

A Message from the Senior Pastor....

I'd like to personally welcome you to First Lutheran Church and our ministries. You will find the following message other places on our website, but it bears repeating – Our purpose at First Lutheran Church is to REACH, NOURISH, and EMPOWER people with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We take that job seriously.

If navigating this website is your first encounter with this faith community, we have taken at least an initial step in *reaching* you. The next step is the following invitation: Come and see! Come and see for yourself how the spirit of the living Christ is embodied in what is going on here. Come and see how you can be a part. The next step will be yours.

Those who choose to become a part of FLC's ministries can rely on being *nourished* in this place. That nourishment includes opportunities to learn about the Bible and faith and to be provided with opportunities to serve in God's mission. We are nourished together at worship as a community. Nourishment is also provided to families and individuals in the important times of life like marriage, baptism, and personal loss.

All of what happens in a church community is diminished if our members finally do not feel *empowered* to undertake God's work in the world. Empowerment combines motivation and preparation to reach out with compassion to people a needy world. We hope that compassion spreads out from us exponentially.

I hope to see you at worship as we join together for Christ's mission in the world.

Pastor Jim Melvin

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