



The First Word

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June, 2014

Dear People of First and St John's,



Vicar Blatt

Pastor Allie writes:

I am in Philadelphia for a two day internship Team building workshop at the Lutheran Seminary. Along with about 11 other interns and pastors, Vicar Lauren Blatt and I are learning more about the internship process, and developing a relationship that will help us all experience a good intern year together. Vicar Blatt is feeling hopeful and excited about the upcoming intern year, and I am enthusiastic as well. Vicar Blatt is well respected as an intelligent and insightful leader among her peers at the seminary. Although she is an introvert and may seem a bit withdrawn at first, as she gets to know you she opens up in lively and engaging ways.

We are presently looking for an apartment for Vicar Blatt. FLC's basement apartment has been deemed unsuitable for anyone to live in any more. [It is being cleaned up to be used as storage space only.] Additionally, it is now recognized that interns, like pastors, really need space away from their work that living right in the FLC building could never provide.

We have a full complement of people on our intern committee, which will provide support, feedback, and evaluation for Vicar Blatt. From SJ: Karen Belinski, Andrew Kenyon, Marion Truland, and Warren Truland. From FLC: Cara Brousseau, Judy Greenwood, Brian Lusignan, and Fred Sawyer. Pastor Allie will be providing some training for them before Vicar Blatt arrives.

Additionally, a group of leaders from both congregations will meet to work out how to "share the intern between the two congregations and provide for a well-rounded experience." This group will consist of a member of each council, Pastor Paul and Pastor Allie as well as Pastor Bill Hempel who is providing additional pastoral leadership for SJ. This group will only meet once or twice to figure out intern sharing and some administration before Vicar Blatt arrives.

Vicar Blatt suggested to Pastor Allie the following bible passage as a guide for our life together for the intern year:

*Let love be genuine, hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;
love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.*

Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints, extend hospitality to strangers.

-Romans 12:9-13

We have a privileged opportunity in the coming year to help raise up a new leader for the Church. We invite you to hold Vicar Blatt and our internship year in your prayers that God might use this time as gift to each of our congregations, and to the formation of Vicar Blatt as a pastoral leader.

Pastor Allie and Pastor Paul

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Pastor Allie to return to Israel in June



This June I am going back to Israel with my husband, Barry Davis, to work for two weeks on the archeological dig at Bethsaida, which is on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee near the Golan.

I leave Albany to head to Erie, PA on June 12th. I will get to Erie in time to celebrate Barry's retirement on my birthday, June 13th. What a great birthday present!!!

We then fly out of Pittsburgh PA to Tel Aviv, Israel on June 15th. The two weeks on the dig is my continuing education time for 2014. We'll also have a time before and after the dig for "playing tourist" and exploring other archaeological sites in Israel. I will be back in the US on July 10th and with you in worship on the 13th.

Please keep Barry and me in your prayers as we head off on this adventure.



Senior Communion Luncheon



The annual Senior Communion Luncheon will be held at St. John's this year on **Wednesday, June 11**.

Please call the church office (463-1326) with your reservations.

10:00 AM

Welcome and Snacks

11:00 AM

Communion Worship Service

12:00 PM

Luncheon

Shuttle service will be available to and from St. John's from our Cortland Place parking lot. Please contact the church office for more transportation details.

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 8th

immediately following worship

We will review and vote on the *Annual Brochure of Reports for 2013*, nominate and elect members of the Church Council and review questions and concerns about FLC. Please plan on attending.

There will be a picnic (see pg. 6) following this meeting!



While Pr Allie is in Israel

6-15 - Pr Duncan Hunter

6-22 - Pr Vern Victorson

6-29 - Pr Duncan Hunter

7-6 - Pr Vern Victorson

Shower of Cards

We invite you to continue sending cards of encouragement and support to:

Steven B. Carlson (back surgery)

150 Shaker Park Drive
Loudonville, NY 12211

Marilyn Salzer (foot surgery)

49 Phillips Road
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Mark Wentland (knee replacement)

1106 Beryl Way
Watervliet, NY 12189

Matthew Wentland (chemo treatments)

455 Summergate Dr.
Winston Salem, NC. 27103



May 2014

Dear Friends:

On behalf of **Cornerstone Campus Ministry**, I want to thank you for your support during the 2013-14 academic year. It was a year filled with fun, friendship, lots of food

and faith! We gathered for vibrant worship each Sunday evening, we gathered for Dinner and Devotions provided by many of you every Tuesday, we hosted Bible Studies and Small Groups for both undergrads and grad students, we ventured out into the community for a local service project at least once a month and we traveled with students to Mobile, AL for our annual mission trip and to Staten Island for our mini-mission trip. Friendships were formed and without a doubt, our students were encouraged on their faith journey.

