



June 2017

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH The PULSEBEAT

Dear faithful First family and friends,

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

It doesn't seem like eight weeks have passed since we first shouted those words of praise on Easter Sunday. But now, our Easter Season has come to an end, and two festivals remain: Pentecost and Holy Trinity Sunday. We celebrate those, respectively, on June 4 and 11, ushering in Ordinary Time, when green becomes our color as we enter the time after Pentecost. As I think about our Liturgical life together, I think about the transitions that take place from death to resurrection and New Life; the transition from Jesus walking among us to the outpouring of the Life-Giving Spirit. One event leads to another. That's what transitions are all about: one thing ends while we prepare for something new.

Of course, as a church at this intersection of 3rd and Ash, we have been in a transition these last several months. Under the direction of our Transition Team, we have gathered your feelings and thoughts and opinions. We have heard your fears and concerns, and your hopes and your dreams, as we move forward together in faith. The work of the Transition Team might be coming to an end, but the work continues. As you know, while the Transition Team ends a new group will be forming: the Call Committee, a group who will lead and be integral in the final stage of calling our next permanent pastor to shepherd this congregation into the years to come. If you have considered being part of the Call Committee, but are unsure, I encourage you to prayerfully consider submitting an application. At the June 20 Council meeting, the Council will elect the seven individuals to serve in this crucial, final stage. If you have questions about what serving on the Call Committee entails, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I'd be more than willing to share details with you.

One other thing I'd like to mention. Over the last few months, from the surveys, small group conversations, and one-on-ones, the Transition Team and I have been hearing from you about the need and hope for more educational opportunities. As I've thought about this, I would like to begin a **new Bible study and educational opportunity** that will focus on the Lectionary, the appointed readings for the upcoming Sunday, to get a better grasp on and engage with the texts. **We will**



meet on Wednesdays beginning June 14. And in order to involve as many as possible, I will lead two classes each Wednesday: one from 1:15-2:15PM and the other at 6:30-7:30PM. Both studies will be the same, so you're invited to participate in either of these sessions. This also allows some flexibility to accommodate your schedule. During the time, we will delve into the texts and understand how God speaks to us in the Word. I am excited about this new chance to gather as God's people for prayer and study!

As we near the end of our transition time, I pray that God will continue to lead and guide us as together we live out our mission of being the heart of Christ in the heart of the city.

Peace and Joy,
Pastor Darryl

Transition Team Information Meeting:

Please plan to attend the final Transition Team information meeting on Sunday June 11 at 10:10AM. We will discuss the information we have learned from our recent surveys and from our recent Focused Conversation gathering. The Transition Team is busy preparing our Ministry Site Profile (MSP), which we will deliver to the Church Council. The MSP is being created using all of the data that the Transition Team has been gathering from all of you over these past several months. At that point, the Call Committee will begin their task of identifying candidates to come to FLC as our next pastor. Speaking of the Call Committee; are you interested in serving on this important committee? Please visit the kiosk for a form to complete, signifying your interest. You may also contact the church office. Don't delay; the Call Committee will be forming soon.

See you all on June 11 at the 10:10!

Chuck Leib, Transition Team Chair



Council Update: Goals and Strategies and Plans—Oh My!

by Carol J. Schultz, Council Secretary

We've all heard motivational talks about the importance of setting goals and specifying the strategies and plans required to meet them. Some people even make vast sums of money presenting those concepts in workshops. Closer to home, the subject of planning has surfaced as our congregation responded to the Transition Team's surveys and meetings. And, because we as your Council members are paying attention, we want to share what we're doing.

Each year in January, the Council conducts a retreat in addition to the regular monthly meeting. It's a humble affair. We meet at the church and share a potluck breakfast before we get to work. The most important agenda item is setting goals for the coming year. Each item is assigned a Council member responsible for the task and a date for completion. At every monthly Council meeting, we review our progress. Here's an outline of our highest priority goals for 2017:

2017 Council Officers:

President: Kathryn Kanaan
 Vice President: Dan Kjonggaard
 Treasurer: Kem Taylor
 Secretary: Carol Schultz

Council Members:

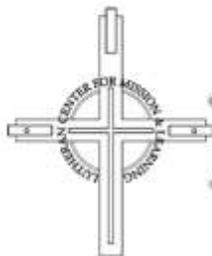
Mark Deffner, Joe DeMers, Anke Hartung, Sylvia Herman, Dick Krueger, Carol McGrath, Aaron Robinson, and Robin Withers.

