



August 2018

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH The PULSEBEAT

Mark Your Calendar!

The Call Committee has completed its work and proposed a pastoral candidate to the Church Council at a joint meeting that was held on Tuesday, July 17. During the meeting, Call Committee members individually shared what they liked about the candidate and that was followed by Council members asking questions. After all questions were asked, the Call Committee was excused and a vote was taken by the Council. The Council unanimously approved the candidate, and it is fair to say both groups are excited about prospects of this candidate being our next pastor.

The Call Committee and the Church Council, however, are not the ones who determine the next pastor—the voting members of the Congregation do. This vote will be conducted at a Special Congregation Meeting that will be held on Sunday, August 19. On Saturday, August 18, there will be a Meet and Greet where all in attendance will have a chance to both meet with the candidate and hear from him/her. Planning for these two days is now underway and details will be forthcoming. Mark your calendar with both of these dates now!

Respectfully,
Richard Krueger,
Council President



Council Update: Happy Dance!

by Carol J. Schultz, Council Secretary

How do you respond when you get exciting news? Like Snoopy, do you break into your “happy dance?” Although I didn’t see anyone actually dance at the July Council meeting, I think everyone was doing some version of a “happy dance’ in their heads. On July 17, the Council significantly modified its regular agenda to hold a special meeting with the Call Committee and to conduct an abbreviated Council agenda.



SPECIAL MEETING

Following the procedures set by the Pacifica Synod, the Call Committee recommended its unanimous choice for First Lutheran’s next pastor to the Council. Committee chair, Lori Gremel, summarized the Committee’s activities and recommendation.

- Committee members were installed July 9, 2017.
- They have met 31 times and have spent 38 hours with four candidates in at least two Skype sessions each.
- With two candidates, the Committee conducted in-person interviews over separate four-day weekends.
- They have spent 16+ hours with the recommended candidate and have concluded this candidate is right for First Lutheran based on the congregation’s Ministry Site Profile (MSP). Specifically, this candidate: (1) has 27 years experience, 12 of which are at the current congregation; (2) has a PhD in preaching; and (3) is a strong social ministry advocate.

Call Committee members also offered the following thoughts about the candidate’s qualifications.

- Urban ministry experience and deep respect for the dignity of poor, immigrant, LGBTQ, and other disenfranchised communities.

2018 Council Officers:

President: Dick Krueger
Vice President: Frank DeLouise
Treasurer: Kem Taylor
Secretary: Carol Schultz
Financial Secretary: Anke Hartung

Council Members:

Joe DeMers, Jeremy Kaercher,
Melinda Person, Marjorie
Wahlsten, and Susan White.



- Gospel-centered theology that emphasizes healing whatever separates us from God and PhD in preaching (it shows).
- Enjoys high liturgy and looks forward to working with First Lutheran's Director of Music.
- Thoughtful in asking questions of the Call Committee about life at First Lutheran.
- Able to handle conflict when it arises.
- Comfortable with own identity as a gay pastor and aware of own strengths and limitations.
- Commitment to teaching and continuing learning.
- Approachable manner and sense of humor.

The Council excused Call Committee members after their presentation and went into executive session to (1) consider presenting this candidate to the congregation and (2) develop a compensation package. Based on the Call Committee's recommendation and the candidate's Rostered Minister Profile, the Council voted unanimously to present the candidate to the congregation so members can vote on calling this pastor. *Note: The congregational meeting to vote on this call will be between worship services on Sunday, August 19, 2018.* The Council also voted unanimously to offer a compensation package that follows the Pacifica Synod's formula.

ABBREVIATED COUNCIL AGENDA

Financial status. The Council reviewed a six-month financial report, which shows less of a deficit than anticipated. However, because the budget includes unrealized expenses like a pastor's moving costs, the Council will conduct another review after nine months in order to develop a more accurate end-of-year projection.

Property. In the past year, keys on First Lutheran's organ have been sticking, and our organists have been doing their best in spite of the difficulties posed. The problem is due to a manufacturing defect and requires replacing two keyboards at an anticipated cost of \$1,800. The property maintenance budget will cover this cost.

Representing the interests of First Lutheran is a privilege and a responsibility your Council members take seriously. Please share your questions, concerns, or appreciation with any Council member.

