



First Lutheran Church and School

The Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 17, 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
Rob Davis

Music Director:

Chris Schelp

Altar Guild on Duty:

Sherry Blubaugh, Ch.
Sarah Davis
Heather Flowers
Linda Lyons

Reader:

Megan Sibley

Acolyte:

Trie Barnard

Sunday – 9:00am Divine Service

VOTER’S MEETING

10:30am Sunday School

OBI BLOOD DRIVE

Monday – ***SPRING BREAK***

9:30am Tai Chi (FH)

6:30pm Scouts (YH)

Tuesday –8:30am Coffee w/Jesus (FH)

8:30am Men’s Bible Study (BR)

Wednesday –7:00am PBJ

9:00 – High School Coffee Shop

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)

7:00pm YALL (YH)

Friday –

Saturday – 9:00 LWR Quilt Day (FH)

Sunday – ***PALM SUNDAY***

9:00am Divine Service

10:30am Sunday School

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

Attendance

March 10th - 161

Education Opportunities at First Lutheran

- Adult Sunday School.....Pastor Highley.....Sunday 10:30 am (FH)**
Psalm 41 Lent Series
- New Member Class.....Janet Goll.....Sunday 10:30 am (Narthex)**
- FLY Sunday School.....Sunday 10:30 am (YH)**
- 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

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 2nd cousin from Indianapolis is maybe the best faith-sharer I've ever personally worked with. I was riding in his car and he kept looking up from the road to the visor. What? In the pouch of the visor he had flashcards of copied scripture passages. "Oh, car is my chapel. I pray and memorize passages and listen to the Bible" It was true! He had a cassette tape of the RSV Bible (think early day Bluetooth). "But the best thing I do is think about people I've met and how I should have listened better." He reminds me of St. Patrick, that school-hating kid, enslaved by Irish raiders who soon found himself herding cows in inclement weather. And so he began to talk to God constantly and listen to the Irish. Then came a dream and He escaped, except he didn't. He couldn't get Ireland out of his head; went back to boldly witness to his old slave owner. Pagan warriors valued bravery, generosity, and loyalty. Clearly Patrick was brave. Who else, loyal enough to return? And to share his priceless secret of God! Right there, the master became a believer. Wherever Pat went he got converts from peasants to princes. Just listen well and let God put the words in your mouth to witness.



27 volunteers from First Lutheran Church have been trained for the Braille Ministry. Thank you to all who have volunteered!

To God be the Glory!



Easter Lilies

We will decorate our sanctuary for Easter Sunday with the beauty of Easter Lilies!

The purchase of these lilies will benefit the 2025 National Youth Gathering fund.

\$20 each

Purchased lilies may be taken home after Easter service on March 31st.

Sign up in the Narthex and leave a check in the offering with a memo for "Easter Lilies".



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

Mark 10:45 – “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Jesus gives everything He has: He gives Himself. That self-giving is the model for our giving in all aspects of our lives. In our family, in our church, and in the world at large, Jesus calls us to follow His example of self-giving. We can only do this if we are connected to His self-giving in faith.

BLESSINGS ON YOUR STEWARDSHIP JOURNEY!!

Stewardship Opportunity

SAME SPIRIT - SAME LORD - SAME GOD,
1 Corinthians 12 : 4-7

All the members of this congregation have a gift unique to them. Everyone provides service as a reflection of the love Jesus has shown them. Each to their own way and the job gets done. Stewardship is needing 6 more people to count offerings. Are you good with numbers? It takes an hour and a half time commitment once a week. With enough people one would serve 4-6 weeks a year. Ron & Denise Roehl did it February and want a break after March. Is this your place in the workings of the church? There is a sign up sheet on the metal bookshelf of the info hallway, or contact Kathy (580)763-7440. Thank you.



National Quilting Day 2024

Join the First Lutheran “Quilting Day”! Put your sewing, looming, serging, assembling, labeling skills to work and enjoy fellowship with one another!

Saturday, March 23rd
First Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
**all skill levels welcome!*

Snacks and Lunch will be provided

For more than 75 years, compassionate people just like you have put their faith into action and made quilts for people in need around the world. And not just a few quilts - nearly 28 MILLION QUILTS! These gifts of love make life brighter, softer, and a bit more comfortable for our neighbors around the world struggling with chronic poverty, illness, natural disaster and conflict.

