



# First Lutheran Church and School

The Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 11, 2024  
As Great Commission disciples of Jesus Christ, we will make disciples by  
*Growing Up...Reaching Out...and Walking Together with Jesus.*

We will ***Grow Up*** by attaining to the full measure of Jesus Christ through ***Worship*** and ***Teaching/Learning***.

## Pastor:

Rev. Joseph Highley  
flcsponcacity@gmail.com

## Office Hours

Mon. 9-12, Tues. 10:30-12  
Wed. 10:30-12, Thur. 9:30-11

## Elders on Duty:

Ron Roehl  
Dan McGregor

## Music Director:

Chris Schelp

## Altar Guild on Duty:

Edie Hunt, Ch.  
Becky Bacher  
Jan Pinnegar

## Reader:

Jennifer Hoak

## Acolyte:

Caylee Hurd  
Trie Barnard  
William Vaughan

## Attendance

February 4<sup>th</sup> -

**Sunday** – 9:00am Divine Service

10:30am Sunday School

**Monday** – 9:30am Tai Chi (FH)

**Tuesday** – 8:30am Coffee w/Jesus (FH)

8:30am Men's Bible Study (BR)

9:30am Cup of Joe (FH)

6:30pm Council (FH)

**Wednesday** – *Ash Wednesday*

7:00am PBJ

9:15am- Chapel

5:30pm – FLY (YH)

5:30pm – Handbells

5:30pm Lent Supper (FH)

6:30pm Lent Service

7:30pm Choir

**Thursday** – 9:00am Matins

9:30am Ladies Bible Study (FH)

3:30pm Tai Chi (FH)

6:30pm Scouts (FH)

7:00pm YALL (YH)

**Friday** – No School FLS

**Saturday** –

**Sunday** – 9:00am Divine Service

10:30am Sunday School

*FH – Fellowship Hall BR – Board Room YH – Youth House*

## Education Opportunities at First Lutheran

**Adult Sunday School**.....**Pastor Highley**.....Sunday 10:30 am (FH)

The Large Catechism

**New Member Class**.....**Janet Goll**.....Sunday 10:30 am (Narthex)

*\*Meet in the Narthex beginning February 4<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour\**

**FLY Sunday School**.....**Rachell Highley** .....Sunday 10:30 am (BR)

**Children's Sunday School**.....Sunday 10:30 am (GYM)

**Koinonia Group**.....**Dave Zimmerman**.....1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 7:00 pm (FH)

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians

**Men's Bible Study**.....**John Bley**.....Tuesday 8:30 am (BR)

Understanding the Book of Revelation

**Coffee with Jesus**.....**Janet Goll**.....Tuesday 8:30 am (FH)

Revelation Study

**Thursday LBS**.....**Jan Pinnegar**.....Thursday 9:30am (FH)

God's Word for Today: Luke

**YALL**.....**Jennifer Heitman**.....Thursday 7:00 pm (YH)

Divine Service

## Holy Communion

We celebrate the Lord's Supper in glad confidence that our Lord Jesus, as He says, gives His very body and blood under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin.

Previously we have had non-alcoholic wine available in the center of each tray. It is now available upon request.

If you are in need of gluten free wafers or non-alcoholic wine please notify the Elder or Pastor and we will gladly provide these options for you.

We will **Reach Out** by inviting those who do not know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, Lord, and Friend into a personal relationship with Him through **Witnessing** and by ministering to the human needs of people in our local community through lives of **Service**.

## Prodigious Profession

Evangelism is for more than outsiders. Invite someone back to church and you start hearing some of the oddest reasons for inattendance. A woman told me she just had nothing nice to wear. That was weird to my ears. Some wear suits; some wear jeans & tees. I told her that David was a shepherd boy, and when God called him he probably had manure on his robe and dirt under his fingernails. Everybody else saw a shepherd boy. God saw a king. “If you come to church with a heart seeking God, you might actually be the best-dressed person in the sanctuary.” She came that next Sunday and I was quick to greet her, but she didn’t come back. Sometimes it takes lots of listening to find out what really eats at someone. Sharing the gospel is often a listening skill. When a tree falls in the woods and nobody hears it, God does.

(Well, He and that Chihuahua 500 miles away that starts barking its head off.)

## LWR Baby Kits

A new baby is a blessing, but bringing a baby into the world can also be a difficult and scary thing for a mother living in poverty. Keeping a new baby healthy, clean and comfortable can take a lot of resources. Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits provide the basics a family needs to care for their newest members and introduce them to the world with pride. Can you help us build baby kits to send to mothers in need? We’re collecting the following items for our baby kits:

Light weight t-shirts  
Receiving blankets  
Jackets, sweaters, or hoodies  
Socks  
Bath sized bars of gentle soap



Sleeper gowns (without feet)  
Cloth diapers  
Baby hats/caps  
Dark colored hand towels  
Diaper pins or large safety pins

Our goal this year is to make 83 kits for LWR. Now is a great time to hit the thrift stores and find some of these baby items! If you have any questions or would like to help in this effort contact Deena Lorett.

