

## WELCOME to Worship in Jesus' Name!

Everything you need to worship this morning is found in the bulletin, the **Green Lutheran Book of Worship** or the **Blue With One Voice Hymnal**. There are Large Print Hymnals available on a shelf at the Information Center.

Are you a **guest** today? We are glad you are here! Please fill out a **Welcome Card** located in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate. Check out the Information Center and take home a **welcome gift bag**.

Today...

† **Sweater & Sweatshirt Sunday**

† The **2023 Annual Report** is available in the Narthex and Atrium.

† **Reminder for 56ers: Please go to your classroom after the Prayer of the Day.**

† **Bowling Fun!!!** Sign up in the Information Center to go bowling **this afternoon**, at Viking Lanes from **3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**. This fellowship event is open to people of all ages!

## Coming Up...!

† **FLC's Annual Meeting** will be held in the sanctuary on **Sunday, February 4**, between the first and the second services, **starting at 9:20 am**.

† **Souper Bowl Sunday** is **February 11**. Please bring a canned good and place in the marked containers. Donations will be taken to the Stoughton Food Pantry.



† **Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14**. Volunteers are needed to help with Lenten suppers. Please sign up in the back of the church in the Information Center.

† Come **Sledding Sunday, February 18, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm**. Bring Family and Friends. Sign up in the Information Center.

† **Chili & Game Night** will be **Sunday, February 25, 4:00 - 7:00 pm**.

† **Quilters, meet Mondays 8:30 am - 12:00 pm**. Create quilts that are donated to organizations serving those in need.

† **Creation Bible Study** will now be on **Tuesdays at 6:00 pm** in the Fireside Room.



## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

**8:30**

**10:00**

<b>Acolytes</b>	Rebekah Ehle Elizabeth Klitzke	Malia Becker Riley Hansen
<b>Bible Bearer</b>	Gillian Falch	Noah Johnson
<b>Crucifer</b>	Cate Ehle	Lia Tiede
<b>Greeters</b>	Randall & Else McLaury Fred & Deb Kundert	Dillon Richel & Family Laura Stokstad Linda Milam
<b>Reader</b>	Naomi Shep	Noah Tiede
<b>Refreshments</b>	Clay Falch	
<b>Special Music</b>	First Kids, FLC Choir	First Kids
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Christofferson, Erin Dowling Joshua Gretebeck, Roger Kleven Martin Seffens	Richard Hagen, Zach Moore David Nelson, Marc Nordstrom Todd Fossum
<b>Worship Tech</b>	Nathan Eppler	Larry Deutsch
<b>January Altar Guild</b>	Amanda Alme and Carri Case	



## Continued Prayers Are Requested For...



Gene Heise  
Lani Kohrt  
Jean Peterson

Ron Pieper  
Don Steele  
Ron Steele  
Scott Steele

Tom Thorpe  
Vera Thorpe  
Judy Zillmer

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### TODAY...

#### Sweater & Sweatshirt Sunday

8:30 am	Traditional Worship
8:30 am	First Kids
9:30 am	Fellowship Time
10:00 am	Celebration Worship
10:00 am	First Kids
11:00 am	Fellowship Time
3:00 pm	Bowling at Viking Lanes

#### Monday, January 29

8:30 am	Quilters
6:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study

#### Tuesday, January 30

6:00 pm	Creation Bible Study
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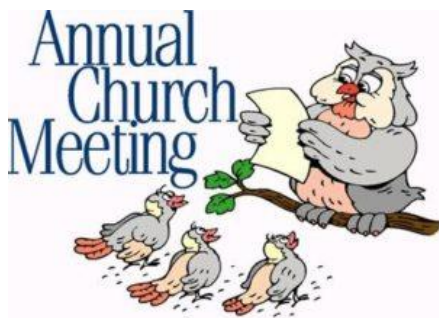
#### Wednesday, January 31

7:45 am	Men's Breakfast
9:00 am	Men's Bible Study
5:45 pm	Pre CHAOS
6:30 pm	7/8 Confirmation CHAOS
6:30 pm	Alleluia Bells
7:30 pm	FLC Choir

#### Sunday, February 4

#### Annual Meeting

8:30 am	Traditional Worship
8:30 am	First Kids
9:20 am	Annual Meeting
9:30 am	Fellowship Time
10:15 am	Celebration Worship
10:00 am	First Kids
11:00 am	Fellowship Time



## CHURCH STAFF

### Ministers

Every First Lutheran Member!

### Clergy

Senior Pastor	Bill Lehman
Associate Pastor	Sara Peterson Ehrets
Visitation Pastor	Dick Halom

### Music Staff

Music Director	Mary Nelson
Traditional Musician	Stewart McElroy

### Program Staff

Program Assistant	Emilee Purcell
Program Assistant	Teresa Sylte
Remote Website Manager	Diane Sparkman
Director of Parish Care *	Ann-Marie Olsen
Homebound Visitation *	Bob Dent
	Naomi Shep

### Support Staff

Office Manager	Gaye Lehman
Office Assistant	Carrie Trail
Support Assistant *	Erlene Bishop Killeen
Bookkeeper (Staff) & Treasurer *	Wayne Kiefer
Custodian	Jim Petrie
Weekend Custodian	Odin Ehrets
IT Technical Support *	Hien Tran

\* = Volunteer

### African Medical Missionaries

Dr. Steve and Jodi Swanson

### Information

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## **FIRST READING ~ 1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that 'all of us possess knowledge.' Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that 'no idol in the world really exists', and that 'there is no God but one.' Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth - as in fact there are many gods and many lords - yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 'Food will not bring us close to God.' We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

## **SECOND READING ~ Psalm 111**

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures for ever. He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established for ever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for ever. Holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures for ever.

## **GOSPEL ~ Mark 1:14-20**

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching - with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.