

### First Lutheran Church and School

The Third Sunday in Lent, March 3, 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:**

Don Young

Darrell Stolhand

### **Music Director:**

Chris Schelp

### **Altar Guild on Duty:**

Sherry Blubaugh, Ch.

Sarah Davis

Heather Flowers

Linda Lyons

### Reader:

Janet Goll

#### **Acolyte:**

Trie Barnard

Sunday – 9:00am Divine Service

10:30am Sunday School

Monday –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 LWML

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)

1:00pm Guild (FH)

3:30pm Tai Chi (FH)

6:30pm Elders (BR)

Friday -

Saturday – 2:00pm Baby Shower for

Amber Scott (FH)

**Sunday** – 9:00am Divine Service

Braille Dedication

10:30am Sunday School

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

### Attendance

February 25<sup>th</sup> - 149

### **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> 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**

Steve was kind of a hell-raiser and lead singer in our band. He got the idea that he could join the Navy and get in the USO with his talent, avoiding Vietnam. But USO was full of entertainers. 1968, they made him a radio operator on USS Pueblo, an oceanography research vessel –102 men. The North Koreans captured the ship and held the men hostage alleging they were spying. Since Steve was the radio guy, they interrogated him mercilessly and broke both his legs. When the crew was finally released, Steve came home a Christian, stunning to us who knew him. How did that happen? I asked him. "Well, Captain Lloyd Bucher was this guy who had 2000 passages from scripture memorized. He'd write them on cigarette papers and we'd pass them around. That was our Bible. God found me." It's true. "The Word is sharper than a two edged sword."Heb. 4:12. Sometimes when we talk to someone about faith, we can't figure out what to say, and a passage pops up to trump someone's heart. Read it. Memorize it. Meditate on it. Share it.



## Braille Ministry Training and Dedication

March 9th Training in the Youth House
10:00am - 2:00 pm \*lunch provided

March 10th Dedication of Braille Ministry
9:00am Worship Service

Contact Nannette Hill for more information

Lutheran Braille Workers exists to bring the Word of God to the 338 million people throughout the world who are Blind or Visually Impaired, completely free of charge, in Braille and Specialized Large Print.



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 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.

The Wind Symphony of Concordia University Chicago (the ensemble Chris and Katie Schelp played in while attending CUC) will be giving a concert in Oklahoma on March 5! Join us for the concert at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church & School, Edmond, OK, March 5 at 7 p.m. (If interested in carpooling, please contact Katie!)

You're invited to an evening of sacred and secular music performed by the Wind Symphony from Concordia University Chicago on Tuesday, March 5 at 7 PM. This concert is part of the Wind Symphony's Spring Tour marking 50 years of Dr. Richard R. Fischer's tenure conducting at Concordia University Chicago. The program will include works by Gustav Holst, Dan Forrest, and John Powell and feature guest trumpet soloist Christopher O'Hara in Ballad by R. Christopher Tiechler and Herbert L. Clarke's Carnival of Venice. The concert is open to the public and admission is free.



#### **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 <a href="mailto:flesponcacity@gmail.com">flesponcacity@gmail.com</a>.

**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.

**PHIL'S FRIENDS** Last summer at LWML Convention in Milwaukee we went to hear Phil from Phil's Friends speak about his non-profit cancer organization. Your ladies in purple found another way to be in Christ's mission fields. Thank you to everyone who made this happen! The recipient of these handmade items will feel the love of Jesus upon receiving them.

### Hymn Corner "Built on the Rock " (LSB 645)

(main text by Mark DeGarmeaux) Director of Music, Chris Schelp

The original version of this hymn by Danish Lutheran teacher and pastor Nikolai F.S. Grundtvig (1783-1872) was published in 1837 with nine stanzas; he later shortened it to seven, and LSB omits two more, giving the five stanzas we sing today. The occasion for writing this hymn is uncertain, but one writer suggests a possible reason: "Since 1807 the old cathedral Church of Our Lady in Copenhagen was in ruins, the result of English bombardment of the Danish-Norwegian forces during the Napoleonic Wars. Perhaps this inspired Grundtvig to emphasize the concept of 'living stones' rather than the crumbled spires of the physical church." The opening thought of the hymn, "Built on the Rock," is not in the original Danish, but is appropriately drawn from Grundtvig's thoughts of the Church as "an old house" that stands even though towers fall and sink into the ground. The reference is to Matthew 7:24-25; it also recalls Jesus' promise that His Church will stand, built on Peter's confession of faith: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God"



Nikolai F.S. Grundtvig (1783-1872)

(Matthew 16:16). Grundtvig was a prolific writer. His hymns and spiritual songs fill five volumes, and his secular poems were published after his death in seven volumes. He preached his final sermon on September 1, 1872, and died the next day, almost reaching the age of 89.

