

# First Notes!

February 19, 2012

Transfiguration of Our Lord

First Lutheran Church & Little Lambs Preschool

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*Joyfully Proclaim God's Word and Enthusiastically Share Christ's Love*



TODAY

Classic Grace 8:00am + Majestic Praise 10:45am  
Rev. Rudolf Kampa, Visiting Pastor

Sunday School at 9:25am

Wednesday – February 22

Ash Wednesday ~ Holy Communion ~ 7:00pm  
(Pancake Supper at 5:30p)

Starting next Sunday, February 26, thru Easter Sunday, April 8, Holy Communion will be offered at both the 8 and 10:45am services as well as on Lenten Wednesdays

**TODAY In Sunday School**, the story "Jesus Heals Jairus's Daughter" serves as the focus of the lesson. Just as Jesus by Word and touch raised the dead girl to life, so by His Word and Sacraments, He kills and buries death and raises us to eternal life. Questions for discussion include, "How did Jesus heal this little girl? How does Jesus heal us from the sickness of sin?"  
*Anne Swope, Sunday School Superintendent*

## Sunday Adult Bible Studies

### Apologetics

Christian apologetics is that branch of Christianity that deals with answering any and all critics who oppose or question the revelation of God in Christ and the Bible. This class runs through March 4. *Neil Kennedy, Multi-purpose Room*

### Boundaries with Kids

Help to raise kids who take responsibility for their lives and attitudes. Parents learn how to set loving limits, bring control to an out-of-control life, define appropriate boundaries and consequences for children, and much more. This class runs through March 11. *Kathy Liersemann, Library*

### New Member Class

Interested in becoming a member of First Lutheran? Want to know more about our mission and ministry? What it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? *Pastor Liersemann, Pastor's Office*

On March 11, *Mark Schoepp, Church Relations Representative with Wheat Ridge Ministries*, will be here at FLC and, in addition to presenting the children's message at both services, will lead a Bible study on "Heart, Soul, Mind & Strength" during the Sunday School hour.

## First Lutheran Prayer Ministry

"Pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances..." 1 Thess. 5:17-18a

Please submit prayer requests to the church's email address, through the website, or call the church office. Prayer requests may be removed after three weeks pending updates.



## Pancake Supper This Wednesday

The senior youth invite the congregation to their annual Pancake Supper prior to the Ash Wednesday service this Wednesday, **February 22**. Families gather together downstairs at 5:30pm for a meal of pancakes and sausage and then join us for worship at 7pm. There will be a Children's Message at the Ash Wednesday service. *Justin Johnson*



## February's Youth Event Next Sunday

A Jr/Sr High combo event of indoor swimming at the Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center in Prince Frederick is planned for next Sunday, **February 26**, from 2:00 to 4:30pm. Cost \$4 (under

17) and \$6 (18 and over). Sign up with Justin today. *Justin Johnson*

## Ministry Assistants Today

Feb 19	8:00	10:45
Acolytes	Brock Daniel	Angel Kontra
Crucifer	Alexis Lauer	Kendall Norton
Com Assts	Rich Hoeferkamp	---
Deacon	Joe Sienkiewicz	John Stellabotta
Lectors	Tina Richnafsky	Joe Sienkiewicz
Greeters	Paula Fogleman Ellie Jones Fred & Betty Meyer Anna Richnafsky	Gary & Dixie Kelso Laverne Logan Bruce & Leslie Porter
Nursery	--	Chris/Kristi Carni Christian Carni
Ushers	Keith Sainsbury Paul Maassel Jon Sainsbury Bruce Worster	Joe Sienkiewicz Sean Barrett Kevin Betz Mark Brunworth Wayne Daniel
Altar Guild	Stephanie & Laura Sainsbury	

## Family Life from the Christian Perspective

Next Sunday, **February 26**, from 12:15-1:45pm, the Confirmation Class and a parent for each student will meet downstairs for a special follow-up class to our study on the 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment. We will order pizza for lunch and have drinks available. Please plan on \$3 each for lunch. *Shawn Maassel*

## Lutheran Hour Sunday coming March 4

There are many worthwhile causes that request our support. What about the ones urged by Jesus himself, that ask us to provide for the body and soul for people all over the globe? The Lutheran Hour does that via its thirty stations where staffs of workers share the Gospel with others and provide for the temporal needs of the poor. Envelopes will be provided on March 4 to heed the invitation by Jesus himself to "go and make disciples of all nations" (*Matt. 28:19*) and "invite the poor, the crippled and the lame." (*Luke 14:13*) Lutheran Hour Ministries offer you the opportunity to share. Please plan to be generous. The need is great and your generous contributions will go far. *Norm Hoerauf*

