"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." — John 14:25-27 NRSV

We are living in really uncertain times. We are hoping for a better future without viruses. We also face a political season of uncertainty and turmoil. On Wednesday, the focus of my devotion was “weariness.” Since then, I have spent time in reflection and the one thing that I’ve discovered about myself is that I am scared for the future. What will the church look like after coronavirus? What will life look like once we can take off our mask and be together? What will our nation be like after such division and anger? While we know that there is a vaccine in our future and that the elections will soon be over—we are unaware of what the future look like. I find this verse, from the Gospel of John, very helpful.

Jesus clearly senses the anxiety and speaks to disciples who have heard Jesus talk about his death and resurrection. These men are uncertain of what the future will hold—and what life will look like without Jesus’ physical presence. What Jesus offers them is a promise of a future and also a present reality of the advocate/Holy Spirit who is with them now—even in the midst of their anxiety and concern. The Holy Spirit offers peace. What is peace in this context? It is the presence of God through the Holy Spirit which points us to the love of Jesus. I find these verses so comforting because this is as true today as it was when Jesus addressed his disciples. I know we still feel fear and anxiety, but God is present through the Holy Spirit pointing us to Christ who is in our midst. It might not magically take away our fear, but it gives us hope in the midst of the turmoil. We know that God is with us now and will see us through every situation. With that sense of hope in the presence of our Lord, we can have a peace which passes all understanding—even in the quiet of our homes.

Let our hearts not be troubled. Christ is with us—and faith gives us the ability to have hope. This hope helps us to understand that “if it’s not right then it’s not over.” By faith Let us know that God, and God’s peace, is with us!

God’s peace,
Pastor Matt

MISSION STATEMENT: To connect ourselves and others to Christ through acts of faith and love.

VISION STATEMENT: First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lexington shall be a Christ-centered community participating in Spirit-led worship, challenging learning and loving outreach; willing to be transformed by the Gospel and eagerly using our gifts to transform
We Pray for Each Other

In Our Hearts & Prayers

CHURCH FAMILY:

Bill and Patsie Baker
Cody Carlson
Amy Hollar Cormier
Jean Conrad Darstein
Beth Huber
Katie Lemly
Jon Lough
Ronnie Moretz
Willie Ruth Pless
Gracie Shepherd
Jody Shepherd
Ron Sink
Sylvia Sink
April Thompson
Terry Triplett
Deborah Wertman
Earl and Jan Willette

LOVED ONES, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS:

Tonya Adams (Friend of David Smith)
Connie Albertson (Friend of Bleasha Carroll)
Susan Avery and Family (Friends of Christi Nebrich)
Charles Baker (Bill Baker’s father)
Jim Bailey (Carol Leonard’s brother)
Nancy Beck (Judy Conrad’s sister)
Jesse Both (Laura Tanley’s nephew)
Mary Brink (Niece of Pauletta Conrad)
Gene Bullock (Tracy Miller’s uncle)
Tessa Burns (Bob Redwine’s niece)
Mike Byrd (Friend of Bob Sink)
Johnnie Canny (Emma Apple’s sister)
Jim Carrier (Tracy Miller’s dad)
Rita Caudle (friend of Sabrina Conrad)
Adam Cheely (Michelle Eppinga’s son)
Edward Clancy (friend of Bing Sudarmono)
Jessica Crabb
Don and Jackie Craft (Rebecca Moretz’s parents)
Amy and Wes Cups
Maureen Darcy (friend of Connie Beck McMillan)
Robert Dasch (Father of Keith Dasch)
Paul DeLaney (Friend of Laura Tanley)
Marina Dunaway and family (friends of Karen Riggs)
Delores Farrell (Dalane Kitzman’s sister)
Danny Fine (Lynn Smith’s brother)
Patrick Foley (Bleasha Carroll’s brother-in-law)

