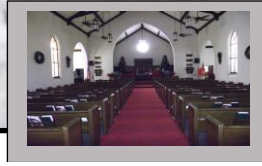


# FIRST FRUITS

WE GIVE OUR FIRST FRUITS

BECAUSE HE GAVE US HIS ONLY SON

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## *First things first...*

***So those who received his word were baptized and there were added that day about 3000 souls...and they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.***

**Acts 2:41,42**

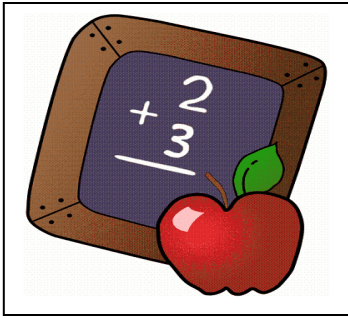
In its earliest days, the church grew rapidly. To no small degree this growth was spurred by the gospel. The message of God's forgiveness and love, freely given, deeply affected the hearts and lives of those who received the Messiah sent from above. There were no strings attached. In the most vibrant way people were hearing of the Father's love, the sacrifice of the Son, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. As Peter preached and people heard the message of God's love, hearts were set free from the bondage of sin and death. With bold and enthusiastic joy, the novice believers shared their Good News and more people were born again.

Hearing that good news proclaimed, the converts did not receive the Gospel in a vacuum. Rather, they discovered a hungering and thirsting for a deeper relationship with the living God and other believers. The new life bore four distinct signs: devotion to the apostles' teaching, fellowship with one another, participation in Holy Communion, and faithfulness in prayer.

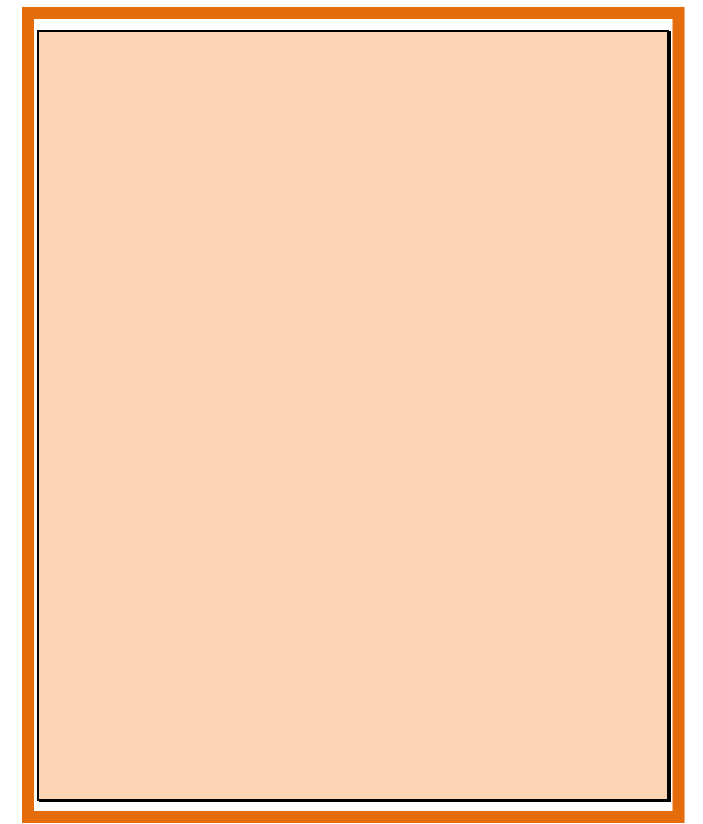
Over the past few months, I have been approached by several people saying, "We need more fellowship." I agree we do. When we spend time with one another, we are drawn into a deeper relationship with one another. Therefore, I proposed to the council and received their blessing to designate October 29th as a Mini-Fall Festival. Kist By Grace will be invited to join our worship. Following the morning service, we'll gather for a noontime meal. The entrée will be provided by the church and those attending will be asked to provide side dishes and desserts. The festivities will conclude with theme-appropriate games and/or activities. Cindy Mathews and Kim Ledwig offered to serve in planning/organizing/coordinating this event. [Spoiler alert: If there is enough interest, we can have the same kind of event on December 31st as a New Year Eve Fellowship.]

Will I see you in church anytime soon? Until then, remember this: Jesus loves you and so do I!

Pastor Grier



# First School And Day Care



The First School is gearing up for our annual Community Pumpkin Patch on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8 a.m. We will have 100 VIP \$25 tickets on sale for the day before, Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5 p.m. We are currently looking for sponsors for our event. We have received a good amount so far and we are very excited. Please come out and visit and see what it is all about and see how this event impacts our community in a positive way! We would love to see you there!

