



First Lutheran Church and School

Easter Sunday, March 31, 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
Phil Abbuhl

Music Director:

Chris Schelp

Altar Guild on Duty:

Sherry Blubaugh, Ch.
Sarah Davis
Heather Flowers
Linda Lyons

Reader:

Josie Gales

Acolyte:

Adam King
Cailyn Olechnowicz

Sunday – EASTER SUNDAY

9:00am Divine Service
10:30am Sunday School

Monday – EASTER MONDAY – OFFICE CLOSED

6:30pm – Scouts (YH)
7:00pm – Koinonia (FH)

Tuesday –8:30am Coffee w/Jesus (FH)

8:30am - Men’s Bible Study (BR)
6:00pm – LWML (FH)

Wednesday –7:00am - PBJ

9:15am - Chapel
5:30pm – FLY (YH)
6:00pm – Handbells
7:00pm - Choir

Thursday – 9:00am – Matins

9:30am - Ladies Bible Study (FH)
1:00pm – Guild (FH)
6:30pm - Elders (BR)
7:00pm – YALL (YH)

Friday – FLS Golf Tournament

Saturday -

Sunday – 9:00am - Divine Service
10:30am – Sunday School

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



Attendance

March 24th - 170

Education Opportunities at First Lutheran

Adult Sunday School.....	Pastor Highley.....	Sunday 10:30 am (FH)
Small Catechism		
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)
1 st and 2 nd Thessalonians		
Men’s Bible Study.....	John Bley.....	Tuesday 8:30 am (BR)
Understanding the book of Revelation		
Coffee with Jesus.....	Rachell Highley.....	Tuesday 8:30 am (FH)
Daniel		
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

Romans 8 is a favorite chapter for living the Christian life. Buried in it is the most astounding statement, Rom8:28: “For those who love God, all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.” This isn’t some platitude that some of the good we do will be remembered and is part of God’s plan. God says, “All things” Even the ugly stuff, your worst failure, your most vexing sin, your stupidity, works together within God’s intricate plan for history. Apostle John, in his gospel, gave a very personal resurrection story of he and Peter finding Jesus’ grave cloths. Dead people were wrapped in strips of rag cloth, round and round like a mummy. “He saw the linen cloths lying in the grave and the face cloth which had been on Jesus’ head in its folds in a place by itself.” John 20:7. “In its folds” (Greek) means perfectly like it was prior. But how do you unwrap strips around a head and then refold it perfectly back into a shell? John says (using the 3rd person) “he saw and believed.” No human could have done this. In a second, God took John’s worst personal tragedy and turned it into the Triumph Of His Life. Could God do this for you? Romans 8:28 stunningly says HE WILL. So as we are called to share God’s story wherever we go, keep doing it!



MAY 4TH

WHAT'S NEW:

This year we want to engage our church with the community! As a part of our outreach to the community we will not be charging a fee for tasting kits – this will be 100% free to the community, with a free will offering available.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We need sponsorships and faces for our church. Can you greet people? How about a coloring table for kids? Does your board/committee have a special ministry to spotlight?

We are looking for people to have a physical presence at the cookoff to interact with members of our community.

Sponsorships are available or donations can simply be made to the cookoff. Sponsorship levels are available starting at \$25 all the way up to \$500! Although any monetary donation is greatly appreciated.

Sign ups are available in the Narthex for day of volunteer opportunities.

Questions? Contact Jennifer Heitman via email at flcsnextgen@gmail.com or call the church office (580)762-1111.

THANK YOU!

The Lent food drive has been a wonderful way to continue providing for our community food pantry! Thank you to everyone who has and continues to donate!



If you ordered an Easter lily be sure to pick it up today after service. Thank you for supporting the Youth!

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



John 20:1 – “Now on the first day of the week ...” All is made new by the resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the Old Testament’s Sabbath (Saturday) to the Lord’s Day of the New Testament (Sunday). For the Lord has made all things new: In rising from the dead as the new Adam, He has begun a new week for a new creation. We are also made new in Him — a new heart, a new life, new desires, a new outlook toward God. All this comes from our risen Lord’s grace. Especially after the sort of year we’ve had since last Easter, it sure is good news to hear that the Lord makes all things start afresh! **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.

Do you need to meet with a Thrivent rep?

Have questions about Thrivent?

Bob Morgenthaler will be at First Lutheran in Ponca City all day Tuesday, April 9th.

Call or email him to schedule a meeting time.

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First Lutheran Church is quickly approaching its 100th anniversary! Planning is well underway, but as always there is room for more help.

Consider your talents and treasures. What can you offer to our big celebration, which kicks off Sunday, August 25th with the Sunday School rally day? Below is a list of committees that are ready to get to work, along with a contact person. If you feel your talents could be used in any of these groups PLEASE get in contact! We want everyone to be involved with this family affair!

