



# First Lutheran Church & Little Lambs Preschool

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

### Sunday Services (Communion Every Sunday)

Traditional Worship 8 am (In-Person/Online) Contemporary Worship 10:45 am (In-Person/Online)

Children's Sunday School, Adult Bible Class & Confirmation Class 9:30 am

Monthly Communion 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 1:15 pm

Wednesday Evening Services 6:30 pm

Nov. 20, 2022

Last Sunday in the Church Year

FIRST NOTICES

## A Word from Our Pastor:

Dear Children of God,

Who's #1!! It's constantly debated in our achievement-oriented world. Politicians, sports fans, the entertainment industry argue about it. Back and forth – Democrats and Republicans, Alabama and Georgia, Wakanda and Top Gun, Taylor Swift and Ed Sheeran. It never ends. "We're #1!" The only thing that's certain – if you don't care for the current #1, just wait a bit, it'll change.

How does one get to be #1? It usually involves – a bit of braggadocio. Some politicking. Proving superiority over another. Asserting your will on the "electors." In short, lifting yourself above the crowd for all to see. That's kind of the way of the world.

In reality there is one #1 who never changes. "And He is before all things ... He is the beginning ... that in everything He might be preeminent." (Colossians 1:17,18) And who is "He" that is the unchanging #1? It is He who is the very image of God in the flesh. He who created all things ... including those things we "call" #1 in the world. He who holds all things together (Colossians 1:15-17). Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh (John 1:14-18), is the true, eternal #1.

In humility, Jesus – though God in the flesh, with all the power of God at His disposal – humbly subordinated Himself to serve the world to save it and redeem it from sin, borne of our self-centered, self-glorification. Sin, which leads to death, comes about when we place ourselves on a pedestal – claiming for ourselves the mantle of #1! Sin grows as we strive to beat out competitors to this title.

Thankfully though, God, in His love for us and His creation, overlooks our pride-filled desire to be #1. Jesus, confident in His eternal position at His Father's right hand, obediently served His Father's will. He willingly suffered and died to save and redeem His creation, restoring it to holiness and perfection. Jesus has "reconciled to Himself ALL THINGS, whether on earth or heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross." (Colossians 1:20) He alone is #1!

In Our Father's Love,

Pastor Jim

## Thanksgiving Food Drive Nov 6th thru Nov. 20th

To help local families purchase food for their Thanksgiving meal, please donate \$25 Giant grocery gift card by Nov. 20th. Please place them in the Wendy's mailbox. Any questions? Please contact Wendy Kirkpatrick. Thank-you!



## Thanksgiving Eve SERVICE

Wednesday, November 23rd, 6:30PM

We come together as God's people to thank and praise Him for His abundant gifts of grace, mercy, love, and provision to us all.

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Prepare for worship this Sunday, our readings for Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> are:  
Malachi 3:13-18; Colossians 1:13-20; Luke 23:27-43

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## Worship Services

**Fall–Winter–Spring: (Aug–June):** In-person worship services are held on Sunday mornings at 8:00 AM, 10:45 AM and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM.

## 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.**

### JOINING THE SERVICE BY PHONE?

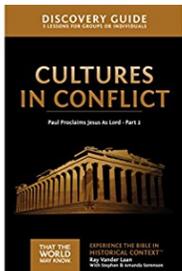
Call 301-715-8592 and enter the following code: 88993441481

## Bible Classes

### SUNDAY

## Adult Bible Class

### Cultures In Conflict



Starting *November 6th through December 4th*, Join Neil Kennedy who will be leading a DVD-based series from Ray Vander Laan. **Life Among Pagans: How do you live in a culture where the worldview conflicts with Christianity?** Learn from Paul as he present his beliefs to the most powerful court in Athens and settles among the Greco-Romans of Corinth, who valued wealth and class, worship multitude of gods, and decadent pleasure above all else.

In this sixteenth volume of **That The World May Know**, discover how to live in your own Athens or Corinth—a de-Christianized Western world—in a way that glorifies God. **A suggested book donation is \$13.**

### MONDAY

## “Beautiful Feet” Bible Study

Around 2000 years ago (some would suggest about the year A.D. 62) a physician by the name of Luke was busy writing (for future generations) a record that we now call the Gospel according to Luke. Luke

## Bible Classes

recorded the account of our salvation through Jesus Christ. These events that Luke recorded are significant, personally and eternally, for you and for me. God has a way of making each of us a part of His story. In a very real way, you are the Theophilus (whose name means “one who loves God” that Luke addresses at the beginning of his orderly account. Come discover how Luke's Gospel was written for you! Join us on **Monday evenings via Zoom** with your smart phone, iPad, or desktop computer at 7:30 PM Eastern time to study Luke. Contact the church office at [fllc@firstlutheranchurch.org](mailto:fllc@firstlutheranchurch.org) for information on how to receive a Zoom link and study questions from Dawn Boyd, the facilitator for the study. (intro material taken from Lighthouse Part One: Luke).