THANK YOU.

Bereavement Fellowship

If your life has been turned upside down, you may find yourself searching for something new: a different direction, a new purpose, or a fresh start. Reach out to trusted friends and family members who have walked in your shoes. It's time to talk (about your feelings) and listen (to their advice). God has a plan for you; He is leading you toward a goal that only He can see. Your task is to pray, to listen, and to follow His lead. 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 March Meeting will be: Thursday, March 21 st – 2:00 PM

1305 CORONADO STREET – PONCA CITY
MARCELLA – 762-0291; SHIRLEY – 761-4657



OKLAHOMA DISTRICT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
1924 - 2024



Established in 1924, we are thankful to celebrate our centennial year in 2024. Our 100th Anniversary Celebration will take place May 19th, 2024 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Okarche, Oklahoma. If you'd like to attend this celebration please sign up in the Narthex. Space is limited! *attendees may appear in district photos and videos

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH
Divine service 4:00pm Meal 5:30pm
RSVP's due no later than March 28th

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Board of Property Management is looking for volunteers to help maintain our beautiful campus grounds. Chris Mudd has lift restrictions after surgery and will soon begin chemo and radiation. We're asking for all able bodied people, late teens and up, to help with mowing, edging and weed eating. You may set your own schedule and use the church's equipment. Please contact Chris Mudd (580)761-1212 or Steve Gales (580)763-2421 for details and to add your name to the list.

General Announcements

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Thursday 8am – 12pm

Afternoon appointments are available

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.

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 *sponsorship fundraiser*

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.

GREAT DAY OF SERVICE is one month away. Do you have projects that you need our help? Or are you willing to help someone with physical service on Sunday - April 7 (or another day of your choosing)? Please contact David Birnbaum.

Hymn Corner

"O Lord, We Praise Thee" (LSB 617)

(main text by Carl F. Schalk)

Director of Music, Chris Schelp

A one-stanza version of this hymn was known in the late 14th century. It was a *Leise*, a religious song in which each stanza concluded with some form (whether in full or abbreviated) of the phrase "Kyrie eleison" (Greek for "Lord, have mercy). In this case, the phrase was sung in the middle of the stanza as well. This *Leise* was a favorite of Martin Luther's, but he objected to the last few lines of the original. Luther wrote, "...one may sing after communion [this hymn] omitting the line, 'And the holy sacrament, At our last end, From the consecrated priest's hand,' which was added by some devotee of St. Barbara who, having neglected the sacrament all his life, hoped that he would on his deathbed be able to obtain eternal life through this work rather than through faith." Luther rewrote these lines and added the two additional stanzas associated ever since with the hymn. In 1533, Luther argued from the text of stanza 1, which had been sung in churches for at least a century, against the practice of withholding the cup from the laity at communion ("Thou with Thy body *and Thy blood* didst nourish..."). During the 16th and 17th centuries, this hymn was named in more German Lutheran liturgical orders than any other except for Luther's setting of the Creed (LSB 954). The hymn proved so popular that it even appeared in a Roman Catholic collection of hymns in 1567, keeping Luther's revised text!



Next Gen News

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

get  CONNECTED

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SCAN ME

Celebrating 5 years of our NextGen Ministry!

F.L.Y.
FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH
WEDNESDAY
NIGHTS LENT HOURS
5:15-7:30
First Lutheran Church
1101 N. 4th St



This year the Schatte Memorial Cookoff, to be held May 4th, will have a large focus on Outreach to the Ponca City community. We are asking for our church members, groups, boards, and committees to all get involved. This is a great opportunity for us to spend time face to face with those in our community! The opportunities are endless – greeting, hosting a booth for kids, card making station, setup/cleanup crew, socializer... whatever your skills are we can use you! Help us make this event a success! There is a signup sheet in the Narthex.

