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***The Anchor***



## **Pastor's Letter**























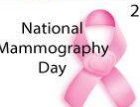












By now, you have received my letter regarding the Healthy Relationships Initiative. There are some of you who are really interested. Some of you might not have looked at it. So, I wanted to take another opportunity to encourage you to take advantage of this free opportunity. After food, water and shelter, relationships are the most important part of what it means to be a human being. When relationships are good, they are the best possible blessing that we can have. When relationships are bad, it can send us into the depths of despair. To have simple tools to improve relationships is essential for healthy living.

First, I will say that this is not going to be a one-time event. This will be offered on an ongoing basis. It is a way that the people of First Lutheran can take advantage of the gifts that your pastor brings. I would also like to tell you that this is not something that I want to limit to members of First Lutheran. If you have friends or family members that you would like to join in this discussion/ learning session I am completely open to that. I have seen what a difference it makes in my own life as well as bring clarity into the lives of others. I will try to work within your time frame.

For more information or to indicate your desire to participate, call me (or text me) at 815-677-3101 or email me at [firstplanopastor.com](mailto:firstplanopastor.com). These sessions will take place over the zoom format.

Pastor Jonathan Black



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				 1 World Vegetarian Day	 2 Name Your Car Day	 3 Card Making Day
 4 National Taco Day	 5 Country Inn Bed & Breakfast Day	 6 Noodle Day	 7 Frappe Day	 8 Octopus Day	 9 Egg Day	 10 Handbag Day
 11 Southern Food Heritage Day	 12 Pumpkin Pie Day	 13 Face your Fears Day	 14 National Costume Swap Day	 15 Cake Decorating Day	 16 Boss's Day	 17 National Pasta Day
 18 Chocolate Cupcake	 19 World Gratitude Day	 20 Branded Fruit Day	 21 National Mammography Day	 22 Nut Day	 23 Mother in Law Day	 24 Make a Difference Day
 25 Intl. Artist Day	 26 Pumpkin Day	 27 Cranky Co-worker Day	 28 Chocolate Day	 29 National Cat Day	 30 Candy Corn Day	 31 Halloween
 <a href="http://DailyHolidayBlog.com">DailyHolidayBlog.com</a> 						

**Just for Fun!**



**God speed and prayers for success for Aden Baker. Aden left September 21<sup>st</sup> for San Diego. After quarantine he begins 13 weeks of boot camp on October 5<sup>th</sup>. All prayers appreciated and welcomed. Pictured left to right: Aden, Jerri Lynn, Keith and Levi Baker.**

# OCTOBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 *Natalie Papaeliou*
- 2 *Tommy Brown*
- 3 *Weslye Brown*
- 4 *Lisa Tierney*
- 6 *Jim Porter*
- 7 *Kalyn Murre & Bo Weeks*
- 9 *Diane Schlesinger*
- 10 *Oliver Olsen & Steven Thrall*
- 15 *Landon Anderson*
- 20 *Conrad Smith & Abby Hoxworth*
- 21 *Delilah Zitt*
- 22 *Dorothy Haick*
- 24 *Kathy Tyler*
- 25 *Kelsey Meyer*
- 27 *Abigail Black*
- 28 *Don Albright*
- 5 *Mike & Deb Pease*
- 6 *Greg & Candy Johnson*
- 8 *Jim & Carole Wehrs*
- 19 *Ryan & Melissa Phillips*
- 24 *Levi & Emily Baker*
- 29 *Mark & Leann Savitski*

In the woods I listen for God's voice.  
 (That's what I think, but really  
 I'm just listening to my own expectations.)

The brook is babbling  
 but nothing else has anything to say.  
 The ferns are speaking in tongues,  
 but they are tongues of silence.  
 The breeze offers sighs too deep for words.  
 The trees stand like old men at the Western Wall,  
 bowing back and forth.  
 I wonder what they are saying,  
 but they are contemplating,  
 they can't be bothered with speaking.  
 A chickadee lights on a dead branch  
 and looks maybe at me, maybe not.  
 Other birds are singing but not this one.  
 It's just there.  
 Little bird, what is your message for me?  
 But it has no message. It's just there.