### WEDNESDAY

## Lunch Bunch Bible Study

**Lunch Bunch** (2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 11:30AM) We will be studying Psalm 23 using a book entitled **“Don't Let the Enemy Have a Seat at Your Table”** by Louie Giglio. Study guides will be provided. Please purchase the book in the format you prefer.

### 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** (<https://zoom.us/j/339451332>) at 10:00am to 12:00pm every Saturday.



First Lutheran is offering Family Devotions for Advent. They will be placed in the Narthex. One per family please.

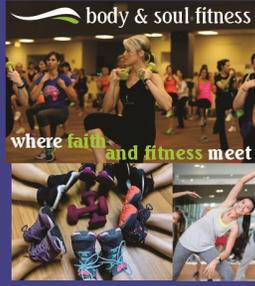
If your child attends Sunday School, the Children's Book will be offered to them. You can pick up the Adult Devotions to go with it in the Narthex.

### Ministry Assistants for Sunday, Nov. 20

	8:00 AM	10:45 AM
Acolyte/Crucifer	None Assigned	None Assigned
Readers	Kristy Lester	Shawn Maassel
Ushers	Scott Lester	None Assigned
Altar Guild	Kristy Lester/Tricia Smeltzer	
Setup	Maassel	
Takedown	<b><i>Need Help with Takedown!</i></b>	

**We are always looking for additional Ministry Assistants. Please contact the office, Pastor, or Shawn if interested.**

# Outreach & Fellowship



## Classes Available

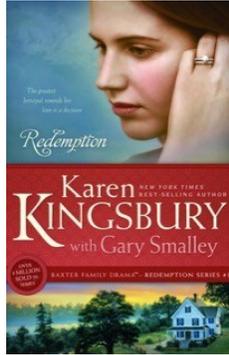
Classes are offered on Tuesday at 6:00 pm and Thursday at 9:30 am.

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

## Church Library Highlights

Karen Kingsbury is one of my favorite Christian fiction authors and her Baxter family series and stand-alone books are the best! As I've

completed each one they've become treasures for someone else to check out from our church library. The first of this series, Redemption, shows how God can redeem seemingly hopeless relationships and illustrates a key message: *Love is a decision.* You'll be hooked (in a good way!) - Shawn Maassel



## Food Pantry Needs!

We **NEED** the following items: syrup, pancake mix, peanut butter, jelly, canned pasta, soups, canned fruit, mac n cheese, diced tomatoes, and muffin mix. If you drop off juice please make sure they are small bottles.

*Please double check expiration/use-by dates on your donations. We are not permitted to serve expired items. Thank-you!*

Thanks for helping with this vital ministry for our community!

**Please consider donating \$25 gas cards or grocery gift cards. We are currently out! Please use Youth Scrip or donate your own purchases (they are a tax write-off!) to benefit our patrons of the Food Pantry or our FLC youth.**

## Handbell Choir

No Experience Needed!



Note & Rhythm Reading very helpful!

Interested in joining our new Handbell Choir? All are invited! We need ringers for our Christmas Eve Services on Dec. 24th at 8 pm and 11 pm. Rehearsals are on Sundays, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, and Dec. 18 from 12:15 pm till 1:15 pm in the FLC Sanctuary.

Please let us know if you are interested as a Christmas ringer by **NOV 15th** so we can prepare your part. Contact Rob Beeson: [music@firstlutheranchurch.org](mailto:music@firstlutheranchurch.org). Too busy this Christmas? There will be more opportunities available in the New Year!

## This Week at First Lutheran Church All Worship: In-person and Livestreamed

Sun	20	Last Sunday after Pentecost Traditional Worship Service (New Members Welcome) Sunday School, Adult Bible Class & Confirmation Contemporary Worship Service (New Members Welcome) First Communion Class Handbell Choir Rehearsal	8:00 am 9:30 am 10:45 am 12:00 pm 12:30 pm
Mon	21	UFO (online)	7:00 pm
Tues	22	Body & Soul	6:00 pm
Wed	23	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service (New Members Welcome) Praise Team Rehearsal	6:30 pm 7:30 pm
Thurs	24	<b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!! OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
Fri	25	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
Sat	26	FLC Decorating Party and Breakfast Treats	9:30am- 12:30 pm
Sun	27	First Sunday in Advent Traditional Worship Service Sunday School, Adult Bible Class & Confirmation Contemporary Worship Service American Heritage Girls	8:00 am 9:30 am 10:45 am 3:00 pm

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

We are having a  
**Decorating the Church  
Sanctuary Party**  
on  
Nov. 26th from 9:30 am-12:30 pm

**Please sign up in the narthex  
or contact Tricia Smeltzer to let  
her know you are coming**

Bring a dish to share!  
We will have fun, food, and music!

