



First Lutheran Church and School

The First Sunday in Lent, February 18, 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:

Ron Reohl

Acolyte:

Levi Chessher

Sunday – 9:00am Divine Service

10:30am Sunday School

Monday – **NO SCHOOL FLS**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

9:30am Tai Chi (FH)

7:00pm Koinonia (FH)

Tuesday – 8:30am Coffee w/Jesus (FH)

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

6:00pm Worship Committee (FH)

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)

12:00pm OWLS (FH)

3:30pm Tai Chi (FH)

7:00pm YALL (YH)

Friday –

Saturday –

Sunday – 9:00am Divine Service

10:30am Sunday School

6:30pm Hymn/Prayer Night

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

Attendance

February 11th - 155

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 4th 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**.....1st & 3rd Monday 7:00 pm (FH)

1st and 2nd 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

We’ve talked about worship, confession, and fellowship as Christian habits. There are many more. “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly before your God.” Micah 6:8. (Christian activism and service are in those first 2 things) Christian life comes with “Some assembly required.” Prayer, study, remembering God’s words, serving, understanding our stuff actually belongs to God, admonishment, suffering, witnessing—just a few of them. Often people avoid the fact that God wants your whole life. We were in registration line in college handing out cards that asked if the person would like to know about Jesus. A prankster filled out the name of the meanest atheist in his frat house, and turned it in. So Dave Gras made a call on him. His first words, “I hate you Christian guys!” But Dave didn’t walk away. He started telling how crazy fun it was to be a believer, then posed a couple of hard questions that everyone faces in their future. The guy began to talk and indeed eventually became a believer!
Lesson: Be a friend, share your faith.

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 Loret.

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.



BLESSINGS ON YOUR 2024 STEWARDSHIP JOURNEY!!

Mark 1:13 – “And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.” God the Father cares for Jesus even in the midst of His temptation in the wilderness. God cares for us in every situation as well. Jesus realized this and always acted from the basis of trust in God the Father’s provision. This is likewise the basis for our life lived in Christ: God cares for us, so we need not act out of fear or greed.

Valentine’s Salad Luncheon Recap

The action team got into gear thanks to Trudi’s Thrivent grant, which provided the seed money for our Valentines Salad Luncheon. There are many great cooks in our congregation. Thank you to those that cooked items for our chicken salad: Carol Powell, Shelly Schatte, Barbara Mayer, Linda Lyons, Gary Sibley, Jennifer Hoak, and Marcella Matthews who cooked 96 cups of rice! The school children rolled silverware, moved furniture, setup and took down tables. They have fun working together. Transforming the interior to a lovely bistro were Murla Crossman, Jan Pinnegar, Edie Hunt, Barbara Mayer, and Linda Lyons. Trudi Stigge and Pat Setzkorn measured and assembled casseroles. Charlie and Marilyn Karn brought strong hands and restaurant experience to mix em up and get all those ingredients in the pan. Barbara Mayer and Martha Schwanke showed up at 6:30am to start cooking. Paula Ingmire did a wonderful job of calling to remind and sign people up to bring salads. 51 church and school members contributed salads. Van Peck and Steve Schwanke worked the curbside pickup, making it easy for all on their way to work. Della Rein and Edie Hunt were glad to take your ticket money. Dolores Barnhart welcomed all to the 2024 luncheon. Pastor, Sandy Sibley, and Glenda Hager served you a generous portion of the signature salad. Then you got to fill your plate with the amazing variety of salads, all made with love. I thank God for your we-can-do-this attitude, and His giving us the strength to get it done. Working together was not only fun but fulfilling in making relationships, and funds for improvements! Projects like this allow the Guild to give \$5000 to the fellowship flooring. Thanks be to God for the anonymous member who was moved to give \$10,434.05 to pay the balance owed on the floors. I am slaos grateful for David Birnbaum and his leadership with the students in the set up and take down for the event. A last shout out to Mike Lyons. We came across a couple of useless tables due to broken legs. Mike immediately took them to MJH for welding and had them back within an hour. Thanks for stepping up and making that happen. Thanks be to God for you all. Keep radiating His love!
-Kathy Brockhoff



Thursday
February 20th
12:00 - 3:00pm
Lunch Provided

Food, fun and fellowship



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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
on Monday, February 19th. We will re-open Tuesday through Thursday from 8:00am-Noon.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Our Braille ministry is coming soon! We will need volunteers to help print Braille materials. We will be only the 3rd Braille site in Oklahoma, joining Oklahoma City and Edmond! Volunteer training will take place Saturday, March 9th, 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.

CHURCH RETREAT Thank you to all who were able to attend our church retreat! We are looking forward to the plans God has for FLCS!

LENT During this season of Lent we invite you to join us each Wednesday evening. Supper will be served beginning at 5:30 and service will begin at 6:30.