Four of our active students (Imani Chappelle, Tulia Palacios, Christine Bloecker, Mikaila Carwin) graduated along with four grad students (Alana Louisy, Whitney Martinez, Betty Kerr and Anneliese Antonuccio). I hope you'll join me in praying for them as they begin this new chapter of their lives.

We certainly could not have done it without the support of our Congregational Partners. Every time you make a financial contribution, or prepare a meal, or help with a program or make a pan of brownies, you help our students explore and more fully live out their faith.

As a token of our appreciation we've made an End-of-Year Movie; you can access it by clicking the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBtE08bqFNk>

If you would rather receive a DVD hard copy, please let me know.

We hope you'll watch it and then pass it along to groups or individuals who have been most supportive of our work or those who might be interested in learning more about us.

We're looking forward to working with you in the coming year. We'll be in touch as the plans begin to unfold.

Rev. Sandy J. Damhof
Protestant Campus Ministry @ Chapel House
University at Albany

P.S. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, September 18 – 3rd Annual Patron's Dinner at 1st Lutheran Church; a great meal, silent auction and our featured guest and storyteller, Kent Busman.



Good Shepherd to Sponsor "Nickel Social"

Think Spring! And with Spring comes Spring cleaning. Have a bunch of items collecting dust? Things that are still good but you just don't use anymore. Pots, pans, toys, baby items, exercise equipment disguised as clothing racks, tools you can't remember what they are used for, holiday decor, jewelry, craft items, books, games, movies, and more? Why not bring them to Good Shepherd and let someone else take them home.

They are having their second annual Nickel Social and lunch June 14th.



Box up your items and bring them in the week of June 1. Sorry, while we all have clothing we love, it can't be part of the Social. However, the drop box in the Cortland Place parking lot would be glad to have it.

Better yet why not come in for the Nickel Social and join in the fun. Someone else's "stuff" might just be that treasure that you have been looking for.

There will be many raffle items and gift certificates. All this and some great food made by Good Shepherd's Senior Shepherds. Fun for kids, adults, and anyone else who likes to win things.

Outreach Project for June

The U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants' Albany field office (USCRI Albany) opened its doors in 2005 to help refugees build new lives in upstate New York. They bring hope and opportunity to the lives of refugees and immigrants by defending human rights, promoting self-sufficiency and forging community partnerships, as well as focusing on meeting the immediate basic needs of new arrivals, and helping them obtain early employment.

During this month the Lutheran Cluster churches will gather:

- * **Personal care items** (shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, shaving cream, razors)
- * **Kitchen items** (pots, pans, dishes, glasses, silverware)
- * **CDTA bus passes** (to help refugees get to English classes and jobs)
- * **Gift cards to grocery stores**
- * **Bedding** (new pillows, twin-size sheets, and blankets)

They are unable to accept clothing at this time

There are bins in the Friendship House for you to place your donations. Many thanks for your generosity for the refugees coming to our area.



Homeless Shelter Closing for the Season

On April 25 the overflow homeless shelter closed for the 2013-2014 winter season. On the night of April 22 a delicious chicken dinner was prepared by our First Friends; Clara DeMarco, Eve Norton, Doris Marsh, Marcelle Olsen, Kim Paonessa along with Karen Conklin, Sandy O'Connor, Kay Victorson, Janice Logan and Liz Peters.

What a night it was – attended by approximately 90 people. People that attended this dinner were the many volunteers and staff that dedicated their time and assistance in making the shelter run. Even some of the men that stayed in the shelter came up to join us. Thanks also go to Alex Nagy that ran the dishwasher and did whatever was needed.