God's Peace to you all,
Your 2018 Council

New Member Classes

Have you been considering officially becoming a member of First Lutheran Church? If so, Pastor Darryl will be leading a **new members' class on the following Sundays: August 5, 12, and 19.** Classes will be held in the Chapel from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. **The new members will officially join on Sunday, August 26.** During the classes, Pastor Darryl will discuss the history of Lutheranism and its primary theology. He will also share information about First Lutheran Church, its history, and ways to get more involved with our congregational life. Please note that attendance at each class is required.

If you have any questions, or wish to enroll in the classes, please contact Pastor Darryl no later than July 30 so we can have necessary resources ordered and available. You may reach him at pastordarryl@firstlutheransd.org. Or you may call the church office at 619-234-6149 or text/call Pastor's cell at 619-990-4589.

Blessings to you as you pray about becoming a member of First Lutheran Church!

Sunday School Resumes Sept 9

Enjoy the rest of your summer, but please note September 9 on your calendar, when we will begin another year of Sunday School for ages 4-12 (age 3 with a parent).

Look for details in the September Puslebeat.

Summer Gospel Choir

The Summer Gospel Choir will sing at both services on August 19. There will be rehearsals on August 9 and 16 (Thursdays), at 6:00PM here at the church. All are welcome to come and join the choir!



TACO Corner

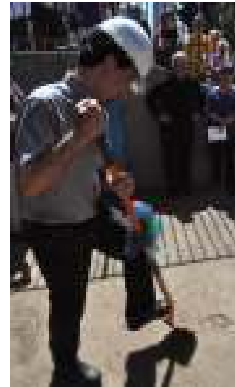
What a fantastic groundbreaking!

First Lutheran & TACO celebrated the official groundbreaking for the two-story LIFT to bring accessibility for all to the second floor and parking lot. After three years in the making, TACO has the funds, and First and TACO have signed with contractor Vincent Felice. Special thanks to everyone for their dedication and prayers and giving over these past three years! Board President

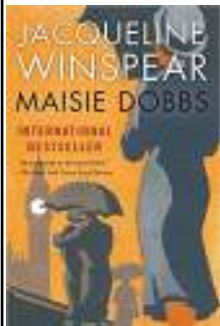
Bill Radatz took us through a biblical groundbreaking litany as members of First looked on from the stairwell, and participated in literally breaking the ground with the ceremonial shovel!

It will take 3 to 4 months for completion. Stay tuned for updates as they happen.

In the photos: Bill Radatz, TACO Board President; Jean-Claude Chamaa, TACO Board Vice President; Dr. Ellen Beck, founder of the UCSD free clinic; Pr. Noel and Gretchen Estergren; and Jan Neuhaus



Book Group Notes



Our August selection, *Maisie Dobbs* by Jacqueline Winspear, is one you will want to flop down in the shade with, a cool drink at the ready, and just *enjoy*. It's a "smart" mystery with heroine Maisie Dobbs, private investigator and psychologist, who is "every bit as brainy and battle-hardened as Lisbeth Salander" (---Maureen Corrigan, NPR's Fresh Air). It's full of history, adventure, romance, and excellent storytelling!

Maisie got her start as a maid in an aristocratic household in London. Her employer, Lady Compton, recognized her potential and took her under her wing, helping her to win admission to the prestigious Girtin College in Cambridge.

However, the outbreak of WWI changed everything. Maisie trained as a nurse and left for France to serve at the front. Ten years after the Armistice, Maisie sets out on her own as a private investigator. Her first case involves suspected infidelity but reveals something very different, as she investigates The Retreat, a convalescent refuge for ex-soldiers too shattered to resume normal life. But something about The Retreat doesn't feel right...

Please join us for a discussion of *Maisie Dobbs* Thursday, August 16, 7:00PM at the home of Jessica Friedrich, and for some lively fellowship! All are welcome!