And then, in that moment—  
 but only for a moment—  
 I am just there.

It takes the rest of my morning walk  
 to leave behind all the words and ideas  
 and just be there with  
 the One Who Is Present.

Deep Blessings,  
 Steve Garnaas-Holmes  
*Unfolding Light*  
[www.unfoldinglight.net](http://www.unfoldinglight.net)



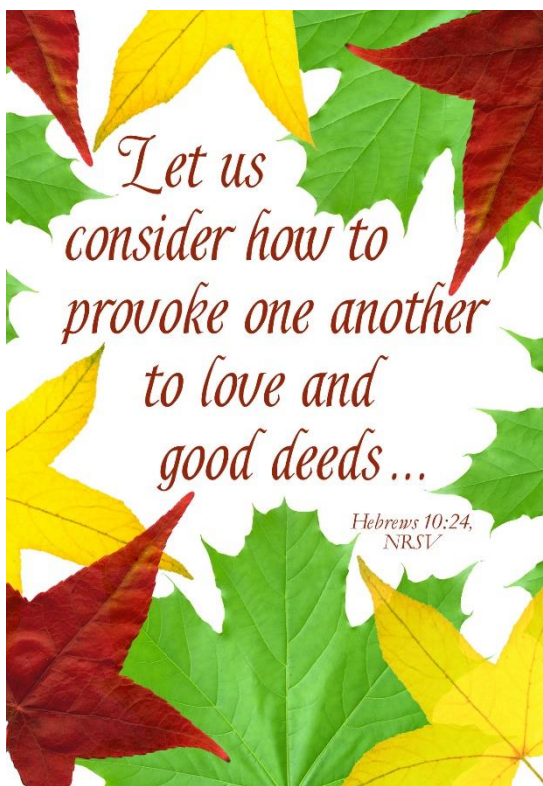
### OFFERING REPORT

#### Year to Date Offerings as of 9/20/20

General Fund Income received: 118,129.71  
 Budget Amount Needed: 145,801.82  
 Short: (27,672.11)

#### Checking Account

Year to Date Income: 140,103.62 (11,000 from savings)  
 Year to Date Expenses: \$129,260.07  
 Balance as of 8/23/20: 12,070.01



# Puzzle!

Write the words below in alphabetical order inside the squares. Then read down the second column to discover the sentence that begins and ends Psalms 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150.

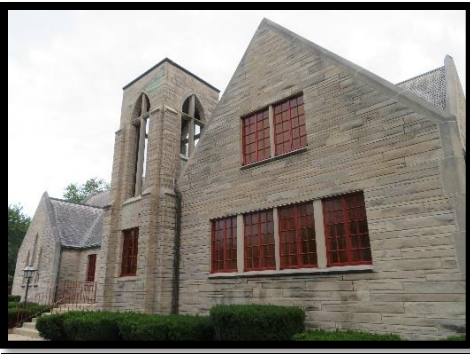
- FEAST
- KHAKI
- MOUTH
- ESSAY
- LLAMA
- ORBIT
- CARRY
- UDDER
- BRUSH
- ITEMS
- APPLE
- LEARN
- CIDER

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Answer:

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Answer: Praise the Lord!



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LOVING CHRIST

LOVING ALL  
FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD



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God's work. Our hands.

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**Worship services:**

**5PM Saturday & 9AM Sunday**  
**Masks MUST be worn.**

**Radio Ministries**

Every Sunday at 10:00AM – a  
partial broadcast of the weekend  
Worship service airs on WSPY  
107.1 FM

Recorded weekly services can also  
currently be found on our website.  
[www.firstlutheranchurchplano.com](http://www.firstlutheranchurchplano.com)