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A father is neither an anchor
to hold us back, nor a sail to
take us there, but a guiding
light whose love shows us the
way.

-Unknown

Pastor Doug Nemitz

Pastor Orville Jacobson

Virgil Wood, Pastor Emeritus

“And all the believers met together constantly and shared everything they had. They sold their possessions and shared the proceeds with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved.” – Acts 2:44-47

Dear Family of Faith,

One of my favorite images in all of Scripture is when the believers were gathered on that first Pentecost after Jesus’ resurrection. As they were gathered, a sound from heaven roared like a mighty windstorm and what looked like tongues of fire appeared and settled on each one of them. Everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and given the gift of preaching from the Spirit. They were so excited they couldn’t contain themselves and had to go into the streets to proclaim their message about the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Wouldn’t it be wonderful if we were so excited about our faith that we couldn’t help but tell others of the Good News of Jesus? This telling of God’s love to all the world through his Son’s death and resurrection is one of the marks of the early believing community. It should be one of the marks of our church today.

Another mark of the early church was described in the Acts passage I shared with you above. The Holy Spirit certainly powered the early church in order for the believers to live together as described in Acts 2. Not only were their tongues on fire, they were so transformed that their hearts were on fire. The transforming gift and power of the Holy Spirit is a forever thing and hasn’t gone away from us in the church today. How much of our stuff would we have to put aside so we could allow the Spirit to work this transformation in us?

This Pentecost, June 12th, we will once again celebrate what some have called the “Birth of the Church” as we remember the incredible gifts given through God’s own Holy Spirit so we might serve the world and each other.

Pray with me that the Holy Spirit would fill us in such a way, would give us the power and courage to be examples of the life of faith for the world—to go and tell of Jesus, to meet together and share what we have, to give generously to the needy, to gather regularly for the Lord’s Supper, to praise God constantly while enjoying fellowship in the body of Christ.

This is the certain, and Biblical, prescription for keeping the church growing and moving forward. Let’s be ones who rejoice in the power of the Spirit within us and who live in the Spirit so the Lord would add those who were being saved to our group. Glory be to God!

Love in Christ,
Pastor Doug

WEDDING COORDINATOR NEEDED

Wouldn't you like to be the one to help that beautiful bride's dream day come true??? Its so fun and easy. Just coordinate the special day with the pastor, office and happy couple, and be there to help them through the rehearsal and wedding. We typically have only 5-8 weddings a year. This is the perfect job for you.! Please contact the office if you could help. 360-876-3901 or flchurch@wavecable.com.

Thank you!



Sign up for Simply Giving

Did you know you can have your offering or pledge automatically deducted. Its worry free. You can pick up a form and sign up for Simply Giving at the Welcome Center or church office.

General Budget Update

April 2011

Expenses YTD-	\$ 154,564
Giving YTD-	\$ 128,459
Shortage	\$-26,105
Pledge rec'd %	91%



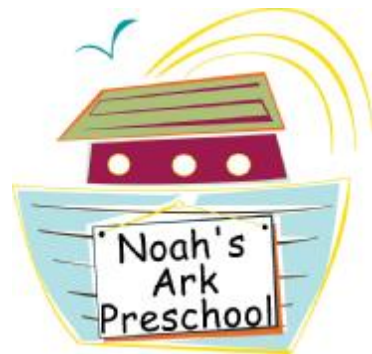
Thank you for your tithes and offerings. First Lutheran is solely supported by your gifts. If you have questions about your giving statement please contact Sonja in the office.

News From Noah's Ark Preschool

In June the preschool area becomes quieter and the rooms are emptier as classes are finished and students and teachers are on summer break. Even though the students have gone home, preschool business continues. As Director, I come to the office during the summer to work on the “behind the scenes” part of preschool. I will continue to accept and process registrations until our classes are filled—we currently have a number of openings for all preschool ages, so please share the information with your friends and neighbors! This month I will also be working on planning and decorating our entry for the Fathoms of Fun Parade to be held on June 25 at 6:00. We hope to have some preschool students on the “float” waving to people. If you see us in the parade, shout hello and wave your support!

Next month I will mail out class confirmation to enrolled families and start ordering supplies for the coming school year; hence part of the reason for our registration fee. I will also spend time organizing files, cabinets, supplies and information in a continual effort to improve our program and how it runs. Much of July and August will be spent returning phone messages to families considering enrolling with us and meeting with families and giving tours of our wonderful facility.

