

**Sunday, October 27, 2024**  
**Reformation Sunday**  
**10:30am Worship**

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**First Lutheran Church**

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***Our Mission Statement...***

First Lutheran Church is God's people inviting, involving, equipping, and empowering to serve, that all may know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.



Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

## SUNDAY, October 27 – Reformation

8:00am – Worship

9:15am – Choir Rehearsal

9:15am – Christian Education

10:00am – Trunk-o-Treat

10:30am – Worship

11:45am – Coffee Fellowship

11:45am – Mutual Ministry

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### Altar Guild

Ruth B, Sue S, Donna S

### Reader

8:00am 10:30am

Judy H Bruce M

### Communion Assistant

8:00am 10:30am

Vicki M Collette W

### Usher

8:00am 10:30am

Steve B Lloyd T

Rick L.C

### Acolyte

Braylin C

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated this morning. *All are welcome at Christ's table. Please come forward as the ushers direct to receive communion by kneeling at the altar. Wine and white grape juice are offered. Those not receiving the Sacrament are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. All who seek the benefits of this sacrament are invited. **Gluten-free communion wafers** are available. If you would like one, please let us know! **Members, please complete a communion card located in the pews and hand it to the Usher as you approach communion. You can use one card per family but list all first names. Thank you for helping us to keep accurate church records to determine active membership.** Children regardless of age are welcome to commune if their parents are comfortable. Parents may whisper "God loves you, and sent Jesus to be our Savior," as they take communion. \**

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\*ELCA Use of the Means of Grace pp 37-40



## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **\*\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.  
The cravings at war within us  
cause conflicts and disputes.  
In our desire to be first  
we make distinctions among ourselves.  
We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.  
In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.  
Draw near to us with grace in time of need,  
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity  
and to remember our sin no more.  
By grace you have been saved.  
In the name of † Jesus Christ,  
the source of eternal healing,  
your sins are forgiven.

**C: Amen.**



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word,  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth,  
 by schisms . . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest.  
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died,  
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued,  
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song,  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest,  
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

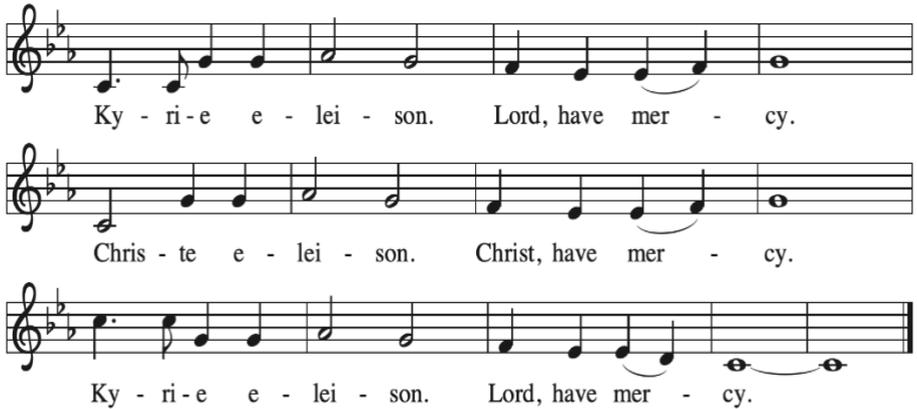
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

**\*\*GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

## \*\*KYRIE



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

## \*\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us Pray

**C: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **THE PSALM: Psalm 46**

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields  
with fire.

<sup>10</sup>**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28**

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a

sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*



Our hearts burn with - in us as you open to us the scriptures.

**\*\* GOSPEL: John 8:31-36**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## NEW MEMBERS BLESSING

P: Almighty God, by the love of Jesus Christ you draw people to yourself and welcome them into the household of faith. May we show your joy by embracing new brothers and sisters as we bear your creative and redeeming word to all the world. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others, following the example of Jesus Christ, our servant and Lord.

C: Amen.

## FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

P: Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant Bill,  
who has enriched this *congregation*  
and shared his gifts with his colleagues/friends/family.  
Now bless and preserve him at this time of transition.  
Day by day, guide him and give him what is needed,  
friends to cheer his way,  
and a clear vision of that to which you are now calling him.  
By your Holy Spirit be present in *his* pilgrimage,  
that he may travel with the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

**ANTHEM**      "*I Am C.H.R.I.S.T.I.A.N*"      Sunday School Singers

**SERMON**      Pastor Elisabeth Daniels

**\*\*HYMN OF THE DAY** "*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*" **ELW 517**



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.  
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

## **\*\*NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\***

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **\*\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

P: God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **\*\*THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

### **OFFERING**

### **SPECIAL OFFERING MUSIC**

Paul Rajala, Organist

**OFFERING SONG**     “Feed Us with Hunger for Justice”    **ACS 968** (sing 3x)

*Optional descant for high voices on the third time through.*

Feed us                      jus - tice.                      Feed us                      your peace.

Feed us                      with hun-ger for jus-tice.                      Feed us                      with thirst for peace.

Text: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960

Music: HUNGER FOR JUSTICE, Anne Krentz Organ

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**\*\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray,

**C: Blessed are you, O God,  
source of every gift of your creation.  
By these gifts and with our lives,  
help us to serve one another and all in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\*\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*\*PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### \*\* THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,**

as we forgive those  
 who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom  
 and the power, and the glory,  
 forever and ever. Amen.

**\*\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

**LAMB OF GOD**



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Refrain*

By grace we have been saved— saved by grace through faith,



not be-cause of what we do; it is the gift of God.



