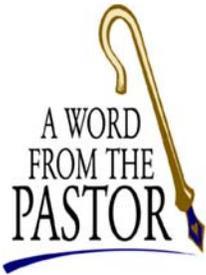


The Messenger

A newsletter of the people of First Lutheran Church, Waltham

The First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waltham
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There is so much division and suffering in the world, natural disasters and “man-made” ones too. I ask, “What are we as people of faith to do?” and I hear the voice of one of my teachers responding, “Work the angles.”

The teacher I am referring to is Eugene Peterson, a prolific author whom I have never met, yet whose writings have shaped me in deep ways. He wrote a book for pastors entitled, Working the Angles, in which he said that a pastor’s ministry is like a triangle with three visible sides that everyone gets to see, and three invisible angles on the inside that no one sees. The pastor’s three visible sides are preaching, teaching, and administration; everyone may see these. The three invisible interior “angles,” that no one but God sees, are listening for God in prayer, listening for God in engaging the scriptures, and listening for God in daily encounters with others. Eugene Peterson warns that a pastor may strive to be a highly efficient administrator or powerful preacher, but if he or she neglects to attend to the interior life of faith, it all will slowly crumble.

Here I want to take Eugene Peterson’s insights and apply them not to my life as a pastor, but to your life. Consider that your life, like a triangle, has three visible sides: you as worker, family member, and citizen. That is to say people can see you at work, see you as you engage your family (whether single or partnered), and see you as you engage civics and politics (perhaps reading your Facebook posts).

What others cannot see however, are the three interior “angles;” I invite you to think of those as the following:

- Listening to God in your daily prayer (and this may include devotional reading of scripture),
- Listening for God in regular worship where the scriptures are reflected upon in community, and
- Listening for God in your daily encounters with others.

Listen! We are a polarized nation and unless we listen more deeply for God who has promised to speak in and through the Word and sacraments, in and through the

cries of those suffering on the right and the left, and in and through the minutia of our daily lives, ... our responses will fall short, as will our lives.

I encourage us all to continue to “work the sides”, that is to engage our work, families, and civic responsibilities with integrity and passion: serving, giving, and advocating for justice.

Yet, perhaps even more so, I encourage us to “work the angles”:

- Pray, and if you want ideas for devotional resources check out the bookshelf in the church balcony (and if you struggle with how to pray talk to me privately).
- Attend worship regularly (if you are able), trusting that over time the Word read, preached, prayed, broken, and sung will deepen you (children too!)
- Seek to listen more intently in our daily encounters with co-workers, friends, and strangers.

All of this in the hope that our responses may be more wise and less reactionary, more courageous and less timid, more shaped in the community of faith and less isolated, and more grounded in a desire to please God than our Facebook audience.

All of this for the sake of joy and meaning in our own lives; and for the sake of God’s mission which is nothing less than the gathering up and the healing of all this broken and troubled planet (Ephesians 1:10). It is this mission to which we are called to take part.

Faithfully, Pastor Maehl

Nurturing Faith

Children in Worship - Tangible Gifts

Part of our mission is to help parents in the task of nurturing faith in their children. We seek to do this every Sunday with worship that expressly makes room for them. Over the month October, we will be doing this in a slightly more tangible way. Each Sunday will include a gift that may be given or received.

October 1: God's love & the Call to Right Living.

Gift: During the Children's Sermon, each child will receive a child's devotional book that contains simple Bible stories with messages of God's love. Families are encouraged to read these stories together at home.

Lesson: By turning to the stories found in the Christian scriptures we find both God's call for faithful living and the promise that God loves us no matter what.

October 8: God's love & the Call to Love Others

Gift: There will be a baptism during worship this day. The tangible gift will be given rather than received as families are invited to bring diapers that will be donated to the Waltham Diaper Depot, housed at Christ Episcopal Church.

Lesson: Baptism reminds us of God's astounding, unbreakable love for us. This understanding leads us to practice acts of generosity and care of others.

October 15: God's love & the Call to Pray

Gift: During the Children's Sermon, each child will receive a collection of prayers that may be used at meal time.

Lesson: Engaging in the daily practice of giving thanks can change the way we understand life and see the world.

October 22: God's love & the Call to Share

Gift: During the Children's Sermon, each child will be given (entrusted) with a \$10 bill. It comes with the instruction that it is God's money, entrusted to them, to use in a way that they think will please God.

