



# First Lutheran Church and School

The Second Sunday in Lent, February 25, 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:

Karen Herard

## Acolyte:

Caylee Hurd

**Sunday** – 9:00am Divine Service

10:30am Sunday School

6:30pm Hymn/Prayer Night

**Monday** –9:30am Tai Chi (FH)

6:30pm Hatters Club (FH)

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

8:30am Men’s Bible Study (BR)

9:30am Cup of Joe (FH)

**Wednesday** –7:00am PBJ

9:15am- Chapel

5:15pm – 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

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

## Attendance

February 18<sup>th</sup> - 137

## 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**.

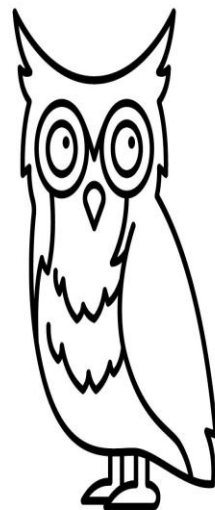
## Prodigious Profession

My church has a great theology on prayer. Do you know what it is that I don't do enough? How does prayer become something you yearn to do? Try this. Instead of gimme, gimme prayers, start laying out your heart to God like a close conversation. Recognize Who He is and who you are, tell Him your allegiance, thank Him for his grace, faithfulness, and goodness, tell your struggles, pray for others along with yourself, ask His advice. And then read His Word. Most Christians say they have the experience of reading a passage for the umpteenth time and suddenly seeing something new. That's the Holy Spirit! God will respond to your prayers in some way. And even when He's silent, you still remember He is close as the mention of His name. Soon you'll be saying like Luther, "I know not where God leads, but well I know my Guide." Pray before you witness. Soon prayer becomes so near to your life, that it won't be hard to pray with someone who needs a prayer.



## OWLS

Thursday  
February 29th  
12:00 - 3:00pm  
Lunch Provided



*Food, fun and fellowship*

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 8:32 – "And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him." Anytime we sin, we are acting like Peter, thinking we know better than the Lord. But as Jesus says, such acts stem from Satan. So let us repent. Let us trust our Lord Jesus and follow Him. For certainly He has earned our trust with His gracious sacrifice for us.

## Looking forward to 100 years...

Last weekend church members from all boards joined together to strategize and begin planning for our 100th anniversary of FLCS!

### ROOTED IN CHRIST... CENTURY OF GROWTH

Over the next several weeks we will put out more information of upcoming ideas and activities and ways to get involved. In the Narthex you'll find a sign-up sheet for different committees to help in the planning. Please prayerfully consider where you could best help serve in this endeavor.

## MEMBERS REMEMBER

As we prepare to celebrate our 100th church anniversary, we would like to collect members' memories. Please consider writing the following: Your name, the church in which you were baptized, the church in which you were confirmed, and what brought you to First Lutheran Church. Please include a favorite memory of FLCS, your favorite Bible Verse, and anything else you would like your fellow members to know about your witness to God's goodness to FLCS. Blessings as you consider this opportunity to share. Please email your stories to [flcsnextgen@gmail.com](mailto:flcsnextgen@gmail.com), or complete the online google form (scan QR code).





**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).

**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!

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS** Do you know about Thrivent Choice Dollars? If you have a Thrivent product, you probably have Choice Dollars. Those dollars are already set aside by Thrivent on your behalf to be designated for your favorite charity (maybe FLCS?). They need to be designated by the end of March. If you have not yet done so, please do. If you need help call the church office for assistance.

**JUNE FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY** The 5th Sunday in June we will have a potluck meal. As part of that Fellowship Activity, we are planning a Bible Verse Bee in which participants will be invited to recite Bible verses with citation. Please brush up on your memory work now so you will be ready to participate.

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!



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

**WEDNESDAY  
NIGHTS LENT HOURS**

**5:15-7:30**

**First Lutheran Church**  
**1101 N. 4th St**

**Night of Prayer and Hymn Sing**  
*Songs and Prayers*

**Sunday, February 25th**  
**6:30pm**

*Join us as we come together in song and prayer for the work God has done in and through FLCS over the past 99 years, and the work He continues to do through us today!*

**Hymn Corner**  
**"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" (LSB 563)**  
(main text by John W. Matthews Jr.)  
Director of Music, Chris Schelp

The precise inspiration for this hymn is unknown. However, Count Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf (1700-1760), on a trip to Copenhagen in 1731, met a black slave from the island of St. Thomas, who urged Zinzendorf to help spread the Gospel among the slaves in the West Indies. This proved to be a life-changing moment for Zinzendorf, who, from that time forward, focused his energies on worldwide Christian missions. In 1739, he visited a mission he had founded on St. Thomas, and he wrote this hymn on his return voyage across the Atlantic. It is fortunate for English-speaking peoples that John Wesley encountered members of Zinzendorf's fellowship while sailing to Georgia in 1735. He was the finest translator from German of his day. Wesley translated 24 of Zinzendorf's original 33 stanzas for this hymn in a 1740 collection, of which we sing six stanzas (Wesley's 1-2, 7-8, 12, and 21). Zinzendorf was a leader of the Moravian Church, a Pietist offshoot of German Lutheranism. He was convinced of the ecumenical power of hymn singing and its ability to unite Christians of all traditions. In this hymn there is, thankfully, little evidence of the more extreme subjectivity of many Pietist hymns; rather, the sinner is pointed to the blood of Jesus as the sole source of redemption and comfort.



