

Living Connected.. TO GOD & EACH OTHER

February—April
2025



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Sunday Worship:

8:45 & 10 AM

YouTube & Facebook Live
(All Age Worship)

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Stewardship of the Heart... by Pastor Scott Jakel

In this next period of time that our Caller newsletter covers (“winter”), we’re going to be considering how our spiritual lives can be the focus of our stewardship at First Lutheran Church of Columbia Heights. Check this out!

We all know that we have an annual stewardship drive/campaign that occurs most years in the fall, early to mid-November. We address our financial giving planning during this time as we consider pledges for the coming year. It’s a helpful part of our ministry.

In this winter period, we’re stepping back a bit to emphasize the source of all that financial giving that we do. It all starts with our hearts and our faith life. Thus, it is my prayer that you’ll use this winter season as a time to allow the Holy Spirit to steward your spirit as you seek to have growth occur in this part of your life - even now.

It would be wonderful to see how spending more time in prayer and studying scriptures with a friend, can affect your whole life. Going forward, will you sense God’s direction and wisdom in important decisions you will make about finances, physical/emotional health, and relationships based on time set aside for meditation and/or reading devotional books?

It’s my prayer that you will see the power of growing things now in the middle of winter so that seeds will sprout in the spring. As you allow God to plant gratitude in your life, you’ll thank people more often. As you welcome bulbs of compassion and empathy to be planted in you, you’ll connect with the pain and suffering of others and support them as you are able to do so.

Happy frozen farming to you in these bitter cold days. God is going to allow us to increase the funding for essential ministry in our church because you’ve established a pattern of regular worship attendance, as you give offerings when you attend. God is going to make it possible for our church to have an abundance of ushers and greeters who step up to serve because people have been journaling regarding all that they’re grateful for - and they feel inspired to give back to God because of all they rejoice in.

Thanks for reviewing this stewardship piece in the winter - when we JUST finished the autumn campaign. I believe God’s up to something in bringing growth to our community year round. Thanks be to God!

Summer 8:45 Worship Option

Looking ahead at summer—do you think you’d enjoy worshipping during the summer months earlier in the morning on Sundays? Staff and members of the congregation are considering offering the 8:45 AM worship service year round. Currently it’s been our pattern to skip June through August. We’re looking forward to your feedback and input. Please let us know if you might be interested in continuing to attend this early service or maybe even try out worshipping at 8:45 AM even though you normally worship at 10 - just for the summer.

FYI, we may have a scaled-down format some weeks but plenty of interaction - especially if it’s just a small gathering of people. Let us know of your interests. Congregational planning works a whole lot better when we hear from you!!

LENT / PALM SUNDAY / EASTER / MUSIC

LENT SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY SERMON SERIES

Starting on March 9, the first Sunday in Lent, our sermon series will focus on Disruptive Grace. God's grace that benefits us as it disrupts our world and comes directly into our lives will be our theme for both Sundays and Wednesdays during Lent. We'll be following amazing stories that are part of a valuable resource we use called the Narrative Lectionary.

What does grace disrupt? Our prejudice and bias against others as we hear the Good Samaritan story. Our quick pattern to pass judgment on others/coming up with quick answers - as we hear Jesus speak of a tower falling on 18 people and a fig tree that doesn't produce figs. Our despair and unhealthy patterns of difficult relationships as we explore the parables of the lost sheep, lost coin, and lost son.

Poverty - as we hear the story of the Rich Man refusing to help poor Lazarus right outside his gate. And finally, shame - as Zaccheus is set free (from his tree) as well as his shame and he shows profound generosity out of gratitude for God's love.



Musically, we plan to have both portions of Holden Evening Prayer and another great resource called Joyous Light as part of our Wednesday services. Not surprisingly, we'll emphasize songs related to grace, including versions of Amazing Grace throughout lent. (see Jeffrey's article and Lent schedule below).

Please join us at 8:45 & 10 AM on Sundays and from 7-7:45 on Wednesday evenings for these worship services. (Note: The early worship service on Sundays, **April 13 & 20 is at 8:30.**)

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

This year for our midweek Lenten Services we will be singing both *Holden Evening Prayer* by Marty Haugen (an FLC favorite) and *Joyous Light* by Ray Makeever. We will alternate weeks with these two lovely settings of Evening Prayer. I look forward to sharing these with you as a part of your Lenten journey.