Lesson: All we have comes from God who promises to keep providing for us. This frees us to fear less and share more.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

10:00 - 11:30 am

We are discussing keys stories of the faith. No preparation is necessary. All are welcome to join us, regularly or occasionally. Our schedule for October is as follows:

October 4: God's Name Revealed

Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17

October 11: God Provides Manna

Exodus 16:1-18

October 18: God Calls Samuel

1 Samuel 3:1-21

October 25: God Calls David

1 Samuel 16:1-13,

Adult Forum Sundays 9:15 am

On October 1, 8, and 15 Vicar John will continue his series "Faith by the Senses." Our five senses of touch, taste, sight, hearing and smell are not only how we interact with the physical world around us, they are also an essential means through which we perceive our faith.

On October 22 Cynthia Niiler will provide a review of her sabbatical experience. With photos and stories, and also a time for questions and answers.

Proverbs and Provisions

Tuesday October 17 & November 7

We gather at 6:30 pm at Garcia Brogan's, 240 Moody St, Waltham. With \$2 tacos available, our conversation centers on living our faith in daily life. For Oct. 17, "*Get wisdom. Do not forsake her, and she will keep you; love her, and she will guard you.*" (Proverbs 4:5-6) - with the question, "*What are the marks of a life lived wisely?*"

Nurturing Faith

The Reformation Celebrating the 500th Anniversary

October 31, 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 theses on the castle church door in Wittenburg, Germany. This was a call for reform that sparked what would become known as the Protestant Reformation. This occasion of the 500th anniversary gives us opportunities to celebrate the riches that have come out of that renewal effort, to confess our divisions and pray for unity, and to press on toward a future of constant renewal. We are marking the anniversary in the following ways:

Reformation Solemn Vespers, Thursday, Oct. 26, 7:00 pm at First Lutheran.

This bi-lingual (English/Spanish) service of evening prayer is being hosted by the Santuario and First Lutheran congregations and will include the participation of a Roman Catholic priest & others.

Reformation Sunday Worship Sunday Morning, October 29.

We will have one service at 9:30 am with festive music, brass, and a pot-luck luncheon following worship. Please bring food to share!

A Reformation Hymn Festival 4:00 pm, Trinity Lutheran, Worcester.

This service will include multiple choirs and a variety of music styles including music that arose during the time of the Reformation and music that has been newly created for the church in our time.

A Reformation Service of Evening Prayer 4:30 pm at St. John Lutheran, Sudbury.

This service will include music by Luther, Bach, and Schutz. The preacher will be The Rev. Dr. John Hoffmeyer, professor of Systematic Theology at the United Lutheran Seminary.

Fall Retreat Taking A God's Eye View (*A Christian Way of Seeing*) November 10-12, Londonderry, VT

Consider joining us for our annual Adult Retreat at the Blue Gentian Lodge in Londonderry, VT. The retreat leader this year is Pastor Elaine Hewes, a gifted pastor who has recently retired after serving for 20 years at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bangor, Maine.

We will:

- Gather on Friday night, (carpools available)
- Engage our topic on Saturday morning,
- Enjoy free time on Saturday afternoon with some people climbing the nearby ski mountain and others exploring the area.
- Enjoy laughter and conversation on Saturday night with games, and for those who desire an outdoor hot-tub.
- Engage in more conversation centered on our theme and worship.

The full cost of \$165 per person includes two nights lodging and 4 meals. We invite all participants to pay whatever they choose (either less or more) with any deficit made up through church scholarship funds. Please sign up by October 22 if you are planning on attending.

Thanks To:

- The **Nederhoffs** and the **Maehls** for hosting the church picnic on September 24.
- **LuAnn Kimker** and members of the upper elementary Sunday school class for painting and filling the "Blessing Box" outside our church with food.
- **Britta McNemar** and **Pastor Maehl** for purchasing food items for the First Responder gift baskets and to all who delivered them to the police station, ambulance company, and six fire stations in Waltham.
- **Carol Hansen** for coordinating the beautiful Art Sunday project now hanging in the Pearson Room.

Doing Justice, Serving Others

Justice and Service Team Update

Diapers: On October 8, we will celebrate the baptism of Charlotte Ostrander. We invite everyone in the congregation to contribute diapers on this day. Diapers will be shared with the Waltham Diaper Depot housed at Christ Episcopal Church.

