

# THE RECORDER

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## *A NOTE FROM HEATH QUEEN.....*



Dear FLC Family,

I hope and pray that you are all doing well and staying safe during these strange and uncertain times. Over the past 10-weeks, I have been completing my CPE experience at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus. I wanted to spend a few moments sharing that experience with you and reflecting on it here. CPE stands for Clinical Pastoral Education and is required of all who are pursuing ordination in the ELCA. We are required to serve as a Chaplain in a clinical setting where we provide emotional and spiritual support to patients and families for over 200+ hours. We also engage in reflection work, self-care, and learning didactics (lectures) with a group of other students. In short, it is about 400+ hours of work and learning in just 10 weeks!

This summer, I was assigned to be the Chaplain for the surgery waiting area and the trauma/burn unit. Here I did daily rounds with the patients and families on those floors. Doing this helped me to become more comfortable with providing non-judgmental and respectful support to individuals that represented a variety of life situations, religious beliefs, and family dynamics. These patients were of all ages (0-19) and each case had special emotional and spiritual needs. Some families only had an overnight stay and needed support in imagining their upcoming discharge. Some families had been admitted to the hospital for months with no end in sight. These families needed support to not only process through the length of their stay but the various family challenges that it created. Some families did not want the presence of a Chaplain at all and respecting that wish was just as representative of impactful spiritual care.

In addition to weekly clinical hours on my unit, I also served as the on-call chaplain at least once a week. This meant that I was staying at the hospital for at least 24 hours and providing after hours support to families who came into the Emergency Department as trauma patients. Responding to trauma calls, withdraw of life-support notifications, and general requests for pastoral care was a very exhausting but extremely meaningful experience. Being able to conduct an emergency baptism of a child is an experience that I will never forget and is something that I was honored to have been present with the family to conduct. Through providing support to families in these moments of crisis, I learned how to shut up and listen. I learned how to provide support without trying to "fix" the person in pain and I learned how to receive and provide critique with pastoral colleagues on the spiritual care we were offering.

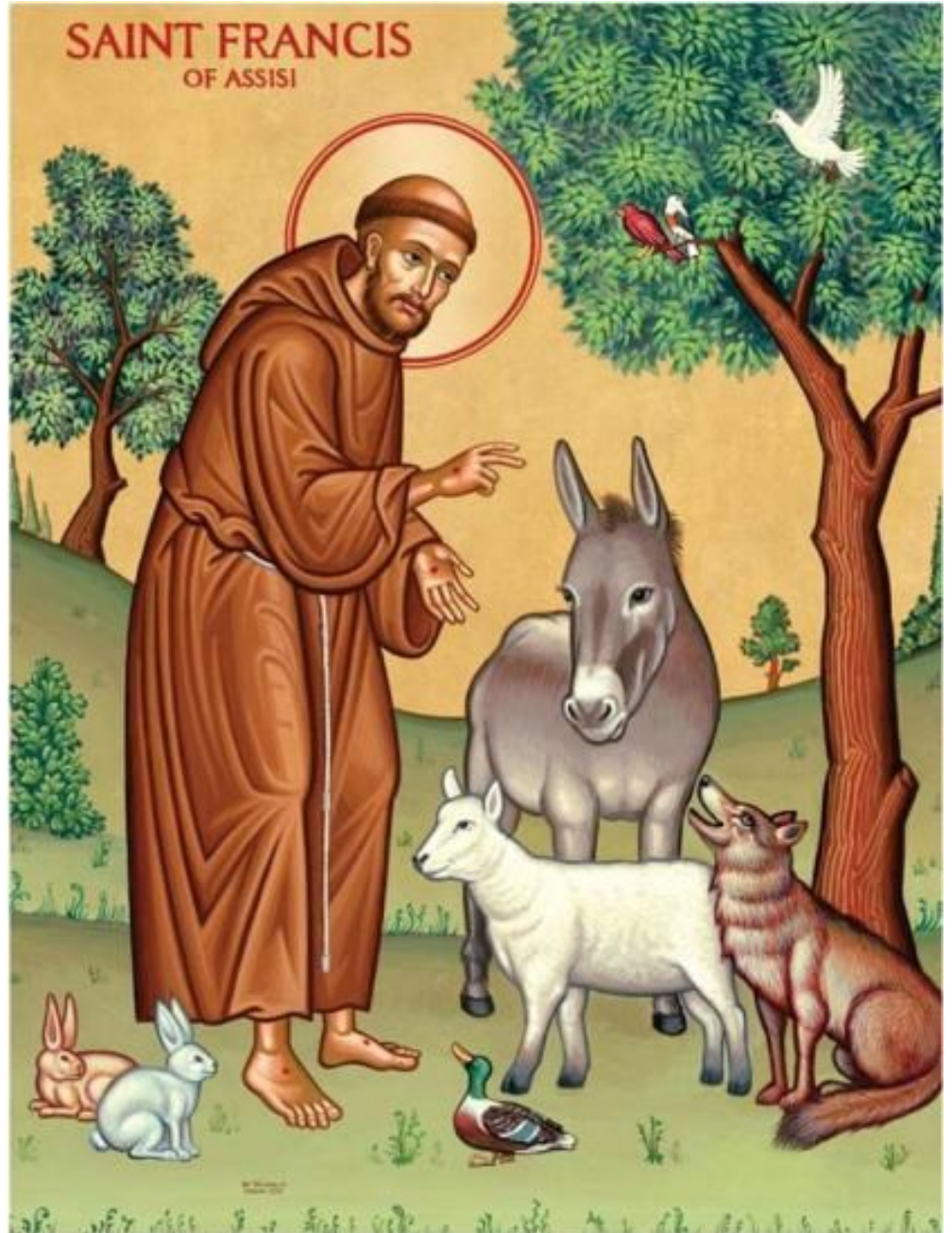
Completing this unit of CPE leads me into a time of further discernment on my call to ministry. I found this experience to be extremely life-giving and found it to have gone by too fast. Because of this experience, I am considering doing further units of CPE in a clinical setting in the future and am more deeply discerning how this positive experience fits in with my overall call to ministry. I am thankful for the support that you all have always provided to Courtney and me, especially during this summer CPE journey. We miss being with you all in-person and are hopeful that we will make it through this period and be back together soon.

