

LWML News



Looking Forward (With a Glance Back)

At year's end TIME magazine selects a "Person of the Year", while other magazines and newspapers furnish lists of the "Ten Best" movies, television programs, books, and music, or perhaps the "Ten Worst" instead. We review natural disasters and momentous events, remember famous and influential people who passed away during the year, and highlight important discoveries and inventions.

For us, clearly, 2020 was the year of Covid-19, the virus that locked down and masked the world, taught us the term "social distancing," and led to countless cases of illness and far too many deaths. We felt helpless, unable to effectively combat a highly contagious and deadly virus. We live in a fallen and seemingly hopeless world. But God has not left us without hope—He has promised us forgiveness and eternal life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the ultimate victory of life over death.

In the meantime, God's providence has given us medical professionals to alleviate suffering, researchers to find therapeutics, and pharmaceutical companies to develop safe and effective vaccines in less than a year. Technology has enabled us to meet by computer and keep in touch by e-mail and telephone.

We view the dark days of 2020 and look forward to a return to normal life, meeting in person without social distancing. We at First Lutheran have been blessed to attend in-person church and Holy Communion for most of the period. What can we predict about 2021? Will it be more of the same? No matter the circumstances we can find no better advice than that written in 2 Peter:

“. . . what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.” (2 Peter 3:11b-13 NIV)

We do not bow out of the world, but live as God's children in it, trusting His Word and promises.

Dates and Meetings

We will wear masks and practice social distancing for all our meetings, following current guidelines.

General Meeting: Tuesday, January 12th, 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Topic Leaders: Tuesday, January 19th, 12:00 noon at Church

“Gold, Frankincense and ME!” pg. 16-17 Winter 2020 Quarterly

Altar Circle: Tuesday, January 26th, 1:00 p.m. - Location to be determined

Mary-Martha Circle: Tuesday, January 26th, 7:00 p.m. - Location to be determined

Christmas Party

We prepared over 40 gift bags for members of our congregation as our Christmas remembrance at our Christmas party. Thank you to all who participated, and a very Big THANK YOU! to Lu Lehmann for purchasing the items we needed for the bags.

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Radio Station KFUD, owned and operated by the LCMS, was officially dedicated to the service of the Triune God in 1924 and is the longest continually operating Christian station in the United States. Listeners all over the world hear the message of love, hope, mercy, and salvation found only in Christ. A mission grant of \$60,000 to KFUD will allow the station to share “Christ for You, Anytime, Anywhere” by employing the latest cutting-edge platforms available, to have high-quality connections between hosts and guests in remote locations. Funds for this mission will make it possible for KFUD to continue purchasing and using the present technology to make the Gospel message available to everyone, including children and young adults living in the digital generation, as well as those in military service and aging family members confined to their house.

LWML offers all women of the congregation an opportunity for Bible study, service and fellowship.