Social Media: Anne Dugan, our new Social Media Coordinator, writes, "The printing press was a key factor in disseminating Martin Luther's message 500 years ago. The "brave new world" of social media is changing how we interact with each other and our community once again." We are seeking to grow our social media presence with the goals of increasing the church's visibility in this digital age, and utilizing this means to assist one another in living our faith in daily life. If you use Facebook, we encourage you to "friend" the First Lutheran page, and "like" stories and articles that appeal to you.

Social Media and Children: It is our practice to post stories and photos that help tell the story of our mission and ministry. These posts may include children. The following are our guidelines:

1. We never include the names of any children in any post.
2. Any parent may request that we do not post any images of their child/children. Please contact Anne Dugan or Pastor Maehl if you wish to make this request.
3. We do not include pictures of children for the sake of being "cute," rather we may choose photos of children and/or adults that help tell the story of our mission and ministry to the wider world.

First Lutheran Church - Waltham MA
Like Us On Facebook

TRIVIA NIGHT

We invite you to come and participate in this very fun fund-raiser. You can come with a team already defined, or come alone and you'll be joined to a team when you arrive. Here are the details:

Saturday, October 21

Gather at 7:00 p.m.

Trivia begins at 7:30 p.m.

\$175/table or \$25/person
(8 person max/table)

To reserve a table or seat, please contact Jennifer Lambert or the church office.

Proceeds will be divided between Disaster Relief Efforts in Puerto Rico and our service trip to El Salvador (in partnership with Habitat for Humanity) being planned for the summer of 2018. Invite friends, come for fun and laughter, and support our Relief efforts. **Please come and bring a friend with you!**

Hurricane Relief for Puerto Rico

In the last week of September we collected water, diapers, and medical supplies to be shipped to Puerto Rico. The collection of physical items has now ended, but we continue to raise funds.

We will direct all contributions marked "Relief Efforts" or "Puerto Rico" to ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response. Also, you may have heard that Pastor Angel Marrero's parents lost all of their possessions in the flood. Those wishing to make contributions for them may write a check to First Lutheran marked, "Angel's Parents."

Doing Justice, Serving Others

Property Committee Update

Furnace Installation: We are thrilled to report that we have contracted with United Mechanical and expect the new furnace to be installed mid-October. Thanks to the Jahrling and Frail families who were the inspiration for our fund raising and thanks to **all** who have made pledges and contributions.

Doors and Lamps: Our thanks to Paul Danielson who offered his services and without charge refinished the exterior doors leading down to Founder’s Hall. Also notice that the exterior lamps over the new tower doors have been professionally restored.

Clean Up Day Thanks: Thanks to all who stayed after worship on September 24th and helped with washing windows, polishing pews, raking leaves, and more. We accomplished a great deal and the property committee is grateful for so many hands offering to help!

Hand Made Sale October 29

Proceeds to Benefit Youth Gathering

Members of the Thursday knitting group will have items for sale during the Reformation Day luncheon on Sunday, October 29. These hand made items are being offered in order to raise funds for 2018 National Youth Gathering.

Note, we are planning on sending a group of First Lutheran high school Youth for five days to Houston, Texas next June. Their experience there will include community service (much needed after the recent hurricane), as well as worship and learning opportunities. Contributions toward the “Youth Gathering” are welcome at any time.

Financial Commitments



On Reformation Sunday, October 29, there will be an opportunity, during worship, to make a financial commitment to the church. Our financial commitments are one important way we live out our faith, and they are essential for developing a budget for 2018. This budget is initially crafted by the Finance Committee in November, further edited by the Church Council in December, and brought to the congregation for discussion, possible amendment, and ratification in January.

In preparation, we ask that each person prayerfully consider the age-old, enduring question of Christian stewardship, “Of all that God has given me, what am I being led to use for myself, what am I being led to share with the church, and what am I being led to use in the care of others.” Many have found that thinking in percentages is often helpful in this discernment. A copy of the 2018 commitment card is printed below and will be mailed in early October.

**First Evangelical Lutheran Church
2018 Estimate of Giving**

Name(s): _____

In thanksgiving to God who richly blesses us, I/we commit* to give back to God through the ministry of our church:

\$ _____

per week/month/quarter/year (circle one)

* Financial circumstances do change, this commitment may be revised at any time.

In addition to regular offering we welcome gifts at any time to the Capital Improvement Fund (caring for our building), Endowment Fund (serving youth), Pastor’s Discretionary Fund (serving the poor), or Intern Fund (raising up future leaders).