History – John Bley

Logos, Arts, and Crafts – Jennifer Heitman

Evangelism and Missions – Jack Rawlins

100 Gifts to the community – Barbara Mayer

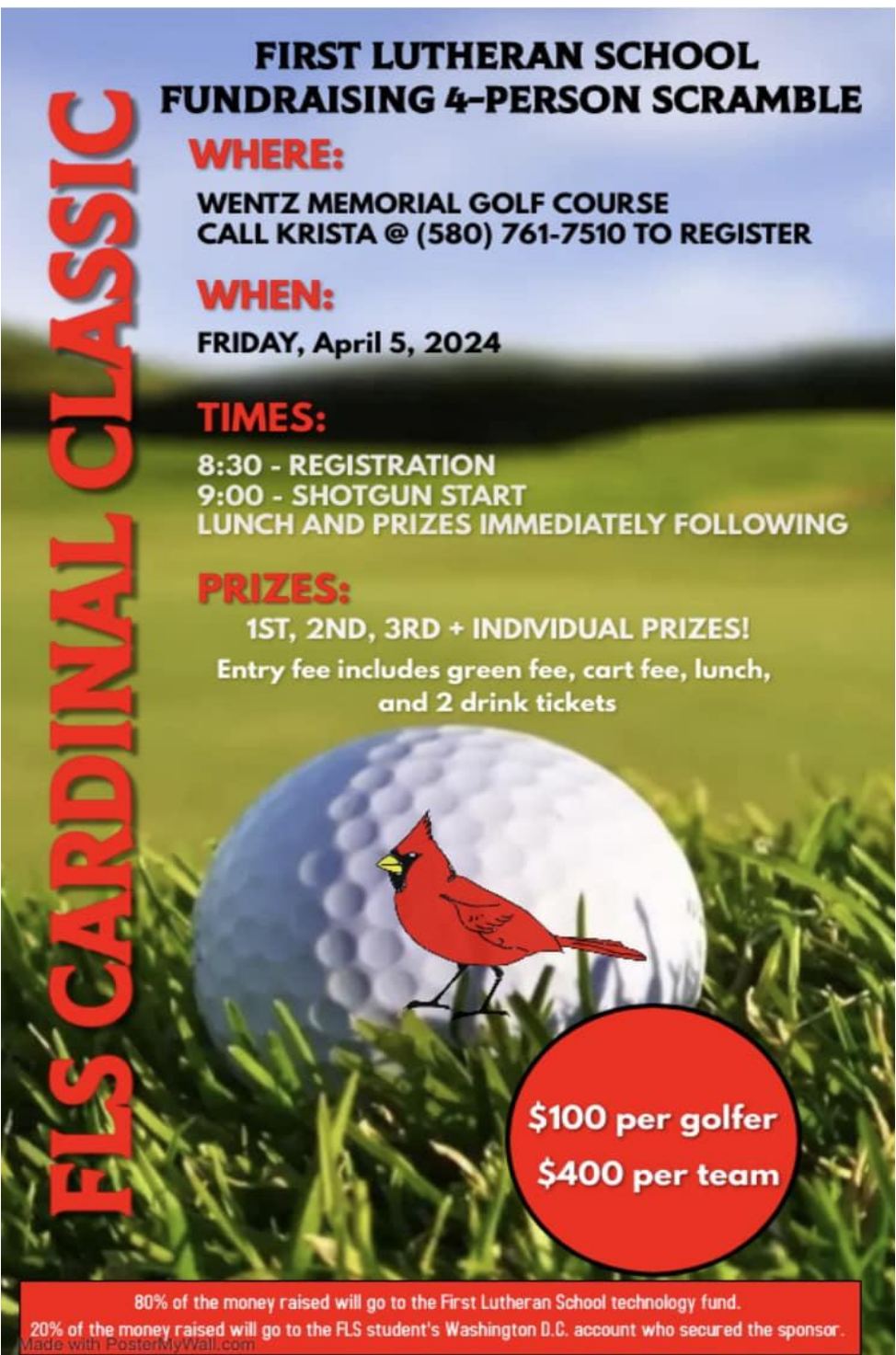
Fellowship and Fun – Deena Loret

Athletic Activities – Charity Felton

Big Event (worship weekend) – Jennifer Heitman

Correspondence, Advertising, & Photography – Jennifer Heitman

School Involvement – Board of Parochial Ed



**FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL
FUNDRAISING 4-PERSON SCRAMBLE**

WHERE:
WENTZ MEMORIAL GOLF COURSE
CALL KRISTA @ (580) 761-7510 TO REGISTER

WHEN:
FRIDAY, April 5, 2024

TIMES:
8:30 - REGISTRATION
9:00 - SHOTGUN START
LUNCH AND PRIZES IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

PRIZES:
1ST, 2ND, 3RD + INDIVIDUAL PRIZES!
Entry fee includes green fee, cart fee, lunch,
and 2 drink tickets

**\$100 per golfer
\$400 per team**

80% of the money raised will go to the First Lutheran School technology fund.
20% of the money raised will go to the FLS student's Washington D.C. account who secured the sponsor.
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Board of Property Management is looking for volunteers to help maintain our beautiful campus grounds. 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: Tuesday – 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.

