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Candles, Flowers, Bread, Wine... *is it a romantic night out?*

Silver, Robes, Paraments, Bulletins, Offering Plates, Vestments, Microphones, Video Recorders, DVD Burners, Hand Bells, Organs, Pianos, Torches, Crosses... what do all these things have in common?

They are all parts of the Worship Service each Sunday and there's an army of dedicated volunteers that do a wonderful job of ensuring all the elements of the worship service are cared for so the congregation experiences God's grace and forgiveness each Sunday. We welcome anyone interested in participating in any of the roles that support the preparation, delivery and clean-up for each Sunday's services.

Listed in the accompanying table is an overview of the volunteers needed to prepare and execute 2 worship services each week.

In addition to all the volunteers listed in the table below, we

have Offering Tellers who assist with counting the offering each week, volunteers preparing the bulletins for each service, our paid office staff (Lisa Geiger and Sarah Mahnke), our musicians / musical director (Ryan-Michael Blake and Lawrence Carr), and our Pastors; Pastor Goeres and Pastor Mims.

We are blessed to have so many helping hands to bring a service together. The Worship Committee encourages anyone interested in participating in the Worship Service to contact a coordinator to get signed up.

Members of the Worship Committee will be in the Welcome Center during the month of November to answer questions you may have about volunteering.

It takes many hands and hearts to bring this all together, will you lend yours for a brief time each Sunday?

Team	Commitment	Coordinator
Saturday		
Altar Guild	3-4 people work as a team to prepare the worship space for Sunday Services	Clara Strehlow
Flower Arrangers	1 person each week	Janine Brown
Bread Bakers	1 person each week	Jonathan Miller
Sunday		
Communion Set-Up (8:30)	1-2 people each week	No Coordinator
Ushers (8:30)	4 people each week	Robert Green
Acolyte (8:30)	1-2 Acolytes each week	Suzanne Sackel
Assisting Minister (8:30)	1 person each week	Karen Siegel
Children's Sermon (8:30)	1 person each week	Pastor Goeres
Communion Assistants (8:30)	1-2 people each week	Karen Siegel
Cantor (8:30)	1 person each week	Ryan-Michael Blake
Lectors (8:30)	1-2 people each week	Karen Siegel
Communion Clean-Up & Set-Up	2+ people each week	Rebecca Dozier
Coffee Hour (8:30)	1-2 people each week	Jennifer Wright

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Team	Commitment	Coordinator
Ushers (11:00)	4 people each week	Don Strehlow
Videographer (11:00)	1 person each week	Skip Hiser
Crucifer / Bible Bearer (11:00)	1 Crucifer each week 1 Bible Bearer / 1 month	Suzanne Sackel
Torches (11:00)	2 Torch Bearers each week	Suzanne Sackel
Acolyte (11:00)	2 Acolytes each week	Suzanne Sackel
Assisting Minister (11:00)	1 person each week	Karen Siegel
Children's Sermon (11:00)	1 person each week	Pastor Goeres
Cantor(s) (11:00)	Choir or Section Leader	Ryan-Michael Blake
Lectors (11:00)	2 people each week	Karen Siegel
Communion Assistants (11:00)	1-2 people each week	Karen Siegel
Communion Clean-Up (11:00)	2+ people each week	Rebecca Dozier
Flower Re-Arrangers (11:00)	2 people each week	Emily Davidson
Flower Delivery Coordinator	1 person each week	Emily Davidson
Coffee Hour (11:00)	1-2 people each week	Jennifer Wright
Choir Members / HandBells	Various	Ryan-Michael Blake

Columbarium New Addition Completed

Many, many thanks to Chuck Baynard for his carpentry skills and time dedicated to install the new wall in our Columbarium. If you would like to purchase a niche or memorial plaque, please contact the office. The cost per niche is \$400.00, and memorial plaques are \$60.00.



Confirmands

Our Confirmands shared their faith symbols with the Council at the October meeting. Ask them to share their stories with you!

Pictured left to right are: Maggie Kelly, Lauren Kuehl, Grace McGhee, Suzy Biboum, Sydney Brown



November 2017

Worship every Sunday at 8:30 and 11 AM. Nursery available.
 Sunday School at 9:45 AM with classes for children, youth and adults. Nursery available.
 Office Hours: 9 AM—4 PM Monday-Thursday, 9 AM -1 PM Friday
 Weekday Men's Bible Study: 7 AM Wednesdays at 21st Street IHOP

