

THE RECORDER

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Grace to you from God, our Creator, and our Lord, Jesus Christ:

My name is Matthew Lee, and I am excited to serve as your next Director of Music at First Lutheran Church Springfield. My husband Tyler and I recently moved to Cincinnati from Princeton, New Jersey where I completed my Master of Music Degree in Choral Conducting at Westminster Choir College. In August, I begin studies working toward a Doctorate of Musical Arts Degree in Choral Conducting at the University of Cincinnati-Conservatory of Music (CCM). Tyler begins his studies for a Master of Divinity through Luther Seminary's MDivX program beginning June 4, 2020. Tyler and I married two years ago and we have an Australian Cattle/Staffordshire Terrier dog named Luther. Throughout my ten years of church music experience, I have been blessed to serve as Director of Music in a variety of settings. I have a vast love for church music, education, and serving Christ. Tyler and I have prayed fervently and feel so fortunate that God is led us in this direction.

Upon writing this article, I told myself that I was not going to mention the "thing" – COVID-19. Unfortunately, it's something that has taken charge of our lives for the last few months. As I think about it more, I can't help but see the silver lining through it all. I have been using this time to hit the "refresh" button on myself. I, like so many others, get involved in the everyday rut of doing the same things over and over. We sometimes do not recognize the beauty that lies just beyond us. Throughout this pandemic, I have had time to think, refresh, and reevaluate what matters most to me – serving Christ through leadership and song. I look forward to bringing these new and creative approaches to our church while maintaining the integrity of Lutheran Worship.

Music Ministry is a vital part of the church. Martin Luther states, "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world." I feel very strongly about our role as a Music Ministry. Our role is to **share** the gospel of Jesus Christ through song, **lead** the congregation in worship, and **provide** an avenue through which parishioners may share their gifts and engage in an integral part of worship. As Director of Music, I look forward to fostering all aspects of the music ministry from children through adults.

In closing, as we transition through these uncertain times, I encourage you to join me in prayer for our church, the leadership, and its ministries. Finding the new "normal" will certainly take some time, but I am enthusiastic and optimistic about our future. If I can ever be of help to you, please do not hesitate to reach out. I look forward to meeting you all (in person) very soon.

In Christ,

Matthew Moquin-Lee,

Director of Music



Dear Members of First Lutheran,

First, I want to thank you for your patience as we wait out the threat of the pandemic. From the first date of closing in-person worship in March to now, we have learned a lot about Covid-19 and how to take caution to keep us safe. We know that it is not over and there still is more to understand about this virus. We do think however, that with the knowledge we have gained, we are able to put together guidelines to safely hold in-person worship starting **June 14th**. These guidelines are subject to change as we learn more. We do still encourage all those who are in the at-risk group to wait a bit longer and join us when the time is right. During this time and into the foreseeable future, we will continue to offer online worship and materials to follow along from the safety of your home. Below you will find bulleted points for in-person worship safety guidelines.

In person worship will begin Sunday June 14 with the following safety guidelines:

All bibles, hymnals, paper, pencils, and other pew items will be removed from the pews. A bulletin with all materials needed for worship will be placed on each available seat.

There will be one service at **9:30** which will continue to be live steamed on Facebook and uploaded to YouTube and the church's webpage.

Designated six-foot by six-foot seating has been arranged in the sanctuary. This allows for a maximum of 54 people to be seated in the sanctuary.

Overflow seating, with a maximum of 20 chairs, will be in the fellowship hall where the service will be live streamed on the projector screen OR in the choir loft.

Masks are to be worn entering the building, throughout the service, and exiting the building. If you do not have a mask the church will provide you one at the door. While homemade masks and non-fitted hospital masks do not ensure 100% protection of transferring virus particles as the N-95 mask does, they are helpful in reducing infection transmission, especially as we sing and pray aloud.

There is a table with hand sanitizer at the entrance of the church and in each available pew.

The offering plates will be placed at the entrances of the sanctuary for all to place their offering in as they pass by. Please do not touch or pick up the plates.

At this time, we will continue to abstain from communion until further guidelines are discussed with the synod.

Entering and exiting the church building for those in need of the elevator

There will be two entrances available: the Wittenberg Street door and the double glass doors off the parking lot.

Once you enter the building please follow the one-way signs to the elevator.

Only one person or family unit will be allowed on the elevator at a time.