## Illusions Preview

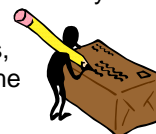
On Tuesday, **March 13** from 7-9pm there will be a preview of materials from a program called "Illusions" that helps to curb the temptation for our young people to investigate pornography. Our Pastor, DCE and Youth Director will be previewing the program and extend to parents the option to attend. Our guest presenter is Dari McGinnis, Director of Abstinence Education, Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern MD. *Shawn Maassel*

## Coming Youth Events

March 17 – Junior Youth to Baltimore Aquarium  
March 24 – Senior Youth to International Spy Museum  
April 7 – Senior High Easter Breakfast Prep (9:30a)  
April 8 – Jr. Youth sponsoring Easter Egg Hunts at 9:30 & 10:15am  
Sr. Youth sponsoring Easter Breakfast 7:15-10:15am  
Please contact Justin Johnson if planning to attend or for more details.

## Finals Care Packages

Starting **March 25** there will be a collection box in the lobby for care package items for our out of the area college students. Small individually packaged snacks, gum, pens, lotion, etc. are always welcome surprises!



Join us from 9-10:30am on Saturday, **April 21** as we pack the goodies into 'Finals Care Packages!' The boxes will be mailed the following week, arriving as our students are preparing for their finals. Please bring a breakfast item to share. We'll enjoy

breakfast together and will pack and label the boxes. *Shawn Maassel*

## Source of Life ~ Mission Project

Our Deacon and Sunday School Ministries are sponsoring Lutheran World Relief's (LWR) "Source of Life" program (SS has designated their offerings). Through this program, LWR strives to assist other countries by improving rural communities' access to water, digging wells and drilling boreholes, building and restoring irrigation systems, providing clean drinking water during emergencies and training communities on sanitation practices and water management. **FLC's goal is to raise \$5,000 for a well** (location to be designated by LWR). Please visit the display in the Lobby. Put donations in the "water jug" next to the display or place your check in the offering plate (Memo Line: "Well Project"). *Ardith Harle & Anne Swope*



## First Lutheran Youth/Food Pantry

The First Lutheran Youth would like to thank our congregation for supporting their chosen ministry, The FLC Food Pantry, to receive donations collected last week for Souper Bowl Sunday. The collection total was \$240.46. All donations will be used to purchase non-perishables, as well as grocery gift cards as needed for our Food Pantry patrons. *Justin Johnson, Youth Director; Carolyn Sienkiewicz, Food Pantry Coordinator*

## Blood Pressure Checks

...are offered the 1st thru 4th Sundays of each month, 9:00-9:25am, in the Church Secretaries' office. Thank you Sara Heisler, Vicki Brunworth, Nancy Worster and Kayla Thompson for making this ministry available to our First family.



## Annual 5K Resurrection Run/Walk

Hosted by the Calverton School on **Saturday, April 7, at 3:00pm**. Register on FLC's website or pick up a form on the table in the Lobby. Entrance fee is one, non-perishable food item for the FLC Food Pantry. Free T-shirt to the first 75 participants to register! *Tom Spragg, Outreach*

## Ministry Assistants Serving Next Sunday

Feb 26	8:00	10:45
Acolytes	Abigail Maloney	Arisa Hendershot
Crucifer	Brooke Ruth	Kathleen Wallish
Com Assts	Jim Harle	---
Deacon	Ardith Harle	Neil Kennedy John Stellabotta
Lectors	Carl Bausewein	Tom Spragg
Greeters	Dennis & Patty MacCord Lori McCord Bill & Cindy Peil Bruce & Nancy Worster	John Hoerauf Norm & Marie Hoerauf Glenn & Pat Meier Vicki Turner
Nursery	--	Barbie & Mary Davis Maura Mullaney
Ushers	Glenn Meier Jeff, Adam, Logan, Kaleb Davis Melli Lantz	Brian Hinds Dylan Hinds Justin Kiser Roe Kiser Bill Thompson
Altar Guild	JoAnne Robinson	

If you are unable to serve on your appointed Sunday, please find a substitute and then notify the coordinator and the church office of the change.

Acolytes/Crucifers – Barbie Davis  
Com Assts/Deacons – Neil Kennedy  
Greeters – Tom Spragg  
Nursery – Karen Kirschbaum

Altar Guild – Tricia Smeltzer  
Counters – Debbie Koranda  
Lectors – Neil Kennedy  
Ushers – Carl Bausewein

Please consider giving your offerings by using the automatic electronic withdrawals option which is explained on our website ([www.firstlutheranchurch.org](http://www.firstlutheranchurch.org)). There is an option for scheduling regular withdrawals from your account to the general fund (budgeted expenses) or for giving a one-time donation (special gifts such as Building Fund, Restorations, Well Project, or payment for altar flowers).