This year the cluster churches participated in preparing meals on Tuesday for the shelter. Each church was responsible for 5 meals during the season. Thanks to Barbara Shafarzek, Joan and Lisa Rittberger, Kay Victorson and First Friends who provided meals for their guests and staff this season. According to the staff, the guests knew on Tuesdays that they would be provided with a delicious meal. Thanks also to the other cluster churches for participating in this outreach.

Liz Peters
Social Ministry Chairperson

Celebrating Milestones

Congratulations to these FLC family members who are celebrating significant ministry anniversaries this spring.



- Pastor Jim Garrison**
60 yrs. on May 19
- Pastor Paula Gravelle**
30 yrs. on June 16
- AIM Dorothy Carlson**
30 yrs. on June 26

We also congratulate **Pastor Duncan Hunter** who will celebrate his 39th anniversary of ordination on June 1, 2014 and will preside at Holy Communion that morning.

Picnic Time Is Here!

Our June FLC Community Dinner will be held on Monday, June 30th, at 6:00 p.m. outside (weather permitting—we will eat inside if it rains).

We will serve freshly grilled hot dogs, salad and dessert. We have planned to bring in the Albany City Mounted Police and hold an Operation Save Child ID program as well. Kids can have their picture taken for an ID card.



You are welcome to attend and join the festivities.



Free Concert Albany Area Senior Orchestra

Tuesday, June 3
2:00 PM

First Lutheran Church

Please join us for a one-hour concert featuring a new five- movement piece composed by AASO conductor Vincent Bonafede entitled "Old Troy", plus classical pieces and film music.



Ice Cream Social
follows the concert

Family Church Picnic



Sunday, June 8th

Burgers, Hot dogs and beverages provided by the church. Sign up to bring a salad or dessert on the bulletin board outside of Pastor's office.

Also needed are folks to grill, set up, clean up and break down.

Cara Brousseau is heading up this event. Please contact her by phone (438-9464) for questions or more information!

Notes from FLC Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2014

- * We heard a presentation from representatives of a concerned group of FLC members asking for the creation of a Mutual Ministry Committee to assist with open communication between the congregation and the pastor. The Council voted to do so. Council and Pastor Allie will together appoint membership of the Mutual Ministry Committee.
- * We learned the Damien Center will be staying at FLC for the rest of the year as they work on a proposal to build a new facility to house all of their operations. We value this ongoing relationship with the Damien Center. Their presence enlivens our building.
- * The Damien Center has been able to pay FLC "rent" for their use of our facility funded by their dislocation insurance. We have received \$17,113 for the period of October, November and December, 2013.
- * From this money, we have been able to pay Alex Nagy a generous bonus for all his extra work required to move the Damien Center staff and equipment into our facility. In addition, we paid for the necessary repairs, painting, new lighting and carpet for the rooms previously used by the Sunday School and the Sunday morning counters.
- * After all these expenses were paid, we have a balance of just over \$7,000 from the original \$17,000 paid to us. The Church Council decided to give 10% (\$700) back to the Damien Center as a gift, 10% (\$700) to the Upstate NY Synod and about \$400 for the Synod's World Hunger Appeal and the balance (\$5,200) to our Social Ministry fund to cover expenses for the community dinners and their other ministries as needed.
- * The Finance Committee is seeking proposals to have FLC finances audited by a professional outside firm.
- * We agreed to continue the half hour worship service on the front lawn from July 13 through Labor Day Weekend, August 31, 2014.
- * We agreed to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the dedication of the Sanctuary on September 21, 2014.
- * The basement apartment is now vacant. Alex has been working to clean and remove the terrible smell from the place. All of the floor tile will need to be removed and the concrete floor sealed. There has been a long-time water seepage problem and smell problem in this apartment. The Property Team will continue to study/work on this problem.

Come One! Come All!

Neighborhood Picnic

Monday, June 30th



6:00 p.m.

We will eat inside if the weather doesn't cooperate.

We will have the grill all fired up to serve Hot Dogs, Salad, Dessert!