Peace,

Heath Queen

## Happy September to you all,

As part of our drive-in service on Sunday September 13th at 9:30 a.m. we will be celebrating the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi by doing a blessing of the pets and our garden area. St. Francis is known for his travels around Italy carrying the Gospel message to all people and creation. Many of the stories surrounding St. Francis' life show that he was a great lover of animals and the environment. One legend of St. Francis tells of a man who would pause during his travels to preach to the birds. This is why in depictions of St. Francis he is often found with a bird perched on his shoulder. The true feast day for St. Francis is October 4th as many celebrate the beginning of a blessed fall harvest and give thanks to creation.



On Sunday September 13th please feel free to bring your pets along with you for the drive-in service to receive a special blessing just for them.

Blessings,

Pastor Aly

## “From the Loft . . .”

Grace and Peace to you:

I am writing to let you know that plans for our Music Ministry are continuing to evolve as we navigate the recent discoveries related to COVID-19. As studies have developed, I will say that I am hopeful in a lot of ways. Initially, the idea of music in a group setting was not feasible. However, we are finding that this is becoming more and more feasible with alterations to our “norm.” With this in mind, things for the fall will not be “normal.” Airing on the side of caution and keeping your health in mind is our main priority at First Lutheran. Below is a simple outline of our ensembles related to the fall.

Sanctuary Choir:

Rehearses together weekly utilizing the choir room, sanctuary, and fellowship hall

3-6 choir members will lead the music portions of our weekly service

Exultation Bell Choir:

The group will be split into two smaller ensembles focusing on quartet and small ensemble playing.

We’ll play more often in church services to enhance the music portion of the service.

If you would like the opportunity to participate in a smaller setting in both the Sanctuary Choir or Exultation Bell Choir, we welcome you with open arms. This would be an ideal time to plug into an ensemble, hone your skills, and sharing your gifts for the glorification of God. Stay tuned and look for an email regarding start dates/times for each ensemble!