Here is the schedule:
March 12 – *Holden Evening Prayer*
March 19 – *Joyous Light*
March 26 – *Holden Evening Prayer*
April 2 – *Joyous Light*
April 9 – *Holden Evening Prayer*



Jeffrey Patry, Director of Music Ministry/Organist



Daylight Savings
March 9, 2025

Remember to 'Spring forward' for an extra hour of sunshine.

Easter Sunday
8:30 & 10 AM

PALM SUNDAY & EASTER WORSHIP

Please plan to join us at **8:30 or 10 AM** on both Sundays, April 13 & 20 for our Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday worship services, respectively. They're going to be great! The music and the whole worship experience on each day is such a highlight each year.

The Palm Sunday emphasis will be upon Jesus coming into Jerusalem on a donkey and all the people praising God's work through God's humble Son. The Easter emphasis will be upon the women who were the first to boldly witness the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Their witness on this day will be an amazing echo to our emphasis on Mary Magdalene during our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Drama performances/worship services on April 17 & 18 at 7 PM. Invite your friends to one or both events too!

Finally, you'll want to make sure to invite people to join you (and for you to come as well!) for the Palm Sunday brunch being served from 9:30 AM until 12:30 PM as well as the Egg-hunt at 11:30 AM for the children. People love it when you invite them to eat great food that supports our youth! *Enjoy.*



Lent Begins March 5
Ash Wednesday
Worship at 12 & 7 PM

Lent Sundays Begin
March 9
Worship at 8:45 & 10 AM

Lent Wednesdays Schedule

March 12, 19, 26, & April 2, 9
5:30-6:30 PM Soup Supper
6-6:45 PM Bells Rehearsal
7-7:35 PM Lenten Worship
7:45-8:45 PM Choir Rehearsal
8 PM Youth Group ends

Palm Sunday, April 13
Worship at 8:30 & 10 AM

Easter Sunday, April 20
Worship at 8:30 & 10 AM



MUSIC & CONCERTS / FAITH COMMUNITY SUPPORT



Saturday, March 8, 7 PM – Please join the **Lake Wobegon Brass Band** in a Spring concert here at FLC. The Lake Wobegon Brass Band originated with three founding members at the Anoka Coffee Shop in early 1992 and is comprised of educators (music and otherwise), professional musicians and several who have vocations outside the musical world. The Lake Wobegon Brass Band is conducted by newly appointed conductor Dr. Matthew George. Adult tickets are \$10, and students are free. Tickets will be available at the door. Come and be inspired in an evening of Brass band favorites! More information can be found at www.lwbb.org.



Sunday, April 27, 4 PM – The **Caritas Vocal Ensemble** conducted by Monte Mason will present a Spring concert in our beautiful Sanctuary. The Caritas Vocal Ensemble (which rehearses at FLC) was established in 2002 as a response to 9/11. *Caritas* is Latin for *charity* or *sacrificial love*. Their mission is to partner with churches and nonprofit organizations in Minneapolis, St. Paul and the Greater Twin Cities Metro to help bring awareness and monetary aid to underserved communities. For this concert they will partner with **Avenues for Youth**, which has supported youth ages 16-24 in Hennepin County for 30 years. Avenues for Youth provides a stable home to empower youth to find their path out of homelessness. A free will offering will be taken at the concert to support this mission. Please come and support the fine work of Caritas and Avenues for Youth. More info can be found at www.caritasvocalensemble.org.

Sunday, May 4, 3 PM – **Jeffrey Patry** will rock the Sanctuary with a lively organ recital featuring some of Jeffrey's favorites. This will be a great afternoon filled with wonderful music! Please come and enjoy an afternoon of organ favorites!



Hola Amigos!

You've likely heard of the famed nineteenth century poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow who once noted that "music is the *universal language* of mankind." We have been blessed to enjoy such a variety of talented musicians at FLC. But did you know that English is actually First Lutheran's *second language*?

Back in 1912, our services were originally held in the Norwegian language. We were started by Norwegian immigrants new to Minnesota. But eventually the church made a bold change to include non-Norwegians. So, we started having services in English.

Our community has surely changed a lot in the last 100 years. Perhaps you may be noticing more Spanish being spoken in our church building and music in our worship services. I know I hear a lot more of it! We're intending to have a more focused effort to reach out to our Spanish-speaking community both within our congregation and in our surrounding community. We have Spanish speaking families on Sunday mornings and about half of our children in our weekly After School program speak Spanish as their first language.