August Birthdays

1: Audrey Garton	16: Hannah DeMers	20: Marjorie Wahlsten	26: Gary Muhlbach
1: Charlotte Garton	16: Sebastian Hallerberg-Junginger	20: Lara Wright	26: Beth Slevcove
1: Benjamin Radatz	16: Loren Harrell	21: Aaron Robinson	26: Dave Wegmann
1: Maureen Taylor	16: Scott Ruth	22: Maxwell Engel	28: Mary Krueger
9: David Keitel	18: Rebecca Kjonegaard	23: Geri Engelke	29: Richard Elliott
13: Dawn Moats	18: Leon Stevens	25: Lynn Wegmann	
13: Ellen Street		26: Lee Kaercher	



First Lutheran Worship Assistants – August & September

ALTAR GUILD

AUGUST

9:00 a.m. Service

Carol McGrath

11:00 a.m. Service

Ruth Clayton

SEPTEMBER

9:00 a.m. Service

Peggy Quintana

11:00 a.m. Service

Ladonna Piper

USHERS

AUGUST

9:00 a.m. Service

Russ & Heidi Hoxie

11:00 a.m. Service

Marty Topp &

Luke Williams

SEPTEMBER

9:00 a.m. Service

Tony & Peggy Quintana

11:00 a.m. Service

Melinda Person &

Ladonna Piper

Date	Time	Assisting Minister	Lector	Greeters	Nursery Attendants	Flowers
August 5	9:00 11:00	Richard Phillips Luke Williams	Kem Taylor Joe Slevcove	John Hoff Slevcoves	_____ _____	Gartons
August 12	9:00 11:00	Jan Neuhaus Beth Slevcove	Eric Sloniker Elizabeth Connolly	Rebecca Kjonegaard Marlene Garich	_____ _____	_____
August 19	9:00 11:00	Jeremy Kaercher Paul Finneseth	Brian Shuman Nancy Eckert	Loren Harrell Ruth Clayton	_____ _____	Dan Kjonegaard
August 26	9:00 11:00	Eric Sloniker Mary Ann Horton	Pr. George Falk Martha Radatz	Ruthann Maxwell Elizabeth Connolly	_____ _____	Kjonegaards
September 2	9:00 11:00	Chuck Leib _____	Sylvia Herman Joe Slevcove	John Hoff Slevcoves	_____ _____	_____
September 9	9:00 11:00	Frank Jessie Beth Slevcove	Carol Schultz Matthew Eckert	Dick & Mary Krueger Shelly Schreiber	_____ _____	_____
September 16	9:00 11:00	Jan Neuhaus Paul Finneseth	Jan Neuhaus _____	Pat Hendrickson Marlene Garich	_____ _____	Richard Phillips



August 2018 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9 am Acupuncture 12 pm AI Anon	2 12 pm AI Anon	3 9 am Acupuncture 9 am Bread Day 12 pm AA	4
5 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9 am Worship 10:10 Hospitality 10:10 Pride Mtg 11 am Worship 12:10 Hospitality	6 12 pm AA 4 pm Free Meal 5:30 pm Evening Clinics	7 12 pm AI Anon	8 9 am Acupuncture 12 pm AI Anon	9 12 pm AI Anon 1 pm HICAP 6 pm Gospel Choir	10 9 am Acupuncture 9 am Bread Day 12 pm AA	11
12 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9 am Worship 10:10 Hospitality 10:10 Global Mission 10:10 11 am Worship 12:10 Hospitality	13 12 pm AA 4 pm Free Meal 5:30 pm Evening Clinics	14 12 pm AI Anon	15 9 am Acupuncture 12 pm AI Anon	16 12 pm AI Anon 1 pm HICAP 6 pm Gospel Choir	17 9 am Acupuncture 9 am Bread Day 12 pm AA	18 TBA Meet & Greet with Pastoral Candidate
19 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9 am Worship 10:10 Hospitality 10:10 Special Mtg 11 am Worship 12:10 Hospitality	20 12 pm AA 4 pm Free Meal 5:30 pm Evening Clinics	21 12 pm AI Anon 6:30 pm Church Council	22 9 am Acupuncture 12 pm AI Anon	23 12 pm AI Anon 1 pm HICAP	24 9 am Acupuncture 9 am Bread Day 12 pm AA	25
26 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9 am Worship 10:10 Hospitality 11 am Worship 12:10 Hospitality 3 pm German	27 12 pm AA 4 pm Free Meal 5:30 pm Evening Clinics	28 12 pm AI Anon	29 9 am Acupuncture 12 pm AI Anon	30 12 pm AI Anon	31 9 am Acupuncture 9 am Bread Day 12 pm AA	

Monday evening clinics include acupuncture, medical, dental, and legal services.

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Another Successful Pride Event!!!

We would like to thank the RIC Pride committee (Sylvia Starbird Herman, Susan White, Allison Emery, Joe DeMers, Debby Hays, Chuck Leib and Frank DeLouise) and all of you who helped and supported this ministry this year!



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