### **Next Gen News**

For the Lord is good; His steadfast loves endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalms 101:5

### Jennifer Hein Next Gen Conficence of Street Generating 5 years of our Next Gen Ministry!

Jennifer Heitman Next Gen Coordinator flcsnextgen@gmail.com



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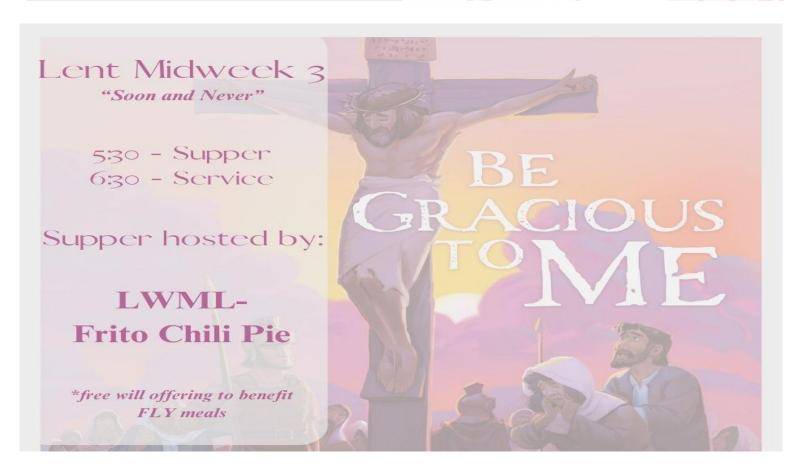
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS LENT HOURS

5:15-7:30

First Lutheran Church

1101 N. 4th St









3/6 Martha Schwanke

3/7 Tyrese Hinman

3/8 Sara King

3/8 Gabriella Tamez

3/9 Kylie Mayer

3/10 Alexander Hunter (15)

3/10 Mariah Laughlin

3/10 Peyton Wade (15)

3/11 Stevel Lorett

3/12 H.D. Bodenstein

3/12 Susie Klufa

3/13 Riley Meserve (6)

3/15 Dylan Powell

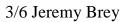
3/15 Anna Siemers

3/16 William Vaughan (13)



3/15 Jay & Tracy Ogden (16) 3/23 JV & Jesse Peck (12)

### **March Baptismal Anniversaries**



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

3/17 Finley Kinkaid

3/18 Elaine Duff

3/22 Bethany Avila

3/24 Eileen Hinman

3/25 Bob Prescott

3/26 Janet Pinnegar

3/26 Dylan Powell



### **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, or complete the online google form (scan QR code).



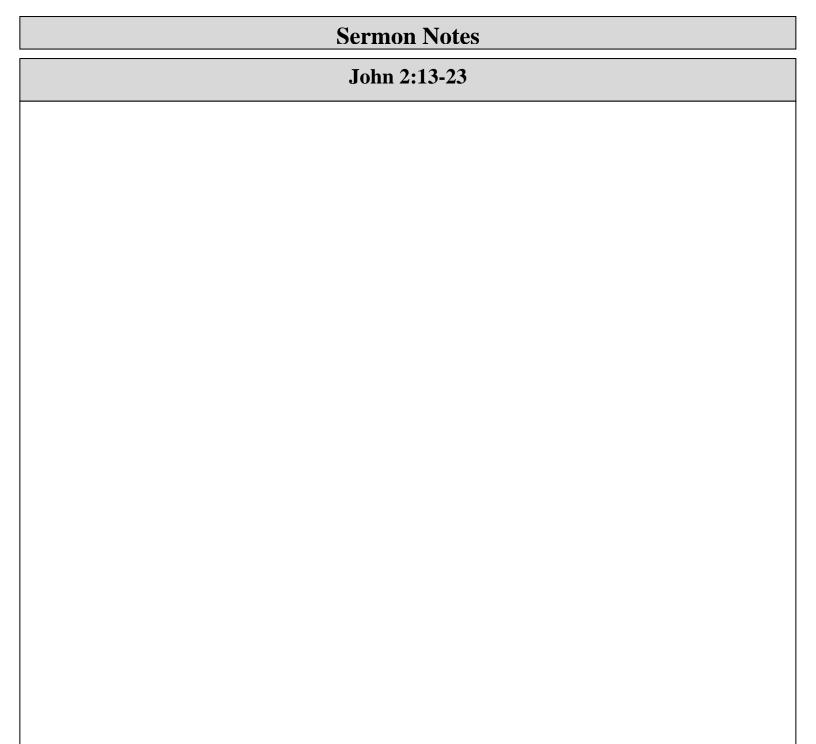
Those with chronic illness and their families: Rachel Hawkins, Britney Duff, Becky May, Saxxon Lorett, Marietta Kengle, JoAnn Ward, Svetlana Mayer, Heather Hoecker, Glenn Bacher, Jill Wright (daughter of Jessie Peck), JV and Jessie Peck, Gery and Marilyn Pralle, Lois Bintz, Sam and Caitlyn Meserve, Lyndsie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

- \* For those grieving the loss of loved ones:
  - o Family and friends mourning the loss of Pam Rawlins
- **\*** For those with health concerns:
  - Ann Ozbun, for ongoing health concerns
- \* For those healing and recovering from illness, injury, or surgery:
  - o Regina Anderson, recovering from an illness
  - David Zimmerman, healing from surgery
  - o Becky Bacher, recovering from a fall
  - o Gina Colston, (mother of Jennifer Heitman), recovering from surgery
  - o Diana Vaughan, healing from upcoming surgery
- \* For those seeking guidance and discernment:
  - o Jeremy & Sarah Brey, as they deliberate their calls as to where they will serve next school year





We're glad you're here! Help us to keep accurate records. Please sign in through this QR code, or use the red book in the pew to record your attendance. Thank you!



### Share the good news

Have any news to share with us? We'd love to hear! Email us at <a href="mailto:fleeponcacity@gmail.com">fleeponcacity@gmail.com</a> or call us at (580)762-1111.

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

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