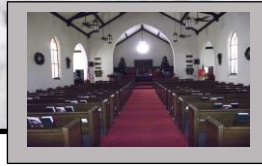


FIRST FRUITS

WE GIVE OUR FIRST FRUITS

BECAUSE HE GAVE US HIS ONLY SON

July 2019



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First Things First...

TO THE GALATIANS

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ...

Galatians 1:3

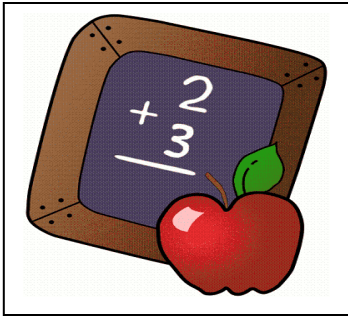
Paul's customary greeting conveys his deeply seeded love and concern for all people. The people of the Roman Empire, scripturally the "Greeks" or "Gentiles," saluted one another by conveying gifts or thoughts of gifts to one another. Thus, Paul offers "grace to you." Meanwhile, the Jewish believers as recipients of his letters considered "shalom" as the offering of God's peace to the one greeted. Paul incorporates the two for all people through offering grace and peace.

More significantly, Paul reveals why he can offer such greeting by continuing in verse 4, that it is the Lord Jesus Christ *"who gave Himself for our sins that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father."* The offer of grace and peace is ours today! We are recipients of Paul's letters, even as were those first century Christians. We may be tempted to look back to those Roman-ruled times and shake our heads in dismay at the thoughts of the immorality frequently featured in portrayals of art and history. But that time was no less lascivious than today. King Solomon was absolutely correct in bemoaning the truth: *"that which has been is that which will be, and that which has been done is that which shall be done. So, there is nothing new under the sun."* Ecclesiastes 1:9. The importance of our Lord's grace and peace remains vital for sanity and safety in this life.

The tempest of life yearns for that grace and peace which comes only from God. The encouragement needed to have grace and peace emanates from the Heavenly Father flowing through those who worship Him in Spirit and Truth. Where does anyone find that contentment of grace and peace? Foremost, grace and peace rest on a living and loving relationship with the Lord. Daily reading of God's love letter, the Bible, offers His presence and suffers the reader to receive the comfort and strength needed to overcome *"this present evil age."* The salvation in Christ Jesus granting serenity rests solely and fully in the communicated love of the Father. Centrally, the confidence of knowing that the victory over the world is *"according to the will of our God and Father."* Nothing happens outside the permissive will of God and all is for the strengthening of faith and to foster greater reliance on the One Who Loves Perfectly. Lastly, from outside this text comes the discovery that believers gain enCOURAGEment from one another. Hebrews 10:23-25 says: *"Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promises is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."*

Grace and peace flow from the throne of God giving His people the confidence to face life's trials and troubles. Grace and peace stream from the Lord that His own may humbly and thankfully receive the blessings and benefits He bestows.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
Rev. Clyde Grier – interim pastor



First School And Day Care

First School currently has 77 children enrolled. We have been having a great summer and are looking forward to our Vacation Bible School week! VBS will run July 29th – August 2nd from 9 a.m. -11:30 a.m.! If you are interested in volunteering please let me know by email at firstschoolanddaycare@yahoo.com or call 361-235-1053.

Many blessings,

Bree Joines

First School Director

**First School Board Meeting –
Tuesday, July 10th, 5:30 p.m.**

JULY READINGS

07/07 Psalm 30; 2 Kings 5:1-14, Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16, Luke 10:1-11,16-20
07/14 Psalm 82; Amos 7:7-17, Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37
07/21 Psalm 52; Amos 8:1-12, Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42
07/28 Psalm 85; Hosea 1:2-10, Colossians 2:6-15,(16-19), Luke 11:1-13



07/05 Lynda Christenberry
 07/10 Charlotte Watson
 07/11 Jimmy Nielsen
 07/12 Jan Nelson
 07/20 Charles Bard
 07/23 Gloria Campbell
 07/24 Matthew Stewart
 07/26 Linda Atchetee
 07/31 Billie Jean Bram



Our FLC Family
 Dorothy Atchetee
 Evon & Linda Atchetee
 Charles Bard
 Ron Chambles
 Nora Hollingsworth
 Jewel Deen House
 Harry & Marilyn Kight
 Helen Kight
 Kim & Larry Ledwig
 John Nelson
 Family of Norma Newton

Friends of FLC
 Vanessa
 Eugene Bard
 Ernest & Rozell Giesie
 Peggy Glaze
 Verna Roy
 Kim Walker
 Monica Harris
 Riley Sless

Sherry Morgan
 S J Swanson
 Shawn
 Daniel Wittig
 Kim S
 Luke Streiford
 Veronica Richards



07/12 Gaynard Wigginton
 07/12 Benjamin Hernandez
 07/19 Nora Borak
 07/22 Kathleen Joines
 07/24 Harry Kight

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



**PRAY FOR OUR
 LOVED ONES
 IN THE MILITARY**

Jake Barosh
 U.S. Armed Forces



07/13 Leroy & Billie Jean Bram

WE'RE HERE WHEN YOU NEED US



OR



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COUNCIL MEETING
 Thursday, July 18th
 6:00 p.m.