We'd love to have you join us in any effort to help in making people feel more welcome. Are you willing to pray for this growing ministry emphasis, learn a few Spanish language phrases to greet our neighbors or mentor a Spanish speaking child to learn English? You could sign up for a language class in the community.

If we all do our best and what we can do, I think God will bless these efforts along with the previously mentioned efforts of our Spiritual Growth team at FLC. (In terms of specific efforts: we're praying the Lord's Prayer in both English and Spanish each week and we regularly have bulletins printed in Spanish throughout the year!) God is up to something here!

Vamos! — Pastor Scott

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If you have 2024 Thrivent Choice dollars to direct, please do so by Mar. 31, 2025.

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- Click: "Direct Now" or call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted.

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Thank you Thrivent Members who supported faith community functions with Thrivent Action Grants!

COMMUNION ORIENTATION, APRIL 6

Would you or your child like to learn more about Holy Communion? Would you like to better understand the meal we share weekly? On Sunday, April 6, Pastor Jill will lead a class for all ages focused on the origins, reasons, and current practice of this sacrament. Celebration of the completion of this orientation will be on Thursday, April 17 at 7 PM during our Last Supper re-enactment. All who have completed the orientation, their families, and their baptismal sponsors are invited to attend. Questions? Contact Pastor Jill or Rachel. They'll meet you in the Sanctuary.



ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS, MARCH 2

Are you curious what it means to call yourself "Lutheran"? Would you like to know more about what we believe and confess and why we hold these values? Were you baptized a LONG time ago and would like to publicly affirm your baptism and your commitment to Christ? We have a great opportunity for you!



Beginning March 2, we will offer a seven session adult confirmation class. It will be held on Sunday mornings during the education hour. ALL PEOPLE with ALL QUESTIONS are welcome. This class will be conversation based using the resource, "By Heart" from Augsburg Fortress. Please contact Pastor Jill if you are interested or for more information. Email Pastor Jill to sign up. jillb@flcch.org.

BIBLE STUDYS RESUME IN FEBRUARY

The Sunday Bible study is offered at 8:30 & 11:15 AM (same study) and will resume Feb. 9. Whatever time you choose, please feel free to bring in your coffee or community lunch! All are welcome to join any Sunday! Questions to Michelle Edwards, 763-300-8419, shell-lyn@hotmail.com

The Wednesday Bible discussion group meets from 6-7 PM and resumes on Feb. 5. They will be using a study guide entitled "Hope." They meet in the staff conference room. Any and all are welcome. Questions to Phil Mattison, 763-571-1806, mattisonpk@comcast.net



Last Supper Reenactment April 17 & 18

Our annual tradition of bringing the story of Jesus to the stage is back. Plan to attend the performances of our Last Supper reenactment on Thursday and Friday April 17 & 18 at 7 PM.

While it's an old, old story, there are always new perspectives to be explored, and we will attempt to learn more about Jesus again this year. Holy Communion will be offered for all.

Let's Go to Greece and Walk in the Footsteps of Paul, May 2025

Would you like to deepen your understanding of the Bible and learn about the spread of the Gospel in its earliest days? Pastor Jill has an amazing opportunity for you! She will be leading a trip to Greece in May 2025 and wants YOU to come along.

Departure is May 1 and NOW is a great time to register. Contact Pastor Jill at jillb@flcch.org for more information and to let her know you have registered. [You can register here](#) or pick up a brochure in the Commons.



Easter Memorial Garden

...In honor or celebration of a loved one.



You are invited to contribute to the celebratory flower display in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Please sign up at the desk in the church Commons by Sunday, Apr. 13, so that all names for remembrance can be listed in the worship bulletin. Cost: \$12 per flower arrangement, payable to FLC. *Flowers can be taken home after Easter service.*

Young at Heart Trip to New York City

The Young at Heart Group is planning a fabulous trip to New York City, Sept. 17-25, 2025. Cost: \$1230 plus the cost of an optional Broadway Show (TBD). Look for a sign up sheet to be posted on the bulletin board in the church Commons with more information. You may also contact Karen Palm with any questions or for more details, 612-616-3879.



Family Choir

All ages are welcome to join us for Family Choir! We rehearse 11-11:15 AM every Sunday in February. We will sing in church on Feb. 23. Songs: My God is so great; God made me; Dios es me amigo. We will also prepare to sing on Palm Sunday rehearsing March 23, 30, and April 6.