Encouraging One Another



*From the
Vicar*

In the wake of the worst series of natural disasters the United States has experienced, and given our close relationship with Santuario (*a congregation including many people with ties to Puerto*

Rico) this month's column will lay out some facts specifically about Puerto Rico.

Introduction: "Estado Libre Asociado de Puerto Rico" is the territory of Puerto Rico's formal name, meaning "Free Commonwealth of Puerto Rico". "Borikén" was the original name of the island given by the Taino natives. When Christopher Columbus landed in Puerto Rico and claimed it for Spain in 1493, he named the island San Juan Bautista in honor of John the Baptist.

The Place: Puerto Rico is a similar size to the state of Connecticut and is larger than Delaware and Rhode Island. Its main island is about 30 x 90 miles, with a total area of about 3,435 square miles. Puerto Rico has 78 municipalities which function like counties, including the offshore islands of Vieques & Culebra, each constituting an municipality. Puerto Rico is home to the rain-forest "El Yunque" and the small tree frog "El Coqui" which is pronounced co-key for the sound it makes.

The People: Most Puerto Rican people derive their heritage from the native Taino ethnic group, Africans brought through the slave trade, and the Spanish. Puerto Rico's population is roughly 3.5 million people, comparable to the Kentucky or Arizona populations. Additionally, there are significant populations of Puerto Ricans in mainland US including cities like New York City, Boston, and even Waltham.

The History: English and Spanish are the two official languages of Puerto Rico with Spanish being the predominant spoken language. The United States of America took control of Puerto Rico from Spain in 1898 after the end of the Spanish- American War and it became a US territory. Because Puerto Rico is a US territory, all Puerto Ricans are legally natural-born citizens of the United States and have the same legal rights as citizens of the mainland US, including free movement between the island and the mainland. Official conversations and referendums continue on whether the territory of Puerto Rico will become a state. The territory does not have a vote in the United States Congress and so is dependent on the mainland government for the support it receives.

Hurricane Harvey: For Hurricane Harvey, the storm made landfall in Texas on August 25. It was the first "major hurricane" to make landfall on the US mainland since Wilma in 2005. Harvey affected some Caribbean Islands, some South American Countries, and US Gulf Coast states from Texas to Louisiana. It caused 84 confirmed deaths, displaced 10's of thousands, and initial damage estimates up to \$200 billion. In comparison to the next two hurricanes, Harvey did not majorly affect Puerto Rico.

Hurricane Irma: Hurricane Irma made landfall in Florida on September 10 as a category 5 hurricane. Irma's center narrowly missed Puerto Rico, still causing much flooding and three deaths there. It affected much of the Caribbean Islands, especially Barbuda. As of September 27, Irma has caused 124 deaths, 44 in the Caribbean, 80 in the US.

Hurricane Maria: At its peak, Hurricane Maria was a category 5 hurricane and made landfall in Puerto Rico on September 20. The Puerto Rican Governor, Ricardo Rosselló, has said that "Hurricane Maria has damaged Puerto Rico's power infrastructure in ways that, in a worst-case scenario, could take months to repair." In addition to the power damage, there is widespread, catastrophic damage throughout the island. Many public services have been down including many emergency services. This is the strongest and most disastrous storm to hit Puerto Rico since 1928. As of September 27, Maria has caused 59 deaths, 24 in Puerto Rico.

Our prayers continue to go to the families of Pastor Ángel Marrero and Diana Dupuis who have heard from their family members in Puerto Rico and who are thankfully alive. Our prayers also go out to many members of Pr. Marrero's congregation Santuario Luterano who also have family members suffering on the island. Finally, our prayers go to all people who continue to be affected by the recent storms and natural disasters.

Faithfully, Vicar John

Walking Together in God's Love



Prayer Concerns

Members of our First Lutheran Community: Ernie Gaiser; Christina Danielson; Connie Danielson; Mimi Ham; Rosy Hebert; Lorne MacArthur; Kathryn McCowan; Cynthia Niiler.