1 On the days when you are weak, on the  
 2 Rest your bod - y, rest your mind, in the  
 3 You don't need to be a - fraid. You will



days when you are strong, rich or poor,  
 still - ness you will find you're a love - ly,  
 nev - er be a - lone. There is mer - cy,



young or old, just lis - ten to the song.  
 pre - cious child, part of the great de - sign.  
 there is hope, and love will take you home.

*Refrain*

Text: Jonathan Rundman, b. 1971

Music: BY GRACE, Nathan Houge, b. 1977, and Jonathan Rundman

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**P** : The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**C**: Amen

P: For those that did not commune: Beloved Children of God, know that you are loved and blessed in the name of the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit. Amen

**\*\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Let us pray,

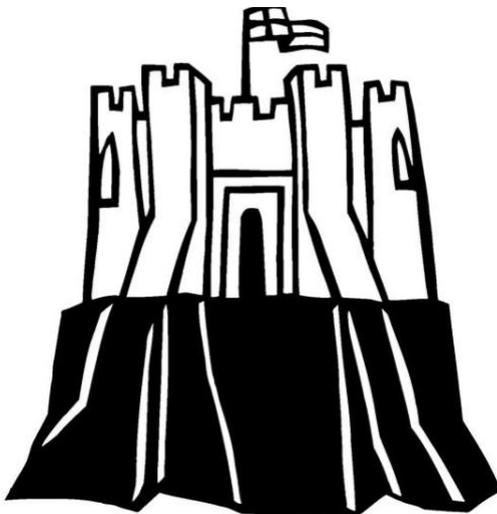
**C: Holy God,  
you have welcomed us to this meal  
and fed us with dignity at your table.  
Send us now to welcome others  
and to be at peace with one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\*\*BLESSING:**

P: God all mighty,  
God most merciful  
‡ bless you, keep you,  
and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**





1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vai! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther

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**\*\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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### COMING UP THIS WEEK

#### **Monday, October 28**

*Pastor's Day Off*

6:00pm – Cub Scouts

#### **Tuesday, October 29**

9:00am – Sewing

10:30am – Pastor's Text Study

#### **Wednesday, October 30**

9:30am – Bible Study

11:15am – Office Staff Meeting

2:00pm – Newsletter Assembly

7:00pm – Kiwanis

#### **Thursday, October 31**

1:00pm – Bulletin Folding

5:15pm – T.O.P.S

#### **Friday, November 1**

*All Saints Day*

#### **Saturday, November 2**

*Turn your clocks back when you go to bed.*

#### **NEXT SUNDAY – Sunday, November 3**

##### **All Saints Sunday**

Readings will be Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24;

Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

8:00am – Worship

9:00am – Property Committee

9:15am – Choir Rehearsal

9:15am – Christian Education

10:30am – Worship

11:45am – Coffee Fellowship

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**



**All Saints Day:** All Saints Day this year falls on **Sunday, November 3<sup>RD</sup>**. During worship that day we will lift up in prayer the saints who have gone before us, who have witnessed God's love, and who now celebrate eternal life with Jesus. If you have a loved one to add to the All Saints Day list, please contact the office so they can also be lifted up on All Saints Day.

**MILITARY APPRECIATION:** Pastor Melissa, CEC is coordinating a collection of pictures and information to honor all those who have been in military service from First Lutheran over the years. The video will be presented around Veteran's Day. Please submit your information via email to [cec.firstgladstone@gmail.com](mailto:cec.firstgladstone@gmail.com) or bring hard copies to the office before November 1.

1. Photo of the person at the time of service (if available)
2. Current photo (if available)
3. For deceased members, the birth and death years (or dates)
4. Branch(es) of Military Service with years
5. A short biography if you wish.

### **Thank You**

To all who contributed to the loose offering on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> in support of S.O.N International. You raised \$317.00 for them.

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**HOSPITAL VISITS:** Due to short hospital stays and privacy laws, we often don't know when members are hospitalized. If you or a loved one is in the hospital for a procedure or treatment, please notify the church office (428-4565) so that we may offer a prayer.

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### PRAYER LIST

*Please be in prayer for the following people this week:*

|          |               |                  |                 |
|----------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Alex     | Amanda        | Andy             | Angela          |
| Ashley   | Bella         | Bill             | Bodhi           |
| Brad     | Brown Family  | Cale             | Carrie          |
| Cheryl   | Chris         | Cindy            | Colleen         |
| Dave     | Deann & Chris | Debbie           | Dennis & Marlyn |
| Di       | Don           | Everett          | Gary            |
| Gail     | Irene         | Jack             | Jason           |
| Joanne   | Judi          | Julie            | Julie           |
| Kathy Jo | Kelly         | Kevin & Mary     | Kippola Family  |
| Kris     | Kristen       | Laurie & Norbert | Legacy          |
| Lennea   | Lisa          | Lisa & Dan       | Lloyd           |
| Manuel   | Mary          | Mercedes         | Mike            |
| Mitchell | Nancy         | Ollie            | Pam & Family    |
| Pat      | Paula         | Peter            | Shari           |
| Svea     | Tabitha       | Vicki            | Vincent         |
| Zack     | Teresa        |                  |                 |

*Also continue to be in prayer for those serving our country:*

|       |       |          |             |        |
|-------|-------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Jamie | Bryan | Danielle | Christopher |        |
| Jesse | Jacob | Jason    | Charlie     | Danzig |

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**Do you have a prayer request? Please let us know.** Prayer requests are lifted up each Sunday during the "Prayers of the People." Prayer Ministry sheets are on the prayer board located by the office door. **The office will contact you quarterly to get updates on your requests.**

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