Youth Lead

Conference, April 12

Bloomington, MN
Meet at church at 8:30 AM. Conference is from 9 AM-4:30 PM. Our group will go out to eat after the conference and return by 7 PM. For all youth who are interested in leadership at church, school or in the community.



Palm Sunday Brunch

Sunday, April 13

We are hosting a Palm Sunday Brunch Fundraiser for youth ministries at First Lutheran. The event takes place on April 13. We need your help! Sign up with Rachel. Shifts: 9 AM - 11 AM (Set up and serve) 11 AM - 1 PM (Serve and clean up)



Egg Hunt, April 13

Sunday School children are invited to an egg-hunt with candy and fun in the church Courtyard at 11:30 AM.



Earth Day Service

Projects, Saturday, April 26, 9 AM - 11 AM

Youth and adults are invited to meet at the Columbia Heights Library to help pick up trash on the sidewalks of Central Avenue.



Adopt a Park Clean-up

Sunday, April 27 (during Sunday School)

Kids, youth and families are invited to join us to clean-up our parks for Earth Day! First Lutheran has adopted Ostrander Park, across the street from church. We'll have a special treat of cupcakes to celebrate.



Magnified: Vacation Bible

School June 16-20. We will be offering a morning VBS at church, with early drop off and lunch provided. Youth and Adult leaders needed.

CAMP WAPO

We invite you to join in the excitement at Camp Wapo — A Place of Grace. A place where faith and fun collide. A place for YOU!

This summer's theme is: *Breathe!* Camp is a life-changing experience, and we want to get every kid in our community to Bible camp!

SUMMER PLANNING 2025



SEEDS CAMP: Completed grades 1-3
Cost: \$300 (All campers eligible for \$50 church gift; scholarships up to full amount available)
Dates: Aug. 1-3

YOUTH CAMP: Completed grades 4-9
Cost: \$700 (All campers eligible for \$100 church gift; scholarships up to full amount available)
Dates: Aug. 3-8

ROOTS SENIOR HIGH CAMP @ WAPO: Completed grades 10-12
Cost: \$700 (All campers eligible for \$100 church gift; scholarships up to full amount available)
Dates: Aug. 3-8

Registration for all camps opens Jan. 15, 2025, and reserved spaces close Feb. 15, 2025. **Register at this link:** <http://lwlbcj.com/first-ch>

FAMILY CAMP: Aug. 8-10
You'll enjoy classic camp activities like swimming, games, campfires, and worship, all designed to create lasting memories.

FAMILY GET AWAY: July 4-6 or July 25-27. Engage in camp activities at your own pace as you enjoy time together as a family. It's a perfect opportunity to reconnect and recharge in a beautiful, peaceful environment.

Find out more and register here: <https://lakewapo.org/programs/wapo-family-camp/>

GIFT (Generations in Faith Together) Camp for Grandparents or any family

3-Day Camp July 13-15

4-Day Camp July 15-18

6-Day Camp July 13-18

<https://lakewapo.org/programs/grandparent-kid-camp/>

Work at Camp Wapo!

High school students 16 years and older are invited to apply to be Weekend SEEDS camp counselors. Adults 18 and older are invited to apply to be counselors throughout the summer. Find out more information and apply here: <https://lakewapo.org/employment/camp-wapo-employment-overview/>

Service Learning Trip in Chicago

July 19-24. We are excited to invite you to an incredible opportunity this summer—a Service Learning Trip in Chicago. This camp is designed for youth grades 6-12 who are ready to make a difference, learn new skills, and explore the vibrant culture of Chicago. If you're interested, please let Rachel James know ASAP. Don't hesitate to reach out to help, we're also looking for chaperones.

Parents Groups continue!

We have a delightful group of parents who meet to help support each other, laugh, and get real about the joys and challenges of raising kids (...on not enough sleep!). Both parent groups meet bimonthly on Sundays at 11:15 AM.
* *Katie Luther Moms meet 1st Sunday of the month with occasional outings*
* *Dads Group meets 2nd Sunday of the month and a schedule monthly outing*



Thank you to the many youth & adults who helped to make this year's Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner a huge success!



