’s chat feature.

Sunday Worship at 10am: -  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88993441481>

Wednesday Evening Worship at 6:30pm:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86706775659>  
 (Waiting Room is enabled)

Join Services by phone by calling (301)715-8592 and entering the following codes:

Sunday Worship at 10am: **88993441481**  
 Wednesday Worship at 6:30pm: **86706775659**

**+++ Bible Studies and Classes +++**  
**(Waiting Room enabled. Please wait for Host to welcome you.)**

**Sunday**  
 Sunday Adult Bible Class at 11am  
 (resumes 6/14/20):  
<https://zoom.us/j/693123953>  
 Phone Meeting ID: **693123953**

Fellowship and Voters Assembly Information  
 Date: May 31  
 Join us via Zoom at 11am.

Sunday Confirmation Class at 12:30pm:  
<https://zoom.us/j/202689804>  
 Phone Meeting ID: **202689804**

Youth Group on Sundays and Wednesdays at 4pm:  
<https://zoom.us/j/881186873>  
 Phone Meeting ID: **881186873**

Armor of God Study 6:30pm  
*(starts May 31 meets every other week)*  
 Meeting ID: **89307199095**

**Monday**  
**“Beautiful Feet”**

The Gospel According to Matthew includes thirty references to the kingdom of heaven. The “Kingdom” was something for which Jewish people were hoping and waiting. It would be the culmination of all their needs, their desires, and their dreams. When the Promised One, the King, came, everything would be all right. All people, no matter when or where they live---no matter what their nationality or country---have needs, desires, hopes and dreams. Can the answer to all our searchings be found in the King and the Kingdom, promised by God? How does a person become a citizen of this kingdom? What duties and responsibilities does citizenship in this kingdom bring? (quote from Pauline and Leonard Erdman). This study is meant to enhance the Gospel readings from Lectionary Year A so that by the season of Pentecost the entire book of Matthew has been studied in depth.

Join our Beautiful Feet on a journey to study the Gospel of Matthew on Monday evenings, **at 7:30 PM** (EST) using the platform Zoom via smart phones or iPads or desktop computers, we will study Part 2 of the Matthew Lifelight series.

Contact Dawn Boyd ([dawn\\_boyd@me.com](mailto:dawn_boyd@me.com)) for information on how to use your email address to receive an invitational link. Jesus followers from locations around the country gather together via the Holy Spirit and our screens. Get your email address registered with Dawn by May 2. The class study book can be obtained from Concordia Publishing House (cph.org) or 1-800-325-3040. The item is from Concordia’s Lifelight series and is item # 203311(Matthew Part 2 student’s guide and enrichment magazine) and it sells for \$9.99. Behold! A light in the darkness! Our King is the answer!

**Wednesday**

Lunch Bunch Bible Study  
<https://zoom.us/j/397280685>  
 Phone Meeting ID: **397280685**

**+++ Youth Group and Small Groups +++**  
**(Waiting Room enabled. Please wait for Host to welcome you.)**

**Sunday and Wednesday**

Youth Group at 4:00 p.m.  
<https://zoom.us/j/881186873>  
 Phone Meeting ID: **881186873**

**Saturday**

**“Sunday School on Saturday” - 9 – 10:00am**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/96125984062?pwd=SHJlbWVpQ3VEcjBOQk1zVmExS0N1Zz09>

In this week’s lesson, “A Tree View,” students learn about Zacchaeus, a wealthy tax collector, who anxiously awaits the arrival of Jesus. Short of stature, Zacchaeus climbs a tree to see the Savior. Despite criticism, Jesus invites Himself to the tax collector’s home. Motivated by Christ’s compassion, Zacchaeus confesses his sin and promises to make restitution. Families could discuss, “How does Jesus motivate you to make a difference in your world?”

**Men’s Fellowship - 10:00am – Noon**

Please join us for men’s Fellowship [on Saturday morning beginning at 10 am](#). We will be discussing “Speaking of Jesus”, a podcast presented by The Lutheran Hour. This week’s discussion centers around our own experiences of life in lockdown. Please feel free to review the podcast in advance. It’s also great to listen with the family as well. We hope to see you there! ~ Todd & David

<https://zoom.us/j/339451332>

Phone Meeting ID: **339451332**

**(See our website for the links to the podcasts)**

**Contact the church office for information on all church meetings and events.**

<i>This Week at FLC</i>			
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>31</b>	Worship Service (on-line) Confirmation Class (on line) Youth Group (on line) Armor of God Study (on line)	10:00a 12:30p 4:00p 6:30p
<b>Monday</b>	<b>1</b>	UFO (on-line) Beautiful Feet Bible Study	7:00p 7:30p
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3</b>	Youth Group (on line) Worship Service (on line)	4:00p 6:30p
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6</b>	Sunday School (on-line) Men’s Bible Study (on-line)	9:00a 10:00a
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7</b>	Worship Service (on line) Voters Assembly (on line) Youth Group (on line)	10:00a 11:00a 4:00p

**New FLC office Hours: Monday - Thursday -9:00a - 2:00p**



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## Prayer Ministry of First Lutheran Church

Prayer is the privilege of every Christian. Through Jesus' death and resurrection God brings forgiveness of sins and makes every believing person part of His family, the church. At the initiative of His grace, the Holy Spirit empowers faith for eternal life as well as faith for answered prayer. Prayer is conversation between a child of God and their heavenly Father.