Easter Brunch

HOSTED BY FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH
2025 Youth Gathering Fundraiser

MENU: Pancakes, sausage, eggs,
fruit, finger foods, and juice

Suggested \$10 donation per person
Sunday, March 31st
7:00-8:30 and 10:30-12:00

HIGH SCHOOL &
COLLEGE YOUTH

@ The Perk

COFFEE SHOP
W/ PASTOR JOE

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 20TH
9 AM



HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE YOUTH - THIS IS FOR YOU!
JOIN US FOR COFFEE SHOP WITH PASTOR JOE!
BRING YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE AND FAITH,
AND BE READY FOR SOME LAUGHS!



April 26-28
Camp Lutherhoma
Youth Retreat \$50/person
Contact Diana Vaughan to register

Sermon Notes

Jeremiah 31:31-34



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 8:00am Wednesday mornings.*

Connect With Us!

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Oklahoma District LCMS
www.oklahomalutherans.org

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, Ann Ozbun

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, Karen Runsy (*wife of Rev John Runsey, Guthrie*)

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

Prayer Requests

- ❖ ***For those healing and recovering from illness, injury, or surgery:***
 - Regina Anderson, recovering from an illness
 - David Zimmerman, healing from surgery
 - Becky Bacher, recovering from a fall
 - Diana Vaughan, recovering from surgery
 - Frances Brackett, recovering from surgery
 - Olivia Goldefen, (*1 year old family friend of Nita Ports*), recent diagnosis of cancer
 - Christy Cofelt, former member of FLCS, in hospital on life support
- ❖ ***For those grieving the loss of loved ones***
 - Family and friends of Mike Wright (*son-in-law of JV and Jessie Peck*)
- ❖ ***For those seeking guidance and discernment:***
 - Jeremy & Sarah Brey, as they deliberate their calls to where they will serve next school year
- ❖ ***Prayers of Thanks and Praise***
 - Thanks be to God for the clear pet scan for Chris Mudd showing no cancer!

Lent Midweek 5

“Vindication”

5:30 - Supper

6:30 - Service

Supper hosted by:

Board of Elders-

Pizza & Salad

*free will offering to benefit

FLY meals

BE

GRACIOUS

TO ME



3/17 Jamie Sheehan
3/19 David Birnbaum
3/19 Ryan Burkett
3/19 Edith Hunt
3/21 Thomas Duff
3/22 Glen Mayer
3/23 Nicholas Broddle
3/23 Haley Lorette
3/23 Mako Taglailatela (12)
3/24 Emma Bickford (17)
3/28 Brady Gentry
3/28 Rita Nalepa
3/28 Joy Schelp (7)
3/30 Angela Correll
3/31 Gery Pralle (82)



3/23 JV & Jesse Peck (12)
4/4 Ron & Denise Roehl (37)
4/19 Jeremy & Aprile Hunter (21)

March Baptism Anniversaries



3/1 James Smith
3/1 Lenora Veloz
3/2 Gary Sibley
3/6 Jeremy Brey
3/7 Charity Felton
3/9 Lorene Stalcup
3/11 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
3/29 Lola Cawley
3/29 Sandy Sibley
3/31 David Birnbaum

HONORING OUR MILITARY

Bryan Davis :: US Army, son of Glenn and Becky Bacher
Jake and Cindy Williamson :: US Navy, niece and nephew of Paula Ingmire
Lt.Col. Angella Mudd :: US Air Force, daughter of Chris Mudd
Major Nicholas Meier :: USMC, brother of Katie Schelp
Osei Asante :: US Navy, great nephew of Paula Ingmire
Andy Talbot :: Navy Pilot, grandson of Luella Seeliger
Aidan Davenport :: US Air Force, son-in-law of Aaron and Nikki Cawley
Brooke Lyons :: US Army Reserves, granddaughter of Mike and Linda Lyons
Korben Lorette :: US Army, stationed in Alaska
Andrew Hanson :: US Army, great nephew of Doug and Barb Hanson
Carter Postier :: US Air Force, Little Rock, AR, nephew of Melinda McCormick
Alex Kramer :: US Air Force
Jason Highley :: US Navy, brother of Pastor Highley
Caitlynn Doan :: US Army PFC3, daughter of Amanda Carrigan
Maverick Sutton :: US Air Force, great-great nephew of Dolores Barnhart