



First Lutheran Church & Little Lambs Preschool

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Joyfully Proclaim God's Word and Enthusiastically Share Christ's Love

FIRST NOTES

October 17, 2021 — Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY SERVICES

Communion Every Sunday

8:00 AM / 10:30 AM

In-Person and On-line

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

6:30 PM

MONTHLY COMMUNION SERVICES

Third Tuesday of the Month

10:30 AM / 3:30 PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's, Confirmation &

Adult Bible Class: **9:15 AM**

Sun. School On-line: **2:00PM**

A Word from the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When we think of a Christian missionary, we probably think of someone doing God's work in places where God's word is needed in special ways. We might envision a dedicated, faithful servant of the Lord desiring to share God's life-saving word with others - acting as the hands and feet of Christ through education, healthcare, construction, agriculture, or some other way. In short what could be more harmless than a Christian missionary showing others Christ's love?

The reality - depending on where missionaries serve, they might be viewed as dangerous weapons. I read of a young missionary crossing into an "unfriendly" country. The border guard asked, "Do you have any guns, drugs, or Bibles?" Guns - they're used to mount insurrections and revolutions. Drugs - they can be used to raise money for criminal elements intent on causing trouble. But Bibles?

They are indeed dangerous. God knows it and tells us, "**For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart**" (Hebrews 4:12). The Bible, God's word, proclaims truth and exposes falsehood. It gives courage, strength, and hope to the oppressed. It shows those who think they're powerful, the one who is all-powerful, all-knowing, and almighty! God's word, that living and active two-edged sword, destroys even the most unspeakable evil.

As we go through life, we may not be oppressed by a ruthless dictatorship. But we can find ourselves oppressed by Satan and those he works through in the kingdoms of the world. In these times, let us break out the most powerful weapon of all, God's word and lean on it to fight off the devil and those in league with him. Know that God is ultimately in control. Through Jesus He has already won the battle over our souls. In faith we know that one day, any oppression we're under now will vanish as we enter eternal life in the kingdom of God.

In Christ's Love, Pastor Jim



It is always with a mixture of sadness and joy that we face the passing of friends and family. Sadness because their deaths leave a hole in our lives. Joy because we know God's promises to receive His children into His holy and eternal presence. I am at once sad and joyful to let you know that our sister-in-Christ Diana Bell recently passed away. Services for Diana will be held as follows:

Diana Bell's service will be October 17th at 2:00PM at First Lutheran Church. A reception will follow. Due to family health concerns, the family respectfully requests all in-person attendees be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Cards and notes of support to Frank and his family can be sent to: Frank Bell, 1407 Jewell Road, Dunkirk, MD 20754.

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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
- Stephanie Sainsbury, Admin. Church Secretary
- Christine Marcus, Receptionist/Secretary

Little Lambs Pre-School

- Angie Hohl, LLPS Program Director
- Laura Zeruto, Administrative Assistant

Prepare for worship this Sunday, our readings for October 17th are:

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20; Hebrews 4:1-13(14-16); Mark 10:23-31

Bible Classes

PM Eastern time. Contact the Church office at flc@firstlutheranchurch.org for information on receiving the weekly reading assignment and set of questions that will accompany the study as well as signing up for all needed login information. Get ready to listen as our story begins with the desperate pleas of a woman named Hannah and continues until we finally are listening for what it means to be a person after God's own heart!

Wednesday

Lunch Bunch Bible Study

Lunch Bunch meets on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month**. We start gathering for lunch and fellowship in the Multipurpose Room and via Zoom at 11:30 am and begin the study at Noon. Currently we're studying the New Testament Letter to the Hebrews. Join us for lunch and God's Word.

Saturday

Men's Fellowship

St. John says "the Word was with God, and the Word was God". In my life, I've found that the Word of God has changed my life. It can change yours also! There would be no need to study it if

there was no reality or power in it. For a mature Christian life its important to understand how Jesus views things. Come meet with us on Zoom at **10:00am to 12:00pm every Sat. starting Sept. 11th**. Love in Christ John Stellabotta



COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Looking to make an impact for Jesus in your community? Are you looking to study the Bible in a deeper way? Have you struggled to find a study that works for you?

Community Bible Study is a community-based, weekly Bible study that seeks to transform lives and make disciples of Christ through the study of God's Word in a community environment. We hope to start a new class and small group in Southern Maryland this Fall. If interested in learning more, please reach out to **Shauna Kent**, shauna.kent@communitybiblestudy.org, (703) 505-5186 for more information.

Outreach & Fellowship



Classes Available

Thurs. - 10-10:45am &
Tues. - 6-6:45pm.

Go to www.bodyandsoul.org

(Instructor: Shawn Maassel) or contact Shawn at smaassel@comcast.net for more information.