*Pray continually; give thanks  
in all circumstances...* 1 Thess. 5:17-18a

**Our Country:** President, Vice President, Congress, Leaders Local, National, & International.

**For Those Currently serving in the Military.**

*Our God is compassionate...* Psalm 116:5

*"I am the Lord who heals you..."* Exodus 15:26

Prayer requests may be submitted to the church's email address, through the website, or by calling the church office (410-257-3030). Prayer requests may be removed after 3 weeks pending updates.



**FREE (Digital)  
Vacation Bible School  
July 13-17, 2020**

Register at [www.firstlutheranchurch.org](http://www.firstlutheranchurch.org)  
& invite friends!

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### Need an errand run for you?

Call the church office and we'll reach out to those who've volunteered to help out in this area. If you are willing to run an errand, please let us know and we'll add you to the list.

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### Food Pantry News

We are in need of donations of **spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce and diced tomatoes** at this time. Also, Giant or Safeway gift cards would be helpful.

FLC Members and friends...remember that the Food Pantry is available for you also, as needed.



### BUILDING COMMITTEE:

On Sunday, Feb. 23, the Voters authorized the Building Committee to spend up to \$57K toward the next steps of securing a building design and site design, pending county approval of a Concept Site Plan which is underway. Due to current restrictions on work and travel, these decisions are on hold for the time being. *Dave Anderson, Chair*

**SANCTUARY UPGRADE COMMITTEE:** The AV installation is mostly complete. Some minor updates needed but the system works as advertised. Training will take place once restrictions are lifted. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11)

**SIGNAGE COMMITTEE:** The new building lettering has been installed! The foundation for the new road sign has been poured. Hilltop is awaiting delivery of bricks and permit approval from Calvert County. Stay tuned via Facebook as progress continues.



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'ON-DEMAND' classes available at [www.bodyandsoul.org](http://www.bodyandsoul.org) Discount for 'ON-DEMAND' available with instructor code: IC063.

'Live' virtual classes are being offered through June to our 'ON-DEMAND' subscribers.

*DCE Shawn Maassel*



There will be a few Mission Board Chair openings in June.

Fellowship – open for nominees  
Worship – open for nominees  
Human Care – current Chair is running for another term.

We're also looking for a Bereavement Reception Coordinator.

If you'd like to find out more about any of these opportunities, please see me.

*Wendy Kirkpatrick, Human Care Chairperson*

### Confirmation Registration

Anyone who has a child who is entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade (or who has not already begun Confirmation instruction) and would like to register them for our two-year Confirmation program, please email Christine Marcus at [receptionist@firstlutheranchurch.org](mailto:receptionist@firstlutheranchurch.org) to request a registration form or find the form on our church website at [www.firstlutheranchurch.org](http://www.firstlutheranchurch.org). An orientation meeting for ALL confirmation students will be held later this summer. You may contact Shawn Maassel at 301-332-9801 with any questions about our Confirmation program.

## New Sunday Evening Ladies' Bible Study



Thanks to our education volunteers for another exciting year of growing in God's Word and fellowship with one another! We specifically want to thank the following for leading us in Sunday School this past school year:

Sabrina Wolfersberger (Pre-K), Maryann Johnston (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades), Trish Smeltzer and Todd Gustafson (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> grades), Pastor Jim and Shawn Maassel (Confirmation class), Susan Fogleman and Patricia Hopkins (post confirmation-high school.)

Thank you to those who helped lead our Sunday Adult Bible classes this year: Pastor Jim (and lunch bunch), Ardith Harle, Rich and Kay Hoeferkamp, Neil & Lisa Kennedy & Shawn Maassel (and Oasis studies & Altogether Beautiful). Thank you, John Stellabotta, David Chenevert and Todd Gustafson for your work with our Saturday morning men's Bible study and continued thanks to Dawn Boyd (former member), for continuing to lead the Monday evening 'Beautiful Feet' Bible study!



Thank you to Todd Gustafson and Maryann Johnston for initiating our end of the year 'virtual Sunday School' classes on Saturday mornings! And a special "thank you" to Maryann for her work as our Sunday School Superintendent and excellent production of our Sunday School Christmas program!



Armor of God, by Priscilla Shirer

Every day, an invisible war rages around you that impacts every aspect of your life: your heart, your mind, your marriage, your children, your relationships, your resilience, your dreams, your destiny.

The enemy's battle plan depends on catching you unaware and unarmed. If you're tired of being pushed around and caught with your guard down, this study is for you.

The enemy always fails miserably when he meets a woman dressed for the occasion. The Armor of God is an action plan for putting on God's available protective and offensive armor and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory.

Meeting Sundays **May 31, June 14 & 28, July 12 & 26 and August 9 & 23 from 6:30-8pm.** Purchase the Armor of God 7 session Bible study book ahead of time. Contact Shawn Maassel at [smaassel@firstlutheranchurch.org](mailto:smaassel@firstlutheranchurch.org) for details or the link to join our study via Zoom.

## *We Are Here to Serve You...*

James E. Kent, Pastor

DCE Shawn Maassel, Family Life Ministry

DCE Susan Fogleman, Youth Director

Dr. Robert Beeson, Music Director

Marilyn Beeson, Accompanist

Nancy Pope, Administrative Church Secretary

Christine Marcus, Receptionist / Secretary

Tom Spragg, Property Management

## *Little Lambs Preschool*

Angie Hohl, LLPS Program Director

Laura Zeruto, Administrative Assistant