1. Continue developing and documenting organizational policies and procedures.
 - a. The Finance Committee has completed the 2016 audit and has drafted financial procedures for Council review in coming months.
 - b. Recently, the Council adopted a written facility use agreement for other groups or organizations that want to use First Lutheran's facility on a one-time or continuing basis.
 - c. In May, the Council adopted a draft revised constitution that conforms with the ELCA Model Constitution and forwarded it to the Pacifica Synod for review. After the Synod completes its review, the congregation will vote on this constitution, which was last revised in 2005.
 - d. In June, the Council will review draft bylaws to replace the current bylaws, which were adopted in 1989. The congregation also will vote on these bylaws when it votes on the constitution.
2. Establish outreach to neighboring churches.
 - a. Pr. Kozak and designated Council members are addressing this goal. Initially, the primary focus will be through the pastor's networking with other clergy.
 - b. As we make connections, we will look for opportunities to hold joint events with other ministries.
3. Formalize facility maintenance.
 - a. The Council has developed and is distributing a time and talents survey to document members' skills and availability for maintenance tasks on the church property.
 - b. The Council and staff have developed a list of contractors that can do major fixes and a list of emergency contractors. When responding to maintenance needs, the Office Administrator will contact the appropriate emergency contractor for leaks and breaks and the property committee for other situations.

These goals are intended to fit within the solid foundation of Gospel and social ministry already at work at First Lutheran. To broaden our thinking, we Council members are interested in conducting 10:10 sessions periodically throughout the year to hear your thoughts about goals, strategy, and planning at First Lutheran.

This list is not exhaustive so you won't be exhausted reading it. Please feel free to contact any Council member if you have questions or comments.

God's Peace to you all,
 Your 2017 Council



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God's work. Our hands.

Pacifica Synod

Final Review



30th Annual Synod Assembly—May 11-13, 2017—Town & Country, San Diego

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From the Pacifica Synod's report on the Assembly:

The 30th Annual Pacifica Synod Assembly was held at the beautiful Town & Country Resort in San Diego. The ELCA's Churchwide Representative for this assembly was Mr. Keith Mundy, Program Director for Stewardship, ELCA. Southwest California Synod Bishop, the Rev. Dr. R. Guy Erwin, and the Rev. Dr. Chris Alexander, Associate Minister, Countryside Community Church, Omaha, Nebraska were our keynote speakers.

Throughout the assembly, we were given the opportunity to hear the many stories of God's faithful people from across our synod. Greetings were shared from ecumenical partners and organizations. Business of the assembly was conducted through elections and resolutions. Reports were shared, grant recipients celebrated, and candidates lifted up. We were blessed to experience two inspiring worship services. Friday afternoon provided opportunities to attend both onsite workshops or off-site experiential learning opportunities. We had the chance to relax, laugh, sing, and enjoy a wonderful meal at our Friday evening banquet hosted by Lutheran Retreats, Camps & Conferences.

We give thanks to all who attended this assembly. Your participation and dedication to the ministries of and through this synod are a gift to this synod and the wider church. We also are grateful for those who prayed for this assembly. We especially give thanks for the village it takes to hold a synod assembly: our Assembly Planning Team, Synod Council, staff members, and the MANY on-site volunteers. We are church together for the sake of the world!

RESULTS OF THURSDAY'S VOTES TAKEN AT ASSEMBLY

SA17.05.01 VOTED to approve the rules and agenda for the 2017 Pacifica Synod Assembly.

Synod Council Recommendations:

Constitution updates as mandated by Churchwide Assembly 2016.

SA.17.05.02 VOTED to accept the constitution updates as recommended.

Conference Realignment and Representation on Synod Council Resolution.

SA.17.05.03 VOTED to accept the realignment resolution as recommended.

Pacifica Synod Assembly Location Rotation to Hawai'i Resolution.

SA.17.05.04 VOTED to accept the resolution.

RESULTS OF FRIDAY'S VOTES TAKEN AT ASSEMBLY

Resolutions presented to the Assembly that were brought to Synod Council:

SA17.05.05 VOTED to receive the *Full Participation of all Rostered Leaders in Professional Ethics and Boundaries Training Events.*

After discussion of the above-referenced resolution:

SA17.05.06 VOTED to amend the resolution to read "Rostered Ministers" instead of "Rostered Leaders."

After discussion of the amended resolution, another amendment was made to change the date to 2018.

SA17.05.07 VOTED to amend the resolution.

After discussion of the amended resolution,

SA17.05.08 VOTED to pass the resolution.

Recommendation for Resolution for a 2% increase in clergy baseline salary.

SA17.05.09 VOTED to pass the resolution.

SA17.05.10 VOTED to approve the 2018-2019 budget.