August will start getting busier as families remember the importance of enrolling their children in preschool in preparation for kindergarten. Towards the end of August teachers will start coming in on their own time to begin preparing materials for the new school year. We will also make plans to clean and refresh our classrooms. Excitement for a new year will begin to grow!



ADVENTURES IN GOD'S KINGDOM SUNDAY SCHOOL

June 12 is Youth Sunday

The children are going to help lead the song "He Reigns" at the 9:30 and 11 service.

If your child wants to sing have them at church by 9:10 and we will do a quick run thru before service starts.



June 19th is our End of Year Celebration

We will thank teachers (and dads) with a brunch.



Dress tropical and bring a brunch item to share with the group.

PANDAMANIA VBS is coming August 1 -5th

Reserve your spot and register today! Forms are available on the church website, at the church or the church office.

VBS is an important community outreach mission.

We need about 40 volunteers every year to make VBS run smoothly.

So think about what you would like to do to be part of the team and

sign up at the office, thanks!



YOUTH NEWS

Wednesday Night Youth Group
plans on meeting from 7 - 8:30
at the Ministry Center on:
June 1, June 8 and June 15

Youth Retreat July 12-15 at Ramblewood Sequim Bay, WA

There is still room to join us for a
fun week of camp!

Cost: \$50

See office for registration forms

Also, there is room for Senior High who would like to help at the retreat (in scouts we call them PA's) You can help the adults run activities for junior high. Plus there will be time for fun activities of your own: canoeing, hiking, campfire, etc.

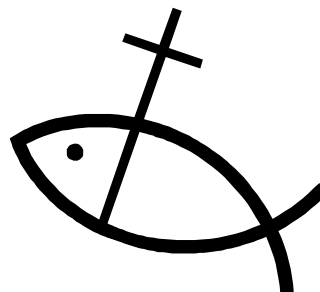
Sign up now...cost is not an obstacle, we are fundraising to help cover expenses and "camperships" are available.

Sunday Mornings in June for Junior and Senior High

Sunday June 5th- Regular Classes at the Ministry Center

Sunday June 12- Youth Sunday and Grad Recognition. All youth will participate in the service.

Sunday June 19th- End of the Year Celebration- Meet at the Ministry Center in your hula wear and bring a breakfast treat to share!



NOAH'S ARK DAYCARE



Greetings to all –

I am excited about having this opportunity to be the new Director of Noah's Ark Daycare. I am already falling in love with the children as well as the staff. I am really blessed and honored to have this opportunity to work with such amazing individuals. I look forward to serving you, and would encourage you to stop in at any time to give me suggestions or feedback, to continue to make our daycare the BEST in Kitsap County. I have met a lot of you already, but if I haven't, I will be looking forward to our introduction.

To share some history and background about myself I am a graduate of Central Washington University with a Bachelors of Arts degree and a specialization in Early Childhood Education and minor in Business Administration. With my experience as a previous Business Manager, I am confident that my background will be a super fit for this position.

My husband and I have lived in Port Orchard for over 12 years, and have raised four children in the South Kitsap School District. We are very involved with supporting our youngest through every sport one can partake in, which keeps us jumping. Personally, I enjoy hiking , going for walks, kayaking, riding bikes, playing with my golden retrievers which I currently have 10, yes you heard me correct! That's because our dog had puppies, I have to pinch myself sometimes, I am surrounded by cute kids and now puppies, and this is closest thing to heaven on earth. I am blessed.

It will be my privilege serving here

Because He lives,

Joy Swatek

Director of Noah's Ark Daycare.

DO YOU KNOW THE APOSTLES

By Richard Courteau*

Simon aka Peter	A fisherman from the Sea of Galilee. The brother of Andrew.
Andrew	He was active in bringing people to Jesus, including his brother Peter.
James	The older brother of John. He was the first of The Twelve to be martyred.
John	The younger brother of James. They were the third and fourth fisherman from the Sea of Galilee. John eventually became a very close disciple, and friend, of Jesus. Jesus' nickname for John and his brother was "Boanerges" which means something like "Sons of Thunder" - evidence of John's zeal and temper, and perhaps of Jesus' sense of humor.
Philip	From Bethsaida, as were Andrew and Peter. Eventually martyred, possibly at Hierapolis.
Bartholomew	He was one of the disciples to whom Jesus appeared at the Sea of Tiberias after His resurrection. He was also a witness of the Ascension.
Thomas	He was also called Didymus which is the Greek version of his name. Not easily convinced, he has the nickname "Doubting Thomas" because he wanted to actually see and touch Jesus after His Resurrection. Certainly a good witness for us today, because he wanted indisputable proof of what he was expected to report about, <i>and he got it.</i>
Matthew	Formerly a tax-collector at Capernaum, he became one of the more prominent apostles.
James	Known as James the Younger, or James the Less, he wrote the epistle which bears his name.
Thaddeus	Also known as "Judas the brother of James;" while John probably referring to the same person, speaks of "Judas, not Iscariot."
Simon the Zealot	The Zealots were a nationalistic sect with very strong political views. There seemed to be a wide variety of personalities among the apostles.
Judas Iscariot	The traitor.
Matthias	To bring the number back up to twelve after Judas fell away, Matthias was chosen by the remaining eleven apostles.