*Tell your family & neighbors ...
Operation SAFE CHILD ID program & Albany
Mounted Police will be here!*



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A new old way to pray

An ancient Jewish form of prayer, still in use today, involves sprinkling one's day with short prayers of gratitude to God. The prayer typically begins: "Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who ..." and concludes with a phrase that fits the specific situation. Such a prayer works well in good circumstances and bad. For example:

- * "Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who has provided clean water for my shower this morning."
- * "Blessed are you, O Lord ... who brings friends to support me in my grief."
- * "Blessed are you, O Lord ... who has blessed me with a keen mind; please help me focus while I take this test."
- * "Blessed are you, O Lord ... who holds my children in unconditional love."

Try using this form of prayer liberally as a way to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17) and to weave your faith throughout your day.



We remember in our prayers...

Our Members:

Elga Alksnis, Steve Carlson, Lois Coon, Marcia Coon, Jane Culver, Jim Garrison, Judy Greenwood, Keith and Patricia Hansen, Harold Hazzard, Marie Heins, Gerry Hoyt, Jeff Lind, Jim Leonard, Mildred Logan, Ginny MacVittie, Joy (Reynders) Phillips, Bill and Laura Shufelt, Marc Salzer, Marilyn Salzer, Geri Saulpaugh, Elaine Smith, Ed Vining, Nathaniel Weeks, Mark Wentland, Matthew Wentland, Wayne Wilson, Charlotte Wolffe.

Our Friends, Neighbors & Family:


- Shirley Anderson: friend of Marcelle Olsen (5/27)
- Anna Bestenheider: sister of Bernie Shafarzek (5/27)
- Brad & Chad: prayers for health, housing & work (5/18)
- Marianne Brunner: friend of Lisa Rittberger (5/27)
- Joy Bull: friend of the Shafarzeks (5/27)
- Susan Caltrider, Bertha Siter: nieces of Geraldine Saulpaugh (5/27)
- Shirley Cohen: neighbor of Geraldine Saulpaugh (5/27)
- Chuck Conklin: brother of Bob Conklin (5/27)
- Mary Ellen Crummet: friend of Lois Skuse (5/27)
- Chris Cymenman: friend of Barbara McGuinness (5/27)
- Clifford Denegar: cousin of Nancy Endres & Barbara Shafarzek (5/27)
- Terri Weldon Dubray: friend of Lisa Rittberger (5/27)
- Marilyn Erling: mother of Anne Erling (5/27)
- Kathryn Hansen: sister of Bob Frost (5/27)
- Diane Hasenbein: secretary at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church (5/27)
- Patricia Havill: friend of Marcelle Olsen (5/27)
- Greg Henry: friend of Jeff & Julie Lind (5/27)
- Nancy Hill: sister of Patricia Hansen (5/18)
- Jan Jaekle: friend of Barbara McGuinness (5/27)
- Richard King: father of Julie Lind (5/27)
- Joan Kirker: friend of Julie Lind (5/11)
- Jodie Lanchantin: family member of Karie and Scott Robertson (5/27)
- Janet Larson: wife of Pastor Ed Larson (5/27)
- Patricia Leonard: friend of Joyce Aiello (5/27)
- Tom McCord: friend of Marcelle Olsen (5/27)
- Joan Miller: friend of Pastor Hunter (5/27)
- Dan & MaryEllen O'Brien: friends of Nancy Endres (5/27)
- Pamela Petersen: niece of Joan & Judy Greenwood (5/27)
- Ruth Pitts: sister of Joyce Aiello and sisters (5/27)
- Pastor Paul Rees-Rohrbacher: pastor of St. John's Lutheran (5/27)
- Kelly Salzio: friend of Marcelle Olsen (5/27)
- Thelma Saulpaugh: sister in law of Geraldine Saulpaugh (5/27)
- Robert Schoneman, III: great-nephew of Joan & Judy Greenwood (5/27)
- Melissa & Amanda Sippel: granddaughters of Barbara McGuinness (5/27)
- Lou Thonges: cousin of Bernie Shafarzek (5/27)
- Lois Van Buren: aunt of Bob Conklin (5/27)
- Alyson Ward: daughter of Barbara McGuinness (5/27)
- Matthew & Michael Ward: grandsons of Barbara McGuinness (5/27)
- Josephine Warren: niece of Geraldine Saulpaugh (5/27)
- Abu Yahgi: friend of First Lutheran (5/27)
- Gary Wilkie: nephew of Eve and Lyle Norton (5/27)
- David Young: brother of Jan Frost (5/27)