Blessings,

Matthew Moquin-Lee

Director of Music and Worship

First Lutheran Church Springfield

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

|      |                       |                     |                  |
|------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 9/6  | Ezekiel 33:7-11       | Romans 13:8-14      | Matthew 18:15-20 |
| 9/13 | Genesis 50:15-21      | Romans 14:1-12      | Matthew 18:21-35 |
| 9/20 | Jonah 3:10—4:11       | Philippians 1:21-30 | Matthew 20:1-16  |
| 9/27 | Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 | Philippians 2:1-13  | Matthew 21:23-32 |



## Drive in Worship Procedure

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

As we head into another phase of covid-19, Matthew and I have been working hard to bring to you a drive-in worship service with communion. On September 13th, we will be offering a 9:30 drive-in service at the First Lutheran parking lot.

To make it easier to organize parking and to handout worship packets, we will have one-way entrance and exit into and out of the parking lot. You will enter the parking lot from High street and be greeted as you enter. The greeter will hand you a packet that will contain your bulletin and communion. Then, the greeter will direct you towards the parking attendant.

Parking will be organized by the size of your car. Large truck and SUVs will be parked in the back with smaller cars being parked in the front. We will leave open the front row closest to the building for those who would like to park their car in the Senior Center lot and sit in their own lawn chair.

The sound for the worship service will be piped through a FM transmitter and an amplifier. When you arrive in the parking lot, the FM radio station will be posted in your bulletin and on signs in the parking lot. You will dial your car radio to the station and be able to hear the worship service from your car. If you would like to sit in a lawn chair outside of your car you may also be able to hear the service through the amplifier but it might not be as loud as being in your car.

During the offering time we will have special music organized by our Music and Worship Director, Matthew Moquin-Lee. At that time, the offering plate will be walked past each car window. Please do wear your mask when the offering plate comes to your car window.

I will lead us through our communion liturgy and we will all open our communion from the packets and take communion at the same time.

Once the service is over, we will have a one way exit out the alleyway towards Center Street and Wittenberg Avenue.

Blessings to you all and we hope to see you at church on September 13th.

Pastor Aly Mazzei



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## Minutes of the First Lutheran Church Council Meeting August 18, 2020

**Present:** Council President Jim Ingling, Treasurer Roger Sherrock, Director of Music and Worship Matthew Moquin-Lee, Interim Secretary Jane Switzer, Kathy Siegel, Pat Bowen, Adele Siegel, Parish Administrator, Lisa Watson and Pastor Aly Mazzei.

**Call to order:** Ingling called to order at 6:05 pm.

**Secretary's Report:** Ingling requested that minutes of the meeting on July 21, 2020 be approved at the next meeting, as not all council members had yet read them.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Switzer sent a card to Carol Pederson regretfully accepting her resignation and thanking her for many years of service as Bell Choir Director.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sherrock provided no written report, but gave a brief review. Revenues are down, but so are expenses, leaving us still in good financial shape. Our investment income has rebounded and nearly returned to levels that we had at the beginning of the fiscal year. Three new office computers have been purchased for a little over \$4000.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor presented a detailed 5-Phase Ministry Program that she and Matt have prepared. At Watson's suggestion it will be minimally revised to coincide with Ohio's recommendations for group gatherings. Due to the success of our first outdoor service, starting on September 13, Pastor would like to hold a drive-in parking lot service every Sunday at 9:30 am until in-church services can begin again. An anonymous donor has provided funds to purchase the speakers, monitor, mixer board, mics and stands that are needed for these outdoor services. Switzer moved and Watson seconded to hold weekly outdoor services. For the service of September 13, Pastor proposes a Blessing of Pets, Garden and Gardeners. That same Sunday she also hopes to hold a post-service assembly of the school back packs, two per attendee.

**Music Director Report:** Matt plans to purchase a \$400 portable Hepa Filtration System from his budget. As discussed at last meeting, he has gotten one quote, and will seek a second, for a system that could sit in our choir loft and enhance the recordings of our services by zooming in on the baptismal font, lectern, etc. as needed.

### Committee Reports:

*Christian Education:* Pastor Mazzei would like to resume in-person Bible Study and begin an on-line adult Lutheran study program for new and potential members.

*Property:* Ingling reported that Tag Roofing of Dayton will have one roof-drop dumpster rather than three, and Pat Bowen will make periodic checks on the company's work progress. Pat will also get a quote on having a second window in front of the church repaired to match the already repaired window.

*Walsh Scholarship:* The extended deadline has passed with no applications for the current year.