Pastor Clyde Grier:
 Phone: 979-541-6173

THANK YOU!

Dear Church Family,

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who helped in any way with the dinner reception following the Celebration of Life Service for Norma Newton. The plentiful donations of desserts were evidence of your love for her. We also don't want to forget the people who set up the fellowship hall with the tables and chairs and cleaned up the kitchen and fellowship hall for the next day. Every detail takes planning and we want to say thanks for making sure things were taken care of. We feel very blessed that so many people helped us through this difficult time. May God Bless All of You!

Sincerely,

The Family of Norma Newton



First Lutheran Youth

Marie Hall and 9 campers are headed to Camp Eagle for a fun time of learning, singing, praying, making new friends, and lots of adventures in the outdoors!

Please keep them in your prayers for safe travels and a meaningful week at camp!

The youth would like to thank everyone who donated, purchased, and helped in any way with their fund raisers. These events allowed them to participate in this camping week. When they return, be sure to ask them about their camp experiences.

WOMEN OF THE WORD MEETING

NO meeting in July

WOW Food Drive
Sunday, July 7th

A = Always
S = Say
A = A
P = Prayer



Pre-Gathering Seminars:

Women's Seminar-

Sponsored by Women of the Word – for all women

Leadership Seminar-

For Pastors and all Ministry Leaders
(Both seminars begin Friday, August 2nd, at 12:30 p.m. To attend add \$10 more.)

LCMC Texas District Gathering

August 2-3, 2019

(5:00 p.m. Friday evening – 4:15 p.m. Saturday)

Faith Lutheran Church

1326 Cedar St., Seguin, TX

Keynote Speakers: Greg Finke

Mark Vander Tuig

Daniel Emery Price

Tickets: \$50 thru 7/15, \$60 after 7/15

Included – Refreshments & "Crosswalk" t-shirt

To Register: Registration forms are available in the church office

Or register online: 2019LCMCTEXAS.eventbrite.com



July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion WOW Food Drive	8	9 First School Board Meeting 5:30PM	10	11	12	13
14 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM	15 Camp Eagle	16 - - Camp - - Newsletter Items Due	17 - - Camp -	18 - - Camp -	19 - - Camp -	20 - - Camp - -
21 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM	29 Vacation - -	30 - Bible - -	31 - School -	@ First	- School	

July Responsibilities

ASSISTING MINISTER: Calvin Borak

SEXTON: David Kight

USHERS: Odis Newton, Alvin Yackel

ALTAR GUILD: Nora Borak, Dagny Thane

ACOLYTES

7th
14th
21st
28th

READER

Ty Schoenfield
Kirk Marek
Ted Schoenfield
Sheila Herrington

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



JULY FLOWER CALENDAR

7th Open
14th Becky Sample
21st James & Sheila Herrington
28th Open

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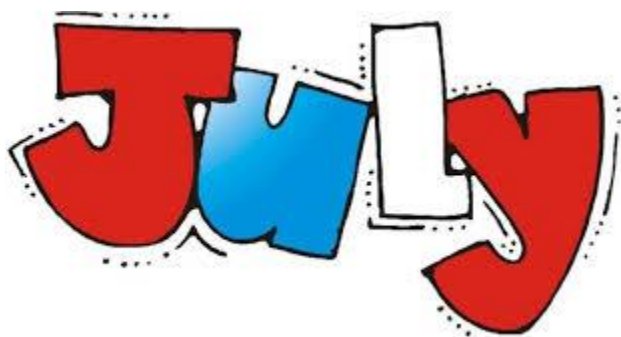
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Christine Richter, Office Manager
Bree Joines, Director of First School



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www.FIRSTLUTHERANEC.COM

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS: Sheila Herrington, Milton Johnson, David Kight, Sheila Miller, Jimmy Nielsen, Cathy Schoenfield & Lynn Talafuse.

First School VBS

When: July 29-August 2

What: Bible lessons, crafts &
outdoor games

Children of the congregation
are invited!

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CAN BE FOUND ON
OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.FIRSTLUTHERANEC.COM**



Join us on Sunday mornings!

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