Debra Gainey (The Kitzman’s neighbor)
Marlon Gaskins (Friend of Scott and Deb Wertman)
Rick Gransee
Ross Gray (Friend of Danny and Carol Leonard)
The Greer Family (Friends of Karen Riggs)
Kathy Harwood (Beth Lemly’s sister-in-law)
Ronald Hensley (friend of Mary Huneycutt)
Angelica Hernandez (coworker of Bill Nebrich)
Barbara Sue Herring (Friend of FLC)
James Hewett (friends of Bill and Christi Nebrich)
Gail Hill (Friend of Tawn Bizzell)
Reuben Hufham (Emma Apple’s brother-in-law)
Bob Hughart (Bryan Hughart’s father)
Jeff Hutcherson (Husband of Karen Riggs’s coworker, Jill)
Caleb Hutcherson (Son of Karen Riggs’s coworker, Jill)
Damon Jones (brother of clothing closet volunteer, Teresa Smith)
Betty Jordan (friend of the Carlsons)
Karen Kernstine (friend of Sabrina Conrad)
John Kleine (Nancy Carlson’s brother-in-law)
Terry Kohler (Wertman family member)
Jack Kunz (Nancy Carlson’s father)
Mary and Charles Lee (friends of FLC)
Nichole and Genia Leonard (friends of Patti Grant)
Aleigha Lockhart and Family (Neighbors of the Nebrichs)
Hazel Lovelace (Jim Lovelace’s mother)
Maria (Abbi Thompson’s friend)
Mandy Marshall (Debbie Triplett’s daughter)
Miranda and Children (Friends of Sabrina Conrad)
Deb McGraw (friend of Patrick Harris)
Joetta McQueen
Larry Michaels
Claire Murphy (Rebecca Moretz’s cousin)
Robert Phelps (friend of FLC)
Libby Puckett (friend of Connie Beck McMillan)
Craig and Lisa Royal (friends of FLC)
Lynn Scoggins (brother-in-law of Beth and Katie Lemly)
Angie Shaw (friend of April Thompson)
Aurelia Smith (neighbor of Greg and Laura Turlington)
David Smith (Nephew of Bob Sink)
Jimmy Steele (friend of Mary Huneycutt)
Marilee Strasser (friend of Bill and Patsie Baker)
Denny Swimley (brother-in-law of Scott and Deborah Wertman)
Jackie Taylor (Lorraine Carlson’s sister)
Sherry Taylor (Dan Smith’s cousin)
Marie Thomason (Sarah Whicker’s grandmother)
Sarah Vestal (friend of Beth Huber)
Glenn Visbeen (friend of John Leonard)
Mary Louise Wilkerson (Friend of FLC)
Devone Wohl (Dalane Kitzman’s sister)
Nathan Wohl (Dalane Kitzman’s nephew)
Kara Wood (Mary Nebrich’s teacher)
Rick Yokely (friend of Bleasha Carroll)

The families of those who have passed to life eternal:

Jim Tysinger (friend of the congregation)

Expectant Parents:

Dyllan and Anna (Deyton) Rankin
Annual Meeting—Sunday October 18

October 2, 2020

Dear Church Family,

On Sunday, October 18, 2020, at 11:00AM, First Evangelical Lutheran Church will hold the annual congregational meeting. Keeping love and concern for one another at the forefront of our thoughts, we have designed this meeting to keep each other safe while allowing for input and discussion of the meeting topics as needed.

At this meeting, we will be tasked with adopting a 2021 spending plan, voting on new council members, and approval of a nominating committee as presented by council.

As you arrive for the meeting, please pass through the overhang to receive your ballot, agenda, spending plan, and one time use pen for the meeting. Once you have those items, find a parking place and tune your radio to the assigned station. You will be able to hear the meeting via radio broadcast.

There will be a microphone located in a prominent location, should you need to discuss an item or ask a question please exit your vehicle, while wearing your mask, and approach the microphone. If there happens to be a line to use the microphone, please practice social distancing.

After discussion, the council president will call for a vote. When it is time to vote, please mark your ballot and return it to the ushers who will be approaching each vehicle. The ballots will then be counted. Please remain in the parking lot until the meeting is adjourned in the event that a run off ballot is needed.

If you have any questions or concerns about the parking lot meeting format, please contact a member of council. Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we navigate these unprecedented times.

Berry Odum, President
Bleasha Carroll
Dalane Kitzman
James Whitaker
Frank Bell
Melissa Morris
Katie Tulledge
Rick Grubb
John Leonard

“To Connect Ourselves and Others to Christ Through Acts of Faith and Love”
Council News

August 30, 2020
First Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Check In

Attendees:
Berry Odum (President)
Melissa Morris
John Leonard
Katie Tulledge
Frank Bell
Greg Turlington
Bleasha Carroll
Rick Grubb
Dr. Dalane Kitzman
Pastor Matt Miller
Amanda Hathcock
Absent: James Whitaker

Call to Order
President Odum called the meeting to order.
Pastor Matt opened out meeting in prayer.

