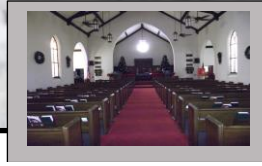


FIRST FRUITS

WE GIVE OUR FIRST FRUITS

BECAUSE HE GAVE US HIS ONLY SON

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First Things First...

TIMELESS

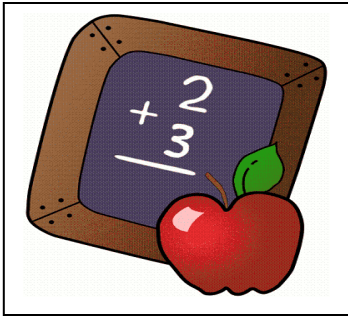
The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever.

Isaiah 40:8

I believe all sixty-six books of the canonical Old and New Testaments are the divinely inspired Word of God and I submit to them as the final authority in all matters of faith and life...

The relevance and reliability of The Bible for salvation and sanctification cannot be over-emphasized. The phrase above is the opening statement of my personal statement of faith regarding the Scriptures. The salvation message of the Gospel of Christ is the Bible's primary communication. A summary concerning the importance of this doctrine states: "We believe, teach and confess that we cannot obtain the forgiveness of sin and the righteousness before God by our own merits, works or satisfactions. Our sins are forgiven and we are made righteous before God by grace, for Christ's sake, when we believe that Jesus suffered for us and for His sake our sins are forgiven and we are made righteous before God. In order that we may obtain this faith, the ministry of the teaching of the Gospel and administration of the sacraments were instituted. For through the Word and the Sacraments, as through instruments, the Holy Spirit is given and the Holy Spirit produces faith, where and when it pleases God, in those who hear the Gospel." (The Book of Concord, translator: Theodore Tappert, 1959, Fortress Press, Philadelphia, pages 30-31) If God channels the message of eternal life through His Word, then it is important and we need to trust its dependability. When, in conceit and self-worship, people begin questioning, ridiculing, changing, denying or in any other way denigrating God's Word, they cross the truest line of demarcation. If any part of The Bible is questionable, then no part of The Bible can be trusted.

If a problem arises in understanding the purpose or application of Biblical doctrine, then the problem lies not in the Word but in the reader. "*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,*" declares the Lord. "*My ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*" (Isaiah 55:8-9) There are complex and confounding writings in the Word, but we take heart in the promise: "*He made me understand, speaking with me and saying, 'O Daniel, I have now come out to give you insight and understanding.'*" (Daniel 9:22) The greater acquaintance we enjoy with the Word of the Lord, the greater our understanding shall be. Therefore, we diligently and faithfully read, study and meditate upon God's Word that we may *grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*



First School And Day Care

First School currently has 77 children. Our school year has been going great and we are excited about the fall! We have our annual Trunk or Treat event coming up on October 25th in the church parking lot from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm! You all are invited to come out and have a great time!

Also, First school has had a makeover on the outside wall from having our wall replaced and painted as well as the parsonage. It looks so amazing and we are so thankful that we are able to contribute to the upkeep of the building. We look forward to more that God is allowing us to do by his provision and the vision he has placed on us at the school! The best is yet to come! To God be the glory!!!

Many Blessings,
Bree Joines
First School Director

**First School Board Meeting –
Tuesday, October 9th, 5:30 p.m.**

LCMC Annual Gathering –

Helen Kight and David Kight are attending the LCMC Annual Gathering in Omaha, Nebraska. Please pray for their safe travel and a meaningful experience throughout the gathering.

OCTOBER READINGS

10/06 Psalm 137; Lamentations 1:1-6, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

10/13 Psalm 66:1-12; Jeremiah 29:1,4-7, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19

10/20 Psalm 119:97-104; Jeremiah 31:27-34, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8

10/27 Psalm 65; Joel 2:23-32, 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18, Luke 18:9-14



10/02 Michael Barosh
 10/02 Sharon Nielsen
 10/04 Teagan Stewart-Gallegos
 10/05 Claudia Wilfert
 10/08 Kirk House
 10/13 Lois Barosh
 10/14 Cheryl Young
 10/19 Grace Moulden
 10/19 John Nelson
 10/25 Sarah Barosh
 10/29 Lori Cykala
 10/29 Lynette Hernandez



