

Today 12/6: Join us after the service for coffee in Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday 12/8: Food Pantry set-up, 9:30-11am; distribution 12-2pm.

Thursday 12/10: Confirmation, 3:30pm; Worship & Music Team mtg, 4pm; Church Council, 7pm.

Saturday 12/12: Congregational Meeting (Part 2), 12:00 – 4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. Worship Service, 5:30pm.

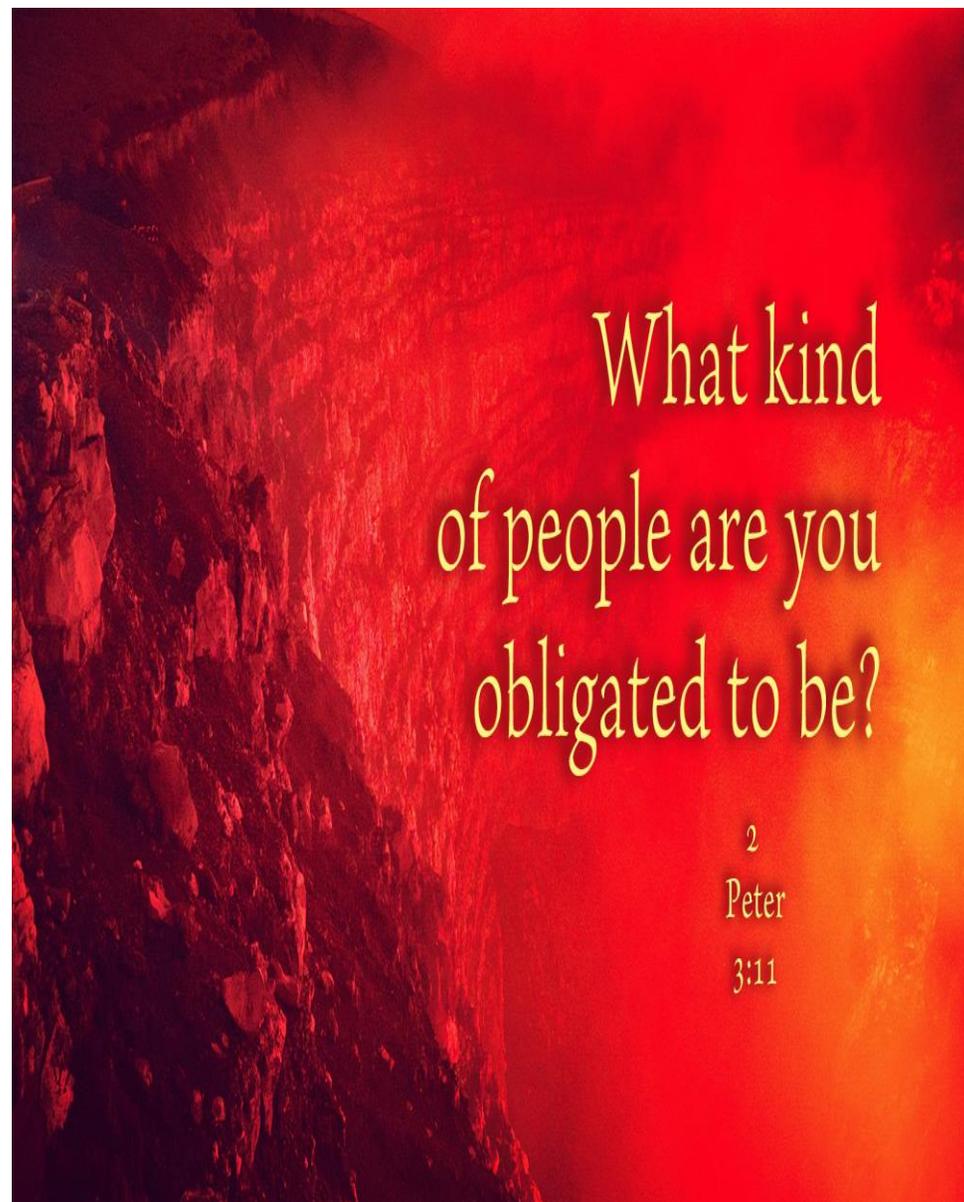
Sunday 12/13: Worship, 9am. Newsletter items and Pastoral “Desirable Qualities” survey due. Last day to bring in socks for the homeless.