Please wait for the elevator attendant, who will assist in operating the elevator to cut down on contact with the elevator buttons. Please do not press the buttons.

Once you are at the Sanctuary level an usher will meet you and guide you to your seat.

We will be seating those using the elevator from the front to the back of the sanctuary.

Once the service has ended you will follow the **same directions** down to your car using either the Wittenberg Street doors or the double glass doors leading to the parking lot.

Entering and exiting the building for those using the stairs

There will be one entrance and one exit for those using the stairs.

Please **enter** from the double glass door off of the parking lot. Follow one-ways signs to lead you to the stairs and up the staircase directly to your left.

All ushers will greet you at the Sanctuary door to seat you.

Those coming up the stairs will fill in from the back to the front of the sanctuary.

When the service is concluded you will leave going down the staircase directly to your right and **exit** out the High Street doors.

To assist you in all the following guidelines and one-way passages we will have ushers and greeters throughout the building until we get the hang of things. I understand that this is not going back to “normal” but for now, this is what we need to do to be able to come back together for in-person worship and to ensure the safety of each member. Blessing to you all as we continue to pray for the safety of our community and country.

In God's Peace,

Pastor Aly Mazzei

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Hello All,

As Thursday Morning bible study and Wednesday night Dinner Church have been postponed until we are able to all meet back up, Pr. Larry and I have been trying to think of a good solution in the meantime. We will begin to lead what we are calling Theology on Tap. This will be a Zoom call every Thursday evening at 6pm. We will be discussing the coming Sunday's texts and offering questions for all who join to ponder along with us. We will be sending out the Zoom link to this call in both of our church's mass emails each week. You can join the meeting by clicking on the blue highlighted tab in the email on your computer at 6pm on Thursdays. If you prefer to be on your cell phone there will also be a phone number you can call in on. As per the name, we encourage you to grab a drink of your choice for this time whether that is a diet coke, tea, coffee, or a cocktail.

Council minutes from May

Minutes of the First Lutheran Church Council Meeting May 19, 2020

Present: Council President Jim Ingling, Vice President Robert Pollock, Treasurer Roger Sherrock, Secretary Gretchen Krafft, Pat Bowen, Heath Queen, Kathy Siegel, Jane Switzer, Tom Wilson, and Pastor Aly Mazzei, plus Rebecca Ingling.

Excused: Evan Erickson and Lisa Watson. **Absent:** Dick Metzger and Brad Sims.

Call to order: Pastor Mazzei called to order at 5:08 pm.

Devotions: Switzer.

Secretary's Report: KSiegel/Pollock moved to accept the minutes of the February 18, March 17, March 31, April 14 and April 28, 2020 council meetings. Motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Pastor Mazzei requested that Switzer send a get well card to Bob Rix from the council.

Treasurer's Report: Sherrock was not able to report due to technical difficulties.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mazzei reported that FLC now has a list of members who do not use the internet. FLC mailed them the most recent newsletter. Pastor Mazzei has a meeting with the Bishop later this week. Meanwhile, she has been planning precautions FLC must take when services resume in the building. Because of social distancing requirements, a single weekly service will likely take place in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am. Bulletins will be placed on chairs. Ushers will lead worshipers to chairs and release them after the service. We will not have Fellowship. Communion will not resume initially. We ask that everyone wear masks (masks will be available). We will clean the area thoroughly afterwards. Bowen/KSiegel moved to make June 14 the tentative date to reopen. Motion carried. Online services will continue.

Committee Reports: No reports from *Fellowship, Finance, Outreach, Service, Special Gifts, Stewardship, Worship, and Youth*. *Christian Education:* Pastor Mazzei reported that an informal Bible study class takes place online Thursdays at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to join.

Personnel: See **New Business**. *Property:* Ingling received the first estimate for replacing the roof. He plans to determine if there are any leaks or other problems caused by wind damage in case we need to make an insurance claim. Bowen reported that the damaged stained glass window has been painted. *Technology:* Queen reported an increase in online viewing. He will send details to the council.

Old Business: 1. Council Election: We expect the new council to begin serving in August after the postponed congregational meeting. Retiring council members will serve until then. **2. Compassion Act Loan:** Pastor Mazzei reported that we have completed the first step and are waiting for the application to be processed.