Our FLC Family
 Dorothy Atchetee
 Evon & Linda Atchetee
 Charles Bard
 Calvin & Nora Borak
 Ron Chambles
 Pastor & Alys Grier
 Nora Hollingsworth
 Jewel Deen House
 Harry & Marilyn Kight
 Kim & Larry Ledwig
 John Nelson

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 Streiferd
 Ruby Davis
 Laura Atchetee Cunningham
 Family of Flaudie Nixon



10/06 Loretta Johnson
 10/16 Odis Newton
 10/09 Asa Lundy
 10/11 Ronald Chambles
 10/18 Sawyer Schoenfield
 10/23 Gloria Campbell
 10/25 Liam Joines
 10/25 Emma Moulden
 10/25 Grace Moulden
 10/27 Ty Mathews

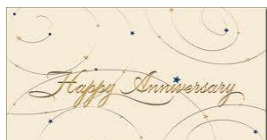
List will be cleared on the 1st in January, April, July and October. Please help us stay current; call the office with changes or additions.



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

Jake Barosh
 U.S. Armed Forces

WE'RE HERE WHEN YOU NEED US



10/20 Parke & Lynda Christenberry
 10/23 Jimmy & Kathleen Joines
 10/26 Evon & Linda Atchetee
 10/30 Kirk & Pat Marek
 10/31 Larry & Cheryl Young



OR



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COUNCIL MEETING
 Thursday, October 17th
 6:00 p.m.

Pastor Clyde Grier:
 Phone: 979-541-6173

WOW Changes

"At our Semi-Annual Meeting on August 25th, it was decided to change the Women of the Word meetings to be a Bible Reading each month, rather than the business meeting. We will start by reading the book of Ruth with our October meeting, the first Monday of the month beginning at 6:00 pm in the Trued Room. This will be a very informal Bible Reading/Study. No time for visiting about work, politics, grand-babies, etc. Bring your own water bottle or coffee cause this will be strictly a reading of the Bible and discussing the passages that are being read. Each meeting should last only one (1) hour! Please make plans to attend....bring your Bible and join us!

Ask your neighbor to join us or bring a friend!

Remember October 7th, 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the Trued Room....Bring your Bible!"



FALL LUNCHEON

Mark your calendars for our Fall Luncheon on Sunday, October 27, 2019!

We will have the traditional meal of turkey, dressing and all the sides. The turkeys, dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls, gravy & tea are already being provided, so dust off the cookbooks and bring your favorite dessert! Make plans to attend our morning service and then join us for a great meal and fellowship with friends and family.

WOMEN OF THE WORD MEETING

Monday, October 7th
6:00 p.m.

WOW Food Drive
Sunday, October 6th

A = Always

S = Say

A = A

P = Prayer



Thank You!

Pastor and Alys would like to thank everyone for their prayers at the time of his surgery and ongoing healing! (In his words, he is recovering very nicely.)

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Manna Meals

First Lutheran will not have a date to serve at Manna Meals for the month of October. Our next turn will come on Thursday, November 7th!

LCMC Annual Gathering

September 29 - October 2, 2019

CHI Health Center

Omaha, Nebraska

**Keynote Speakers – Worship -- Fellowship –
Networking – Breakout Sessions**

Theme: Listen Up!

To Register: Registration forms are available in the church office

For more information and to register online:

www.lcmc.net/annual-gathering



October 2019

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

October Responsibilities

ASSISTING MINISTER: Kirk House

SEXTON: Lynn Talafuse

USHERS: Will Joines, David Kight

ALTAR GUILD: Sheila Miller, Sharon Nielsen

ACOLYTES

6th
13th
20th
27th

READER

Diane Stewart
Helen Johnson
Lynn Talafuse
Ruth Speckels

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



OCTOBER FLOWER CALENDAR

6th

Open

13th

Open

20th

James & Sheila Herrington

27th

Kirk & Pat Marek

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the Word for over a century.*

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Helen Marie Kight, Organist
Christine Richter, Office Manager
Bree Joines, Director of First School



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

Garden Villa Birthday Party

The Women of First Lutheran Church hosted a birthday party at Garden Villa Nursing Home (to celebrate September birthdays). Thank you to our volunteers who helped provide cakes and small gifts for the birthday honorees. Special thanks to those who attended to help make the party special!

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WWW.FIRSTLUTHERANEC.COM**



**Join us for our Fall
Luncheon on Sunday, October 27th!**

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m
Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.
Fall Luncheon – 12:15 p.m.