



January 2, 2022  
 Second Sunday after  
 Christmas

# FIRST NOTES

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Sunday Services  
 Communion Every Sunday  
 8:00 am & 10:30 am  
 In Person and Online

Wed. Advent Services  
 6:30 pm  
 Christmas Eve Services  
 8:00 pm and 11:00 pm

Monthly Communion  
 Services  
 Third Tuesday of the Month  
 10:30 am and 3:00 pm

Sunday School  
 Children's, Confirmation &  
 Adult Bible Class: 9:15 am  
 Sun. School Online: 2:00 pm

## A Note from Our Pastor

Dear Saints of First Lutheran,

This week between Christmas and New Year's is a time to reflect on the old year while awaiting the new. For many this includes looking ahead to ways we can better use the many gifts God has blessed us with it in service to Him, His church, and His creation – some call them “resolutions.” We generally know what God has given us – the problem is having the wisdom and resolve to use them as God calls us to.

This wisdom and resolve comes from God Himself; another of His gifts. When King Solomon began his reign, succeeding his father David, God asked him, “Ask what I shall give you.” Solomon didn't ask for more power, money, influence, or anything of material value. Solomon asked for wisdom to lead God's people in accord with God's will (1 Kings 3:4-9). Solomon, heeding the psalmist's words, “Oh how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me” (Psalm 119:97-98), understood his gifts and the wisdom and resolve to use them properly comes from one place – God and His word.

Just as God's people needed leaders in Solomon's day, we need leaders in the church today! God has given each of us talents to be used in His church. This year, First Lutheran will be looking to fill many leadership positions on the Board of Directors (Chair and Executive Secretary), Mission Board (Worship Chair, Humancare Chair, and Fellowship Chair). We are also looking for people to serve as Ushers, Altar Guild members, Bible Study facilitators, and elsewhere. God has indeed given you the gifts to serve in these roles. I urge you to resolve to seek His wisdom – listen to His calling – and have the courage to step out in faith to use your gifts in His church.

I look forward to a new year, 2022, filled with God's grace and mercy as we join together with all our gifts to serve Him, His church, and His creation.

Happy New Year!  
Pastor Jim



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### Prepare for worship this Sunday, our readings for Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> are:

1 Kings 3:4-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Luke 2:40-52

We are here to serve...	
James E. Kent, Pastor	Little Lambs Preschool
DCE Shawn Maassel, Family Life Ministry	Angie Hohl, LLPS Program Director
DCE Susan Fogleman, Youth Director	Laura Zeruto, Administrative Assistant
Dr. Robert Beeson, Music Director	
Marilyn Beeson, Accompanist	
Stephanie Sainsbury, Administrative Church Secretary	
Christine Marcus, Receptionist/Secretary	

# Bible Classes



## 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>  
Please call the church office for info.

## JOINING THE SERVICE BY PHONE?

Call 301-715-8592 and enter the following code: 88993441481

## Sunday

### Mere Christianity

By Neil Kennedy & David Chenevert  
Starting Jan. 2 through Feb. 2, 2022

Take a deeper dive into the book that has helped shape the way millions of Christians think and speak as well as setting the standard for defending Christianity to a postmodern world.

## ABIDE

### Living Life as Prayer

NEW Sunday Evening Ladies Bible Study  
Jan 16—Mar 6, 2022



*"Prayer is the umbrella and the foundation of everything."* (Connie Denninger of Visual Faith Ministry). Join us

as we delve into Visual Faith practices that will help us slow down, pay attention and deal with distractions, thereby enhancing our prayer time and study of God's Word. A free guidebook and resource book will be provided. Please register by **January 9** with Shawn Maassel in order to receive these tools in time for our study.

## Monday

"Beautiful Feet" Bible Study  
(will resume January 10, 2022)

"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 PM Eastern time. Contact the Church office at [flc@firstlutheranchurch.org](mailto: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. 11<sup>th</sup>**.

## Ministry Assistants for Sunday, January 2

	8:00	10:30
Acolytes	None assigned	Angie Bosak
Crucifer	None Assigned	Michael Bosak
Deacon	Neil Kennedy	Neil Kennedy
Lectors/Readers	None Assigned	Paul Ims
Ushers	Paul Maassel	Wayne Daniel
Altar Guild	Stephanie Sainsbury	
Sun. School Setup	Sat. Setup— Brown Family	
Takedown	Sun Takedown— Wayne Daniel	

# Outreach & Fellowship



## Classes Available

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

Go to [www.bodyandsoul.org](http://www.bodyandsoul.org)  
(Instructor: Shawn Maassel) or contact Shawn at [smaassel@comcast.net](mailto:smaassel@comcast.net) for more info.



## Food Pantry News

Currently, our pantry is **FULL!** Thank you for helping with 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 consider ordering \$25 WAWA gift cards through the Youth Scrip program to benefit patrons of the Food Panty and at the same time the FLC Youth Program.**



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 (Jan 8<sup>th</sup>). Please see signups and recipes at <https://www.firstlutheranchurch.org/outreach>.

**SAFE NIGHTS**—Help Calvert's homeless. Please volunteer your time as an overnight monitor and other positions during the week of **January 9th - 16th**. Sign up sheet is in the lobby.

**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.

## 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. Please contact Anne Swope or Angie Hohl ([angelsbox@aol.com](mailto:angelsbox@aol.com)) if interested.