YOUTHLEAD Our youth are looking for sponsors to get to YouthLead this summer! Can you help? See the sponsor forms in the information hallway.

JUNE BIBLE VERSE BEE Are you studying your Bible? June 30th the fellowship committee will host a Bible verse bee during our 5th Sunday potluck!

GREAT DAY OF SERVICE is almost here! 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.

EASTER BRUNCH Join us this morning after service for an Easter brunch! The youth are serving pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruits, and pastries. Free will offering will benefit the youth attending the 2025 Youth Gathering. Thank you for supporting our youth!

EASTER EGG HUNT We will have an Easter Egg Hunt for kids ages 1 – 10 directly after the service. We will not have Sunday School this morning; we will hunt Easter eggs instead. Meet in the Narthex directly after service, where we will exit after the eggs have been hidden. Kids will be divided into groups based on their age. We will have bags available for anyone that does not have a basket. Please come and join us in the fun and fellowship of rejoicing in our RISEN KING!!!

EASTER LILIES If you ordered an Easter Lily please be sure to collect it after service this morning.

*****CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 1ST*****

Hymn Corner

"At The Lambs High Feast We Sing" (LSB 633)

(main text by Richard J. Serina Jr.)

Director of Music, Chris Schelp

This hymn (the original Latin text of which dates to perhaps as early as the 5th century, and certainly from before the year 800) reflects the ancient Christian observance of the catechumenate. After a period of catechesis, converts joined the Church in the waning darkness of Easter dawn. Following Baptism, the neophytes were clothed in clean white garments, representing their newfound righteousness in Christ, and were ushered in the earliest hours of the morning to the assembly of believers to receive the Eucharist. The Easter Vigil is the modern parallel to this service and retains many of the ancient ceremonies, including a service of Holy Baptism and the reading of Israel's deliverance through the Red Sea from Exodus 14-15, both of which help to illuminate this hymn. The text begins by calling attention to the One who presides at His table: Christ who gives His body and blood to His Church. Stanza 3 calls to mind the Passover of Israel and her rescue from death through the blood of a slain animal, a foreshadowing of the Passover sacrifice of our Easter Lamb, Jesus Christ. Stanzas 5 through 7 locate this hymn in the Church's Easter worship. The Son of God incarnate now treads over hell's fierce powers. On account of Jesus' resurrection, no longer can death appall, for the baptized die in the expectation that they shall rise. Stanza 7 returns to the catechumenate, where not just the neophytes but all Christians are "newborn souls" through the Easter victory of Jesus, which alone can destroy sin.



Next Gen News

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

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Celebrating 5 years of our NextGen Ministry!

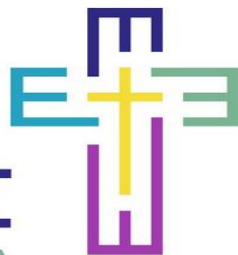
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FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH

**WEDNESDAY
NIGHTS LENT HOURS**

5:15-7:30

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

ENDURE
JULY 19-23, 2025; NEW ORLEANS, LA



Do you know a high schooler who would be interested in attending the 2025 Youth Gathering in New Orleans? Do you want to learn more about it? Ask any of our YouthLead participants about their experience in 2022! Josie Gales, Jaclynn Heitman, Saxxon Lorette, and Kelby Grimes will gladly share what their thoughts about the gathering.

Plans are being made for our group now, and fundraising has long been underway! Contact Jennifer Heitman or Charity Felton if you or someone you know is interested in attending.



April 26-28

Camp Lutherhoma

Youth Retreat \$50/person

Contact Diana Vaughan to register



New Orleans – July 20-24, 2024

Sermon Notes

Mark 16:1-8



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!

<https://flcspc.360unite.com/home>
www.facebook.com/FirstLutheranPoncaCity
Email: flcsponcacity@gmail.com
Call us: (580)762-1111
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:***
 - Ann Ozbun, recovering from surgery
 - Bryan Vincent, suffering from shingles
 - John Bley, recovery and complications from eye surgery
 - David Zimmerman, upcoming surgery
- ❖ ***For those seeking guidance and discernment***
 - Jeremy & Sarah Brey, as they deliberate their calls to where they will serve next school year





3/31 Gery Pralle (82)
4/1 Aubrey Hercyk
4/2 Renee Young
4/4 Alyssa Dooley (15)
4/5 Caitlin Bohon
4/8 Chase Cargal
4/9 Jessie Peck (83)
4/9 John Turnipseed
4/9 Don Young
4/10 Jacob Birnbaum
4/11 Ron Geiser
4/11 Emily Tamez
4/14 Seven Barnard (7)
4/16 Casey Flowers (14)
4/16 Holly Fuller (16)
4/17 Karl Loret



4/4 Ron & Denise Roehl (37)
4/9 David & Shirley Zimmerman (48)
4/19 Jeremy & Aprile Hunter (21)
4/20 Christopher & Jessica Barnard (18)
4/24 Fred & Jane Miller (59)

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 Loret :: 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