Our Men and Women in Uniform:

- Capt. Christian Drennen, Ft. Drum: son of Russ & Pam Drennen
- Sgt. Taylor Engelhardt, Korea: grandson of Ed & Carol Engelhardt
- Tyler Pressley PVT. 1st class, Korea: son of a friend of Sandy O'Connor
- Capt. Josef H. Wiese, USMC, deployed to the Middle East: nephew of Vernon & Kay Victorson

Our Wider Mission Concerns:

- For the people affected by natural disasters.
- For peace.
- For the unemployed.
- For Chuck Schwartz, Dean of Hudson Mohawk Conference.
- For Marie Jerge, Bishop of the Upstate New York Synod.
- For Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA



*We offer our Christian prayers and sympathy to **Chuck & Liz Peters** and their family as they mourn the death of Chuck's father, **David Peters**. We ask that you keep them in prayer during these difficult days and weeks to come.*



The children in our Sunday School program sing a song for the congregation during worship on May 11th.



Reading the Lessons and the Psalm on Sunday School Sunday, May 11th.



The annual Albany Gay Pride Parade and Festival takes place this year on Saturday, June 14th. The parade lineup is at 11:30 a.m. with the parade starting at 12:00 noon from Sprague Street.

All walkers and van riders should be at First Lutheran Church's Cortland Place parking lot **no later than 11:15 a.m.** to be transported to the Parade Lineup Area in Washington Park. Paul Hyde, our driver, will be leaving the parking lot at 11:20 a.m.

Rainbow colored t-shirts will be given to all walkers and riders. This is an easy way to celebrate diversity and also show our support for rights for everyone. Church banners from FLC and St. John's will be used in the parade.

Thank You for your participation.

Peace of Christ.
Richard McElreath
Coordinator



2nd Annual North Star Peace Walk

The date is set for Sunday September 21st at 2:pm. This is a family-centered interfaith event to promote peace, diversity and reconciliation within the entire community. For more information:

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/NORTHSTARPEACEWALK

FLC is looking for an interested individual to attend meetings prior to the Peace Walk for planning the two-mile route, discussion of stops along the route, congregational and organizational sponsorship, interfaith workshop series prior to the walk and outreach to various communities within the Capital District area. If you are interested, please talk with Pastor Allie.





*Ascension of Our Lord - May 29, 2014
Why Do You Stand Looking Up
Toward Heaven?*

We often cast our eyes upward to look for God. When we are feeling lonely or misunderstood, we raise our hands to ask why, or shake our fists in gestures of prayer, anguish, or praise. While the scriptures promise that God is king of all the earth, sitting on his holy throne (Psalm 47), we need not only look up for God's action in our lives. Our ascended Lord lives in the heavens, but Jesus does not leave his disciples—or us—to fumble while he naps in the clouds. Before he ascends, Jesus promises that we are clothed with the Holy Spirit's power, witnesses "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

"Why do you stand looking up toward heaven?" the two men in white robes asked the witnesses remaining after Jesus ascended. Why do we stand still in our lives? Is it that we just saw God (Look! Up there! Did you see?), so we expect God to arrive in the same way again? Can God be that expected and predictable? This story of Jesus ascending to the heavens after his time with us on earth gives us mixed feelings: we know he's returning to where he belongs—out of this world full of brokenness and sin to holiness and glory. Still, our longing is intense: Lord, we want to see you! How will we know it is you when you come again?

Ascension Day could be explained as the cynical "I'm outta here" of a God weary of us self-centered, broken humans, but that explanation would be short-sighted because it leaves out the important stop on the cross. Instead, Jesus' departure is accompanied with the promise of the Spirit's presence remaining among us. We look up to the skies for help, then return our gaze to those among us in need of our care, to the body of Christ and the wind of the Spirit among the baptized, preparing for the time when Jesus comes again to gather us in.

(sundaysandseasons.com, day resources)



On-going Collections of Support

We will continue to collect Campbell's Labels as well as Box Tops until further notice. If you don't see the collection boxes outside of Pastor's office, you can place them in the box outside of Julie's office. All you have to do is save the entire Campbell's label and we will do the rest. Same with the Box Tops. Just tear it off and we will cut them out for you. Such a simple way to help hundreds of children!



