

# A Place For You!

A Contemporary Worship Service!



The Mission of First Lutheran Church is  
to serve God's purpose in the world  
to gather, equip and send.

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First Lutheran is a partner in the NC Synod  
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**WELCOME GUESTS:** Please take a candle (or bubbles for children) from the gathering space near the Worship Room or the table in the café as a reminder of your visit. Also, please pick up a newsletter to see what is happening at FLC. For questions, please call 292-9125, email [info@firstlutheran.com](mailto:info@firstlutheran.com) or check website, [www.firstlutheran.com](http://www.firstlutheran.com).

*\*those who are able may stand*

**+ GOD CALLS US TOGETHER +**

Gathering Time

**“Let the River Flow”**

Evans

Let the poor man say, “I am rich in Him.”  
And the lost man say, “I am found in Him.”  
Let the river flow.

Let the blind man say, “I can see again.”  
Let the dead man say, “I am born again.”  
Let the river flow, let it flow, let the river flow.

Chorus

Let the river flow, let the river flow;  
Holy Spirit, come, move in power.  
Let the river flow.

(Repeat all)

Let the river flow, let the river flow, let the river flow!

Chorus

Let the river flow, let the river flow.

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**“Shine Like the Son”**

Maher

How beautiful are the hands and the feet of those  
Bringing the good news to all the world,  
Bringing the good news to all the world.  
And how beautiful the sound of all Your people in love  
With Someone so much greater than themselves,  
Someone so much greater than themselves.

Chorus

You’ve made us ready.  
Shine like the Son, shine like the Son.  
Shine like the Son, for everyone,  
For everyone, for everyone!

How beautiful are the hands and feet of those  
Working in the vineyard of the Lord,  
Working in the vineyard of the Lord.  
And blessed are those going in the name of the Lord,  
In the middle of the lost and the poor,  
We're living in the name of the Lord.

You've made us ready.  
You've made us worthy.

### Chorus

Announcing peace, as the prodigals come home;  
And You open up the doors  
And the prodigals come home.  
Setting the captives free by Your word.  
And You free us by Your word,  
You free us by Your word.

### Chorus (2 times)

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## Community News

\*Song

### **"In the Secret"**

Park/Mitchum

Pa-pa-da, pa-pa-da, pa-pa-da, pa pa pa  
Pa-pa-da, pa-pa-da, pa-pa-da, pa pa pa

In the secret, in the quiet place  
In an office off the hall  
Is a man who, has a plan to  
Help ev'ryone everywhere  
And in this crowd he stands tall...

Refrain

I need assistance! I need to pay my rent!  
I need to see Frank Moore!  
I need some coffee! Please store this food we sent,  
'Cause you are The Frank Moore!

For a phone tree, or a friendly face,  
For a place to store some clothes...  
For a handout, if it pans out,  
He's on the go, fund's runnin' low.  
Gotta fill a need? He knows!

### Refrain

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When is the CROP walk? We need some volunteers!  
I need to see Frank Moore!  
I've got a story for FRANK-ly Speaking! Here's  
A cheer for The Frank Moore!  
Three cheers for The Frank Moore! Frank! Frank! Frank!  
Can we have more, Frank? --

Pa-pa-da, pa-pa-da, pa-pa-da, more Frank Moore!

### **Words about Baptism**

Leader: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. The power of sin is put to death in this washing, and we are raised with Jesus Christ to new life. We are united with all the baptized in the family of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and sent out in mission for the life of the world.

### **The Order for Baptism**

Leader: Today we are responding to the command of Jesus and the amazing love of God. We are reminded of that love as we confess our faith using the Apostles' Creed.

**All: I believe in God, whom Jesus called "Father", creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, and descended to the dead.**

**On the third day Jesus rose again, ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the community of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the promise of resurrection, and life everlasting. Amen.**

**Parents: We present Arwen Kelli Weske to be baptized into Christ.**

Leader: Do you promise to help Arwen grow in her faith: to worship with her, to read the Bible to her, to remind her of her Baptism, to pray with her, and to share your own stories of faith with her?

**Parents: Yes, I promise.**

Leader: (to other worshippers) People of God, children need at least three adults of faith to take interest in their lives. Will you support your new sister, Arwen, help Chris and Jeni raise her in the Christian faith, and pray for our ministry together in this community?

**All: Yes, we promise.**

Leader: Arwen Kelli Weske, child of God, today you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. You have been claimed by God, sealed by the Holy Spirit, and marked with the + cross of Christ forever. Amen.