Prayer Vigil Request
- A request has been made by a local grass roots group that is comprised of area church members to use our parking lot on Sunday, September 27th to host a prayer vigil.
- The prayer vigil would be for racial justice.
- Rebecca Moretz is on the committee and would be in attendance.
- Other area churches have already hosted this group with no concerns.
- The group would not have access to the building and would only be using the parking lot.
- A motion to approve the use of the parking lot was made by Berry Odum, 2nd by John Leonard. The motion passed unanimously.

Polling Site for Voting
- First Lutheran Church will again be used for voting this November. The county board of elections has provided a list of steps that they will be taking to insure voting is occurring in the safest way possible amid the Covid-19 pandemic. These steps include spacing of the voting booths, cleaning and sanitizing the room after use, and encouraging face masks as people come to vote.
Council News

Computers for Staff
- Since our last meeting, all three staff computers have needed replacement or repair.
- Pastor Matt’s computer will come from the line item of professional expense in the spending plan.
- Amanda & Kelly’s computers will come from the spending plan’s office line item.
- All computers have been ordered and the staff expect to have computers the first week of September.

Outdoor Service Review
- Pastor believes the service will organically draw 20 - 30 people weekly.
- 22 people were in attendance on Sunday, August 23. Only 1 did not RSVP.
- Should there be inclement weather (rain) Pastor & the council president will decide whether or not to hold a service. The congregation will receive word of a cancellation via phone tree and email.
- We will continue a list for the next several weeks to insure we do not exceed 25 people in attendance. Additional services will be offered in the evening if we find we have enough interest to hold 2 services.
- Pastor will wear a face shield.
- The language on the invitation to worship will be the same, taking into consideration that those with health conditions or over 70 needn’t be reminded weekly to exercise caution in their decision making.
- Dr. Kitzman recommended that we particularly emphasize that individuals who have any symptoms compatible with COVID or have recently been exposed to someone with COVID refrain from attending.
- Someone will be assigned to do create a list weekly for contact tracing.
- Worship will be at 8:30 each Sunday morning, outside, until further notice. No communion, passing of the peace, or singing will be included in the service.

Council Secretary
- Amanda serving as secretary is unconstitutional, therefore, Dr. Dalane Kitzman has volunteered to become the secretary of record.
- Motion by Bleasha Carroll, seconded by John Leonard and passes with majority vote.

The next council meeting will be held Sunday, September 13 at 7:00PM on Zoom

Give the Gift of Life

Wednesday, October 14, 2020
2:00 PM — 6:30 PM

Please contact Carol Leonard should you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

Note of Thanks

Dear FLC,
Thank you so much for the care package! It made my day! I hope everyone is well despite the current circumstances!

Thank you,
Frances Gray Riggs
Reformation Sunday– October 25, 2020

Cut Martin Luther out of this newsletter and snap a photo of what you and Luther are doing together on this Reformation Sunday! Post your picture on our Facebook page or email it to flclexcongregationlife@gmail.com. Be sure to check our Facebook page on Sunday October 25th to see what Luther has been busy doing!

Online Hymn Sing

Join us for an old fashioned hymn sing on Sunday, October 25, 2020, at 2:00PM. The songs will be broadcast over Facebook Live and a Zoom room will be active for us to be in fellowship with one another. Song books will be distributed prior to the hymn sing.

Join the Zoom:
Computer: https://zoom.us/j/3362486018
Meeting ID: 336 248 6018

Don’t forget to wear red for Reformation Sunday!
Directory Updates

Keith & Jennifer Dasch, Caroline, James
8188 Hampton Rd
Clemmons, NC 27012

Eppinga, Scott and Michelle
336-499-4792 (home phone)
336-590-2696 (Michelle’s cell phone)

Small Business Support

As we begin a new season, we would like to be sure we are supporting one another and our congregation’s small businesses. Please email Amanda at flclexcongregationlife@gmail.com and include the name of your business, hours, contact information and any specific information you’d like to share. We will highlight businesses periodically on our Facebook page so we can support one another.