* Courtesy of an Internet Search

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING

What do you think about our church landscaping? Looking pretty great, Huh. That is thanks to a group of people committed to donating \$10 per month towards a professional Landscape Service called New Leaf Landscape & Design. Currently they take care of most of our lawns, and beds. There is one area they were not contracted for due to finances which are the beds surrounding the Ministry Center and the large bed next to the area where the bus is parked. In order to have them tend to those areas we need another \$100 per month. Soooo, long story short, would you like to join our group by donating \$10/month so we can include those area's? The weeds are growing and \$10/month is much easier than weeding, right? Call Cindy Peterson at 874-2151 or see me at church to be included in this illustrious group! I get compliments every week on how great everything looks, so let's keep that going. For those of you who already are part of this group, Thanks again for your continued partnership in this ministry! We are also looking for someone with a backpack sprayer unit to use to spray the ever increasing dandelion population. Ross Pfann has offered to do it, but does not have that type of sprayer. If you do and can help, please call Cindy at 874-2151. Thanks.

Cindy Peterson, Landscape Ministry



THANKS!!

A shout out to First Game Night group for donating 3 yards of bark to spruce up a couple areas around the church. Thanks also to Tim Powell and crew for picking it up and spreading it!!

We sure have awesome members always willing to help out!!

O.W.L.S. (OLDER WISER LUTHERAN SENIORS)
BY PASTOR ORV
MONTHLY MEETINGS, SECOND TUESDAY, NOON

Tuesday June 14th 12:00NOON

Hi there OWLS friends! Bring a potluck dish to share and be ready to watch a beautiful picture slideshow of scenes from the Northwest.



PASTOR ORV'S EXPERIENCES

Tracy Powell and her confirmation staff came up with a fantastic idea! They asked me if I would be willing to take our fourteen confirmation students with me when I go share the good news of Jesus with home bound people in our congregation. I said "Yes! I would love to!" I thought it would be fun to make a worship folder to include scripture, prayers, two familiar hymns with music, the Apostles' Creed, the words of Institution of our Lord's Supper, the Lord's Prayer and the Benediction, so that everyone who was there could participate. So several Sundays ago Tracy asked Antonio Sanzalone, Connor Anchick and John Moses to come along with me on one of our visits. We left right after the 9:30 worship service, and the four of us had our worship service in the home of Dick and Norma Pagel, while the 11:00 worship service was happening at FLCC. I had asked Norma if she would bake bread and she said they had wine too. John, Connor and Antonio gave a short word about their life and connection with our worshipping community of First Lutheran. Norma's sister and her husband were also in attendance. What joy! We eight participated in the 11 o'clock worship service, even though we were in Olalla!

Therefore, we are going to continue to make visits and serve communion to our shut-ins. The need not be member of First, of course. Tracy's goal is to have all fourteen of our confirmation students go with me twice over the summer. Our theme song is "On the Road Again." After summer, I thought we could continue our program and open it up to as many of you, adults included, who would like to join one of us pastors as we visit those who cannot make worship at our building! Folks, this has awesome potential!

PLEASE COME!!

A DATE WITH PASTOR DOUG

Have you signed up to reserve your place yet. Pastor Doug has set aside A LOT of time to meet with groups of people. The hope is that you will have stories to share and questions to ask.

Sign up at the Welcome Center
ASAP to

NOAHS ARK DAYCARE SPRING CONCERT AT FLCC

THURSDAY JUNE 9TH
6:30PM

Noah's Ark Daycare would like to invite you to their Spring Concert Program. The kids and the daycare would love to have your support and smiling faces there!