New Business: 1. Church Organist and Music Director: Rebecca Ingling reported that the Personnel Committee recommends hiring Matthew Lee for the position of Church Organist and Music Director. Switzer/Krafft moved to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation and offer Matthew Lee the job to begin June 1. Motion carried. **2. Upcoming Events:** Council members decided to postpone the annual church picnic, which had been set for June 21. New time and location TBD. The annual Fifty-Year Member Luncheon scheduled for August has not changed.

Announcements & Open Session: KSiegel offered to supply handmade masks for the congregation. Bowen offered to provide elastic for them.

Adjournment: KSiegel/Switzer moved to adjourn at 6:04 pm with the Lord's Prayer. Motion carried.

The next Church Council meeting will be held on

Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 5:00 pm via Zoom. Sims will offer devotions. Pastor Mazzei will email council members the phone number and code.

Respectfully Submitted, Gretchen Krafft

CHURCH PICNIC

Our annual church picnic has been postponed to August with a date and to be announced. It will be held at Kathy Siegel's home, 1977 Funderburg Rd, New Carlisle. Beverages provided. Please bring tableservice, meat to grill and a salad, vegetable or dessert to share.



WILLIAM A. AND GLADYS W. WALSH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Materials to apply for this scholarship are available from the church office. Completed applications must be received by the scholarship committee by June 1, 2020 and notification of recipient's will be no later than August 1, 2020. *Thanks!*



Left:

Lily Pederson is a 2020 graduate of Northwestern High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society and a four year Jan Van Gorder scholar. Lily looks forward to attending Wittenberg University in the fall, where she plans to major in Computer Science and minor in Data Science.

CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS: President, Jim Ingling, Vice-President, Robby Pollock Secretary, Gretchen Krafft, Treasurer, Roger Sherrock **MEMBERS:**

Term Expires 2020

- Gretchen Krafft*
- Heath Queen
- Brad Sims
- Jane Switzer
- Tom Wilson

Term Expires 2021

- Dick Metzger*
- Kathy Siegel
- Lisa Watson

Term Expires 2022

- Pat Bowen
- Evan Erickson
- Jim Ingling
- Robby Pollock

*Second 3-year term

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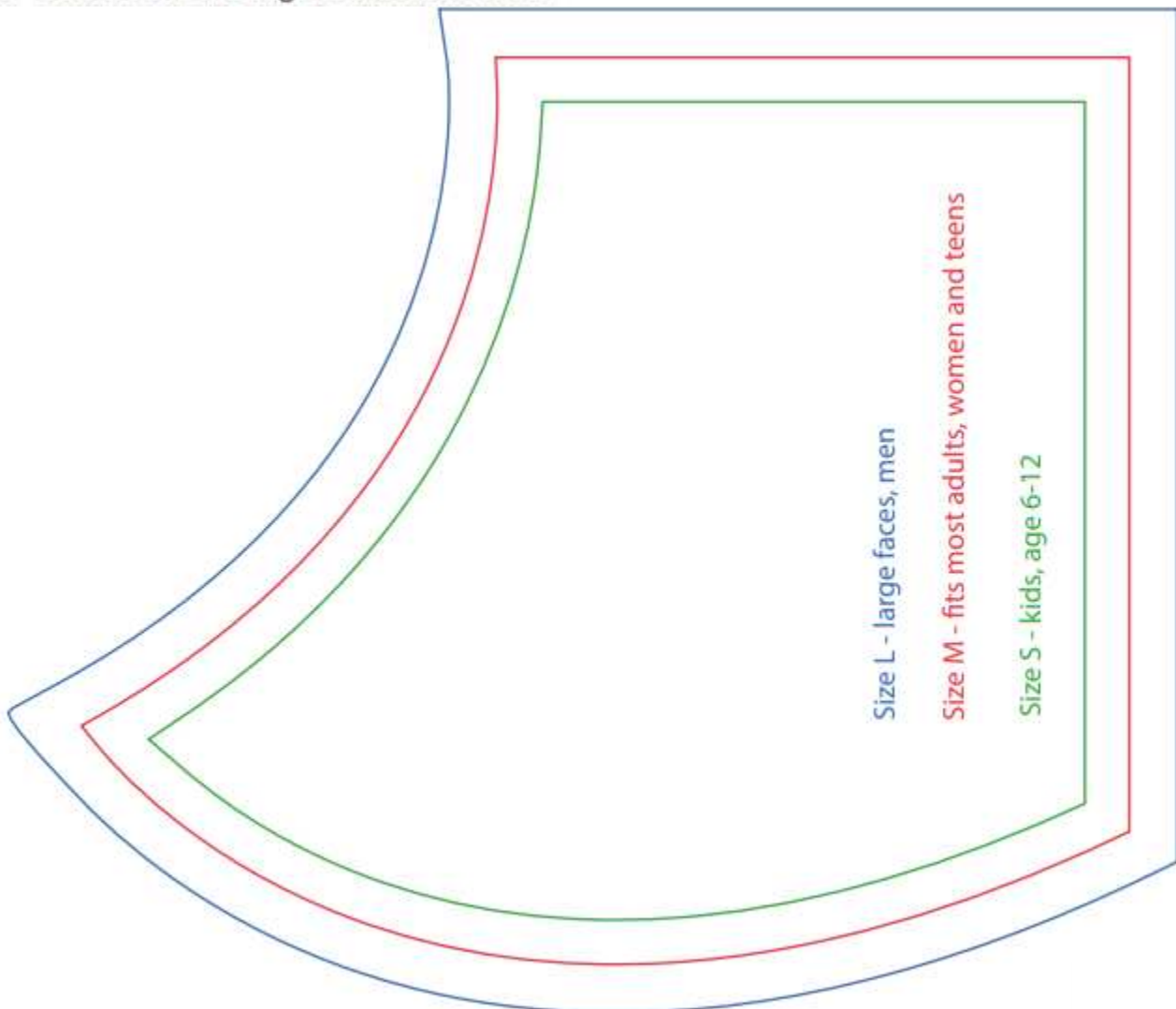
FACE MASK PATTERN AND INSTRUCTIONS