We will **Walk Together** by forming deep and abiding relationships with people in our Church/School community through **Stewarding** and **Fellowshipping** activities organized and designed for the mutual uplifting and consolation of the Saints of FLCS.

**Faithful**  
*Stewards*  
**BLESSINGS ON YOUR 2024  
STEWARDSHIP JOURNEY!!**

Mark 9:6 – “For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified.” Soon enough, the disciples’ terror turned into joy, for when Jesus is with us, there is no need to fear. He loves us and cares for us and will never abandon us. That assurance is the basis of all generosity — for only those who are set free from worry can learn the joy of giving.

## Bereavement Fellowship

GRIEF IS NOT MEANT TO BE AVOIDED OR FEARED; IT IS MEANT TO BE WORKED THROUGH. GRIEF HURTS, BUT DENYING YOUR TRUE FEELINGS CAN HURT EVEN MORE. WITH GOD’S HELP, YOU CAN FACE YOUR PAIN AND MOVE BEYOND IT.

“IN MY ANGUISH I CRIED TO THE LORD, AND HE ANSWERED BY SETTING ME FREE. THE LORD IS WITH ME; I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT CAN MAN DO TO ME?” PSALM 118:5-6

FOR MANY GRIEVING PEOPLE, SUPPORT GROUPS ARE ONE OF THE BEST HELPING RESOURCES. IN A GROUP YOU CAN CONNECT WITH OTHERS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED SIMILAR THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS.

OUR FEBRUARY MEETING WILL BE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15 TH – 2:00 PM  
1305 CORONADO STREET – PONCA CITY  
MARCELLA – 762-0291; SHIRLEY – 761-4657



## General Announcements

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:00am-12:00pm**

**WE'RE HIRING** We currently have an opening for Church office secretary. If you or someone you know are interested, email a resume to [flcsponcacity@gmail.com](mailto:flcsponcacity@gmail.com).

**FUNERAL** for Joni Paynter will be held Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at Odd Fellows Cemetery.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Our Braille ministry is coming soon! We will need volunteers to help print Braille materials. We will be only the 3<sup>rd</sup> Braille site in Oklahoma, joining Oklahoma City and Edmond! Volunteer training will take place Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, times to be announced at a later date. Prayerfully consider your involvement with this new ministry opportunity. If you have any questions contact Sandy Sibley.

**BEREAVEMENT FELLOWSHIP** will meet Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Contact Marcella Matthews for more information.

**PRINCIPAL CALL COMMITTEE** Candidate Stacy Sato has declined the call from First Lutheran as Principal for next school year. Please continue praying for the call committee as they continue the journey of finding a new principal to serve here at FLCS.

**--- 2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX ---**



**F.L.Y.**  
**FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH**



**First Lutheran Church - Ponca City**  
**1101 n. 4th St.**

**BE GRACIOUS TO ME**

**Midweek services in Lent**  
**Wednesdays at 6:30**

**Supper 5:30-6:15**

**Lent Service 6:30**

**F.L.Y. 5:15-7:30**

LWML Mite Sunday

Disaster Response Team  
2022-2025 – Mission Grant 5 - \$50,000

Trinity Lutheran Church Disaster Response Team (TLC DRT) in Tyler, Texas, answers the call to serve our neighbors in need by ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of people affected by severe storms such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods. The team is comprised totally of volunteer workers who set up base camps in areas that have been affected by natural disasters. They listen compassionately to the stories of people who have been affected by storms and share Christ’s love with them in Word and action.



TLC DRT's equipment and trailers are also used by volunteers from other teams, causing additional wear and tear on equipment. This grant will allow repair and replacement of necessary equipment so the team can continue to be Christ’s hands and feet and share God’s love to people affected by disasters.



- 2/11 Shelly Schatte
- 2/12 Jane Miller (80)
- 2/13 Frances Brackett (96)
- 2/13 Beverly Roedel (86)
- 2/14 Patrick Ozbun
- 2/14 Aspyn Steichen (10)
- 2/15 Betty Schwanke (97)
- 2/16 Barb Hanson
- 2/19 Terry Hance
- 2/21 Aaron Cawley
- 2/21 Mackenzie Gales
- 2/21 Jerry LeBaron
- 2/22 Jerry Hance
- 2/23 Jillian Wade (9)



- 2/14 Steve and Tanya Hercyk (20)
- 2/16 Bill and Darlene Flegler (34)
- 2/17 Ron and Janel Geiser (51)

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 2/5 Madeline Burkett
- 2/6 Joyce Abbuhl
- 2/7 Tanner Cline
- 2/7 Buddy Klumpp
- 2/8 Jordyn Heitman
- 2/10 Cole Pannell
- 2/11 Gene Allyn
- 2/11 Lauren King
- 2/11 Mellanie LeBaron
- 2/12 Tanya Hercyk
- 2/12 Sandra James
- 2/14 Rhonda Hurd
- 2/14 Lila Kizer
- 2/16 Dolores Barnhart
- 2/19 Kade Burkett
- 2/22 Janie Heitman
- 2/23 Maureen Chamberlain
- 2/24 Daniel Grimes
- 2/25 Jay Laramy
- 2/25 Daine Taglialatela
- 2/25 Sean Taglialatela
- 2/26 Caleb Wilson



