

# First Lutheran Church & Little Lambs Preschool

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



January 16, 2022  
Second Sunday after  
Epiphany

# FIRST NOTES

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

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

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

Wednesday  
Evening Services  
6:30 pm

## A Note from Our Pastor

Dear Fellow Children of God,

The other day I needed to find my new doctors to get my ankle looked over. I had no idea where they were or how to get there. So, it was off to the internet and the phone's GPS. Sure enough, they led me right to where I needed to be. I'm always amazed by this technology and how well it guides me because I also know how many different things and people it takes to make this "ordinary" tool work. You see, one of my Air Force assignments was working with GPS satellites. Getting the signal to your phone is routine, but not simple – it takes many people and systems to get you where you want to be. If any part of this complex system goes astray, you might find yourself somewhere, but not where you desire to be.

This is a good picture of God's church. God desires to lead us to say and believe "Jesus is Lord" (1 Corinthians 12:3). Through the Holy Spirit, God provides His church – all God's children, you and me included – with many different skills and abilities. He does this for one chief reason; that we might use those skills and abilities in our vocations, collectively as His church, to bring others to join us in saying, "Jesus is Lord" ([1 Corinthians 12:4,11](#)).

God provides all His children with a certain number of spiritual gifts. The gifts are different and in varying amounts. Nobody has the whole "tool kit" of gifts. But collectively, all the tools are there. What's more, though we may think we're inadequate to use the gifts we're given, we aren't. God promises "(we) are empowered by ... (the) Spirit" to use these gifts. When we come together and let the Spirit guide us in the use of our gifts ... When we trust God's will for us ... through us, He will lead others to say, "Jesus is Lord" alongside us. He will lead us to where He desires us to be – in His eternal heavenly kingdom with Him.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Jim

### Fellow Disciples of Christ;

Please be advised that we will hold a **Congregational Voter's Assembly on Sun., January 30, 2022** shortly following the 10:30 service (approx. 11:30am). All church members are **highly encouraged** to attend and participate in important matters and decisions necessary to guide our church. Members may attend in-person or virtually via Zoom associated with the late service.

The meeting will address a number of issues: a Building Committee update, a budget update, the nomination and potential election of a new Church Administrative Chair, notice and discussion of hiring a new LLPS Director, fill pending Church Board of Directors vacancies for the Chairman and Secretary positions, as well as Mission Board vacancy. We look forward to your engagement and support!

Andy House, FLC BOD Chair



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Prepare for worship this Sunday, our readings for Jan 16<sup>th</sup> are:  
Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

### First Lutheran Church Staff

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

# 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.

**In light of current COVID transmission rates in the community, masks are required for all in-person worshippers for the time being.**

## 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 contact the church office for details

## JOINING THE SERVICE BY PHONE?

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

## Sunday

### Mere Christianity

By Neil Kennedy & David Chenevert

Extending our study from Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> thru Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>

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.

## 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 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 Multi-purpose 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 Saturday.

## Ministry Assistants for Sunday, January 16

	8:00	10:30
Acolytes	Syler Lester	Syler Lester
Crucifer	None assigned	None assigned
Deacon	David Chenevert	David Chenevert
Lectors/Readers	Kristi Lester	Kristi Lester
Ushers	Glenn Meier	Jeff Lauer
Altar Guild	Stephanie Sainsbury	
Sun. School Setup Takedown	Sat. Setup— Salos Sun Takedown— Meiers	

# 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 (Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>). 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.

## 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. Grant a spirit of discernment and cooperation between all sides to heal divisions in this nation.

**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. Grant those working to help these people meet their needs; especially those involved in Calvert's Safe Nights program, strength, courage, peace, and wisdom.

**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.

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

<b>Sun</b>	16	<b>Second Sunday after Epiphany</b> Traditional Worship Service Sunday School, Confirmation, & Adult Bible Class Contemporary Worship Service Sunday School Zoom Youth Group <b>ABIDE Women's Bible Study</b>	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 2:00 pm 4:00 pm 6:30 pm
<b>Mon</b>	17	UFO (on-line)	7:00 pm
<b>Tues</b>	18	<b>Monthly Communion</b> Body and Soul	10:30 am & 3:00 pm 6:00 pm—6:45 pm
<b>Wed</b>	19	<b>Preschool Board Meeting</b> <b>Wednesday Worship Service</b> Praise Team Rehearsal	4:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm
<b>Thurs</b>	20	Body and Soul <b>Staff Meeting</b> <b>BOD Meeting</b>	10:00 am—10:45 am 1:30 pm 7:00 pm
<b>Fri</b>	21	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	23	<b>Third Sunday after Epiphany</b> Traditional Worship Service Bible Study, Confirmation, Children's Sunday School Contemporary Worship Service Zoom Sunday School American Heritage Girls <b>ABIDE Women's Bible Study</b>	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 2:00 pm 3:00 pm 6:30 pm

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