FLC FALL FEST!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

11:30am - 2:00 pm

Barbeque, Games & Trunk or Treating!



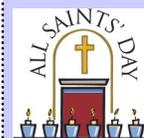
special accommodations. Email Todd at toddgustafson@hotmail.com.

Food Pantry News



We need to refill our pantry shelves. Currently, we mostly need syrup, canned meat, canned chicken, tuna and canned soup. Thank you for helping this vital ministry to our community!

In addition, some of our food pantry patrons need gift cards for gas to get to doctor's appointments, etc. Please also consider donating Wawa gift cards.



Remembrance of the Faithfully Departed

11/1/2020—10/31/2021

We would like to recognize those Christian loved ones who have passed away since **Nov. 1, 2020**. These departed loved ones will be remembered before the Lord during both worship services on **Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021**.

Please submit the name(s) of your loved one(s), with their date of death, to Stephanie in the Church office at flc@firstlutheranchurch.org.



Worship Services

In-person worship services are held on Sunday mornings at 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM and Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM.

First Lutheran Live!

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

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.

Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88993441481>

(password: Alleluia!)

Joining the service by phone?

Call: 301-715-8592

and enter the following code:

88993441481

Sunday

Living Out Jesus' Great Commission

Jesus tells us in Matthew 28, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nation." So, what does that look like in our everyday life, and how do we make disciples? Join us starting **October 3rd**, and throughout the month of October, for this class, led by David Chenevert. We'll dive into how this is done as we are sent as His church into the world to accomplish this divine command. Join in-person or on-line (<https://zoom.us/j/693123954>).

Discovery Class for New Members

First Lutheran Discovery Class with Pastor Jim ... Are you interested in learning more about what we believe, teach, and confess about God's Word, the gift of His Sacraments, and how we live our lives as His children? Are you new to First Lutheran and desire to know more about how you can participate in the life of God's Church here? **Starting on Sunday, Nov. 14th at 9:15AM, join me for a 6-session class called "Discovery"** that answers these and other questions you might have. We will meet for about an hour in the Church Library between Sunday services. Please "RSVP" to Pastor Jim by calling the office or sending him an email at pastor@firstlutheranchurch.org I look forward to spending time in God's Word with you in this class. — Pastor Jim Kent

Monday

"Beautiful Feet" Bible Study

"Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." Just as the boy Samuel learned to listen to the Lord, so we, too, will listen to the Holy Spirit on Monday evenings beginning **Sept. 20** as we explore this transitional time in the history of God's people from judges to kings. Join us on Zoom via your smart phone or iPad or desktop computer at 7:30

Thank You!

...to my FLC Family for all the prayers, cards and offers of help during Al's illness. Sara and I also want to thank you for the incredible help we received for Al's service from the ushers, everyone who donated food and helped set up, etc., and for Wendy who coordinated it, Leah for the music and Pastor Jim for guiding us spiritually through this very difficult time. The outpouring of love

we have received from everyone has been amazing and we are forever grateful. We are still trying to process this life without him but are at peace knowing that we will reunite one day. **Linda Benzer**





God calls us to work in His vineyard using the gifts He has given us all in advance – the time associated with our lives; the talents of knowledge, skills, and abilities to be His hands, feet, eyes, ears, and lips in the world; and our treasure. He calls us to use these gifts generously, trusting Him to replenish them as needed, to serve His church and the world. Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to serve Him with the gifts He has given you.

Time

Feed the Homeless: - FLC feeds Calvert County’s homeless at Project Echo the 2nd Saturday of each month (November 13th). Please see signups and recipes at <https://www.firstlutheranchurch.org/outreach>.

In-person Worship Requires In-person Support! Expanding in-person worship opportunities means we need ushers, readers, musicians and singers, audio-visual system operators, offering counters, and altar guild teams to prepare the sanctuary for worship each week. If you desire to serve God and His people in any of these (or other) areas, please contact Pastor Jim or the church office and we’ll get you equipped to do so.

Need Help! with Set-up and Take-down of Sunday School tables and chairs; **especially set up and take-down for the 3rd Sunday of the month.** There is a sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex designating which Sunday you would be available to setup and take down. Contact Shawn Maassel at smaassel@firstlutheranchurch.org or 301-332-9801

Talent

LLPS Preschool Board Members Needed – This board works to oversee LLPS and to help Angie and her staff conduct this ministry in the most efficient way possible. We’re in need of members to serve on this board, **including any with financial management/accounting talents**, Please contact Anne Swope or Angie Hohl (angelsbox@aol.com) if interested.

