

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday 7/26: No coffee hour after worship.

Monday, 7/27: Clothes Closet open, 12-1:30pm.

Tuesday 7/28: Food Pantry set up, 9:30am; Distribution, 12-2 pm.

KDA meeting, here at FLC, 7pm.

Wednesday 7/29: Confirmation, 10am.

Saturday 8/1: In-Church Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 8/2: In-Church Communion Service at 9am.

### PARISH CONCERNS

- Joyce Thornton, Jane Johnson's sister passed away on Tuesday. May the promise of God's Resurrection bring peace.
- Connie Schauer recently had a lumpectomy. She is consulting further concerning ongoing treatment.
- Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky fell 18ft near a lake. He is home in Florida, wearing a neck brace, under the care of a neurosurgeon.
- Fred & Judy Goltermann were in an accident in Oklahoma on their way back to Illinois. God be praised, their injuries are limited. Hospitalization was brief, and Fred & Judy are now in Illinois.
- Nancy Bakanas has a torn rotator cuff and a stress fracture. She is awaiting more tests.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound especially Nancy Bakanas and George Vodden.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- All pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- All who are providing essential services during the pandemic, and all who are affected by it.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC Convocation, which will be meeting on-line August 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.

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### BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Elsie Sanford 7/25

Marissa 7/25/06

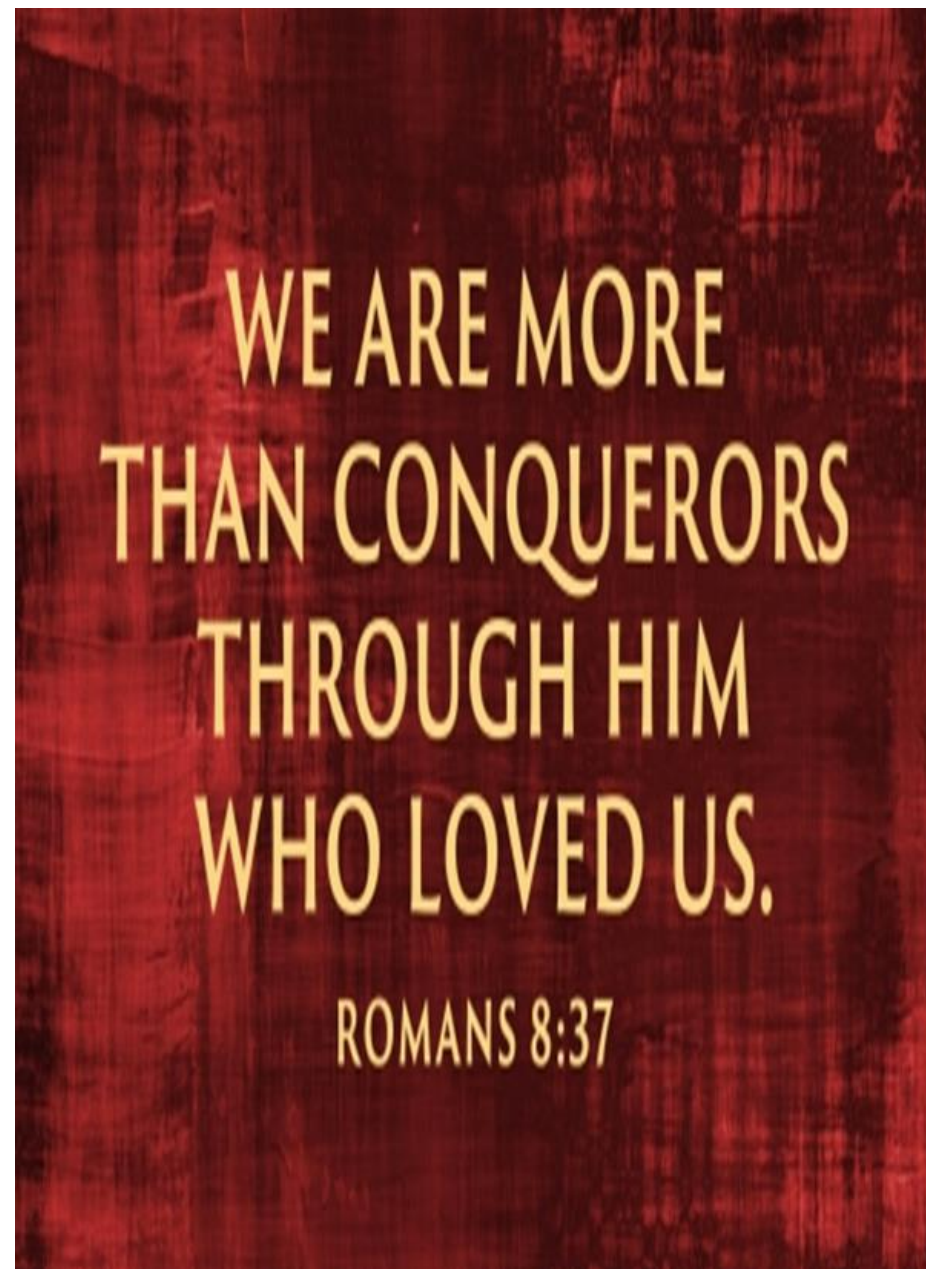
Joyce Schmidt 7/26

Angie Nelson 7/28

Ryan Anderberg 7/30/14

### ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Mark & Josie Brykowski 7/31/10



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Kirkland, IL - Est. December 26, 1873*

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# First Lutheran Church – Putting Christ First

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WELCOME! We hope that this service will be a blessing to you.

LBW – green hymnal \* Please stand as you are able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## Order of Service

*Brief Order for Public Confession	P. 77
*Sharing of Peace	
*Opening Hymn: “Children of the Heavenly Father”	<b><u>LBW 474</u></b>
*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie	P. 78
*Glory to God in the Highest	P. 80
*Prayer of the Day	
Children’s Sermon	
First Reading	Deuteronomy 7:6-9
Psalm 125 ( <i>Read responsively by half verse</i> )	P. 280
Second Reading	Romans 8:28-39
*Alleluia	P. 83
*Gospel	Matthew 13:44-52

Sermon: **“I AM SURE!”** – 2nd Reading

*Hymn of the Day: “If God Himself Be for Me” vv. 1, 2, 4 (Sung to the tune of “The Church’s One Foundation” LBW 369)	<b><u>LBW 454</u></b>
*Apostles’ Creed	P. 85
Offering	
*Create in Me A Clean Heart	P. 96
Prayers of the Church	P. 97
*Lord’s Prayer	P. 97
*Closing Hymn: “Have No Fear, Little Flock”	<b><u>LBW 476</u></b>
*Benediction	
*Threefold Amen	
*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!	
* <b>Congregation: Thanks be to God!</b>	
*Postlude	

*Love One Another*  
AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, JOHN 13:34

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-9**

**Psalm 125** (Read responsively by half verse.)

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**Second Reading: Romans 8:28-39**

<sup>28</sup>We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52**

<sup>44</sup>{Jesus said to the disciples,} “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup>Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

## **WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT**

Congratulations to Buck and Sarah (Schmidt) Hill who were married last Saturday in Ottawa, IL. Pastor Rasmussen conducted the ceremony and Nancy played the organ. Sarah is the daughter of Ric & Joyce Schmidt.