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study @ Charlie's Cafe 12:00 PM Lunch Ministry 6:30 PM Bells 7:30 PM Choir	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i> Youth Scholarship Dinner 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM New Member Class 11:00 AM Worship	<i>6</i> 7 PM Church Council	<i>7</i> 11 AM—Lydia Circle 12:15 PM Adult Ministry 7 PM—Martha Circle	<i>8</i> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study @ Charlie's Cafe 12:00 PM Lunch Ministry 6:30 PM Bells 7:30 PM Choir	<i>9</i> 10 AM—Quilt Group 5:30 PM—With Open Arms (800 Colonial Ave)	<i>10</i> Veterans' Day Holiday Office Closed	<i>11</i> Carroll - O'Neill Wedding
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<i>26</i> Advent SS Event 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> 9:30 AM Christian Service	<i>29</i> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study @ Charlie's Cafe 12:00 PM Lunch Ministry 6:30 PM Bells 7:30 PM Choir	<i>30</i>	<div> Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closed </div>	

A Message From GAM:

An Evolving Ministry...

Ghent Area Ministry (GAM) was formed in 2000 with a goal to give “a hand up, not a hand-out” to people in need in our neighborhood. In order to best serve our community, GAM has been reviewing the effectiveness of the services it offers, and eliminating some of the duplication of what is readily available elsewhere in our City. During the process, we have asked the difficult question of whether GAM should discontinue our Food Pantry services in order to focus our resources. Because over thirty other organizations in Norfolk provide food for those in need either through feeding programs or through food pantries, we have decided to discontinue our food pantry by the end of the year. This will allow GAM to focus on the other equally important services that will help our neighbors in need. As a result of this, we will no longer need future pantry donations, and the food we have collected throughout the year will continue to be distributed until

depleted. However, GAM will provide a listing of the churches and non-profits who have a pantry and are in need of these donations.

Our mission continues to be to serve and empower those in need and to be a bridge and support to faith communities who serve and empower the needy as well. GAM sincerely appreciates all the time, dedication and donations First Lutheran has given to the food pantry over the years, and will need your support of the Thanksgiving Food Basket program. We will continue to update you regarding GAM and the services it offers, and how First Lutheran can be a part of this important mission.

Please check the FLC Service Ministry bulletin board for the latest information, or if you have questions, contact Pam Baynard, 638-4812, pbaynard65@charter.net or Rebecca Dozier, a GAM board member, rebeccad66@cox.net.

Roanoke College Choir

The Roanoke College Choir presented a program on Monday, October 16th, featuring music inspired by the Lutheran Reformation. FLC was their first stop on their way to the National Cathedral where they will sing for the 500th Anniversary Celebration hosted by the Metro DC Synod. Thanks to everyone who prepared meals and welcomed these young people into your home overnight.



Connect with Others

Bible Day

Bible Day for 2nd graders will be December 3rd. First Lutheran Church would like to give a Bible to all our 2nd grade students. Students and their families will be invited forward for a brief ceremony during each of the services that day. Please contact Amy Hood at ahood7@cox.net to add your 2nd grader to the list.

Advent Sunday School Event

Advent Sunday School for children and their families will be held on November 26th during the Sunday School hour, 9:45-10:45am. Everyone is invited to meet on the 3rd floor for crafts and cookies. There will be no other classes for children on that day. Come get excited for Christmas!

Annual Meeting set for November 19th

First Lutheran will celebrate only one worship service on Sunday, November 19th, to be held at 10:00 AM. During this service we will welcome new members to the congregation. The service will be followed by the Annual Meeting of the membership. Members will review and vote on candidates for church council, and the spending plan for ministry, as well as hear the recipient of the Nesting Dove Award. New members are welcome to attend and participate in the Annual Meeting.

Lydia Circle

Lydia Circle will meet on November 7th at 11:00 AM in the Reception Room. Our own Ginny Fox will be presenting a program on hymns and their backstories. All are invited to join us for what is sure to be an entertaining program. Bring a sandwich and stay afterwards for lunch if you can. Questions? Contact Pam Baynard, 638-4812, or pbaynard65@charter.net.

New Member Class

The New Member/Inquirer's Class will meet on Sunday, November 5th, and again on November 12th during the Sunday School hour (9:45 AM) in the third floor Fellowship Hall. Please join Pastor Goeres as we explore the Christian Faith as understood and celebrated by Lutherans. We will also reveal some of the "mysteries" of our church, including what is behind the mosaic windows in the nave, what a columbarium is and where ours is located, and where we house all the items we use in worship. The class is open to visitors and members, so bring a friend!

FLC Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group will meet Sunday, November 12th at 6:30 in the Reception Room. The book is *Hillbilly Elegy: A memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*, by J.D. Vance — a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis—that of white working-class Americans. All are welcome to come join what should be a thought-provoking and important discussion. Looking ahead, the book for December 3rd will be *Stealing the Mystic Lamb* by Noah Charney a true story about Jan van Eyck's Ghent Altarpiece which is the most frequently stolen artwork of all time. Read the book and come talk about why.

