

# First Chronicles

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*Rooted in Christ. . . Rising to Serve*

## Congratulations College Graduates!



**Lauren Baulch** will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Music with a Writing & Literature Minor from Naropa University. Future plans are to stay in Boulder CO and complete a program called madelife Creative Accelerator which is a 12-week program of rigorous self-evaluation, intensive mentorship with creative professionals, and a deep focus on project-based market-driven creative work with music professionals which will help build momentum and launch her career during the program.

**Chris Hodnicak** will graduate with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aviation Management from MTSU. He has applied for Graduate School with a concentration on Aviation Management and currently works at Nashville Int'l Airport as a customer service agent for Contour Airlines. His intent is to do Consumer Management for a major airline. He is also going to be applying for flight attendant positions, with the possibility of eventually moving up to crew base manager.

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**John Tully** will graduate with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering from Auburn University School of Engineering. He has accepted a position as a Labor Associate in the Performance Improvement Division of HCA Healthcare and will be moving to Las Vegas, Nevada in June.

We are very proud of these graduates and wish them all the best in their next endeavors! Our prayer for you:

*Thank you Lord God for our sons and daughters. Walk with them in life. Keep them from danger. Order their steps while they run the race of faith. May the good work that you have begun in them be brought to completion at the day of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

### *From the Vicar . . .*

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

My dear siblings in Christ, Easter is a wonderful season - 50 days of celebration of the new life we have all received through the death and resurrection of Christ. And during this season, it's been an honor to lead a study of stewardship and our stories with you all. We meet in the Gernert room at 9:30 for a look in scripture, finding stewardship in some unique ways.

The first story we looked at was the story of the 6<sup>th</sup> day of creation- specifically when God created human beings and gave us dominion over the rest of the world. Dominion has always been a word that bothered me, because of the negative connotations I have with the term domination. Throughout study, though, I came to realize that the ways in which we are called to have dominion over the earth are the same ways in which God has dominion over us. We are called to love and care for creation, helping it live fully into what God has made it to be.

This was an especially fitting study as April 22 was Earth Day, a day in which we celebrate the creation God has given us and think about how we might be better stewards, or caretakers. Here are a couple of ideas to get you started thinking, and I'd love to hear other ideas!

Recycling everything that you can- paper, plastic, aluminum, glass  
Using a reusable straw- in America, we use upwards of 500 million plastic straws a day, and they can easily end up in our oceans. Instead of a disposable plastic straw, try using a stainless steel straw, reusable plastic straw, or compostable paper straw

Turn off lights when you leave a room- this saves energy (and saves you money!)

What other ideas do you have to help steward our creation? Do you have a story of stewardship of creation you'd be willing to share? Make sure you come to Sunday school May 20<sup>th</sup> for a day of storytelling with one another!

God's Peace,  
Vicar Tara

### **May 113 Club Lunch and Fellowship**

When: Thursday, May 24  
Time: 11:15 am

Where: Hermitage House Smorgasbord  
3131 Lebanon Pike  
Nashville, TN

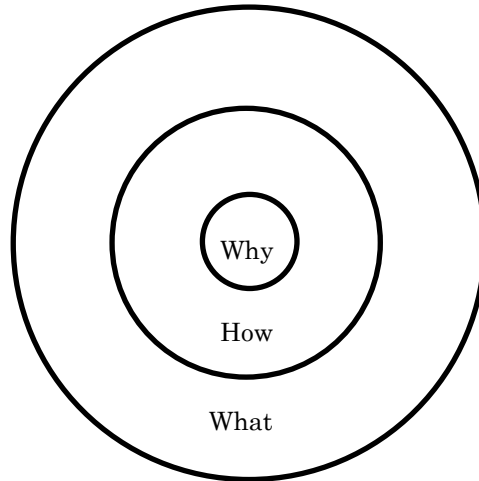
***Of Interest:*** The Prosser family has been serving Nashville for over 40 years providing great Southern food in a home like setting. Charming decor and antiques are displayed throughout. Kinda like being at Grandma's House!

***Of note:*** They offer a buffet of homemade salads, vegetables, entrées, bread and desserts while their friendly wait staff assists you with your beverage and table service. Unlimited Iced Tea, Coffee, and Coca-Cola brand soft drinks complimentary with your meal. <http://www.hermitagehousesmorgasbord.com/menu.html>

***Of special note:*** Shhh! We have special pricing; only \$12 including your beverage and taxes.

## The Golden Circle

So, what's up with the circles? If you've been in the Corner Conference room, you might have seen a big sheet of paper with three circles on it. It looks something like this:



This is called the Golden Circle and Pastor Pam brought this concept back with her from a continuing education event. It asks us to start with the question Why? Often, when we come together for meetings, we're focused on the whats: what needs to be done for this event to happen? Or the hows: how many paper plates do we need for this dinner? Starting with the question why, we are able to spend more time focusing on the reasons we're doing something, which can then help shape the hows and the whats.