What you will need

- Cotton fabric, a pretty print is best.
- Rope Elastic, beading cord elastic will work (you may also use 1/8" flat elastic)
- Cut the elastic 7" long and tie a knot at each end (DO NOT knot the ends of the flat)

You can make two sizes: Adult or Child

1. Put right sides of cotton fabric together
 - o Cut 9x6 (Adult) or 7.5 x 5 (Child)
2. Starting at the center of the bottom edge, sew to the first corner, stop. Sew the elastic with the edge out into the corner. A few stitches forward and back will hold this.
3. Sew to the next corner, stop, and bring the other end of the same elastic to the corner and sew a few stitches forward and back.
4. Now sew across that top of the mask to the next corner. Again put an elastic with the edge out.
5. Sew to the next corner and sew in the other end of the same elastic.
6. Sew across the bottom leaving about 1.5" to 2" open. Stop, cut the thread. Turn inside out.
7. Pin 3 tucks on each side of the mask. Make sure the tucks are the same direction
8. Sew around the edge of the mask twice.



JUNE 2020



First Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 6:00 Theology on Tap via Zoom	5	6
7 10:30 Worship service on-line	8	9 10:00 Staff meeting	10	11 6:00 Theology on Tap via Zoom	12	13
14 9:30 Worship Service in person in Witten- berg Hall	15	16 10:00 Staff meeting 5:00 Council via Zoom	17	18 6:00 Theology on Tap via Zoom	19	20
21 9:30 Worship Service in person in Witten- berg Hall	22	23 10:00 Staff meeting	24	25 6:00 Theology on Tap via Zoom	26	27
28 9:30 Worship Service in person in Witten- berg Hall	29	30 10:00 Staff meeting				

June 2020

Happy Birthday!

*Keeping you in prayer,
May the grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ be with your spirit, brothers
and sisters. Amen (Gal. 6:18)*



1 J. D. Ater
Ashley Caudill

2 Angela Gregg

3 Gail Smith

4 Alex Sharp

5 Laurel Cisler

6 Josh Minnich

8 Kat Sharp

9 Timothy Tuttle
Noah Yalaz

14 Larry McCoy

16 Gretchen Whitacre

17 Emily Erickson

19 Dick Might

20 Pastor Aly
Marco Williams

22 Roger Sherrock

25 Jeremy Achenbach-Covert

28 Allan Downs
Gerhard Hinderer

30 Will Sims



Happy Anniversary



1 Allan & Nedra Downs

11 Bill & Lenore Kinnison

Ronald & Mary McLin **60th!**

12 Randy & Lotus Smith

14 Tom & Karen Tuttle

17 Jim & Becky Ingling

18 Tom & Marty Billing

25 Tom & Barbara Kaiser

26 Eldon & Judy Paden

29 R. Eugene & Ruth Johnson

30 Chris & Lori Johnson

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