Friends and Family: the Barazi family (friends of the Biter's); Brown family (friends of the Flinner/Hoff family); Christiansen family (friends of Jennifer Lambert); Peggy Codner (Tristan Codner's mother); Steve Connearney (friend of First Lutheran); Magnus Forsman (great-nephew of Rut Johnson); Pelle Geholm (twin brother of Rut Johnson); Joann Green (mother of a colleague of Sarah Rauhut); Ray Hauck (great nephew of Rosy Hebert); Gail Hoftender (sister of Geri Nederhoff); Norma Huisman (aunt of Brad Nederhoff); Duke Katterheinrich (LuAnn Kimker's father); Ellen Katterheinrich (LuAnn Kimker's mom); Eudeen MacSweeney (friend of Rut Johnson); Stephen Manz (nephew of Paul and Susan Pintus); Helen Marquedant (friend of Paul and Susan Pintus); Sally Raymond (Jen Biter's mom); Martha Rediehs (aunt of Ann Sjodin); Stacey Reed (sister of Penny Alexander); Doug Sewich (brother-in-law of Meg and Tom Maehl);

For our partners: For the Rev. Ángel Marrero and Santuario Luterano, the Spanish speaking Lutheran congregation in Waltham. For other organizations we actively support: the Waltham Family School, The Waltham Community Day Center, Chaplains on the Way, the Waltham Alliance to Create Housing, and ELCA World Hunger.

We pray for others in the world facing sorrow and hardship including:

- All those affected by storms in Florida, Texas, and the Caribbean.
- Those who grieve the deaths of all who died in the horrific mass shooting in Las Vegas
- The children, administration, and staff of the Waltham Public schools who over the past months have been impacted by dozens of bomb threats.

We also pray for the members of Korean Hope Church, the Korean speaking congregation who also share in the use of our church building. In this time of escalating rhetoric and tensions between the US and North Korea, we pray for the people of South Korea who would be on the fore-front should violence erupt. - Pastor Maehl

If you would like to add/remove a name to/from the prayer list, please inform the church office.

We rejoice

- to have received **Curt Schroeder and Joan Clemens** as members of First Lutheran during worship on September 24.
- In the baptism of **Charlotte Cynthia Ostrander**, daughter of Kevin and Heather Ostrander, who will be baptized at the 10:30 am service on October 8
- In the ministry of **Pastor Carolyn Tryggstad**, our first intern (2005-2006), who on October 1 retired after faithfully serving as pastor of Joy in Christ Lutheran Church in Abington, MA for the past decade.

First Lutheran Ministry Schedule

If you are unable to serve when scheduled please *find a replacement* and call the office. (781-893-6563)

Swapped Sundays are indicated by italic font.

October

| | October 1 Pentecost 17 10:30 am | October 8 Pentecost 18 10:30 am | October 15 Pentecost 19 10:30 am | October 22 Pentecost 20 10:30 am | October 29 Reformation 9:30 am |
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| Asst. Minister | Geri Nederhoff | LuAnn Kimker | Eben Rauhut | Isabella van der Weide | Ann Sjodin |
| Lector | <i>Jennifer Lambert</i> | <i>Brad Nederhoff</i> | Peter Pinch | Eben Rauhut | Paul Pintus |
| Acolyte | Sally Ann Biter | Nick Hoff | Isaac Maehl | Maggie Niemann | Kayali Pandian |
| Greeter | Paul & Susan Pintus | Inpakala Pandian | Erika & Matt Jerram | Rut & Richard Johnson | Doris Speer |
| Ushers | Susan & Paul Pintus | Bud Crouse Brad Nederhoff | Sjodin Family | Norm Adams Reinhold Carlson | Bud Crouse Ken Kimker |
| Nursery | <i>Sarah Rauhut</i> | Geri Nederhoff | <i>Kat Flinner Betsy Hoff</i> | Kevin Dickert | Lori Hrdlicka |
| Altar Care | Christy Warner (set up) LuAnn Kimker (clean up) | Anne Dugan | Geri Nederhoff | Ann Sjodin | Lori Hrdlicka |
| Counters | <i>Inpakala Pandian Bill Meaney</i> | Norm Adams Alan Sieving | <i>Ted Sjodin Meg Maehl</i> | Jen Lambert <i>Mary Ellen Adams</i> | Susan Pintus Eric Korpalski |

November

| | November 5 All Saints 10:30 am | November 12 Pentecost 23 10:30 am | November 19 Pentecost 24 10:30 am | November 26 Christ the King 9:30 am |
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| Asst. Minister | Alan Sieving | LuAnn Kimker | Sammy Kalisa | Geri Nederhoff |
| Lector | Laura Nederhoff | Cathy Sukow | Emily Sjodin | Kat Flinner |
| Acolyte | Alison Jerram | Lea Dugan | Betsy Hoff | Eegan Pandian |
| Greeter | TBD. Can you help with this? | | | |
| Ushers | Sjodin family | Brad Nederhoff John Shread | Norm Adams Reinhold Carlson | Paul & Susan Pintus |
| Nursery | Erika Jerram | Kat Flinner Betsy Hoff | Sarah Rauhut | Geri Nederhoff |
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October

