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First Lutheran Church, Plano, IL

# The Anchor



## Pastor's Letter

The St. John's Bible (produced in 2011) is an illuminated Bible. These types of Bibles used to be common in Europe in the 15<sup>th</sup> century. An illuminated Bible is the text of Scriptures along with illustrations and Artwork to accompany the words of the text. In the book of Hebrews and in other sermons this year I have highlighted how many people are visual learners. The Bible is no different. Seeing the story is as important as reading the story. The use of this kind of Bible stopped with the advent of the printing press, where it became extremely easy to mass produce the texts and impossible to copy the artwork into a book at a mass level.

The St. John's Bible is a unique combination of old and new. New computer techniques were used to publish this 7-edition set of the Bible. It is a 7-book set because of the type of print and the numerous illustrations that are part of the St. John's edition. The art is contemporary, but the text reminds one more of the ancient and original texts of the Bible. The St. John's Bible was written much like the Bibles that were copied in the monastic communities before the time of printing. All the type was handwritten and not computer generated.

A team of theologians, biblical scholars, and artists worked from the U.S. and the U.K. to complete the work. The layout of the Saint John's Bible was designed on a computer and then transferred to vellum. Both the lettering and the artwork were made by hand.

First Lutheran has purchased the volume on the Gospels and Acts for display for people to look at and explore. If there is interest, we can look into adding more books to our collection.

Pastor Black



We will hold a "family only" Confirmation Service at 11am, Sunday November 8th. We will work to have the audio recorded and available for the service on our web-site for those interested.  
Please keep our Confirmands in your prayers.

We offer our deepest sympathies to Sheila and Dennis Harmon in the death of Sheila's mother and First Lutheran Member, Shirley Melin. Shirley passed from death to eternal life on Saturday, October 10, with her children at her side.

Pictured: Shirley with her great grandchildren, Cooper and Sadie.



### All Saints Service

The weekend of Oct. 31/Nov. 1, we will have an All Saints Service with remembrance and candle lighting. If you are worshipping at home, you are invited to also light candles either day in honor and remembrance of loved ones who died in the faith.



## NOVEMBER

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 Cullen Meyer  
4 Cole Johnson  
6 Randy Jensen  
10 Harper Gillman  
12 Cindy Maaske  
13 Lori Black & Sue Huston  
17 Sue HYTE  
18 Cora Hughes  
23 Lucas Hoxworth  
25 Linda Stonecipher  
28 Karen Torkelson

8 Eric & Erin Gillman & Lee & Kelsey Meyer  
11 Leon & Bobbie Dettman  
20 Matt & Theresa Papaeliou  
23 Jonathan & Lori Black  
25 Bob & Paulette Albright  
27 Alex & Christine Porter

Dear First Lutheran Family,

I want to say thank you all for all your love and support for me and my family. We are so grateful to have you all in our lives. I want to say thank you for being there for Greg too. He loved his First Lutheran family so much.

I wanted to let you all know that we have started a new chapter in our lives and have moved to Kenosha Wisconsin. I got remarried a couple weeks ago to a wonderful guy who is amazing with Jaedence and Gaige.

We will miss you all so much. Thank you for being there for me, Jaedence and Gaige.

Love,  
Julie, Jaedence and Gaige Feitl



During these last few months we have missed church services like we had before and seeing members of our church family. However, during this month of Thanksgiving we need to remember that the church continues.

Some of the things I am grateful for:

Floyd Anderson delivering the quilts we made for Lutheran World Relief.

The lovely face-masks made by Joan Triantafyllou.

The landscaping around the church. Thanks guys!

Kathy Benoit for her facebook messages.

These are just a few things. What are you thankful for?

Diane Schlesinger

Dearly Beloved,  
Grace and Peace to you.

*“Friend, what are you doing here  
not dressed for a wedding?”*

—Matthew 22.12

God has married us, and this life is a party, a celebration of God's loving faithfulness to us, and you're invited—actually, dragged in—not because you're on some short list, but because you're alive. Like it or not, here you are.

But, look. It's not so serious. It's for joy! It's a celebration of love, this life. Are you ready to party? Are you prepared to rejoice? Are you dressed for it? It doesn't have to be your best dress. But dress like you care and aren't just here to snarf the free food.

Forget all the reasons not to; be committed to celebrate, to practice gratitude, humility, and respect, to honor the love of God. Put on something nice—but something you can dance in.

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



### OFFERING REPORT

#### Year to Date Offerings as of 10/25/20

General Fund Income received: \$133,278.36

Budget Amount Needed: \$164,986.27

Short: (31,707.91)

#### Checking Account

Year to Date Income: \$156,659.53 (11,000 from savings)

Year to Date Expenses: \$151,295.11

Balance as of 10/26/20: \$8,590.88

The Healthy Family Initiative is going well. We have been meeting on Wednesday evenings on Zoom. If you missed the first time I will offer this in small groups in the spring. Good relationships are central to having a fulfilling life.

Pastor Black

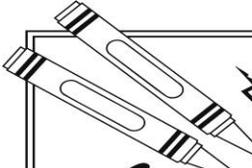


#### From the Caring Committee:

Have you had your flu shot yet? It is not too late to get one. It is especially important this year!

**Now that cold weather is approaching a warm cover-up is welcomed. Please feel free to take a lap robe or prayer shawl from the rack at the back of the sanctuary if you know of someone that could use one.**





# PUZZLE

## Glad gatherings

The first Christians met together over a meal. Today church families still gather to break bread and thank God.

Follow the instructions below. Then write the remaining words in order from left to right and top to bottom to complete the verses.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
		found	broke	bread	acts	in
1	They	their	homes	beautiful	and	round
2	houses	world	beginning	together	follow	thought
3	ate	numbers	glad	happiness	lesson	and
4	With	sincere	disciples	gatherings	hearts	tradition
5	thanks	praising	Christian	God	river	
6	celebrate	good				

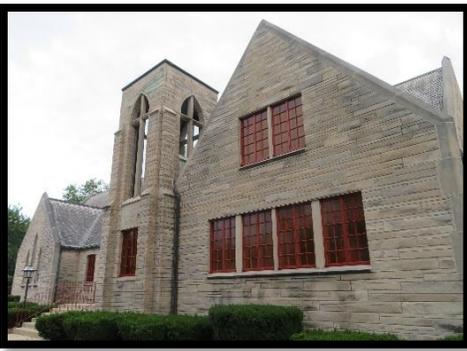
*Cross out all words in column E with double letters.  
Cross out all words that are books of the Bible.  
Cross out all words in column B that end in d.  
Cross out all words in column A that have more than 4 letters.  
Cross out all words in row 5 with 3 syllables.  
Cross out all words in the table with 9 letters.  
Cross out all words in column F with 2 or more vowels.*

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\_\_\_\_\_ . ACTS 2:46-47, NIV

Answer: They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God. Acts 2:46-47, NIV



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WALKING TOGETHER...

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.

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