Monday 12/14: Call Committee Meeting, 7pm.

### PARISH CONCERNS

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including:

- All who are providing essential services during the pandemic, and all who are affected by it.
- Vernon & Jane Johnson haven't been feeling well and Jane has pneumonia. Their address is: 5781 Old State Rd. Kirkland, IL 60146-8817.
- Ashley Wrobel who was recently diagnosed with MS.
- Jo Boehmer's niece, Jackie will be having surgery soon. She is still recovering from a severe fall she suffered in April.
- Our congregation for patience and God's leading as we walk through the Pastoral call process.
- Pray for our next Pastor that their heart will be stirred to come to FLC.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound especially Ina Koehler, 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.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great River Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.



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## WHAT QUALITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN OUR NEXT PASTOR?

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshipping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you.



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. Children who have not received Communion instruction should stand at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing.

LBW-green hymnal \*Please stand as able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

- \*Brief Order for Public Confession p. 98
- \*Opening Hymn: "Prepare the Royal Highway" vv.1&4 **LBW 26**
- \*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie p. 99
- \*Glory to God in the Highest p. 100
- \*Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon

First Reading **Isaiah 40:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup>And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." <sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup>Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" <sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his

There is a survey available on the Narthex bulletin board, please look over the questions in the newsletter and prayerfully select your top five desirable qualities. Please have them back into the office by Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

We all have been blessed and thankful to have had Pastor and Nancy Rasmussen for so many years. We will not find another Pastor exactly like him, but we must begin a new chapter with a new Pastor. Change isn't easy, but God will lead us to our next Pastor.



### **THURSDAY CONGREGATIONAL WORKSHOP SUMMARY**

We had an informational, productive, and encouraging Congregational committee workshop on Thursday night. Pastor Lehmann led us in a Bible study, and we were able to discuss many of the questions on our congregational profile. It is important to remember that this process will take time.

As we have said all along, intensively, and purposefully PRAY!

We will have one more workshop to finish these questions on:

**Saturday, December 12th from 12:00 - 4:00pm**

After we complete our second workshop, the call committee will move forward and submit our congregational profile to the NALC.

If you cannot attend the meeting, you can email your answers to the questions printed in the newsletter to [secretary@kirklandflc.org](mailto:secretary@kirklandflc.org) or drop them in the office. Thank you to everyone who attended the workshop, and we hope to see you on December 12th!

recompense before him. <sup>11</sup>He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

**Psalm 85 (Read responsively by half verse)**

**p. 254**

**Second Reading**

**2 Peter 3:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>Do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. <sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. <sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

**\*Gospel**

**Mark 1:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, <sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" <sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Sermon: Based on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

## “AND NOW, FOR THE END OF THE STORY”

*Hymn of the Day: “On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry” vv.1,2 &5	<b><u>LBW 36</u></b>
*Nicene Creed	p. 105
*Prayers of the Church	p. 106
*Sharing of Peace	
Offering	
Call Committee Update	
*Create in Me	(back hymnal cover)
*Offertory Prayer	p. 108
*The Great Thanksgiving	p. 109
*Words of Institution	p. 110
*The Lord's Prayer	p. 113
Lamb of God	p. 114
Communion Distribution	
*Closing Hymn: “Comfort, Comfort Now My People” vv. 1&2	<b><u>LBW 29</u></b>
*Lord, Now You Let Your Servant	p. 116
*Benediction	p. 117
*Threefold Amen	
*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!	
<b>*Congregation: Thanks be to God!</b>	

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### **SOCKS BOX**

The Lydia Circle will begin collecting NEW, WHITE socks for men in need on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Please bring the socks by December 13<sup>th</sup> and place them in the “SOCKS BOX” in the Narthex. The socks will then be taken to local shelters.

### **CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL GARDEN**

Poinsettias for our Christmas Memorial Garden are ready to order. Only 17 plants are available, **please order early**. They are \$9.00 each and order forms are in the narthex.



### **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!**

Elda Bruning 12/12

Carl Nelson 12/12

### **ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!**

Russ & Chris Mothkovich 12/6/69

John & Lorene Roser 12/8/73

### **Next Week’s Readings:**

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24;

John 1:6-8, 19-28