## Administration Ministry Needs...

**One Counter Needed...** to help count the congregational offerings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. Time commitment: 1 – 1 ½ hrs. monthly. On-the-job training is provided. You will also be working in partnership with another volunteer. Also need two volunteers to serve as back-up counters. Please contact Kevin Betz or Debbie Koranda. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated!



## Human Care Ministry Volunteers and Donations Needed

### Lutheran Mission Society Mobile Compassion Ctr

Thank you to our February volunteers. The Mobile Compassion Center was fully staffed. We had 12 visitors and received \$130 in donations. In January we had 17 visitors and received \$83 in donations. All money received from Compassion Center patrons is donated to the Lutheran Mission Society. To learn more about the LMS, and their work in our community, please visit their website at <http://www.lmsmd.org/>.

*Sherry Betz, LMS Mobile Compassion Center Coordinator*

### Project Echo...2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month ~ FLC

provides a meal for up to 40 residents at the Project Echo House in Prince Frederick. **Why?** Because we want to help those who are struggling to put their life together and become productive members of the community. Consider this an opportunity to invite another friend or family to host a date with you. Sign-up list is on the bulletin board in the Lobby.

*Paula Fogleman, Sponsor*

This Week at FLC			
<b>Mon</b>	<b>20</b>	LLPS Body & Soul (F) Beautiful Feet Bible Study (M)	9:00a-1:15p 6:00p 7:30p
<b>Tue</b>	<b>21</b>	LLPS Body & Soul (F) Deacons (M)	9:00a-1:15p 9:15a 7:00p
<b>Wed</b>	<b>22</b>	LLPS XYZ (M) Pancake Supper (F) Ash Wednesday HC (S) Chancel Choir Majestic Praise Team	9:00a-1:00p 11:30a 5:30p 7:00p 7:15p 8:15p
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>23</b>	LLPS Body & Soul (F) Body & Soul (F) First Place 4 Health (M)	9:00a-1:15p 9:15a 6:00p 7:15p
<b>Fri</b>	<b>24</b>	LLPS	9:00a-12:15p
<b>Sat</b>	<b>25</b>	Men's Bible Study (M)	7:30a
<b>Sun</b>	<b>26</b>	<i>First Sunday in Lent</i> Classic Grace / HC Blood Pressure Checks (Office) Sunday School ( <i>opening in Sanctuary</i> ) Majestic Praise / HC Spl Conf Class ( <i>students &amp; parents</i> )	8:00a 9:00a 9:25a 10:45a 12:00n

FLC office hours are Monday-Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm

## Alms and Great Generosity

**"If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."** 1 John 3:16-18

What we do is more important than what we say. John makes it clear that we are our brother's keeper. We have an obligation to others, especially to the household of faith, other Christians.

In the last couple of years I've been noticing in advertising different charities asking for used automobiles. You can donate your old car instead of trading it in on a new better one and get a tax deduction. This is a good thing and I highly encourage this for the worthwhile charities and ministries. If a brother or sister among us has need of something such as an automobile and they're going to buy a better one, why trade in? Most of the time we don't get what it's really worth in a trade-in and anyone without transportation would really appreciate it. Most people cannot get on their own feet to work without transportation. Be sensitive, inventive, personal and above all, attentive to the Holy Spirit in our giving -- forget about the tax

deduction! Who are we trying to please, God or the practical thinkers!

We need to give to God and the church, but also to those in need around us. *Matthew 15:5-7*

Being able to touch a person by meeting a practical need is real Christianity and the best form of evangelism. Our culture causes us to be so busy doing this or that, we miss many opportunities to minister in this way. We must not let our culture mold us but remold it and become a Christian counter-culture. We need to be attentive to those with needs around us and share with those in need. Then people will say along with John the Apostle, *"Truly the love of God is in those people."* May God bless you abundantly! *John Stellabotta, Deacon*

## Adult Bible Studies During the Week

**Mondays ~ Beautiful Feet ~ 7:30pm**

*Dawn Boyd, MPR*

**"The Pursuit of Holiness" by Jerry Bridges.** This study shows us how to live righteously, how reason and emotion influence our will, and what the impact of habits and personal discipline can have on our pursuit of holiness.

Feb 20 - The Place of Personal Discipline

Feb.27 - Holiness in Body

Mar 5 - Holiness in Spirit

Mar 12 - Holiness and Our Wills

**Wednesday at 11:30am**

**Xtra Years of Zest**

*(Sr. Saint Fellowship)*

*Pastor Paul Liersemann, MPR*

**Thursdays ~ First Place 4 Health ~ 7:15p**

Join us as we "Seek God First" and strive for balanced living in Him!