Thanksgiving Meals

We will again this year provide Thanksgiving meals to families in our community in need. Working with local guidance counselor we will distribute meals in a slightly different way. We anticipate the need for this meal to be greater than in previous years. If you would like to contribute to this outreach, please designate any monetary donations as “Thanksgiving Meal Project”.

Pastor’s Pantry

Just a reminder that we are still collecting for Pastor’s Pantry. There is a donation bin on the lower level of FLC just inside the door. The need is great, please donate if you can!

October—Individually Packaged Oatmeal
Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

Each Sunday morning at 11:00 we will be hosting outdoor worship. Please bring your own chair. Masks or face shields will be required and Social Distancing will be observed. Sanitizing stations will be available for your use. If you have been exposed to anyone experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 or have any symptoms yourself, please refrain from attending. Restrooms will be available only for emergency use only. Should inclement weather occur, a phone tree and email message will be sent out.

October 13 and October 27 at 7:00 PM
Beer and Bible in the ZOOM Room
Join Zoom Meeting
Computer: https://zoom.us/j/3362486018
Phone In: 1 646 558 8656
Meeting ID: 336 248 6018

Each Tuesday at 10:00 AM
Pericope in the ZOOM Room
Join Zoom Meeting
Computer: https://zoom.us/j/3362486018
Phone In: 1 646 558 8656
Meeting ID: 336 248 6018

Monday, November 9
6:30 PM
Agape and Mary Circles will have a combined meeting in the ZOOM Room
Join Zoom Meeting
Computer: https://zoom.us/j/3362486018
Phone In: 1 646 558 8656
Meeting ID: 336 248 6018
Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

October 8 & October 22 at 7:30 PM
Prayer Shawl Ministry in the ZOOM Room
Join Zoom Meeting
Computer: https://zoom.us/j/3362486018
Phone In: 1 646 558 8656
Meeting ID: 336 248 6018

Each Wednesday at 11:00 AM
Devotions with Pastor Matt on Facebook Live
Join us here: https://www.facebook.com/FLCLEX/

Each Sunday at 10:30 AM
Children’s Message in the ZOOM Room
Join Zoom Meeting
Computer: https://zoom.us/j/3362486018
Phone In: 1 646 558 8656
Meeting ID: 336 248 6018

Sunday November 8 at 1:00 PM
FLC Youth will meet under the picnic shelter. If you would like to join us virtually, a Zoom room is available.
Please let Amanda know if you will be joining virtually.
Middle through High School students are welcome to join!

Sunday, October 11 from 4:00PM–5:30 PM
Confirmation will meet via Zoom with a focus on Reformation. This class is led through the NC ELCA. Please let Pastor Matt know if you need more information on confirmation.
Joys and Cares

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:
Patti Grant upon the death of her friend, Genia Leonard. Mrs. Leonard passed away on September 11. She was the mother of Patti’s friend, Nichole Little.

Family and friends of our Sister-in-Christ, Carole Gasque. Although Carole has passed away March 15 of this year, the family held a service of committal for Carole on September 14. Pastor Matt Miller presided over a brief service held in the mausoleum at the Forest Hill Memorial Park in Lexington; Carole’s ashes were placed next to her husband Bill’s. The family is still hoping for a larger celebration service at a later date.

Patsie Baker upon the death of her uncle. Thomas Waller Seay Jr., 94, of Spencer passed away September 15 at Novant Health Rowan Medical Center. “Uncle Tommy” lived a long and productive life being a NC senator from Rowan County and a superior court judge for many years. He was my mother’s younger brother and had a huge influence on my life growing up. He will be greatly missed. He was appointed Resident Judge of Superior Court in 1967 serving until his retirement in 1998. He was active in many law associations, Central United Methodist Church, and civic clubs. A graveside service was conducted on September 19 at Rowan Memorial Park.

Family and friends upon the death of James Tysinger. “Jim” was a special friend to Jim Lovelace and Kelly Newsome. He had recently been ill with cancer and died on September 20 after a massive stroke. Jim had worked at Reggie’s Florist for years and had provided beautiful altar arrangements for our worship services. He had also worshiped with us from time to time.

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:
Bob Hughart, father of Bryan Hughart, was diagnosed with Covid-19 last month, but is now much better. He lives in West Virginia.