Last Supper Drama April 17 & 18

This year's Last Supper drama focuses on Jesus' relationship with Mary Magdalene and the women who worked so hard in his ministry. We wanted to imagine how women might have broken down barriers and found a place in the Kingdom of God. We also want to offer this as a celebration of the unique contributions of women in leadership both in the early church, and in the contemporary Church. The ELCA Lutheran Church has been ordaining women for over 50 years! The church has been blessed by the unique contributions of women in a variety of ways over the last 2000 years. And it all started with a handful of women 2000 years ago who said "Yes!" to following Jesus the Christ.



Sat. Feb. 15 at 10 am - 12pm
Bring donated items for a table. Everything is free!
Talk to Nathan Roberts to reserve a table.

Winter Buy Nothing Event at FLC Sat. Feb. 15, 10 AM - Noon.

If you have items you want to give away, just bring them during set up from 9:30 to 10 AM and place them up at your table (tables will be assigned as people arrive). You can browse for items at other tables during the event. At the end, you take any of your remaining items and bring them home (or donate them somewhere like Savers). Contact Nathan Roberts if you want to reserve a table or volunteer as a welcomer at the event.

Mission Jamaica 2025

Ten members from FLC are traveling to Jamaica in February 2025 to help at medical clinics, build homes, and serve at Westhaven Orphanage. Thank you to all who continue to support this ministry!



After School is Growing!

This year we have seen a lot of growth in our After School program. We have 30 - 35 students every Tuesday/Thursday! This is almost double the size of the program from two years ago! We have a dramatic increase in Spanish speaking families. We served around 150 people at our annual holiday meals. We're grateful to Angela Gallo who translated materials and coordinated with Spanish speaking families and blessed by the efforts of volunteers who practiced their limited Spanish to help new kids. *Special thanks to Jane & Larry Bugbee, Rachel James, Angela Gallo, Karen Mattison, Karen Peterson, Shiloh, Ben & Molly, Tom Charbonneau, Paul Babekuhl, and Joe Stinson for their amazing support.*

Thank you for dishwashing Roy!

Roy Weber has washed thousands of dishes during the last six years. Roy faithfully rides his bike or gets a ride to church all year long and we are so grateful for him. Roy is moving to St. Paul and will no longer be able to help. We are grateful for his time with us and wish him the best in his new home.



First Lutheran Book Club

The Book Club meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday at 1 PM. Join them for a book discussion, fellowship & refreshments. Contact: Char, charzarich@gmail.com

Singles 55+ gather to socialize at a restaurant, community event, or to work on a service project. They typically meet twice a month on Fridays at 12 PM. Emails are sent to invite interested Singles and advise of meeting opportunities. Contact Faith to get connected! 612-799-4245, whitefa@comcast.net



Community Lunch Sundays 11 AM- 12:30 PM

We continue to serve around 115 delicious meals each Sunday! With rising food costs, we are seeing new neighbors coming. We also appreciate Rock & Kari Hauser and Kevin & Jill Kaliher who work hard to provide low cost meals and a fresh salad bar. If you're willing to help serve once a month or as a sub, please contact Nathan, nathanr@flcch.org! *Thank you to Rock & Kari Hauser, Brian Schweiger, Roy Weber, Jane Bugbee, Larry Bugbee, Kevin & Jill Kaliher, Judie Opheim, Wendy Ramirez, Betty Krahl, Pam Hartel, Chris Dansby, Jaime Alvarado, Tammy Rogne, Jenn Shull, Dave and DiAnn Meyer and all the youth and families that help!*



Lutefisk & Meat Ball Dinner 2025

Mange Tusen Takk (Many Thousand Thanks). With this year's Lutefisk and Meatball dinner squarely in our rearview mirror, I want to make sure everyone knows how very much appreciated it is that over 140 of you gave your time and effort to make the dinner a huge success. Preliminary numbers show that we raised over \$11,000 to support youth camperships, the various ministries at First Lutheran and the ministries we support outside of our walls. On top of that, it was so much fun to spend time with so many of you and get to know you better. Our guests were so thrilled that the dinner was back and many of them indicated their intent to return next year. So put it on your calendars – the third Saturday in January 2026. *Mange tusen takk!* – *The Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner Steering Committee.*

MINISTRY NEWS / FINANCE & OPS / NEW 2025 BOARDS & COUNCIL

This year my family and I attended the Christmas Eve service at First Lutheran Church, and I beamed with pride when I showed them the upper and lower floors, my office and the beautiful Sanctuary. I marveled as they complimented our amazing church campus, and I thought to myself that many congregation members probably don't know how many countless hours and how much of the church's funds go into maintaining FLCCH's beautiful but aging building.