Here's an example of how the Welcome All team used the Golden Circle with regards to the Easter Breakfast. Together, we brainstormed all of the different reasons, the whys, we have an Easter Breakfast. Some of the answers were along these lines: to provide hospitality, it's a festival day, to celebrate together, and another 15 or 20 responses. So we then took all of the different whys, and brainstormed how we might accomplish these whys. No answers were too outrageous to be heard! We latched pretty quickly onto the idea of doing something to share our Easter festivities with our siblings at St. Paul's. And from those ideas, the whats of Easter baskets for kids and gift cards for moms came to fruition, which we delivered last Sunday.

When we start with the question why, we are able to consider our motivations behind a project and see how it connects to our vision, mission, and value statements. We are able to consider new ways of doing old projects, and we grow in our understanding of who we are as a community. So, when you have a project in mind to bring to one of the teams, start with why.

Curious and want to learn more about the golden circle? Visit [startwithwhy.com](http://startwithwhy.com) or talk with Pastor.



## Financial Update

	March 2018	Year to Date
	Actual	Actual
<b>Income</b>		
Giving Income	27,683	71,838
Other Income	3,125	9,375
Total Income	30,808	81,213
<b>Expenses</b>		
Worship & Music	1,982	3,341
Christian Ed & Youth	2,135	5,665
STEP	1,819	2,993
Outreach	600	2,875
Property	15,926	42,906
Support	21,756	65,747
Council/Denom. Support	167	3,471
Total Expenses	44,385	126,998
<b>Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	<b>(-13,577)</b>	<b>(-45,785)</b>

## Social Ministry

### Buena Vista News

First Lutheran is sponsoring Muffins for Mom at the school on Monday, May 14. We will be taking breakfast snacks in the morning from 7:30 until 8:30. If you would like to donate food you can bring your donation to church on Sunday, May 13th. We could also use some volunteers to help set up that morning. If you would like to attend or provide any food items contact Lisa Kafader at 615-604-4700.

### Lutheran Services:

**The Big Payback is May 2, 2016**     <https://www.thebigpayback.org/>

The countdown is on for Middle Tennessee's largest online giving day, The Big Payback! In the past 3 years over 6.5 million has been raised. The Big Payback is a community-wide, 24 hour online giving challenge hosted by The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. This charitable event helps area nonprofits raise much-needed dollars and bring awareness to pressing needs in our communities. Lutheran Services, Room in the Inn and the The Next Door are just some of the many worthy organizations participating in the big pay back.

### **Nashville Plant Day - May 5th 10-noon at Cheatham Place. Volunteers Needed!!**

Lutheran Services needs volunteers to plant the gardens at Cheatham Place. They will plant at least 16 gardens that day and need at least 8 pickup trucks to pick up soil. If you plan to attend, please contact Jane Arning at 615-881-4579 or [jarninglst@gmail.com](mailto:jarninglst@gmail.com).



*God's Work. Our Hands.*

## Children & Youth Activities

**All-ages VBS July 13th-15th.** We will begin with dinner and an evening of activities Friday night, from 6:00-9:00, then prayer, activities, lunch and fellowship from 8:30am to 3:00pm on Saturday, at which point we will be sent out into the community with an outreach opportunity. We will conclude our VBS with worship Sunday morning.

**Our first Youth Summit was a great start!** We will be holding two more, as well as offering a repeat of our first session for those who missed. If you are interested in participating, please contact Pastor Pam or Corrie Maxwell ([youth@first-lutheran-nashville.org](mailto:youth@first-lutheran-nashville.org)). Be on the lookout for an email with another time survey to plan our next Summit sometime this month.

**Thank you to all who helped with the children's Alpha Choir.** The choir is finished for the season, but we will plan to gather a few times over the next several weeks to sing a song or two during our Summer months. Please let Corrie know if there are any Sundays that your child will be *unavailable* over the summer break, to hopefully get the best participation. We will plan to sing at least one song for our All-Ages VBS weekend worship that Sunday morning.