**Old Business: 1. Council Election:** Pastor Mazzei hopes that the council can elect officers at the next meeting.

**New Business: Pat Bowen will nominate First Lutheran for a Community Beautification Award.**

**Adjournment:** Lisa Watson/Kathy Siegel moved to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer. Motion carried.

**The next Church Council meeting will be held on** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Pastor Mazzei requests an in-person meeting at the church with masks for those are comfortable attending.

Respectfully Submitted, Jane Switzer

## CHURCH PICNIC

Our annual church picnic has been postponed, a date and location will be shared when it is safe to gather.

### News from the Service Committee – School Kits

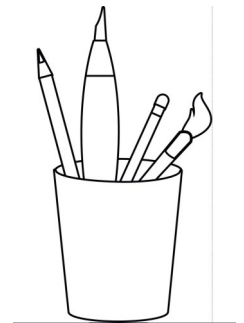
School Kit Items:

- One 16 or 24 box of **crayons**,
- One **ruler** with both inches and centimeters or just centimeters,
- One **pencil sharpener** (the kind that holds pencil shavings),
- One 2 ½” **eraser**,
- One blunt tipped (safety) **scissors**,
- 4 70—80 sheet spiral **notebooks**, 8”x 10 ½” wide or college ruled (no loose leaf),
- 5 ballpoint black or blue **pens** (no gel), secured together with a rubber band,
- 5 unsharpened #2 **pencils** with erasers, secured together with a rubber band.

We always seem to be short of tablets. You can usually find them on sale now. We will send up to 100 school kits to the ELCA for distribution overseas. We will give extra items to local needy children. Thank you for your help!

### SERVICE COMMITTEE NEWS UPDATE

God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday is September 13, 2020, the same day we have a drive-in church service. Please plan to stay a few minutes after the service to help us assemble 100 school kits. We will have the materials placed on tables outdoors in an assembly line fashion. Taking turns, we will put one item from each box into a book bag and tie it shut. If everyone puts together two kits, we will soon be finished.



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

#### Term Expires 2020

Heath Queen\*  
Jane Switzer\*

#### Term Expires 2021

Kathy Siegel  
Lisa Watson

#### Term Expires 2022

Pat Bowen  
Evan Erickson  
Jim Ingling  
Robby Pollock

\*Second 3-year term

**SEPTEMBER 2020**



*First Lutheran Church*

| Sun                                 | Mon | Tue   | Wed | Thu                               | Fri | Sat |
|-------------------------------------|-----|---|-----|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|
|                                     |     | 1   | 2   | 3                                 | 4   | 5   |
| 6<br>10:30 Worship service on-line  | 7   | 8<br>10:00 Staff meeting                            | 9   | 10<br>2:00 Worship Comm. Via Zoom | 11  | 12  |
| 13<br>9:30 Drive-in Worship service | 14  | 15<br>10:00 Staff meeting                           | 16  | 17                                | 18  | 19  |
| 20<br>9:30 Drive-in Worship service | 21  | 22<br>10:00 Staff meeting<br>6:00 In-person Council | 23  | 24                                | 25  | 26  |
| 27<br>9:30 Drive-in Worship Service | 28  | 29  | 30  |                                   |     |     |

# September 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 Bonnie Yeager
- 3 Todd Rix
- 8 Amy Yalaz
- 10 Barbara Burcham  
Sonja Spragg
- 11 Kimberly Neuharth  
Kelley Neuharth-Portor  
Jamy Stiles
- 12 Ruth Englefield
- 13 Becky Christian
- 14 Zach Engelfield  
Sadie Thompson
- 16 Jeanette Kripis  
Elizabeth Walsh
- 17 Becky Scovill

- 19 Bruce Caudill  
Cathy Fails  
Robert Martineau
- 22 Brock Burcham
- 23 Thelma Anderson  
David Beard
- 24 Diana Ater
- 25 David Calhoun  
Vicki Matthies
- 28 Bob Morris
- 30 Grant Burcham



## *Happy Anniversary*



- 2 Sylvia & Welford Bryant  
Jim & Becky Christian
- 6 Deb & Dick Metzger
- 10 Richard & Vicki Matthies

- 14 Lois & Bob Christel
- 29 Kaitlyn & Robby Pollock