YOUTHLEAD FUN FACT!! Did you know First Lutheran Church is the only church in the OK District sending and youth to the YouthLead program again this year? Even in our small part of the OK District our youth are making a big impact! To God be the Glory!

Saxxon, Kelby, Jordyn, Jaclynn, and Josie would like to thank everyone who helped support sending them to YouthLead. They arrived at 9:00am to begin assembling 30 charcuterie boards for the Super Bowl. They had everything assembled within 2 hours! With this fundraiser they were able to raise \$850 to help send them to YouthLead this summer. We will have more fundraisers coming up to help them raise the last \$4000 needed for their trip. Thank you for supporting our youth and helping them GROW into the leaders of the next generation!



YouthLead participants: Saxxon Lorette, Kelby Grimes, Jordyn Heitman, Jaclynn Heitman, Josie Gales

F.L.Y.
FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH

**WEDNESDAY
NIGHTS LENT HOURS**

5:15-7:30

First Lutheran Church
1101 N. 4th St

Hymn Corner
"The Lamb" (LSB 547)
(main text by Ralph C. Schultz)
Director of Music, Chris Schelp

According to the composer and author of "The Lamb," Gerald P. Coleman, its composition began with a visual image. In 1985, a fellow seminarian of Coleman, James Disney, mounted an exhibition of his paintings. One of them, entitled "The Lamb of God," showed a white lamb on a black background. The legs are tied and the Lamb seems to be still, except for the impression that it is offering its neck. The text, tune, and setting were written during a three-hour summer school class at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Inspired by Disney's painting, Coleman wanted to bring together the sacrificial suffering of the Lamb and the vision of the Lamb upon the throne by portraying both through the lens of triumph. He wrote the tune first; after experimenting with word choices and rhymes, he was able to complete the text, tune, and setting before the end of the class period. In fact, he said the following: "After a painful and confusing hour, it came to me with great clarity that there would be no revisions. It is the only piece in my oeuvre of which I can say this, and I always considered it an inspiration, as if God were moving through my pencil. I never changed a note or word. While it was conceived of as a choral piece, I had a feeling that its simplicity might somehow lead to use as a hymn."



Lent Midweek I
“Sustained in Sickness”

5:30 - Supper
6:30 - Service

Supper hosted by:

YouthLead-
taco bar

*free will offering to benefit
YouthLead trip



- 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)
- 2/24 Charity Felton (25)
- 2/24 Gary Horton
- 2/26 Ryan Fredricks
- 2/27 Mike Lyons
- 2/28 Sandi Lyons
- 2/28 Denise Scott
- 3/1 Presley Fuller
- 3/1 Cole Pannell
- 3/2 Wyatt Hubbard



- 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



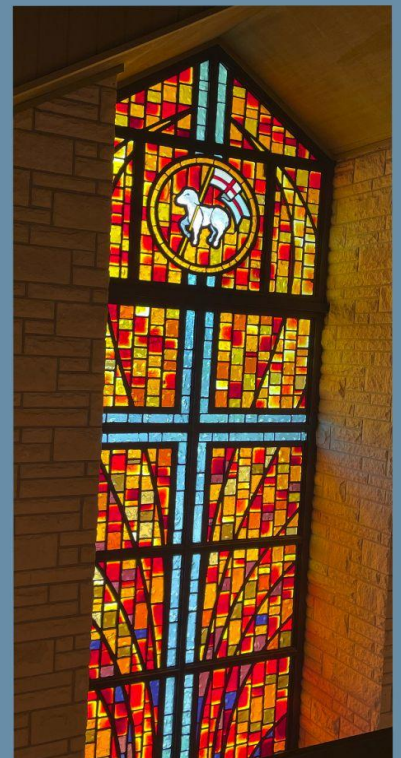
Those with chronic illness and their families: Rachel Hawkins, Britney Duff, Becky May, Saxxon Loret, Marietta Kengle, JoAnn Ward, Svetlana Mayer, Heather Hoecker, Glenn Bacher, Jill Wright (*daughter of Jessie Peck*), JV and Jessie Peck, Gery and Marilyn Pralle, Lois Bintz, Sam and Caitlyn Meserve, 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, Anastasiya 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, 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

- ❖ 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
- ❖ Olivia, (*great-granddaughter of Dan & Rhonda Hurd*), having seizures for an unknown reason
- ❖ Bethany Avila, (*daughter of Kim Oard*), recovering from surgery
- ❖ Family and friends of Pam Rawlins, mourning her loss



FEBRUARY 20, 2024

WE CELEBRATE

99 YEARS OF "GROW"ING AT

First Lutheran Church



Sermon Notes

Genesis 22:1-18



Attendance

Share the good news

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

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

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