



# First Lutheran Church and School

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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  
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**Pastor's Office Hours**

*Mon. 9-12, Tues. 10:30-12*  
*Wed. 10:30-12, Thur. 9:30-11*

**Elders on Duty:**

Ron Roehl  
Danny Grimes

**Music Director:**

Chris Schelp

**Altar Guild on Duty:**

Sandy Sibley, Ch.  
Jan Pinnegar  
Heather Flowers

**Acolyte:**

Aspyn Steichen

**Attendance**

July 6<sup>th</sup> - 143

**Sunday** – 9:00am – Divine Service

10:30am – Sunday School

**Monday** – 6:30pm – Scouts (YH)

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

8:30am – Men's Bible Study (BR)

**Wednesday** – 7:00am – PBJ

**Thursday** – 9:00am – Matins

9:30am – Ladies Bible Study (FH)

4:30pm – LBW (YH)

**Friday** –

**Saturday** –

**Sunday** – 9:00am – Divine Service

10:30am – Sunday School

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

## Education Opportunities at First Lutheran

**Adult Sunday School.....Pastor Highley.....Sunday 10:30 am (FH)**

*1John*

**FLY Sunday School.....Rachell Highley.....Sunday 10:30 am (BR)**

**Children's Sunday School.....Sunday 10:30 am (GYM)**

**Koinonia Group.....Chris Mudd.....1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 6:30 pm (FH)**

*"The Chosen" Season 5*

**Men's Bible Study.....Don Klein.....Tuesday 8:30 am (BR)**

*"Nurturing Your Faith"*

**Coffee with Jesus.....Rachell Highley.....Tuesday 8:30 am (FH)**

*"He Calls Me Loved"*

**Thursday LBS.....Rachell Highley.....Thursday 9:30am (FH)**

*Romans*

**YALL.....Jennifer Heitman.....Thursday 7:00 pm (YH)**

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*.

# CHRISTMAS MARKET

## 🎄 Christmas Market Committee Forming! 🎄

We're gearing up for this year's Christmas Market and looking for volunteers to join the planning team! If you've helped in the past, we'd love your experience and ideas again. And if this is your first time, it's a great way to jump in and be part of something festive and fun. The committee will help with planning details and assist with operations on the day of the event. Everyone is welcome—no experience necessary! Interested? Contact Jennifer Heitman or Rachell Highley.



## First Lutheran Church Blood Drive

**Sunday, July 27**  
**10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
*Look for the Bloodmobile!*

*For more information, contact  
Denna Lorette at 580-761-1859.*



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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



Luke 10:25b – “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” There is nothing right about this question. What shall I do to inherit? What can you do to inherit the throne of England? You can’t do anything to gain it. An inheritance comes by family ties, not deeds. Our deeds follow and result from our family ties. The Father calls us His own children. So we inherit eternal life by grace, and seek to live out our new calling as the Father’s children with our good works.

***BLESSINGS ON YOUR STEWARDSHIP JOURNEY!!***



2023–2025 Mission Grant No. 31

BREAKING GENERATIONAL POVERTY IN DETROIT

Camp Restore Detroit, Michigan | \$58,988

Camp Restore, a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS), is located in what was the most violent area of Detroit, the 9<sup>th</sup> Precinct. Looking at the physical appearance of the area, it may look like a lost cause. However, there is a strong resilience in this community and strong community leaders. They have the goal of uplifting one another by investing in the people and the places in the neighborhood.

The goal of this LWML Mission Grant is to work in partnership with families and community leaders to break the cycle of poverty by providing a Christ-centered atmosphere full of God’s love and grace where families can learn and grow, with access to the needed education and resources. Through education and God’s love, the cycle of generational poverty can be broken.

Thank You

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# General Announcements

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Thursday 8am – 3pm**

*\*closed for lunch Noon-1:00*

## **You're Invited – Youth Gathering Thank You Luncheon!**

Join us **Sunday, July 27th during the Sunday School hour** as our youth share stories, highlights, and how God moved during the LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans. **Lunch to follow** – we'll be serving hot dogs, hamburgers, and sides as a small way to say *thank you* for your prayers, encouragement, and support. We hope to see you there!

Just wanted to give a huge thank you to all who came out last Sunday to help me unload my Uhaul!! I couldn't have done it without you! Thank you to Steve Vaughan and his crew of William, Wesley, Warren and Addie. Molly Carter, Steve Correll, Kelbie Grimes, Amanda Cain and her athletic team, Rob Davis and Ezra. Thank you so much for all your help! Nancy Abbuhl (2nd grade)

**LWML MITE MISSION GOAL 2025-2027** At our 2025 National Convention in Omaha, the LWML voted on a total goal of \$2,622,270.00. This goal is for 2025-2027. We will have a Mite box in the narthex every Sunday to collect mites to help us reach our goal. Dig in the couch cushions, or in the floor of the car and start collecting your change to help support our missions and missionaries around the world.

**The Lutheran Hour**® Ministries can be heard on 690AM Radio every morning at 7:00am out of Coffeerville.

## Hymn Corner

**“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” (LSB 803)**

(main text by Gregory Just Wismar)

Director of Music, Chris Schelp

Crafting a Christian hymn text for use with a melody composed for a well-loved but non-Christian poem was the challenge taken up by Henry van Dyke, a noted American clergyman of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Many writers had previously attempted to pen Christian words to Beethoven's “Hymn to Joy” from the last movement of his Ninth Symphony, but it was van Dyke's effort, first published in 1911, that met with wide acceptance. LSB contains two significant textual changes to the original. The first is the omission of the original stanza 4. The second is the replacement of the last half of stanza 3 with a more Trinitarian text (which also eliminated some wording that could unfortunately suggest incorrect theology) written by Stephen Starke, who chaired the LSB Hymnody Committee.