**Parents of middle and high school age youth!** We have two great camp opportunities coming up this summer:

**AFFIRM** camp for youth is scheduled for the week of June 10th-15th. AFFIRM is an awesome one week, one-of-a-kind Lutheran camp experience serving youth grades 6-12 who live in the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA for over 50 years. This year AFFIRM will return to the campus of The University of West Alabama in Livingston, AL. The complete cost is \$425/participant. Need-based scholarships are available from the Synod. Complete a Synod Scholarship application and submit it with your registration. Also, be sure to ask about scholarships from your home congregation! Included in the cost are: Lodging, all meals from Sunday dinner to Friday breakfast, an event T-shirt, and all program costs.

**Nights Alive - July 16th-19th**, is a mini-camp for middle schoolers to explore wonders of the night. This year will focus on being a warrior instead on a worrier; how God's love is the wide safety net under our darkest of times. We'll stay up late and sleep late, engaging in all kinds of night fun, water games, bowling, crafts and service activity. Nights Alive will be held at Christ Lutheran Church in Nashville. All participants need to bring their sleeping bags and an air or foam mattress. We will be sleeping on the church floor. We will also have supervised water activities so be sure and pack your swimming suit. Meals, lodging, materials and T-shirt are all included in this fee.

**Confirmands and their parents** - Our next Confirmation Re:Group meeting is scheduled for May 6th from 4:30-6:00. If for any reason you are unable to attend, please let Pastor Pam and Corrie know.



## Announcements

**Sunday May 6th - Annual Baseball Spring Outing** to support our favorite baseball team - the NASHVILLE SOUNDS. Departing church in the "Fan Van" at 12:30 p.m. with a stop at the Farmer's Market Food Court for lunch, Reserved seats in the shade at First Tennessee Park for the 2:00 p.m. game and a great time - \$18 per person. Contact team chairman, Carl Stasiunas, at 615 361-3737.

**Habitat Build on May 5<sup>th</sup> - Last Chance:** We could use about 5 more volunteers for this project. Contact Ron Tharp at [rontharpjr@gmail.com](mailto:rontharpjr@gmail.com) or 601-270-2891 if you can help.

**The last Church Nite of the Spring will be May 2nd.** We hope you will make plans to gather together for one last night of fellowship before the summer.

**New Members Breakfast - Sunday, May 6th** - will be held in the dining room on the lower level between the early and late services. All members who have joined First Lutheran in the past year are cordially invited to attend. For further information, contact Ruth Price at 615-942-7631.

**Church Office Coverage** - the Parish Administrator, Rhonda Tully, will be on vacation May 4-May 11. Volunteers will staff the office Monday through Thursday of that week from 9 am—12 pm.

**Starting Sunday, May 27th,** we will have only one worship service at 9:30 am in the Nave. Sunday School will start at 8:30 am.

**Summer Servers are needed** to be crucifers, acolytes, lectors, ushers and prepare fellowship snacks. This is a good opportunity for regular early and late service people to meet each other and work together. There is a sign-up sheet in the main hallway outside the Gernert Room.

**Church Parking Passes** for the pay lots at 8th and McGavock are no longer valid. For church events, the parking lots will be reserved for our use. Approved passes must be obtained from the Standard Parking Company through the church office.

**We have an opening for a volunteer Sunday School Teacher.** If you have a passion for our children and youth and would like to help shape the faith of our younger members, please contact Corrie Maxwell at [youth@first-lutheran-nashville.org](mailto:youth@first-lutheran-nashville.org).

## Prayer Concerns

### Members:

The family of Ruth Davidson, the family of Dr. Matt Gorham, the family of Jayne Hagan, the family of Amanda Page, Vicki Hodnicak, Robert Hyde, Joan Hooper, Erna Beyer, Anne House, Elise Davidson, Reita Stansell, Patti Cutter, Don Tidwell, Joan Cullum, Emma Jeane Williams, Angie Martin, Sherri Hodde, David Tuleen.

### Family and Friends:

**Terry Whitacre and Kelly Hillard** (friends of Rod Sprang); **Dolores Reitz** (cousin of Jean Tuleen); **Linda Billett** (Vicki Hodnicak's cousin); **Anke Dittrich** (Chris Hodnicak's godmother); **Ruth Colgan** (friend of Bettina Engh & Dena Grothe); **Gloria Kleve** (friend of First); **Scott Walker** (friend of Jean Doster); **Jolie Westerman & Kelly Simmons** (sister & friend of Corrie Maxwell); **Jim Miller** (friend of Mark and Lisa Kafader); **Selma Johnson** (Erin Baker's grandmother); **Lachlan Smith** (Beth Smith's brother-in-law); **Peggy Duty** (former member); **David Noffert** (Cathy Sommerfeld's brother).