B Do you have a heart for the unborn and their mothers? Birthright is currently seeking a **Director to manage their center in Prince Frederick.** Please prayerfully consider if God may be calling you to work in this professional, part-time, paid position. Birthright is committed to providing confidential, non-judgmental support to any woman who is pregnant or thinks she might be pregnant, no matter her age, race, circumstances, religion, marital status or financial situation. For an information packet/application, call the center at 410-257-1402 or if you have questions, please call **Paula Bryant at 301-221-5085 or Denise Waters at 410-474-9393.**

Treasure



Do you have a spare room you’d be willing to rent to a member in need for a period of time? Every now and then, I receive a request from a member who is going through a transition and needs a room to rent. If you have a room to rent, please let me know about deposits and monthly rent, responsibilities/restrictions, other info you feel is important. If needed, I’ll connect you with those in need as they make their needs known.

In Christ, Pastor Jim
pastor@firstlutheranchurch.org

IMPORTANT MESSAGE... 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 (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 Stephanie’s mail slot in the church hallway.

Praying for safety and wellness to all our faithful members and families.~ Jeff Lauer, Financial Secretary

This Week at FLC			
All Worship is In-person and Livestreamed			
Sun	17	Traditional Worship Service Sunday School, Confirmation, Adult Bible Class Contemporary Worship Service NO ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL Diana Bell’s Memorial “Be Still” Bible Study	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 2:00 pm 6:30 pm
Mon	18	UFO (on-line)	7:00 pm
Tues.	19	Body & Soul	6:00 pm
Wed	20	Evening Worship Service	6:30 pm
Thurs	21	Body and Soul Board of Director’s Meeting	10:00 am-10:45 am 7:00 pm
Fri	22	OFFICE CLOSED	
Sun	24	Traditional Worship Service Sunday School, Confirmation, Adult Bible Class Contemporary Worship Service “Be Still” Bible Study	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 6:30 pm
FLC office Hours: Monday - Thursday – 9:00am - 3:30pm For more info go to www.firstlutheranchurch.org			



is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God’s gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.



Stewardship

a way of life

Ministry Assistants for This Week		
10/17	8:00	10:30
Acolytes	Dana Dillon	None Assigned
Crucifer	None Assigned	None Assigned
Deacon	David Chenevert	David Chenevert
Lectors/Readers	Kristie Lester	Kristie Lester
Ushers	Glenn Meier	Mark Kirschbaum
Altar Guild	Stephanie Sainsbury	
Sun. School Setup	Sat Setup—Assistance Needed	
Take down	Sun. Takedown—Assistance Needed	

Prayer Ministry

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. By His grace, the Holy Spirit empowers faith for eternal life as well as faith for answered prayer. Prayer is conversation between God's children and their heavenly Father.

The World: Grant peace, comfort, and hope in the promise of the Gospel throughout God's creation. We pray especially for those living in nations in the midst of conflict, natural disasters, and battling health emergencies, epidemics, and pandemics: Ethiopia, Haiti, Somalia, Afghanistan, and the Korean Peninsula, Central and Southern Africa, and Asia.

Our Country: President, Vice President, Congress, Leaders Local, National, & International. Grant wisdom to lead and serve humbly in accord with Your word.

For Those Currently serving in the Military, Law Enforcement, and in vocations that serve and protect our communities: keep them safe from harm and enable them to serve according to Your will.

All Healthcare Providers, First Responders, and Scientists: Grant them protection from illness as they encounter and treat those with the COVID-19 and other illnesses. Grant them rest and recovery to keep them strong. Guide their hands and minds to discover and provide treatment and bring healing to

all people in all places.

Teachers, Administrators, School Workers, Parents, and Students: Grant wisdom to all involved in making decisions about the manner in which education will occur this schoolyear. Grant peace and protection to all that anxiety and disease may be kept at bay. We pray especially for all involved with FLC's Little Lambs Preschool.

Those Seeking Change: Grant peaceful expression of opinions that necessary changes are adopted where needed. Defeat the evil one and his means of violence and destruction on all sides which sows seeds of division and wickedness which only tear the fabric of creation apart.

All Affected by Fires, Hurricanes and Floods, and other Natural Disasters – May God send rain where needed, dryness where needed, and relief in any form where needed. Protect those affected from harm and danger and restore their lives to whole again. Grant energy and strength to all who are responding with disaster relief. We pray especially for those impacted by storms in the Southeast and Northeast and fires and drought in the West.



Prayer for Strength and Comfort

*My Lord, if I may be walking
 through fields that are rough
 with grief and care,
 may I have the courage to continue
 on to the smooth pastures,
 where I may walk with comfort and
 peace.
 May I not let the weariness and sorrow
 that may come to my heart to-day
 dwarf my hope and enjoyment
 of the future. Amen.*