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| 22 8:15 am Worship 9:15 am Learning Hour 10:30 am Worship 12:00 pm Hope 5:00 pm Santuario | 23 6:00 am Hope S 5:45 pm TOPS FH 7:00 pm LeA SSR2, SSR3 | 24 6:00 am Hope S 9:00 am I to I FH, SSR3 10:00 am Pericope PR 7:15 pm Chancel Choir FH | 25 6:00 am Hope S 9:00 am I to I FH, SSR3 10:00 a Bible Study Casa 7:00 pm LeA SSR2, SSR3 7:30 pm Intern Team 8:00 pm Hope SSR3 | 26 6:00 am Hope S 9:00 am I to I FH, SSR3 10:00 am Knitting Grp PR 7:00 pm Reformation Vespers S, PR 7:30 pm I to I FH | 27 6:00 am Hope S 7:00 pm Hope SSR | 28 6:00 am Hope S 12:00 pm LeA FH |
| 29 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Reformation Potluck Brunch 12:00 pm Hope 5:00 pm Santuario | 30 6:00 am Hope S 5:45 pm TOPS FH 7:00 pm LeA SSR2, SSR3 7:30 pm NSAI FH | 31 6:00 am Hope S 9:00 am I to I FH, SSR3 10:00 am Boston Metro PR 7:15 pm Chancel Choir FH | 1 6:00 am Hope S 9:00 am I to I FH, SSR3 10:00 a Bible Study Casa 7:00 pm LeA SSR2, SSR3 | 2 6:00 am Hope S 9:00 am I to I FH, SSR3 10:00 am Knitting Grp PR | 3 6:00 am Hope S 6:30 pm Hope FH, S | 4 6:00 am Hope S |

FH—Founders Hall; N—Nursery; PR—Pearson Room; S—Sanctuary; SSR2—Double Sunday School Room; SSR3—Triple Sunday School Room; YR—Youth Room; Casa—Parish House Living Room
 Hope—Korean Hope Church; TOPS—Take Off Pounds Sensibly; NSAI—Nashville Songwriters Assoc. Int'l; I to I—Infancy to Independence; LeA—Latinos en Accion

Walking Together in God's Love

Confirmation Sleepover

Members of the confirmation class are invited to gather at the church at 6:30 pm on Saturday, October 14th for a night of community building and entertainment. We will have a prayer station, games, a movie, and other activities for building fellowship and engaging our faith. We will have a pizza dinner, but feel free to bring snacks to share. Breakfast of cereal, bagels, and fruit will be provided in the morning before Sunday morning services. Please bring a sleeping bag and other necessary items for a sleepover. There will be gender specific sleeping rooms with a chaperone in each.

Puerto Rico Se Levanta. (Puerto Rico Rises)

A fundraiser for the victims of Hurricane María
Friday, October 13, 2017
6:30 pm
Charles River Museum of Industry & Innovation
154 Moody St, Waltham MA 02453
Cost: \$50

All are invited to a community fundraiser to raise money for the relief efforts in Puerto Rico. The sponsors of this event are: Latinos in Accion, Santuario Luterano, and the Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation. Tickets may be purchased online (see the First Lutheran Facebook Page) or at the church.

Reformation Sunday, October 29

**One Service at 9:30 am
Pot-luck Luncheon Following**

Please bring food to share

Senior Classics



Our September meeting was lovely with many shared goodies. Thanks to all who contributed. We are thinking of perhaps a fall foliage ride and lunch out on October 19, the 3rd Thursday. More information to come soon.

As always, all are welcome to join the monthly senior meeting and our weekly "knitters" gathering on Thursdays at 10 am.



El Salvador Trip Update

We are planning on a trip to El Salvador in July or August of 2018 where we will help in the construction of a home in partnership with Habitat for Humanity; (the precise date should be determined in the next few weeks). If you have any interest in attending please contact Jennifer Lambert or Pastor Maehl. Note that we welcome adults and youth age 16 or older if accompanied by a parent.



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Sunday Worship:

8:15 and 10:30 am
(9:30 am on October 29)

Sunday Learning Hour:

9:15 am

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Our Mission: We discern that Jesus Christ is calling us to:

Walk together in God's love: nurturing faith, doing justice, serving all.