



Affirmation of Welcome

Adopted September 26, 2010

By god's grace and with Christ in our midst, this congregation is:

A spiritual Home to the stranger;

A healing community for people who are dis-eased or hurting;

A wellness and wholeness center;

A helpful friend to those in need;

A retreat for the weary of labor and like;

A community of compassionate concern;

A people of joy, praise, adoration and celebration;

A gathering place for worship, learning and fellowship;

A practice field/launching pad for mission and ministry in our community and in-and-for but not of-the world;

And inviting community, welcoming all people to participate in the life and ministry of the congregation regardless of race, religion or denomination, color, national origin, sexual orientation or age, physical capabilities, economic, cultural or social standing or any other divisive, exclusive distinctions and /or categories. No one, absolutely no one, is outside of God's unconditional love, comprehensive and all-inclusive invitation to grace, abundant life and the mission and ministry of First Lutheran Church;

A reconciled and reconciling community of disciples, a safe place of refuge for anyone and everyone.