Care Options: Choices in Living Styles for Seniors

The Linking Care in Congregations program, at the invitation of the members of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Colonie, is hosting a "lunch & learn" on the topic of Care Options: Choices in Living Styles for Seniors.

It will take place on Wednesday, June 4th at Our Savior Lutheran Church, which is located at 63 Mountain Ave., Colonie, NY 12205. The event begins with morning worship at 11 AM. The presentation will take place over lunch beginning at 12 Noon.



Sponsored by KITS

(Keep In Touch Seniors)

AUGUST 17, 2014

2:00 p.m. performance of



at Mac Haydn Theatre followed by dinner at Winding Brook Country Club.



"Millions of fish begging to be caught, and we only brought two worms."

The Flowers on the altar during June are given to the Glory of God and ...

- June 1 In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Logan by Mildred Logan; and in honor of his mother Ellen McKnight's birthday by Colin McKnight
- June 8 In loving memory of his parents Lewis and Elena Howland by Bob and Ann Howland; and in memory of Raymond and Lois Skuse by Charlie, Judy, Mandi and Katie Skuse
- June 15 In loving memory of Mrs. John Harp, Sr. by her grandson John Harp III; and in loving memory of her father, Donald MacVittie and her daughter Katie with much love by Jill Crandall
- June 22 In memory of Shirley A. Carlson by Steve and Judy Carlson; and in loving memory of Alice Winne and Charles Pabst on their wedding anniversary June 29, 1909 and Alice I. Pabst & Raymond A. on their wedding anniversary June 29, 1946 by the family
- June 29 In loving memory of Pastor William H. Rittberger by Larry and Carolyn Johansen; and loving memory of his mother Mildred Evelyn Johansen by Larry and Carolyn Johansen

Any new requests, questions or changes call Liz Peters, 869-0387
or email mommy5853@aol.com

Altar vase - \$22.50 Sanctuary vase - \$27.50

Prayer and Anointing for Healing

The first Sunday of the month, prayer and anointing for healing is available for those who desire it. Our prayer facilitators Dorothy Carlson (pictured on the right) and Barbara McGuinness have been praying for us for several years now.

If you desire these special healing prayers, after receiving the Sacrament, please go to the back corner of the sanctuary where Dorothy or Barbara are standing. You may kneel if you are able and tell them you desire a specific prayer for yourself or someone else or you may simply say, "for healing".

There are different kinds of healing. The miraculous and the physical to be sure, but also mental, emotional, relational to say nothing of peace of mind, solace and a sense of wholeness. As we are all confessed sinners, we know that we need the healing presence of Christ in our lives.



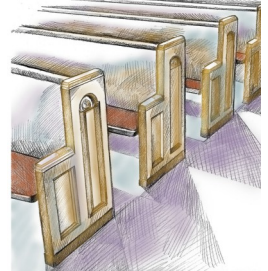
Summer 2014 Worship Schedule

Beginning July 13th and continuing through Labor Day, First Lutheran is changing to its new summer worship schedule. Join us before the heat of the day hits! Holy Communion celebrated at both services. We look forward to seeing you at one of these summer services!



9 AM—30 minute outdoor worship service

10 AM—Main worship service in sanctuary








11 AM—Coffee hour in the lounge



Serving in June

Please let Julie know of any schedule changes that you make between yourselves so that the Sunday bulletin will be as accurate as possible. Many thanks.