**All: You belong to Christ in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia!**

(A candle is presented to each person baptized.)

Assistant: Let the light of Christ shine in your hearts and in your home. Shine brightly with God's love so others may come to know Jesus as their Savior.

Leader: Let us pray. God, you make light shine in the darkness, bringing hope and new purpose to our lives. We praise you for the gift of God's grace that accepts us as we are. May Arwen grow in faith and always know that she is part of your family. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Chris, Jeni and Arwen. Empower them and guide them that they may know and do your will. Help us all to remember the promises of baptism – both yours and ours – that we may live as your faithful servants. In Jesus' name we pray.

**All: Amen.**

Assistant: Through baptism Arwen has been received into the community of God's people, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by God's holy and life-giving Spirit.

**All: We welcome you into the family of Christ and the mission we share. Join us as we give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Thanks be to God!**

**+ GOD SPEAKS TO US +**

Children's Message

Pastor Charlie

Bible Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

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Message

"An Alternative Way of Living"

Pastor Charlie

**+ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE +**

\*Song

**“That's Why We Praise Him”**

Walker

He came to live  
Live a perfect life  
He came to be the Living Word  
Our Light  
He came to die so we'd be reconciled  
He came to rise to show  
His pow'r and might

Chorus

That's why we praise Him  
That's why we sing  
That's why we offer Him our everything  
That's why we bow down  
And worship this King  
'Cause He gave His everything  
'Cause He gave His everything

He came to live  
Live again in us  
He came to be our  
Conquering King and Friend  
He came to heal and show  
The lost ones His love  
He came to go prepare  
A place for us

Chorus

Halle hallelujah  
Halle hallelujah  
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Halle hallelujah  
Halle hallelujah  
Halle hallelujah  
Halle hallelujah  
Halle hallelujah

Chorus

'Cause He gave His everything

Giving and Receiving of Gifts and Signing of the Fellowship Books

Musical Offering

"40 Days"  
Chris Weske

Maher

Forty days to wander, forty days to die to self.  
Forty days to grow stronger as faith breaks open the gates of hell.  
The jubilee is over, but grace is far from gone  
In the hearts of the faithful, broken on the wheels of love.

Chorus

"Cause in the desert of temptation lies the storm of true conversion,  
Whose springs of living water drown and refresh you.  
And as the Jordan pours out change, your true self is all that remains,  
Where springs of living water bind and break you, bind and break you.

Forty days to remember the Paschal Sacrifice.  
Forty days to discover his passion calls us to new life.  
The jubilee is over, but mercy's far from gone  
In the arms of the father as the wayward child comes home.

Chorus

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Prayers of the People

***(After each petition the leader will say: "Lord of the Journey" and the people will respond, "Show us the way.")***

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**+ GOD EMPOWERS AND SENDS US +**

\*Blessing

Leader: May all our journeys be led by the Light of Christ.  
May we be generous with our time and gifts.  
May we have courage to trust God's call and find new ways to let others know the heart of God.

**All: With Christ as our Leader, we will go. Amen.**

Even though I walk  
Through the valley of the shadow of death  
Your perfect love is casting out fear  
And even when I'm caught  
In the middle of the storms of this life  
I won't turn back I know You are near

And I will fear no evil for my God is with me  
And if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear  
Whom then shall I fear

Chorus

Oh no You never let go  
Through the calm and through the storm  
Oh no You never let go  
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low  
Oh no You never let go  
Lord You never let go of me

And I can see a light that is coming  
For the heart that holds on  
A glorious light beyond all compare  
And there will be an end to these troubles  
But until that day comes  
We'll live to know You here on the earth

And I will fear no evil for my God is with me  
And if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear  
Whom then shall I fear

Chorus 2 times

Yes I can see a light  
That is coming for the heart that holds on  
And there will be an end to these troubles  
But until that day comes  
Still I will praise You, still I will praise You  
(REPEAT)

Chorus 2 times

Lord, You never let go of me.