# Next Gen News

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



*Jennifer Heitman*    *NextGen Coordinator*

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## !!Seeking Prayer Partners!!

We're looking for prayer partners to support our youth during the LCMS Youth Gathering! Each partner will be matched with a student to pray for daily and send a quick encouraging message or prayer to each day we're away. In return, you'll receive a short daily update from your assigned youth, sharing highlights and stories from their experience. This is a great opportunity to foster connection between our youth and congregation! Let Jennifer Heitman know if you'd like to be a part of this special ministry. Assignments will be issued by Gathering Adult leaders, and will be issued Wednesday, July 16.

# HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

## COFFEE SHOP

### W/ PASTOR JOE

@ The Perk



**WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 @ 9:00**

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

# Sermon Notes

## Colossians 1:1-14



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 [secretary@flcspc.com](mailto:secretary@flcspc.com)  
or call us at (580)762-1111.  
*\*Please send announcements in by 8:00am Wednesday mornings.*

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# 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, Marietta Kengle, JoAnn Ward, Svetlana Mayer, Heather Hoecker, Glenn Bacher, Jill Wright (*daughter of Jessie Peck*), JV and Jessie Peck, Marilyn Pralle, Lois Bintz, Sam and Caitlyn Meserve, Lyndsie Collins (*granddaughter of Lenora Veloz*), Lori Kelly, Julian Aguilar, Lou Ann O'Neill, Don Young, Geri Ayers (*sister of Jodi Cline*), Rita Rains (*wife of Pastor Butch Rains*), those with dementia and their caregivers, Ann Ozbun, Julie Locke (*Jessie Peck's daughter*), and Megan Sue (*great niece of Angela Correll*).

**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*), Carol Davis, Bruce Ayers (*brother-in-law of Jodi Cline*), Phil Johnston, Leslie Waite, Karen Runsy (*wife of Rev John Runsey, Guthrie*), Ryan Shelton, Leonard Janetzke (*Edie Hunt's brother*), and Elaine Harader.

## Prayer Requests

- ❖ ***For those healing and recovering from illness, injury, or surgery:***
  - Prayers for Ray Alley who had heart surgery.
  - Prayers for Fred Stolhand for continued healing and recovery.
  - Prayers for Ron Sibley (Gary Sibley's brother) who was diagnosed with lung cancer.
- ❖ ***For prayers of thanksgiving for their service and dedication to First Lutheran Church and School:***
  - **Board of Elders:** Mark Kremeier, Dean Morris, Ron Roehl, Darrell Stolhand, Phil Abbuhl, Jack Rawlins, Dylan Powell, Don Young, Jason Heitman, Rob Davis and Danny Grimes.
- ❖ ***For those grieving the loss of loved ones:***
  - Family and friends of Wilma (Pat Setzkorn's sister) who passed away .
  - Family and friends of Jake Skidmore (Pat Setzkorn's son) who passed away.
- ❖ ***Prayers for all who have been impacted by the recent flooding in Texas, and for the drowning victims and their families.***

## *Do you have a prayer request?*

Fill out a prayer request card in the pew and hand it in during the offering, or contact the church office to submit your prayer requests. Standard practice is to leave the prayers on the prayer list for 2 weeks, unless chronic, terminal, or requested otherwise. Please be sure to let us know if we need to update any requests submitted.

Emails can be sent to [secretary@flcspc.com](mailto:secretary@flcspc.com) or call the office at (580)762-1111.



7/14 Cayden Hurd (10)  
7/14 Eric Siemers  
7/15 Caycee Hurd (6)  
7/15 Pat Setzkorn (93)  
7/16 Eric Stewart  
7/18 Bill Flegler  
7/19 Alicia Burkett  
7/19 Chris Schelp  
7/20 Carri Wilgers  
7/22 Debbie Stewart  
7/24 David Zimmerman  
7/25 Hattie Freeman (2)  
7/25 Sally Rutter  
7/26 Darlene Flegler  
7/27 Cindy Riley  
7/28 Storm Barnard  
7/28 Crystal Bickford



7/14 Tristan & Lena Sisney (7)  
7/22 Jack & Murla Crossman (25)  
7/23 Buddy & Becky McCoy (46)  
7/26 Danny & Jessica Grimes (22)  
7/26 Doug & Megan Sibley (17)

**July**  
**Baptismal Anniversaries**



7/1 Roberta Lorenz  
7/1 Saxxon Loret  
7/3 Clarke Klinger  
7/4 Haley Loret  
7/6 Marilyn Pralle  
7/8 Janel Geiser  
7/8 Justin Kremeier  
7/9 Jaclynn Heitman  
7/10 Phil Abbuhl  
7/10 Patrick Ozbun  
7/10 William Ozbun  
7/11 Jim Linnebur  
7/12 Alexander Hunter  
7/18 Chick Schiller  
7/21 Joel Hibbs  
7/24 Chase Cargal  
7/24 Mike Lyons  
7/24 Ryan Schwanke  
7/25 Bobby Laramy  
7/26 Lydia Schelp  
7/29 Cheryl Wilson  
7/31 Chris Schelp

**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  
**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  
**Saxxon Loret::** US Army, son of Karl and Deena Loret