The First Friday Readers will meet at the Senior Vista Apartments on June 3 at 9:30 a.m. The book selection for June is "Lost German Slave Girl" by John Bailey. It is a true story of a young orphaned German girl who is sold into slavery in the South. The book review in July will be "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett. New readers always welcome! For more information, please contact Linda Helmer at 253-858-5703 or Kris Courteau at 876-5287.



First Friday Readers

GLOBAL WARMERS: 9:00 Wed. the 1st and 15th in the Fellowship Hall .

MARY CIRCLE: 7:00 Mon. the 13th @ the Ministry Center

ELIZABETH CIRCLE: Tue. the 14th at 9:30AM at church. Childcare available.

SHALOM CIRCLE: Tuesday the 14th at 7:00 PM at Patty Lester's house.

STAMPING AND SCRAPPING on Saturday the 11th!
from Noon to 5pm at the Ministry Center.



First Life

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PARI SH NURSING

Parish Nurses are registered nurses who can assist with health related concerns or questions and can help with seeking and utilizing community resources. Please contact the church office at 876-3901 or Karen Schneider, RN at 876-2304 or Tina Soete, RN at 871-1322 or Kathleen Nenninger, RN at 253-853-4663, or Marcy Crebs, LPN at 360-874-8162.

BLOOD PRESSURE/DIABETES SCREENING

How is your blood pressure? You can have your blood pressure checked on the last Sunday of every month in the Fellowship Hall in the Ruth Room #3 before and after the 9:30 a.m. services.



FIRST DRIVERS

Transportation can be provided during the day for those who need assistance to keep medical, dental, or therapy appointments. You must be able to get in and out of a car with minimal assistance. You can call the church office at 876-3901 or Karen Schneider at 876-2304.



CASSEROLE CONNECTION: MEALS THAT HEAL

Meals are offered on a short term basis for those who may be experiencing post hospitalization, illness, trauma, or families with a newborn. Please call Kathy Posey at 871-5692 or the church office at 876-3901.



FIRST CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

The Caregivers Support Group will meet on June 29th at 11 a.m. If you are taking care of a loved one and would like to meet with others who are caregivers in a caring support group, please join us. The group meets on the last Wednesday of every month in the old church library. For more information, call Dixie Douthit at 876-5270 or Linda Helmer at 253-858-5703.

June Birthdays

- 06/01 Jean Hall, Nikki Erickson, Melvin Baird
06/02 Britta Austria, Cameron Crebs
06/03 Haley VanCamp
06/04 David DeBoer, Natascha Mayhew, Sarah Lowell, Anthony Bueno
06/05 Tom Herstad, Travis Watkins
06/06 Phyllis Nelson-Langworthy, Chuck Rader
06/08 Dixie Douthit, James Peerson, Brigitte Lundgren,
Dakota Hammrich, Cassandra Martin
06/09 Fay Swofford, Sharon True, David Lester, Aaron Espy,
Vio Eid, John Dischert, Justin Hobson,
Nick Nunley, Noah Nunley
06/11 Robert Hewitt, Terece Bryan
06/12 Bill Crawford
06/13 Ray Heuser, Laura VanCamp, Elijah Mackie
06/14 Donna Wood, Cindy Robinson
06/15 Kim Orcutt, Ashley Kapsch
06/16 Amanda Pierson
06/17 Wendy Heater
06/18 Jan Fairweather, Jerry Preuss, Melanie Wallschlaeger,
Gabriel Washburn
06/19 Patty Weatherill, Mike Bozinski, Katie Fife
06/20 Trudy Valdez, Amy Hutchison, Leonard Santos, Roseann Tillman,
Rachel Ewen, Lola Pagel
06/21 Don Hatlestad, Tim Reeves, Thomas Kettwig,
06/22 Thomas Canady,
06/23 Sandy Bueno, Lori Rill
06/24 Victor Siegel, Mary Powell, Faith Farrow
06/25 Jackie Wilbur, Chirs Moore, Alyssa Spellman, Rylee Kepner
06/26 Penny Anthony, Erin Lorenz
06/27 Krista Johnson
06/28 Jim Hassebrock, Richard Schafer, Mark Pervinich,
Lisa Lavin, Kelsey Lyman
06/29 Lydia Hahn, Nicole Barrett
06/30 David Rill, Shannon Hassebrock, Shelby-Michael Covey

(If you find a missing or incorrect birthday
please call Kelly @ the office, we love getting
new information for our family!)



WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00

Nursery available at 9:30 & 11:00am

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