Darrell Park’s mother fell and was hospitalized in the intensive care unit for several days at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem on August 30. She suffered broken ribs and a collapsed lung. Although she is still sore, she is now recovering at home.

Simon Hathcock (son of Kevin and Amanda Hathcock) was born with a heart condition; he had his regular cardiologist visit in early September. The doctor is going to let him try to outgrow the medication he was taking for his heart. His next appointment is in January; he will have a heart monitor check and begin coming off his medicine in January if all goes well over the next few months. His EKGs look like he may be outgrowing the condition he had at birth. Simon also recently finished his 14 week treatment for plagiocephaly (asymmetry of the head) and no longer has to wear a helmet! Good news!

Willie Ruth Pless, currently living at Accordias Healthcare in Clemmons, had tested positive for COVID-19 the first week in September, but did not have any complications. She now tests negative, but is still struggling with cognitive issues.

Lank Sechrest, brother-in-law to Larry and Judy Conrad, was hospitalized at Forsyth Medical Center with COVID-19.

Deborah Wertman had surgery for a cochlear implant on September 9 at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. After a few days in the hospital, she is now home and getting her implant regulated.

Steven Myers (son of Janet, grandson of June Kinney, nephew of Lillian Kinney Ritz) was hospitalized at High Point Hospital in September for seizures. Steven suffered a brain injury some time ago.

Sylvia Sink had hiatal hernia surgery at Forsyth Medical Center on September 9 and spent a night in the hospital. She is now recovering at home.

Renee Bizzell (daughter of Susan Bizzell) had double knee surgery mid-Sept and is recovering nicely.

Sherrill Bumgardner (husband of Melanie Bumgardner) had spots of skin melanoma on his face removed in August. Biopsies were completed and he had one troublesome spot on his temple; the end of September he had a skin graft on the incision site on his temple and also had yet another skin cancer removed (that makes five in all). He will have a biopsy on one of his hips the end of September to determine what was indicated on a PET scan mid-September.

Pastor Matthew Miller had three days of extreme pain due to a kidney stone, but finally passed it on September 22.

Charm Cecil had a total knee replacement on September 23, and was able to come home after a couple days in the hospital.

Betty Thomas had a slight stroke on September 23 and was hospitalized at the Thomasville Medical Center. She was to start her rehabilitation on September 28.
Joys and Cares

Asher, one-year-old grandson of Sue Carter (lives in Connecticut, has worshiped with us in the past - friend of Jeff and Marcia Hoffmann), was scheduled for skull surgery to at Boston Children’s Hospital on September 29. The surgery is to correct a birth defect, craniocytosis.

Jon Lough has been having heart rhythm problems since March, and has now been diagnosed with NSVT (non-sustaining ventricular tachycardia). His heart catheterization on September 9 showed that two of his five previous bypasses have now failed, and cannot be corrected; one of those may have been the cause of his heart attack in February. He is now awaiting a three-day stay at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem (as soon as a bed opens up) to begin a new medication.

Beth Huber, recently had an unexpected appendectomy on September 29. While performing the surgery, the doctor’s noted a tumor had been present on her appendix. Beth has been diagnosed with cancer and is awaiting next steps from a surgical oncologist.

THANKS!

Classroom Supplies – Thanks to our Outreach Team for continuing their annual project of providing classroom supplies to teachers within our church family. Mid-September we provided $700 worth of classroom items to eight of our teachers.

God’s Work. Our Hands. – Sunday, September 20, was the beginning of this year’s annual “God’s Work. Our Hands.” project to once again express our appreciation to all local first responders. A “drive-through” activity was held for folks to pick up cards, and sign them with our expressions of appreciation. On September 27 after our outdoor worship, members delivered these cards along with masks and goodies to distribute to the organizations. Thanks to all who helped with this project.

Guest Pastor – While Pastor Matt and Tracy took some time off to take their son Ian to graduate school in Michigan (near Detroit), Pastor Vern Kinard (pastor of St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in Tyro) led our outdoor worship service on September 13. In recognition of this month’s emphasis on “God’s Work. Our Hands.”, Pastor Vern spoke of a perfect example of reaching out to others through the blessings of “The Vine” ministry.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Thanks to those who lead and participate in the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Completed prayer shawls are in the closet in the “Prayer Shawl Room”. Please feel free to pick up any that are needed, bless them and send them out. (Please notify Kelly so that he can note in our records.)