*DCE Shawn Maassel, MPR*

**Saturdays ~ 7:30am ~ Men's Bible Study**

Now studying "A Longer Look at the Lessons" which involves delving deeper into the weekly readings of scripture. All men are invited to join this small group Bible study. *John Stellabotta, MPR*

## Refreshment Fellowship ~ 2012



A signup sheet is located on the bulletin board by the water fountain in the Administrative hallway leading to the Multi-Purpose room. Please choose a Sunday to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or a special occasion by sponsoring a refreshment time...or team up with another family to co-sponsor with you. **Each week, we need 1 gallon of milk or juice to drink for the children, along with 2 or 3 snacks.** Snacks and drinks should be set up on the table by 9:00am in the multipurpose room. Paper plates, cups and napkins are provided in the cabinets by the coffee pots. Thank you! *Debbie Hall*

## Lutheran Satallite Television

"Time of Grace" with Pastor Mark Jeske is available on Direct TV and the Dish Network (Daystar, CTN, NRB, INSP, and Church Channel). Many cable providers also carry these networks. Please check local listings. For more information on Time of Grace visit [www.timeofgrace.org](http://www.timeofgrace.org).

## ~ In Our Community ~

### Me, A Pastor? A Deaconess?

If you have found yourself asking this question, now is the time to discuss your future! Rev. Andrew Yeager of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN will be at Lutheran Church of St. Andrew – Silver Spring on **Feb 27** and Calvary in Baltimore, MD on **Feb 28**. Come explore the possibilities. Men of all ages are invited to learn about pastoral ministry. Women interested in the deaconess program are also invited. Conferences are individual and informal. **Email:** Rev. Yeager at [Andrew-yeager@ctsfw.edu](mailto:Andrew-yeager@ctsfw.edu) to notify him that you are coming or call 260-449-0047 to make an appointment. A poster on the Lobby Bulletin Board lists other opportunities to visit with Rev. Yeager or at Concordia Seminary in Ft Wayne.

## An Invitation

Going skiing in the Deep Creek area or just visiting? St. John's LCMS Church, 1065 Cove Rd, Accident, MD ([www.stjohncove.org](http://www.stjohncove.org)) invites you to attend worship with them on Sundays at 10:00am December through March (9:00am April through November).

## We Are Here to Serve You...

Rev. F. Paul Liersemann, Pastor  
DCE Shawn Maassel, Family Life Ministry  
DCE Justin Johnson, Youth Director

Arlene Rosch, Administrative Church Secretary

Nancy Ferguson, Receptionist/ Secretary

Susan Dice, Worship Arts Director

Charles Nye, Organist

Al Plusch, Facility Maintenance

## Little Lambs Preschool

Angie Hohl, LLPS Program Director

Jenny Walters, LLPS Secretary

Michele Farber, LLPS Receptionist

Difficulty logging (registering) onto FLC's EBulletin Board to gain membership directory access? Not an FLC member but wish contact information for someone pertaining to an announcement in First Notes! Call the church office at 410-257-3030 Mon – Thur 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Current version for the monthly calendar is posted on FLC's website.

**In Recognition of President's Day being celebrated by our nation tomorrow...**



Lord of heaven and earth, we offer you our deepest appreciation for this blessed land. Stir up a sense of stewardship in every citizen so we all may care for our nation and each inhabitant of it.



We pray especially for our leaders. Prompt everyone in a position of authority, from local to national leaders, to strive for righteousness, justice and the welfare of all citizens.

Finally, we pray that we may be ever mindful of the psalmist's teaching that "Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord..." (Psalm 33:12). May that promise become real "from sea to shining sea." Amen



**Join us for worship  
this Wednesday, February 22, at 7:00pm**  
(Pancake supper from 5:30-7:00pm)

## Lent In Action

Traditionally, the season of Lent is considered a solemn, quiet, reflective time for Christians to contemplate the suffering and death of Christ on the cross. While that is indeed true, it is also a time to get up and go in the name of our crucified Christ and

engage in an active, outward faith that proclaims that we believe that Jesus suffered and died to make a difference in the world and a change in our lives. So...

**GET busy.** Don't be afraid this Lent to do something for someone who needs assistance, a helping hand, a listening ear. Show the world that Christians *walk the walk* by serving others as Christ did.

**GO to Church.** Stepping out of your home each Sunday to attend worship sends a clear message to your neighbors and friends that spending time with the Lord and fellow believers is important and should be a top priority for all Christians who follow in the footsteps of Christ.

**PRAY with people.** Making the effort to pray with others over a meal in a restaurant or with friends in their home can spur those around you to take a moment to have a conversation with Christ.

**OPEN the Bible.** Start getting your Bible off the shelf, opening it up, and reading it every day during Lent. Let the Word of God become a more tangible part of your daily living.

**PREPARE to celebrate.** Why? Because Jesus Christ has indeed been raised from the dead. And because He lives, those who live and believe in Him also have the gift of eternal life. Now that is something to celebrate!

*"I know that my Redeemer lives." Job 19:25*