**Military Personnel:** Nicholas Baker, Johan Kinberg, Jason Mitchell, Thomas Schutt, Jay Tully.

*Thank you for remembering our members who are sick, homebound, and serving in the military. We thank God for health, healing, and safety.*



**\*Please let the Church office know if a person listed above may be removed. We pray healing and health have been granted. Names may be removed from list after 4 weeks unless you request continued prayers.**



## May Birthdays

Susan Atkin	May 4
Sean Hansbrough	May 5
Linda Bengson	May 7
Claudine Slankard	May 8
Jeff Leake	May 8
Sophie Stricker	May 8
Nora Smith	May 8
Chad Lutt	May 9
Keith Hood	May 9
John Pumbo	May 10
Talan Jackson	May 11
Lynn Kohl	May 12
Tom Eddlemon	May 13
Michael Ignatz	May 18
Preston Brace	May 18
Rachael Sullivan	May 18
Kent Lewis	May 18
Dustin Gordon	May 19
Cara Schornak	May 21
Sarah Kafader	May 21
Jack Zipperer	May 21
Angie Martin	May 24
Inge Coleman	May 29
Lisa Kafader	May 30

# Happy Birthday!



## May Anniversaries

Robert & Ramona Baulch	May 4
Steve & Cathy Hoff	May 24
Michael & Christine Trupin	May 28
Paul & Jean Doster	May 29



*If we have inadvertently left your name off the birthday or anniversary list, we apologize. Please write on the attendance card the date of your special event and place it in the offering plate. We will add the information in our database. Thank you!*

# About First Lutheran

## Staff

The Rev. Pam Smith	<i>Pastor</i>
The Rev. Brian Hooper	<i>Minister of Pastoral Care</i>
Vicar Tara Fleck	<i>Pastoral Intern</i>
Jackie Harris	<i>Bookkeeper</i>
Rhonda Tully	<i>Parish Administrator</i>
Jeff Binkley	<i>Facilities Manager</i>
Ruth Price	<i>Membership Coordinator</i>
Corrie Maxwell	<i>Youth Coordinator</i>
Rhonda Tully	<i>Wedding Coordinator</i>
Caitlin Turner	<i>Nursery Attendant</i>

## Council

David Baulch, <i>President</i>
Debbie Sprang, <i>Vice-President</i>
Amy Gideon, <i>Secretary</i>
Maria Smith
Luke Smith
Ron Tharp
Jenny Yoder

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**8:15 AM SERVICE**  
**Holy Communion (Chapel)**

**9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**See list below**

**9:15 AM FELLOWSHIP**  
**Educational Wing Hallway**

**10:30 AM SERVICE**  
**Holy Communion (Nave)**

**11:45 AM FELLOWSHIP**  
**Gernert Room**

### **Youth**

Nursery (*Caitlin Turner, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*)

Pre-K - Grade 5 (*start in Children's Chapel, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor; Ann Riddle, Anne Marie Hurt, Jenna Coleman*)

Grades 6-12 (*Youth Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*)

### **Adults**

Bible Study (*Gernert Room, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Pastor Pam Smith, Vicar Tara Fleck*)

## Core Values

- To share the good news of Christ's grace, forgiveness, love and peace through our Lutheran tradition
- To love the Lord with all our heart, all our soul and all our mind; to love our neighbors as ourselves; and to be disciples of Christ who serve the poor, captive, blind and oppressed
- To enable all to share their time and talents through worship, leadership, fellowship, and ministry
- To live through faith, love through action, and seek justice for our neighbors
- To nurture the children in our congregation and community, providing faith formation and fellowship throughout their youth
- To be a place for families of all kinds to worship and thrive together in faith and fellowship
- To welcome all God's children, whatever their age, the color of their skin, the contents of their wallet, no matter whom they love, how they speak, and whatever their abilities or disabilities: For in Christ Jesus all are reconciled to God.

## Vision

Seeking to embody God's loving grace, the people of First Evangelical Lutheran Church are called by the Holy Spirit to:

- Welcome and nurture all people.
- Reach out and respond to the needs of our downtown Nashville community and the world.
- Grow in faith through Lutheran worship and fellowship.
- Develop, care for, and share our gifts and resources.

## Mission

As a faith community empowered by God's grace to live in and act through Christ, we share love through worship, service, ministry, and fellowship.

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