Count Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf (1700-1760)

Lent Midweek 2  
“I Have Sinned”

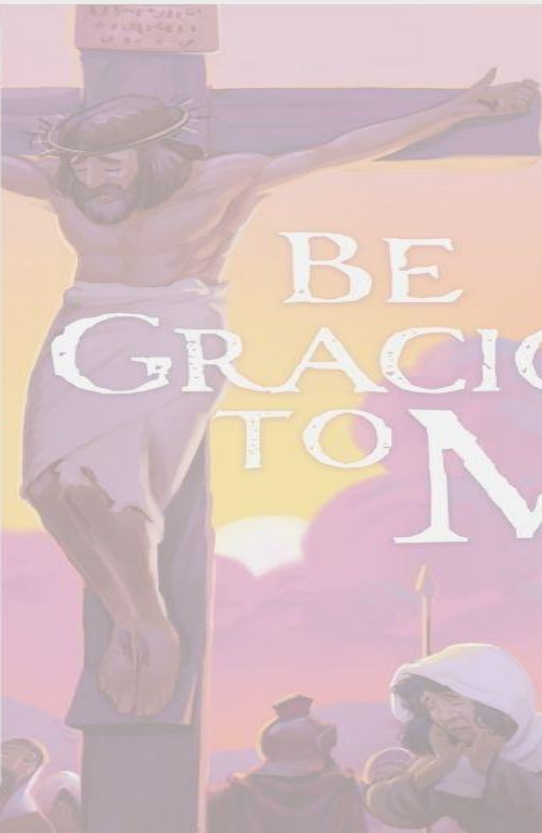
5:30 - Supper  
6:30 - Service

Supper hosted by:

YALL-  
BBQ

\*free will offering to benefit  
FLY meals

BE  
GRACIOUS  
TO ME



- 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
- 3/3 Lola Cawley (9)
- 3/4 Sierra Grassman
- 3/4 Helen Smith
- 3/6 Martha Schwanke
- 3/7 Tyrese Hinman
- 3/8 Sara King
- 3/8 Gabriella Tamez
- 3/9 Kylie Mayer



- 3/1 Aaron & Nikki Cawley (26)
- 3/15 Jay & Tracy Ogden (16)
- 3/23 JV & Jesse Peck (12)

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 2/25 Jay Laramy
- 2/25 Daine Taglialatela
- 2/25 Sean Taglialatela
- 2/26 Caleb Wilson
- 3/1 James Smith
- 3/1 Lenora Veloz
- 3/2 Gary Sibley
- 3/6 Jeremy Brey
- 3/7 Charity Felton
- 3/9 Lorene Stalcup
- 3/10 Crystal Bickford
- 3/11 Rayna Bowhay
- 3/11 Chivas Fuller
- 3/11 Holly Fuller
- 3/11 Presley Fuller
- 3/11 Riley Fuller
- 3/11 Savanah Fuller
- 3/11 Shelly Schatte
- 3/12 Molly Carter
- 3/12 Gary Horton
- 3/12 Kyle King
- 3/12 Susie Klufa



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



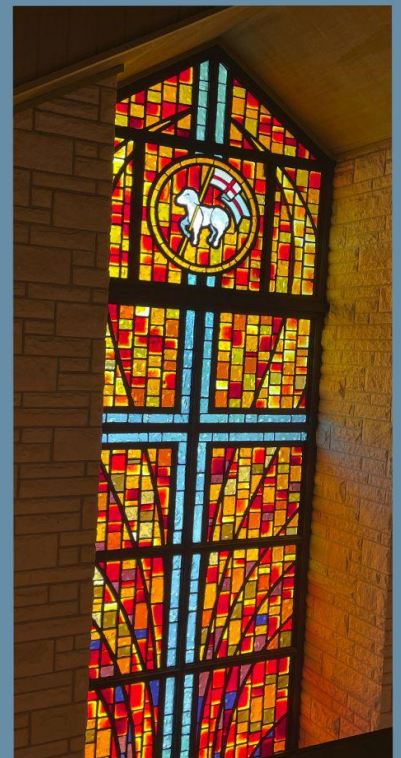
**Those with chronic illness and their families:** Rachel Hawkins, Britney Duff, Becky May, Saxxon Loret, Marietta Kengle, JoAnn Ward, Svetlana Mayer, Heather Hoecker, Glenn Bacher, Jill Wright (*daughter of Jessie Peck*), JV and Jessie Peck, Gery and Marilyn Pralle, Lois Bintz, Sam and Caitlyn Meserve, 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 Pam Rawlins, Joni Paynter, and Luella Seeliger
- ❖ Jeremy & Sarah Brey, as they deliberate their calls as to where they will serve next school year
- ❖ Gery Pralle, recovering from surgery
- ❖ Olivia, (*great-granddaughter of Dan & Rhonda Hurd*), having seizures for an unknown reason
- ❖ Victims of the KC parade shooting
- ❖ Carol Roleson, (*sister of Janet Ebbesson*), recovering from a heart attack
- ❖ Ann Ozbun, for ongoing health concerns
- ❖ Regina Anderson, recovering from an illness
- ❖ Gina Colston, (*mother of Jennifer Heitman*), hospitalized with heart issues



FEBRUARY 20, 2024

WE CELEBRATE

99 YEARS OF "GROW"ING AT

*First Lutheran Church*



## Sermon Notes

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 and Romans 5: 1-11



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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