While many of you give to the Mortgage and Maintenance Fund already some of you might not be familiar with this fund. It was basically established to pay for repairs and maintenance projects that the

maintenance team under Jody's guidance prioritizes, and to pay for the outstanding mortgage loan of \$1.3 Million. While an average of \$4000 gets donated per month towards the M&M fund the mortgage payment alone is \$8632. So, there are not sufficient funds for the maintenance and repair projects that constantly line up and the General Fund is used to pay for the difference. This year we have put aside \$30,000 for the General Fund to help pay for building projects and another \$20,000 will be covered by the Memorial & Endowment Fund.

Speaking of projects. The next major expense will be installing a new AC in the Sanctuary that will cost

approximately \$180,000 which will be paid for with Special Projects funds. However, if anyone would like to help with Giving, please let me know to apply the donation towards the AC repair.

Thanks to all of you for another successful Stewardship Drive. Amid the hustle and bustle of the year-end Holidays it is easy to forget about pledge cards and donations. But it helped the Finance Board to put together a solid budget for 2025 that will be closely tracked monthly.

Stay warm and please don't hesitate to call or email me with any questions.

Jana Dietering, Finance & Ops Director

We Welcome our New 2025 Board, Council & Committee Members!

2025 BOARDS & COUNCIL: First Lutheran Church, Columbia Heights Annual Meeting, January 19, 2025
(Candidates voted in by Acclamation)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Jeff Beck
Vice Pres: Kathy Ballard
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Interim Pastor: Scott Jakel
Pastor: Jill Bergman

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Chair, Janet Meyen
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Members: Jaime Alvarez, Larry Bugbee, Jane Bugbee, Christopher Dansby
Staff: Nathan Roberts

BOARD OF FINANCE

Chair (TBD) / Vice Chair (TBD)
Members: John Peterson, Terry Swanson, Jay Craft, Dirk Schmitz, Rachel Page, Mel McCormack
Staff: Jana Dietering

BOARD OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Chair: Bob Nelson
Vice Chair: Bruce Shellito
Members: Phil Mattison, Randy Bergman, Michelle Edwards, Emily Olson De Alvarez
Staff: Jill Bergman

BOARD OF CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

Chair: Rebecca Stolba
Vice Chair: Junia James
Members: Melissa Habeck, Marit Solem, Joline Dittbenner, Kevin Kaliher
Staff: Rachel James

FACILITIES & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

(reports to the Board of Finance)
Roger Johnson Jana Dietering, staff
Larry Bugbee Jody Chandler, Staff
Bruce Shellito

MEMORIAL & ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Chair: John Peterson
Vice Chair: Chad Habeck
Secretary: Bob Nelson
Treasurer: Christopher Larson
Members: Paul Turner, Drew Stolba
Worship & Spiritual Growth Reps: _____

SYNOD ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBERS

Representing our church at May 2, 3 Synod Assembly. Pastors plus 2 voting Members: Kathy Ballard, Vicki Jensen

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(4 open) positions

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair: Warren Watson
Members: _____ (open)
Wendy Watson
Interim Pastor Scott Jakel
Executive Committee Rep: Karen Palm
Finance Rep: John Peterson

CALL COMMITTEE

Larry Bugbee, Ruth Dodson, Meagan Ferris, Jan McFall, Bob Nelson & Drew Stolba



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generous, direct monetary gifts of its members and friends.

There are several ways you can bless this mission of Jesus with your gifts:

- 1) Place your **Check or Cash** in the offering plate during the service. Please use an offering envelope so we can give you credit for your gift.
- 2) **Electronic Funds Transfer** from our website, flcch.org (upper right hand corner). You can set up a one-time or recurring donation.
- 3) **Bill Pay.** Follow the directions of your bank or credit union to create

First Lutheran as a Payee at 1555 40th Ave. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55421, and choose to make a regular weekly or monthly offering.

- 4) **Stock Transfer to the Church.**
- 5) For more information, contact Jana Dietering, Finance & Operations Manager, 763-788-9653, ext. 104 or jana@flcch.org



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**SUNDAY MEAL
11 AM - 12:30 PM**

**SPRING
REMINDER!**

**Daylight Savings:
'Spring forward' on
Sunday, Mar. 9!**

RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED

Don't miss Family Worship, Creative Arts, Music & Fun at First!