Youth Scholarship Dinner

Make plans to attend the Youth Scholarship Dinner on Sunday, November 5th! Join us for a night of food and entertainment. Proceeds will be used to send our youth to the National Youth Gathering in Houston next summer.

Thank You Note

To First Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the Altar Flowers and prayers for our family during these difficult times.

— Simon Scott & family

Council Summary, September

At our October 2nd meeting, the Council:

- Pastor Goeres gave the opening prayer and the Confirmands shared their faith symbols and stories about their meaning.
- Approved including parents of all current youth group participants as members of the Youth Committee, setting a goal of \$25,000 for our participation in the Virginia Synod's Forwarding Faith Campaign, and setting the price of a niche in our columbarium at \$400.00.
- Accepted the recommendation of Guy Moffat to utilize the hot water system as the preferred source for HVAC replacement
- Agreed to prepare a letter of intent to Chesapeake Controls to proceed with final design, pricing and a project timeline for the HVAC system.
- Approved a motion for the Congregation Council to use 10% of the annual earnings received from the Endowment Fund to further the work of the Church beyond our congregation in our community, Synod and ELCA.
- Shared blessings, prayer concerns and prayer partners

The Council normally meets at 7 PM on the first Monday of each month. The meeting is open to the congregation.

ABOUT THE LUTHERANS

Voices of Lutheranism: Chorales to Alabados

Situated within the wider narrative of Christian worship, the story of Lutheran music begins with Martin Luther's own gifts as a lutenist and composer. Unlike Calvin and Zwingli, who appreciated music but distrusted its emotional appeal, Luther did not want to restrict ways in which God's gifts of language and music were used in worship. In a passage that recalls the parade of voices and instruments in Psalm 150, Luther wrote that praise should "sound forth with joy" from "organs, symphonias, virginals, regals, and whatever other beloved instruments there are."



Luther singing with family and friends

Luther also knew that his fellow citizens would not be reading the scholarly documents explaining his disagreements with the Roman church. Along with his German translation of the Bible and catechisms, he wrote chorales that sought to praise and teach, placing the Word directly

on the lips of the people in their own language and syntax. Aided by the expansion of printing technology, generations of authors and composers followed suit. The rhymed stanzas, catchy tunes, and dance-inspired rhythms of these chorales were not matters of happenstance but artfully combined to achieve maximum "memory" effect. (Think back: how did you learn your ABCs? By singing!) And like earlier plainchants, texts and melodies of these chorales served as building blocks for new compositions.

Luther instinctively understood the value of teamwork and cultivated partnerships with musical colleagues, inaugurating a rich tradition of

collaboration between musically minded theologians (pastors) and theologically minded musicians (cantors). With Philipp Melancthon, he established an educational model in which pastors and cantors were trained together in subjects such as grammar, rhetoric, and music. Many composers upheld as exemplars of Lutheran baroque music were products of this environment: Schütz, Praetorius, and the Bach family, to name a few.

The conditions that allowed Lutheran music to develop as it first did changed in the eighteenth century as Enlightenment ideals confronted the once-unchallenged authority of churches. As monarchies gave way to republics and democracies, composers moved from churches and courts toward concert halls. The nineteenth century saw the establishment of many civic choirs and orchestras, groups for which Mendelssohn and Brahms composed music that incorporated Lutheran chorales.

In the United States, voices of Lutheran immigrants blended with musical strands from other European denominations that had established colonial roots. The nineteenth century witnessed a constant process of intersection, recovery, and revision, allowing

Anglican hymns, American shape note songs, African American spirituals, Roman plainchant, and chorales to mix freely across the frontier. Increasing ecumenical and global outlooks in the twentieth century only deepened the well of assembly song, adding familiar names like Taizé, Iona, and Hillsong to genres such as the Japanese *gagaku* and Mexican *alabados*—an abundance that Luther could hardly have imagined. Though physical materials have changed, Lutherans continue to mark days and seasons of the church year with songs from sisters and brothers of many times and places that praise, teach, pray, and bear us along our baptismal journey. Like Paul, we acclaim: Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!