Leader: Go with Christ to love and serve the world.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*To share this service or hear it again, please visit  
the website Worship page later this week or request a CD.*

*After 8:45 and 9:00 worship, you are invited to the Fellowship Hall/Cafe for coffee and  
conversation, then attend the Faith Formation class of your choice at 10:00 am.*

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**We will receive into membership** by the sacrament of Holy Baptism today at the 9:00 service, Arwen Kelli Weske, daughter of Chris and Jeni Weske. Godparents are Brian and Elizabeth Russell and Jakes and Carrie Vandenberg. Grandparents are Patricia Miller, Edward and Chery Weske, Patricia Peltier, Rachel and Jerry Martin. Assisting is William Young. The Baptismal Napkin was lovingly made by a member of the former Lydia Shenk Circle.

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**Ministers** - The people of the First Lutheran faith community.

**Worship Leader**

Charlie Zimmerman, Senior Pastor

**Director of Worship Ministries**

Karen Brown

**Contemporary Worship Coordinator**

Susan Klaiber

**Sound Reinforcement**

Mike Bingaman, Matt Poehler and Holly Miller

**Welcoming Team**

Cindy and Katie Bess Hilbinger, Floyd and Joann Nesbitt

**Lay Reader**

Linda Bernhardt

**Flowers in the Worship Room are given to the glory of God by** Lelia Moore in celebration of her grandson, Ryan Moore's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday and by Herb Voelkert in memory of Barbara.

***Prayer Concerns***

**Hospitalized this week:** Shirley Wilhelm – Cone; John McCarthy - Duke

**We express sympathy to** Wayne Ford on the death of his aunt, Ceress Ford on 1/14 and to Howard, Russell and Kendra Whittington on the death of their father and grandfather, Homer Whittington on 1/17.



***God is love! As we focus on God's love here in his house, may we each strive to be loving and accepting of one another. Faith Formation begins at 10:00 am. Nursery care is available for those up to 4 years old.***

## ***Congregational Ministries***

**Chicken Casseroles needed for GUM dinner on Thursday, January 28.** Check your newsletter for more details and the youth bulletin board to sign up and pick up a recipe.

***Grace Reigns Down Concert...*** GRD invites you to their biggest show of the year on Saturday, January 30th, 3:00 PM at the Weaver Academy Theatre, Downtown Greensboro. Check out GRD at [www.myspace.com/gracereignsdown](http://www.myspace.com/gracereignsdown).

**Please mark your calendars** for a fun family concert that will benefit the children of SFYC. Carmen Eby, music teacher here at SFYC, has put together a benefit concert featuring Grace Reigns Down and many of our very own SFYC parents. The concert will take place in the fellowship hall at First Lutheran on **Tuesday evening, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** Though this is a free event, a donation of \$5.00 is being suggested with all proceeds going directly to SFYC. In addition to Grace Reigns Down, you will hear a variety of music from tangos performed by a fantastic saxophone quartet, to jazz and blues, to hymns, to classical clarinet and lyric soprano. Please bring a friend and come out to support SFYC. Treat yourself to a night of music brought to you by professional musicians who happen to live in your community, attend your church, and send their children to this wonderful preschool!

**Natural Church Development (NCD)** is a process that helps church communities develop and maintain a healthy, thriving spiritual environment that is conducive to growth in faith as well as in numbers. While we believe FLC is healthy, we have not grown numerically. We wonder if there is some aspect of our life that needs to be strengthened.

NCD grows out of years of study in congregations large and small throughout the world. It is not denominationally specific, but rather looks at the behaviors common to congregations that thrive and therefore grow. About 10 years ago, the ELCA began training pastors to lead congregations through this process. Positive growth has happened in those congregations who've participated.

The 8 quality characteristics or behaviors are like muscle groups. They need to be toned and cultivated if the body is to function most effectively. These 8 characteristics include: Empowering Leadership, Gift-based Ministry, Inspiring Worship, Holistic Small Groups, Effective Structures, Passionate Spirituality, Loving Relationships, and Need-based Evangelism. Details about those were included in an earlier newsletter. [An overview of the NCD process will be held on January 31 at 10 AM in the fellowship hall.](#)

**Sullivan Huddle Circle will meet on Monday, February 1 at 7:30 pm** in the church parlor. Carol Wood will present the program and Tina Brewer will be our hostess.

**Powlas Deal Circle will meet on Wednesday, February 3 at 7:00 pm** in the café. The program will be presented by Gwen Bader.