# Outreach & Fellowship



## Advent Wreath

It's time again to help light the Advent Wreath for Advent. If you would like your family to take part in lighting our Advent Wreath, please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. We are doing both Sunday and Wednesday Services. Please make sure you designate which service you would prefer.

Thanks!



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 (**Dec. 10**). Please see signups and recipes at [www.firstlutheranchurch.org/outreach](http://www.firstlutheranchurch.org/outreach).

## 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 Sainsbury's mail slot in the church hallway.

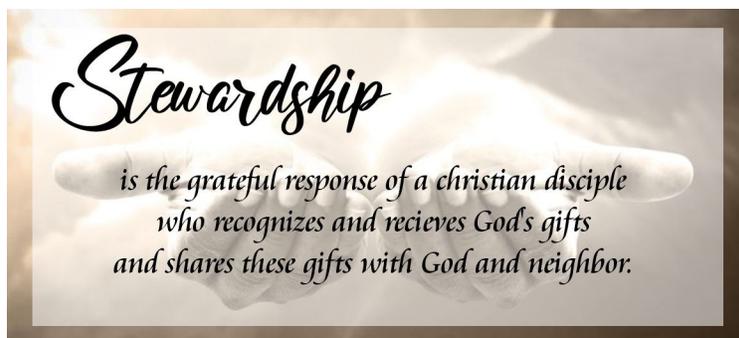
## Outreach Ministries

Each year we designate a part of our annual budget for Outreach to help God's church on earth proclaim God's Word and share Christ' love. In the recent fiscal year, First Lutheran supported the following Outreach ministries:

- ◆ **Lutheran Mission Society (LMS)** providers of the Compassion Trailer (when it's able to return): We made a **\$1,059** offering to LMS to provide compassion to those in need of physical and emotional support.
- ◆ To ensure the next generation of pastors, FLC contributed **\$819** to the **Concordia Seminary "Adopt-A-Student"** program for "our student" **Daniel Brummet**.
- ◆ Finally, the **Southeastern District of LCMS**, works to spread God's word by establishing missions through out the district—especially among immigrant communities, those struck by natural disaster, and those in need and have access to adequate resources. **FLC assisted in this mission by providing \$19,440 from your weekly offerings.**

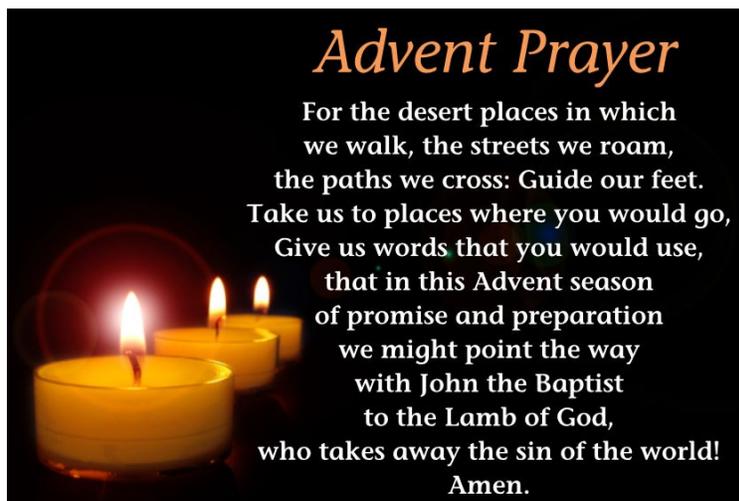


**Steeple Update:** At long last progress is being made on the steeple replacement! The steeple has been built and will soon be delivered. The County is working to approve building permits required for the installation. Finally, the new steeple will be installed! Stay tuned for more information and our special dedication service! In Christ's Work for God's House, Ray Nieves



## Stewardship

*is the grateful response of a christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts with God and neighbor.*



## Advent Prayer

For the desert places in which we walk, the streets we roam, the paths we cross: Guide our feet. Take us to places where you would go, Give us words that you would use, that in this Advent season of promise and preparation we might point the way with John the Baptist to the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! Amen.