Last Call for Call Committee Applicants

The Council will be selecting the members for the Call Committee at their June meeting. If you are interested in being considered to be on the Call Committee, you are urged to complete the application that is on the table in the Narthex. Once completed, put the application in the box labeled Call Committee in the Narthex. Time is running short, so if you are interested, apply now!!!

Call Committee Responsibilities

Recently an application was made available for congregation members who would like to be considered for the Call Committee. Some members have since asked if additional information is available about the responsibilities of the Call Committee. The information provided below is taken directly from the presentation that Bishop Finck provided to First Lutheran just before Pastor Miller left for his new call.

The Call Committee:

- Meets the Transition Team, Congregation Council, Interim Minister and Office of the Bishop in a conversation to review the Ministry Site Profile
- Attends an orientation conducted by the Synod Staff
- Conducts all interviews with candidates
- Determines candidate of choice and presents name of candidate to the Council for approval
- Invites candidate for second interview and plans and holds a social event for the candidate and the congregation

If you have any questions about the Call Committee, please talk with Pastor Darryl.



Book Group Notes

Imagine discovering a secret—that your family has a hidden Jewish heritage. That your grandfather died in a concentration camp and your grandmother was a death-camp survivor. How did you not know? How would it change your spiritual life? Our

June book group selection, *Hidden Inheritance: Family Secrets, Memory, and Faith* by Heidi Neumark, an ELCA pastor serving in New York City, tells how she stumbled upon family records that revealed her family's loss and trauma. Through this spell-binding memoir, Pastor Neumark tells how she traveled across the ocean and into the depths of her soul to encounter a family heritage she never knew she had.

All are invited for discussion and fellowship on Thursday, June 15, 7:00PM in the Community Room of Susan White's condo development in Banker's Hill. New this month: this will be a "No Host" meeting, and each person is asked to bring a food/beverage item to share—Pot Luck Book Group!

Looking ahead: Next month's book will be *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George.

Collecting Bottle Caps for Luther Glen!

Want to support camp in a unique way? Luther Glen is collecting bottle caps for recycling and sustainable education around the farm! The goal is to collect enough bottles caps to create outdoor classrooms. With the visual of bottle caps, we want to teach children about what goes into our landfills. Any and all caps that secure the tops of bottles can be used (water bottles, Gatorade, milk cartons, juice, etc.). Save your bottle caps and send them to Luther Glen!

Jan Neuhaus will be First Lutheran's contact person for this effort. You can contact her at 619-922-6888 or mjneuhhaus52@gmail.com.



San Diego Pride Parade

Saturday, July 15 @11AM

We are looking to have a marching presence in the Pride Parade on July 15. If you would like to march, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex on Sunday mornings, or you may let Joe DeMers know that you are interested. You can reach him at jdemers620@gmail.com or 619-829-3323.



TACO Corner

Happy June everyone! I trust everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather, and the transition to summer.

Here at TACO, we have served 5542 guests a total of 7894 meals so far this year. In addition, we have been blessed with a large amount of clothing items to give out as well. Numbers are not exact, but we have given out over 1000 hygiene kits, and thousands of pairs of socks. In fact, we are victims of our own success and have been running extremely low on donations for the past month. If any of you are so inclined, TACO could use donations of the following to help our underserved clients:

- Athletic socks (men's)
- Toiletries (travel sized)
 - Shampoo
 - Conditioner
 - Soap
 - Lotion

These seemingly small items provide a very big sense of relief, comfort, and sense of humanity to so many.

Thank you and blessings to you all.

—Brad Young, TACO Volunteer Coordinator
byoung@tacosd.org

New Location!
Save the Date!

Homeless Treasures



7th Annual
Homeless Treasures Rummage Sale

Clairemont Lutheran Church
4271 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
Saturday, June 24, 2017
7AM—1PM
See flyer for more details!

**HELP
WANTED**

FLC is seeking two Church Nursery Care Givers to provide a safe and loving environment for infants and preschool children (infants to 5 years old) during Sunday worship and adult education classes. Responsibilities include: staff nursery Sundays 8:45AM-12:00PM, interact and play with children, and keep nursery secure at all times. Requirements include: Two-plus years of child care experience, infant and child CPR Certification, First Aid Certification, background check, and references.

For complete details or questions: Robin Withers at 858-699-9550 or rwithers@avid.org. Email resume and references: firstlutheransdnursery@gmail.com

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Monastic | deals for the | ideal Life

A Weekend Retreat led by Pastor Darryl and Beth Allen Slevcove

Have you ever wondered how monks “get away from it all” and live apart from the world? Have you ever thought about deepening your spiritual life with this 1500-year-old tradition? Then you’re invited to join Pastor Darryl and Beth Slevcove as they lead a weekend retreat on exploring, discussing, and incorporating monastic practices and disciplines in our secular life.