**The Power of Prayer...**A new prayer group, titled Power of Prayer, will meet on Mondays each week. We want to pray for those of you who feel the need for more prayer. This group will pray for joyous events of thanksgiving, times of trial, for you personally, for a family member or a friend. There is no limitation regarding the types of situations, nor the number of prayer requests. Prayer requests may be made one of two ways: place a prayer card in the prayer boxes that will be located in the café or narthex; contact the members of the group by calling or emailing, Jo Fleck, Gwen Bader, Mary Ann Boone, Penny Stein or Leslie Pipan. Phone numbers and email's for the group along with additional information can be found in your newsletter that will come out next week.

## *Youth Ministries*

**Youth Choir meets today at 4:30 PM in the Choir Room.**

**Hunger Lock-In, All Youth Grades 7 – 12, Friday, January 29 at 6 PM - Saturday, January 30 at 3 PM.** Cost is \$13 PLUS Canned Food Donations (cost covers T-shirt, supplies and "Breaking Fast" Meal). See your newsletter for more details.

**GUM NIGHT for all High School (Grade 9-12) Youth & Families, Thursday, January 28, 5:45 PM - 8:00 PM.** Put it on your calendar and join the serving team! Since we expect to serve over 150 homeless guests during this very cold season we will try something new with our main course. We are requesting that interested FLC members prepare a cooked chicken casserole (9 x 13 pan) ahead of time. Sign up will be on the youth board. High School Youth & Families will be asked to provide desserts and/or rolls plus the people power to prepare & serve the meal.

**Coming in February:** Lutheran Youth Organization Assembly, February 19 – 21. This is an ELCA Youth Synod Event. Cost \$125/person for 2 nights and meals at Embassy Suites. Sign up on the youth board.

**CONFIRMATION REMINDERS! (check your November letter)**

**January 31 - FINAL Numbers & FULL Banquet payment due...** Youth Volunteer Hours are due -- check the youth board to make sure you have your 16 +16 complete! Turn in forms to the office (Barbara's box) ASAP!

**Coming February 6 - MANDATORY Saturday 9 am - 11:45 am Worship Rehearsal with the Pastors.** Guiding Verses are also due!

## *Administration Ministries*

**2009 Contribution Statements are now available** on the table in the east hallway across from Frank Moore's office. If you cannot pick up your statement or if you have questions once you look it over, please call or email **Janice Eberenz** in the church office, and she will be glad to help you.

## *Community Ministries*

### **HELP HAITI!**

\* Make checks to ELCA International Disaster Response, put "Haiti" on offering envelope and give here OR mail to ELCA International Disaster Response, Attn: Haiti, PO Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60994-1764 OR go to [www.elca.org/disaster](http://www.elca.org/disaster) and give online OR call 1-800-638-3522 to give by phone OR

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\* Give online at [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com) OR mail to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, 4321 N. Ballard Road, Appleton, WI 54919, Attn: Fraternal Service Center OR call 1-800-236-3736, say "directory" and enter Ext. 83003. Thrivent will supplement \$1 for every \$2 given up to \$250 per member.

\* **NEXT SUNDAY**, JAN. 31, 2-5 pm, Room 2: New Beginnings Class for people interested in joining First Lutheran. The class focuses on discipleship through a Lutheran lens and gives an overview of ministries here. Child care available; please contact Frank Moore by Wed., Jan. 27, 292-9125, [frank@firstlutheran.com](mailto:frank@firstlutheran.com), so adequate supplies can be provided.

\* **IN TWO WEEKS**, Sunday, FEB. 7: As part of our emphasis on fighting hunger, children and youth will collect food items and money for the Souper Bowl during the morning and at the 6:30 pm SHOUT! service.

\*\*\* Canned items: Food Assistance Inc. for Groceries on Wheels to older adults

\*\*\* Jars of jelly: Thursday/Friday breakfast teams at Urban Ministry

\*\*\* Financial donations: ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

Let's collect 100 pounds of canned food + 100 jars of jelly + \$600 for world hunger!

Can YOUR household give \$5, a can of food and a jar of jelly?

**COMING IN LENT! .... God's Global Barnyard. Stay tuned for details.**

## *Stewardship Ministries*

**YOU can be God's love in action!** Discover how to get connected with mission and ministry at and through First Lutheran by contacting Rachel Gardner (Congregational Ministries), Maryellen Paton (Worship Ministries), Kimberly Embry (Community Ministries), Kathy Peterson (Stewardship Ministries) or Jackie Freeman (Administration Ministries) or any staff member. Call the church office, 292-9125, for email addresses or phone numbers.

**DID YOU KNOW?** FLC contributed nearly 17,000 pounds of food to Greensboro Urban Ministry in 2009!