Chad Fothergill

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November Birthdays

Douglas Garrett	1 Nov	Lorette Horsboll	10 Nov	Madison O'Rourke	20 Nov
Riley McElligott	1 Nov	Taylor Westerveld	11 Nov	Julianne Hood	21 Nov
Craig Stopa	1 Nov	Bob Weisenbeck	12 Nov	John Faircloth	22 Nov
Martha Cabe	2 Nov	Denise Boyd	13 Nov	Oliver Janik	22 Nov
Kenneth Zaletski	2 Nov	Marty Bradley	13 Nov	Frank Stachour	22 Nov
Harry Kenyon	3 Nov	Paul Hutchings	13 Nov	Elena Ilardi	25 Nov
Chad Fuhrman	4 Nov	Stacy Hutchings	13 Nov	Christopher Keplar	25 Nov
Sarah McGinnis	4 Nov	Davis Scott	13 Nov	Bryan Porter	25 Nov
Debra Barry	5 Nov	Nancy Smith	13 Nov	Karen Siegel	25 Nov
Julie Sutera	5 Nov	Jody Unruh	13 Nov	Robert Siik	25 Nov
Charles Anderson	7 Nov	Sharon Asam	14 Nov	Bernard Duffy	26 Nov
Bill Newlon	7 Nov	Henry McCormick	15 Nov	Debra Duffy	26 Nov
Melvin Smith	7 Nov	Jeffrey Steckroth	15 Nov	Joanna Griffin	26 Nov
LeeAnne Stachour	7 Nov	Eva Dulong	16 Nov	George Hill	26 Nov
Kenneth Wise	7 Nov	Julie Heller	16 Nov	Christen Homan	26 Nov
Sarah Humphreys	8 Nov	Sara Jane Honaker	16 Nov	Frank Minschke	26 Nov
H. Reavis	8 Nov	Jeremy Ross	18 Nov	Christopher Hogan	28 Nov
Julie Basco	9 Nov	Sydney Brown	19 Nov	Richard Cannan	30 Nov
Blythe Scott	9 Nov	Amanda Porter	19 Nov	Austin Davidson	30 Nov
Cadence Vera Cruz	9 Nov	Michael Dandrea	20 Nov		

Prayer Concerns for November

Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation.

Give joyful thanksgiving

...for the baptism of Gavett Clay Arthur (grandson of **Pastor Rick and Neva Goeres**).

...that by grace through faith God forms us to preach, teach and live God's Word.

...that we are so rooted in the Gospel that our lives overflow in worship, witness, service, learning and support.

Pray that

...we all seek to be more compassionate.

Pray for

...restoration of all that is broken in our world.

...all those who are traveling.

...the people of Puerto Rico.

...leaders of the world in this time of high tension among so many countries.

...all those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.

...the homeless, unemployed and underemployed.

...those struggling with addiction and mental health issues.

Samantha DiBiaso, Roger Fuller, Patty Graham, Susan Griffin, Karen Grogen, Kiersten Hilton, Alyssa Kaplan (seminary), Carolyn Meakin, Kelley Minschke, Lorna Moss, David Perron. Betty Phillips, Deb Thompson, Courtney Tobolski, Howard Warren, Audrey, Jonathan Balk, Bill, Gavin Brickhouse, Tommi Clifton, Allison Crute and her boyfriend (Allison is the cousin of **Jean Bozeman**), Steve Coleman, Danielle (seminary), Gale, Hannah, Jean Hilton (mother of **Andy Hilton**), Jane, John, Kaire, Lenard, Matt Leonard (seminary), Cathy Moye, Nellie, Angela Nielsen, Derek Nielsen, Mogens Nielsen, Patty, Rachel, Rob and Katrina, Sheila, Annie Stewart, Vera, Jim Webb

Those dealing with cancer

Abby, Adele Andrews, Sheila Brink, Conner, Ramona Denny, Susie Ellis, Connor Ewing, Larry Griffin (brother of **Ivana Dinini**), Jessica, Don Jones, Amy Riberdy, Joan Sutura, Stephanie Troy, Meg Miller, Jessica Palmer

Military and their families:

Austin Davidson, Erika Flanagan, Mason Fox, Kelly and Eric Keiser, Dan Kelly, Roland Sanchez, Bill Seaman, Beth Silsdorf, Jonathan Goeres, Amy Hardbower-deployed, Tim Kelly-deployed, Kelly Mackenzie-deployed, John Marfield-deployed, Nikki Parkman-deployed

Pray for all our service men and women throughout the world.

Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus. Amen.

Readings for November

November 5th

Micah 3:5-12

Psalms 43

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 23:1-12

November 12th

Amos 5:18-24

Psalms 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

November 19th

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalms 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

November 26th (Christ the King)

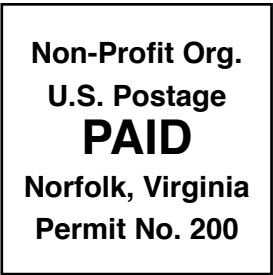
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalms 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

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