The retreat will be held at the Old Mission San Luis Rey, Friday-Sunday, October 13-15. The cost is \$225.00 per person, double occupancy or \$275 per person, single occupancy, which includes all meals. The retreat is limited to 20 people. **Deadline to register is August 20.** For more information, please speak with Pastor Darryl or email him at pastordarryl@firstlutheransd.org.



June Birthdays

2: Geri Jenkins

7: Joshua Grace

13: Lynda Brown

20: Joe DeMers

4: Emily Kirn

9: Jack Lindquist

14: Lynne Falcon

23: Frank Jessie III

5: Joel Radatz

9: Ted Carlson

17: Brian Jensen

26: Kathy Boeckelman

6: Merv Rettenmund

9: Phillip Waldchen

17: Wallace Robinson

29: Eric Sloniker

6: Matthew Eckert

10: Gary Randall

20: Tony Quintana

29: Brian Shuman



First Lutheran Worship Assistants – May & June

ALTAR GUILD

JUNE

9:00 a.m. Service

Susan White

11:00 a.m. Service

Ladonna Piper

JULY

9:00 a.m. Service

Dorothy Hunter

11:00 a.m. Service

Melinda Person

USHERS

JUNE

9:00 a.m. Service

Dan & Rebecca Kjonogaard

11:00 a.m. Service

*Ruth Clayton &
Ladonna Piper*

JULY

9:00 a.m. Service

Tony and Peggy Quintana

11:00 a.m. Service

*Ladonna Piper &
Luke Williams*

| Date | Time | Assisting Minister | Lector | Greeters | Refreshments | Flowers |
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| June 4 | 9:00 11:00 | Nate Pratt Paul Finneseth | Kem Taylor Joe Slevcove | Shaun Travers Slevcovs | David Oakes & Dennis Arenas | Marjorie Wahlsten |
| June 11 | 9:00 11:00 | Brian Shuman Luke Williams | Eric Sloniker Martha Radatz | Shaun Travers _____ | | |
| June 18 | 9:00 11:00 | Chuck Leib Mary Ann Horton | Brian Shuman Matt Eckert | George & Ethel Falk Elizabeth Connolly | | Mary & Aaron Robinson |
| June 25 | 9:00 11:00 | Frank Jessie Robin Withers | George Falk Lee Wesley | George & Ethel Falk Melinda Person | | DeMers |
| July 2 | 9:00 11:00 | Kathryn Kanaan Gary Muhlback | Sylvia Herman Joe Slevcove | John Hoff Slevcovs | | |
| July 9 | 9:00 11:00 | Eric Sloniker Paul Finneseth | Carol Schultz Luke Williams | Pat Hendrickson _____ | | |
| July 16 | 9:00 11:00 | Richard Phillips Luke Williams | Jan Neuhaus Robin Withers | Kem Taylor _____ | | Renea Aswegan |



June 2017 Calendar of Events

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 12 pm AI Anon | 2 9 am Acupuncture 9 am Bread Day 9 am UCSD Clinic 12 pm AA 7 pm CODA | 3 |
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Monday evening clinics include acupuncture, medical, dental, and legal services.

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Willing Workers Wanted!

In an effort to keep our costs down and be on budget, the Property Committee of the Church Council has created a Willing Worker sign-up sheet.

If you are willing to do some fix-up, clean-up, or paint touch-up work, sign up on the Willing Worker sheet in the narthex. Indicate your name, email address, and phone number along with your skill (i.e. masonry, plumbing, carpentry, painting, electrical), level of expertise (advanced, basic or "go-fer" as there usually is a Home Depot run involved in these projects), time available, day of week and AM or PM. A contact list will be created and you will be notified of work dates.

Thank you for your willingness to work on these necessary projects.



Landscaping Group

**June 10
9-10:30AM**

If you're willing to get your hands dirty and help make the outside of the church a more welcoming place, please come and help out. Bring some gardening gloves and whatever tools you have, and help beautify the church!

Living Lutheran Magazine

The *Living Lutheran* magazine provides the latest news, regional and global mission stories, spiritual reflections and resources from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Renamed the *Living Lutheran* last year, it is an excellent means to receive information on our shared mission and ministry in the ELCA. The cost of a yearly subscription is \$15. This special rate covers the cost of the magazine and helps support subscriptions to our shut-in members. If you wish to re-subscribe, newly subscribe or support this ministry please place a check for \$15 in envelope payable to "First Lutheran Church" noting "Living Lutheran" in the memo line.



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