• September 27 – During outdoor worship, a number of prayer shawls were blessed through “socially distancing”; these were going to be given to all educators, principals, and teachers in our church family.

Technology – We are so thankful to Amanda Hathcock for enabling our church to continue to “be the church” through so many resources! She has linked us to bible studies, meditations, worship services, music, children and family resources, etc. Thank you!

Music Online – Thanks to Kelly Newsome for continuing to touch us through his music ministry! Be sure to access his Facebook posts (“Kelly Newsome”) or our church Facebook page (“First Evangelical Lutheran Church) or YouTube (“Kelly Newsome”). Thank you for your presence, Kelly!

College Recognition – Megan Stoke (daughter of Laban and Christine Stoke, granddaughter of Jon and Celie Lough) is off to a great start of her Senior year at Northern Arizona University (NAU) in Flagstaff, Arizona. She will be recognized during an online Recognition of Academic Achievement event on October 3 honoring high-achieving students who have carried a minimum of 30 academic units and whose GPAs were in the top 10 percent of NAU’s student body at the end of the spring semester 2020.

OTHER NEWS AND TIDBITS

Employment News – Scott Wertman bid on a job in Salisbury, and got it! He worked at the Linwood Switching Station, but was transferred to a facility in Culpepper, Virginia this past summer; that allowed him to come home to Deborah only occasionally. Now he will only be out-of-town occasionally. Good news!

New address:
• Peggy Everhart Nance has finally moved in with her husband! They were married two years ago, and have been building a cabin on his farm in Denton. The cabin is finally completed and she was able to relocate the end of September. She will maintain her mailing address in Lexington; and will keep her property (her home and her mother’s home) in Lexington. She has a farm hand who will help manage her farm; she will still come back a couple days a week to check on things.
Joys and Cares

CONGRATULATIONS

New Babies!

Myra Grace Carroll was born to Adam and Rachel Carroll on September 10. She arrived in this world at 8 pounds 0.4 ounce; 20 ½ inches long. Delighted grandparents are Joe and Bleasha Carroll. Myra also has a big brother, Koontz, almost three years old. This little family lives in Greensboro.

Riley June Robinson was born to Melanie and James Robinson on September 22. She weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces, and was 20 inches long. This family lives in Fairview, Oklahoma. Proud great-grandmother is Lillian Kinney Ritz; proud great-great grandmother is June Kinney.

Galen and Sandy Hahan welcome a new grandchild! Galen writes:

“Look out, world. My granddaughter has arrived, all 7 pounds and 6 ounces. She is ready to take on anything that lies ahead of her. Here she comes, Ms. Emmalyn Joy Fisher.”

Two Weddings – both on the same date!

Ryan Louia (son of former members, Nancy and Mike Louia) married his sweet Jennifer on September 26. A friend of Ryan’s performed the service at Carriage Trail Farm in the Tyro area. This couple lives in Lexington. Ryan works at his grandfather’s business, Louia Motor Company in Lexington.
Joys and Cares

Jordan Worley (son of Charlie and Jeannie Worley) married his sweetheart Amethyst on September 26. Both Jordan and Amethyst work at Old Dominion; their daughter, Ava, attends Davidson Charter Academy. This family has just moved into a new house in the West Davidson area.

Engagement – Hayley Leonard (daughter of Chris and Wendy Leonard, niece of Danny and Carol Leonard) became engaged to her beloved Justin Coggins on September 27!

Graduate – Emily Robinson (daughter of Patrick and Anna Ritz Robinson, granddaughter of Lillian Kinney Ritz, great-granddaughter of June Kinney) graduated in early September from Navy boot camp. She is now in San Antonio, Texas for medical school.

Don't forget to share your "joys and cares" with us! Please call Celie Lough at 249-6038, so that we may "double your joys and halve your cares!" In order to meet printing deadlines, please have all items submitted by the 18th of each month. Thanks!

Please note: articles may also be submitted via e-mail to loughjc@lexcominc.net.
God’s Work. Our Hands.

First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lexington is a Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The congregation was formed in 1905, and built its original structure in 1906. The current facility was completed and occupied in 1959, and was the first public building in Lexington of a contemporary design. Yet, the people of First Church recognize that the church is the people, and not the building. So stated Martin Luther: “The church is not wood and stone, but it is the company of God’s people.”