First Lutheran Church is blessed with so many faithful members. In 2024 we will have 46 members 80 years or older; 14 men and 32 women. Of those 46 members, 17 of them will be 90 years or older! Many of these faithful members are still able to attend church service each week, while some others attend our XYZ services regularly. We are blessed with their many years of love and service to First Lutheran. We praise God for continuing to give them the strength and endurance to worship with us, whether from home or together with us, and for the love their families show in caring for them.

What a faithful example for the rest of us! All Glory be to God!



## Prayers for Our Church

Heavenly Father, forgive us for the selfish divisions we have brought to Your Church and world. Unite us by Your Spirit so we walk with the grace of Christ. In His name, Amen



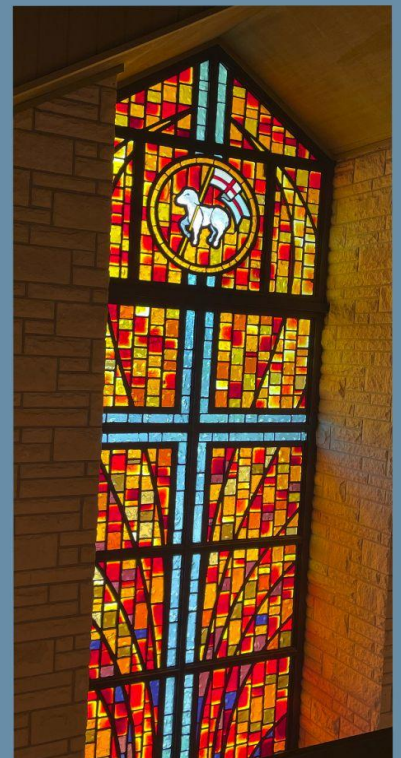
**Those with chronic illness and their families:** Rachel Hawkins, Britney Duff, Becky May, Saxxon Loret, Marietta Kengle, JoAnn Ward, Svetlana Mayer, Heather Hoecker, Glenn Bacher, Jill Wright (*daughter of Jessie Peck*), JV and Jessie Peck, Gery and Marilyn Pralle, Lois Bintz, Sam and Caitlyn Meserve, Lyndsie Collins (*granddaughter of Lenora Veloz*), Lori Kelly, Buddy McCoy, Trudi Stigge, Julian Aguilar, Lou Ann O'Neill, June, Don Young, Norma Tucker (*wife of custodian, Lane*), Geri Ayers (*sister of Jodi Cline*), Rita Rains (*wife of Pastor Butch Rains*), those with dementia and their caregivers

**Those suffering from cancer and their families:** Carol Rackley, Darla Hays, Debbie Deleon, Anastassiya Shvilko (*daughter of Lucy Rule*), Don Riley (*formerly on the Oklahoma District Board of Directors*), Elliot Strutton (*grandson of Rev. David Thompson, First Lutheran, Chickasha, retired*), Michelle Bodenstein (*daughter-in-law of HD and Carla Bodenstein*), Pastor Mozeik and Barb, Leah Stewart (*great-niece of Glenn and Becky Bacher*), Lisa Jacobson (*friend of Gary and Sandy Sibley*), Carol Davis, Bruce Ayers (*brother-in-law of Jodi Cline*), Phil Johnston, Jack and Pam Rawlins, Margaret Burkhart (*sister of John Bley*), Leslie Waite, Mike Wright (*son-in-law of JV and Jessie Peck*), Chris Mudd, Karen Runsy (*wife of Rev John Runsey, Guthrie*)

**Those whose needs are known to God:** Julie (*daughter of Jessie Peck*), Carolyn Goldsberry

## Prayer Requests

- ❖ FLCS Call Committees for Deaconess, Principal, and School Teachers
- ❖ Ann Ozbun, ongoing health concerns
- ❖ David Zimmerman, as he continues recovering from knee surgery
- ❖ Family and friends mourning the losses of Joni Paynter and Luella Seeliger
- ❖ Jeremy & Sarah Brey, as they deliberate their calls to Merrill and Wausau Wisconsin, and to First Lutheran
- ❖ Gery Pralle, thankful for continued prayers for ongoing health concerns
- ❖ All those battling illnesses



FEBRUARY 20, 2024

WE CELEBRATE

99 YEARS OF "GROW"ING AT

*First Lutheran Church*



## Sermon Notes

2 Corinthians 3: 12-13 (14-18); 4:1-6



Attendance

### Share the good news

Have any news to share with us? We'd love to hear! Email us at [flcsponcacity@gmail.com](mailto:flcsponcacity@gmail.com) or call us at (580)762-1111.

*\*Please send announcements in by 8:00 Wednesday mornings.*

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