	Assisting Ministers	Lectors	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Counters	Altar Guild	Fellowship Hour	Van Drivers
Sunday June 1st 10:00 a.m.	Colin McKnight		Barbara Shafarzek Karie Robertson Richard McElreath	Group 3 Joe Markowski, Caller	Bob Frost Laurel Riker	Eve Norton Judy Carlson	Bernie & Barbara Shafarzek	Bernie Shafarzek
Sunday June 8th 10:00 a.m.	Lisa Rittberger Pr Duncan Hunter	Amelia Erling-Colafati	Barbara McQuinness Liz Peters Amelia Erling- Colafati	Group 4 Fred Sawyer, Caller	Janice Logan Josef Markowski	Rich Reynders Colin McKnight	Family Picnic	Paul Hyde
Sunday June 15th	Michael Casler Pr Vernon Victorson		Judy Greenwood Paul Hyde Abby Brousseau	Group 5 Rich Reynders, Caller	Bob Frost Ed & Carol Engelhardt	Kay Victorson Clara DeMarco	Clara DeMarco & Dee Morton	Bernie Shafarzek
Sunday June 22nd 10:00 a.m.	Barbara Shafarzek Pr Duncan Hunter	Cara Brousseau	Colin McKnight Kim Ryan Richard McElreath	Group 6 Bob Frost, Caller	Janice Logan Janice Frost	SunCha & Fred Sawyer	Lisa Rittberger & Christina Luke	Paul Hyde
Sunday June 29th 10:00 a.m.	Laurel Riker Pr Vernon Victorson	Dottie Johnson	Barbara McQuinness Ingrid Erling- Colafati Richard McElreath	Group 1 Tim Eskeli, Caller	Bob Frost Bob & Karen Conklin	Nancy Endres Karie Robertson	SunCha & Fred Sawyer	Paul Hyde

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 Seventh Sunday of Easter 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour 11:10 a.m. Volunteer Recognition PAWS program of Albany Damien Center	2	3 9:00 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Clergy Sermon Study 2:00 p.m. FREE CONCERT Albany Sr. Orchestra in Wittenberg Hall 6:45 p.m. AGMC Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Judo Instruction	4 7:00 p.m. Judo Instruction	5 7:00 p.m. Judo Instruction	6 8:30 a.m. Damien Center Staff Training 8:00 p.m. NA Meeting	7	
8 Pentecost Sunday 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion Annual Meeting of the Congregation 11:45 p.m. Annual Family Church Picnic	9	10 10:30 a.m. Clergy Sermon Study 6:45 p.m. AGMC Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting Judo Instruction	11 10:30 a.m. Sr. Communion Luncheon at St. John's 5:00 p.m. Capital Area Council of Churches Annual Assembly	12 7:00 p.m. Judo Instruction	13 8:00 p.m. NA Meeting	14 FLAG DAY  PARADE Walk (or ride in the van) with FLC & St. John's members. Meet in Cortland Place Lot by 11:15 a.m.	
15 Holy Trinity 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion <i>Pr Duncan Hunter preaching</i> Fellowship Hour <i>Father's Day</i>	16  For July/August issue of The First Word!	17 10:30 a.m. Clergy Sermon Study 6:45 p.m. AGMC Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Judo Instruction	18 7:00 p.m. Judo Instruction	19 7:00 p.m. Judo Instruction	20 8:00 p.m. NA Meeting	21  First Day Of Summer	
22 Second Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion <i>Pr Vernon Victorson</i> Fellowship Hour	23	24 10:30 a.m. Clergy Sermon Study 6:45 p.m. AGMC Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Judo Instruction	25 7:00 p.m. Judo Instruction	26 7:00 p.m. Judo Instruction	27 9:30 a.m. UNYS Team East Meeting (library) 8:00 p.m. NA Meeting	28 5:00 p.m. Damien Center Monthly Dinner	
29 Third Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion <i>Pr Duncan Hunter</i> Fellowship Hour	30  6:00 p.m. Community Picnic Featuring the SAFE CHILD ID program and Albany Mounted Police						First Lutheran Church FirstLutheranAlbany.org 463-1326

Hit the Road

When a teenager received his driving permit, he asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss use of the car.

His father said, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut, and then we'll talk about it."

A month later, the young man returned to continue the discussion. "Son, I've been real proud of you," the father said. "You've brought your grades up and studied your Bible diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut!"

The teenager replied, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that. Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair and even Jesus had long hair "

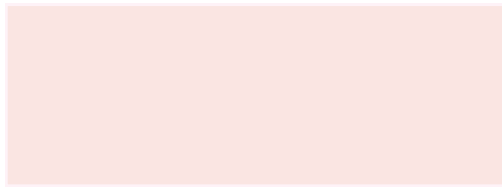


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all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
he shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me everywhere.*