## Worker/Driver Needed



LMS Compassion Place is seeking a full-time worker/driver with a clean driving record (CDL not required) to join our transportation team. Our crews pick up and deliver donations -- clothing, furniture, household items, food, etc. -- to service

the nine LMS Compassion Centers.

This is a full time position with benefits, Monday thru Friday, 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Applicant must have own transportation to-and-from work. (Please note: Our location -- 601 Hammonds Lane, Brooklyn Park, MD 21225 -- is over a mile from public transportation.)

### Requirements:

- ◆ Must be able to lift 75 pounds;
- ◆ Must be able to drive a 26' truck (CDL not required);
- ◆ Must have (or get) a DOT medical card.

- ◆ Starting pay is \$11.75 per hour, and the position is available immediately.

Please contact **Bruce Cameron, Director of Transportation & Facilities**, 410-636-0123, Ext. 15 or [bcameron@CompassionPlace.org](mailto:bcameron@CompassionPlace.org).



## Compassionate Grace Counseling Center Employment Opportunity

LMS Counseling is seeking a **Contractual Therapist specializing in Child and Adolescent therapy**. The therapist must be comfortable working in a Christian practice, and be able to provide Biblically-based counseling as requested by clients. The therapist will have two (2) years of experience, and be licensed as an LCSW-C or LCPC. Experience in play therapy and family therapy is preferred for the Child and Adolescent Therapist. The incumbent will:

- ◆ Maintain an active caseload and provide clinically appropriate and ethically responsible services in accordance with practice requirements, ethical standards and Christian beliefs,
- ◆ Perform intake and diagnostic assessments,
- ◆ Provide ongoing therapy as clinically indicated,
- ◆ Document in the electronic health record (EHR – currently Theranest) all interactions, diagnostic evaluations, treatment plans and progress notes in a timely fashion,
- ◆ Maintain timely insurance authorizations, as required.

Send resume and cover letter to [watts@lmscounseling.org](mailto:watts@lmscounseling.org).

## Treasure

**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](http://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



## 2022 Offering Envelopes have arrived!

**Available in the Narthex.** If you would like a box of offering envelopes:

1. Take the lowest envelope box number available on the table.
2. On the log form, record your name, (**Last, First**) and phone number next to your envelope box number.

That's it! It is okay if your previous number is different from last year. Offerings are recorded by name, not by number. If your offering is cash, **ALWAYS** write your name on the envelope.

### Tips to help the counters:

1. Do not tape your envelope closed.
2. The envelopes can contain multiple checks or cash.
3. You can write one check, apply to multiple funds, make note in memo line on check.
4. Please note what your offering is intended for: General Fund, Following Him Faith, etc.
5. Please use only 2022 envelopes in the next calendar year. Discard 2021 envelopes.
6. Don't need to write envelope number on your check.

**Thank you for your generous support of our Lord's work at First Lutheran.**

Jeff Lauer - Financial Secretary

# 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, Korean Peninsula, Central and Southern Africa, and Asia and the Philippines.

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

**For Those 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 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.

**Homeless and Those Struggling to Make Ends Meet.** Soften the hearts of those with abundance to provide for their needs of body, mind, and soul.

**Those Struggling with Mental and Emotion Health Concerns -** grant them peace, comfort, and hope as they seek and undergo treatment. Help their families and friends to understand and support their needs for healing and grant them patience.

**Those Battling Addictions -** Help them to find the help they need to overcome these pitfalls and the evil who places them in their midst. Grant them strength to avoid temptations.

**Teachers, Administrators, School Workers, Parents, and Students:** Grant wisdom to all involved in making decisions about the manner in which education occurs in our schools. Grant peace and protection to all that anxiety and disease may be kept at bay. We pray especially for 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 which sows seeds of division and wickedness that 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.

*"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."*

JAMES 5:16

## Our Christian Stewardship For the Week of December 26, 2021

Worship Attendance 12/24 through 12/26	233		
Sunday School & Adult Bible Studies			
<b>Financial Gifts the week of December 26</b>			
Weekly Ministry Commitments	\$22,661		
General Fund	\$9,751		
Building Fund	\$25		
Following Him in Faith Campaign	\$12,560		
November Financials	Month	YTD*	
Gifts	Budget	\$36,190.76	\$174,714.84
	Actual	\$32,894.00	\$158,074.97
Expenses	Budget	\$35,728.04	\$186,697.29
	Actual	\$29,215.16	\$184,997.63
*FLC Fiscal Year begins July 1,2021			

## This Week at FLC All Worship: In-person and Livestreamed

Sun	2	Second Sunday after Christmas Traditional Worship Service Sunday School, Confirmation, Adult Bible Class Contemporary Worship Service Sunday School Zoom	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 2:00 pm
Mon	3	UFO (on-line)	7:00 pm
Tues	4	Body and Soul	6:00 pm—6:45 pm
Wed	5	Wednesday Worship Service Praise Team Rehearsal	6:30 pm 7:30 pm
Thurs	6	Body and Soul	10:00 am—10:45 pm
Fri	7	OFFICE CLOSED	
Sun	9	Epiphany (Observed) Traditional Worship Service Bible Study, Confirmation, Children's Sunday School Contemporary Worship Service TAKEDOWN of Christmas Decor LCMS Youth Gathering Meeting Zoom Sunday School American Heritage Girls	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 11:30 am 11:30 am 2:00 pm 3:00 pm

For more info go to [www.firstlutheranchurch.org](http://www.firstlutheranchurch.org)

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