Thank You,  
Bree Joines  
The First School Director

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**First School Board Meeting –**  
**Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.**

## Manna Meals

The next date for our FLCEC Team to serve will be announced when scheduled.

## OCTOBER READINGS

- 10/01 Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 71:22-24; 1 Corinthians 16:1-11, Luke 6:1-11
- 10/08 Exodus 25:1-9, Psalm 72:1-4; 1 Corinthians 16:12-24, Luke 6:12-16
- 10/15 Exodus 25:10-22, Psalm 72:5-7, 2 Corinthians 1:1-11, Luke 6:17-26
- 10/22 Exodus 25:23-30, Psalm 72:8-11; 1 Corinthians 1:12-24, Luke 6:27-39
- 10/29 1 Samuel 3:19-4:1a, Psalm 46:1-7; Romans 3:21-28, John 8:31-36



- 10/02 Michael Barosh
- 10/02 Sharon Nielsen
- 10/04 Teagan Stewart-Gallegos
- 10/05 Claudia Wilfert
- 10/08 Kirk House
- 10/14 Cheryl Young
- 10/19 Grace Moulden
- 10/25 Sarah Barosh
- 10/29 Lynette Hernandez



**Our FLC Family**

- Dorothy Atchetee
- Harlo & Rhonda Atchetee
- Ron Chambles
- Bonnie Jones
- Marilyn Kight
- Kim & Larry Ledwig
- Lloyd Nelson
- Jimmy Nielsen
- Ashley Schoeneberg
- Bentley

**Friends of FLC**

- Juana
- Candace J
- Phillip U
- Sherrie Z
- Gerald R
- Charles Petersen



- 10/06 Loretta Johnson
- 10/09 Asa Lundy
- 10/10 Stanley Mc Millan
- 10/11 Ronald Chambles
- 10/11 Everly Orsak
- 10/18 Sawyer Schoenfield
- 10/23 Gloria Campbell
- 10/25 Liam Joines
- 10/25 Emma Moulden
- 10/25 Grace Moulden
- 10/27 Ty Mathews

*List will be cleared on the 1<sup>st</sup> in January, April, July and October. Please help us stay current; call the office with changes or additions.*



**PRAY FOR  
ALL WHO  
SERVE IN  
THE US MILITARY**

**WE'RE HERE WHEN YOU NEED US**



OR



- 10/23 Jimmy & Kathleen Joines
- 10/26 Evon & Linda Atchetee
- 10/30 Kirk & Pat Marek

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**COUNCIL MEETING**  
Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m.

**Pastor Clyde Grier:**  
Phone: 979-541-6173

**LCMC Annual Gathering – October 1-4,  
2023**

**THEME: All Hands on Deck**

- Speakers
- Focus Groups
- Breakout Sessions
- Fellowship Dinner
- District Meetings
- Recognitions
- Exhibitors
- Learn More About LCMC



**First School Board**

Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 p.m.

**Church Council**

Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m.  
(Note the change to Monday!)

**A = Always**

**S = Say**

**A = A**

**P = Prayer**



**Life Chain Sunday**

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, is Life Chain Sunday. El Campo's Life Chain will take place from 2 – 3 p.m. at the intersection of Jackson and Mechanic Streets. Participants are to gather in the small parking lot across from Rioux Hardware at 1:45 p.m. Signs will be available.

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**The Annual Gathering will be live streamed.  
(Please note: If you plan to tune in, all times listed on the LCMC home page/events will be local time for St. Charles, MO.)**



# October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 <i>Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM</i>	9	10	11	12 <i>First School Board Meeting 5PM</i>	13 <i>Pumpkin Patch</i>	14 <i>Pumpkin Patch</i>
15 <i>Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion</i>	16 <i>Church Council Meeting 6PM</i>	17	18 <i>Newsletter Items Due</i>	19	20	21
22 <i>Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM</i>	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 <i>Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM</i>	30	31				

## October Responsibilities

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Kirk House  
**SEXTON:** Kirk Marek  
**USHERS:** Will Joines, David Kight  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Sheila Miller, Sharon Nielsen

### READER

1<sup>st</sup> Cathy Schoenfield  
 8<sup>th</sup> Clayton Joines  
 15<sup>th</sup> Diane Stewart  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Grace Moulden  
 29<sup>th</sup> Helen Johnson

If you are unable to serve on your date,  
 please find someone to take your place.



## OCTOBER FLOWER CALENDAR

1<sup>st</sup> Open  
 8<sup>th</sup> Open  
 15<sup>th</sup> Open  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Jimmy & Kathy Joines  
 29<sup>th</sup> Kirk & Pat Marek

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**Join us on Sunday mornings!**

**Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.**  
**Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.**